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**Introduction.** Let  $S$  be an integral domain and let  $K$  be a subfield of the quotient field of  $S$ . We are interested in the ring-extension  $S/S \cap K$  or the subring  $S \cap K$  itself. We call  $S \cap K$  a subring with reduced quotient field. It is known that the subring  $S \cap K$  inherits some properties from  $S$ ; for example: if  $S$  is integrally closed, so is  $S \cap K$ ; if  $S$  is local (not necessarily Noetherian), so is  $S \cap K$ ; if  $S$  is a DVR, then  $S \cap K$  is either a DVR or a field; if  $S$  is a Krull domain, so is  $S \cap K$  (see [6],[8]). In these examples, theory of valuations plays an important role.

Our objective of this paper is to show the ring  $S \cap K$  maintains several properties of  $S$  under certain conditions.

In the section 1, we study the property of Noetherianness. We show mainly the following result:

(1) Let  $S$  is a Noetherian normal domain of characteristic zero with quotient field  $L$  and let  $K$  be a subfield of  $L$  such that  $S$  is integral over  $S \cap K$ . Then  $S \cap K$  is a Noetherian domain.

In the section 2, we show some basic properties of  $S \cap K$  for later use. We consider some conditions for a subring  $R$  of  $S$  to be of type  $S \cap K$  for some subfield  $K$  of the quotient field of  $S$ . For instance,

(2) The extension  $S/S \cap K$  is characterized by behavior of divisorial ideals of  $S \cap K$  (Theorem 2.4).

In the section 3, we treat (2,3)-closedness, root-closedness and quasi-normality of a subring  $S \cap K$ .

In the section 4, we show: Let  $S$  be a Noetherian almost factorial domain of characteristic zero. If  $S$  is integral over  $S \cap K$ , then  $S \cap K$  is a Noetherian almost factorial domain. (Theorem 4.2).

In the section 5, we have the following:

(3) Let  $(S, M)$  be a local factorial domain. If  $S$  is LCM-stable over  $S \cap K$ , then  $S \cap K$  is factorial (Theorem 5.3).

When  $S$  is not local, the faithful flatness of  $S$  over  $S \cap K$  does not always ensure the similar result in (3) (Remark 2).

In the section 6, we study the factoriality of  $S \cap F$  for a non-local domain  $S$ . The obstruction of descent of factoriality is anyway that a

certain principal ideal of  $S$  is not necessarily generated by elements in  $S \cap K$ .

In the section 7, we treat Dedekind domains.

In this paper, we mean by a ring a commutative ring with identity and by an *integral domain* (or a *domain*) a ring which has no non-trivial zero-divisors, and for an integral domain  $S$ ,  $K(S)$  denotes the quotient field of  $S$  unless otherwise specified. Our unexplained technical terms are standard and are seen in [10] and [13].

**1. A subring of a Noetherian domain.** An integral domain is called to be *integrally closed* (or *normal*) if it is integrally closed in its quotient field. This section treats the following problem, which means a descent of Noetherianness of ring-extensions:

**Problem.** *Let  $S$  be a Noetherian (normal) domain with quotient field  $L$  and let  $K$  be a subfield of  $L$ . Is the ring  $S \cap K$  Noetherian if  $S$  is integral over  $S \cap K$ ?*

This problem is a certain converse to the well known result:

*If  $R$  is a Noetherian normal domain with quotient field  $K$  and  $L$  a finite separable extension of  $K$ , then the integral closure  $S$  of  $R$  in  $L$  is Noetherian (See [10, (31.B)]).*

Concerning the descent problem as above, we have known the following results among other things: Let  $S \supseteq R$  be a ring-extension with a Noetherian domain  $S$ .

(i) (*Faithfully flat descent*) If  $S$  is faithfully flat over  $R$ , then  $R$  is Noetherian.

(ii) (*Eakin-Nagata*) If  $S$  is finitely generated as an  $R$ -module, then  $R$  is Noetherian.

The result (i) is well-known (See [10]) and the result (ii) is seen in [5] and [10], a new proof of which has been given by M. Nagata [14] recently.

Our objective of this section is to settle the problem in the case that  $S$  is integral over  $S \cap K$  with  $\text{char}(K) = 0$  and the case that  $L$  is not necessarily algebraic over  $S \cap K$  under certain conditions.

Let  $A$  be an integral domain with quotient field  $L$ . An element  $\alpha$  in  $L$  is called *almost integral* over  $A$  if there exists a non-zero element  $c$  in  $A$  such that  $c\alpha^i \in A$  for all  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ . It is easy to see that the set  $A^\#$  of all

almost integral elements over  $A$  forms a ring between  $A$  and  $L$ , which is called the *complete integral closure* of  $A$ . We say that  $A$  is *completely integrally closed* if  $A^\# = A$ . When  $A$  is Noetherian,  $A$  being completely integrally closed is equivalent to  $A$  being integrally closed. It is known that a Krull domain is completely integrally closed, and if  $A$  is a Krull domain  $A \cap K$  is also a Krull domain for a field  $K$ . Note that a Noetherian normal domain is a Krull domain (See [6] for details).

We require the following lemma.

**Lemma 1.1.** *Let  $S$  be an integral domain and let  $K$  be a field. Assume that  $S$  is algebraic over  $S \cap K$ . Let  $( )^\#$  denote the complete integral closure of  $( )$  in its quotient field. Then  $S^\# \cap K = (S \cap K)^\#$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $S \cap K \subseteq S^\# \cap K$ , we have  $(S \cap K)^\# \subseteq S^\# \cap K$ . Take  $\beta \in S^\# \cap K$ . There exists a non-zero element  $s \in S$  such that  $s\beta^i \in S$  for all  $i \in \mathbb{N}$  and hence  $sS[\beta] \subseteq S$ . Since  $\beta \in S^\# \cap K$ , the quotient fields of  $S[\beta]$  and  $S$  coincide. Since  $s$  is algebraic over  $S \cap K$ , there exists an algebraic dependence:

$$a_0s^n + a_1s^{n-1} + \cdots + a_n = 0,$$

where  $a_i \in S \cap K$  with  $a_n \neq 0$ . Then  $a_nS[\beta] \subseteq S$ . Hence  $a_n\beta^i \in S \cap K$  for all  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ . Thus  $\beta$  is almost integral over  $S \cap K$ , that is,  $\beta \in (S \cap K)^\#$ . Therefore  $S^\# \cap K = (S \cap K)^\#$ .

