

# Chapter 1

## On $\star$ -Semi-Homogeneous Integral Domains

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**Abstract** Let  $\star$  be a finite character star-operation defined on an integral domain  $D$ . A nonzero finitely generated ideal of  $D$  is  $\star$ -homogeneous if it is contained in a unique maximal  $\star$ -ideal. And  $D$  is called a  $\star$ -semi-homogeneous ( $\star$ -SH) domain if every proper nonzero principal ideal of  $D$  is a  $\star$ -product of  $\star$ -homogeneous ideals. Then  $D$  is a  $\star$ -semi-homogeneous domain if and only if the intersection  $D = \bigcap_{P \in \star\text{-Max}(D)} D_P$  is independent and locally finite where  $\star\text{-Max}(D)$  is the set of maximal  $\star$ -ideals of  $D$ . The  $\star$ -SH domains include  $h$ -local domains, weakly Krull domains, Krull domains, generalized Krull domains, and independent rings of Krull type. We show that by modifying the definition of a  $\star$ -homogeneous ideal we get a theory of each of these special cases of  $\star$ -SH domains.

### 1.1 Introduction

Many important types of integral domains have a representation of the form  $D = \bigcap_{P \in \mathcal{F}} D_P$  where  $\mathcal{F}$  is a set of prime ideals of  $D$  that is (1) independent, that is, two distinct elements of  $\mathcal{F}$  do not contain a common nonzero prime ideal and (2) has finite character (or is locally finite), that is, each nonzero element of  $D$  is contained in at most finitely many elements of  $\mathcal{F}$ . These domains called  $\mathcal{F}$ -IFC domains were the subject of [10]. Suppose that  $D$  is an  $\mathcal{F}$ -IFC domain. If  $\mathcal{F} = \text{Max}(D)$ , the set of maximal ideals of  $D$ , we get the  $h$ -local domains of Matlis [20] while if  $\mathcal{F} = X^{(1)}(D)$ , the set of height-one prime ideals of  $D$ , we get weakly Krull domains

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[5]. We can further put conditions on  $D_P$  for  $P \in \mathcal{F}$ . If each  $D_P$  is a valuation domain we get the independent rings of Krull type (IRKT) of Griffin [15], generalized Krull domains if further  $\mathcal{F} = X^{(1)}(D)$ , and finally Krull domains when each  $D_P$  is a DVR.

Now in [10] we began with a representation  $D = \bigcap_{P \in \mathcal{F}} D_P$  and its induced star-operation  $\star_{\mathcal{F}}$  given by  $A^{\star_{\mathcal{F}}} = \bigcap_{P \in \mathcal{F}} AD_P$  for a nonzero fractional ideal  $A$  of  $D$ . (Needed results about star-operations are reviewed in Section 1.2.) We showed that  $D$  is an  $\mathcal{F}$ -IFC domain if and only if each nonzero proper principal ideal of  $D$  (or equivalently, each nonzero proper ideal  $A$  of  $D$  with  $A = A^{\star_{\mathcal{F}}}$ ) has a representation of the form  $A = (I_1 \cdots I_n)^{\star_{\mathcal{F}}}$  where each  $I_i$  is contained in a unique element of  $\mathcal{F}$ . In this paper we change the point of view. We begin with an integral domain  $D$  and  $\star$  a finite character star-operation on  $D$  so  $D = \bigcap_{P \in \star\text{-Max}(D)} D_P$  where  $\star\text{-Max}(D)$  is the

set of maximal  $\star$ -ideals of  $D$ . We define a nonzero finitely generated ideal  $I$  of  $D$  to be  $\star$ -homogeneous if  $I$  is contained in a unique element of  $\star\text{-Max}(D)$  and  $D$  to be a  $\star$ -semi-homogeneous ( $\star$ -SH) domain if each proper nonzero principal ideal  $Dx$  of  $D$  has a representation  $Dx = (I_1 \cdots I_n)^{\star}$  where  $I_i$  is  $\star$ -homogeneous. We show (Theorem 4) that  $D$  is a  $\star$ -SH domain if and only if  $D$  is a  $\star\text{-Max}(D)$ -IFC domain, that is, the representation  $D = \bigcap_{P \in \star\text{-Max}(D)} D_P$  is independent and of finite character. In

this case each nonzero finitely generated ideal  $I$  with  $I^{\star} \neq D$  has a representation  $I^{\star} = (I_1 \cdots I_n)^{\star}$  where each  $I_i$  is a  $\star$ -homogeneous ideal (Theorem 6). We also show that for any domain  $D$  if a proper  $\star$ -ideal  $I$  has a representation as a  $\star$ -product of  $\star$ -homogeneous ideals, then  $I$  has a representation  $I = (J_1 \cdots J_n)^{\star}$  where  $J_1, \dots, J_n$  are pairwise  $\star$ -comaximal  $\star$ -homogeneous ideals and that this representation is unique in the sense that if  $I = (K_1 \cdots K_m)^{\star}$  where  $K_1, \dots, K_m$  are pairwise  $\star$ -comaximal  $\star$ -homogeneous ideals of  $D$ , then  $n = m$  and after re-ordering  $J_i^{\star} = K_i^{\star}$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ .

Our approach in this paper is to add additional conditions to the definition of a  $\star$ -homogeneous ideal  $I$  (such as for each  $\star$ -homogeneous ideal  $J \supseteq I$  (or perhaps just for  $I$  itself)  $J^{\star}$  is  $\star$ -invertible or principal, or some  $(J^n)^{\star}$  is principal) to get a “ $\star$ - $\beta$ -homogeneous ideal”. We then say that a  $\star$ - $\beta$ -homogeneous ideal  $I$  has type 1 (resp., type 2) if  $\sqrt{I} = M(I)$  where  $M(I)$  is the unique  $\star$ -maximal ideal containing  $I$  (resp.,  $I^{\star} = (M(I)^n)^{\star}$  for some  $n \geq 1$ ). We define  $D$  to be a “ $\star$ - $\beta$ -SH domain” (resp.,  $\star$ - $\beta$ -SH domain of type  $i$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ ) if each proper nonzero principal ideal of  $D$  is a  $\star$ -product of  $\star$ - $\beta$ -homogeneous ideals (resp.,  $\star$ - $\beta$ -homogeneous ideals of type  $i$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ ). For example, we call the  $\star$ -homogeneous ideal  $I$   $\star$ -super-homogeneous if for each  $\star$ -homogeneous ideal  $J \supseteq I$ ,  $J$  is  $\star$ -invertible. We show (Theorem 10) that  $D$  is a  $\star$ -super-SH domain if and only if  $D$  is an  $\star$ -IRKT, that is,  $D = \bigcap_{P \in \star\text{-Max}(D)} D_P$  is

independent and of finite character and each  $D_P$  is a valuation domain. As a second example, we show (Theorem 7) that  $D$  is a  $\star$ -SH domain of type 1 if and only if  $D$  is a  $\star$ -weakly Krull domain, that is,  $D$  is weakly Krull and  $\star\text{-Max}(D) = X^{(1)}(D)$ .

So here we define a class of integral domains by requiring that each proper nonzero principal ideal is a  $\star$ -product of a certain kind of  $\star$ -homogeneous ideal. As a bonus we get that if  $I$  is a finitely generated nonzero ideal with  $I^{\star} \neq D$ , then  $I^{\star}$  is actually a  $\star$ -product of this kind of  $\star$ -homogeneous ideal. Moreover, if a proper

$\star$ -ideal  $I$  is a  $\star$ -product of this kind of  $\star$ -homogeneous ideal, we can write  $I$  as a  $\star$ -product of pairwise  $\star$ -comaximal  $\star$ -homogeneous ideals of that kind and this representation is unique in the sense previously mentioned. Also within this class of  $\star$ - $\beta$ -SH domains, by slightly changing the definition of a  $\star$ - $\beta$ -homogeneous ideal, we get  $\star$ - $\beta$ -SH domains with trivial or torsion  $\star$ -class group  $Cl_\star(D)$ .

Of course we can also vary the star-operation. Two important star-operations are the  $d$ -operation  $A \rightarrow A_d = A$  and the  $t$ -operation  $A \rightarrow A_t = \bigcup \{J_v \mid J \subseteq I \text{ is a nonzero finitely generated ideal}\}$  where  $J_v = (J^{-1})^{-1}$ . A  $d$ -SH domain is just an  $h$ -local domain while  $t$ -SH domains (not called that) were the subject of [7]. By varying the kind of  $\star$ -homogeneous ideal (and possibly adding a type) and varying the star-operation we get a whole host of various important integral domains including  $h$ -local domains, weakly Krull domains, Krull domains, Dedekind domains, generalized Krull domains, independent rings of Krull and these classes of domains that have trivial or torsion  $\star$ -class group.

## 1.2 Star-operations and $\mathcal{F}$ -IFC-domains

Let  $D$  be an integral domain with quotient field  $K$ . Let  $F(D)$  (resp.,  $f(D)$ ) be the set of nonzero (resp., nonzero finitely generated) fractional ideals of  $D$ . A *star-operation*  $\star$  on  $D$  is a closure operation on  $F(D)$  that satisfies  $D^\star = D$  and  $(xA)^\star = xA^\star$  for  $A \in F(D)$  and  $x \in K^\star := K \setminus \{0\}$ . With  $\star$  we can associate a new star-operation  $\star_s$  given by  $A \rightarrow A^{\star_s} := \bigcup \{B^\star \mid B \subseteq A, B \in f(D)\}$  for  $A \in F(D)$ . We say that  $\star$  has *finite character* if  $\star = \star_s$ . Three important star-operations are the  $d$ -operation  $A \rightarrow A_d := A$ , the  $v$ -operation  $A \rightarrow A_v := (A^{-1})^{-1} = \bigcap \{Dx \mid Dx \supseteq A, x \in K^\star\}$  where  $A^{-1} = \{x \in K \mid xA \subseteq D\}$ , and the  $t$ -operation  $t := v_s$ . Here  $d$  and  $t$  have finite character. A fractional ideal  $A \in F(D)$  is a  $\star$ -ideal (resp., *finite type  $\star$ -ideal*) if  $A = A^\star$  (resp.,  $A = A_1^\star$  for some  $A_1 \in f(D)$ ). If  $\star$  has finite character and  $A^\star$  has finite type, then  $A^\star = A_1^\star$  for some  $A_1 \in f(D)$  with  $A_1 \subseteq A$ . A fractional ideal  $A \in F(D)$  is  $\star$ -invertible if there exists a  $B \in F(D)$  with  $(AB)^\star = D$ ; in this case we can take  $B = A^{-1}$ . For any  $\star$ -invertible  $A \in F(D)$ ,  $A^\star = A_v$ . If  $\star$  has finite character and  $A$  is  $\star$ -invertible, then  $A^\star$  is a finite type  $\star$ -ideal and  $A^\star = A_t$ . Given two fractional ideals  $A, B \in F(D)$ ,  $(AB)^\star$  is their  $\star$ -product. Note that  $(AB)^\star = (A^\star B)^\star = (A^\star B^\star)^\star$ . Given two star-operations  $\star_1$  and  $\star_2$  on  $D$ , we write  $\star_1 \leq \star_2$  if  $A^{\star_1} \subseteq A^{\star_2}$  for all  $A \in F(D)$ . So  $\star_1 \leq \star_2 \Leftrightarrow A^{\star_1 \star_2} = A^{\star_2} \Leftrightarrow A^{\star_2 \star_1} = A^{\star_2}$  for all  $A \in F(D)$ . For any finite character star-operation  $\star$  on  $D$  we have  $d \leq \star \leq t$ . For an introduction to star-operations, the reader is referred to [14, Section 32]. For a more detailed treatment see [16] and [18].

Suppose that  $\star$  is a finite character star-operation on  $D$ . Then a proper  $\star$ -ideal is contained in a maximal  $\star$ -ideal and a maximal  $\star$ -ideal is prime. We denote the set of maximal  $\star$ -ideals of  $D$  by  $\star\text{-Max}(D)$ , the set of maximal ideals of  $D$  by  $\text{Max}(D)$ , and the set of height-one prime ideals of  $D$  by  $X^{(1)}(D)$ . We have  $D = \bigcap_{P \in \star\text{-Max}(D)} D_P$ .

Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a nonempty collection of nonzero prime ideals of  $D$ . We say that  $\mathcal{F}$  is a *defining family of primes for  $D$*  if  $D = \bigcap_{P \in \mathcal{F}} D_P$ . So for a finite character star-operation  $\star$  on  $D$ ,  $\star\text{-Max}(D)$  is a defining family of primes for  $D$ . We say that the intersection  $D = \bigcap_{P \in \mathcal{F}} D_P$ , or the set  $\mathcal{F}$  of prime ideals itself, is of *finite character*, or is *locally finite*, if each nonzero element of  $D$  is in at most finitely many  $P \in \mathcal{F}$ . This is equivalent to each nonzero element of  $D$  (or of  $K$ ) being a unit in almost all  $D_P$ ,  $P \in \mathcal{F}$ . We will say that the finite character star-operation  $\star$  is *locally finite* if  $D = \bigcap_{P \in \star\text{-Max}(D)} D_P$  is locally finite. The defining family of primes  $\mathcal{F}$  is *independent* if for distinct  $P, Q \in \mathcal{F}$ , there does not exist a nonzero prime ideal  $m$  with  $m \subseteq P \cap Q$ . This is equivalent to  $D_P D_Q = K$  [10, Lemma 4.1]. If  $\mathcal{F}$  is independent, then  $\mathcal{F}$  is an anti-chain. We say that a finite character star-operation  $\star$  is *independent* if  $\star\text{-Max}(D)$  is independent. Note that if two prime  $\star$ -ideals contain a nonzero prime ideal, they actually contain a (nonzero) prime  $\star$ -ideal. Indeed, if  $P$  is a nonzero prime ideal and  $0 \neq x \in P$ , we can shrink  $P$  to a prime ideal  $P'$  minimal over  $Dx$ , and  $P'$  is a prime  $\star$ -ideal. For a finite character star-operation  $\star$  on  $D$ , we call  $D$  a  $\star$ -*h-local domain* if  $\star$  is independent and locally finite, that is, each proper principal ideal is contained in only finitely many maximal  $\star$ -ideals and each prime  $\star$ -ideal is contained in a unique maximal  $\star$ -ideal. For the case of  $\star = d$ , we just get the *h-local domains* of Matlis [20]. We say that  $D$  is a  $\mathcal{F}$ -*IFC domain* if  $\mathcal{F}$  is an independent, finite character defining family of prime ideals for  $D$ . Thus for a finite character star-operation  $\star$  on  $D$ ,  $D$  being a  $\star$ -*h-local domain* is the same thing as  $D$  being a  $\mathcal{F}$ -IFC domain for  $\mathcal{F} = \star\text{-Max}(D)$ .

