## ON S-GCD DOMAINS

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**Abstract.** Let S be a multiplicative set in an integral domain D. A nonzero ideal I of D is said to be S-v-principal if there exist an  $s \in S$  and  $a \in D$  such that  $sI \subseteq aD \subseteq I_v$ . Call D an S-GCD domain if each finitely generated nonzero ideal of D is S-v-principal. This notion was introduced in [14]. One aim of this article is to characterize S-GCD domains, giving several equivalent conditions and showing that if D is an S-GCD domain then  $D_S$  is a GCD domain but not conversely. Also we prove that if D is an S-GCD S-Noetherian domain such that every prime w-ideal disjoint from S is a t-ideal, then D is S-factorial and we give an example of an S-GCD S-Noetherian domain which is not S-factorial. We also consider polynomial and power series extensions of S-GCD domains. We call D a sublocally s-GCD domain if D is a  $\{s^n \mid n \in N\}$ -GCD domain for every non-unit  $s \in D \setminus \{0\}$  and show, among other things, that a non-quasilocal sublocally s-GCD domain is a generalized GCD domain (i.e., for all  $a, b \in D \setminus \{0\}$ ,  $aD \cap bD$  is invertible).

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# 1. Introduction

Let D be an integral domain with quotient field K. Let  $\mathcal{F}(D)$  be the set of nonzero fractional ideals of D. For an  $I \in \mathcal{F}(D)$ , set  $I^{-1} = \{x \in K \mid xI \subseteq A\}$ . The mapping on  $\mathcal{F}(D)$  defined by  $I \mapsto I_v = (I^{-1})^{-1}$  is called the v-operation on D. A nonzero fractional ideal I is said to be a v-ideal or divisorial if  $I = I_v$ , and I is said to be of v-finite type if  $I = J_v$  for some finitely generated ideal I of I. Using the v-operation we can define the I-operation as: For  $I \in \mathcal{F}(D)$   $I_I = \bigcup \{F_v \mid 0 \neq F \text{ is a finitely generated subideal of } I\}$ . It can be shown that  $I \mapsto I_t$  is a mapping on  $\mathcal{F}(D)$  and a star operation, like the v-operation. For properties of the v- and I-operations the reader is referred to [13, Section 34]. An ideal  $I \in \mathcal{F}(D)$  is said to be a I-ideal of finite type if  $I = I_t$  for a finitely generated  $I \in \mathcal{F}(D)$ . Also  $I \in \mathcal{F}(D)$  is said to be I-invertible if I-invertible if I-invertible I-invertible I-invertible I-invertible.

An integral domain D is called a GCD domain if for each pair  $a, b \in D^* = D \setminus \{0\}$ , GCD(a, b) exists. GCD domains are an important class of integral domains from classical ideal theory. In a GCD domain, every finite type v-ideal of D is principal, thus a GCD domain is a PVMD. This property can be generalized in several different ways ([2], [14]). However, we will be mostly interested in the S-GCD property ([14]). Let S be a multiplicative subset of D and I a nonzero ideal of D. We say that I is S-principal (resp., S-v-principal) if there are  $s \in S$  and  $a \in I$  (resp.,  $a \in I_v$ ) such that  $sI \subseteq aD$ . Following [14], D is an S-GCD domain if each finitely generated nonzero ideal of D is S-v-principal. Note that if S consists of units of D, then D is an S-GCD domain if and only if it is a GCD domain.

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In the first part of this paper, we continue the study of the S-GCD property. We give an example of an S-GCD domain which is not a GCD domain. We also give equivalent conditions for an integral domain to be an S-GCD domain. We show that the following are equivalent: (1) D is an S-GCD domain, (2) for  $a, b \in D^*$ , (a, b) (resp.,  $aD \cap bD$ , aD : bD) is S-v-principal (resp., S-principal), and (3) any finite intersection of principal ideals of D is S-principal. Recall from [4] that a saturated multiplicatively closed subset S of an integral domain D is said to be a splitting set if for each  $d \in D^*$  we can write d = sa for some  $s \in S$  and  $a \in D$  with  $s'D \cap aD = s'aD$  for all  $s' \in S$ . A splitting set S of S is a splitting set if for each S each S and S each S which is not splitting such that S is a GCD domain but S is not an S-GCD domain. Based on this result we link the S-GCD domains with GCD domains, PVMDs, and UFDs.

