

$(u'_1, u'_2) = 1$  in  $R_S$ . Since we are approaching from a localization to the original ring, it is possible that  $(u'_1, u'_2) \neq 1$  in  $R$  (moreover  $u'_1$  being non units in  $R_S$  are non units in  $R$ ) and thus there exists a positive integer  $n$  such that  $u'_1 | u'_2^n$  or  $u'_2 | u'_1^n$  ( $x$  being a packet). If we have  $u'_1 | u'_2^n$  then obviously  $u'_1 | u'_2^n$  in  $R_S$ , but since  $(u'_1, u'_2) = 1$  in  $R_S$  which is an HCF domain,  $(u'_1, u'_2^n) = 1$  in  $R_S$ , which implies that  $u'_1$  is a unit in  $R_S$  a contradiction to the assumption that  $x_1, x_2$  are both non units in  $R_S$  and hence  $x$  is a packet in  $R_S$ .

Now according to the definition

$$R_S = \{ r/s \mid r \in R, s \in S \}.$$

If  $r/s$  is a non unit in  $R_S$  and if  $r = p_1 p_2 \dots p_n$ ,  $p_i$  packets and  $(p_i, p_j) = 1$  if  $i \neq j$  then

$$r/s = (p_1/s_1)(p_2/s_2) \dots (p_n/s_n); \text{ where } s = s_1 s_2 \dots s_n$$

$(p_i/s_i)$  are packets if non unit and because of the HCF property  $((p_i/s_i), (p_j/s_j)) = 1$  if  $i \neq j$ , that is if  $R$  is a URD then so is  $R_S$  and so we state the

Proposition 5. Let  $R$  be a URD and  $S$  be a multiplicative and saturated set in  $R$  then  $R_S$  is a URD.

The concept of a rigid non unit being simpler than that of a packet we can easily prove the

Corollary 4. If  $R$  is a Semirigid domain and  $S$  is a multiplicative and saturated set in  $R$  then  $R_S$  is again a Semirigid domain.

In Example 1, we showed that the almost integral

closure of a PID is a URD, we now extend this result and

state the

Theorem 6. Let  $R$  be an integral domain,  $K$  its field of fractions and  $x$  an indeterminate over  $R$ , then  $R$  is a URD iff its almost integral closure  $S = R + xK[x]$  is a URD.