Suppose that  $\mathcal{F}$  is a defining family of primes for  $D$ . Then the operation  $A \mapsto A^{\star\mathcal{F}} := \bigcap_{P \in \mathcal{F}} AD_P$  is a star-operation on  $D$  which has finite character if  $\mathcal{F}$  is locally finite [2, Theorem 1]. (However,  $\star_{\mathcal{F}}$  may have finite character without  $\mathcal{F}$  being locally finite.) Moreover,  $A^{\star\mathcal{F}} D_P = AD_P$  for  $A \in F(D)$  and  $P \in \mathcal{F}$ . Thus if  $D$  is a  $\mathcal{F}$ -IFC domain,  $\star_{\mathcal{F}}$  has finite character and  $\star_{\mathcal{F}}\text{-Max}(D) = \mathcal{F}$ . In the case where  $\star$  is a finite character star-operation on  $D$  and  $\mathcal{F} = \star\text{-Max}(D)$ ,  $\star_{\mathcal{F}} = \star_w$  where  $\star_w$  is the star-operation defined by  $A \mapsto A^{\star_w} := \{x \in K \mid xJ \subseteq A \text{ for some } J \in f(D) \text{ with } J^{\star} = D\} = \bigcap_{P \in \star\text{-Max}(D)} AD_P$  for  $A \in F(D)$ . Here  $\star_w$  has finite character,  $\star_w \leq \star$ , and  $(A \cap B)^{\star_w} = A^{\star_w} \cap B^{\star_w}$  for  $A, B \in F(D)$ . Also,  $\star\text{-Max}(D) = \star_w\text{-Max}(D)$  and hence  $A \in F(D)$  is  $\star$ -invertible if and only if it is  $\star_w$ -invertible. Moreover, for a  $\star$ -invertible (or  $\star_w$ -invertible) ideal  $A \in F(D)$ ,  $A^{\star} = A^{\star_w} = A_t = A_v$ . For results on the  $\star_w$ -operation see [4].

We have the following result relating  $\star$  and  $\star_w$ .

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $\star_1$  and  $\star_2$  be two finite character star-operations on an integral domain  $D$ . Then the following conditions are equivalent.*

1.  $\star_{1w} = \star_{2w}$ .
2.  $\star_1\text{-Max}(D) = \star_2\text{-Max}(D)$ .
3.  $A^{\star_1} = D \Leftrightarrow A^{\star_2} = D$  for  $A \in F(D)$ .
4.  $A^{\star_1} = D \Leftrightarrow A^{\star_2} = D$  for  $A \in f(D)$ .

5.  $P^{\star_1 w} = P^{\star_2 w}$  for each nonzero prime ideal  $P$  of  $D$ .

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2)  $\star_1\text{-Max}(D) = \star_{1w}\text{-Max}(D) = \star_{2w}\text{-Max}(D) = \star_2\text{-Max}(D)$ . (2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3)  $\Rightarrow$  (4)  $\Rightarrow$  (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (5) Clear. (5)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) We have  $\star_{1w}\text{-Max}(D) = \star_{2w}\text{-Max}(D)$  and hence as in (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) we have  $\star_1\text{-Max}(D) = \star_2\text{-Max}(D)$ .

We next briefly review some of the material from [10] concerning  $\mathcal{F}$ -IFC domains. So let  $D$  be an integral domain and  $\mathcal{F}$  a defining family of primes for  $D$ . For an ideal  $A$  of  $D$  let  $m(A) = \{P \in \mathcal{F} \mid A \subseteq P\}$  and call  $A$  *unidirectional* if  $|m(A)| = 1$ . Suppose that  $A$  is unidirectional. If  $P$  is the unique element of  $\mathcal{F}$  containing  $A$ , we say that  $A$  is *unidirectional pointing to  $P$* . The following theorem sums up some of the results from [10].

**Theorem 2.** Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a defining family of prime ideals for the integral domain  $D$  and let  $\star_{\mathcal{F}}$  be the star-operation given by  $A^{\star_{\mathcal{F}}} = \bigcap_{P \in \mathcal{F}} AD_P$  for  $A \in F(D)$ .

1. If  $A$  is unidirectional pointing to  $P \in \mathcal{F}$ , then  $A^{\star_{\mathcal{F}}} = AD_P \cap D$ . Conversely, suppose that  $\mathcal{F}$  is independent. Let  $P \in \mathcal{F}$ . Then for a nonzero ideal  $A \subseteq P$ ,  $AD_P \cap D$  is unidirectional pointing to  $P$ .
2. Two nonzero ideals  $A$  and  $B$  of  $D$  are  $\star_{\mathcal{F}}$ -comaximal (i.e.,  $(A+B)^{\star_{\mathcal{F}}} = D$ ) if and only if  $m(A) \cap m(B) = \emptyset$ .
3. If a  $\star_{\mathcal{F}}$ -ideal  $A$  of  $D$  is expressible as a finite  $\star_{\mathcal{F}}$ -product of unidirectional ideals, then  $A$  is uniquely expressible (up to order) as a  $\star_{\mathcal{F}}$ -product of pairwise  $\star_{\mathcal{F}}$ -comaximal unidirectional  $\star_{\mathcal{F}}$ -ideals.
4. The following conditions are equivalent.
  - a.  $\mathcal{F}$  is an independent defining family of finite character, i.e.,  $D$  is a  $\mathcal{F}$ -IFC domain.
  - b. Every proper integral  $\star_{\mathcal{F}}$ -ideal of  $D$  is (uniquely) expressible as a finite  $\star_{\mathcal{F}}$ -product of (pairwise  $\star_{\mathcal{F}}$ -comaximal) unidirectional ( $\star_{\mathcal{F}}$ -) ideals.
  - c. Every proper integral principal ideal of  $D$  is (uniquely) expressible as a finite  $\star_{\mathcal{F}}$ -product of (pairwise  $\star_{\mathcal{F}}$ -comaximal) unidirectional ( $\star_{\mathcal{F}}$ -) ideals.
  - d. Every nonzero prime ideal of  $D$  contains a nonzero element  $x$  such that  $Dx$  is (uniquely) expressible as a finite  $\star_{\mathcal{F}}$ -product of (pairwise  $\star_{\mathcal{F}}$ -comaximal) unidirectional ( $\star_{\mathcal{F}}$ -) ideals.

*Proof.* (1) [10, Lemma 2.3], (2) Clear, (3) [10, Lemma 2.6], (4) Combine [10, Proposition 2.7] and [10, Theorem 2.1].

### 1.3 $\star$ -homogeneous Ideals

For  $\mathcal{F}$ -IFC domains we considered  $\star_{\mathcal{F}}$ -product representations of  $\star_{\mathcal{F}}$ -ideals. In this paper we change our point of view. We begin with a finite character star-operation  $\star$  on the integral domain  $D$  and consider  $\star$ -product representations of  $\star$ -ideals. We make the following fundamental definition.

**Definition 1.** Let  $\star$  be finite character star-operation on the integral domain  $D$ . An ideal  $I$  of  $D$  is  $\star$ -homogeneous if  $I$  is a nonzero finitely generated ideal and  $I$  is contained in a unique maximal  $\star$ -ideal.

Suppose that  $I$  is a  $\star$ -homogeneous ideal of  $D$ . If  $P$  is the unique maximal  $\star$ -ideal containing  $I$  we say that  $I$  is  $P$ - $\star$ -homogeneous. We will often denote the unique maximal  $\star$ -ideal containing  $I$  by  $M(I)$ . We say that two  $\star$ -homogeneous ideals  $I$  and  $J$  are *similar*, denoted  $I \sim J$ , if  $M(I) = M(J)$ .

Suppose that  $\star$  is a finite character star-operation on the integral domain  $D$ . So  $D = \bigcap_{P \in \star\text{-Max}(D)} D_P$ , that is,  $\star\text{-Max}(D)$  is a defining family of primes for  $D$  and hence for  $\mathcal{F} = \star\text{-Max}(D)$ , the star-operation  $\star_{\mathcal{F}}$  given by  $A \longrightarrow A^{\star_{\mathcal{F}}} = \bigcap_{P \in \mathcal{F}} AD_P$  is just the  $\star_w$ -operation. So  $\star_{\mathcal{F}} = \star_w$  is a finite character star-operation on  $D$  and  $\star_w \leq \star$ , that is,  $A^{\star_w} \subseteq A^{\star}$  for all  $A \in F(D)$ . Note that  $I$  is  $P$ - $\star$ -homogeneous if and only if  $I$  is  $P$ - $\star_w$ -homogeneous if and only if  $I$  is a finitely generated unidirectional ideal pointing to  $P$ .

The next two propositions give some results concerning  $\star$ -homogeneous ideals.

**Proposition 1.** Let  $D$  be an integral domain,  $I$  a nonzero finitely generated ideal of  $D$ , and  $\star$  a finite character star-operation on  $D$ .

1. Suppose that  $I^{\star} \neq D$ . Then  $I$  is  $\star$ -homogeneous if and only if for (finitely generated) ideals  $J, K$  of  $D$  with  $J, K \supseteq I$  and  $J^{\star}, K^{\star} \neq D$ , we have  $(J + K)^{\star} \neq D$ .
2. For  $I$   $\star$ -homogeneous,  $M(I) = \{x \in D \mid (I, x)^{\star} \neq D\}$ .
3. If  $I$  is  $\star$ -homogeneous,  $I^{\star} D_{M(I)} \cap D = I^{\star}$ .
4. If  $I$  is  $\star$ -homogeneous and  $A_1, \dots, A_n$  are pairwise  $\star$ -comaximal ideals of  $D$  with  $A_1 \cdots A_n \subseteq I^{\star}$ , then some  $A_i \subseteq I^{\star}$ .

*Proof.* 1. First note that since  $\star$  has finite character, if there are ideals  $J, K \supseteq I$  with  $J^{\star}, K^{\star} \neq D$ , but  $(J + K)^{\star} = D$ , then there are finitely generated ideals  $J$  and  $K$  with this property. ( $\Rightarrow$ ) Suppose that  $I$  is  $\star$ -homogeneous. If  $J, K \supseteq I$  with  $J^{\star}, K^{\star} \neq D$ , then necessarily  $J, K \subseteq M(I)$ , so  $(J + K)^{\star} \neq D$ . ( $\Leftarrow$ ) Let  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  be maximal  $\star$ -ideals containing  $I$ . Then  $(M_1 + M_2)^{\star} \neq D$ , so  $M_1 = M_2$ . Hence  $I$  is  $\star$ -homogeneous.

2. Here  $M(I)$  is the unique maximal  $\star$ -ideal containing  $I$ . If  $x \in M(I)$ , then  $(I, x) \subseteq M(I)$  and hence  $(I, x)^{\star} \neq D$ . Conversely, if  $(I, x)^{\star} \neq D$ , then  $(I, x)$  is contained in a maximal  $\star$ -ideal  $P$  that also contains  $I$ , so  $P = M(I)$ . Hence  $x \in (I, x) \subseteq M(I)$ .
3. Clearly  $I^{\star} D_{M(I)} \cap D \supseteq I^{\star}$ . Let  $x \in I^{\star} D_{M(I)} \cap D$ , so  $x = i/s$  where  $i \in I^{\star}$  and  $s \notin M(I)$ . So  $xs \in I^{\star}$ . Now  $s \notin M(I)$  implies  $(I, s)^{\star} = D$ , so  $Dx = (Ix, sx)^{\star} \subseteq I^{\star}$ .
4. By induction it suffices to do the case  $n = 2$ . So suppose that  $A$  and  $B$  are  $\star$ -comaximal ideals of  $D$  with  $AB \subseteq I^{\star}$ . We cannot have both  $A, B \subseteq M(I)$ , so say  $B \not\subseteq M(I)$ . Then  $A \subseteq AD_{M(I)} \cap D = ABD_{M(I)} \cap D \subseteq I^{\star} D_{M(I)} \cap D = I^{\star}$ .

**Proposition 2.** Let  $\star$  be a finite character star-operation on the integral domain  $D$ . For  $\star$ -homogeneous ideals  $I$  and  $J$  of  $D$ , the following are equivalent.

1.  $I \sim J$ .

2.  $(I+J)^\star \neq D$ .
3.  $IJ$  is  $\star$ -homogeneous.

If (1), (2), or (3) holds, then  $IJ \sim I \sim J$ . Thus if  $I_1, \dots, I_n$  are  $\star$ -homogeneous ideals of  $D$  with  $I_1, \dots, I_n$  all similar, then  $I_1 \cdots I_n$  is  $\star$ -homogeneous and  $I_1 \cdots I_n \sim I_1 \sim \cdots \sim I_n$ .

*Proof.* (1) $\Rightarrow$ (2)  $I, J \subseteq M(I) = M(J) \Rightarrow I + J \subseteq M(J)$  and hence  $(I+J)^\star \neq D$ . (2) $\Rightarrow$ (1) Now  $(I+J)^\star \neq D$  implies  $I+J$  is contained in a maximal  $\star$ -ideal  $P$ . But since  $I, J \subseteq P$  we must have  $M(I) = P$  and  $M(J) = P$ , so  $M(I) = M(J)$ . (1) $\Rightarrow$ (3)  $IJ$  is finitely generated and  $(IJ)^\star \neq D$ . Let  $P$  be a maximal  $\star$ -ideal containing  $IJ$ . Since  $P$  is prime, we have, say  $I \subseteq P$ . So  $P = M(I)$ . So  $IJ$  is  $\star$ -homogeneous with  $M(IJ) = M(I)$ . (3) $\Rightarrow$ (1) Suppose that  $I \not\sim J$ , so  $M(I)$  and  $M(J)$  are two distinct maximal  $\star$ -ideals containing  $IJ$ , a contradiction.

The last statement is now immediate.

We next give a uniqueness result for  $\star$ -products of  $\star$ -homogeneous ideals. Compare with Theorem 2(3) ([10, Lemma 2.6]).