We give an S-version of a well known result about GCD domain where S is generated by prime elements of D:D is a UFD if and only if D is an S-GCD domain and D satisfies the ACCP property. Recall from [20] that a domain D is said to be a Mori domain if it satisfies the ascending chain condition on integral divisorial ideals. We show that if D is a Mori domain and S a multiplicative set, then D is an S-GCD domain if and only if  $D_S$  is a UFD. Note that if D is an S-GCD domain, then D is not necessarily a PVMD. For example, if we take D an integral domain which is not a PVMD (e.g., any non-integrally closed domain) and  $S = D^*$  a multiplicative subset of D, then D is an S-GCD domain which is not a PVMD. Let D be an integral domain, S a splitting multiplicative subset of D and T the m-complement of S. We show that if D is an S-GCD domain as well as a T-GCD domain, then D is a GCD domain. We also prove that if S is an lcm splitting set of an integral domain D, then D is an S-GCD domain if and only if D is a GCD domain and consequently, D is an S-GCD domain if and only if D[X] is an S-GCD domain. On the other hand, let D be an integral domain and S a multiplicative subset of D. The mapping on  $\mathcal{F}(D)$  defined by  $I \mapsto I_w = \{x \in K \mid xJ \subseteq I\}$ for some finitely generated ideal J of D such that  $J_v = D$  is called the w-operation on D. According to [15] a nonzero ideal I of D is S-w-principal if there exist an  $s \in S$  and  $a \in D$ such that  $sI \subseteq aD \subseteq I_w$ . We also define D to be an S-factorial domain if each nonzero ideal of D is S-w-principal. Recall from [6] that an ideal I of D is called S-finite if  $sI \subseteq J \subseteq I$  for some finitely generated ideal J of D and some  $s \in S$ . Also, D is called S-Noetherian if each ideal of D is S-finite. We show that if D is an S-GCD S-Noetherian domain such that every prime w-ideal disjoint from S is a t-ideal, then D is S-factorial, but we give an example of an S-GCD S-Noetherian domain which is not S-factorial. Note that the S-GCD property does not carry over to the power series ring. In fact, there is an example of a GCD domain D such that D[X] is not a GCD domain [19, Theorem 8]. (This is the case when S consists of units of D). We give with an additional condition a necessary and sufficient condition for the power series ring D[[X]] to be an S-GCD domain. First, recall from [14], the power series ring D[[X]]is said to satisfy the property (\*), if for all integral v-invertible v-ideals I and J of D[[X]] such that  $(IJ)_0 \neq (0)$ , we have  $((IJ)_0)_v = ((IJ)_v)_0$  where  $I_0 = \{f(0) | f \in I\}$ . We show that if D is a Krull domain such that D[[X]] satisfies (\*) and S a multiplicative subset of D, then D is an S-GCD domain if and only if D[[X]] is an S-GCD domain (Theorem 2.6). In particular, in a Krull domain D such that D[[X]] satisfies (\*), D is a UFD if and only if D[[X]] is a UFD.

In the third section of this paper, we define the notion of a sublocally s-GCD domain. Let D be an integral domain and s a nonzero element of D. We say that D is an s-GCD domain if for each pair  $a, b \in D^*$ , there is a positive integer n and an element  $c \in aD \cap bD$  such that  $s^n(aD \cap bD) \subseteq cD$ . So if  $S = \{s^n | n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ , where  $\mathbb{N}$  is the set of positive integers, then it is obvious that D is an s-GCD domain if and only if D is an S-GCD domain. An integral domain

D is said to be a *sublocally s-GCD domain* if for every nonzero non-unit  $s \in D$ , D is an s-GCD domain. We show that D is a sublocally s-GCD domain if and only if D is an S-GCD domain for every nontrivial multiplicative set S of D (i.e., S contains at least one non-unit). Recall from [1] that an integral domain D is said to be a *generalized GCD domain* (G-GCD domain) if for each pair  $a,b \in D^*$  we have  $aD \cap bD$  invertible. We prove that a sublocally s-GCD domain that is not quasi-local is a G-GCD domain. In particular a semi-quasi-local sublocally s-GCD domain that is not quasi-local is a GCD domain.

### 2. On S-GCD domains

We begin this section by recalling the following definitions in order to give an S-version of a known classical result about GCD domains. First, let us recall that for a multiplicative set S in D, Anderson and Dumitrescu [6] call an ideal I of D S-finitely generated (resp., S-principal) if  $sI \subseteq J \subseteq I$  for some finitely generated (resp., principal) ideal  $J \subseteq I$  and some  $s \in S$  and D is called an S-Noetherian domain (resp., S-PID) if each ideal of D is S-finite (resp., S-principal).

**Definition 2.1.** [14] Let D be an integral domain and S a multiplicative subset of D. We say that a nonzero ideal I of D is S-v-principal if there exist an  $s \in S$  and  $a \in D$  such that  $sI \subseteq aD \subseteq I_v$ . We also define D to be an S-GCD domain if each finitely generated nonzero ideal of D is S-v-principal.

- **Remark 2.1.** (1) If S consists of units of D, then D is an S-GCD domain if and only if D is a GCD domain. At the other extreme if  $S = D^*$ , then every domain is an S-GCD domain.
  - (2) In an S-GCD domain, every finite type divisorial ideal is S-principal.

Let D be an integral domain and S a multiplicative subset of D. The mapping on  $\mathcal{F}(D)$  defined by  $I \mapsto I_w = \{x \in K | xJ \subseteq I \text{ for some finitely generated ideal } J \text{ of } D \text{ such that } J_v = D\}$  is called the w-operation on D. Recall from [15] that, a nonzero ideal I of D is S-w-principal if there exist an  $s \in S$  and  $a \in D$  such that  $sI \subseteq aD \subseteq I_w$ . We also define D to be an S-factorial domain if each nonzero ideal of D is S-w-principal.

