IDEAL TRANSFORMS IN GENERALIZED KRULL DOMAINS

O. Introduction, Definitions and Basic results.

Let R be a commutative integral domain with unity and let K be the field of fractions of R. If A is an ideal of R then the set

T(A) = { $x \in K \mid xA^n \subseteq R$ for some positive integer n } is a ring and is called the A-transform of R, ideal transform of R or the transform of A. The notion of an ideal transform was introduced and developed by Nagata in [26] and transform was introduced and developed by Nagata in [26] and [27].

Gilmer used the ideal transforms in the study of Prufer

domains in [12]. Later appeared [17] by Gilmer and Heinzer.

The efficiency of this tool in studying the Prüfer domains, soon attracted the attention of various mathematicians and the study of properties of the ideal transform began. Brewer in [2] put forward some striking results connecting some integral domains and the transforms of their proper principal ideals, while Arnold and Brewer in [3] discussed some properties of ideal transforms in general and of ideal some properties of ideal transforms in general and of ideal transforms in Krull domains in particular.

Unique Factorization led us to Generalized Krull Domains (cf Ch 1) and the rather easy formulation of Generalized Unique Factorization led to the observation that, with some modifications the GKD's can be studied on the same lines as Krull domains. The realization of Theorems 1, and 2, confirmed our observation as far as the ideal transform is concerned, our observation as far as the ideal transform is concerned.

Our interest in the generalization of the concept of