

## THE KRULL INTERSECTION THEOREM II

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Let  $R$  be a commutative ring,  $I$  an ideal in  $R$  and  $A$  an  $R$ -module. We always have  $0 \subseteq \{a \in A \mid (1-i)a = 0 \exists i \in I\} \subseteq I \cap_{n=1}^{\infty} I^n A \subseteq \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} I^n A$ . In this paper we investigate conditions under which certain of these containments may or may not be replaced by equality.

**1. Introduction.** This paper is a continuation of [1]. In §2 we show that for a nonminimal principal prime  $(p)$ ,  $J = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} (p)^n$  is a prime ideal and  $pJ = J$ . An example is given to show that the condition that  $(p)$  be nonminimal is necessary. We also consider the question of when a prime ideal minimal over a principal ideal has rank one. Of particular interest is the example of a domain  $D$  with a doubly generated ideal  $I$  such that  $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} I^n \neq I \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} I^n$ . In §3 we prove that  $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} I^n A = I \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} I^n A$  for any finitely generated module  $A$  over a valuation ring. In §4 we consider certain converses to the usual Krull Intersection Theorem for Noetherian rings. It is shown that for  $(R, M)$  a quasi-local ring whose maximal ideal  $M$  is finitely generated, many classical results for local rings are actually equivalent to the ring  $R$  being Noetherian.

**2. Some examples and counterexamples.** In [1] we remarked that for a ring  $R$  the following statements are equivalent: (1)  $\dim R = 0$ , (2)  $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} I^n A = I \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} I^n A$  for all finitely generated ideals  $I$  and all  $R$ -modules  $A$ , (3)  $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} x^n A = x \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} x^n A$  for  $x \in R$  and all  $R$ -modules  $A$ . This raises the question: For which ideals  $I$  in a ring  $R$  do we have  $I \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} I^n A = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} I^n A$  for all  $R$ -modules  $A$ ? A modification of the example on page 11 of [1] yields

**THEOREM 2.1.** *For a quasi-local ring  $(R, M)$  and an ideal  $I$  the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1)  $I^n = I^{n+1}$  for some  $n$ ,
- (2) for every  $R$ -module  $A$ ,  $I \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} I^n A = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} I^n A$ .

*Proof.* The implication (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) is clear. Suppose that (2) holds but  $I^n \not\subseteq I^{n+1}$  for all  $n > 0$ . Choose  $i_n \in I^n - I^{n+1}$ . Let  $F = Rx \oplus (\bigoplus_{i=1}^{\infty} Ry_i)$  be the free  $R$ -module on  $\{x, y_1, y_2, \dots\}$  and let  $G$  be the sub-module of  $F$  generated by the set  $\{x - i_1 y_1, x - i_2 y_2, \dots\}$  and let  $A = F/G$ . One can then verify that  $I \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} I^n A \neq \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} I^n A$ .

It is well-known [7, page 74] that if  $P$  is an invertible prime ideal in a domain, then  $J = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} P^n$  is a prime ideal,  $J = PJ$  and any prime ideal properly contained in  $P$  is actually contained in  $J$ . We generalize this result. Recall that an ideal  $I$  is finitely generated and locally principal if and only if it is a multiplication ideal (i.e., any ideal contained in  $I$  is a multiple of  $I$ ) and a weak-cancellation ideal (for two ideals  $A$  and  $B$ ,  $AI \subseteq BI$  implies  $A \subseteq B + (0: I)$ ). (For example, see [2] or [8].)

**THEOREM 2.2.** *Let  $R$  be a ring and  $P$  a nonminimal finitely generated locally-principal prime ideal of  $R$  and set  $J = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} P^n$ . Then*

- (1)  $J$  is prime,
- (2)  $PJ = J$ , and
- (3) any prime ideal properly contained in  $P$  is contained in  $J$ .