**Corollary 1.1.1.** *Let  $S$  be a Krull domain and  $K$  be a field contained in  $K(S)$ . Let  $L$  be a finite Galois extension of  $K$  containing  $S$  and let  $S'$  be the integral closure of  $S$  in  $L$ . Then  $S' \cap K = S \cap K$ .*

*Proof.* Put  $R = S \cap K$ . Take  $\beta \in S' \cap K$ . Then  $\beta$  is integral over  $R$ . So  $R[\beta]$  is a finite  $R$ -module (cf. [13, (10.1)]). Write  $R[\beta] = \sum_{i=1}^s d_i R$  ( $d_i = b_i/c_i$  with  $b_i, c_i \in R$ ), where we note that  $R[\beta] \subseteq K$ . Put  $c = \prod_{i=1}^s c_i$ . Then  $c \in R \cdot_R R[\beta]$ , and hence  $c\beta^j \in R$  for all  $j \in \mathbb{N}$ . Thus  $\beta \in R^\# = (S \cap K)^\#$  and so  $S' \cap K \subseteq (S \cap K)^\# \cap K$ . Since  $S'$  is a Krull domain,  $R = S \cap K \subseteq (S \cap K)^\# \cap K = S^\# \cap K = S \cap K = R$  by Lemma 1.1, that is,  $S' \cap K = S \cap K = R$ .

We prove the following theorem by using, so-called the Galois-descent.

**Theorem 1.2.** *Let  $S$  be a normal domain of characteristic zero with quotient field  $L$  and let  $K$  be a subfield of  $L$  such that  $S$  is integral over  $S \cap K$ . If  $S$  is Noetherian, then so is  $S \cap K$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $R = S \cap K$ . Let  $I$  be an ideal of  $R$ . Then  $IS = (a_1, \dots, a_t)S$  for some  $a_i \in I$ . Let  $J$  be the ideal of  $R$  generated by  $a_1, \dots, a_t$ . Take  $b \in I$ . Then  $b = \sum_{i=1}^t a_i \alpha_i$  ( $\alpha_i \in S$ ). Put  $S' = S \cap K(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_t)$ . Then  $R \subseteq S' \subseteq S$  and  $S'$  is integrally closed in  $K(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_t)$ . Note that  $b \in JS'$ . Noting that  $\text{char}(K) = 0$ , there exists a field  $L'$  such that

- (a)  $L' \supseteq K(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_t) \supseteq K$ ,
- (b)  $L'$  is a finite Galois extension of  $K$ .

Let  $G$  denote the Galois group  $G(L'/K)$  with  $n = \#G$ . Let  $S''$  denote the integral closure of  $R$  in  $L'$ . Then  $S''$  is a Galois extension of  $R$ . Note that  $S''^g = S''$  for each  $g \in G$ . Since  $S$  is integral over  $R$ , we have  $S' \subseteq S \cap L' \subseteq S''$  and  $S'^g \subseteq S''^g = S''$  for each  $g \in G$ . Hence  $\alpha_i^g \in S''$  for any  $g \in G$ . By [6, (1.3)],  $S''$  is a Krull domain because  $L'$  is a finite extension of  $K$ . We see that  $nb = \sum_{g \in G} b^g = \sum_{g \in G} \sum_{i=1}^t (a_i \alpha_i)^g = \sum_{i=1}^t \sum_{g \in G} a_i^g \alpha_i^g = \sum_{i=1}^t a_i (\sum_{g \in G} \alpha_i^g)$ . Since  $\sum_{g \in G} \alpha_i^g$  is invariant under every element in  $G$ . Hence  $\sum_{g \in G} \alpha_i^g \in K \cap S'' = K \cap S$  by Corollary 1.1.1. Hence  $nb \in \sum_{i=1}^t a_i R$ . Since  $\text{char}(K) = 0$ , we have  $b \in J$ . The implication  $I \supseteq J$  is trivial, and hence  $I = J = (a_1, \dots, a_t)R$ , a finitely generated ideal of  $R$ . Therefore  $R = S \cap K$  is Noetherian.

**Corollary 1.2.1.** *Let  $R$  be an integrally closed domain with quotient field  $K$  of characteristic zero and let  $L$  be a field extension of  $K$ . If the integral closure of  $R$  in  $L$  is a Noetherian ring, then  $R$  is Noetherian.*

*Proof.* This follows from Theorem 1.2.

Let  $S$  be an integral domain with quotient field  $L$ . We say that  $S$  is *N-1* if the integral closure of  $S$  in its quotient field  $L$  is a finite  $S$ -module; and that  $S$  is *N-2* if, for any finite extension  $T$  of  $L$ , the integral closure of  $S$  in  $T$  is a finite  $S$ -module. It is known that *N-1* is equivalent to *N-2* when  $S$  is a Noetherian integral domain of characteristic zero ([10, p.232]). A ring  $A$  is called a *Nagata ring* if it is Noetherian and if  $A/P$  is *N-2* for every  $P \in \text{Spec}(A)$ .

**Corollary 1.2.2.** *Let  $R$  be an *N-1* domain with quotient field  $K$  of characteristic zero and let  $L$  be an algebraic field extension of  $K$ . Let  $S$  denote the integral closure of  $R$  in  $L$ . If  $S$  is a Noetherian domain, then so is  $R$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $S$  is a Noetherian normal domain,  $S \cap K$  is Noetherian by Theorem 1.2. Since the quotient field of  $S$  is algebraic over  $K$ , we have

$S \cap K = S^\# \cap K = (S \cap K)^\#$  by Lemma 1.1. Hence  $S \cap K$  is the integral closure of  $R$  in  $K$  because  $S \cap K$  is Noetherian. Since  $R$  is a N-1 domain,  $S \cap K$  is a finite  $R$ -module. So by Eakin-Nagata's Theorem, we conclude that  $R$  is Noetherian.

A ring  $A$  is called *locally Noetherian* if  $A_P$  is a Noetherian ring for each prime ideal  $P$  of  $A$ .

**Remark 1.** (1) The following is known in [7, (12.7)]: Let  $R$  be an integral closed integral domain with quotient field  $K$  and let  $S$  be an integral domain containing  $R$  such that  $S$  is integral over  $R$ . Then for each prime ideal  $M$  of  $S$ ,  $S_M \cap K = R_{M \cap R}$ .

(2) Let  $S$  be an integral domain and let  $K$  be a subfield of the quotient field  $K(S)$  of  $S$  such that  $K(S)$  is finite algebraic over  $K$ . Assume that  $S$  is integral over  $S \cap K$  and that  $S$  is locally Noetherian. Then for each prime ideal  $p$  of  $S \cap K$ ,  $S_p$  is Noetherian, where  $S_p$  denotes  $(S \cap K \setminus p)^{-1} S$ . Indeed, there are only finitely many prime ideals  $P_1, \dots, P_n$  of  $S$  lying over  $p$  by [10, p.296]. Let  $T = S \setminus \bigcup_{i=1}^n P_i$ , a multiplicatively closed subset of  $S$ . Then  $S_p = T^{-1} S$  by [7, (11.10)]. Let  $I$  be an ideal of  $S_p$ . Then for each  $1 \leq i \leq n$ ,  $I_{P_i} = (a_{i1}, \dots, a_{ir_i}) S_{P_i}$  for some  $a_{ij} \in I$ . Put  $J = \sum a_{ij} S_p$ . Then  $I_{P_i} = J_{P_i}$  for each  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . Thus  $I = J$ , which means that  $S_p$  is Noetherian.