**Example 2.1.** Let S be a multiplicative subset of an integral domain D.

- (1) If D is a GCD domain, then D is an S-GCD domain.
- (2) Since for all fractional ideals I of D,  $I_w \subseteq I_v$ , every S-w-principal ideal of D is S-v-principal. So every S-factorial domain is an S-GCD domain.
- (3) Let T be a multiplicative subset of D containing S. As every S-v-principal ideal of D is T-v-principal, then every S-GCD domain is a T-GCD domain.

The converse of (1) in the previous example is not true in general. Indeed for any domain D and  $S = D^*$ , D is an S-GCD domain.

The following theorem gives equivalent conditions for an integral domain to be an S-GCD domain. It is well-known that if we take S a subset of the group of units of D, then these conditions are all equivalent to D being a GCD domain.

**Theorem 2.1.** Let D be an integral domain and S a multiplicative subset of D. Then the following assertions are equivalent.

- (1) D is an S-GCD domain.
- (2) Any finite intersection of nonzero principal ideals of D is S-principal.
- (3) For  $a, b \in D^*$ ,  $aD \cap bD$  is S-principal.
- (4) For  $a, b \in D^*$ , aD + bD is S-v-principal.
- (5) For  $a, b \in D^*$ , aD : bD is S-principal.

**Proof:** We show that  $(1) \iff (4) \iff (3) \iff (2)$  and  $(3) \iff (5)$ .

- (1)  $\Longrightarrow$  (4) Obvious. Conversely, let  $I = b_1D + \cdots + b_nD$  be a nonzero finitely generated ideal of D. By hypothesis, there exist an  $s_1 \in S$  and  $a_1 \in D$  such that  $s_1(b_1D + b_2D) \subseteq a_1D \subseteq (b_1D + b_2D)_v$ . Then  $s_1I \subseteq a_1D + b_3D + \cdots + b_nD \subseteq I_v$ . By induction, there exist an  $s_2 \in S$  and  $a_2 \in D$  such that  $s_2(a_1D + b_3D + \cdots + b_nD) \subseteq a_2D \subseteq (a_1D + b_3D + \cdots + b_nD)_v$ . Let  $t = s_1s_2 \in S$ . Then  $tI \subseteq a_2D \subseteq I_v$ , and hence I is S-v-principal.
- $(4)\Longrightarrow (3)$  Let  $a,\ b\in D^*$ . Since I=aD+bD is S-v-principal, then there exist an  $s\in S$  and  $d\in D^*$  such that  $sI\subseteq dD\subseteq I_v$ . Thus  $I^{-1}\subseteq \frac{1}{d}D\subseteq \frac{1}{s}I^{-1}$ . Therefore  $sI^{-1}\subseteq \frac{s}{d}D\subseteq I^{-1}$ . But  $I^{-1}=\frac{1}{a}D\cap \frac{1}{b}D=\frac{1}{ab}(aD\cap bD)$ . So  $s(aD\cap bD)\subseteq \frac{sab}{d}D\subseteq aD\cap bD$ , and hence  $aD\cap bD$  is S-principal.
- (3)  $\Longrightarrow$  (4) Let  $a, b \in D^*$ , and let I = aD + bD. By hypothesis  $aD \cap bD$  is S-principal, so there exist an  $s \in S$  and  $d \in D^*$  such that  $s(aD \cap bD) \subseteq dD \subseteq aD \cap bD$ . Since  $I^{-1} = \frac{1}{a}D \cap \frac{1}{b}D = \frac{1}{ab}(aD \cap bD)$ , then  $sI^{-1} \subseteq \frac{d}{ab}D \subseteq I^{-1}$ . This implies that  $sI \subseteq \frac{sab}{d}D \subseteq I_v$ . Hence I is S-v-principal.
- $(2) \Longrightarrow (3)$  Obvious. Conversely, let  $a_1, ..., a_n \in D^*$ . We show that  $I = a_1D \cap \cdots \cap a_nD$  is S-principal. By hypothesis there exist an  $s_1 \in S$  and an  $\alpha_1 \in D$  such that  $s_1(a_1D \cap a_2D) \subseteq \alpha_1D \subseteq a_1D \cap a_2D$ . Then  $s_1I \subseteq (s_1(a_1D \cap a_2D)) \cap a_3D \cap \cdots \cap a_nD \subseteq \alpha_1D \cap a_3D \cap \cdots \cap a_nD \subseteq I$ . By induction, there exist an  $s_2 \in S$  and an  $\alpha_2 \in D$  such that  $s_2(\alpha_1D \cap a_3D \cap \cdots \cap a_nD) \subseteq \alpha_2D \subseteq \alpha_1D \cap a_3D \cap \cdots \cap a_nD$ . Let  $t = s_1s_2 \in S$ . Then  $tI \subseteq \alpha_2D \subseteq I$ , and hence I is S-principal.  $(3) \Longleftrightarrow (5)$  It is sufficient to remark that for each  $a, b \in D$ ,  $aD \cap bD = (aD : bD)(bD)$ .

Corollary 2.1. For an integral domain D, the following statements are equivalent.

- (1) D is a GCD domain.
- (2) Any finite intersection of nonzero principal ideals of D is principal.
- (3) For  $a, b \in D^*$ ,  $(aD + bD)_v$  is principal.
- (4) For  $a, b \in D^*$ , aD : bD is principal.