*Proof.* Let  $a, b \in R \ni a, b \notin J$ . We show that  $ab \notin J$ . Choose  $n, m$  such that  $a \in P^n - P^{n+1}$  and  $b \in P^m - P^{m+1}$ . Then since  $P^n$  and  $P^m$  are multiplication ideals, we get  $(a) = P^n A_1$  and  $(b) = P^m B_1$  where  $A_1 \not\subseteq P$  and  $B_1 \not\subseteq P$ . Now  $(a)(b) \subseteq P^{n+m+1}$  implies  $A_1 B_1 P^{n+m} \subseteq P^{n+m+1}$ . Since  $P^{n+m}$  is a weak-cancellation ideal,  $A_1 B_1 \subseteq P + (0: P^{n+m})$ . Let  $Q \subsetneq P$  be a prime ideal, then  $(0: P^{n+m}) P^{n+m} = 0 \subsetneq Q$  gives  $(0: P^{n+m}) \subseteq Q \subsetneq P$  and hence  $A_1 B_1 \subseteq P$ . Thus  $A_1$  or  $B_1 \subseteq P$ , a contradiction. Hence  $J$  is prime. Let  $j \in J$ , then  $j \in P$  so  $(j) = PA$ . Since  $P$  is a nonminimal prime,  $P \not\subseteq J$ , hence  $A \subseteq J$ , so  $j \in PJ$ . For (3), let  $Q$  be a prime ideal properly contained in  $P$  and let  $q \in Q$ . Then  $(q) = PQ_1 \subseteq Q$  and  $P \not\subseteq Q$  implies  $Q_1 \subseteq Q \subsetneq P$ . Continuing we get  $(q) \subseteq J$ .

**COROLLARY 2.3.** *Let  $(p)$  be a nonminimal principal prime ideal. Then  $J = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} (p)^n$  is prime,  $pJ = J$  and prime ideal  $Q \subsetneq (p)$  is contained in  $J$ .*

The above corollary is false if  $(p)$  is a minimal prime ideal. For example, in  $Z/(4) \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} (\bar{2})^n$  is not prime. However, in this example condition (2) still holds. In the following example we show that condition (2) may also fail.

**EXAMPLE 2.4.** Let  $k$  be a field and let  $R = k[X, Z, Y_1, Y_2, \dots]$  be the polynomial ring over  $k$  in indeterminants  $X, Z, Y_1, Y_2, \dots$ . Let  $A = (X - ZY_1, X - Z^2Y_2, X - Z^3Y_3, \dots)$  and put  $\bar{R} = R/A$ . Then  $(X, Z)$  is a prime ideal of  $R$  minimal over  $A$  and hence  $(\bar{X}, \bar{Z})$  is a minimal prime ideal of  $\bar{R}$  ( $-$  denotes passage to  $\bar{R}$ ). Moreover,  $(\bar{X}, \bar{Z}) = (\bar{Z})$ , so  $(\bar{Z})$  is a minimal principal prime ideal of  $\bar{R}$ . However,  $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} (\bar{Z})^n \neq (\bar{Z}) \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} (\bar{Z})$  because  $\bar{X} \in \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} (\bar{Z})^n$  but  $\bar{X} \notin (\bar{Z}) \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} (\bar{Z})^n$ .

The Principal Ideal Theorem states that a prime ideal in a Noetherian domain minimal over a principal ideal has rank one. In general

a prime ideal minimal over a principal ideal need not have rank one. In fact, a principal prime  $(p)$  has rank one if and only if  $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} (p)^n = 0$ . More generally, if  $P$  is a rank one prime, any  $a \in P$  must satisfy  $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} (a)^n = 0$  (see Corollary 1.4 [9] or Theorem 1 [1]). This raises the question: In a domain, does a prime  $P$  minimal over a principal ideal  $(a)$  with  $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} (a)^n = 0$  imply that  $\text{rank } P = 1$ ? This question is answered in the negative by Example 5.2 [9]. Finally we ask the question: In a domain, does a finitely generated prime  $P$  satisfying  $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} P^n = 0$ , minimal over a principal ideal, have rank 1? While we are not able to answer this question, we do show that there can not be “too many” primes below  $P$ .