**Corollary 1.2.3.** *Let  $S$  be a locally Noetherian, normal domain of characteristic zero and let  $K$  be a subfield of the quotient field  $K(S)$  of  $S$  such that  $K(S)$  is finite algebraic over  $K$ . Assume that  $S$  is integral over  $S \cap K$ . Then  $S \cap K$  is locally Noetherian.*

*Proof.* Note first that for each prime ideal  $P$  of  $S \cap K$ , there exists a prime ideal  $M$  of  $S$  such that  $M \cap K = P$  because  $S$  is integral over  $S \cap K$ . Hence Remark 1(2) and Theorem 1.2 yield our conclusion.

**Example.** Let  $k$  be a field ( $\text{char } k \neq 1$ ) and let  $t_i$  ( $i \in \mathbf{N}$ ) and  $X, Y$  be indeterminates. Put  $S = k(t_1, t_2, \dots)[X, Y]$ , which is a Noetherian domain, and for  $i \in \mathbf{N}$ , put  $d_i = t_{2i}X + t_{2i-1}Y$ . Let  $K = k(d_1, d_2, \dots)$ . Then  $S \cap K = k[d_1, d_2, \dots] := R$ , which is not Noetherian. Note that  $S/R$  is not integral.

**Proposition 1.3** (cf. [8, p.73, Ex.4]). *Let  $(S, M)$  be a local domain and  $K$  a subfield of the quotient field  $K(S)$  of  $S$ . Then  $S \cap K$  is a local domain with the maximal ideal  $M \cap K$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose that there exists a maximal ideal  $m$  which properly contains  $M \cap K$ . Then  $mS = S$  and we have  $\sum_{i=1}^n a_i \beta_i = 1$  in  $S$  with  $a_i \in m$  and  $\beta_i \in S$ . Since  $S$  is a local domain with maximal ideal  $M$ , there exists  $i$ , say  $i = 1$  such that  $a_1$  is a unit in  $S$ . Hence  $a_1 \alpha = 1$  for some  $\alpha \in S$ . So we have  $\alpha = 1/a_1 \in S \cap K$ , which means that  $a_1$  is a unit in  $S \cap K$ . This is absurd. Therefore  $S \cap K$  is a local domain with the maximal ideal  $M \cap K$ .

**2. Basic properties of a subring with reduced quotient field.**

In this section, we study the conditions for a subring to be a subring with reduced quotient field and show some preliminary results which will be used later. We start with the following lemma.

**Lemma 2.1.** *Let  $S$  be an integral domain, let  $K$  be a subfield of the quotient field of  $S$  and let  $R$  be a subring of  $S$  which is contained in  $K$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (i)  $aS \cap K = aR$  for any  $a \in K$ ;
- (ii)  $R = S \cap K$ .

*If furthermore  $K$  is the quotient field of  $R$ , (i) is equivalent to the following:*

- (iii)  $aS \cap R = aR$  for any  $a \in R$ .

*Proof.* (ii)  $\implies$  (i). Take  $x \in aS \cap K$ . Then  $x = as$  for some  $s \in S$  and hence  $x/a = s \in S \cap K = R$ . Thus  $x \in aR$ .

The implications (i)  $\implies$  (ii) is trivial.

Assume that  $K$  is the quotient field of  $R$ . The implications (i)  $\implies$  (iii) is trivial.

(ii)  $\implies$  (iii). Take  $s \in S \cap K$ . Since  $K$  is the quotient field of  $R$ ,  $s = b/a$  for some  $a, b \in R$ . Hence  $b = as \in R \cap aS = aR$ . Thus  $s \in R$ .

**Corollary 2.1.1.** *Let  $S$  be an integral domain and let  $K$  be a subfield of the quotient field of  $S$ . Then for any  $a, b \in R := S \cap K$ , the following hold:*

- (a)  $aR = bR$  if and only if  $aS = bS$ ,
- (b)  $\sqrt{aR} = \sqrt{bR}$  if and only if  $\sqrt{aS} = \sqrt{bS}$ .

Moreover for any  $\alpha, \beta \in K$ ,

- (a')  $\alpha R = \beta R$  if and only if  $\alpha S = \beta S$ .

*Proof.* (a) The implication  $aR = bR \implies aS = bS$  is obvious. Conversely,  $aR = aS \cap K = bS \cap K = bR$  by Lemma 2.1 (i)  $\iff$  (ii).

(b) Assume that  $\sqrt{aS} = \sqrt{bS}$ . Take  $x \in \sqrt{aR}$ . Then  $x^n \in aR \subseteq aS \subseteq \sqrt{bS}$  for some positive integer  $n$ . Hence  $x^m \in bS \cap K = bR$  for some positive integer  $m$  by (a). Thus  $x \in \sqrt{bR}$ . By symmetry, we have  $\sqrt{aR} = \sqrt{bR}$ . Conversely, assume that  $\sqrt{aR} = \sqrt{bR}$ . Then  $\sqrt{\sqrt{aR}S} = \sqrt{\sqrt{bR}S}$  and hence  $\sqrt{aS} = \sqrt{bS}$ .

(a') There exist  $c, d \in R$  such that  $c\alpha, d\beta \in R$ . By (a), we have  $cd\alpha R = cd\beta R \iff cd\alpha S = cd\beta S$ . Hence  $\alpha R = \beta R \iff \alpha S = \beta S$ .

**Corollary 2.1.2.** *Let  $S, K$  and  $R$  be the same as in the above corollary 2.1.1. If  $S$  satisfies the ascending chain condition for principal ideals, then so does  $R$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $a_1R \subseteq a_2R \subseteq \dots$  be an ascending chain of principal ideals of  $R$ . Then we have the ascending chain  $a_1S \subseteq a_2S \subseteq \dots$  of principal ideals of  $S$ . Since  $S$  satisfies the ascending chain condition for principal ideals, there exists an integer  $r$  such that for any  $n > r$ ,  $a_rS = a_nS$ . Thus by Corollary 2.1.1, we have  $a_rR = a_nR$  for any  $n > r$ , which means that  $R$  has the ascending chain condition for principal ideals.

**Proposition 2.2.** *Let  $S$  be an integral domain, let  $K$  be a subfield of the quotient field of  $S$  and let  $R$  be its subring  $S \cap K$ . Then  $(aS :_S bS) \cap K = aR :_R bR$  for any  $a, b \in R$ . In particular, if  $a, b \in R$  is an  $S$ -sequence, then  $a, b$  is an  $R$ -sequence.*

*Proof.* The implication  $aR :_R bR \subseteq (aS :_S bS) \cap K$  is obvious and it is clear that  $(aS :_S bS) \cap K \subseteq R$ . Take  $x \in (aS :_S bS) \cap K$ . Then  $xb \in aS \cap K = aR$  by Lemma 2.1 (i)  $\iff$  (ii). Hence  $x \in aR :_R bR$ . Next if  $aS :_S bS = aS$ , then  $aR :_R bR = aR$  by the above argument, which means that if  $a, b \in R$  is an  $S$ -sequence, then  $a, b$  is an  $R$ -sequence.

