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Group rings and semigroup rings over Strong Mori domains

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Abstract

In this paper we study the transfer of the property of being a Strong Mori domain. In particular we give the characterizations of Strong Mori domains in certain types of pullbacks. We show that if *R* is a Strong Mori domain which is not a field, then the polynomial ring $R[{X_{\lambda}}_{\lambda \in A}]$ is also a Strong Mori domain and *w*-dim $R[{X_{\lambda}}_{\lambda \in A}] = w$ -dim *R*. We also determine necessary and sufficient conditions in order that the group ring R[X;G] or the semigroup ring R[X;S] should be a Strong Mori domain with *w*-dimension ≤ 1 . © 2001 Elsevier Science B.V. All rights reserved.

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1. Introduction

Throughout this paper we shall use *R* to denote a commutative integral domain with quotient field *K*. Let *F*(*R*) be the set of nonzero fractional ideals of *R*. A star operation on *R* is a mapping $I \rightarrow I^*$ of *F*(*R*) into *F*(*R*) such that for all $A, B \in F(R)$ and for all $a \in K \setminus \{0\}$,

(i) $(a)^* = (a)$ and $(aA)^* = aA^*$,

(ii) $A \subseteq A^*$ and $A \subseteq B$ implies $A^* \subseteq B^*$, and

(iii) $(A^*)^* = A^*$.

An ideal $A \in F(R)$ is called a *-ideal if $A = A^*$ and A is called a *-ideal of finite type if there exists a finitely generated $B \in F(R)$ such that $A = B^*$. A star operation is said

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to be of finite character if $A^* = \bigcup \{B^* | B \text{ is a finitely generated ideal contained in } A\}$ for each $A \in F(R)$.

For $A \in F(R)$, the operation $A \to A_v = (A^{-1})^{-1}$ is called the *v*-operation whereas the operation $A \to A_t = \bigcup B_v$, where *B* ranges over finitely generated subideals of *A*, is called the *t*-operation. These are well-known examples of star operations and the *t*-operation has finite character while the *v*-operation need not have finite character. In many literatures a *v*-ideal is called a divisorial ideal.

An ideal *J* of *R* is called a Glaz–Vasconcelos ideal (GV-ideal), denoted by $J \in GV(R)$, if *J* is finitely generated and $J^{-1} = R$. For $A \in F(R)$, the operation $A \to A_w = \{x \in K \mid Jx \subseteq A \text{ for some } J \in GV(R)\}$ is called the *w*-operation and it gives another example of a star operation of finite character. In [16] a *w*-ideal is called a semi-divisorial ideal and in [18] an F_{∞} -ideal.

In Section 2 we show that the *w*-operation is a star operation induced by overrings. Recall that a Mori domain is a domain satisfying ACC on integral *v*-ideals and a Strong Mori (SM) domain is a domain satisfying ACC on integral *w*-ideals [11]. It is obvious that an SM domain is a Mori domain.

In Section 3 we give necessary and sufficient conditions for certain pullback type constructions to be SM domains. Using this characterization we show that the *w*-analogue of the converse of Eakin's Theorem does not hold.

In Section 4 we study the polynomial ring $R[\{X_{\lambda}\}_{\lambda \in \Lambda}]$ and the formal power series ring $R[\{X_{\lambda}\}_{\lambda \in \Lambda}]_1$, where $\{X_{\lambda}\}_{\lambda \in \Lambda}$ is an arbitrary set of indeterminates over R. If Ris a Noetherian domain, then R[X] is also a Noetherian domain by the Hilbert Basis Theorem. But if Λ is infinite, then $R[\{X_{\lambda}\}_{\lambda \in \Lambda}]$ is not Noetherian. In Proposition 4.3 we show that $R[\{X_{\lambda}\}_{\lambda \in \Lambda}]$ is a Mori domain. More generally, using the Hilbert Basis Theorem for SM domains we show that if R is an SM domain then $R[\{X_{\lambda}\}_{\lambda \in \Lambda}]$ is also an SM domain [Theorem 4.7]. We also show that if R is a Noetherian domain then $R[\{X_{\lambda}\}_{\lambda \in \Lambda}]_1$ is an SM domain [Proposition 4.9].

In the final section we study the group ring R[X; G] and the semigroup ring R[X; S], where G is a torsion-free abelian group and S is a torsion-free cancellative additive semigroup containing 0. In Theorems 5.8 and 5.9 we determine necessary and sufficient conditions under which R[X;G] (resp., R[X;S]) is an SM domain with w-dim $R[X;G] \le 1$ (resp., w-dim $R[X;S] \le 1$). Since every Krull domain is an SM domain with w-dimension ≤ 1 , those are generalizations of [24, Proposition 3.3] and [3, Proposition 5.11], respectively.

2. The *v*-, *t*-, *w*-operations

Given a star operation * on R, a proper integral *-ideal maximal with respect to being a *-ideal is called a maximal *-ideal and a maximal *-ideal is prime. We denote the set of all maximal *-ideals of R by *-max(R).

Suppose that * is of finite character. Then any proper *-ideal is contained in a maximal *-ideal (so the set *-max(R) is always nonempty) and any prime ideal minimal over a *-ideal is a *-ideal.

Recall that the *w*- and *t*-operations have finite character and for $A \in F(R)$, $A \subseteq A_w \subseteq A_t \subseteq A_v$.

Lemma 2.1. Let R be an integral domain. Then $w-\max(R) = t-\max(R)$.

Proof. Let Q be a maximal w-ideal of R. Then $Q \subseteq Q_t \subseteq R$. Since every t-ideal is a w-ideal, $Q = Q_t$ or $Q_t = R$. Suppose $Q_t = R$. Then there exists a finitely generated ideal J of R such that $J \subseteq Q$ and $J_v = R$. Thus since $J \in GV(R)$ and $J \subseteq Q$, $Q_w = R$. A contradiction! Therefore $Q = Q_t$, i.e., Q is a prime t-ideal of R. Since every t-ideal is a w-ideal and Q is a maximal w-ideal, Q is a maximal t-ideal.

Conversely let Q be a maximal t-ideal of R. Then Q is a w-ideal. Let M be a maximal w-ideal of R containing Q. Then by the above argument M is a t-ideal. Therefore by maximality of Q, Q = M, i.e., Q is a maximal w-ideal of R. \Box

Proposition 2.2. The *-operation induced by the mapping $A \rightarrow A^* = \bigcap \{AR_P | P \in t\text{-max}(R)\}$ is just the w-operation.

Proof. Since the *w*-operation has finite character, $A_w = \bigcap \{A_w R_P | P \in w - \max(R)\}$ for all $A \in F(R)$ [17, Proposition 4]. Let $x \in A_w R_P$. Then there is an $s \in R \setminus P$ such that $sx \in A_w$. So for some $J \in GV(R)$, $Jsx \subseteq A$. Now since P is a *w*-ideal, $J \notin P$, and hence $sx \in A_P$, i.e., $x \in A_P$. Thus since $A_w R_P = A R_P$ and $w - \max(R) = t - \max(R)$, $A_w = A^*$. \Box

The reader may consult [2] for the star operations induced by overrings. By Proposition 2.2, we can say that the equivalent conditions in [2, Theorem 5] (resp., [2, Theorem 6]) are just the necessary and sufficient conditions for w = t in a Mori domain (resp., an integrally closed domain).

Theorem 2.3 (Anderson [2, Theorem 5]). Let *R* be a Mori domain. Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (1) $A_t = \bigcap \{AR_P \mid P \in t\text{-max}(R)\}$ for each $A \in F(R)$.
- (2) $(A \cap B)_t = A_t \cap B_t$ for all $A, B \in F(R)$.
- (3) $(A \cap B)_t = A_t \cap B_t$ for all nonzero finitely generated integral ideals A and B of R.
- (4) $(A:_R B)_t = (A_t:_R B_t)$ for all $A \in F(R)$ and for all nonzero finitely generated fractional ideals B of R.
- (5) $(A:_R B)_t = (A_t:_R B_t)$ for all nonzero finitely generated integral ideals A and B of R.
- (6) For each maximal t-ideal P of R, R_P is a one-dimensional Gorenstein domain.
- (7) For each height one prime ideal P of R, R_P is Gorenstein and $R = \bigcap \{R_P | ht P = 1\}$.
- (8) $A_t = \bigcap \{AR_P \mid ht P = 1\}$ for each $A \in F(R)$.