**THEOREM 2.5.** *Let  $R$  be a domain and let  $P$  be a finitely generated prime ideal minimal over a principal ideal  $Rx$ . Then  $\text{rank } P = 1$  if and only if  $\bigcap \{Q \in \text{Spec}(R) \mid Q \text{ is directly below } P\} = 0$ .*

*Proof.* The implication  $(\Rightarrow)$  is clear. Conversely, let  $\{Q_\alpha\}$  be the set of prime ideals directly below  $P$  (this set is nonempty by Zorn’s Lemma). The hypothesis of the theorem is preserved by passage to  $R_p$ , so we may assume that  $R$  is quasi-local. Thus  $(R, P)$  is quasi-local,  $P$  is finitely generated, and  $Rx$  is  $P$ -primary. By Theorem 1 [1],  $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} P^n \subseteq \bigcap \{Q \mid Q \text{ directly below } P\} = 0$ . Let  $(\hat{R}, \hat{P})$  be the  $P$ -adic completion of  $R$ . Then  $(\hat{R}, \hat{P})$  is a complete (Noetherian) local ring. Now  $\hat{R}x$  is still  $\hat{P}$ -primary, so by the Principal Ideal Theorem,  $\dim \hat{R} \leq 1$ . If  $\dim \hat{R} = 0$ , then  $\hat{P}^n = 0$  for some  $n$  and hence  $P^n = 0$ . This contradiction shows that  $\dim \hat{R} = 1$ . Let  $P_1, \dots, P_n$  be the minimal primes of  $\hat{R}$  and let  $Q_i = P_i \cap R$ . Now  $\bigcap \{Q \mid Q \text{ directly below } P\} = 0$  implies that there exist infinitely many primes directly below  $P$ . Hence  $\exists y \in Q_0 - \bigcup_{i=1}^n Q_i$  where  $Q_0$  is a prime directly below  $P$ . Now  $\hat{R}y \notin \bigcup_{i=1}^n P_i$ , so  $\hat{R}y$  is  $\hat{P}$ -primary. Hence  $\hat{R}y \cap R$  is  $P$ -primary. But by Theorem 1 [1] we see that  $Q_0$  is closed in the  $P$ -adic topology, and hence  $\hat{R}y \cap R \subseteq Q_0$ . This is a contradiction because  $\hat{R}y \cap R$  is  $P$ -primary.

The proof of Theorem 2.5 does yield the following result. Let  $P$  be a finitely generated prime ideal in a domain minimal over a principal ideal. Then  $\text{rank } P = 1$  if and only if  $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} P^n_p = 0$  (or equivalently, if  $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} P^{(n)} = 0$  where  $P^{(n)}$  is the  $n$ -symbolic power of  $P$ ).

We end this section with an example of a domain  $D$  and a doubly generated ideal  $I$  in  $D$  satisfying  $I \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} I^n \neq \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} I^n$ . This is the best possible counterexample as  $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} (x)^n = (x) \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} (x)^n$  for all principal ideals in a domain.

**EXAMPLE 2.6.** Let  $k$  be a field,  $S = k[W, W^{\frac{1}{2}}, W^{\frac{1}{3}}, W^{\frac{1}{4}}, \dots]$ , and  $R_0 = S[X, U_2, U_3, U_5, U_7, \dots]$ . Then  $R_0[Y, 1/Y]$  is a graded domain,

with degree  $R_0 = 0$ , degree  $Y = 1$  and degree  $1/Y = -1$ . Let  $R$  be the graded subdomain  $R_0[Y, (W^{\frac{1}{2}} - XU_2)/Y, (W^{\frac{1}{3}} - XU_3)/Y, \dots]$ . Then  $I = (X, Y)$  is a homogeneous ideal of  $R$ . Put  $J = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} I^n$  so that  $J$  is also a homogeneous ideal. We show that  $J \neq IJ$ .