Let  $S$  be an integral domain with quotient field  $L$ . We say that  $J$  is a *fractional ideal* of  $S$  if  $J$  is an  $S$ -submodule of  $L$  such that  $sJ \subseteq S$  for some non-zero element  $s \in S$ . Let  $J$  be a fractional ideal of  $S$ . We denote by  $J^*$  a fractional ideal  $S :_L J := \{x \in L \mid xJ \subseteq S\}$ . We also write  $S : J$  for  $S :_L J$  if no confusion takes place. We say that a fractional ideal  $J$  of  $S$  is *divisorial* if  $J^{**} := S :_L (S :_L J) = J$ .

**Lemma 2.3.** *Let  $S$  be an integral domain with quotient field  $K(S)$  and let  $I$  be a divisorial integral ideal of  $S$ . Then  $I = \bigcap_i (b_i S :_S a_i S)$  for some  $a_i, b_i \in S$ .*



*Proof.* Let  $y = z/x$  be an element in  $K(S)$  with  $x, z \in S$ . Then  $yS \cap S = zS :_S xS$ . Indeed, if  $\alpha \in zS :_S xS$ , then  $\alpha x \in zS$  and hence  $\alpha \in (z/x)S \cap S = yS \cap S$ . Conversely, if  $\alpha \in yS \cap S$ , then  $\alpha = ys = (z/x)s$  for some  $s \in S$ . So  $x\alpha = zs \in zS$ . Hence  $\alpha \in zS :_S xS$ . Since  $I$  is a divisorial integral ideal of  $S$ ,  $I$  is an intersection of principal fractional ideals, that is,  $I = \bigcap yS \cap S$ , where  $I \subseteq yS$ ,  $y \in K(S)$  (See [6, p.12] for details). By the above argument,  $I$  is written as  $\bigcap_i (a_i S :_S b_i S)$  for some  $a_i, b_i \in S$ .

**Theorem 2.4.** *Let  $S$  be an integral domain and let  $R$  be its subring with quotient field  $K$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (i)  $R = S \cap K$ ;
- (ii)  $aS \cap R = aR$  for each  $a \in R$ ;
- (ii')  $aS \cap K = aR$  for each  $a \in K$ ;
- (iii)  $IS \cap R = I$  for each divisorial integral ideal  $I$  of  $R$ ;
- (iii')  $IS \cap K = I$  for each divisorial fractional ideal  $I$  of  $R$ ;
- (iv)  $(IS)^{**} \cap R = I$  for each divisorial integral ideal  $I$  of  $R$ ;
- (iv')  $(IS)^{**} \cap K = I$  for each divisorial fractional ideal  $I$  of  $R$ .

*Proof.* (i)  $\iff$  (ii)  $\iff$  (ii') have been shown in Lemma 2.1.

Let  $J$  be a fractional ideal of  $R$ . Then there exists a non-zero element  $d$  in  $R$  such that  $dJ \subseteq R$ . It is easy to see that if  $(dJS) \cap K = dJ$  holds, then  $JS \cap K = J$  holds. Hence in (iii') and (iv'), we can assume that  $I$  is an integral ideal, i.e.,  $I \subseteq R$ .

(iv)  $\implies$  (iii) (resp. (iv')  $\implies$  (iii')) follows from the implications:  $I \subseteq IS \cap R \subseteq (IS)^{**} \cap R = I$  (resp.  $I \subseteq IS \cap K \subseteq (IS)^{**} \cap K = I$ ).

(iv)  $\implies$  (ii) and (iv')  $\implies$  (ii') are trivial because a principal ideal is divisorial.

We must show the implication (i)  $\implies$  (iv) (resp. (i)  $\implies$  (iv')). The ideal  $I$  is written as  $\bigcap_i (a_i R :_R b_i R)$  for some  $a_i, b_i \in R$  by Lemma 2.3. Hence we have  $IS \subseteq \bigcap_i ((a_i R :_R b_i R)S) \subseteq \bigcap_i (a_i S :_S b_i S)$ . Thus  $IS \subseteq (IS)^{**} \subseteq \bigcap_i (a_i S :_S b_i S)$ . So we have  $I \subseteq IS \cap R \subseteq (IS)^{**} \cap R \subseteq \bigcap_i (a_i S :_S b_i S) \cap R = \bigcap_i (a_i R :_R b_i R) = I$  (resp.  $I \subseteq IS \cap K \subseteq (IS)^{**} \cap K \subseteq \bigcap_i (a_i S :_S b_i S) \cap K = \bigcap_i (a_i R :_R b_i R) = I$ ) by Proposition 2.2, which means that  $(IS)^{**} \cap R = I$  (resp.  $(IS)^{**} \cap K = I$ ).

**Corollary 2.4.1.** *Let  $S$ ,  $K$  and  $R$  be the same as in Theorem 2.4 and assume that  $R = S \cap K$ . Let  $I$  and  $J$  be divisorial fractional ideal of  $R$ . Then  $I = J$  if and only if  $(IS)^{**} = (JS)^{**}$ .*

*Proof.* The implication  $I = J \implies (IS)^{**} = (JS)^{**}$  is obvious. Let  $I, J$  be divisorial fractional ideals with  $(IS)^{**} = (JS)^{**}$ . Then there exist non-zero elements  $a, b \in R$  such that both  $aI$  and  $bJ$  are integral ideals of  $R$ , which are divisorial. Then  $(abIS)^{**} = ab(IS)^{**} = ab(JS)^{**} = (abJS)^{**}$ . By Theorem 2.4, we have  $abI = (abIS)^{**} \cap R = (abJS)^{**} \cap R = abJ$ . Thus we have  $I = J$ .

For a domain  $D$ ,  $\text{Inv}(D)$  denotes the set of the invertible ideals of  $D$ . Define  $\text{Prin}(D)$  to be the set  $\{aD \mid a \in K(D), a \neq 0\}$ . It is easy to see that  $\text{Prin}(D)$  is a subgroup of  $\text{Inv}(D)$ . Define  $\text{Pic}(D) = \text{Inv}(D)/\text{Prin}(D)$ , which is equipped with the commutative group structure induced from that of  $\text{Inv}(D)$ . We call  $\text{Pic}(D)$  the *Picard group* of  $D$ , which can be regarded as the group of isomorphic classes of invertible  $D$ -modules. We denote the composition in  $\text{Pic}(D)$  additively.

Let  $S$  and  $K$  be the same as in Theorem 2.4. The inclusion  $S \cap K \hookrightarrow S$  induces the canonical map  $\varphi: \text{Inv}(S \cap K) \rightarrow \text{Inv}(S)$  defined by sending  $I \in \text{Inv}(S \cap K)$  to  $IS \in \text{Inv}(S)$ .