Theorem 2.4 (Anderson [2, Theorem 6]). Let *R* be an integrally closed domain. Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (1) R is a Prüfer v-multiplication domain.
- (2) $(A \cap B)_t = A_t \cap B_t$ for all $A, B \in F(R)$.

- (3) $(A \cap B)_t = A_t \cap B_t$ for all nonzero finitely generated integral ideals A and B of R.
- (4) $(A:_R B)_t = (A_t:_R B_t)$ for all $A \in F(R)$ and for all nonzero finitely generated fractional ideals B of R.
- (5) $(A:_R B)_t = (A_t:_R B_t)$ for all nonzero finitely generated integral ideals A and B of R.
- (6) $A_t = \bigcap \{AR_P \mid P \in t\text{-max}(R)\}$ for all $A \in F(R)$.

Corollary 2.5. In a Krull domain, w = t = v.

A fractional ideal A of R is said to be *-invertible if there exists a fractional ideal B with $(AB)^* = R$ and in this case we can take $B = A^{-1}$. An integral domain R is said to be a Prüfer v-multiplication domain (PVMD) if each nonzero finitely generated ideal is t-invertible, or equivalently, if R_P is a valuation domain for all $P \in t$ -max(R). In [12], a w-multiplication domain is defined to be a domain in which each nonzero finitely generated ideal is w-invertible. It is clear that a w-multiplication domain is a PVMD. In fact since a PVMD is integrally closed, Theorem 2.4 implies w = t in a PVMD. So they are the same concepts, which also follows from the next lemma.

Lemma 2.6. Let $A \in F(R)$. Then A is w-invertible if and only if A is t-invertible.

Proof. It follows from Lemma 2.1. Indeed, A is w-invertible $\Leftrightarrow AA^{-1}$ is contained in no maximal w-ideal $\Leftrightarrow AA^{-1}$ is contained in no maximal t-ideal $\Leftrightarrow A$ is t-invertible.

Therefore we can replace "*t*-invertibility" by "*w*-invertibility" in all statements concerning *t*-invertibility. For results on *t*-invertibility, see [23,21,4].

Corollary 2.7. A PVMD is the same as a w-multiplication domain.

3. Pullbacks and SM domains

In [11,12] Fanggui and McCasland introduced an SM domain, which is a domain satisfying ACC on integral *w*-ideals, and they proved *w*-operation analogues of several theorems holding in a Noetherian domain. In this section we characterize SM domains in certain types of pullback constructions.

Recall first some terminology. Let M be a torsion-free R module. M is called a w-module if $J \in GV(R)$, $x \in M \otimes K$, and $Jx \subseteq M$ imply $x \in M$. M is a w-ideal if M is an ideal of R and is also a w-module. The w-envelope of M is the set given by $M_w = \{x \in M \otimes K \mid Jx \subseteq M \text{ for some } J \in GV(R)\}$. Let T be an overdomain of R. If T is a w-module (as an R-module) then we say that T is a w-overdomain of R. It is clear that for any overdomain T of R, T_w is a w-overdomain of R. A w-module M is called a Strong Mori module (SM module) if M satisfies ACC on w-submodules.

R is an SM domain if *R* is an SM module. The *w*-dimension of *R* (denoted by w-dim(*R*)) is defined by sup{ $ht P | P \in w$ -max(*R*)}.

Below, we list for easy reference several facts which we shall need in the sequel.

Theorem 3.1 (Fanggui and McCasland [11,12]). Let R be an integral domain.

- (1) *R* is an SM domain if and only if R_p is Noetherian for every $P \in w-\max(R)$ and each nonzero element of *R* lies in only finitely many maximal w-ideals. Furthermore, if *R* is an SM domain, then $R = \bigcap \{R_p | P \in w-\max(R)\}$.
- (2) (*The Hilbert Basis Theorem for SM domains*) Let R be an SM domain, then R[X] is likewise an SM domain.
- (3) (*The Cohen Theorem for SM domains*) *R is an SM domain if and only if each prime w-ideal of R is of finite type.*
- (4) (Generalized PIT for SM domains) Let R be an SM domain and let $I = (a_1, ..., a_n)_w$ be a w-ideal of R. If P is a prime ideal of R minimal over I, then $ht P \leq n$.
- (5) *R* is an SM domain if and only if every finite type torsion-free w-module over *R* is an SM module.

Corollary 3.2. Let *R* be an *SM* domain and let *T* be a finite type w-overdomain of *R*. Then *T* is an *SM* domain.

Proof. Let Q be a prime w-ideal of T. Then by [12, Lemma 3.1] Q is a w-module over R. Since T is an SM module (Theorem 3.1(5)), Q is a finite type w-module over R, that is, there exists a finitely generated R-module A such that $Q = A_w = \{x \in A \otimes K \mid Jx \subseteq A \text{ for some } J \in GV(R)\}$. We claim that $Q = (AT)_w = \{x \in qf(T) \mid Jx \subseteq AT \text{ for some } J \in GV(T)\}$. If $x \in Q$, then $Jx \subseteq A$ for some $J \in GV(R)$, which implies $JTx \subseteq AT$. Since by [12, Lemma 3.1] $JT \in GV(T)$, $x \in (AT)_w$, and hence $Q \subseteq (AT)_w$. Since Q is a w-ideal of T, the opposite inclusion is clear. Thus each prime w-ideal of T is of finite type, so that T is an SM domain (Theorem 3.1(3)). \Box

It is well known that if $R \subset T$ are rings with T Noetherian and T a finitely generated R-module, then R is Noetherian. But its w-analogue, i.e., the converse of Corollary 3.2 does not hold. We will construct a counter example by using the next proposition.

Proposition 3.3. Let T be a quasi-local domain with maximal ideal $M \neq (0)$, let k(T) = T/M be the residue field, let $\phi : T \rightarrow k(T)$ be the natural projection, and let D be a proper subring of k(T). Let $R = \phi^{-1}(D)$ be the domain arising from the following pullback diagram of canonical homomorphisms:

$$\begin{array}{cccc} R & \longrightarrow & D \\ & & & \downarrow \\ & & & \downarrow \\ T & \stackrel{\phi}{\longrightarrow} & k(T) \end{array}$$

Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (1) R is an SM domain.
- (2) R is Noetherian.
- (3) T is Noetherian, D is a field, and $[k(T):D] < \infty$.

Proof. Assume that *R* is an SM domain. Then since *R* is a Mori domain, *D* is a field [5, Proposition 3.4] and so *M* is the unique maximal ideal of *R*. Moreover M = (R : T) is a divisorial ideal of *R*, so that *M* is the unique maximal *w*-ideal of *R*. Therefore by Theorem 3.1(1), $R = R_M$ is Noetherian. The equivalence of (2) and (3) follows from [13, Theorem 2.3]. \Box

Example 3.4. Consider the following pullback diagram:



Since $T \subseteq M^{-1} = (R : M) = (M : M) \subseteq R''(=$ the complete integral closure of R) = T, $T = M^{-1}$ is a divisorial ideal of R, and hence it is a *w*-module over R. Since $[\mathbb{C} : \mathbb{R}] = 2 < \infty$, T is a finitely generated R-module, so T is a finite-type *w*-overdomain of R. Since T is a UFD, T is clearly an SM domain. But T is not Noetherian, and hence Proposition 3.3 says that R is not an SM domain.

We will extend Proposition 3.3 to the general case.

Lemma 3.5 (Gabelli and Houston [14, Theorem 4.18]). Let *T* be a domain with a nonzero maximal ideal *M*, let k = T/M be the residue field, let $\phi : T \to k$ be the natural projection, and let *D* be a proper subring of *k*. Let $R = \phi^{-1}(D)$ be the domain arising from the following pullback of canonical homomorphisms:



Then R is a Mori domain if and only if T is a Mori domain and D is a field.

It is well known that if $\{R_i\}_{i \in I}$ is a defining family of overrings of R of finite character and each R_i is Mori, then so is R [28, Corollary 4]. But we do not know whether a similar result holds for SM domains. However we can say at least the following holds.