Write  $Z_p = W^{1/p} - XU_p$ . Then  $R_0 = k[W, Z_2, Z_3, Z_5, \dots, X, U_2, U_3, U_5, \dots]$ . We have the relation  $(Z_p + XU_p)^p = W$  and hence

$$Z_p^p = W - X^p U_p^p - \binom{p}{1} Z_p X^{p-1} U_p^{p-1} - \dots - \binom{p}{p-1} Z_p^{p-1} X U_p.$$

Note that  $R_0$  is spanned as a  $k$ -vector space by the monomials  $Z_{p_1}^{e_1} \dots Z_{p_r}^{e_r} W^{n_0} X^{n_1} U_{q_1}^{f_1} \dots U_{q_s}^{f_s}$ , where  $0 < e_i < p_i$ . We show that these monomials are  $k$ -independent, and thus form a  $k$ -basis. To see this, define the degree of the monomial  $W^{e_1/p_1 + \dots + e_r/p_r + n_0} X^{n_1} U_{q_1}^{f_1} \dots U_{q_s}^{f_s}$  ( $0 < e_i < p_i$ ) to be  $(e_1/p_1 + \dots + e_r/p_r + n_0, n_1, 0, \dots, 0, f_1, 0, \dots, 0, f_s, 0, \dots)$  where  $f_i$  appears in the  $s_i$ -th position after  $n_1$  if  $q_i$  is the  $s_i$ -th prime. Order the degrees lexicographically. Then define the degree of a polynomial to be the degree of the largest term. We find that the degree of  $Z_{p_1}^{e_1} \dots Z_{p_r}^{e_r} W^{n_0} X^{n_1} U_{q_1}^{f_1} \dots U_{q_s}^{f_s}$  ( $0 < e_i < p_i$ ) to be  $(e_1/p_1 + \dots + e_r/p_r + n_0, n_1, 0, \dots, f_1, \dots, f_s, 0, \dots)$  as above. Each such monomial has a different degree, and hence these monomials are  $k$ -independent. Let us write  $T = k[X, W, U_2, U_3, Y_5, \dots]$ . We see that  $R_0 = T \oplus R_{0z}$  as a  $T$ -module, where  $R_{0z}$  is generated as a  $T$ -module by the  $Z_{p_i}^{e_i} \dots Z_{p_r}^{e_r}$ ,  $0 < e_i < p_i$ ,  $r \geq 1$ . Let  $H$  be the ideal of  $R_0$  generated by the  $Z_p$ 's. Since  $H \supset R_{0z}$  we have  $H = (H \cap T) \oplus R_{0z}$  as a  $T$ -module. Now

$$\begin{aligned} [I^m]_0 &= [(X, Y)^m]_0 = X^m R_0 + X^{m-1} Y R_{-1} + \dots + Y^m R_{-m} \\ &= X^m R_0 + X^{m-1} H + \dots X H^m = (X, H)^m \end{aligned}$$

as an ideal of  $R_0$ . Notice that since  $W = (Z_p + XU_p)^p$ , we have  $W \in (X, H)^m$  for all  $m$ . Now  $H \cap T$  is generated as a  $T$ -module by the  $W - X^p U_p^p$ . Thus  $(X, H)$  is generated by  $X, W$ , and the  $Z_{p_1}^{e_1} \dots Z_{p_r}^{e_r}$  ( $r \geq 1$ ) and  $(X, H)^m$  is generated by  $X^m, W$ , the  $Z_{p_1}^{e_1} \dots Z_{p_r}^{e_r} W$  ( $r \geq 1$ ), and the  $Z_{p_1}^{e_1} \dots Z_{p_r}^{e_r} X^{n_0}$  with  $e_1 + \dots + e_r + n_0 \geq m$ . It follows that  $J_0 = \bigcap_{m=1}^{\infty} (X, H)^m = WR_0$ .