**Theorem 2.2.** Let D be an integral domain and S a multiplicative subset of D. If D is an S-GCD domain, then  $D_S$  is a GCD domain.

**Proof:** Let I and J be nonzero principal ideals of  $D_S$ , say  $I = aD_S$  and  $J = bD_S$  for  $a, b \in D^*$ . Then  $I \cap J = (aD_S) \cap (bD_S) = (aD \cap bD)_S$  is principal since by Theorem 2.1,  $aD \cap bD$  is S-principal.

Our next result gives, with an additional condition, a necessary and sufficient condition for an integral domain D to be an S-GCD domain.

**Theorem 2.3.** Let D be an integral domain and S a multiplicative subset of D such that for each  $d \in D^*$ , there is an  $s \in S$  such that  $s(dD_S \cap D) \subseteq dD$ . Then the following assertions are equivalent.

- (1) D is an S-GCD domain.
- (2)  $D_S$  is a GCD domain.

**Proof:** (1)  $\Longrightarrow$  (2) This always holds by Theorem 2.2. (2)  $\Longrightarrow$  (1) Let aD and bD be nonzero principal ideals of D. Since  $(aD \cap bD)_S = aD_S \cap bD_S$  is a principal ideal of  $D_S$ , then there exists a  $d \in aD \cap bD$  such that  $(aD \cap bD)_S = dD_S$ . Thus  $(aD \cap bD)_S \cap D = (dD_S) \cap D$ . But by assumption  $s(dD_S \cap D) \subseteq dD$  for some  $s \in S$ . Then  $s(aD \cap bD) \subseteq s(dD_S \cap D) \subseteq dD \subseteq aD \cap bD$ .

Corollary 2.2. Let D be an integral domain and S a multiplicative set of D. Suppose that each t-ideal of D has v-finite type. Then if  $D_S$  is a GCD domain, D is an S-GCD domain.

**Proof:** For  $d \in D^*$ ,  $dD_S \cap D$  is a *t-ideal*. Let  $dD_S \cap D = (a_1, ..., a_n)_v$ . Now for each  $1 \le i \le n$ ,  $a_i \in dD_S \cap D$ , so there exists an  $s_i \in S$  such that  $s_i a_i \in dD$ . Put  $s = s_1 \cdots s_n$ . Then  $s(a_1, ..., a_n) \subseteq dD$  and hence  $s(dD_S \cap D) = s(a_1, ..., a_n)_v \subseteq dD$ .

We next give an example of a domain D and a multiplicative set S generated by a principal prime such that  $D_S$  is a GCD domain but D is not an S-GCD domain.

**Example 2.2.** Let  $R = \mathbb{Z}_{(p)} + Y\mathbb{Q}[[Y]]$  where  $\mathbb{Z}$  is the ring of integers, p a prime number,  $\mathbb{Q}$  the field of rational numbers, and Y an indeterminate over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . It is easy to see that R is a discrete rank two valuation domain. Let  $S = \{p^n \mid 0 \le n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  and note that S is a multiplicative set of R such that  $R_S = \mathbb{Q}[[Y]]$ . Now let  $D = R + XR_S[X] = \mathbb{Z}_{(p)} + Y\mathbb{Q}[[Y]] + X\mathbb{Q}[[Y]][X]$ . As  $D_S = R_S[X] = \mathbb{Q}[[Y]][X]$ , a polynomial ring over a valuation domain, we conclude that  $D_S$  is a GCD domain. Now consider the ideal  $(Y) \cap (X)$  in D. Now X and Y are non-units,  $X \nmid Y$  and  $Y \nmid X$  and every power of p divides both X and Y. So if s is a power of p, then  $\frac{XY}{s} \in (Y) \cap (X)$ , as  $\frac{XY}{s} \in (X)$  because  $\frac{XY}{s} = X\frac{Y}{s}$  and  $\frac{XY}{s} \in (Y)$  because  $\frac{XY}{s} = \frac{X}{s}Y$ . Now let  $a \in (Y) \cap (X)$ . Then a = Yf = Xg where  $f, g \in D$ . Taking f as a function of X over  $R_S$ , we note f = Xh(X)where  $h(X) \in R_S[X]$ . So a = YXh(X). For some  $s \in S$ ,  $sh(X) \in D$ , so a = (YX/s)k(X)where  $k(X) = sh(X) \in D$ . As for any  $t \in S$ , a/t = (YX/st)k(X) we conclude that for any  $t \in S$  and any  $a \in (Y) \cap (X)$  we have  $a/t \in (Y) \cap (X)$  so  $p((X) \cap (Y)) = (X) \cap (Y)$ . Now if D were an S-GCD domain, then  $(Y) \cap (X)$  would be S-principal, that is, for some  $a \in (Y) \cap (X)$ and  $s \in S$  we would have  $s((Y) \cap (X)) \subseteq aD \subseteq (Y) \cap (X)$ . But then  $(Y) \cap (X) \subseteq (a/s)D$ . Note that we have assumed that a belongs to  $(Y) \cap (X)$  and shown that if  $a \in (Y) \cap (X)$ , then  $a/s \in (Y) \cap (X)$ . This implies that  $(Y) \cap (X) = (a/s)D$ . So p(a/s)D = (a/s)D and hence pD = D, a contradiction.

