

Consider a general non zero non unit element  $y$  in  $S$ ,

$$\text{that is } y = r_0 + \sum_{i=1}^n a_i x^i ; r_0 \in R, a_i \in K.$$

Now  $y$  can be of two possible types i.e. such that

$$(1) r_0 = 0, (2) r_0 \neq 0.$$

In the first case  $y = bx^s (1 + \sum_{j=1}^{n-s} a_j x^j) ; a_j, b \in K$ . We see that  $bx^s$  is a packet, because if

$bx^s = d_1 d_2 ; d_1$  non units and  $(d_1, d_2) = 1$ , then at least one of  $d_i$  say  $d_1$  is of degree zero in  $x$  and thus belongs to  $R$ , but then  $d_1 | d_2$  for each  $n$  and  $d_2$  is of degree  $s > 0$  in  $x$ ;

$d_1 | d_2$ ; a contradiction establishing that  $(p_1)$  of Def. 4 holds for  $bx^s$ . Further if  $bx^s = d_1 d_2, s > 0, d_1$  non units either

$d_1 \in R$  or  $d_1 = b_1 x^{s_1}$ . If  $d_1 \in R$  obviously  $d_1 | d_2$  and if

$d_1 = b_1 x^{s_1}, s_1 > 0$  then  $d_2 = b_2 x^{s_2}$ , where  $b_1 b_2 = b$ , we note

that if  $s_2 = 0$  then  $d_2 | d_1$  and so we take up  $s_2 > 0$  and in this

particular case  $d_1$  divides a power of  $d_2$  and vice versa. And

to sum up  $(p_2)$  of Def. 4 holds for  $bx^s$ , that is  $bx^s$  is a

packet. It is obvious that  $(1 + \sum_{j=1}^{n-s} a_j x^j)$  is a product of

atoms. But since, an atom in a Bezout domain is a prime,

$(1 + \sum_{j=1}^{n-s} a_j x^j)$  is a product of powers of primes and can be

written as the product of a finite number of mutually coprime

powers of primes and thus is a product of a finite number of

mutually co-prime packets because a prime power satisfies

the requirements of a packet. Moreover since

$$(bx^s, 1 + \sum_{j=1}^{n-s} a_j x^j) = 1, y = bx^s (1 + \sum_{j=1}^{n-s} a_j x^j) \text{ is the product}$$

of a finite number of mutually co-prime packets.

In the second case,  $y = r_0 (1 + \sum_{i=1}^n a_i x^i)$ , where  $r_0 \in R$