We claim that  $W \notin [IJ]_0 = XJ_0 + YJ_{-1}$ . In fact, we claim that  $W \notin XJ_0 + YR_{-1} = XWR_0 + H$ . Since  $H \supset R_{0z}$ , the ideal

$$(XWR_0 + H) \cap T = (XW, W - X^2 U_2^2, W - X^3 U_3^3, W - X^5 U_5^5, \dots).$$

Suppose that  $W \in XJ_0 + YR_{-1}$ , then

$$W = aXW + b_2(W - X^2U_2^2) + \cdots + b_p(W - X^pU_p^p),$$

$a, b_i \in T$ . Write  $b_i = c_i + \lambda_i$ , where  $\lambda_i \in k$  and  $c_i \in T$  with no constant term. Cancelling  $W$ , we get

$$\lambda_2 X^2 U_2^2 + \cdots + \lambda_p X^p U_p^p = aXW - c_2 X^2 U_2^2 - \cdots - c_p X^p U_p^p.$$

But this is a contradiction since none of the terms on the left appear on the right.

**3. Valuation rings.** We call a ring  $R$  a valuation ring if any two ideals of  $R$  are comparable. In Theorem 2 [1] we proved that for  $R$  a Prüfer domain,  $I$  an ideal in  $R$  and  $A$  a torsion-free  $R$ -module,  $I \cap_{n=1}^{\infty} I^n A = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} I^n A$ . In this section we prove that for  $R$  a valuation ring,  $I$  an ideal in  $R$  and  $A$  a finitely generated  $R$ -module,  $I \cap_{n=1}^{\infty} I^n A = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} I^n A$ . We begin with the ring case.

**THEOREM 3.1.** *Let  $V$  be a valuation ring and  $I$  a nonzero ideal in  $V$ . Then exactly one of the following occurs:*

- (1)  $I = I^2$  is prime,
- (2)  $I^n \not\supseteq I^{n+1}$  for all  $n$ ,  $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} I^n$  is a prime ideal in  $V$ , and  $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} I^n = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} (i)^n$  for any  $i \in I - I^2$ . In particular,  $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} I^n = I \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} I^n$ .
- (3)  $I^n = 0$  for some  $n$ .

*Proof.* First suppose that  $I = I^2$  and let  $ab \in I$ . Suppose that  $a, b \notin I$ , so that  $I \not\supseteq (a)$  and  $I \not\supseteq (b)$ . Hence  $I = I^2 \subseteq (a)(b) \subseteq I$  so  $I = (ab)$ . Thus  $I = I^2$  implies  $I = 0$ , a contradiction. Next suppose that  $I \neq I^2$ , but  $I^n \not\supseteq I^{n+1} = I^{n+2}$ . Let  $i \in I^n - I^{n+1}$ . Then for  $m > 1$ ,  $I^{n+1} = I^{mn} \supseteq (i)^m \supseteq I^{m(n+1)} = I^{n+1}$ , in particular  $(i)^2 = (i)^3$ , so  $(i)^2 = 0$ . Hence  $0 = (i)^2 \supseteq I^{2(n+1)} = I^{n+1}$ . Finally, suppose that  $I^n \not\supseteq I^{n+1}$  for all  $n$ . For  $i \in I - I^2$ ,  $I \supseteq (i) \supseteq I^2$ , so that  $I^n \supseteq (i)^n \supseteq I^{2n}$  and hence  $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} I^n = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} (i)^n$ . Suppose that  $xy \in \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} I^n$ . If  $x, y \notin \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} I^n$ , then there exist integers  $s$  and  $t$  such that  $I^s \not\supseteq (x)$  and  $I^t \not\supseteq (y)$ . Hence  $I^{s+t} \subseteq (xy) \subseteq \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} I^n$  so  $I^{s+t} = I^{s+i+1}$ . This contradiction shows that  $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} I^n$  must be prime. Suppose that  $x \in \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} I^n$ . Then  $x = si^2$  for some  $s \in V$  and  $i \in I$ . Hence  $si$  or  $i \in \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} I^n$  because  $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} I^n$  is prime. Thus  $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} I^n = I \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} I^n$ .