Lemma 3.6. Let $\{S_i\}_{i \in I}$ be a family of multiplicative subsets of R such that $R = \bigcap R_{S_i}$ has the finite character and R_{S_i} is an SM domain for all $i \in I$. Then R is also an SM domain.

Proof. Since R_{S_i} is a Mori domain for all $i \in I$, so is $R = \bigcap R_{S_i}$ by Zafrullah [28, Corollary 4]. Let $P \in w$ -max(R) = t-max(R). Since in a Mori domain, t = v, P is divisorial. By [19, Proposition 1.1], PR_{S_i} is divisorial in R_{S_i} for all $i \in I$. Since for each $x \in q.f(R)$ such that $P \subseteq xR$, $\bigcap PR_{S_i} \subseteq \bigcap xR_{S_i} = xR$, we have $\bigcap PR_{S_i} \subseteq P_v = P$. Therefore PR_{S_i} is proper for some $i \in I$. Assume that $PR_{S_{i_0}}$ is proper. Put $S = S_{i_0}$. We claim that $PR_S \in w$ -max (R_S) . Let N be a maximal w-ideal of R_S containing PR_S . Put $M = N \cap R$. Then since N is a divisorial ideal of R_S , M is also divisorial in R (see the proof of [19, Proposition 1.1(v)]). Since a divisorial ideal is a w-ideal, by maximality of P, P = M, and so $N = MR_S = PR_S$. Since R_S is an SM domain, $R_P = (R_S)_{PR_S}$ is Noetherian (Theorem 3.1(1)). From the above argument, we can see that w-max $(R) \subseteq \{P \in Spec(R) \mid PR_{S_i} \in w$ -max (R_{S_i}) for some $i \in I\}$. Therefore it follows from the finite characterness of $R = \bigcap R_{S_i}$ and $R_{S_i} = \bigcap \{(R_{S_i})_{PR_{S_i}} \mid PR_{S_i} \in w$ -max $(R_{S_i})\}$ for each $i \in I$ that $R = \bigcap \{R_P \mid P \in w$ -max $(R)\}$ has the finite character. Thus by Theorem 3.1(1), R is an SM domain. \Box

Proposition 3.7. With the notation of Lemma 3.5, R is an SM domain if and only if T is an SM domain, T_M is Noetherian, D is a field, and $[k:D] < \infty$.

Proof. (\Rightarrow) Assume that *R* is an SM domain. Then since *R* is a Mori domain, *T* is a Mori domain and *D* is a field, so *M* is a maximal ideal of *R*. Moreover M = (R : T) is a divisorial ideal of *R*, so that $M \in w$ -max(*R*). By Theorem 3.1(1), R_M is Noetherian. Since the following diagram of canonical homomorphisms

$$\begin{array}{cccc} R_M & \longrightarrow & D \\ & & & \downarrow \\ & & & \downarrow \\ T_M & \longrightarrow & k \end{array}$$

is a pullback, T_M is Noetherian and $[k:D] < \infty$.

Now let Q be a maximal w-ideal of T which is not contained in M and let $P = Q \cap R$. Then since $M \notin Q$, $T_Q = R_P$. Since w-max(T) = t-max(T) and T is a Mori domain, Q is divisorial in T, and so QT_Q is divisorial in T_Q , i.e., PR_P is divisorial in R_P . By [19, Proposition 1.1], $P = PR_P \cap R$ is divisorial in R, and hence P is a w-ideal of R. Let P' be a maximal w-ideal of R containing P. Suppose that P' = M. Choose $x \in Q \setminus M$. Then since M + xT = T, m + xt = 1 for some $m \in M$, $t \in T$. So $xt = 1 - m \in Q \cap R = P \subseteq P' = M$, whence $1 = m + xt \in M$. This contradiction implies that $M \notin P'$. Therefore, there is a unique prime ideal Q' of T such that $Q' \cap R = P'$ and $T_{Q'} = R_{P'}$. By the same argument as above, we can show that Q' is a w-ideal of T. But since $Q \subseteq Q'$ and $Q \in w$ -max(T), Q = Q', which implies P = P', i.e., $P \in w$ -max(R).

Now since *R* is an SM domain, R_P is Noetherian and $R = \bigcap_{P \in w-\max(R)} R_P$ has the finite character. It follows that T_Q is Noetherian and $\bigcap \{T_Q \mid Q \in w-\max(T) \text{ and } Q \notin M\}$ has the finite character. Since $T = \bigcap_{Q \in w-\max(T)} T_Q = (\bigcap \{T_Q \mid Q \in w-\max(T) \text{ and } Q \notin M\}) \cap (\bigcap \{T_Q \mid Q \in w-\max(T) \text{ and } Q \notin M\}) = T_M \cap (\bigcap \{T_Q \mid Q \in w-\max(T) \text{ and } Q \notin M\}) = T_M \cap (\bigcap \{T_Q \mid Q \in w-\max(T) \text{ and } Q \notin M\})$ and $Q \notin M$) and the last expression has the finite character, T is an SM domain by Lemma 3.6.

(⇐) By Proposition 3.3 and Lemma 3.5, *R* is a Mori domain and R_M is Noetherian. Now let $P(\neq M) \in w\text{-max}(R)$. Since $M \notin P$, there is a unique prime ideal *Q* of *T* such that $Q \cap R = P$ and $R_P = T_Q$. Again by the same argument as above, we can show that $Q \in w\text{-max}(T)$. It follows from the assumption *T* is an SM domain that R_P is Noetherian and $R = \bigcap_{P \in w\text{-max}(R)} R_P$ has the finite character. Therefore by Theorem 3.1(1), *R* is an SM domain. \Box

Proposition 3.8. Let M_1, \ldots, M_r be finitely many maximal ideals of a domain T, let D be a domain contained in T/M_i , $i = 1, \ldots, r$, and let $\phi: T \to T/I$ be the natural projection, where $I = \bigcap_{i=1}^r M_i$. Let $R = \phi^{-1}(D)$ be the domain arising from the following pullback of canonical homomorphisms:

$$\begin{array}{cccc} R & & \longrightarrow & D \\ & & & & \downarrow \\ & & & & \downarrow \\ T & & \longrightarrow & T/I \cong T/M_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus T/M_r \end{array}$$

Then R is an SM domain if and only if T is an SM domain, T_{M_i} is Noetherian for all i = 1, ..., r, D is a field, and T/I is a finite D-module.

Proof. (\Rightarrow) Assume that *R* is an SM domain. Let *F* be the quotient field of *D*. Then since $F \subseteq T/M_i$ for all i = 1, ..., r, $F \subseteq T/I$. Let $S = \phi^{-1}(F)$. Then the diagram



is a pullback. Therefore by Proposition 3.7, D is a field, so that $I \in w-\max(R)$. Since the diagram

$$\begin{array}{cccc} R_{I} & & & & D \\ & & & & & \\ \downarrow & & & & \downarrow \\ T_{R\setminus I} & & & & T_{R\setminus I}/IT_{R\setminus I} \cong T/I \end{array}$$

$$(*)$$

is a pullback and R_I is Noetherian, $T_{R\setminus I}$ is Noetherian and T/I is a finite *D*-module. Clearly $T_{M_i} = (T_{R\setminus I})_{M_{iTR\setminus I}}$ is Noetherian for all i = 1, ..., r.

Now let Q be a maximal w-ideal of T which is not contained in any M_i , i = 1, ..., r. Then since $I \notin Q$, $T_Q = R_P$ where $P = Q \cap R$. Thus since $\bigcap \{T_Q \mid Q \in w\text{-max}(T) \text{ and } Q \notin M_i \text{ for all } i = 1, ..., r\}$ is a generalized quotient ring of a Mori domain R, it is a Mori domain by [25, Section 2, Theorem 2]. Therefore $T = \bigcap_{Q \in w\text{-max}(T)} T_Q =$ $(\bigcap \{T_Q \mid Q \in w - \max(T) \text{ and } Q \subseteq M_i \text{ for some } i = 1, ..., r\}) \cap (\bigcap \{T_Q \mid Q \in w - \max(T) \text{ and } Q \notin M_i \text{ for all } i = 1, ..., r\}) = (\bigcap_{i=1}^r T_{M_i}) \cap (\bigcap \{T_Q \mid Q \in w - \max(T) \text{ and } Q \notin M_i \text{ for all } i = 1, ..., r\})$ is a Mori domain by [28, Corollary 4].