**Theorem 3.** *Let  $D$  be an integral domain and  $\star$  a finite character star-operation on  $D$ . Let  $I$  be an ideal of  $D$ . If  $I$  is a  $\star$ -product of  $\star$ -homogeneous ideals of  $D$ , then  $I$  is uniquely expressible (up to order) as a  $\star$ -product of pairwise  $\star$ -comaximal  $\star$ -ideals  $(J_1^\star \cdots J_s^\star)^\star$  where each  $J_i$  is  $\star$ -homogeneous.*

*Proof.* Suppose  $I = (I_1 \cdots I_n)^\star$  where  $I_i$  is  $\star$ -homogeneous. Let  $M(I_1), \dots, M(I_s)$  be the distinct maximal  $\star$ -ideals among  $M(I_1), \dots, M(I_n)$ . For  $1 \leq \ell \leq s$ , put  $J_\ell := \prod \{I_j | I_j \sim I_\ell\}$ . So  $J_1, \dots, J_s$  are  $\star$ -homogeneous ideals of  $D$  that are pairwise  $\star$ -comaximal and  $I = (J_1 \cdots J_s)^\star = (J_1^\star \cdots J_s^\star)^\star$ . Suppose that we have another representation  $I = (K_1 \cdots K_t)^\star = (K_1^\star \cdots K_t^\star)^\star$  where  $K_1, \dots, K_t$  are pairwise  $\star$ -comaximal  $\star$ -homogeneous ideals of  $D$ . Now  $K_1 \cdots K_t \subseteq (J_1 \cdots J_s)^\star \subseteq J_1^\star$ , so by Proposition 1, some  $K_i \subseteq J_1^\star$ . Reordering, we can take  $i = 1$ , so  $K_1 \subseteq J_1^\star$ . Reversing the roles of the  $J_i$ 's and  $K_i$ 's, we have some  $J_i \subseteq K_1^\star \subseteq J_1^\star$ . By  $\star$ -comaximality,  $i = 1$ , so  $J_1 \subseteq K_1^\star$  and hence  $J_1^\star = K_1^\star$ . Continuing we see that each  $J_i$  matches up to a  $K_j$  with  $J_i^\star = K_j^\star$ . Likewise each  $K_i$  matches up to a  $J_j$  with  $K_i^\star = J_j^\star$ . Thus  $s = t$  and after re-ordering  $J_i^\star = K_i^\star$  for  $i = 1, \dots, s$ .

We next define  $\star$ -SH domains. We will see that a  $\star$ -SH domain is the same thing as a  $\star$ - $h$ -local domain.

**Definition 2.** Let  $D$  be an integral domain and  $\star$  a finite character star-operation on  $D$ . Then  $D$  is a  $\star$ -semi-homogeneous ( $\star$ -SH) domain if every proper nonzero principal ideal of  $D$  is a finite  $\star$ -product of  $\star$ -homogeneous ideals of  $D$ .

So by Theorem 3,  $D$  is a  $\star$ -SH domain if and only if each proper nonzero principal ideal  $Dx$  of  $D$  has a unique representation (up to order) as a finite  $\star$ -product of pairwise  $\star$ -comaximal  $\star$ -ideals  $Dx = (J_1^\star \cdots J_s^\star)^\star (= (J_1 \cdots J_s)^\star)$  where  $J_i$  is  $\star$ -homogeneous. We next use our results from [10] to get some characterizations of  $\star$ -SH domains.

**Theorem 4.** *Let  $D$  be an integral domain and  $\star$  a finite character star-operation on  $D$ . Then the following are equivalent.*

1.  $D$  is a  $\star$ -SH domain.
2.  $D$  is a  $\star$ -Max( $D$ )-IFC domain, that is,  $D$  is a  $\star$ -h-local domain.
3.  $D$  is a  $\star_w$ -SH domain.

*Proof.* (1) $\Leftrightarrow$ (3) Since  $\star$ -Max( $D$ ) =  $\star_w$ -Max( $D$ ), an ideal is  $\star$ -homogeneous if and only if it is  $\star_w$ -homogeneous. Let  $x$  be a nonzero nonunit of  $D$ . Now in a representation  $Dx = (I_1 \cdots I_n)^\star$  (resp.,  $Dx = (J_1 \cdots J_m)^{\star_w}$ ) where each  $I_i$  (resp.,  $J_i$ ) is  $\star$ -homogeneous (resp.,  $\star_w$ -homogeneous),  $I_1 \cdots I_n$  (resp.,  $J_1 \cdots J_m$ ) is  $\star$ -invertible (resp.,  $\star_w$ -invertible). But an ideal  $I$  is  $\star$ -invertible if and only if it is  $\star_w$ -invertible and in this case  $I^\star = I_t = I^{\star_w}$ . Thus  $Dx = (I_1 \cdots I_n)^{\star_w}$  (resp.,  $(J_1 \cdots J_m)^\star$ ). So  $Dx$  is a  $\star$ -product of  $\star$ -homogeneous ideals if and only if it is a  $\star_w$ -product of  $\star_w$ -homogeneous ideals. (2) $\Leftrightarrow$ (3) Let  $\mathcal{F} = \star$ -Max( $D$ ), so  $\star_{\mathcal{F}} = \star_w$ . By [10, Proposition 2.7],  $D$  is a  $\mathcal{F}$ -IFC domain if and only if for each nonzero nonunit  $x \in D$ ,  $Dx$  is a  $\star_{\mathcal{F}} = \star_w$ -product of unidirectional ideals. Now a  $\star_w$ -homogeneous ideal is unidirectional. And if  $Dx = (I_1 \cdots I_n)^{\star_w}$  where each  $I_i$  is unidirectional, then  $I_i$  is  $\star_w$ -invertible and hence  $I_i^{\star_w} = (I'_i)^{\star_w}$  for some finitely generated ideal  $I'_i \subseteq I_i$ . So  $I'_i$  is  $\star_w$ -homogeneous and  $Dx = (I'_1 \cdots I'_n)^{\star_w}$ .

**Theorem 5.** *Let  $D$  be an integral domain and  $\star$  a finite character star-operation on  $D$ . Then the following are equivalent.*

1.  $D$  is a  $\star$ -SH domain.
2.  $\star$  is locally finite and independent.
3. Every nonzero prime ideal of  $D$  contains a nonzero element  $x$  such that  $Dx$  is a  $\star$ -product of  $\star$ -homogeneous ideals.
4. Every nonzero prime ideal of  $D$  contains a  $\star$ -invertible  $\star$ -homogeneous ideal of  $D$ .
5. For  $P \in \star$ -Max( $D$ ) and  $0 \neq x \in P$ ,  $xDP \cap D = I^\star$  for some  $\star$ -invertible  $P$ - $\star$ -homogeneous ideal  $I$ .
6.  $\star$  is independent and if  $A$  is a nonzero ideal of  $D$  with  $AD_P$  finitely generated for each  $P \in \star$ -Max( $D$ ), then  $A^\star$  is a finite type  $\star$ -ideal.

*Proof.* (1) $\Leftrightarrow$ (2) Theorem 4.

Note that for each  $i$ ,  $2 \leq i \leq 5$ , (i) is equivalent to (i') where (i') is (i) with  $\star$  replaced by  $\star_w$ . By [10, Theorem 3.3], (2')-(5') are equivalent and hence (2)-(5) are equivalent.

(2) $\Rightarrow$ (6) Now by hypothesis,  $\star$  is independent and by [10, Theorem 3.3]  $A^{\star_w}$  is a finite type  $\star_w$ -ideal. Hence  $A^\star$  is a finite type  $\star$ -ideal. (6) $\Rightarrow$ (5) Let  $P \in \star$ -Max( $D$ ) and  $0 \neq x \in P$ . Put  $A := xDP \cap D$ . Let  $Q \in \star$ -Max( $D$ ) \setminus \{P\}. Since  $\star$  is independent,  $DPD_Q = K$ , the quotient field of  $D$ . Thus  $AD_Q = (xDP \cap D)D_Q = xDPD_Q \cap D_Q = xK \cap D_Q = D_Q$ . So  $P$  is the only maximal  $\star$ -ideal containing  $A$ . Since  $AD_M$  is finitely generated for each  $M \in \star$ -Max( $D$ ),  $A^\star = A_1^\star$  for some finitely generated ideal  $A_1$  of  $D$ . Moreover, since  $\star$  has finite character we can take  $A_1 \subseteq A$ . Since  $P$  is the only



maximal  $\star$ -ideal containing  $A$ , the same is true for  $A_1$  and  $A_2 := (A_1, x)$ . So  $A_2$  is  $P$ - $\star$ -homogeneous. Also,  $AD_Q = D_Q = A_2 D_Q$  for  $Q \in \star\text{-Max}(D) \setminus \{P\}$  and  $AD_P = xD_P \subseteq A_2 D_P$ , so  $AD_P = A_2 D_P$ . Hence  $A = AD_P \cap D = \bigcap_{Q \in \star\text{-Max}(D)} AD_Q = \bigcap_{Q \in \star\text{-Max}(D)} A_2 D_Q = A_2^{\star_w}$ . As in the proof of (5) $\Rightarrow$ (4) of [10, Theorem 3.3],  $A_2$  is  $\star_w$ -invertible. Thus  $A_2$  is  $\star$ -invertible and so  $A = A_2^{\star_w} = A_2^{\star}$ .

We next note that in a  $\star$ -SH domain every proper finite type  $\star$ -ideal is a  $\star$ -product of  $\star$ -homogeneous ideals.

**Theorem 6.** *Let  $D$  be a  $\star$ -SH domain and  $I$  a nonzero finitely generated ideal of  $D$  with  $I^{\star} \neq D$ . Then  $I^{\star}$  is uniquely expressible (up to order) as a  $\star$ -product  $(J_1^{\star} \cdots J_n^{\star})^{\star}$  of pairwise  $\star$ -comaximal  $\star$ -ideals  $J_1^{\star}, \dots, J_n^{\star}$  where each  $J_i$  is  $\star$ -homogeneous.*

*Proof.* Since  $D$  is a  $\star$ -SH domain,  $\star$  is locally finite by Theorem 5. Let  $M_1, \dots, M_n$  be the maximal  $\star$ -ideals contained  $I$  and put  $I_i := ID_{M_i} \cap D$ . So  $I^{\star_w} = I_1 \cap \cdots \cap I_n$  and hence  $I^{\star} = (I_1 \cap \cdots \cap I_n)^{\star}$ . Since  $\star$  is independent (Theorem 5) Theorem 2 gives that  $M_i$  is the unique maximal  $\star$ -ideal containing  $I_i$ . So  $I_1, \dots, I_n$  are pairwise  $\star$ -comaximal and thus  $(I_1 \cap \cdots \cap I_n)^{\star} = (I_1 \cdots I_n)^{\star}$ . By Theorem 5,  $I_i^{\star}$  has  $\star$ -finite type, so  $I_i^{\star} = J_i^{\star}$  where  $J_i$  is  $\star$ -homogeneous. Now  $J_1, \dots, J_n$  are pairwise  $\star$ -comaximal  $\star$ -homogeneous ideals with  $I^{\star} = (J_1^{\star} \cdots J_n^{\star})^{\star}$ . Uniqueness follows from Theorem 3.

In [5] an integral domain  $D$  was defined to be *weakly Krull* if  $D = \bigcap_{P \in X^{(1)}(D)} D_P$  and the intersection is locally finite. Thus  $D$  is weakly Krull if  $D$  is a  $\mathcal{F}$ -IFC domain for  $\mathcal{F} = X^{(1)}(D)$ . We generalize this definition as follows.

**Definition 3.** Let  $D$  be an integral domain and  $\star$  a finite character star-operation on  $D$ . Then  $D$  is a  $\star$ -weakly Krull domain ( $\star$ -WKD) if  $D$  is a  $\star$ -h-local domain for which  $X^{(1)}(D) = \star\text{-Max}(D)$ .

Thus  $D$  is a  $\star$ -WKD if and only if  $D$  is weakly Krull and  $X^{(1)}(D) = \star\text{-Max}(D)$ . Note that for  $D$  weakly Krull,  $t\text{-Max}(D) = X^{(1)}(D)$ . Thus a weakly Krull domain is the same thing as a  $t$ -WKD. At the other extreme,  $D$  is a  $d$ -WKD if and only if  $\dim D = 1$  and each nonzero element of  $D$  is in at most finitely many maximal ideals. If  $\star_1$  and  $\star_2$  be two finite character star-operations on  $D$  with  $\star_1 \leq \star_2$ , then  $D$  a  $\star_1$ -WKD implies that  $D$  is a  $\star_2$ -WKD. Evidently  $D$  is a  $\star$ -WKD if and only if it is a  $\star_w$ -WKD.

To give our characterization of  $\star$ -weakly Krull domains we need the following definition.

**Definition 4.** Let  $D$  be an integral domain and  $\star$  a finite character star-operation on  $D$ . Then a  $\star$ -homogeneous ideal  $I$  of  $D$  has *type 1* if  $M(I) = \sqrt{I^{\star}}$ . And  $D$  is a *type 1  $\star$ -SH domain* if each nonzero proper principal ideal of  $D$  is a  $\star$ -product of type 1  $\star$ -homogeneous ideals.

It is easy to see that a  $\star$ -homogeneous ideal  $I$  has type 1 if and only if for each  $\star$ -homogeneous ideal  $A \supseteq I$ , there exists an  $n \geq 1$  with  $A^n \subseteq I^{\star}$ .

**Theorem 7.** *Let  $D$  be an integral domain and  $\star$  a finite character star-operation on  $D$ . Then the following are equivalent.*

1.  $D$  is a  $\star$ -weakly Krull domain.
2.  $D$  is a  $\star$ - $h$ -local domain and each  $\star$ -homogeneous ideal has type 1.
3. Every proper principal ideal of  $D$  is a  $\star$ -product of type 1  $\star$ -homogeneous ideals, that is,  $D$  is a type 1  $\star$ -SH domain.
4. If  $I$  is a nonzero finitely generated ideal of  $D$  with  $I^\star \neq D$ , then  $I^\star$  is a  $\star$ -product of type 1  $\star$ -homogeneous ideals.

*Proof.* (1) $\Rightarrow$ (2) By definition a  $\star$ -weakly Krull domain is  $\star$ - $h$ -local. Let  $I$  be a  $\star$ -homogeneous ideal of  $D$ . Since  $\star\text{-Max}(D) = X^{(1)}(D)$ ,  $M(I)$  is a minimal prime over  $I^\star$  and as any prime ideal minimal over  $I^\star$  is a  $\star$ -ideal,  $M(I)$  is the unique prime ideal minimal over  $I^\star$ . Hence  $M(I) = \sqrt{I^\star}$ , so  $I$  has type 1.

(2) $\Rightarrow$ (3) Clear since in a  $\star$ - $h$ -local domain every proper principal ideal is a  $\star$ -product of  $\star$ -homogeneous ideals (Theorem 4).