**THEOREM 3.2.** *Let  $V$  be a valuation ring,  $I$  an ideal in  $V$  and  $A$  a finitely generated  $V$ -module. Then  $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} I^n A = I \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} I^n A$ .*

*Proof.* By the previous theorem we are reduced to the case where  $I = (i)$  is a principal ideal and  $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} (i)^n$  is prime. Put  $B = (\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} (i)^n)A$ , so that  $B \subseteq \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} (i)^n A$ . It suffices to show that  $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} (i)^n (A/B) =$

$(i) \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} (i)^n (A/B)$ . But as  $\text{ann}(A/B) \supseteq \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} (i)^n$ , we may assume that  $\bigcap_{n=0}^{\infty} (i)^n = 0$ , so that  $V$  is a valuation domain. Let  $A = Va_1 + \cdots + Va_s$  and assume that  $\text{ann}(a_1) \supseteq \cdots \supseteq \text{ann}(a_s)$ . We may assume that  $(i)^n \supseteq \text{ann}(a_1)$  (for otherwise  $i^n a_1 = 0$  for large  $n$  and hence we may assume that  $A = Va_2 + \cdots + Va_s$ ). Thus  $0 = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} (i)^n \supseteq \text{ann}(a_1)$ , so that  $A$  is actually torsion-free. The result now follows from Lemma 1 [1].

**4. “Almost” Noetherian rings.** Let  $R$  be a Noetherian ring,  $I$  an ideal in  $R$ , and  $A$  a finitely generated  $R$ -module. One version of the Krull Intersection Theorem states that  $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} I^n A = \{x \in A \mid (1-i)x = 0 \exists i \in I\}$ . In fact, by Theorem 3 [1] this holds for  $R$  locally Noetherian and  $A$  locally finitely generated. In this section we consider to what extent the converse is true. We begin with the quasi-local case.

**THEOREM 4.1.** *Let  $(R, M)$  be a quasi-local ring whose maximal ideal  $M$  is finitely generated. Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1)  $R$  is Noetherian,
- (2)  $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} M^n N = 0$  for all finitely generated  $R$ -modules  $N$ ,
- (3) every finitely generated ideal of  $R$  has a primary decomposition,
- (4) for finitely generated ideals  $A$  and  $B$  of  $R$ , there exists an integer  $n$  such that  $(A + B^l) \cap (A : B^l) = A$  for  $l \geq n$ ,
- (5)  $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} (M^n + A) = A$  for all finitely generated ideals  $A$  of  $R$ ,
- (6)  $B = A + MB$  with  $A$  a finitely generated ideal of  $R$  implies  $A = B$ .

*Proof.* The implications (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) and (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) are well known. Assume that (3) holds and let  $A$  and  $B$  be finitely generated ideals. Suppose that  $A = Q_1 \cap \cdots \cap Q_m$  where  $Q_i$  is  $P_i$ -primary. Assume that  $B \subseteq P_i$  precisely for  $i > k$ . For  $i \leq k$ ,  $(Q_i : B^n) B^n \subseteq Q_i$  and  $B^n \not\subseteq P_i$  implies  $(Q_i : B^n) = Q_i$  for all  $n$ . For  $i > k$ , there exists an integer  $n_i$  such that  $B^{n_i} \subseteq Q_i$  because  $B$  is finitely generated. Set  $n = \max\{n_i\}$ . Then for  $l \geq n$ ,  $A : B^l = Q_1 \cap \cdots \cap Q_k$  and  $A + B^l \subseteq Q_{k+1} \cap \cdots \cap Q_m$ . Hence  $A \subseteq (A : B^l) \cap (A + B^l) \subseteq Q_1 \cap \cdots \cap Q_m = A$ . Next we show that (4) implies (5). Let  $A$  be a finitely generated ideal of  $R$ . Clearly  $A \subseteq \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} (M^n + A)$ . Suppose that  $x \in \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} (M^n + A)$ . Then by (4)  $A + (x)M = (A + (x)M + M^k) \cap ((A + (x)M) : M^k)$  for large  $k$ . But  $x \in A + M^k$  so  $A + (x)M = A + (x)$ . Thus  $x \in A$  by Nakayama’s Lemma. Setting  $N = R/A$  we see that (2) implies (5). As (6) holds in any (Noetherian) local ring, it remains to prove (5)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) and (6)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). Suppose that  $R$  is not Noetherian. Then there exists an ideal  $P \neq M$  maximal with respect to not being finitely generated and  $P$  is necessarily prime. Let  $z \in M - P$ .