Recall from [4] that a saturated multiplicatively closed subset S of an integral domain D is said to be a *splitting set* if for each  $d \in D^*$  we can write d = sa for some  $s \in S$  and  $a \in D$  with  $s'D \cap aD = s'aD$  for all  $s' \in S$ .

Corollary 2.3. Let D be an integral domain and S a splitting set in D. Then D is an S-GCD domain if and only if  $D_S$  is a GCD domain.

**Proof:** Since S is a splitting set in D, then by [4, Theorem 2.2], there exists a multiplicatively closed subset T of D such that for each  $d \in D^*$  we can write d = st for some  $s \in S$  and  $t \in T$  with  $dD_S \cap D = tD$ . Let  $d \in D^*$ . Then d = st for some  $s \in S$  and  $t \in T$  with  $dD_S \cap D = tD$ . So  $s(dD_S \cap D) = stD = dD$ . Hence by Theorem 2.3, D is an S-GCD domain if and only if  $D_S$  is a GCD domain.

Recall from [20] that a domain D is said to be a *Mori domain* if it satisfies the ascending chain condition on integral divisorial ideals. Note that if D is a Mori domain and S a multiplicative set of D, then  $D_S$  is a Mori domain [20].

**Proposition 2.1.** Let D be a Mori domain and let S be a multiplicative set. Then D is an S-GCD domain if and only if  $D_S$  is a UFD.

**Proof:** If D is S-GCD, then  $D_S$  is a GCD Mori domain and so a UFD. Conversely, suppose  $D_S$  is a UFD. By [20, Théorème 1] every t-ideal of D is a finite type v-ideal. Hence by Theorem 2.3, D is an S-GCD domain.

The following result is an immediate consequence of the previous proposition. Note that in [21], the author gave an example of Mori domain D such that D[X] is not a Mori domain.

**Corollary 2.4.** Let D be a Mori domain such that D[X] is Mori and let S be a multiplicative set of D. Then D is an S-GCD domain if and only if D[X] is an S-GCD domain.

**Remark 2.2.** Let D be an integral domain and S a multiplicative subset of D. If  $D_S = qf(D)$ , then D is an S-PID (S-principal ideal domain). In particular, D is an S-GCD domain.

Our next result gives an S-version of a well known result about GCD domains where S is generated by prime elements of D, that is, an integral domain D is UFD if and only if D is a GCD domain satisfying ACCP.

**Proposition 2.2.** Suppose that D satisfies ACCP. If S is a set generated by primes, then D is a UFD if and only if  $D_S$  is a UFD.

**Proof:** Follows from Corollary 1.7 and Proposition 3.2 of [5].

An integral domain D is said to be a weak finite conductor domain if for each pair  $a, b \in D^*$ ,  $aD \cap bD$  is a v-ideal of finite type. Also recall that an element  $x \in D^*$  is called primal if for  $y, z \in D^*$ , x|yz implies that x = rs where r|y and s|z. An integrally closed integral domain D with all nonzero elements primal was called a Schreier domain by Cohn [11]. A domain D whose nonzero elements are all primal is called pre-Schreier. A primal element r is called completely primal if every factor of r is primal. A prime element is completely primal. We shall also have occasion to use: If S is a multiplicative set of D generated by completely primal elements of D and if  $D_S$  is pre-Schreier, then so is D [8, Theorem 4.2]. This theorem was originally proved by Cohn [11, Theorem 2.6] for Schreier domains.

**Theorem 2.4.** Let D be a weak finite conductor domain and let S be generated by a set of prime elements of D. Then D is a GCD domain if and only if D is an S-GCD domain.

**Proof:** Since prime elements are completely primal, S is generated by completely primal elements. Now if D is an S-GCD domain, then  $D_S$  is a GCD domain. This implies that  $D_S$  is a pre-Schreier domain. So by [8, Theorem 4.4], D is pre-Schreier. Hence by [22, Theorem 3.6], D is a GCD domain. The converse is obvious.

Note that if D is an S-GCD domain, then D is not necessary a PVMD. Indeed, Let D be an integral domain which is not a PVMD (e.g., any non-integrally closed domain) and let  $S = D^*$  a multiplicative subset of D. It is easy to show that D is an S-principal ideal domain. So D is an S-GCD domain which is not a PVMD. The next proposition links the S-GCD property with PVMDs. First, let us recall that a splitting set S of D is said to be an S-gcd and S-gcd an

**Proposition 2.3.** Let D be an integral domain, S a splitting set of D, and T the m-complement of S. If D is an S-GCD domain as well as a T-GCD domain, then D is a GCD domain.

**Proof:** Since D is a T-GCD domain, then by Theorem 2.2,  $D_T$  is a GCD domain. So by [4, Proposition 2.4], S is an lcm splitting set. On the other hand, as D is an S-GCD domain,  $D_S$  is a GCD domain. So by [4, Theorem 4.3], D is a GCD domain.