(3) $\Rightarrow$ (1) Certainly (3) gives that  $D$  is a  $\star$ -SH domain and hence  $\star$ - $h$ -local (Theorem 4). We show  $\star\text{-Max}(D) = X^{(1)}(D)$ . Let  $M$  be a maximal  $\star$ -ideal. Suppose that there exists a nonzero prime ideal  $Q \subsetneq M$ . Let  $0 \neq x \in Q$ . Shrinking  $Q$  to a prime ideal minimal over  $Dx$  we can assume that  $Q$  is a  $\star$ -ideal. Now  $Dx = (I_1 \cdots I_n)^\star$  where each  $I_i$  is a type 1  $\star$ -homogeneous ideal. Now  $I_1 \cdots I_n \subseteq Q$ , so some  $I_i \subseteq Q$  and hence  $I_i^\star \subseteq Q$ . But  $M(I_i) = \sqrt{I_i^\star} \subseteq Q \subsetneq M$ , a contradiction. Thus  $\star\text{-Max}(D) \subseteq X^{(1)}(D)$  and hence we have equality since each height-one prime ideal is a  $\star$ -ideal.

(4) $\Rightarrow$ (3) Clear. (2) $\Rightarrow$ (4) This follows from Theorem 6 since a  $\star$ - $h$ -local domain is a  $\star$ -SH domain.

Invoking Theorem 3 we see that in a  $\star$ -weakly Krull domain a nonzero finitely generated ideal  $I$  with  $I^\star \neq D$  has a unique representation (up to order)  $I^\star = (J_1^\star \cdots J_n^\star)^\star$  where  $J_1, \dots, J_n$  are pairwise  $\star$ -comaximal type 1  $\star$ -homogeneous ideals.

Now a Krull domain is a weakly Krull domain (or equivalently, a  $t$ -WKD) in which  $D_P$  is a DVR for each  $P \in X^{(1)}(D)$ . With this in mind we make the following definition.

**Definition 5.** Let  $D$  be an integral domain and  $\star$  a finite character star-operation on  $D$ . Then  $D$  is a  $\star$ -Krull domain if  $D$  is a  $\star$ -weakly Krull domain and  $D_P$  is a DVR for each  $P \in \star\text{-Max}(D)$ .

Evidently  $D$  is a  $\star$ -Krull domain if and only if  $D$  is a Krull domain and  $\star\text{-Max}(D) = X^{(1)}(D)$ . Thus a Krull domain is the same thing as a  $t$ -Krull domain. At the other extreme, a  $d$ -Krull domain is a Dedekind domain. If  $\star_1$  and  $\star_2$  are finite character star-operations on  $D$  with  $\star_1 \leq \star_2$ , then  $D$   $\star_1$ -Krull implies that  $D$  is  $\star_2$ -Krull.

Our characterization of  $\star$ -Krull domains requires the following definition.

**Definition 6.** Let  $D$  be an integral domain and  $\star$  a finite character star-operation on  $D$ . A  $\star$ -homogeneous ideal  $I$  of  $D$  has type 2 if  $I^\star = (M(I)^n)^\star$  for some  $n \geq 1$ . And  $D$  is a type 2  $\star$ -SH domain if each nonzero proper principal ideal of  $D$  is a  $\star$ -product of type 2  $\star$ -homogeneous ideals.

**Theorem 8.** *Let  $D$  be an integral domain and  $\star$  a finite character star-operation on  $D$ . Then the following conditions are equivalent.*

1.  $D$  is a  $\star$ -Krull domain.
2. Every proper  $\star$ -ideal of  $D$  is a  $\star$ -product of prime  $\star$ -ideals of  $D$ .
3. Every proper principal ideal of  $D$  is a  $\star$ -product of prime  $\star$ -ideals of  $D$ .
4. Every proper  $\star$ -ideal of  $D$  is a  $\star$ -product of type 2  $\star$ -homogeneous ideals of  $D$ .
5. Every proper principal ideal of  $D$  is a  $\star$ -product of type 2  $\star$ -homogeneous ideals of  $D$ , that is,  $D$  is a type 2  $\star$ -SH domain.

*Proof.* (1) $\Rightarrow$ (4)  $D$  is  $\star$ -Krull, so  $D$  is a Krull domain and  $\star\text{-Max}(D) = X^{(1)}(D)$ . For  $A \in F(D)$ ,  $A^{\star w} = \bigcap_{P \in X^{(1)}(D)} AD_P = A_t$ , so  $A^{\star w} = A^{\star} = A_t$ . Let  $P \in X^{(1)}(D)$ . Choose

$x \in P \setminus P^2$ . Let  $Q_1, \dots, Q_n$  be the other height-one primes containing  $x$  and choose  $y \in P \setminus (Q_1 \cup \dots \cup Q_n)$ . So  $(x, y)^{\star} = (x, y)^{\star w} = \bigcap_{Q \in X^{(1)}(D)} (x, y)D_Q = P$ . Put  $H(P) := (x, y)$ , so

$H(P)$  is a type 2  $\star$ -homogeneous ideal. Let  $A$  be a proper  $\star$ -ideal of  $D$ . Then  $A = \bigcap_{P \in X^{(1)}(D)} AD_P = P_1^{(n_1)} \cap \dots \cap P_s^{(n_s)}$  where  $P_1, \dots, P_s$  are the height-one primes containing

$A$  and  $P_i^{(n_i)} = P_i^{n_i} D_{P_i} \cap D$ . But  $P_1^{(n_1)} \cap \dots \cap P_s^{(n_s)} = (P_1^{n_1} \dots P_s^{n_s})_t = (P_1^{n_1} \dots P_s^{n_s})^{\star} = ((H(P_1)^{\star})^{n_1} \dots (H(P_s)^{\star})^{n_s})^{\star} = (H(P_1)^{n_1} \dots H(P_s)^{n_s})^{\star}$ .

(4) $\Rightarrow$ (2) $\Rightarrow$ (3), (4) $\Rightarrow$ (5) $\Rightarrow$ (3) Clear.

(3) $\Rightarrow$ (1) Let  $x$  be a nonzero nonunit of  $D$ . So  $Dx = (P_1 \dots P_n)^{\star}$  where  $P_i$  is a prime  $\star$ -ideal of  $D$ . Then  $P_i$  is  $\star$ -invertible so  $P_i = H(P_i)^{\star}$  where  $H(P_i)$  is a finitely generated ideal contained in  $P_i$ . Thus  $H(P_i)$  is a type 2  $\star$ -homogeneous ideal and hence a type 1  $\star$ -homogeneous ideal. So each proper principal ideal of  $D$  is a  $\star$ -product of type 1  $\star$ -homogeneous ideals. By Theorem 7,  $D$  is a  $\star$ -WKD. Let  $P \in X^{(1)}(D)$ ; we need to show that  $D_P$  is a DVR. Let  $0 \neq x \in P$ , so  $Dx = (P_1 \dots P_n)^{\star}$  where  $P_i$  is a prime  $\star$ -ideal which is  $\star$ -invertible. Now some  $P_i \subseteq P$  and hence  $P_i = P$ , so  $P$  is  $\star$ -invertible. Thus  $(PP^{-1}) \not\subseteq P$ , so  $PP^{-1}D_P = D_P$  and hence  $PD_P$  is invertible and therefore principal. Since  $\text{ht } P = 1$ ,  $D_P$  is a DVR.

Once again we can invoke Theorem 3 to get the appropriate uniqueness result for pairwise  $\star$ -comaximal type 2  $\star$ -homogeneous ideals in Theorem 8. We leave it to the reader to show that in a  $\star$ -Krull domain if  $(P_1 \dots P_n)^{\star} = (Q_1 \dots Q_m)^{\star}$  where the  $P_i$ 's and  $Q_i$ 's are maximal  $\star$ -ideals, then  $n = m$  and after reordering  $P_i = Q_i$  for each  $i$ .

The notion of a Krull domain can be generalized in a number of ways. We have already defined  $\star$ -Krull domains and  $\star$ -weakly Krull domains. An integral domain  $D$  is an *independent ring of Krull type (IRKT)* [15] if  $D$  is a  $\mathcal{F}$ -IFC domain for some defining family  $\mathcal{F}$  of primes where  $D_P$  is a valuation domain for each  $P \in \mathcal{F}$ . For a finite character star-operation  $\star$  on  $P$ , we call  $D$  a  $\star$ -independent ring of Krull type ( $\star$ -IRKT) if  $D$  is a  $\mathcal{F}$ -IFC domain for  $\mathcal{F} = \star\text{-Max}(D)$ , that is,  $D$  is  $\star$ - $h$ -local, and for each  $P \in \star\text{-Max}(D)$ ,  $D_P$  is a valuation domain. Thus  $D$  is a  $\star$ -IRKT if and only if  $D$  is an IRKT where  $\mathcal{F} = \star\text{-Max}(D)$ . A  $d$ -IRKT is just a finite character, independent Prüfer domain. At the other extreme, a  $t$ -IRKT is just an IRKT. If  $\star_1$  and  $\star_2$  are

finite character star-operations on  $D$  with  $\star_1 \leq \star_2$  and  $D$  is a  $\star_1$ -IRKT, then  $D$  is a  $\star_2$ -IRKT, see Proposition 3 below. Recall that  $D$  is a  $P\star MD$  if each nonzero finitely generated ideal of  $D$  is  $\star$ -invertible, or equivalently,  $D_M$  is a valuation domain for each  $M \in \star\text{-Max}(D)$ . Thus a  $\star$ -IRKT is a  $P\star MD$ . In fact,  $D$  is a  $\star$ -IRKT if and only if  $D$  is a  $\star$ -h-local  $P\star MD$ . A  $PvMD$  is usually defined to be a  $v$ -domain (each nonzero finitely generated ideal of  $D$  is  $v$ -invertible) in which  $A^{-1}$  is a finite type  $v$ -ideal for each nonzero finitely generated ideal  $A$  of  $D$ . Thus a  $PvMD$  is just a  $PtMD$  and a  $P\star MD$  is a  $PvMD$ . Of course a  $PdMD$  is just a Prüfer domain.

The integral domain  $D$  is a *generalized Krull domain* (GKD) if  $D = \bigcap_{P \in X^{(1)}(D)} D_P$

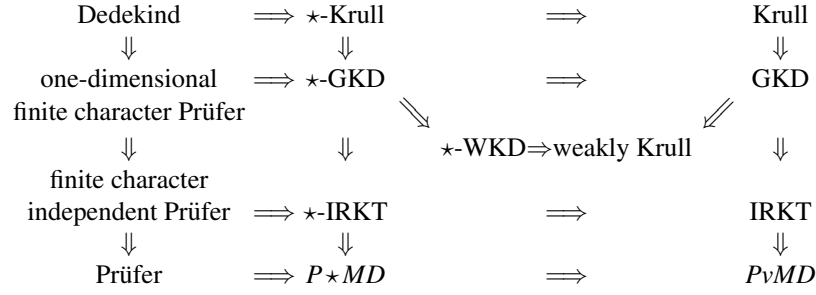
is locally finite and for each  $P \in X^{(1)}(D)$ ,  $D_P$  is a valuation domain, that is,  $D$  is weakly Krull and for each  $P \in X^{(1)}(D)$ ,  $D_P$  is a valuation domain. Let  $\star$  be a finite character star-operation on  $D$ . We call  $D$  a  $\star$ -generalized Krull domain ( $\star$ -GKD) if  $D = \bigcap_{P \in X^{(1)}(D)} D_P$  locally finite,  $\star\text{-Max}(D) = X^{(1)}(D)$ , and  $D_P$  is a valuation domain for

each  $P \in X^{(1)}(D)$ , or equivalently,  $D$  is  $\star$ -weakly Krull and for each  $P \in X^{(1)}(D)$ ,  $D_P$  is a valuation domain, that is,  $D$  is a  $\star$ -GKD if and only if  $D$  is a GKD and  $\star\text{-Max}(D) = X^{(1)}(D)$ . So  $D$  is a  $d$ -GKD if and only if  $D$  is a one-dimensional finite character Prüfer domain. At the other extreme, a  $t$ -GKD is just a GKD. If  $\star_1$  and  $\star_2$  are two finite character star-operations on  $D$  with  $\star_1 \leq \star_2$ , then  $D$  a  $\star_1$ -GKD implies that  $D$  is a  $\star_2$ -GKD.

**Proposition 3.** *Let  $D$  be an integral domain and  $\star_1$  and  $\star_2$  be finite character star-operations on  $D$  with  $\star_1 \leq \star_2$ . If  $D$  is a  $\star_1$ -IRKT, then  $D$  is a  $\star_2$ -IRKT.*

*Proof.* Let  $P \in \star_2\text{-Max}(D)$ . Then  $P^{\star_1} \subseteq P^{\star_2} = P$ , so  $P^{\star_1} \neq D$  and hence  $P$  is contained in a maximal  $\star_1$ -ideal  $Q$ . Moreover,  $Q$  is unique since  $\star_1$  is independent. Also,  $D_Q$  is a valuation domain and hence so is  $D_P = (D_Q)_{P_Q}$ . Note that  $\star_2$  is independent. Suppose that  $m$  is a nonzero prime ideal with  $m \subseteq M_1, M_2$ , two maximal  $\star_2$ -ideals. Then  $M_i$  is contained in a maximal  $\star_1$ -ideal  $M'_i$ . Since  $m \subseteq M'_1 \cap M'_2$ ,  $M'_1 = M'_2$  as  $\star_1$  is independent. But then  $M_1, M_2 \subseteq M'_1$  and  $D_{M'_1}$  is a valuation domain. So  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are comparable. Here  $M_1 = M_2$ . So  $\star_2$  is independent. We next show that  $\star_2$  is locally finite. Suppose some  $0 \neq x \in D$  is contained in an infinite number of maximal  $\star_2$ -ideals  $\{Q_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$ . Now each  $Q_n$  is contained in a maximal  $\star_1$ -ideal  $P_n$ . Now if  $P_n = P_m$ , then  $Q_n$  and  $Q_m$  are comparable since  $D_{P_n}$  is a valuation domain, so  $Q_n = Q_m$ . Thus  $x$  is contained in infinitely many maximal  $\star_1$ -ideals, a contradiction.

The following diagram gives the various implications between the different generalizations of Krull domains.



To characterize  $\star$ -IRKTs using  $\star$ -homogeneous ideals we need the following definition.

**Definition 7.** Let  $D$  be an integral domain and  $\star$  a finite character star-operation on  $D$ . A  $\star$ -homogeneous ideal  $I$  of  $D$  is  $\star$ -super-homogeneous if each  $\star$ -homogeneous ideal containing  $I$  is  $\star$ -invertible. The  $\star$ -super-homogeneous ideal  $I$  has *type 1* (resp., *type 2*) if  $I$  has type 1 as a  $\star$ -homogeneous ideal, that is,  $\sqrt{I^\star} = M(I)$  (resp.,  $I^\star = (M(I)^n)^\star$  for some  $n \geq 1$ ). The domain  $D$  is a  $\star$ -super-SH domain (resp., *type 1*  $\star$ -super-SH domain, *type 2*  $\star$ -super-SH domain) if every nonzero proper principal ideal of  $D$  is a  $\star$ -product of  $\star$ -super-homogeneous ideals (resp., of type 1, of type 2).