**Corollary 2.4.2.** *Let  $S$  and  $K$  be the same as above. Then  $\varphi: \text{Inv}(S \cap K) \rightarrow \text{Inv}(S)$  is injective.*

*Proof.* Take two invertible ideals  $I$  and  $J$  of  $S \cap K$  such that  $IS = JS$ . Then  $I = IS \cap K = JS \cap K = J$  by Theorem 2.4, which means  $\varphi$  is injective.

**Question.** Let  $S$  and  $K$  be the same as above. When is the canonical group homomorphism  $\text{Pic}(S \cap K) \rightarrow \text{Pic}(S)$  injective i.e.,  $\text{Inv}(S \cap K) \cap \text{Prin}(S) = \text{Prin}(S \cap K)$ ?

Let  $S$  be an integral domain and let  $D(S)$  denote the collection of divisorial fractional  $S$ -ideals. Define  $D(S) \times D(S) \rightarrow D(S)$  by  $(a, b) \mapsto S:(S:ab)$ . Then  $D(S)$  is a commutative monoid. It is known that  $D(S)$  is a group if and only if  $S$  is completely integral closed [6, (3.4)]. Note here that a Krull domain is completely integral closed [6, (3.6)].

Let  $R \subseteq S$  be Krull domains. We say that  $S/R$  satisfies the condition **(PDE)** if  $\text{ht}(P \cap R) \leq 1$  for each  $P \in \text{Ht}_1(S)$ .

It is known that if  $S$  is a Krull domain, then  $S \cap K$  is also a Krull domain for any field [6, (1.2)].

**Proposition 2.5.** *Let  $S$  be a Krull domain and let  $K$  be a subfield of the quotient field of  $S$ . Then the extension  $S \cap K \subseteq S$  satisfies (PDE)*

and the canonical group homomorphism  $D(S \cap K) \rightarrow D(S)$  defined by  $I \mapsto (IS)^{**}$  is injective.

*Proof.* The second statement follows from Corollary 2.4.1. Since  $S$  is a Krull domain,  $S = \bigcap_i V_i$ , where  $V_i$  is a DVR on the quotient field of  $S$  which contains  $S$ . Let  $m_i$  denote the maximal ideal of  $V_i$ . Then  $S \cap K = \bigcap_i (V_i \cap K)$ , where  $V_i \cap K$  is either a DVR with maximal ideal  $m_i \cap K$  or a field. Take  $P \in \text{Ht}_1(S)$ . Then there exists a DVR  $V_i$  such that  $m_i \cap S = P$ . Hence  $P \cap K = m_i \cap S \cap K = m_i \cap K$  is  $(0)$  or in  $\text{Ht}_1(S \cap K)$ .

**3. (2,3)-closed, root-closed and quasnormal.** Let  $D$  be an integral domain with quotient field  $K(D)$  and let  $L$  be a field containing  $K(D)$ . We say that  $D$  is (2,3)-closed in  $L$  if every element  $\alpha \in L$  such that  $\alpha^2, \alpha^3 \in D$  is an element of  $D$ , and we say “(2,3)-closed” when  $L = K(D)$ . We say that  $D$  is root-closed in  $L$  if every element  $\alpha \in L$  such that  $\alpha^n \in D$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  is an element of  $D$ . We say that  $D$  is quasnormal if the canonical homomorphism:  $\text{Pic}(D) \rightarrow \text{Pic}(D[X, X^{-1}])$  is an isomorphism, where  $X$  denotes an indeterminate over  $D$ .

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $S$  be an integral domain and let  $L$  be a field containing the quotient field  $K(S)$  of  $S$ . Let  $K$  be a field. If  $S$  is (2,3)-closed in  $L$ , then  $S \cap K$  is (2,3)-closed in  $L \cap K$ .*

*Proof.* Take  $\alpha \in L \cap K$  with  $\alpha^2, \alpha^3 \in S \cap K$ . Then  $\alpha^2, \alpha^3 \in S$  implies  $\alpha \in S$  because  $S$  is (2,3)-closed in  $L$ . Hence  $\alpha \in S \cap K$ , which means that  $S \cap K$  is (2,3)-closed in  $L \cap K$ .

In [4], the following is proved:

**Lemma 3.2.** *Let  $D$  be an integral domain and let  $X$  be an indeterminate over  $D$ . Then the following conditions are equivalent:*

- (i)  $D$  is (2,3)-closed,
- (ii) the canonical homomorphism  $\text{Pic}(D) \rightarrow \text{Pic}(D[X])$  is an isomorphism.

**Corollary 3.2.1.** *Let  $S, K$  be the same as in Theorem 3.1 and let  $S[X]$  be a polynomial ring. If  $\text{Pic}(S) \rightarrow \text{Pic}(S[X])$  is an isomorphism, then  $\text{Pic}(S \cap K) \rightarrow \text{Pic}((S \cap K)[X])$  is an isomorphism.*

*Proof.* This follows from Theorem 3.1 and Lemma 3.2.

**Theorem 3.3.** *Let  $S$ ,  $L$  and  $K$  be the same as in Theorem 3.1. If  $S$  is root-closed in  $L$ , then  $S \cap K$  is root-closed in  $L \cap K$ .*

*Proof.* Take  $\alpha \in L \cap K$  with  $\alpha^n \in S \cap K$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then  $\alpha^n \in S$  implies  $\alpha \in S$  because  $S$  is root-closed in  $L$ . Hence  $\alpha \in S \cap K$ , which means that  $S \cap K$  is root-closed in  $L$ .

Let  $D$  be integral domain and let  $I$  be an invertible ideal of  $D$ . We denote by  $[I]$  the equivalence class containing  $I$  in  $\text{Pic}(D)$ .

**Theorem 3.4.** *Let  $S$  be an integral domain, let  $X$  be indeterminate and let  $K$  be a field. Assume that the canonical homomorphism  $\text{Pic}((S \cap K)[X, X^{-1}]) \rightarrow \text{Pic}(S[X, X^{-1}])$  is injective. If  $S$  is quasinormal, then so is  $S \cap K$ .*

*Proof.* Put  $R := S \cap K$ . Take  $I \in \text{Inv}(R[X, X^{-1}])$ . Consider the commutative diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Pic}(R) & \xrightarrow{i_1} & \text{Pic}(S) \\ \varphi_{/K} \downarrow \uparrow \psi_{/K} & & \varphi \downarrow \uparrow \psi \\ \text{Pic}(R[X, X^{-1}]) & \xrightarrow{i_2} & \text{Pic}(S[X, X^{-1}]) \end{array}$$

where  $\varphi$  and  $\varphi_{/K}$  are the canonical maps and  $\psi$  and  $\psi_{/K}$  are the ones induced from the maps sending  $X$  to 1. It is clear that  $\psi_{/K} \cdot \varphi_{/K} = 1$  and  $\psi \cdot \varphi = 1$ . So  $\varphi$  and  $\varphi_{/K}$  are injective. By definition,  $\psi_{/K}([I]) = [I']$  for some  $I' \in \text{Inv}(R)$ . Since  $\varphi \cdot i_1([I']) = \varphi([I'S]) = [I'S[X, X^{-1}]]$ , we have  $[I'S[X, X^{-1}]] \in \text{Im } i_2$ . By the diagram above, we have  $i_2([I]) = \varphi \cdot \psi \cdot i_2([I]) = \varphi \cdot i_1([I']) = i_2 \cdot \varphi_{/K}([I'])$ . Since  $i_2$  is injective, we have that  $[I] = \varphi_{/K}([I'])$ . Thus  $\varphi_{/K}$  is bijective.