**Remark 2.3.** Note that if S is an lcm splitting set of an integral domain D, then D is an S-GCD domain if and only if D is a GCD domain. Indeed, if D is an S-GCD domain, then  $D_S$  is a GCD domain. So by [4, Theorem 4.3], D is a GCD domain. The other implication is obvious.

**Corollary 2.5.** Let D be an integral domain and S be an lcm splitting set of D. Then D is an S-GCD domain if and only if D[X] is an S-GCD domain.

**Proof:** By [7, Theorem 2.2], S is an lcm splitting set in D[X]. So by the previous remark, D is an S-GCD domain if and only if D is a GCD domain which is equivalent to D[X] is a GCD domain if and only if D[X] is an S-GCD domain.

Let D be an integral domain. A splitting set S of D is called a t-lcm splitting set if  $sD \cap dD$  is t-invertible for all  $s \in S$  and  $0 \neq d \in D$ . This concept was mentioned by Chang, Dumitrescu and Zafrullah in [10], where it was also mentioned that if S is a t-lcm splitting set, then D is a PVMD if and only if  $D_S$  is a PVMD.

**Proposition 2.4.** Let D be an integral domain and S be a t-lcm splitting set of D. If D is an S-GCD domain, then D is a PVMD.

**Proof:** If D is S-GCD, then  $D_S$  is a GCD domain. So  $D_S$  is a PVMD and hence D is a PVMD.

**Proposition 2.5.** Let D be an integral domain and S a multiplicative subset of D. If D is an S-GCD domain, then for each  $x \in \overline{D}$  (the integral closure of D), there exists an  $s \in S$  such that  $sx \in D$ .

**Proof:** Since D is an S-GCD domain, then by Theorem 2.3,  $D_S$  is a GCD domain. Thus  $D_S$  is integrally closed. This implies that  $D_S = \overline{D}_S = \overline{D}_S$ , and hence for each  $x \in \overline{D}$ , there exists an  $s \in S$  such that  $sx \in D$ .

**Theorem 2.5.** Let D be an integral domain and S a multiplicative subset of D such that D is an S-GCD S-Noetherian domain. Then the following hold.

- (1)  $D_S$  is a factorial domain.
- (2) If every prime w-ideal of D disjoint from S is a t-ideal, then D is an S-factorial domain.

**Proof:** (1) It follows from the fact  $D_S$  is GCD and Noetherian.

(2) We show that every prime w-ideal of D disjoint from S is S-principal and this will prove the result via [15, Theorem 3.2]. Let P be a prime w-ideal of D with  $P \cap S = \emptyset$ . Then P is a t-ideal by assumption. Since D is S-Noetherian, P is S-finite. So there is a finitely generated subideal  $J \subseteq P$  and an  $s \in S$  such that  $sP \subseteq J \subseteq P$ . Because D is an S-GCD domain, there is  $t \in S$ ,  $d \in J_v \subseteq P$  such that  $tJ_v \subseteq (d)$ . Now as already  $sP \subseteq J \subseteq P$  we get  $stP \subseteq tJ \subseteq P$ . Applying the t-operation we get  $(stP)_t \subseteq (tJ)_t \subseteq P_t$ . Since J is finitely generated  $(tJ)_t = (tJ)_v \subseteq (d)$  and hence  $stP \subseteq (tJ)_v \subseteq (d) \subseteq P$ . As  $stP \subseteq (d) \subseteq P$ , P is actually S-principal. As P is a w-ideal that is also a t-ideal, the expression  $stP \subseteq (d) \subseteq P$  stays the same whether we apply the t-operation or the w-operation. Whence P is S-w-principal, the requirement of [15, Theorem 3.2] is met and D is an S-factorial domain.

**Corollary 2.6.** D is S-factorial in each of the following cases.

- (1) D is a GCD domain that is S-Noetherian.
- (2) D is an S-GCD S-Noetherian domain and w-dim(D)=1.

### **Proof:**

- (1) Since D is a GCD domain, D is an S-GCD domain. Also every prime w-ideal is a t-ideal, because a GCD domain is a PVMD and in a PVMD, w = t. So all the requirements of the previous theorem are met.
- (2) If w-dim(D) = 1, then every prime w-ideal is a t-ideal and so the conditions of the previous theorem are met.

**Proposition 2.6.** Let D be S-factorial. Then every prime w-ideal P that is disjoint from S is a t-ideal.

**Proof:** Let P be a prime w-ideal of D disjoint from S. Since D is S-factorial, P must be S-principal. That is, for some  $s \in S$  and  $d \in P$  we should have  $sP \subseteq (d)$ . But then  $PD_S$  is a principal prime in the UFD  $D_S$  ([15]) and hence of height one. This makes  $P = PD_S \cap D$  of height one, and hence a t-ideal.

We next give an example of an S-GCD S-Noetherian domain which is not S-factorial.