We claim that $P = Q \cap R \notin I$. Suppose not. Choose $x \in Q \setminus (\bigcup_{i=1}^{r} M_i)$. Then since I + xT = T, a + xt = 1 for some $a \in I$, $t \in T$. So $xt = 1 - a \in Q \cap R = P \subseteq I$, whence $1 = a + xt \in I$. This contradiction implies that $P \notin I$. So as in the proof of Proposition 3.7, we can show that $P \in w$ -max(R).

Since *R* is an SM domain, R_P is Noetherian and $R = \bigcap_{P \in w-\max(R)} R_P$ has the finite character. It follows that T_Q is Noetherian and $\bigcap \{T_Q \mid Q \in w-\max(T) \text{ and } Q \notin M_i \text{ for all } i=1,\ldots,r\}$ has the finite character. Therefore since $T = (\bigcap_{i=1}^r T_{M_i}) \cap (\bigcap \{T_Q \mid Q \in w-\max(T) \text{ and } Q \notin M_i \text{ for all } i=1,\ldots,r\})$ has the finite character, *T* is an SM domain by Lemma 3.6.

(\Leftarrow) Since T_{M_i} is Noetherian for all i = 1, ..., r and $T_{R \setminus I} = \bigcap_{i=1}^r T_{M_i}, T_{R \setminus I}$ is Noetherian [22, Section 2–3, Exercise 10]. Since the diagram (*) is a pullback and T/I is a finite *D*-module, R_I is Noetherian.

Now let $P(\neq I) \in w$ -max(R). Then since $I \not\subseteq P$, there is a unique prime ideal Q of T such that $Q \cap R = P$ and $R_P = T_Q$. Thus since $\bigcap \{R_P \mid P \in w$ -max(R) and $P \neq I\}$ is a generalized quotient ring of a Mori domain T, it is a Mori domain. So as in the proof of Proposition 3.7, we can show that $Q \in w$ -max(T).

Now since *T* is an SM domain, $R_P = T_Q$ is Noetherian and $\bigcap \{R_P | P \in w\text{-max}(R) \text{ and } P \neq I\}$ has the finite character. Therefore $R = \bigcap_{P \in w\text{-max}(R)} = R_I \cap (\bigcap \{R_P | P \in w\text{-max}(R) \text{ and } P \neq I\})$ is an SM domain by Theorem 3.1(1) or Lemma 3.6. \Box

4. Polynomial rings and formal power series rings

Let $\{X_{\lambda}\}_{\lambda \in \Lambda}$ be an arbitrary set of indeterminates over *R*.

Lemma 4.1. If * denotes either the v-, the t-, or the w-operations, then $(IR[\{X_{\lambda}\}_{\lambda \in \Lambda}])^* = I^*R[\{X_{\lambda}\}_{\lambda \in \Lambda}]$ for each $I \in F(R)$.

Proof. This result is stated in [18, Proposition 4.3] for a single indeterminate, and the proofs for the multi-variable case are identical to those for the single-variable case. \Box

In [16] Glaz and Vasconcelos introduce the concept of an *H*-domain: a domain *R* in which every ideal *A* with $A^{-1} = R$ has a finitely generated subideal *J* such that $J^{-1} = A^{-1}$. They then prove that if *R* is an *H*-domain, then *R*[*X*] is an *H*-domain [16, (3.2c)].

Proposition 4.2. If R is an H-domain, then so is $R[\{X_{\lambda}\}_{\lambda \in \Lambda}]$.

Proof. Let Q be a maximal *t*-ideal of $R[\{X_{\lambda}\}]$. By [20, Proposition 2.4], it suffices to show that Q is divisorial. Since $Q \neq \{0\}$, there exists a finite subset $\{\lambda_1, \ldots, \lambda_n\}$ of Λ such that $Q \cap R[X_{\lambda_1}, \ldots, X_{\lambda_n}] \neq \{0\}$. Since $R[X_{\lambda_1}, \ldots, X_{\lambda_n}]$ is an *H*-domain, we may

assume that $Q \cap R \neq \{0\}$. Suppose that Q is not divisorial. Then since every divisorial ideal is a *t*-ideal and Q is a maximal *t*-ideal, $Q_v = R[\{X_\lambda\}]$. Let $A = \sum_{f \in Q} A_{f,}$ where A_f is the ideal of R generated by the coefficients of f. Then $Q \subseteq A[\{X_\lambda\}]$. Therefore $Q_v \subseteq (A[\{X_\lambda\}])_v = A_v[\{X_\lambda\}]$, so $A_v = R$. Since R is an H-domain, there exists a finitely generated ideal J of R such that $J \subseteq A$ and $J_v = R$. Therefore there exists an element $f \in Q$ such that $(A_f)_v = R$. Choose $a \in Q \cap R \setminus \{0\}$. We claim that $(a, f)^{-1} = R[\{X_\lambda\}]$. Let $g \in (a, f)^{-1} \subseteq K[\{X_\lambda\}]$. Then $gf \in R[\{X_\lambda\}]$. By Dedekind–Mertens theorem, there exists a positive integer m such that $A_g A_f^m = A_{gf} A_f^{m-1}$. Therefore $R \supseteq (A_{gf} A_f^m)_v = (A_g (A_f)_v^m)_v = (A_g)_v$, which implies $g \in R[\{X_\lambda\}]$, thus $(a, f)^{-1} = R[\{X_\lambda\}]$, i.e., $(a, f)_v = R[\{X_\lambda\}]$. But since Q is a t-ideal and $(a, f) \subseteq Q$, $R[\{X_\lambda\}] = (a, f)_v \subseteq Q_t = Q$, a contradiction. \Box

In [27] Roitman showed that there exists a Mori domain R such that R[X] is not Mori using the following equivalent conditions: R is a Mori domain if and only if for any $a \in R \setminus \{0\}$, the ring R/Ra has CC^{\perp} [26, Theorem 2.2]. We will also use this theorem in proving that if R is a Noetherian domain, then $R[\{X_{\lambda}\}_{\lambda \in A}]$ and $R[\{X_{\lambda}\}_{\lambda \in A}]_1$ are Mori domains. Recall the condition CC^{\perp} means the descending chain condition on annihilators, or equivalently, the ascending chain condition on annihilators. It is well known and easy that the CC^{\perp} property is hereditary, i.e., subrings of CC^{\perp} -rings are also CC^{\perp} -rings (cf. [8,9]).

Proposition 4.3. Let R be a Noetherian domain. Then $R[\{X_{\lambda}\}_{\lambda \in \Lambda}]$ is a Mori domain.