Note that if  $I$  is  $\star$ -super-homogeneous, then each finitely generated ideal containing  $I$  is  $\star$ -invertible. Now by [17, Theorem 1.11] a product of similar  $\star$ -super-homogeneous ideals is again  $\star$ -super-homogeneous. Thus the proof of Theorem 3 gives the corresponding uniqueness result for  $\star$ -products of  $\star$ -super-homogeneous ideals.

**Theorem 9.** Let  $\star$  be a finite character star-operation on the integral domain  $D$  and let  $J_1, \dots, J_n$  be a set of  $\star$ -super-homogeneous ideals of  $D$ . Then the  $\star$ -product  $(J_1 \cdots J_n)^\star$  can be expressed uniquely, up to order, as a  $\star$ -product of pairwise  $\star$ -comaximal  $\star$ -super-homogeneous ideals.

We next give several characterizations of  $\star$ -IRKTs.

**Theorem 10.** Let  $D$  be an integral domain and  $\star$  a finite character star-operation on  $D$ . Then the following conditions are equivalent.

1.  $D$  is a  $\star$ -IRKT.
2.  $D$  is  $\star$ -h-local and every  $\star$ -homogeneous ideal is  $\star$ -invertible.
3.  $D$  is  $\star$ -h-local and every  $\star$ -homogeneous ideal is  $\star$ -super-homogeneous.
4. Every proper nonzero principal ideal is a  $\star$ -product of  $\star$ -super-homogeneous ideals, that is,  $D$  is a  $\star$ -super-SH domain.
5. If  $I$  is a nonzero finitely generated ideal with  $I^\star \neq D$ , then  $I^\star$  is a  $\star$ -product of  $\star$ -super-homogeneous ideals.

*Proof.* (1) $\implies$ (2),(3) Let  $I$  be a  $\star$ -homogeneous ideal of  $D$  and let  $J \supseteq I$  be a finitely generated ideal of  $D$ . Then  $JD_P$  is principal for each  $P \in \star\text{-Max}(D)$  since  $D_P$  is

a valuation domain. Thus  $J$  is  $\star$ -invertible. (2) $\Rightarrow$ (1) Let  $P \in \star\text{-Max}(D)$ . We need to show that  $D_P$  is a valuation domain. It suffices to show that for  $x, y \in P \setminus \{0\}$ ,  $(x, y)D_P$  is principal. Let  $A = (x, y)D_P \cap D$ . By Theorem 5,  $A^\star$  is a finite type  $\star$ -ideal. So  $A^\star = A_1^\star$  where  $A_1 \subseteq A$  is finitely generated. Now  $P$  is the unique maximal  $\star$ -ideal containing  $A$  and hence the unique maximal  $\star$ -ideal containing  $A_1$ . So by hypothesis  $A_1$ , and hence  $A$ , is  $\star$ -invertible. So  $(x, y)D_P = AD_P$  is principal. (3) $\Rightarrow$ (4) This is immediate since for a  $\star$ - $h$ -local domain each proper nonzero principal ideal is a  $\star$ -product of  $\star$ -homogeneous ideal by Theorem 4. (4) $\Rightarrow$ (1) Every proper nonzero principal ideal of  $D$  is a  $\star$ -product of  $\star$ -homogeneous ideals, so by Theorem 4,  $D$  is  $\star$ - $h$ -local. Let  $P \in \star\text{-Max}(D)$ . We need that  $D_P$  is a valuation domain. Let  $0 \neq x \in P$ , so  $Dx = (I_1 \cdots I_n)^\star$  where  $I_i$  is  $\star$ -super-homogeneous. Let  $I = \prod \{I_i | I_i \text{ is } P \text{ } \star\text{-homogeneous}\}$ . Then  $x D_P \cap D = I^\star$ . By [17, Theorem 1.11],  $I$  is  $\star$ -super-homogeneous. Let  $0 \neq y \in P$ . Then again  $y D_P \cap D = J^\star$  for some  $\star$ -super-homogeneous ideal  $J$  of  $D$ . But by [17, Theorem 1.11] for two  $P$ - $\star$ -super-homogeneous ideals  $I$  and  $J$  of  $D$ ,  $I^\star$  and  $J^\star$  are comparable. Thus  $x D_P \cap D$  and  $y D_P \cap D$  are comparable, so  $D_P$  is a valuation domain. (5) $\Rightarrow$ (4) Clear. (1) $\Rightarrow$ (5) Let  $I$  be a nonzero finitely generated ideal of  $D$  with  $I^\star \neq D$ . By (1) $\Rightarrow$ (3) it is enough to show  $I^\star$  is a  $\star$ -product of  $\star$ -homogeneous ideals. But this follows from Theorem 6.

Using Theorems 9 and 10 we get the following result.

**Proposition 4.** *Let  $D$  be an integral domain and  $\star$  a finite character star-operation on  $D$ . Suppose that  $D$  is a  $\star$ -IRKT. Let  $a, b \in D^\star$  with  $(a, b)^\star \neq D$ . Then  $(a, b)^\star = (I_1 \cdots I_n)^\star$  where  $I_1, \dots, I_n$  are pairwise  $\star$ -comaximal  $\star$ -super-homogeneous ideals of  $D$  containing  $(a, b)$  such that  $(a, b)D_{M(I_i)} = I_i D_{M(I_i)} = a D_{M(I_i)}$  or  $b D_{M(I_i)}$ .*

*Proof.* Now by Theorems 9 and 10  $(a, b)^\star = (I_1 \cdots I_n)^\star$  where  $I_1, \dots, I_n$  are pairwise  $\star$ -comaximal  $\star$ -super-homogeneous ideals of  $D$ . Put  $I'_i = I_i + (a, b)$ . Then  $M(I'_i) = M(I_i)$ , each  $I'_i$  is a  $\star$ -super-homogeneous ideal, and  $I'_i \supseteq (a, b)$ . Now  $I_1 \cdots I_n \subseteq I'_1 \cdots I'_n = (I_1 + (a, b)) \cdots (I_n + (a, b)) \subseteq I_1 \cdots I_n + (a, b)$ , so  $(I'_1 \cdots I'_n)^\star = (I_1 \cdots I_n)^\star$ . Thus we can replace  $I_i$  by  $I'_i$  and hence assume that  $(a, b) \subseteq I_i$ . Since  $(a, b)$  and  $I_1 \cdots I_n$  are  $\star$ -invertible we have  $(a, b)^{\star w} = (a, b)^\star = (I_1 \cdots I_n)^\star = (I_1 \cdots I_n)^{\star w}$ . So  $(a, b)D_{M(I_i)} = (a, b)^{\star w} D_{M(I_i)} = (I_1 \cdots I_n)^{\star w} D_{M(I_i)} = I_1 \cdots I_n D_{M(I_i)} = I_i D_{M(I_i)}$ . Now  $D_{M(I_i)}$  is a valuation domain, so either  $(a, b)D_{M(I_i)} = a D_{M(I_i)}$  or  $(a, b)D_{M(I_i)} = b D_{M(I_i)}$ .

Using Theorem 10 we get several characterizations of  $\star$ -GKDs.

**Theorem 11.** *Let  $D$  be an integral domain and  $\star$  a finite character star-operation on  $D$ . Then the following are equivalent.*

1.  $D$  is a  $\star$ -GKD.
2.  $D$  is a  $\star$ -IRKT and a  $\star$ -WKD.
3.  $D$  is a  $\star$ -IRKT and every  $\star$ -super-homogeneous ideal has type 1.
4.  $D$  is a  $\star$ -WKD and every  $\star$ -homogeneous ideal is  $\star$ -invertible.
5.  $D$  is  $\star$ - $h$ -local and every  $\star$ -homogeneous ideal is  $\star$ -super-homogeneous and has type 1.

6. Every proper nonzero principal ideal of  $D$  is a  $\star$ -product of  $\star$ -super-homogeneous ideals of type 1, that is,  $D$  is a type 1  $\star$ -super-SH domain.
7. If  $I$  is a nonzero finitely generated ideal of  $D$  with  $I^\star \neq D$ , then  $I^\star$  is a  $\star$ -product of type 1  $\star$ -super-homogeneous ideals.

*Proof.* (1) $\Leftrightarrow$ (2) Clear. (2) $\Leftrightarrow$ (3) First note that by Theorem 10, for a  $\star$ -IRKT the notions of  $\star$ -homogeneous and  $\star$ -super-homogeneous coincide. Then use Theorem 7. (2) $\Leftrightarrow$ (4) Theorem 10. (4) $\Leftrightarrow$ (5) $\Leftrightarrow$ (6) Combine Theorems 7 and 10. (7) $\Rightarrow$ (6) Clear. (5) $\Rightarrow$ (7) Theorem 6.

Once again we can invoke Theorem 3 to get the appropriate uniqueness result for pairwise  $\star$ -comaximal type 1  $\star$ -super-homogeneous ideals in Theorem 10.

By Theorem 8  $D$  is a  $\star$ -Krull domain if and only if  $D$  is a type 2  $\star$ -SH domain. Now in a  $\star$ -Krull domain a nonzero finitely generated ideal  $I$  is  $\star$ -homogeneous if and only if  $I^\star = P^{(n)}$  for some  $P \in X^1(D)$  and  $n \geq 1$ . Hence  $I$  is  $\star$ -homogeneous if and only if it is a type 2  $\star$ -super homogeneous ideal. Thus a type 2  $\star$ -super-SH domain is the same thing as a  $\star$ -Krull domain and if  $I$  is a nonzero finitely generated ideal of  $D$  with  $I^\star \neq D$ ,  $I^\star$  is a  $\star$ -product of type 2  $\star$ -super-homogeneous ideals.

Let  $\star$  be a finite character star-operation on the integral domain  $D$ . We define  $D$  to be  $\star$ -Bezout if for  $a, b \in D^\star$ ,  $(a, b)^\star$  is principal. It easily follows that  $D$  is  $\star$ -Bezout if and only if  $A^\star$  is principal for each nonzero finitely generated (fractional) ideal  $A$  of  $D$ . If  $\star_1$  and  $\star_2$  are finite character star-operations on  $D$ , then  $D_{\star_1}$ -Bezout implies that  $D$  is  $\star_2$ -Bezout. A  $d$ -Bezout domain is just a Bezout domain while a  $t$ -Bezout domain is a GCD domain. We also define  $D$  to be a  $\star$ -Prüfer domain if for  $a, b \in D^\star$ ,  $(a, b)^\star$  is invertible. Using [19, Exercise 22, page 43], it is easy to see that  $D$  is  $\star$ -Prüfer if and only if  $A^\star$  is invertible for each nonzero finitely generated (fractional) ideal  $A$  of  $D$ . Again if  $\star_1 \leq \star_2$  are finite character star-operations on  $D$ , then  $D_{\star_1}$ -Prüfer implies that  $D$  is  $\star_2$ -Prüfer. A  $d$ -Prüfer domain is just a Prüfer domain while a  $t$ -Prüfer domain is a generalized GCD domain (GGCD domain). GGCD domains were introduced in [1] and studied in more detail in [3]. We have  $\star$ -Bezout  $\Rightarrow \star$ -Prüfer  $\Rightarrow P\star MD$ .

Storch [21] defined a Krull domain  $D$  to be *almost factorial* if for  $a, b \in D^\star$  there exists an  $n = n(a, b) \geq 1$  with  $a^n D \cap b^n D$  principal. The second author initiated a general theory of almost factoriality in [22]. There he defined an integral domain  $D$  to be an *almost GCD domain* (AGCD domain) if for  $a, b \in D^\star$ , there exists an  $n = n(a, b) \geq 1$  with  $a^n D \cap b^n D$  principal, or equivalently,  $(a^n, b^n)_v (= (a^n, b^n)_t)$  principal. This investigation was continued in [9]. In that paper an integral domain  $D$  was defined to be an *almost Bezout domain* (AB domain) (resp., *almost Prüfer domain* (AP domain)) if for  $a, b \in D^\star$ , there exists an  $n = n(a, b) \geq 1$  with  $(a^n, b^n)$  principal (resp., invertible). It was shown that  $D$  is almost Bezout (resp., almost Prüfer) if and only if for  $a_1, \dots, a_s \in D^\star$ ; there exists an  $n = n(a_1, \dots, a_s) \geq 1$  with  $(a_1^n, \dots, a_s^n)$  principal (resp., invertible). Briefly mentioned in [9] was the notion of an *almost generalized GCD domain* (AGGCD domain). Here  $D$  is a AGGCD domain if for  $a, b \in D^\star$  there exists an  $n = n(a, b) \geq 1$  with  $a^n D \cap b^n D$  invertible, or equivalently,  $(a^n, b^n)_v (= (a^n, b^n)_t)$  is invertible.

With the definitions in the previous two paragraphs in mind, we make the following definitions. Let  $D$  be an integral domain and  $\star$  a finite character star-operation on  $D$ . We say the  $D$  is a  $\star$ -almost Bezout domain (resp.,  $\star$ -almost Prüfer domain, almost  $P\star MD$ ) if for  $a, b \in D^*$ , there exists an  $n = n(a, b) \geq 1$  with  $(a^n, b^n)^\star$  principal (resp., invertible,  $\star$ -invertible). (More generally, we could call  $D$  a  $\star_2$ -almost  $P\star_1 MD$  if  $(a^n, b^n)^{\star_2}$  is  $\star_1$ -invertible.) If  $\star_1 \leq \star_2$  are finite character star-operations on  $D$ , then  $D$   $\star_1$ -almost Bezout (resp.,  $\star_1$ -almost Prüfer, almost  $P\star_1 MD$ ) implies  $D$  is  $\star_2$ -almost Bezout (resp.,  $\star_2$ -almost Prüfer, almost  $P\star_2 MD$ ). A  $d$ -almost Bezout domain (resp.,  $d$ -almost Prüfer domain) is just an almost Bezout domain (resp., almost Prüfer domain), while a  $t$ -almost Bezout domain (resp.,  $t$ -almost Prüfer domain) is just an AGCD domain (resp., AGGCD domain).