**4. A subring of an almost factorial domain.** Let  $S$  be an integral domain and let  $K$  be a subfield of the quotient field of  $S$ . An ideal  $I$  of  $S$  is called *radically principal* if  $I = \sqrt{fS}$  for some  $f \in S$ . A Krull domain is called *almost factorial* if its divisor class group is a torsion group.

**Lemma 4.1** ([16, Proposition 7]). *Let  $R$  be a Krull domain. Then  $R$  is almost factorial if and only if any  $P \in \text{Ht}_1(R)$  is radically principal.*

**Theorem 4.2.** *Let  $S$  be a Noetherian almost factorial domain of characteristic zero. Assume that  $S$  is integral over  $S \cap K$ . Then  $S \cap K$  is a Noetherian almost factorial domain.*

*Proof.* By Theorem 1.2,  $S \cap K$  is Noetherian. Since  $S$  is normal, so is  $S \cap K$ . Since  $S$  is almost factorial, any prime ideal of height one is radically principal by Lemma 4.1. Take  $P \in \text{Ht}_1(S \cap K)$ . Then any prime divisor of  $\sqrt{PS}$  is of height one by Going-Down Theorem. So  $\sqrt{PS} = \sqrt{fS}$  for some  $f \in PS$ . Let  $P = (a_1, \dots, a_n)(S \cap K)$ . Then taking a non-negative integer  $s$ , we have  $a_i^s = fb_i$  for some  $b_i \in S$ . Put  $S' = S \cap K(f, b_1, \dots, b_n)$ . Then  $S \cap K \subseteq S' \subseteq S$  and  $S'$  is integrally closed in  $K(f, b_1, \dots, b_n)$ . Note here that  $\text{char}(K) = 0$ . There exists a field  $L'$  such that

- (a)  $L' \supseteq K(f, b_1, \dots, b_n) \supseteq K$ ,
- (b)  $L'$  is a finite Galois extension of  $K$ .

Let  $G$  denote the Galois group  $G(L'/K)$  with  $m = \#G$ . Let  $S''$  denote the integral closure of  $S \cap K$  in  $L'$ . Then  $S''$  is a Galois extension of  $S \cap K$ . Note that  $S''^\sigma = S''$  for each  $\sigma \in G$ . Since  $S$  is integral over  $R$ , we have  $S' \subseteq S \cap L' \subseteq S''$  and  $S'^\sigma \subseteq S''^\sigma = S''$  for each  $\sigma \in G$ . Hence  $f^\sigma, b_1^\sigma, \dots, b_n^\sigma \in S''$  for any  $\sigma \in G$ . By [6, (1.3)],  $S''$  is a Krull domain. The elements  $\prod_{\sigma \in G} f^\sigma, \prod_{\sigma \in G} b_i^\sigma$  ( $i = 1, \dots, n$ ) are invariant under every element in  $G$ . Hence  $\prod_{\sigma \in G} f^\sigma, \prod_{\sigma \in G} b_i^\sigma \in K \cap S''$  for ( $i = 1, \dots, n$ ). By Corollary 1.1.1, we have  $S'' \cap K = S \cap K$ . Thus  $\prod_{\sigma \in G} f^\sigma, \prod_{\sigma \in G} b_i^\sigma \in K \cap S$  for ( $i = 1, \dots, n$ ). So  $f = a_i/b_i$  and  $\prod_{\sigma \in G} f^\sigma = \prod_{\sigma \in G} a_i^\sigma / \prod_{\sigma \in G} b_i^\sigma \in S \cap K$ . Put  $g = \prod_{\sigma \in G} f^\sigma$ . Then  $a_i^{sm} = \prod_{\sigma \in G} f^\sigma \cdot \prod_{\sigma \in G} b_i^\sigma$ , where  $\#G = m$ . Hence for a sufficiently large integer  $\ell$ ,  $P^\ell \subseteq g(S \cap K)$ . Thus we have  $P = \sqrt{g(S \cap K)}$ , and hence  $S \cap K$  is almost factorial by Lemma 4.1.

**Theorem 4.3.** *Let  $S$  be an almost factorial domain. Assume that  $S$  is integral over  $S \cap K$ . Then  $S \cap K$  is an almost factorial domain.*

*Proof.* The proof is similar to that of Theorem 4.2.

**Corollary 4.3.1.** *Let  $R$  be a Krull domain and let  $L$  be a field extension of  $K(R)$ . If the integral closure  $S$  of  $R$  in  $L$  is almost factorial, then so is  $R$ .*

*Proof.* Note that  $S$  is a Krull domain. Since  $S \cap K(R) = R$ , our conclusion follows from Theorem 4.3.

**5. A subring of a locally factorial domain and LCM-stability.** We mean by a local ring a ring with unique maximal ideal. It is known that an integral domain  $S$  is factorial domain if and only if  $S$  is a Krull domain in which each  $P \in \text{Ht}_1(S)$  is principal [6, (6.1)].

**Lemma 5.1.** *Let  $(S, M)$  be a local domain and let  $K$  be a subfield of the quotient field of  $S$ . Let  $I$  be an ideal of  $S \cap K$ . If  $IS$  is principal, then so is  $I$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $I$  be generated by a set  $\{a_i\}_{i \in \Delta}$ . Since  $IS$  is a principal ideal of  $S$ , there exists  $\alpha S = IS$ . So for each  $i \in \Delta$ ,  $a_i = \alpha s_i$  for some  $s_i \in S$ . Suppose that the set  $\{s_i | i \in \Delta\}$  generates a proper ideal of  $S$ . Then  $\alpha S = IS \subseteq \alpha MS \subseteq \alpha S$ , that is,  $\alpha S = \alpha MS$ . Hence  $S = M$ , a contradiction. So there exists a unit  $s_i$  so that  $a_i S = \alpha s_i S = \alpha S = IS$ . We have  $I \subseteq IS \cap K = a_i S \cap K = a_i(S \cap K) \subseteq I$  by Lemma 2.1 (i)  $\iff$  (ii). Therefore  $I = a_i(S \cap K)$ .

**Corollary 5.1.1.** *Let  $(S, M)$  and  $K$  be the same as in Lemma 5.1. Assume that for each  $P \in \text{Ht}_1(S \cap K)$ ,  $\text{Ass}_S(S/PS) \subseteq \text{Ht}_1(S)$ . If  $S$  is a factorial domain, then so is  $S \cap K$ .*

*Proof.* Take  $P \in \text{Ht}_1(S \cap K)$ . Since  $\text{Ass}_S(S/PS) \subseteq \text{Ht}_1(S)$ ,  $PS$  is a divisorial ideal of  $S$  because  $S$  is a Krull domain. Since  $S$  is factorial,  $PS$  is a principal ideal and hence  $P$  is principal by Lemma 5.1.