Proof. By [26, Theorem 2.2], it suffices to show that for any $f \in R[\{X_{\lambda}\}] \setminus \{0\}$, the ring $R[\{X_{\lambda}\}]/fR[\{X_{\lambda}\}]$ has CC^{\perp} . Let $f \in R[\{X_{\lambda}\}] \setminus \{0\}$. Then there exists a finite subset $\{\lambda_1, \ldots, \lambda_n\}$ of Λ such that $f \in R[X_{\lambda_1}, \ldots, X_{\lambda_n}]$. Since $R[X_{\lambda_1}, \ldots, X_{\lambda_n}]$ is Noetherian, $fR[X_{\lambda_1}, \ldots, X_{\lambda_n}]$ has a reduced primary decomposition $fR[X_{\lambda_1}, \ldots, X_{\lambda_n}] = Q_1 \cap \cdots \cap Q_k$. Let $P_i = \sqrt{Q_i}$. Then $fR[\{X_{\lambda}\}] = Q_1R[\{X_{\lambda}\}] \cap \cdots \cap Q_kR[\{X_{\lambda}\}]$ and $Q_iR[\{X_{\lambda}\}]$ is a $P_iR[\{X_{\lambda}\}]$ -primary ideal. It is clear that $R[\{X_{\lambda}\}]/fR[\{X_{\lambda}\}] \subseteq R[\{X_{\lambda}\}]/Q_1R[\{X_{\lambda}\}] \oplus \cdots \oplus R[\{X_{\lambda}\}]/Q_kR[\{X_{\lambda}\}] \subseteq T(R[\{X_{\lambda}\}]/Q_1R[\{X_{\lambda}\}]) \oplus \cdots \oplus T(R[\{X_{\lambda}\}]/Q_kR[\{X_{\lambda}\}])$, where $T(R[\{X_{\lambda}\}]/Q_iR[\{X_{\lambda}\}]) \cong (R[\{X_{\lambda}\}]/Q_iR[\{X_{\lambda}\}]) \cong (R[\{X_{\lambda}\}]/Q_iR[\{X_{\lambda}\}])$ is the total quotient ring of $R[\{X_{\lambda}\}]/Q_iR[\{X_{\lambda}\}]$. Since $T(R[\{X_{\lambda}\}]/Q_iR[\{X_{\lambda}\}]) \cong (R[\{X_{\lambda}\}]/Q_iR[\{X_{\lambda}\}]) \cong (R[\{X_{\lambda}\}]/Q_iR[\{X_{\lambda}\}])$ is a 0-dimensional quasi-local ring and its unique prime ideal $P_iT(R[\{X_{\lambda}\}]/Q_iR[\{X_{\lambda}\}])$ is finitely generated, $T(R[\{X_{\lambda}\}]/Q_iR[\{X_{\lambda}\}])$ is Noetherian. Therefore obviously it has CC^{\perp} . Now since $R[\{X_{\lambda}\}]/Q_iR[\{X_{\lambda}\}]$ is a subring of the CC^{\perp} -ring $T(R[\{X_{\lambda}\}]/Q_1R[\{X_{\lambda}\}]) \oplus \cdots \oplus T(R[\{X_{\lambda}\}]/Q_kR[\{X_{\lambda}\}])$ has also CC^{\perp} .

Corollary 4.4. Let *R* be a Noetherian domain. Then every integral divisorial ideal of $R[{X_{\lambda}}_{\lambda \in \Lambda}]$ is finitely generated and it has a primary decomposition.

Proof. Let *A* be an integral divisorial ideal of $R[\{X_{\lambda}\}]$. Then $A = I_v$ for some finitely generated ideal *I* of $R[\{X_{\lambda}\}]$. There exist a finite subset $\{\lambda_1, \ldots, \lambda_n\}$ of *A* and a finitely generated ideal *J* of $R[X_{\lambda_1}, \ldots, X_{\lambda_n}]$ such that $I = JR[\{X_{\lambda}\}]$. Therefore $A = I_v = J_v R[\{X_{\lambda}\}]$.

Since J_v is an ideal of a Noetherian ring $R[X_{\lambda_1}, \ldots, X_{\lambda_n}]$, it is finitely generated and has a primary decomposition. Therefore A is also finitely generated and has a primary decomposition. \Box

Proposition 4.5. Let R be a Noetherian domain. Then $R[{X_{\lambda}}]_{\lambda \in A}]_1$ is a Mori domain.

Proof. The proof is essentially the same as that for Proposition 4.3. All we have to check is that if Q is a P-primary ideal in R, then $QR[[{X_{\lambda}}]]_1$ is a $PR[[{X_{\lambda}}]]_1$ -primary ideal. Since R is Noetherian, $QR[[{X_{\lambda}}]]_1 = Q[[{X_{\lambda}}]]_1$ and $PR[[{X_{\lambda}}]]_1 = P[[{X_{\lambda}}]]_1$. If k is a positive integer such that $P^k \subseteq Q$, then $(P[[{X_{\lambda}}]]_1)^k \subseteq Q[[{X_{\lambda}}]]_1$. Let $f, g \in R[[{X_{\lambda}}]]_1$ with $fg \in Q[[{X_{\lambda}}]]_1$. Assume that $f \notin Q[[{X_{\lambda}}]]_1$. Then there exists a finite subset $\{\lambda_1, \ldots, \lambda_n\}$ of Λ such that $f, g \in R[[{X_{\lambda_1}, \ldots, {X_{\lambda_n}}]]$. So $fg \in Q[[{X_{\lambda_1}, \ldots, {X_{\lambda_n}}]]$ and $f \notin Q[[{X_{\lambda_1}, \ldots, {X_{\lambda_n}}]]$. Since by [6, Theorem 8], $Q[[{X_{\lambda_1}, \ldots, {X_{\lambda_n}}]]$ is a $P[[{X_{\lambda_1}, \ldots, {X_{\lambda_n}}]]$ -primary ideal, $g \in P[[{X_{\lambda_1}, \ldots, {X_{\lambda_n}}]]$.

Corollary 4.6. Let *R* be a Noetherian domain. Then every integral divisorial ideal of $R[{X_{\lambda}}_{\lambda \in A}]_1$ is finitely generated and it has a primary decomposition.

Proof. Let *A* be an integral divisorial ideal of $R[[\{X_{\lambda}\}]]_1$. Then $A = I_v$ for some finitely generated ideal *I* of $R[[\{X_{\lambda}\}]]_1$. There exist a finite subset $\{\lambda_1, \ldots, \lambda_n\}$ of *A* and a finitely generated ideal *J* of $R[[\{X_{\lambda}\}]]_1$. There fore $A = I_v = (J[[\{X_{\lambda}\}_{\lambda \in A \setminus \{\lambda_1, \ldots, \lambda_n\}}]]_1 = J[[\{X_{\lambda}\}_{\lambda \in A \setminus \{\lambda_1, \ldots, \lambda_n\}}]]_1$. Therefore $A = I_v = (J[[\{X_{\lambda}\}_{\lambda \in A \setminus \{\lambda_1, \ldots, \lambda_n\}}]]_1 = J_v[[\{X_{\lambda}\}_{\lambda \in A \setminus \{\lambda_1, \ldots, \lambda_n\}}]]_1$. Therefore $A = I_v = (J[[\{X_{\lambda}\}_{\lambda \in A \setminus \{\lambda_1, \ldots, \lambda_n\}}]]_1 = J_v[[\{X_{\lambda}\}_{\lambda \in A \setminus \{\lambda_1, \ldots, \lambda_n\}}]]_1$ by [10, Proposition 2.1] (due to Anderson and Kang). Since J_v is an ideal of Noetherian ring $R[X_{\lambda_1}, \ldots, X_{\lambda_n}]$, it is finitely generated, and so is $A = J_v[[\{X_{\lambda}\}_{\lambda \in A \setminus \{\lambda_1, \ldots, \lambda_n\}}]]_1 = J_v R[[\{X_{\lambda}\}_{\lambda \in A \setminus \{\lambda_1, \ldots, \lambda_n\}}]]_1$. Let $J_v = Q_1 \cap \cdots \cap Q_m$ be a primary decomposition. Then as we said in the proof of Proposition 4.5, each $Q_i R[[\{X_{\lambda}\}]]_1$ is a primary ideal, hence *A* has a primary decomposition $A = J_v R[[\{X_{\lambda}\}]]_1 = Q_1 R[[\{X_{\lambda}\}]]_1 \cap \cdots \cap Q_m R[[\{X_{\lambda}\}]]_1$.

Theorem 4.7. Let R be an SM domain. Then $R[{X_{\lambda}}_{\lambda \in \Lambda}]$ is also an SM domain.

