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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 $I^n \not\supseteq I^{n+1}$ 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 $\bar{X} \notin (\bar{Z}) \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} (\bar{Z})$.

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 $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} P_p^n = 0$ (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.¹

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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