We mention two useful results from [9]. First, let  $\star$  be a finite character star-operation on  $D$ . Let  $\{a_\alpha\} \subseteq D^*$  and  $n \geq 1$ . If  $(\{a_\alpha\})$  is  $\star$ -invertible, then  $(\{a_\alpha^n\})^\star = ((\{a_\alpha\})^n)^\star$ . In particular,  $(\{a_\alpha^n\})$  is also  $\star$ -invertible. This is stated for the case  $\star = t$  in [9, Lemma 3.3]. The proof carries over mutatis mutandis for a general finite character star-operation  $\star$ . Next, for an integral domain  $D$ , the following conditions are equivalent [9, Theorem 6.8]: (1)  $D$  is  $n$ -root closed (i.e., for  $x \in K$  with  $x^n \in D$ ,  $x \in D$ ), (2) for  $\{a_\alpha\} \subseteq D^*$ ,  $(\{a_\alpha^n\})_t = ((\{a_\alpha\})^n)_t$ , (3) for  $\{a_\alpha\} \subseteq D^*$ ,  $(\{a_\alpha^n\})_v = ((\{a_\alpha\})^n)_v$ , and (4) for  $a, b \in D^*$ ,  $(a^n, b^n)_t = ((a, b)^n)_t$ . Thus if  $D$  is integrally closed,  $(\{a_\alpha^n\})_t = ((\{a_\alpha\})^n)_t$  for all  $\{a_\alpha\} \subseteq D^*$  and  $n \geq 1$ .

Using the first mentioned result of the previous paragraph, the proof of [9, Lemma 4.3] can easily be modified to show that for an integral domain  $D$  and finite character star-operation  $\star$  on  $D$ , if  $D$  is  $\star$ -almost Bezout (resp.,  $\star$ -almost Prüfer, almost  $P\star MD$ ) and  $a_1, \dots, a_s \in D^*$ , then there exists an  $n = n(a_1, \dots, a_s) \geq 1$  with  $(a_1^n, \dots, a_s^n)^\star$  principal (resp., invertible,  $\star$ -invertible). Thus for  $D$  integrally closed,  $D$  is  $\star$ -almost Bezout (resp.,  $\star$ -almost Prüfer, almost  $P\star MD$ ) if and only if for  $A$  a nonzero finitely generated (fractional) ideal of  $D$ , there exists an  $n = n(A) \geq 1$  with  $(A^n)^\star$  principal (resp., invertible,  $\star$ -invertible). The implication  $(\Leftarrow)$  does not require that  $D$  be integrally closed. Indeed, if  $(A^n)^\star$  is  $\star$ -invertible,  $A$  is  $\star$ -invertible and hence for  $A = (a, b)$ ,  $(a^n, b^n)^\star = ((a, b)^n)^\star$ . Conversely, suppose that  $D$  is integrally closed and let  $A = (a_1, \dots, a_s)$ . Then for some  $n \geq 1$ ,  $(a_1^n, \dots, a_s^n)$  is  $\star$ -invertible and hence  $(a_1^n, \dots, a_s^n)^\star = (a_1^n, \dots, a_s^n)_t$ . Thus  $(A^n)_t \supseteq (a_1^n, \dots, a_s^n)^\star = (a_1^n, \dots, a_s^n)_t = (A^n)_t$ .

Let  $\star$  be a finite character star-operation on  $D$ . The set  $\star\text{-Inv}(D)$  of  $\star$ -invertible fractional  $\star$ -ideals forms a group under the  $\star$ -product  $I \star J := (IJ)^\star$  with subgroup  $\text{Princ}(D)$ , the set of nonzero principal fractional ideals of  $D$ . The quotient group  $\text{Cl}_\star(D) := \star\text{-Inv}(D) / \text{Princ}(D)$  is called the  $\star$ -class group of  $D$ , see [11]. For  $\star = d$ , we have the usual class group  $C(D)$ , while for  $\star = t$ , we have the  $t$ -class group introduced by Bouvier [12] and further studied in [13]. For a Krull domain,  $\text{Cl}_t(D)$  is just the usual divisor class group. Suppose that  $\star_1 \leq \star_2$  are finite character star-operations on  $D$ . Then we have natural inclusions  $C(D) \subseteq \text{Cl}_{\star_1}(D) \subseteq \text{Cl}_{\star_2}(D) \subseteq \text{Cl}_t(D)$ . Let  $\text{Inv}(D)$  be the subgroup of  $\star\text{-Inv}(D)$  consisting of invertible ideals of  $D$ . The group  $\text{LCl}_\star(D) := \star\text{-Inv}(D) / \text{Inv}(D)$  is called the local  $\star$ -class group of  $D$ .

**Proposition 5.** *Suppose that  $D$  is a  $\star$ -IRKT. Then the following conditions are equivalent.*



1.  $D$  is  $\star$ -almost Bezout (resp.,  $\star$ -almost Prüfer).
2.  $\mathcal{C}\ell_\star(D)$  is torsion (resp.,  $\mathcal{L}\mathcal{C}\ell_\star(D)$  is torsion).
3. For each  $\star$ -super-homogeneous ideal  $A$  of  $D$ , there exists a natural number  $n = n(A)$  with  $(A^n)^\star$  principal (resp., invertible).
4.  $D$  is an AGCD (resp., AGGCD domain).
5.  $\mathcal{C}\ell_t(D)$  is torsion (resp.,  $\mathcal{L}\mathcal{C}\ell_\star(D)$  is torsion).

*Proof.* We do the  $\star$ -almost Bezout case, the  $\star$ -almost Prüfer case is similar. Now  $D$  being a  $\star$ -IRKT is integrally closed. Hence  $D$  is  $\star$ -almost Bezout if and only if for each nonzero finitely generated ideal  $A$  of  $D$ ,  $(A^n)^\star$  is principal for some  $n \geq 1$ . Also, each nonzero finitely generated ideal of  $D$  is  $\star$ -invertible. So  $(1) \Rightarrow (2) \Rightarrow (3)$ .  $(3) \Rightarrow (1)$  Let  $A$  be a nonzero finitely generated ideal of  $D$ . If  $A^\star = D$ , we can take  $n = n(A) = 1$ . So suppose that  $A^\star \neq D$ . Then by Theorem 10,  $A^\star = (I_1 \cdots I_m)^\star$  where each  $I_i$  is  $\star$ -super-homogeneous. By hypothesis, there exists an  $n_i$  with  $(I_i^{n_i})^\star$  is principal. Then for  $n = n_1 \cdots n_m$ ,  $(A^n)^\star = ((I_1^{n_1})^{n/n_1} \cdots (I_m^{n_m})^{n/n_m})^\star$  is principal.  $(1) \Rightarrow (4)$  Here  $D$  is  $\star$ -almost Bezout. Since  $\star \leq t$ ,  $D$  is  $t$ -almost Bezout, that is, an AGCD domain.  $(4) \Leftrightarrow (5)$  This follows since  $D$  is integrally closed.  $(5) \Rightarrow (2)$  Here  $\mathcal{C}\ell_\star(D) \subseteq \mathcal{C}\ell_t(D)$  so  $\mathcal{C}\ell_t(D)$  torsion gives that  $\mathcal{C}\ell_\star(D)$  is torsion.

**Definition 8.** Let  $D$  be an integral domain and  $\star$  a finite character star-operation on  $D$ . A  $\star$ -homogeneous ideal  $I$  of  $D$  is a  $\star$ -almost factorial-homogeneous ideal ( $\star$ -af-homogeneous ideal) (resp.,  $\star$ -locally almost factorial-homogeneous ideal ( $\star$ -laf-homogeneous ideal)) if for each  $\star$ -homogeneous ideal  $J \supseteq I$ , there exists an  $n = n(J) \geq 1$  with  $(J^n)^\star$  principal (resp., invertible). The integral domain  $D$  is a  $\star$ -af-SH domain (resp.,  $\star$ -laf-SH domain) if for each nonzero nonunit  $x \in D$ ,  $Dx$  is expressible as a  $\star$ -product of finitely many  $\star$ -af-homogeneous ideals (resp.,  $\star$ -laf-homogeneous ideals).

Thus a  $\star$ -homogeneous ideal  $I$  is  $\star$ -af-homogeneous (resp.,  $\star$ -laf-homogeneous) if and only if for each finitely generated (or equivalently, each finite type  $\star$ -ideal)  $J \supseteq I$ , some  $(J^n)^\star$  is principal (resp., invertible). Note that a  $\star$ -af-homogeneous ideal (resp.,  $\star$ -laf-homogeneous ideal) is actually  $\star$ -super-homogeneous. In the spirit of Theorems 3 and 9 we have the following uniqueness result for  $\star$ -products of  $\star$ -af-homogeneous ideals (resp.,  $\star$ -laf-homogeneous ideals).

**Theorem 12.** Let  $D$  be an integral domain and  $\star$  a finite character star-operation on  $D$ . Let  $I$  be an ideal of  $D$ . If  $I$  is a  $\star$ -product of  $\star$ -af-homogeneous ideals (resp.,  $\star$ -laf-homogeneous ideals) of  $D$ , then  $I$  is uniquely expressible (up to order) as a  $\star$ -product of pairwise  $\star$ -comaximal  $\star$ -ideals  $(J_1^\star \cdots J_s^\star)^\star$  where each  $J_i$  is  $\star$ -af-homogeneous (resp.,  $\star$ -laf-homogeneous).

*Proof.* We do the  $\star$ -af-homogeneous case, the  $\star$ -laf-homogeneous case is similar. The uniqueness of the product  $(J_1^\star \cdots J_s^\star)^\star$  follows from Theorem 3. To show the existence of the product, the proof of Theorem 3 shows that it suffices to prove that the product  $IJ$  of two similar  $\star$ -af-homogeneous ideals  $I$  and  $J$  is again  $\star$ -af-homogeneous. Of course  $IJ$  is  $\star$ -homogeneous. Let  $C \supseteq IJ$  be  $\star$ -homogeneous ideal of  $D$ . Then  $E := C + I$  is  $\star$ -homogeneous. So there exists a  $n \geq 1$  with  $(E^n)^\star$  principal.

Thus  $E$  is  $\star$ -invertible. So  $(CE^{-1} + IE^{-1})^* = D$  where  $C \subseteq CE^{-1} \subseteq D$  and  $I \subseteq IE^{-1} \subseteq D$ . Thus  $(CE^{-1})^* = D$  or  $(IE^{-1})^* = D$ . In the first case,  $C^* = E^*$  and hence  $(C^n)^* = (E^n)^*$  is principal. So we can assume that  $(IE^{-1})^* = D$ . Then  $I^* = E^* \supseteq C \supseteq IJ$  so  $D \supseteq (CI^{-1})^* \supseteq J^*$ . Choose a finitely generated ideal  $L \supseteq J$  with  $(CI^{-1})^* = L^*$ . So there exists an  $m \geq 1$  with  $(L^m)^*$  principal. So  $((CI^{-1})^m)^*$  is principal. Choose  $n$  with  $(I^n)^*$  principal. Then  $(C^{mn})^* = (((CI^{-1})^m)^n(I^n)^m)^*$  is principal.

We next give a characterization of AGCD  $\star$ -IRKTs (resp., AGGCD  $\star$ -IRKTs) using  $\star$ -af-homogeneous ideals (resp.,  $\star$ -laf-homogeneous ideals). Of course we could enlarge the list of equivalences via Proposition 5.

**Theorem 13.** *Let  $D$  be an integral domain and  $\star$  a finite character star-operation on  $D$ . Then the following conditions are equivalent.*

1.  $D$  is a  $\star$ -af-SH domain (resp.,  $\star$ -laf-SH-domain).
2. If  $I$  is a nonzero finitely generated ideal of  $D$  with  $I^* \neq D$ , then  $I^*$  is a  $\star$ -product of  $\star$ -af-homogeneous ideals (resp.,  $\star$ -laf-homogeneous ideals).
3.  $D$  is an AGCD  $\star$ -IRKT (resp., AGGCD  $\star$ -IRKT).
4.  $D$  is an  $\star$ -SH domain and every  $\star$ -homogeneous ideal is  $\star$ -af-homogeneous (resp.,  $\star$ -laf-homogeneous).
5.  $D$  is a  $\star$ -IRKT with  $\mathcal{C}\ell_\star(D)$  torsion (resp.,  $\mathcal{L}\mathcal{C}\ell_\star(D)$  torsion) (equivalently,  $\mathcal{C}\ell_i(D)$  torsion (resp.,  $\mathcal{L}\mathcal{C}\ell_i(D)$  torsion)).
6.  $D$  is  $\star$ -h-local and for each  $\star$ -homogeneous ideal  $I$  of  $D$  there exists an  $n \geq 1$  with  $(I^n)^*$  principal (resp., invertible).

*Proof.* We do the  $\star$ -af-homogeneous case, the  $\star$ -laf-homogeneous case is similar. (3) $\Rightarrow$ (2) By Theorem 10  $I^*$  is a  $\star$ -product of  $\star$ -super-homogeneous ideals. By Proposition 5  $\mathcal{C}\ell_\star(D)$  is torsion. Hence each  $\star$ -super-homogeneous ideal is a  $\star$ -af-homogeneous ideal. So  $I^*$  is a  $\star$ -product of  $\star$ -af-homogeneous ideals. (2) $\Rightarrow$ (1) Clear. (1) $\Rightarrow$ (3) Since a  $\star$ -af-homogeneous ideal is  $\star$ -super-homogeneous,  $D$  is an  $\star$ -IRKT by Theorem 10. It remains to show that  $D$  is an AGCD domain. Let  $a$  be a nonzero nonunit of  $D$ . So  $Da = (I_1 \cdots I_n)^*$  where  $I_i$  is  $\star$ -af-homogeneous (and hence  $\star$ -super-homogeneous). By Theorem 12 we can take  $I_1, \dots, I_n$  to be pairwise  $\star$ -comaximal. Now for each  $i, i = 1, \dots, n$ , there exists an  $n_i \geq 1$  with  $(I_i^{n_i})^*$  principal. Hence for a suitable  $m \geq 1$   $Da^m = Da_1 \cdots Da_n$  where  $Da_i$  is  $\star$ -super-homogeneous and  $Da_1, \dots, Da_n$  are pairwise  $\star$ -comaximal. Thus  $Da_1 \cdots Da_n = Da_1 \cap \cdots \cap Da_n$ . Let  $a, b$  be nonzero nonunits of  $D$ . By the previous remarks, there is an  $m \geq 1$  with  $Da^m = Da_1 \cdots Da_n = Da_1 \cap \cdots \cap Da_n$  and  $Db^m = Db_1 \cdots Db_n = Db_1 \cap \cdots \cap Db_n$  where either  $Da_i$  and  $Db_i$  are similar  $\star$ -super-homogeneous ideals of  $D$  or exactly one of  $Da_i, Db_i$  is a  $\star$ -super-homogeneous ideal and the other is  $D$ , and  $Da_1, \dots, Da_n$  (resp.,  $Db_1, \dots, Db_n$ ) are pairwise  $\star$ -comaximal. Now if  $Da_i$  and  $Db_i$  are both  $\star$ -super-homogeneous ideals, being similar, they are comparable [17, Theorem 1.11]. Thus in either case  $Da_i \cap Db_i$  is a principal  $\star$ -super-homogeneous ideal. Thus  $Da^m \cap Db^m = (Da_1 \cap Db_1) \cap \cdots \cap (Da_n \cap Db_n) = (Da_1 \cap Db_1) \cdots (Da_n \cap Db_n)$  is principal. So  $D$  is an AGCD. (4) $\Rightarrow$ (1) Clear. (2) $\Rightarrow$ (4) Let  $I$  be a  $\star$ -homogeneous ideal of  $D$ . Then  $I^* = (I_1 \cdots I_n)^*$  where  $I_n$  is  $\star$ -af-homogeneous. Of course  $I_1, \dots, I_n$  must be similar. By the proof of Theorem 12 a product of similar  $\star$ -af-homogeneous

ideals is again  $\star$ -af-homogeneous. Thus  $I_1 \cdots I_n$  and hence  $I$  is  $\star$ -af-homogeneous. (3) $\Leftrightarrow$ (5) Proposition 5. (6) $\Leftrightarrow$ (3) Combine Theorem 10 and Proposition 5.