Proof. Let Q be a prime w-ideal of $R[\{X_{\lambda}\}]$. Then there exists a maximal w-ideal M of $R[\{X_{\lambda}\}]$ containing Q. By Lemma 2.1, M is a maximal t-ideal of $R[\{X_{\lambda}\}]$. Since $M \neq \{0\}$, there exists a finite subset Λ_0 of Λ such that $M \cap R[\{X_{\lambda}\}_{\lambda \in \Lambda_0}] \neq \{0\}$. Since $R[\{X_{\lambda}\}_{\lambda \in \Lambda_0}]$ is an SM domain by Theorem 3.1(2), we may assume that $M \cap R \neq \{0\}$. Since R is a Mori domain, M is divisorial by Proposition 4.2, and hence $M = (M \cap R)R[\{X_{\lambda}\}]$ by [26, Theorem 3.6]. Since R is an SM domain and $M \cap R$ is a w-ideal of R (Lemma 4.1), there exists a finite subset $\{a_1, \ldots, a_m\}$ of $M \cap R$ such that $M \cap R = (a_1, \ldots, a_m)_w$. So for each finite subset $\{1$ of Λ , $(M \cap R)R[\{X_{\lambda}\}_{\lambda \in \Lambda_1}] = (a_1, \ldots, a_m)_w R[\{X_{\lambda}\}_{\lambda \in \Lambda_1}] = ((a_1, \ldots, a_m)R[\{X_{\lambda}\}_{\lambda \in \Lambda_1}])_w$, and hence $ht(M \cap R)$ $R[\{X_{\lambda}\}_{\lambda \in \Lambda_1}] \leq m$ by Theorem 3.1(4). Therefore $ht M \leq m < \infty$. Let $ht Q = k < \infty$. Then there exists a chain of prime ideals $(0) \subseteq Q_1 \subseteq Q_2 \subseteq \cdots \subseteq Q_k = Q$. For each $i = 1, \ldots, k$, choose $f_i \in Q_i \setminus Q_{i-1}$. Then there exists a finite subset $\{\lambda_1, \ldots, \lambda_n\}$ of

A such that $f_i \in R[X_{\lambda_1}, ..., X_{\lambda_n}]$ for all i = 1, ..., k. Let $P_i = Q_i \cap R[X_{\lambda_1}, ..., X_{\lambda_n}]$. Then $P_iR[\{X_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in A}] \in Spec(R\{X_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in A}])$ and (0) $\subseteq P_1R[\{X_\lambda\}] \subseteq ... \subseteq P_kR[\{X_\lambda\}] \subseteq Q$. Since $ht Q = k, Q = P_kR[\{X_\lambda\}]$. Since P_k is a w-ideal of an SM domain $R[X_{\lambda_1}, ..., X_{\lambda_n}]$, $P_k = I_w$ for some finitely generated ideal *I* of $R[X_{\lambda_1}, ..., X_{\lambda_n}]$. Therefore by Lemma 4.1, $Q = (IR[\{X_\lambda\}])_w$. Thus every prime w-ideal of $R[\{X_\lambda\}]$ is of finite type, so that $R[\{X_\lambda\}]$ is an SM domain (Theorem 3.1(3)). □

Theorem 4.8. Let R be an SM domain and Q a maximal w-ideal of $R[{X_{\lambda}}_{\lambda \in \Lambda}]$. Then

$$ht Q = \begin{cases} ht(Q \cap R) & \text{if } Q \cap R \neq \{0\}, \\ 1 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Therefore

$$w\text{-}dimR[\{X_{\lambda}\}_{\lambda \in \Lambda}] = \begin{cases} w\text{-}dimR & \text{if } R \text{ is not a field,} \\ 1 & \text{if } R \text{ is a field and } \Lambda \text{ is nonempty.} \end{cases}$$

Proof. Let Q be a maximal w-ideal of $R[{X_{\lambda}}]$. Since $R[{X_{\lambda}}]$ is an SM domain, it is an H-domain, and hence Q is a divisorial ideal of $R[{X_{\lambda}}]$.

Case I: $Q \cap R = \{0\}$. Since $R[\{X_{\lambda}\}]$ is a Mori domain, $Q_{R\setminus\{0\}}$ is a divisorial ideal of $R[\{X_{\lambda}\}]_{R\setminus\{0\}} = K[\{X_{\lambda}\}]$. Since $K[\{X_{\lambda}\}]$ is a UFD, $ht Q_{R\setminus\{0\}} = 1$, so ht Q = 1.

Case II: $Q \cap R \neq \{0\}$. Since *R* is a Mori domain, $Q = (Q \cap R)R[\{X_{\lambda}\}]$ and so $ht Q \ge ht(Q \cap R)$. Since *R* is an SM domain and $Q \cap R$ is a prime *w*-ideal of *R* (Lemma 4.1), $R_{Q \cap R}$ is Noetherian. Therefore $ht(Q \cap R)R_{Q \cap R} < \infty$. Let $ht(Q \cap R)R_{Q \cap R} = n < \infty$. Then by [22, Theorem 153], there exist elements a_1, \ldots, a_n in *R* such that $(Q \cap R)R_{Q \cap R}$ is minimal over $(a_1, \ldots, a_n)R_{Q \cap R}$. It is clear that $Q = (Q \cap R)R[\{X_{\lambda}\}]$ is minimal over $(a_1, \ldots, a_n)wR[\{X_{\lambda}\}] = ((a_1, \ldots, a_n)R[\{X_{\lambda}\}])w$. Since $R[\{X_{\lambda}\}]$ is an SM domain, $ht Q \le n$ by Theorem 3.1(4). Thus $ht Q = ht(Q \cap R)(<\infty)$. The last statement follows directly. \Box

Proposition 4.9. Let *R* be a Noetherian domain. Then every prime w-ideal of $R[X_{\lambda}]_{\lambda \in A}$ is finitely generated, and so $R[X_{\lambda}]_{\lambda \in A}$ is an SM domain.

Proof. Let Q be a prime w-ideal of $R[[{X_{\lambda}}]]_1$ and M a maximal w-ideal containing Q. Then M is a maximal t-ideal of $R[[{X_{\lambda}}]]_1$. As in Theorem 4.7, we may assume that $M \cap R \neq \{0\}$. Since $R[[{X_{\lambda}}]]_1$ is a Mori domain (Proposition 4.5), M is divisorial, and hence $M = (M \cap R)[[{X_{\lambda}}]]_1$ by [26, Theorem 3.7]. It is easy to check that $ht M = ht(M \cap R) < \infty$. Let $ht Q = k < \infty$. Then there exists a chain of prime ideals (0) $\subsetneq Q_1 \subsetneq Q_2 \subsetneq \cdots \subsetneq Q_k = Q$. For each i = 1, ..., k, choose $f_i \in Q_i \setminus Q_{i-1}$. Then there exists a finite subset $\{\lambda_1, ..., \lambda_n\}$ of Λ such that $f_i \in R[[X_{\lambda_1}, ..., X_{\lambda_n}]]$ for all i = 1, ..., k. Let $P_i = Q_i \cap R[[X_{\lambda_1}, ..., X_{\lambda_n}]]$. Then $P_i R[[\{X_{\lambda}\}]]_1 \subseteq \cdots \subseteq P_k R[[\{X_{\lambda}\}]]_1 \subseteq Q$. Since ht Q = k, $Q = P_k R[[\{X_{\lambda}\}]]_1$ and it is finitely generated. Thus every prime w-ideal of $R[[\{X_{\lambda}\}]]_1$ is finitely generated, so that $R[[\{X_{\lambda}\}]]_1$ is an SM domain (Theorem 3.1(3)). **Remark 4.10.** (1) Since a Noetherian domain is an SM domain and an SM domain is a Mori domain, Proposition 4.3 follows from Theorem 4.7.

(2) Let *R* be a nonintegrally closed Noetherian domain. Then for any infinite set Λ , $R[\{X_{\lambda}\}_{\lambda \in \Lambda}]$ (or $R[\{X_{\lambda}\}_{\lambda \in \Lambda}]$) is an example of a nonKrull, nonNoetherian, SM domain.

(3) Question: If R is an SM domain, is R[X] an SM domain?

5. Group rings and semigroup rings

We now consider group rings and semigroup rings over SM domains. We begin with a generalization of Lemma 4.1.

Lemma 5.1. Let R be an integral domain, and let S be a torsion-free cancellative additive semigroup. Let I be a nonzero fractional ideal of R. Then

(1) $(IR[X;S])^{-1} = I^{-1}R[X;S],$

(2) $(IR[X;S])_v = I_v R[X;S],$

(3) $(IR[X;S])_t = I_t R[X;S]$, and

(4) $(IR[X;S])_w = I_w R[X;S].$

Proof. (1) Let $a \in I^{-1}$. Then $aI \subseteq R$, so $aIR[X;S] \subseteq R[X;S]$. Thus $a \in (IR[X;S])^{-1}$, i.e., $I^{-1}R[X;S] \subseteq (IR[X;S])^{-1}$. Conversely let $f \in (IR[X;S])^{-1}$. Then $fIR[X;S] \subseteq R[X;S]$. Note that $f \in K[X;S]$, where $K = q \cdot f(R)$. Let A_f be the ideal of R generated by the coefficients of f. Then $A_fI \subseteq R$, i.e., $A_f \subseteq I^{-1}$. Thus $f \in I^{-1}R[X;S]$, i.e., $(IR[X;S])^{-1} \subseteq I^{-1}R[X;S]$.

