



## A NOTE ON A CHARACTERIZATION THEOREM FOR A CERTAIN CLASS OF DOMAINS

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**Abstract.** We have introduced and studied in [2] the class of *Globalized multiplicatively pinched-Dedekind domains (GMPD domains)*. This class of domains could be characterized by a certain factorization property of the non-invertible ideals, (see [2, Theorem 4]). In this note a simplification of the characterization theorem [2, Theorem 4] is provided in more general form.

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Let  $D$  be an integral domain. By an *MNI ideal* of  $D$  we mean an ideal of  $D$  which is maximal among the nonzero noninvertible ideals of  $D$ . By [6, Exercise 36, page 44], every MNI ideal is a prime ideal. Moreover, using standard Zorn's Lemma arguments, one can show that every nonzero non-invertible ideal is contained in some MNI ideal.  $D$  is said to be *h-local* provided every nonzero ideal of  $D$  is contained in at most finitely many maximal ideals of  $D$  and each nonzero prime ideal of  $D$  is contained in a unique maximal ideal of  $D$ .  $D$  is called a *pseudo-valuation domain (PVD)* if  $D$  is quasi-local with maximal ideal  $M$  and  $M : M$  is a valuation domain with maximal ideal  $M$ , cf. [5] and [1, Proposition 2.5]. A *two-generated* domain is a domain whose ideals are two-generated. Let  $D$  be a quasi-local domain with maximal ideal  $M$ . By [5, Theorems 2.7 and 3.5],  $D$  is a two-generated PVD if and only if  $D$  is a field, a DVR, or a Noetherian domain such that its integral closure  $D'$  is a DVR with maximal ideal  $M$  and  $D'/M$  is a quadratic field extension of  $D/M$ .

In [2], we introduced and study the class of *Globalized multiplicatively pinched-Dedekind domains (GMPD domains)*. A domain  $D$  is called a *globalized multiplicatively pinched-Dedekind domain (GMPD domain)* if  $D$  is h-local and for each maximal ideal  $M$ ,  $D_M$  is a two-generated PVD, or a valuation domain with value group  $\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$  or  $\mathbb{R}$ , cf. [2, Definition 2]. A Dedekind domain is a GMPD domain and the integrally closed Noetherian GMPD domain are exactly the Dedekind domains. This class of domains could be characterized by a certain factorization property of the non-invertible ideals. An h-local domain  $D$  is a GMPD domain if and only if

every two MNI ideals are comaximal and every nonzero non-invertible ideal  $I$  of  $D$  can be written as  $I = JP_1 \cdots P_k$  for some invertible ideal  $J$  and distinct MNI ideals  $P_1, \dots, P_k$  uniquely determined by  $I$  ([2, Theorem 4, Remark 5]). In this note a more general simplification of this characterization theorem is provided (Theorem 2).

Throughout this note all rings are (commutative unitary) integral domains. For a domain  $D$ ,  $D'$  (resp.  $\bar{D}$ ) denotes the integral closure (resp. complete integral closure) of  $D$ . Any unexplained material is standard like in [4] or [6].

**Lemma 1.** *Every two distinct MNI ideals of a domain  $D$  are comaximal.*

*Proof.* Deny. Let  $P_1 \neq P_2$  be the MNI ideals of  $D$  both contained in the maximal ideal  $M$ . Then  $M$  is invertible and so  $P_i \subsetneq M$  implies that  $P_i \subsetneq \bigcap_{n \geq 1} M^n = Q$ . The ideal  $Q$  is invertible and prime. Indeed, if  $ab \in Q$  with both  $a, b \notin Q$ , then there exist integers  $k, l$  and the ideals  $U, V$  such that  $(a) = M^k U$  with  $U \not\subseteq M$  and  $(b) = M^l V$  with  $V \not\subseteq M$ . Since  $ab \in M^{k+l+1}$ , so  $(ab) = M^{k+l+1} N$  for some ideal  $N$ . Combining, we get that  $M^{k+l} UV = M^{k+l+1} N$ . This implies that  $UV = MN$  which is not possible because  $U, V$  are not contained in  $M$ . Hence  $Q$  is prime. As  $P_i \subsetneq Q$ , so  $Q$  is invertible. Since any two invertible prime ideals are not comparable, so  $Q = M$ . This implies that  $M = M^2$  and hence  $M = D$ , a contradiction.  $\square$

Recall [3, Section 5.1] that a domain  $D$  has pseudo-Dedekind factorization if for each nonzero non-invertible ideal  $I$ , there is an invertible ideal  $B$  (which might be  $D$ ) and finitely many pairwise comaximal primes  $P_1, P_2, \dots, P_n$  such that  $I = BP_1 P_2 \cdots P_n$  (the requirement that  $n > 0$  comes for free).

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $D$  be a domain such that every nonzero non-invertible ideal  $I$  of  $D$  can be written as  $I = JP_1 \cdots P_k$  for some invertible ideal  $J$  and distinct MNI ideals  $P_1, \dots, P_k$ . Then  $D$  is  $h$ -local.*

*Proof.* By [6, Exercise 36, page 44], every MNI ideal is a prime ideal and by Lemma 1,  $P_1, \dots, P_k$  are pairwise comaximal. Hence  $D$  has pseudo-Dedekind factorization, cf. [3, Section 5.1]. Now Apply [3, Corollary 5.2.14].  $\square$

**Theorem 2.** *A domain  $D$  is a GMPD domain if and only if every nonzero non-invertible ideal  $I$  of  $D$  can be written as  $I = JP_1 \cdots P_k$  for some invertible ideal  $J$  and distinct MNI ideals  $P_1, \dots, P_k$ .*

*Proof.* Apply Theorem 1 and [2, Theorem 4].  $\square$

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