Recall that we defined a  $\star$ -homogeneous ideal  $I$  to be of type 1 (resp., type 2) if  $M(I) = \sqrt{I}^\star$  (resp.,  $I^\star = (M(I)^n)^\star$  for some  $n \geq 1$ ). Thus by a  $\star$ -af-homogeneous ideal of type 1 (resp., type 2), we mean a  $\star$ -af-homogeneous ideal that is type 1 (resp., type 2) as a  $\star$ -homogeneous ideal. And by a  $\star$ -af-SH domain of type 1 (resp., type 2) we mean an integral domain in which each proper nonzero principal ideal is a  $\star$ -product of  $\star$ -af-homogeneous ideals of type 1 (resp., type 2). Of course we have the analogous definitions for  $\star$ -laf-homogeneous ideals. The next two theorems characterize these domains. Again we can invoke Theorem 3 to get the appropriate uniqueness results.

**Theorem 14.** *Let  $D$  be an integral domain and  $\star$  a finite character star-operation on  $D$ . Then the following are equivalent.*

1.  $D$  is a  $\star$ -af-SH domain of type 1 (resp.,  $\star$ -laf-SH domain of type 1).
2.  $D$  is an AGCD  $\star$ -GKD (resp., AGGCD  $\star$ -GKD).
3.  $D$  is a  $\star$ -SH domain and each  $\star$ -homogeneous ideal is a  $\star$ -af-homogeneous ideal (resp.,  $\star$ -laf-homogeneous ideal) of type 1.
4. If  $I$  is a nonzero finitely generated ideal of  $D$  with  $I^\star \neq D$ , then  $I^\star$  is a  $\star$ -product of  $\star$ -af-homogeneous ideals (resp.,  $\star$ -laf-homogeneous ideals) of type 1.
5.  $D$  is a  $\star$ -GKD with  $Cl_\star(D)$  torsion (resp.,  $LC\ell_\star(D)$  torsion) or equivalently  $Cl_t(D)$  torsion (resp.,  $LC\ell_t(D)$  torsion).

*Proof.* We do the  $\star$ -af-homogeneous case, the  $\star$ -laf-homogeneous case is similar. (1) $\Rightarrow$ (2) By Theorem 11  $D$  is a  $\star$ -GKD since a  $\star$ -af-homogeneous ideal is  $\star$ -super-homogeneous. And by Theorem 13  $D$  is an AGCD domain. (2) $\Rightarrow$ (1) By Theorem 11 every nonzero proper principal ideal of  $D$  is a  $\star$ -product of  $\star$ -super-homogeneous ideals of type 1. Now a  $\star$ -GKD is a  $\star$ -IRKT and hence by Theorem 13 each  $\star$ -super-homogeneous ideal is  $\star$ -af-homogeneous. (3) $\Rightarrow$ (1) Clear. (1) $\Rightarrow$ (3) This follows from Theorem 13 once we observe that a product of similar type 1  $\star$ -af-homogeneous ideals is again a  $\star$ -af-homogeneous ideal of type 1. (4) $\Rightarrow$ (1) Clear. (3) $\Rightarrow$ (4) Theorem 6 (2) $\Leftrightarrow$ (5) Proposition 5.

**Theorem 15.** *Let  $D$  be an integral domain and  $\star$  a finite character star-operation on  $D$ . Then the following conditions are equivalent.*

1.  $D$  is a  $\star$ -af-SH domain (resp.,  $\star$ -laf-homogeneous-SH domain) of type 2.
2.  $D$  is an AGCD  $\star$ -Krull domain (resp., AGGCD  $\star$ -Krull domain).
3.  $D$  is a  $\star$ -SH domain and each  $\star$ -homogeneous ideal is a  $\star$ -af-homogeneous ideal (resp.,  $\star$ -laf-homogeneous ideal) of type 2.
4. If  $I$  is a nonzero finitely generated ideal  $D$  with  $I^\star \neq D$ , then  $I^\star$  is a  $\star$ -product of  $\star$ -af-homogeneous ideals (resp.,  $\star$ -laf-homogeneous ideals) of type 2.
5.  $D$  is a  $\star$ -Krull domain with  $Cl_\star(D)$  torsion or equivalently  $Cl(D)$  torsion (resp.,  $LC\ell_\star(D)$  torsion or equivalently  $LC\ell(D)$  torsion).

*Proof.* We do the  $\star$ -af-homogeneous case, the  $\star$ -laf-homogeneous case is similar. (1) $\Rightarrow$ (2) By Theorem 8  $D$  is  $\star$ -Krull. And since a  $\star$ -af-SH domain of type 2 is certainly a  $\star$ -af-SH domain of type 1, Theorem 14 gives that  $D$  is an AGCD domain. (2) $\Rightarrow$ (1) By Theorem 8 each proper nonzero principal ideal of  $D$  is a  $\star$ -product of  $\star$ -homogeneous ideals of type 2. Now a  $\star$ -Krull domain is certainly a  $\star$ -GKD, so by Theorem 14 each  $\star$ -homogeneous ideal is actually  $\star$ -af-homogeneous. So each proper nonzero principal ideal of  $D$  is a  $\star$ -product of  $\star$ -af-homogeneous ideals of type 2. (3) $\Rightarrow$ (1) Clear. (1) $\Rightarrow$ (3) This follows from Theorem 13 once we observe that a product of similar type 2  $\star$ -af-homogeneous ideals is again a  $\star$ -af-homogeneous ideal of type 2. (4) $\Rightarrow$ (1) Clear. (3) $\Rightarrow$ (4) Theorem 6. (2) $\Leftrightarrow$ (5) Proposition 5.

To give GCD domain and GGCD domain versions of Theorems 13–15 we need the following definitions.

**Definition 9.** Let  $D$  be an integral domain and  $\star$  a finite character star-operation on  $D$ . An ideal  $I$  of  $D$  is  $\star$ -factorial ( $\star$ -f)-homogeneous (resp.,  $\star$ -locally factorial ( $\star$ -lf)-homogeneous) if  $I$  is  $\star$ -homogeneous and for each  $\star$ -homogeneous ideal  $J \supseteq I$ ,  $J^\star$  is principal (resp., invertible). We say the  $D$  is a  $\star$ -f-SH domain (resp.,  $\star$ -lf-SH domain) if each nonzero proper principal ideal of  $D$  is a  $\star$ -product of  $\star$ -f-homogeneous ideals (resp.,  $\star$ -lf-homogeneous ideals).

Let  $D$  be an integral domain and  $\star$  a finite character star-operation on  $D$ . Let  $I$  be a nonzero ideal of  $D$ . Then we have  $I$   $\star$ -f-homogeneous (resp.,  $\star$ -lf-homogeneous)  $\Rightarrow I$  is  $\star$ -af-homogeneous (resp.,  $\star$ -laf-homogeneous)  $\Rightarrow I$  is  $\star$ -super-homogeneous  $\Rightarrow I$  is  $\star$ -homogeneous. Thus  $D$  a  $\star$ -f-SH domain  $\Rightarrow D$  is a  $\star$ -af-SH domain  $\Rightarrow D$  is a  $\star$ -super-SH domain  $\Rightarrow D$  is a SH domain with similar implications for the “locally” case. Also,  $I$   $\star$ -f-homogeneous (resp.,  $\star$ -af-homogeneous)  $\Rightarrow I$  is  $\star$ -lf-homogeneous (resp.,  $\star$ -laf-homogeneous). So  $D$  a  $\star$ -f-SH domain (resp.,  $\star$ -af-SH domain)  $\Rightarrow D$  is a  $\star$ -lf-SH domain (resp.,  $\star$ -laf-SH domain). We have also shown that a product of similar  $\star$ -af-homogeneous (resp.,  $\star$ -laf-homogeneous,  $\star$ -super-homogeneous,  $\star$ -homogeneous) ideals is again  $\star$ -af-homogeneous (resp.,  $\star$ -laf-homogeneous,  $\star$ -super-homogeneous,  $\star$ -homogeneous). Using this we showed that if an ideal  $I$  of  $D$  is a  $\star$ -product of  $\star$ -af-homogeneous (resp.,  $\star$ -laf-homogeneous,  $\star$ -super-homogeneous,  $\star$ -homogeneous) ideals, then  $I$  is uniquely expressible (up to order) as a  $\star$ -product of pairwise  $\star$ -comaximal  $\star$ -ideals  $(J_1^\star \cdots J_s^\star)^\star$  where each  $J_i$  is  $\star$ -af-homogeneous (resp.,  $\star$ -laf-homogeneous,  $\star$ -super-homogeneous,  $\star$ -homogeneous). Not surprisingly we have an analogous result for  $\star$ -f-homogeneous ideals and  $\star$ -lf-homogeneous ideals.

**Theorem 16.** Let  $D$  be an integral domain and  $\star$  a finite character star-operation on  $D$ .

1. If  $I$  and  $J$  are similar  $\star$ -f-homogeneous ideals (resp.,  $\star$ -lf-homogeneous ideals) of  $D$ , then  $IJ$  is  $\star$ -f-homogeneous (resp.,  $\star$ -lf-homogeneous).
2. Let  $I$  be an ideal of  $D$  that is a  $\star$ -product of  $\star$ -f-homogeneous ideals (resp.,  $\star$ -lf-homogeneous ideals). Then  $I^\star$  is uniquely expressible (up to order) as a  $\star$ -product of pairwise  $\star$ -comaximal  $\star$ -ideals  $(J_1^\star \cdots J_s^\star)^\star$  where each  $J_i$  is  $\star$ -f-homogeneous (resp.,  $\star$ -lf-homogeneous).

*Proof.* We do the  $\star$ -f-homogeneous case, the  $\star$ -lf-homogeneous case is similar. Once we prove (1), the proof of (2) is similar to the proofs of the  $\star$ -af-homogeneous,  $\star$ -super-homogeneous and  $\star$ -homogeneous cases (Theorem 12, 9, and 3, respectively). So let  $I$  and  $J$  be similar  $\star$ -f-homogeneous ideals. Let  $C \supseteq IJ$  be a  $\star$ -homogeneous ideal. We need to show that  $C^\star$  is principal. Since  $I$  and  $J$  are  $\star$ -super-homogeneous, so is their product  $IJ$ . Thus  $I^\star, J^\star$ , and  $C^\star$  are comparable [17, Theorem 1.11]. If  $C^\star \supseteq I^\star$ , then  $C + I \supseteq I$  is  $\star$ -homogeneous and hence  $C^\star = (C + I)^\star$  is principal. Likewise  $C^\star$  is principal when  $C^\star \supseteq J^\star$ . Thus without loss of generality we may assume that  $I^\star \supseteq J^\star \not\supseteq C^\star \supseteq C \supseteq IJ$ . Now  $D \supseteq I^\star I^{-1} \supseteq C^\star I^{-1} \supseteq J^\star$  where  $I^{-1} = (I^\star)^{-1}$  is principal. So  $CI^{-1} + J \supseteq J$  is  $\star$ -homogeneous and hence  $(CI^{-1} + J)^\star$  is principal. But  $(CI^{-1} + J)^\star = (CI^{-1})^\star = C^\star I^{-1}$  and hence  $C^\star$  is principal since  $I^{-1}$  is.

We next give a characterization of GCD (resp., GGCD)  $\star$ -IRKTs using  $\star$ -f-homogeneous ideals (resp.,  $\star$ -lf-homogeneous ideals).

**Theorem 17.** *Let  $D$  be an integral domain and  $\star$  a finite character star-operation on  $D$ . The the following conditions are equivalent.*

1.  $D$  is a  $\star$ -f-SH domain (resp.,  $\star$ -lf-SH domain).
2. If  $I$  is a nonzero finitely generated ideal of  $D$  with  $I^\star \neq D$ , then  $I^\star$  is a  $\star$ -product of  $\star$ -f-homogeneous ideals (resp.,  $\star$ -lf-homogeneous ideals).
3.  $D$  is a GCD (resp., GGCD)  $\star$ -IRKT.
4.  $D$  is a  $\star$ -Bezout (resp.,  $\star$ -Prüfer)  $\star$ -IRKT.
5.  $D$  is a  $\star$ -SH domain and every  $\star$ -homogeneous ideal of  $D$  is  $\star$ -f-homogeneous (resp.,  $\star$ -lf-homogeneous).
6.  $D$  is a  $\star$ -IRKT with  $C\ell_\star(D) = 0$ , or equivalently,  $C\ell_t(D) = 0$  (resp.,  $LC\ell_\star(D) = 0$ , or equivalently,  $LC\ell_t(D) = 0$ ).

