

59. On an Anderson-Anderson Problem

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§1. **Introduction.** Let R be a commutative integral domain with quotient field K . For nonzero fractional ideals I and J , we define $I:J = \{x \in R; xJ \subset I\}$. We will denote $\{x \in K; xI \subset R\}$ by I^{-1} , and $(I^{-1})^{-1}$ by I_v . We will say that I is a *divisorial ideal* or *v-ideal* if $I = I_v$. I is a *v-ideal of finite type* if $I = J_v$ for some finitely generated fractional ideal J . By a *graded domain* $R = \bigoplus_{\alpha \in \Gamma} R_\alpha$, we mean an integral domain R graded by an arbitrary torsionless grading monoid Γ , i.e., a commutative cancellative monoid, written additively, such that the quotient group $\langle \Gamma \rangle$ generated by Γ is a torsion-free abelian group. (A general reference on torsionless grading monoids and Γ -graded rings is [5].) For a fractional ideal I of a Γ -graded integral domain $R = \bigoplus_{\alpha \in \Gamma} R_\alpha$, I^* will denote the fractional ideal generated by the homogeneous elements of I . Let $x \in R$, with $x = x_1 + x_2 + \cdots + x_n$, where $x_i \in R_{\alpha_i}$ and $\alpha_i \neq \alpha_j$ for $i \neq j$. We then define the content of x , denoted by $C(x)$, to be (x_1, x_2, \cdots, x_n) . One of the most important examples of a Γ -graded integral domain is the semigroup ring $R[X; \Gamma]$. Here $R[X; \Gamma] = R[\{X^g; g \in \Gamma\}]$ with $X^g X^h = X^{g+h}$. $R[X; \Gamma]$ is Γ -graded in the natural way with $\deg(X^g) = g$. In [1], D. D. Anderson-D. F. Anderson studied *v-ideals* and invertible ideals of a Γ -graded domain R . Specifically in §3 they gave necessary and sufficient conditions for an integral *v-ideal* of R to be homogeneous whenever it contains a nonzero homogeneous element, proving the following result.

Theorem ([1], Theorem 3.2). *Let $R = \bigoplus_{\alpha \in \Gamma} R_\alpha$ be a graded integral domain and suppose $S = \{\text{nonzero homogeneous elements of } R\} \neq \phi$. The following statements are equivalent.*

- (1) *For $r \in S$ and $x \in R$, $(r): (x)$ is homogeneous.*
- (2) *If I is an integral v-ideal of R with nonzero I^* , then I is homogeneous.*
- (3) *If I is an integral v-ideal of R of finite type with nonzero I^* , then I is homogeneous.*
- (4) *$C(xy)_v = (C(x)C(y))_v$ for all nonzero $x, y \in R$.*
- (5) *For each nonzero $x \in R$, $xR_S \cap R = xC(x)^{-1}$.*
- (6) *If I is an integral v-ideal of R of finite type, then $I = qJ$ for some $q \in R_S$ and some homogeneous integral v-ideal J of R of finite type.*