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Let  $G$  be an abelian totally ordered group, denoted additively. We adjoin to  $G$  a new element  $\infty$  such that  $g < +\infty$ , for all  $g \in G$  and we extend the addition on  $G_\infty = G \cup \{+\infty\}$  by declaring  $g + (+\infty) = (+\infty) + (+\infty) = +\infty$ .

**Definition 1.** Let  $R$  be an unital ring, a valuation of  $R$  with values in  $G$  is a function from  $R$  to  $G_\infty$  such that, for all  $x, y \in R$ :

- 1)  $v(xy) = v(x) + v(y)$ ,
- 2)  $v(x + y) \geq \min\{v(x), v(y)\}$ ,
- 3)  $v(x) = +\infty$  iff  $v(x) = 0$ .

**Remarks** a) The condition 1) means that  $v$  is a homomorphism of  $R \setminus \{0\}$  with multiplication in the group  $G$ . In particular,  $v(1) = 0$  and  $v(-x) = v(x)$ , for all  $x \in G$ . If  $x$  is invertible then  $0 = v(1) = v(xx^{-1}) = v(x) + v(x^{-1})$ , so  $v(x^{-1}) = -v(x)$ .

b) If 3) is replaced by the condition  $v(0) = +\infty$  then the set  $P = v^{-1}\{+\infty\}$  is a prime ideal of  $R$  and  $v$  is on the integral domain  $R/P$ .

c) In particular, conditions 1) and 3) that  $R$  is an integral domain and let  $K$  be its quotient field. There is a unique valuation of  $K$  with values in  $G$  that extends  $v$ , namely  $v(x/y) = v(x) - v(y)$ , for all  $x \in R$  and  $y \in R \setminus \{0\}$ .

d) The element  $v(x)$  is sometimes denoted by  $vx$ .