*Proof.* We do the  $\star$ -f-homogeneous case, the  $\star$ -lf-homogeneous case is similar. (5) $\Rightarrow$ (4) Since a  $\star$ -f-homogeneous ideal is  $\star$ -af-homogeneous, Theorem 13 gives that  $D$  is an AGCD  $\star$ -IRKT. Let  $I$  be a nonzero finitely generated ideal of  $D$  with  $I^\star \neq D$ . By Theorem 13  $I^\star$  is a  $\star$ -product of  $\star$ -af-homogeneous ideals each of which is  $\star$ -f-homogeneous by hypothesis and hence principal. Thus for each nonzero finitely generated ideal  $I$  of  $D$ ,  $I^\star$  is principal. So  $D$  is  $\star$ -Bezout. (4) $\Rightarrow$ (3) A  $\star$ -Bezout domain is a GCD domain. (3) $\Rightarrow$ (2) Let  $I$  be a nonzero finitely generated ideal of  $D$  with  $I^\star \neq D$ . Since  $D$  is an AGCD  $\star$ -IRKT,  $I^\star$  is a  $\star$ -product of  $\star$ -af-homogeneous ideals. But since  $D$  is a GCD domain,  $C\ell_t(D) = 0$ ; so  $C\ell_\star(D) \subseteq C\ell_t(D)$  gives each  $\star$ -invertible ideal is principal. Thus a  $\star$ -af-homogeneous ideal is  $\star$ -f-homogeneous. (2) $\Rightarrow$ (1) Clear. (1) $\Rightarrow$ (3) In the proof of (1) $\Rightarrow$ (3) of Theorem 13 we can take  $m = 1$  and get that  $Da \cap Db$  is principal. Thus  $D$  is a GCD domain. (3) $\Rightarrow$ (4)  $D$  a GCD domain gives  $C\ell_t(D) = 0$  and hence  $C\ell_\star(D) = 0$ . So  $D$  is  $\star$ -Bezout. (4) $\Rightarrow$ (5) A  $\star$ -IRKT is a  $\star$ -SH domain. Let  $I$  be a  $\star$ -homogeneous ideal. If  $J \supseteq I$  is  $\star$ -homogeneous, then  $J^\star$  is principal since  $D$  is  $\star$ -Bezout. Thus  $I$  is  $\star$ -f-homogeneous. (3) $\Rightarrow$ (6) This follows since  $C\ell_t(D) = 0$  for  $D$  a GCD domain. (6) $\Rightarrow$ (4) Suppose that  $C\ell_t(D) = 0$ . Let  $I$  be a nonzero finitely generated ideal of  $D$ . By Theorem 10  $I$  is  $\star$ -invertible. Since  $C\ell_\star(D) = 0$ ,  $I^\star$  is principal. So  $D$  is  $\star$ -Bezout.

Combining Theorem 17 with previous results we have the following two theorems.

**Theorem 18.** *Let  $D$  be an integral domain and  $\star$  a finite character star-operation on  $D$ . Then the following are equivalent.*

1.  $D$  is a  $\star$ -f-SH domain of type 1 (resp., type 2).
2.  $D$  is a GCD  $\star$ -GKD (resp., GCD  $\star$ -Krull domain, or equivalently a UFD  $\star$ -Krull domain, or UFD  $\star$ -GKD).
3.  $D$  is a  $\star$ -GKD (resp.,  $\star$ -Krull domain) with  $C\ell_\star(D) = 0$ , or equivalently,  $C\ell_t(D) = 0$ .

*Proof.* For the type 1 (resp., type 2) equivalences just combine Theorem 17 and Theorem 11 (resp., Theorem 8).

Recall that an integral domain  $D$  is *locally factorial* if  $D_M$  is a UFD for each maximal ideal  $M$  of  $D$ . And  $D$  is called a  $\pi$ -domain if each proper nonzero principal ideal of  $D$  is a product of (necessarily invertible) prime ideals. For an integral domain  $D$  the following are equivalent: (1)  $D$  is a  $\pi$ -domain, (2)  $D$  is a locally factorial Krull domain, and (3)  $D$  is a Krull domain with  $LC\ell(D) = 0$  [1, Theorem 1].

**Theorem 19.** *Let  $D$  be an integral domain and  $\star$  a finite character star-operation on  $D$ . Then the following conditions are equivalent.*

1.  $D$  is a  $\star$ -lf-SH domain of type 1 (resp., type 2).
2.  $D$  is a GGCD  $\star$ -GKD (resp., GGCD  $\star$ -Krull domain, or equivalently a locally factorial  $\star$ -Krull domain, or locally factorial  $\star$ -GKD).
3.  $D$  is a  $\star$ -GKD (resp.,  $\star$ -Krull domain) with  $LC\ell_\star(D) = 0$ , or equivalently,  $LC\ell_t(D) = 0$ .

*Proof.* For the type 1 (resp., type 2) equivalence just combine Theorem 17 and Theorem 11 (resp., Theorem 8).

We next wish to characterize  $\star$ -SH domains with  $C\ell_\star(D) = 0$  or  $C\ell_\star(D)$  torsion (resp.,  $LC\ell_\star(D) = 0$  or  $LC\ell_\star(D)$  torsion). For this we need to define yet more types of  $\star$ -homogeneous ideals.

**Definition 10.** Let  $D$  be an integral domain and  $\star$  a finite character star-operation on  $D$ . An ideal  $I$  of  $D$  is  $\star$ -weakly factorial- $(\star$ -wf-) *homogeneous* (resp.,  $\star$ -almost weakly factorial- $(\star$ -awf-) *homogeneous*,  $\star$ -weakly locally factorial  $(\star$ -wlf-) *homogeneous*,  $\star$ -weakly almost locally factorial  $(\star$ -walf-) *homogeneous*) if (1)  $I$  is  $\star$ -homogeneous and (2) if  $I$  is  $\star$ -invertible, then  $I^\star$  is principal (resp.,  $(I^n)^\star$  is principal for some  $n \geq 1$ ,  $I^\star$  is invertible,  $(I^n)^\star$  is invertible for some  $n \geq 1$ ). And  $D$  is called a  $\star$ -wf-SH domain (resp.,  $\star$ -awf-SH domain,  $\star$ -wlf-SH domain,  $\star$ -walf-SH domain) if each proper nonzero principal ideal of  $D$  is a  $\star$ -product of  $\star$ -wf-homogeneous (resp.,  $\star$ -awf-homogeneous,  $\star$ -wlf-homogeneous,  $\star$ -walf-homogeneous) ideals.

**Theorem 20.** *Let  $D$  be an integral domain and  $\star$  a finite character star-operation on  $D$ . Then the following conditions are equivalent.*

1.  $D$  is an  $\star$ -wf-SH domain (resp.,  $\star$ -awf-SH domain).
2. If  $I$  is a nonzero finitely generated ideal of  $D$  with  $I^\star \neq D$ , then  $I^\star$  is a  $\star$ -product of  $\star$ -wf-homogeneous (resp.,  $\star$ -awf-homogeneous) ideals.
3.  $D$  is a  $\star$ -SH domain with  $C\ell_\star(D) = 0$  (resp.,  $C\ell_\star(D)$  torsion).

*Proof.* We do the case for  $C\ell_\star(D) = 0$ , the  $C\ell_\star(D)$  torsion case is similar. (3) $\Rightarrow$ (2) Since  $D$  is an  $\star$ -SH domain, by Theorem 6  $I^\star = (I_1 \cdots I_n)^\star$  where  $I_i$  is  $\star$ -homogeneous. Now if  $I_i$  is  $\star$ -invertible, then  $I_i^\star$  is principal. Thus  $I_i$  is  $\star$ -wf-homogeneous. (2) $\Rightarrow$ (1) Clear. (1) $\Rightarrow$ (3) It suffices to show that if  $A$  is a finitely generated nonzero  $\star$ -invertible integral ideal with  $A^\star \neq D$ , then  $A^\star$  is principal. As in the proof of Theorem 6,  $A^\star = ((AD_{M_1} \cap D) \cdots (AD_{M_n} \cap D))^\star$  where  $M_1, \dots, M_n$  are the maximal  $\star$ -ideals containing  $A$ . Now  $AD_{M_i} \cap D$  is  $\star$ -invertible, so  $AD_{M_i} \cap D = (AD_{M_i} \cap D)^{\star w} = (AD_{M_i} \cap D)^\star$ . Hence  $AD_{M_i} \cap D$  is a  $\star$ -invertible  $\star$ -ideal. So  $(AD_{M_i} \cap D)_{M_i} = a_i D_{M_i}$  for some  $a_i \in D$ . Now by hypothesis  $Da_i = (I_1 \cdots I_s)^\star$  where each  $I_j$  is  $\star$ -wf-homogeneous. Hence  $I_j^\star = Dx_j$  for some  $x_j \in D$ . So  $Da_i = Dx_1 \cdots Dx_s$  where  $Dx_j$  is  $\star$ -homogeneous. By combining similar factors we can assume that  $Dx_1, \dots, Dx_s$  are pairwise  $\star$ -comaximal. Now some  $M(Dx_j) = M_i$ . By Proposition 1  $x_j D_{M_i} \cap D = x_j D$ . Now  $a_i D_{M_i} = x_j D_{M_i}$  and hence  $AD_{M_i} \cap D = a_i D_{M_i} \cap D = x_j D_{M_i} \cap D = x_j D$ . So  $A^\star$  is principal.

We have a companion theorem for the “locally” case. The proof is left to the reader.

**Theorem 21.** *Let  $D$  be an integral domain and  $\star$  a finite character star-operation on  $D$ . Then the following conditions are equivalent.*

1.  $D$  is a  $\star$ -wlf-SH domain (resp.,  $\star$ -walf-SH domain).
2. If  $I$  is a nonzero finitely generated ideal with  $I^\star \neq D$  then  $I^\star$  is a  $\star$ -product of  $\star$ -wlf-homogeneous (resp.,  $\star$ -walf-homogeneous) ideals.
3.  $D$  is a  $\star$ -SH domain with  $LC\ell_\star(D) = 0$ , (resp.,  $LC\ell_\star(D)$  torsion).

Let  $D$  be an integral domain and  $\star$  a finite character star-operation on  $D$ . It is evident that a  $\star$ -product of similar  $\star$ -wf-homogeneous (resp.,  $\star$ -awf-homogeneous) ideals is again  $\star$ -wf-homogeneous (resp.,  $\star$ -awf-homogeneous). Thus if an ideal is a  $\star$ -product of  $\star$ -wf-homogeneous (resp.,  $\star$ -awf-homogeneous) ideals, it is a  $\star$ -product of pairwise  $\star$ -comaximal  $\star$ -wf-homogeneous (resp.,  $\star$ -awf-homogeneous) ideals. Similar results hold for the “locally” case. Let us call an element  $x \in D$   $\star$ -homogeneous if  $Dx$  is  $\star$ -homogeneous. We have the following element-wise characterization of  $\star$ -SH domains with  $C\ell_\star(D) = 0$  or torsion.

**Theorem 22.** *Let  $D$  be an integral domain and  $\star$  a finite character star-operation on  $D$ . Then the following conditions are equivalent.*

1.  $D$  is a  $\star$ -SH domain with  $C\ell_\star(D) = 0$  (resp.,  $C\ell_\star(D)$  torsion).
2. For each nonzero nonunit  $x \in D$ ,  $x$  (resp.,  $x^n$  for some  $n = n(x) \geq 1$ ) is a product of  $\star$ -homogeneous elements.
3. For each nonzero nonunit  $x \in D$ ,  $x$  (resp.,  $x^n$  for some  $n = n(x) \geq 1$ ) can be written uniquely up to order as a product of pairwise  $\star$ -comaximal  $\star$ -homogeneous elements.

*Proof.* For both cases it is clear that  $(2) \Leftrightarrow (3)$  and  $(1) \Rightarrow (2)$ . And it is immediate from Theorem 20 that if each nonzero nonunit of  $D$  is a product of  $\star$ -homogeneous elements, then  $D$  is a  $\star$ -SH domain with  $C\ell_\star(D) = 0$ . So suppose that  $D$  is an integral domain with the property that for each nonzero nonunit  $x$ , some power of  $x$  is a product of  $\star$ -homogeneous elements. Let  $x$  be a nonzero nonunit of  $D$ . Then some  $x^n$  is a product of  $\star$ -homogeneous elements. Thus  $x^n$ , and hence  $x$ , is contained in only finitely many maximal  $\star$ -ideals. So  $\star$  is locally finite. Suppose that  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are distinct maximal  $\star$ -ideals and there is a nonzero prime ideal  $P \subseteq M_1 \cap M_2$ . Let  $0 \neq x \in P$ . So some  $x^n$  is a product of  $\star$ -homogeneous elements. Thus  $P$  contains a  $\star$ -homogeneous element which is absurd since  $P \subseteq M_1 \cap M_2$ . So  $\star$  is independent. By Theorem 4,  $D$  is an  $\star$ -SH domain. Let  $A$  be a nonzero finitely generated integral  $\star$ -invertible ideal of  $D$  with  $A^\star \neq D$ . It suffices to show that for some  $n \geq 1$ ,  $(A^n)^\star$  is principal. But this follows from an easy modification of the proof of  $(1) \Rightarrow (3)$  of Theorem 20.

We note that the notions of type 2  $\star$ -f-SH domain (resp., type 2  $\star$ -af-SH domain) and type 2  $\star$ -wf-SH domain (resp., type 2  $\star$ -waf-SH domain) coincide, they are both equivalent to being  $\star$ -Krull with  $C\ell_\star(D) = 0$  (resp.,  $C\ell_\star(D)$  torsion). Also, the notions of type 2  $\star$ -lf-SH domain (resp., type 2  $\star$ -laf-SH domain) and type 2  $\star$ -wlf-SH domain (resp., type 2  $\star$ -walf-SH domain) coincide, they are both equivalent to being  $\star$ -Krull with  $LC\ell_\star(D) = 0$  (resp.,  $LC\ell_\star(D)$  torsion). However, this is not the case for type 1. Now a type 1  $\star$ -f-SH domain (resp., type 1  $\star$ -af-SH domain) is a  $\star$ -GKD with  $C\ell_\star(D) = 0$  (resp.,  $C\ell_\star(D)$  torsion). And a type 1  $\star$ -wf-SH domain (resp., type 1  $\star$ -waf-SH domain) is a  $\star$ -weakly Krull domain with  $C\ell_\star(D) = 0$  (resp.,  $C\ell_\star(D)$  torsion). Finally a type 1  $\star$ -lf-SH domain (resp., type 1  $\star$ -wlf-SH domain) is a  $\star$ -GKD with  $LC\ell_\star(D) = 0$  (resp.,  $\star$ -weakly Krull domain with  $LC\ell_\star(D) = 0$ ) and a type 1  $\star$ -laf-SH domain (resp., type 1  $\star$ -walf-SH domain) is a  $\star$ -GKD domain (resp.,  $\star$ -Krull domain) with  $LC\ell_\star(D)$  torsion. An integral domain is *weakly factorial* [6] if each nonzero nonunit is a product of primary elements. An integral domain  $D$  is weakly factorial if and only if  $D$  is weakly Krull and  $C\ell_t(D) = 0$  [8, Theorem]. Also, the following are equivalent: (1)  $D$  is a weakly factorial GCD domain, (2)  $D$  is a weakly factorial GKD, and (3)  $D$  is a GCD GKD [6, Theorem 20]. For a Noetherian domain  $D$ ,  $D$  is integrally closed weakly factorial if and only if  $D$  is factorial. For any field  $K$ ,  $K[[X^2, X^3]]$  is weakly factorial but not factorial and hence is a type 1  $\star$ -wf-SH domain, but not a type 1  $\star$ -f-SH domain (for  $K[[X^2, X^3]]$ ,  $d = t$ ).

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