Then  $P + (z)$  is finitely generated, say by  $p_1 + r_1z, \dots, p_n + r_nz$  where  $p_1, \dots, p_n \in P$ . We claim that  $P = (p_1, \dots, p_n)$ . Let  $p \in P \subseteq P + (z)$ , so that

$$\begin{aligned} p &= a_1(p_1 + r_1z) + \dots + a_n(p_n + r_nz) = \\ &= a_1p_1 + \dots + a_np_n + (a_1r_1 + \dots + a_nr_n)z. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $P$  is a prime ideal and  $z \notin P$ ,  $a_1r_1 + \dots + a_nr_n \in P$ . Hence  $P = (p_1, \dots, p_n) + Pz = (p_1, \dots, p_n) + P^nZ^n$  for  $n \geq 1$ . Thus either (5) or (6) implies that  $P = (p_1, \dots, p_n)$ .

It is necessary to assume that  $M$  is finitely generated as is seen by the example  $R = k[\{X_i\}_{i=1}^\infty]/(\{x_i\}_{i=1}^\infty)^2$  where  $k[\{x_i\}_{i=1}^\infty]$  is the polynomial ring over the field  $k$  in countably-many indeterminates. If we replace the quasi-local ring  $(R, M)$  with a quasi-semilocal ring  $(R, M_1, \dots, M_n)$  where  $M_1, \dots, M_n$  are finitely generated and replace  $M$  with  $J = M_1 \cap \dots \cap M_n$ , then Theorem 4.1 remains true. The equivalence of (1) and (5) is a slight generalization of Exercise 4 [5, page 246]. Condition (4) has been studied in [4].

**COROLLARY 4.2.** *For a ring  $R$  the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1)  $R$  is locally Noetherian,
- (2)  $\bigcap_{n=1}^\infty (M^n + A) = \{r \in R \mid (1 - m)r \in A \ \exists m \in M\}$  for all finitely generated ideals  $A$  of  $R$  and all maximal ideals  $M$  of  $R$ , and for every maximal ideal  $M$  of  $R$ ,  $M_M$  is a finitely generated ideal in  $R_M$ .

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). The first statement follows from Theorem 3 [1] applied to the ring  $R/A$  which is locally Noetherian. The second statement is obvious. (2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). Follows from the previous theorem.

**THEOREM 4.3.** *For a ring  $R$  the following conditions are equivalent:*

- (1)  $R$  is Noetherian,
- (2) the maximal ideals of  $R$  are finitely generated and every finitely generated ideal of  $R$  has a primary decomposition.

*Proof.* That (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) is well-known. Therefore we may assume that  $R$  satisfies (2). It follows from Theorem 4.1 that  $R$  is locally Noetherian. Theorem 1.4 [3] gives that  $R$  is Noetherian.

The results of this section raise the question: Is a locally Noetherian ring whose maximal ideals are finitely generated necessarily Noetherian? The answer is no.

**EXAMPLE 4.4.** The ring  $R = Z[\{x/p \mid p \text{ a prime}\}]$  is two dimen-

sional, integrally closed, locally Noetherian with all maximal ideals finitely generated, but  $R$  is not Noetherian. In fact,  $R$  is not even a Krull domain.

This ring is given in [6] as an example of a locally polynomial ring over  $Z$  which is not a polynomial ring over  $Z$ . We wish to thank Professor R. Gilmer for pointing out this example to us.<sup>1</sup>

First, the ring  $R$  is not Noetherian because the ideal  $(\{x/p \mid p \text{ a prime}\})$  is not finitely generated. The maximal ideals of  $R$  have the form  $(p, f(x/p))$  where  $p \in Z$  is prime and  $f(x/p)$  is an irreducible polynomial (in  $x/p$ ) mod  $p$ . The remaining statements follow from the fact that  $R$  localized at a maximal ideal  $M$  (with  $M \cap Z = (p)$ ) is a localization of the polynomial ring  $Z_{(p)}[x/p]$  at  $M_{Z-(p)}$ .

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