

$$(p_1) (d_1, d_2) \neq 1$$

( $p_2$ ) there exists a positive integer  $n$  such that

$$d_1 | d_2^n \text{ or } d_2 | d_1^n.$$

Finally we state the

Theorem 1. In an HCF domain of Krull type  $R$ , a non zero

non unit  $x$ , is expressible as the product of a finite number of

mutually co-prime packets and this factorization is unique

up to associates of the respective packets and up to their

order.

Proof. Let  $x$  be a non zero non unit in  $R$ , let

$p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n$  be the set of all the valued primes containing

$x$  and let  $q_1, q_2, \dots, q_m$  be the set of all the distinct mini-

mal subvalued primes of  $x$ . By Lemma 2, corresponding to each

$q_i$  there exists a  $p_i$  such that  $p_i \in q_i$  and  $p_i \not\in q_j$  for

each  $i \neq j$ .

We first take up  $q_1$ ; there exists a  $p_1$  such that

$$x = p_1 x' \text{ where } p_1 \in q_1 \text{ and } p_1 \not\in q_j \quad j = 2, \dots, m.$$

And by (4) of Lemma 3 we can write

$$x = x_1 x_2' \text{ where } (x_1, x_2') = 1 \text{ and } x_1 \text{ has } q_1 \text{ as its only}$$

minimal subvalued prime i.e.  $x_1 \not\in q_j \quad (j = 2, \dots, m)$ .

Similarly corresponding to  $q_2$ , there exists  $p_2 \in q_2$

such that  $p_2 | x$  and  $p_2 \not\in q_j \quad j \neq 2$ . Being in  $q_2$ ,  $p_2$  is not in

the bunch of valued primes of  $x$  containing  $q_1$  we conclude

that  $x = x_1 p_2 x_2'$  and by an application of (4) of Lemma 3

$$\text{again} \quad x = x_1 x_2 x_3' ; (x_1 x_2, x_3') = 1.$$

Repeating the above process we get

$$x = x_1 x_2 \dots x_m ; \text{ where each } x_i \text{ is a packet}$$

$$\text{and } (x_i, x_j) = 1 \text{ whenever } i \neq j.$$

Moreover if  $x = y_1 y_2 \dots y_s$  where  $y_j$  are mutually co-prime

packets then  $s = m$ , because the set of the valued primes (and