(2) $(IR[X;S])_v = ((IR[X;S])^{-1})^{-1} = (I^{-1}R[X;S])^{-1} = I_vR[X;S].$

(3) Let *J* be a finitely generated ideal of *R* contained in *I*. Then JR[X;S] is a finitely generated ideal of R[X;S] contained in IR[X;S]. Therefore $J_v \subseteq (JR[X;S])_v \subseteq (IR[X;S])_t$. Hence $I_tR[X;S] \subseteq (IR[X;S])_t$. Conversely let *J'* be a finitely generated ideal of R[X;S] contained in IR[X;S]. Then there exists a finitely generated ideal *J* of *R* contained in *I* such that $J' \subseteq JR[X;S]$. Since $J'_v \subseteq (JR[X;S])_v = J_vR[X;S] \subseteq I_tR[X;S]$, we have $(IR[X;S])_t \subseteq I_tR[X;S]$.

(4) Assume that *I* is an integral ideal of *R*. Let $a \in I_w$. Then $Ja \subseteq I$ for some $J \in GV(R)$. Since $JR[X;S]a \subseteq IR[X;S]$ and $JR[X;S] \in GV(R[X;S])$ by (2), $a \in (IR[X;S])_w$. Thus $I_wR[X;S] \subseteq (IR[X;S])_w$. For the opposite inclusion, it suffices to show that $I_wR[X;S]$ is a *w*-ideal of R[X;S]. Suppose $u(f_1, \ldots, f_n) \subseteq I_wR[X;S]$, $u \in q \cdot f(R[X;S])$ and $(f_1, \ldots, f_n) \in GV(R[X;S])$. Then $uR[X;S] = u(f_1, \ldots, f_n)_v \subseteq (I_wR[X;S])_v \subseteq R[X;S]$, so $u \in R[X;S]$. Since $(f_1, \ldots, f_n) \subseteq (A_{f_1} + \cdots + A_{f_n})R[X;S]$, $(f_1, \ldots, f_n)_v \subseteq (A_{f_1} + \cdots + A_{f_n})vR[X;S] \subseteq R[X;S]$, thus $(A_{f_1} + \cdots + A_{f_n})v = R$. By [16, Theorem 4.3], there is a positive integer *m* such that $A_uA_{f_1}^m = A_{uf_1}A_{f_1}^{m-1}$ for all $i = 1, \ldots, n$. Since $uf_i \in I_wR[X;S]$, $A_{uf_i} \subseteq I_w$. Therefore $A_u(A_{f_1}^m + \cdots + A_{f_n}^m) \subseteq I_w$. Since $(A_{f_1} + \cdots + A_{f_n}^m)v = R$, $(A_{f_1}^m + \cdots + A_{f_n}^m)v = R$, i.e., $(A_{f_1}^m + \cdots + A_{f_n}^m) \in GV(R)$. Therefore $A_u \subseteq (I_w)_w = I_w$, i.e., $u \in I_wR[X;S]$. Hence $I_wR[X;S]$ is a *w*-ideal. The proof for the case when *I* is a fractional ideal follows easily. \Box

Proposition 5.2. Let T be an integral extension domain of R with T a free R-module. Then w-dim T = w-dim R.

Proof. Note that since T is faithfully flat and integral over R, GD, GU, LO and INC hold between T and R.

Let *P* be a maximal *w*-ideal of *R*. We claim that $(PT)_w \neq T$. Suppose not. Then there exists an ideal $J = (b_1, \ldots, b_m) \in GV(T)$ such that $J \subseteq PT$. Let $\{e_\alpha\}$ be an *R*-basis for *T*. Then we can write $1 = c_1e_{\alpha_1} + \cdots + c_ne_{\alpha_n}$, $c_i \in R$ and $b_i = a_{i1}e_{\alpha_1} + \cdots + a_{in}e_{\alpha_n}$, $a_{ij} \in P$, $i = 1, \ldots, m$. Put $I = (\{a_{ij}\})$. We claim that $I^{-1} = R$. Let x = a/b, $a(\neq 0)$, $b \in R$ such that $xI \subseteq R$. Then $xIT \subseteq T$. Since $J \subseteq IT$, $xJ \subseteq T$, i.e., $x \in J^{-1} = T$. Write $x = r_1e_{\alpha_1} + \cdots + r_ne_{\alpha_n}$, $r_i \in R$. Then $ac_1e_{\alpha_1} + \cdots + ac_ne_{\alpha_n} = a = bx = br_1e_{\alpha_1} + \cdots + br_ne_{\alpha_n}$. Since $e_{\alpha_1}, \ldots, e_{\alpha_n}$ are linearly independent over *R*, $ac_i = br_i$, $i = 1, \ldots, n$. Meanwhile, since *T* is integral over *R* and $(c_1, \ldots, c_n)T = T$, $(c_1, \ldots, c_n) = R$. Therefore there exist $d_1, \ldots, d_n \in R$ such that $1 = c_1d_1 + \cdots + c_nd_n$. Thus $a = a(c_1d_1 + \cdots + c_nd_n) = b(r_1d_1 + \cdots + r_nd_n)$, and hence $x = a/b = r_1d_1 + \cdots + r_nd_n \in R$, i.e., $I^{-1} = R$. Therefore $I \in GV(R)$. But since $I \subseteq P$ and *P* is a *w*-ideal, we reach a contradiction. So $(PT)_w \neq T$. Let *Q* be a maximal *w*-ideal of *T* containing *PT*. Then since $ht Q \ge ht P$, *w*-dim $T \ge w$ -dim *R*.

Conversely let Q be a maximal w-ideal of T. Suppose $P_w = R$, where $P = Q \cap R$. Then there exists an ideal $I \in GV(R)$ such that $I \subseteq P$. Since I is finitely generated and T is flat over R, (T:IT) = (R:I)T = T. Thus $IT \in GV(T)$. But since $IT \subseteq PT \subseteq Q$ and Q is a w-ideal, a contradiction. Therefore $P_w \neq R$, so by [12, Proposition 1.1], P is a w-ideal of R. Since $ht Q = ht P \leq w$ -dim R, w-dim $T \leq w$ -dim R. \Box

Corollary 5.3. Let *R* be an *SM* domain which is not a field, and let *G* be a torsion-free abelian group. Then w-dim R = w-dim R[X; G].

Proof. Let *F* be a free subgroup of *G* such that *G*/*F* is torsion. Then by [7, Lemma 1], R[X;G] is an integral extension domain of R[X;F] and a free R[X;F]-module. Note that $R[X;F] \cong R[\{X_{\lambda}, X_{\lambda}^{-1}\}]$. Put $Y_{\lambda} = X_{\lambda} + X_{\lambda}^{-1}$. Then R[X;F] is an integral extension of $R[\{Y_{\lambda}\}]$ and a free $R[\{Y_{\lambda}\}]$ -module. Therefore, R[X;G] is an integral extension domain of $R[\{Y_{\lambda}\}]$ and a free $R[\{Y_{\lambda}\}]$ -module. So by Proposition 5.2, *w*-dim R[X;G] = w-dim $R[\{Y_{\lambda}\}]$. Since in case *R* is an SM domain, *w*-dim $R[\{Y_{\lambda}\}] = w$ -dim *R* by Theorem 4.8, we get *w*-dim R[X;G] = w-dim *R*. \Box

Remark 5.4. In the proof of Corollary 5.3, if G/F is finitely generated (which holds if G is finitely generated), then G/F is a finite abelian group, and so R[X;G] is a finite type w-module over R[X;F]. Since $R[X;F] \cong R[\{X_{\lambda}, X_{\lambda}^{-1}\}] = R[\{X_{\lambda}\}]_T$, where T is the multiplicative subset of $R[\{X_{\lambda}\}]$ generated by $\{X_{\lambda}\}$, and $R[\{X_{\lambda}\}]_T$ is an SM domain [11, Proposition 4.7], R[X;G] is an SM domain by Corollary 3.2.

