

Combining (f) and (g),  $P_k \subseteq P_l' \subseteq P_l$  and recalling that (a) is reduced  $P_k = P_l = P_l'$ . Hence  $m = n$  and the primary decomposition is unique.

And all that interests us at present may be stated as

Corollary 9. A Prüfer (Bezout) domain  $R$  is a Prüfer (Bezout)

GAD iff every ideal of  $R$  has a primary decomposition.

Proof. If  $R$  is a Prüfer domain and every ideal of  $R$  has a

primary decomposition then these decompositions being unique

by the above theorem show that  $R$  is a  $W$ -domain and a  $N$ -domain

which is Prüfer is a Prüfer GAD.

Conversely in a Prüfer GAD every non zero prime ideal is

maximal and every ideal is contained in a finite number of

maximal ideals, and this is a condition for a domain to be a

$W$ -domain.