

(2,2) $\neq 1$ i.e. if $xy \in P(r)$ then $x \in P(r)$ or $y \in P(r)$ and

this establishes (3).

(4) If $P(r) = P(s)$ then since $r \in P(r)$, $(r,s) \neq 1$.

Conversely let $(r,s) \neq 1$ then by (1), $r|s$ or $s|r$. If

$r|s$ then $(x,r) \neq 1$ implies that $(x,s) \neq 1$, that is

$P(r) \subseteq P(s)$. If on the other hand $(x,s) \neq 1$ then by the HCF

property $x = x_1 s_1$ and $s = s_1 s_2$, where $(x_1, s_2) = 1$. Since

$s_1|s$, s_1 is a rigid element which is non co-prime to r since

we have assumed that $r|s$ that is $(x,s) \neq 1$ implies that

$(x,r) \neq 1$ i.e. $P(s) \subseteq P(r)$ and combining the two inclusion

relations the result follows.

(5) Since R is an HCF domain, $R_P(r)$ is an HCF domain (cf

Lemma 9, Ch. 1). To prove that a quasi-local HCF domain (

$R_P(r)$ in this case) is a valuation domain, all we have to

show is that no two non units of this domain ($R_P(r)$) are

co-prime. Suppose on the contrary that there exist x, y in

$P(r)_{R_P(r)}$, such that $(x, y) = 1$ and let

$x = u_1/v_1$; $y = u_2/v_2$ (we can assume that $(u, v) = 1$).

Now since v_1, v_2 are units in $R_P(r)$ we get $(u_1, u_2) = 1$

in $R_P(r)$, that is $(u_1, u_2) \notin P(r)_{R_P(r)}$. But since we assumed

that x, y are non units in $R_P(r)$, $u_1, u_2 \in P(r)$ and so

$(u, r) = r_1$ ($i = 1, 2$) are such that $r_i \neq 1$ that is

$d = (u_1, u_2)$ is a multiple of r_1 or of r_2 in R (since r_i are

factors of a rigid element r) and thus $(u_1, u_2) = d \in P(r)$

i.e. u_1, u_2 are non co-prime in $R_P(r)$ a contradiction estab-

lishing that no two non units in $R_P(r)$ are co-prime which

implies the result.

2. Semirigid Domains.

Using Lemma 1, we first prove the