A ring  $A$  is called *locally factorial* if  $A_P$  is factorial for each prime ideal  $P$ .

**Theorem 5.2.** *Let  $S$  be a locally factorial domain and  $K$  a field. Assume that  $S$  is integral over  $S \cap K$ . Then  $S \cap K$  is locally factorial.*

*Proof.* Note first that for each prime ideal  $P$  of  $S \cap K$ , there exists a prime ideal  $M$  of  $S$  such that  $M \cap K = P$  because  $S$  is integral over  $S \cap K$  and that  $K$  can be assumed to be the quotient field of  $S \cap K$ . Hence our assertion follows from Lemma 5.1 and Remark 1(1) in the section one.

**Remark 2.** In [6, (6.11)], it is seen that when a local  $R$ -algebra  $S$  is faithfully flat over  $R$ ,  $R$  is a factorial domain if  $S$  is factorial. But in general, not even factoriality descends through faithfully flat extensions. That is, if  $S$  is not local, then the above conclusion does not always hold. Indeed, we have the following example (cf. [6, p.39],[8, p.74],[18, p.105]): Consider a Dedekind domain  $R$  which is not a principal ideal domain. Let  $T$  be the multiplicative subset of the polynomial ring  $R[X]$  generated by the polynomials whose coefficients generate  $R$ . Then the ring  $S := T^{-1}R[X]$  is factorial (more precisely, a principal ideal domain) and it is a faithfully flat extension of  $R$ . But  $R$  is not factorial. Let  $K$  denote the

quotient field of  $R$ . Then  $S \cap K = R$ . This example shows that even if  $S$  is a factorial domain,  $S \cap K$  is not necessarily factorial for a field  $K$ .

Moreover even if a Noetherian normal domain  $S$  is a finite Galois extension of  $S \cap K$ , the factoriality of  $S$  does not necessarily yield that of  $S \cap K$  [6, (16.5)].

Let  $S$  be a ring and let  $M$  be a  $S$ -module. We say that  $M$  is *LCM-stable* over  $S$  if  $aM \cap bM = (aS \cap bS)M$  for any  $a, b \in S$  and that  $M$  is *Q-stable* over  $S$  if  $aM :_M b = (aS :_S b)M$  for any  $a, b \in S$ . It is easy to see that if a  $S$ -module  $M$  is flat, then  $M$  is LCM-stable over  $S$ , but the converse does not always hold.

Let  $R \subseteq S$  be integral domains. It is known that  $S$  is LCM-stable over  $R$  if and only if  $S$  is Q-stable over  $R$  [1, Lemma 1].

We know that a maximal proper divisorial integral ideal of a Krull domain  $S$  is a prime ideal of height one with the form  $S : (xS + S)$  for some  $x \in K(S)$ , the quotient field of  $S$ , which is equal to  $yS :_S xS$  for some  $y, x \in S$  [6, (3.5)]. Moreover in a Krull domain  $S$ ,  $P \in \text{Ht}_1(S)$  if and only if  $P$  is a maximal divisorial prime ideal [6, (3.11)].

**Theorem 5.3.** *Let  $(S, M)$  be a local domain and let  $K$  be a subfield of the quotient field of  $S$ . Assume that  $S$  is LCM-stable over  $S \cap K$ . If  $S$  is a factorial domain, then so is  $S \cap K$ .*

*Proof.* Put  $R = S \cap K$ . Let  $P$  be a prime ideal of  $R$  of height one. Then  $P = aR :_R bR$  for some  $a, b \in R$ . Since  $S$  is LCM-stable over  $R$ , equivalently Q-stable over  $R$ ,  $PS = (aR :_R bR)S = aS :_S bS$ , which is a divisorial integral ideal of  $S$ . Hence  $\text{Ass}_S(S/PS) \subseteq \text{Ht}_1(S)$ , which yields that  $R$  is a factorial domain by Corollary 5.1.1.

The following result is known: let  $(R, m)$  be a local domain with quotient field  $K$  and let  $S$  be an integral domain containing  $R$  with  $mS \neq S$ . If  $S$  is LCM-stable over  $R$ , then  $S \cap K = R$  (cf. [17, (1.11)]).

**Corollary 5.3.1.** *Let  $(R, m)$  be a local domain and let  $S$  be an integral domain containing  $R$  with  $mS \neq S$ . Assume that  $S$  is LCM-stable over  $R$ . If  $S$  is a factorial domain, then so is  $R$ .*

*Proof.* This follows from Theorem 5.3 and the preceding known result.

**6. A subring of a factorial domain.** Let  $S$  be an integral domain and let  $K$  be a subfield of the quotient field of  $S$ . In this section, we treat

mainly factoriality. Recall that an integral domain  $S$  is a *factorial* domain (or a unique factorization domain or a UFD) provided every element in  $S$  is uniquely (up to multiplication by a unit) a finite product of irreducible (or prime) elements. Even if  $S$  is a factorial domain,  $S \cap K$  is not always factorial (see [6, (16.5)] or [3, VII,§3,Ex.11] for instance). In fact, we can see the following example in [3, VII,§3,Ex.11]:

**Example.** Let  $K$  be a field,  $S = K[X, Y]$  be a polynomial ring and  $L = K(X^2, Y/X) \subseteq K(X, Y)$ . Then  $S$  is factorial but  $S \cap L$  is not.

So our aim is to study when  $S \cap K$  is factorial if  $S$  is factorial.

In [6, (6.1)], we see that an integral domain  $S$  is factorial if and only if  $S$  has the ascending chain condition for principal ideals and a maximal proper principal ideal is a prime ideal.

**Theorem 6.1.** *Let  $S$  be an integral domain and let  $K$  be a subfield of the quotient field of  $S$ . Assume that  $S$  satisfies the ascending chain condition for principal ideals. Then  $S \cap K$  is factorial if for each  $P \in \text{Ht}_1(S)$  there exists a non-unit  $a \in S \cap K$  such that  $P \cap K \subseteq a(S \cap K)$ .*

*Proof.* Put  $R = S \cap K$ . By Corollary 2.1.2,  $R$  has the ascending chain condition for principal ideals. Let  $dR$  be a maximal proper principal ideal of  $R$ . Then  $dS$  is contained in a prime ideal in  $\text{Ht}_1(S)$ . Indeed, if  $dS = S$  then  $dR = dS \cap K = S \cap K$  by Lemma 2.1, a contradiction. So by assumption,  $dR \subseteq P \cap K$  and  $P \cap K \subseteq aS$  for some non-unit  $a$  in  $R$ . By the maximality, we have  $dR = P \cap K = aR$  and hence  $dR$  is a prime ideal. Thus  $R$  is a factorial domain.

