

We note that the expressions within the braces in both cases being elements of $K[x]$ are products of powers of primes and hence of mutually co-prime packets.

In case (β) $0 \neq r_0 \in R$ is the product of a finite number of mutually co-prime packets (provided it is a non unit) and $(r_0, 1 + \sum_{i=1}^n a_i x^i) = 1$ that is y is a product of a finite number of mutually co-prime packets. And in case (α) obviously $(bx^s, 1 + \sum_{i=1}^n a_i x^i) = 1$; $b \in K$, and bx^s is a packet itself (cf Example 1, this chapter). Consequently y is a product of a finite number of mutually co-prime packets in case (α) as well, and this completes the proof.

Remark 1. Theorem 6, marks the basic difference of the concepts of Unique Factorization and Unique Representation, because the almost integral closure of a UFD is not completely integrally closed and hence cannot be a UFD.

We have hitherto mentioned different classes of integral domains, one generalizing the other; that is if we take Δ to mean generalize we have

URD's Δ HCF rings of Krull type Δ Semirigid Domains Δ UFD's.

We have shown by Example 7, of Chapter 1, that there exists a GUFD which is not a UFD. Similarly Example 1 of Chapter 2, ensures the existence of a Semirigid Domain which is not a GUFD. We have also shown, with Example 1, of this chapter, that there exists a URD which is not an HCF ring of Krull type and finally it remains to show that there exists an HCF ring of Krull type which is not a Semirigid Domain