**Example 2.3.** Let  $\mathbb{Q}$  denote the field of rational numbers and let X, Y and Z be indeterminates over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Set  $R = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})[[X,Y,Z]] = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})+M$  and  $D = \mathbb{Q}+M$ . It is easy to see that  $D = \mathbb{Q}+M$  is a local Noetherian domain with integral closure R. Since the maximal ideal M is common to both D and R, M = MR and so are the following prime ideals contained in M.  $P_1 = XR$ ,  $P_2 = (X,Y)R$ . We have  $P_1 \subsetneq P_2 \subsetneq M$ . We claim that  $P_2$  is not a t-ideal of D while M is a t-ideal of D. This follows from the following observations. Since  $ht_R(P_2) = 2$  we have  $R = R : P_2 = P_2 : P_2 = D : P_2$ . Similarly R = R : M = M : M = D : M. Now as, with respect to D,  $M^{-1} \supsetneq D$  we must have  $M_v \subsetneq D$ . But since  $D = \mathbb{Q} + M$  is local  $M_v = M$ . Next as, with respect to D,  $P_2^{-1} = M^{-1}$ , we have  $(P_2)_v = M_v = M$ . But as  $P_2 \subsetneq M$  we conclude that  $P_2$  is not a t-ideal. Now let  $S = \{Z^n \mid n \ge 0\}$ . Then S is a multiplicative set in D and  $D_S = (\mathbb{Q} + M)_S = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})[[X,Y,Z]]_S$  a quotient ring of a UFD and so is a UFD. Since D is Noetherian (and hence Mori) and  $D_S$  a UFD, by Proposition 2.1 D is an S-GCD domain. But D is not S-factorial by Proposition 2.6, because  $P_2$  is a w-prime ideal of D that is disjoint from S but not a t-ideal.

**Remark 2.4.** The S-GCD property does not carry over to the power series ring. In fact, there is an example of a GCD domain D such that D[[X]] is not a GCD domain [19, Theorem 8]. (This is the case when S consists of units of D).

Let D be an integral domain with quotient field K. Recall from [14] that the power series ring D[[X]] is said to satisfy property (\*) if for all integral v-invertible v-ideals I and J of D[[X]] such that  $(IJ)_0 \neq (0)$ , we have  $((IJ)_0)_v = ((IJ)_v)_0$  where  $I_0 = \{f(0) | f \in I\}$ . For example,  $\mathbb{Z}[i\sqrt{5}][[X]]$  satisfies property (\*) [14, Example 3.1]. We close this section with the following two results.

**Theorem 2.6.** Let D be a Krull domain such that D[[X]] satisfies (\*) and S a multiplicative subset of D. Then D is an S-GCD domain if and only if D[[X]] is an S-GCD domain.

**Proof:** By [14, Theorem 4.4],  $S-Cl_t(D) \simeq S-Cl_t(D[[X]])$ . So by [14, Theorem 4.2] D is an S-GCD domain if and only if  $S-Cl_t(D) = 0$  if and only if  $S-Cl_t(D[[X]]) = 0$  which is equivalent to D[[X]] being an S-GCD domain.

**Corollary 2.7.** Let D be a Krull domain such that D[[X]] satisfies (\*). Then D is a UFD if and only if D[[X]] is a UFD.

### 3. Sublocally s-GCD domains

**Definition 3.1.** An integral domain D is a *sublocally s-GCD domain* if for every nonzero non-unit  $s \in D$ , D is an s-GCD domain.

A multiplicative subset S of D is called *nontrivial* if S contains at least one non-unit.

**Proposition 3.1.** An integral domain D is sublocally s-GCD if and only if D is an S-GCD domain for every nontrivial multiplicative set S of D.

**Proof:** If D is s-GCD for every nonzero non-unit s, then D is S-GCD for every nontrivial multiplicative set containing s. Thus a sublocally s-GCD domain is an S-GCD domain for each multiplicative set S. The converse is clear.

Recall from [1] that an integral domain D is said to be a generalized GCD domain (G-GCD domain) if for each pair  $a, b \in D^*$  we have  $aD \cap bD$  invertible, or equivalently, every finite intersection of (integral) invertible ideals of D is invertible [1].

**Theorem 3.1.** A sublocally s-GCD domain that is not quasi-local is a G-GCD domain.

To prove this we need the following lemmas.

Lemma 3.1. A sublocally s-GCD domain that is not quasi-local is locally GCD

**Proof:** Let M be a maximal ideal of D. Since D is not quasi-local there is a non-unit  $s \in D \setminus M$ . Then D is an s-GCD domain and hence  $D_s$  a GCD domain. Hence  $D_M = (D_s)_{M_s}$  is a GCD domain.

For the next lemma we need to collect some necessary notions. A domain is called *t-local* if it maximal ideal is a *t*-ideal. Clearly a *t*-local domain is quasi-local and its maximal ideal is a *t*-ideal. It is well known that for a set  $\{x_1, \ldots, x_n\} \subseteq D^*$ ,  $(x_1, \ldots, x_n)_v = D$  if and only if  $D = \bigcap_{i=1}^n D_{x_i}$ , see [3, Lemma 2.1].

Lemma 3.2. A sublocally s-GCD domain that is not t-local is a PVMD.

**Proof:** If D is not t-local, then for each maximal t-ideal m of D there is a non-unit  $x \in D \setminus m$ . But then  $(x, m)_t = D$ . So there are nonzero  $x_1, x_2, ..., x_n \in m$  such that  $(x, x_1, x_2, ..., x_n)_v = D$ . But then  $D = D_x \cap (\bigcap_{i=1}^n D_{x_i})$ . As D is a sublocally s-GCD domain,  $D_x$  and the  $D_{x_i}$  are all GCD domains and hence PVMDs. So by [12, Theorem 4.1(2)] their intersection D is a PVMD.