**Corollary 6.1.1.** *Let  $S$  be a factorial domain and let  $K$  be a subfield of the quotient field of  $S$ . Then  $S \cap K$  is factorial if for each non-unit  $x \in S$  there exists a non-unit  $a \in S \cap K$  such that  $xS \cap K \subseteq a(S \cap K)$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $S$  is factorial, any  $P \in \text{Ht}_1(S)$  is a principal ideal. So apply Theorem 6.1 and we get our conclusion.

Recall that a ring extension  $S \supseteq R$  is called to be *inert* if  $x, y \in S$  with  $xy \in R$  yields  $xs, ys^{-1} \in R$  for some unit  $s$  in  $S$  (cf. [2]). For example, let  $S$  be a polynomial ring  $R[X]$ . Then the extension  $S \supseteq R$  is inert.

Let  $S$  be an integral domain and let  $K$  be a subfield of the quotient field of  $S$ . We say that  $K$  is *inert* with respect to  $S$  if  $x, y \in S$  with



$xy \in K$  yields that  $xs, ys^{-1} \in K$  for some unit  $s$  in  $S$ . This is equivalent to the extension  $S/S \cap K$  being inert in the above sense.

**Theorem 6.2.** *Let  $S$  be an integral domain and let  $K$  be a subfield of the quotient field of  $S$ . Assume that  $K$  is inert with respect to  $S$ . If  $S$  is factorial, then so is  $S \cap K$ .*

*Proof.* Put  $R = S \cap K$ . Then  $R$  is a Krull domain because  $S$  is a Krull domain. By Corollary 2.1.2,  $R$  has the ascending chain condition for principal ideals. Let  $dR$  be a maximal proper principal ideal. We have only to show that  $dR$  is prime. Suppose that  $dR$  is not prime. Then  $dS$  is not prime because  $dS \cap K = dR$  by Lemma 2.1. So there exists a prime ideal  $bS$  in  $S$  containing  $dS$  properly. Thus we can write  $d = bs$  for some non-unit  $s \in S$ . Since  $bs = d \in S \cap K = R$ , there exists a unit  $t$  in  $S$  such that  $bt, st^{-1} \in R$  by assumption. Hence  $dS \subseteq btS \cap st^{-1}S$  and hence  $dR = dS \cap K \subseteq (btS \cap K) \cap (st^{-1}S \cap K) = btR \cap st^{-1}R$  by Lemma 2.1. Since  $dR$  is not prime,  $dR \neq bS \cap K = btS \cap K = btR$  by Lemma 2.1 but by the maximality,  $dR = btR$ , which is a prime ideal of  $R$ , a contradiction.

We close this section by showing the following result.

**Proposition 6.3.** *Let  $S$  be an integral domain and let  $K$  be a subfield of the quotient field of  $S$ . Assume that  $K$  is inert with respect to  $S$  and that  $U(S) = U(S \cap K)$ , where  $U(\ )$  denotes the group of the units. Then  $S \cap K$  is algebraically closed in  $S$ .*

*Proof.* Take  $\alpha \in S$ . Then there is an algebraic dependence:

$$a_0\alpha^n + a_1\alpha^{n-1} + \cdots + a_n = 0,$$

where  $a_i \in S \cap K$ . Thus  $\alpha(a_0\alpha^{n-1} + a_1\alpha^{n-2} + \cdots + a_{n-1}) \in S \cap K$ . Hence there exists a unit  $t$  in  $S$  such that  $\alpha t \in S \cap K$ . By assumption,  $t$  is also a unit in  $S \cap K$ , we have  $\alpha \in S \cap K$ . This shows that  $S \cap K$  is algebraically closed in  $S$ .

**7. Remarks on Dedekind domains.** In this section, we investigate Dedekind domains.

**Proposition 7.1.** *Let  $S$  be a Noetherian domain, let  $K(S)$  be its quotient field and let  $K$  be a subfield of  $K(S)$ . Let  $m$  be a maximal ideal of a subring  $K \cap S$  of  $S$  such that  $mS \neq S$ . Then  $\text{ht}(m) \leq \dim S$ .*

*Proof.* Put  $B = K \cap S$ . Since  $mS \neq S$  and  $m$  is a maximal ideal of  $B$ , there exists a prime ideal  $M$  of  $S$  with  $M \cap B = m$ . There exists a valuation ring  $(W, N)$  in  $K(S)$  such that  $S \subseteq W$ ,  $N \cap S = M$  and  $\dim W = \text{ht}(M)$  by [13, (11.9) and its proof]. Similarly there exists a valuation ring  $(V, n)$  in  $K(B)$  such that  $B \subseteq V$ ,  $n \cap B = m$  and  $\dim V = \text{ht}(m)$ . Let  $W'$  be a subring generated by  $V$  and  $W$  in  $K(S)$ . Since  $W \subseteq W' \subseteq K(S)$  and  $W$  is a valuation ring,  $W'$  is also a valuation ring by [13, (11.3)]. Let  $N'$  be the maximal ideal of  $W'$ . Then  $N' \cap W \subseteq N$  and  $W' = W_{N' \cap W}$  by [13, (11.3)]. Note that  $mW' \neq W'$ . Hence  $m \subseteq N' \cap B \subseteq N \cap B = m$ , that is,  $N' \cap B = m$ . Since  $V \subseteq W' \cap K$ , we have  $N' \cap V \subseteq n$ . Since  $\text{ht}(m) = \text{ht}(n)$ , we have  $n = N' \cap V$ , which yields that  $W' \cap K = V$  by [13, (11.3)]. Hence  $\text{ht}(m) = \dim V = \dim W' \cap K \leq \dim W' \leq \dim W = \text{ht}(M) \leq \dim S$ .

We require the following Lemma:

**Lemma 7.2** ([11, (12.5)]). *An integral domain  $A$  is a Dedekind domain if and only if  $A$  is a one-dimensional Krull domain.*

We have known the following example:

**Example** (cf. [3, VII, §2, Ex.5(a)]). Let  $k$  be a field and  $L = k(X, Y)$ , where  $X, Y$  are indeterminates. Let  $S = L[Z]$  be a polynomial ring, which is actually a PID, and let  $K = k(Z, X + YZ)$ . Then  $S \cap K$  is not a Dedekind domain. In fact,  $\dim S \cap K = 2$  and  $(Z, X + YZ)S = S$  for a maximal ideal  $(Z, X + YZ)$  of  $S \cap K$ .

**Proposition 7.3.** *Let  $S$  be a Dedekind domain and  $K$  a subfield of  $K(S)$ . Assume that  $mS \neq S$  for each  $m \in \text{Spec}(S \cap K)$ . Then  $S \cap K$  is a Dedekind domain.*

*Proof.* Note that a Dedekind domain is a Noetherian normal domain of dimension one. Since  $mS \neq S$  for any maximal ideal  $m$  of  $S \cap K$ ,  $\dim S \cap K \leq 1$  by Proposition 7.1. Hence  $S \cap K$  is a Krull domain of dimension one. So by Lemma 7.2,  $S \cap K$  is a Dedekind domain.

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