**Proof of Theorem 3.1:** By Lemma 3.1, D is locally GCD domain. Also by Lemma 3.2, D is a PVMD. But by [22, Corollary 3.4], a locally GCD domain that is a PVMD is a G-GCD domain.

**Corollary 3.1.** A semi-quasi-local sublocally s-GCD domain that is not quasi-local is a GCD domain.

**Proof:** By Theorem 3.1, D is a G-GCD domain. So for each pair  $a, b \in D^*$ ,  $aD \cap bD$  is invertible and invertible ideals are principal in a semi-quasi-local domain. Hence D is a GCD domain.

**Corollary 3.2.** Let D be a sublocally s-GCD domain that is not t-local and contains a non-unit completely primal element. Then D is a GCD domain.

**Proof:** Let x be a completely primal non-unit in D. As D is sublocally s-GCD domain,  $D_x$  is a GCD domain and hence by [11, Theorem 2.6] D is Schreier. But a Schreier PVMD is a GCD domain [22].

Note that a one-dimensional quasi-local domain is a sublocally s-GCD domain, but such a domain need not be a G-GCD domain, or equivalently, a GCD domain. Recall from [3] that a domain D is said to be locally factorial if for each non-unit  $x \in D^*$  we have  $D_x$  is a UFD. Also by Proposition 2.1, if D is a Mori domain and S a multiplicative set in D, then D is an S-GCD domain if and only if  $D_S$  is a UFD. Using this result we can prove the following proposition.

**Proposition 3.2.** The following assertions are equivalent for a Mori domain that is not quasi-local.

- (1) D is a sublocally s-GCD domain.
- (2) D is a locally factorial domain.

**Corollary 3.3.** A locally factorial domain that is not quasi-local is a sublocally s-GCD domain.

**Proof:** Since D is not quasi local, there are nonzero non units  $x_1, x_2, ..., x_n$  such that  $(x_1, ..., x_n) = D$ . By [3, Lemma 2.1]  $D = \cap D_{x_i}$ . Because, D is locally factorial each of  $D_{x_i}$  is a UFD and so Krull. But then being a finite intersection of Krull domains, D is Krull and hence Mori. Now apply Proposition 3.2.

**Definition 3.2.** Let D be an integral domain and s a nonzero element of D. We say that D is an s-factorial domain if D is an  $\{s^n \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ -factorial domain. We also define D to be a sublocally s-factorial domain if D is s-factorial for each nonzero non-unit  $s \in D$ .

Remark 3.1. Note that every sublocally s-factorial domain is a locally factorial domain. If D is not a quasi-local domain, then the sublocally s-factorial and locally factorial notions coincide. For in both cases we end up with a Krull domain. Since the two notions agree for a one-dimensional quasi-local domain, they agree for any one-dimensional domain. But we need to determine if they match up in the non-t-local case. Of course, as in the proof of Corollary 3.3, the non-t-local locally factorial domains are Krull domains, being intersections of finitely many Krull domains. Now being locally factorial and Krull they are sublocally s-factorial, being sublocally s-GCD (by Corollary 3.3) and Krull ([15, Corollary 3.5]). That leaves the case of t-local domains of dimension greater than one. For that we have the following example.

**Example 3.1.** Let  $R = \mathbb{Z}_{(p)} + Y\mathbb{Q}[[Y]]$  and  $S = \{p^n \mid 0 \le n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  be as in Example 2.2. Let  $D = R + XR_S[[X]]$ . Then  $D_S = R_S + XR_S[[X]] = R_S[[X]] = \mathbb{Q}[[Y]][[X]] = \mathbb{Q}[[X,Y]]$  a UFD. Also because S is generated by a prime and  $D_S$  is a UFD, D must be a Schreier domain. That D is not a GCD domain follows from the fact that  $XD \cap YD$  is not principal. First note that  $XD \cap YD \subseteq (XD \cap YD)_S \cap D = XYD_S \cap D = \{fXY/p^n \mid f \in D, n \in \mathbb{N}\} \subseteq XD \cap YD$ . If  $h \in XD \cap YD$ , then  $h/p \in XD \cap YD$ . So if  $p(XD \cap YD) = XD \cap YD = hD$ , then phD = hD and hence pD = D, a contradiction. In fact for the same reason we cannot find  $h \in XD \cap YD$  such that for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $p^n(XD \cap YD) \subseteq hD$ . Now  $D_S = D_p = \mathbb{Q}[[X,Y]]$  is factorial. Moreover for any nonzero non-unit f other than a power of p, f is divisible by X, Y or both in  $\mathbb{Q}[[X,Y]]$ , so  $D_f$  is a quotient ring of  $\mathbb{Q}[[X,Y]]$  and hence factorial. Thus the ring D is locally factorial. As we have seen above, D is not an S-GCD domain for  $S = \{p^n \mid 0 \le n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ , so D is not a sublocally s-GCD domain and hence not sublocally s-factorial.

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