Proposition 5.5. Let R be an SM domain, and let G be a torsion-free abelian group such that each element of G is of type (0,0,0,...). Then R[X;G] is an H-domain.

Proof. Let *F* be a free subgroup of *G* such that G/F is torsion. Then $R[X;F] \cong R[\{X_{\lambda}, X_{\lambda}^{-1}\}]$. Set $Y_{\lambda} = X_{\lambda} + X_{\lambda}^{-1}$. Then the ring extension $R[\{Y_{\lambda}\}] \subseteq R[X;G]$ is

integral with R[X;G] a free $R[\{Y_{\lambda}\}]$ -module. Note that $R[\{Y_{\lambda}\}]$ is an SM domain by Theorem 4.7. Let Q be a maximal w-ideal of R[X;G]. Set $P = Q \cap R[\{Y_{\lambda}\}]$. Then as we can see from the proof of Proposition 5.2, P is a w-ideal of $R[\{Y_{\lambda}\}]$. Let P' be a maximal w-ideal of $R[\{Y_{\lambda}\}]$ containing P. Then since w-max($R[\{Y_{\lambda}\}]) = t$ -max($R[\{Y_{\lambda}\}]$) (Lemma 2.1) and $R[\{Y_{\lambda}\}]$ is an H-domain, P' is divisorial. Moreover since $R[\{Y_{\lambda}\}]$) is a Mori domain, $P' = I_v$ and $(R[\{Y_{\lambda}\}]: I) = J_v$ for some finitely generated ideals I and Jof $R[\{Y_{\lambda}\}]$. Then $P'R[X;G] = I_vR[X;G] = (R[\{Y_{\lambda}\}]: (R[\{Y_{\lambda}\}]:I))R[X;G] = (R[\{Y_{\lambda}\}]:$ $J_v)R[X;G] = (R[\{Y_{\lambda}\}]:J)R[X;G] = (R[X;G]:JR[X;G])$. Thus P'R[X;G] is a divisorial ideal of R[X;G]. By GU, there exists a prime ideal Q' of R[X;G] such that $Q \subseteq Q'$ and $Q' \cap R[\{Y_{\lambda}\}] = P'$. By INC, Q' is minimal over P'R[X;G]. Since P'R[X;G]is a w-ideal, Q' is also a w-ideal. So by maximality of Q, Q = Q'. Thus P = P', i.e., P is a maximal w-ideal of $R[\{Y_{\lambda}\}]$ and a divisorial ideal of $R[\{Y_{\lambda}\}]$. Now we claim that Q is a divisorial ideal of R[X;G].

Case I: $Q \cap R = \{0\}$. Since $R[\{Y_{\lambda}\}]$ is a Mori domain, $P_{R \setminus \{0\}}$ is a divisorial ideal of $K[\{Y_{\lambda}\}]$. Since $K[\{Y_{\lambda}\}]$ is a Krull domain, $ht P_{R \setminus \{0\}} = 1$. Therefore ht Q = ht P = 1. Since K[X;G] is a UFD by [15, Theorem 7.12], $Q_{R \setminus \{0\}}$ is principal. Let $Q_{R \setminus \{0\}} = fK[X;G]$, $f \in Q$. Then $Q = fK[X;G] \cap R[X;G]$. Set $A = \sum_{g \in Q} A_g$. Since $Q \subsetneq AR[X;G]$ and $Q \in w$ -max(R[X;G]), $A_w R[X;G] = (AR[X;G])_w = R[X;G]$ (Lemma 5.1), whence $A_w = R$. Since the operation w has the finite character, there exists a finite subset $\{g_1, \ldots, g_m\}$ of Q such that $(A_{g_1} + \cdots + A_{g_m})_w = R$. Recall that since G is a torsion-free abelian group, it admits a total order < compatible with the group structure. (See the proof of [15, Lemma 4.1].) So there exists an element $g \in (g_1, \ldots, g_m) \subseteq Q$ such that $(A_g)_w = R$.

Let $h \in Q$. Then there is an element $a \in R \setminus \{0\}$ such that $ah \in (f)$. We claim that $(a,g)_v = R[X;G]$. Let $h' \in (a,g)^{-1}$. Then $h' \in K[X;G]$. By [15, Lemma 4.3], there exists a positive integer k such that $A_g^k A_{h'} = A_g^{k-1} A_{gh'}$. Then since $(A_g)_v = ((A_g)_w)_v = R$ and $gh' \in R[X;G]$, $(A_{h'})_v = (A_g^k A_{h'})_v = (A_g^{k-1} A_{gh'})_v \subseteq R$, hence $h' \in R[X;G]$. Thus $(a,g)^{-1} = R[X;G]$. Since $h(a,g) \subseteq (f,g)$. $h(a,g)_v \subseteq (f,g)_v$, so $h \in (f,g)_v$. Meanwhile, since w-max(R[X;G]) = t-max(R[X;G]), Q is a t-ideal, so $(f,g)_v \subseteq Q$. Thus $Q = (f,g)_v$ is divisorial.

Case II: $Q \cap R \neq \{0\}$. Note that $Q \subseteq AR[X;G]$. Suppose that $Q \subsetneq AR[X;G]$ or AR[X;G] is not divisorial. Then $A_v = R$. Since R is an H-domain, there exists a finite subset $\{g_1, \ldots, g_m\} \subseteq Q$ such that $(A_{g_1} + \cdots + A_{g_m})_v = R$. By the same reason as above, there exists an element $g \in (g_1, \ldots, g_m) \subseteq Q$ such that $(A_g)_v = R$. Choose $a \in Q \cap R \setminus \{0\}$. Then $(a,g)_v = R[X;G]$. But since Q is a t-ideal, $(a,g)_v \subseteq Q$, a contradiction. Therefore $Q = AR[X;G] = (Q \cap R)R[X;G]$ is divisorial. (Since R is a Mori domain, $Q \cap R = I_v$ for some finitely generated ideal I of R. Therefore $Q = (Q \cap R)R[X;G] = I_vR[X;G] = (IR[X;G])_v$. Thus Q is a divisorial ideal of finite type.) \Box

Corollary 5.6. Let R be an SM domain, and let G be a torsion-free abelian group such that each element of G is of type (0,0,0,...). Then every maximal w-ideal of R[X;G] is of finite type.

Proof. We will use the same notation as in the proof of Proposition 5.5.

Case I: $Q \cap R = \{0\}$. Let $h \in Q$. Then there is an element $a \in R \setminus \{0\}$ such that $ah \in (f)$. So $h(a,g) \subseteq (f,g)$ and then $h(a,g)_w \subseteq (f,g)_w$. Since $(a,g)_v = R[X;G]$, $1 \in (a,g)_w$, i.e., $(a,g)_w = R[X;G]$. Therefore $h \in (f,g)_w$, thus $Q \subseteq (f,g)_w$. Since the opposite inclusion is clear, we have $Q = (f,g)_w$.

Case II: $Q \cap R \neq \{0\}$. Then $Q = (Q \cap R)R[X;G]$. Since $Q \cap R$ is a w-ideal of the SM domain $R, Q \cap R = I_w$ for some finitely generated ideal I of R. Therefore $Q = (Q \cap R)R[X;G] = I_wR[X;G] = (IR[X;G])_w$ is of finite type. \Box

Corollary 5.7. Let *R* be an *SM* domain with *w*-dim $R \le 1$, and let *G* be a torsion-free abelian group such that each element of *G* is of type (0,0,0,...). Then R[X;G] is an *SM* domain with *w*-dim $R[X;G] \le 1$.

Proof. If w-dim R = 0, then R is a field. By [15, Theorem 7.12], R[X; G] is a UFD. Since an Krull domain is an SM domain and its w-dimension is at most 1, the conclusion follows. Now assume that w-dim R = 1. Then since w-dim R[X; G] = w-dim R = 1 by Corollary 5.3 and every maximal w-ideal of R[X; G] is of finite type by Corollary 5.6, every prime w-ideal of R[X; G] is of finite type. Therefore by Theorem 3.1(3), R[X; G] is an SM domain. \Box

The following theorem generalizes [24, Proposition 3.3]: R[X;G] is a Krull domain if and only if R is a Krull domain and each element of G is of type (0,0,0,...).

Theorem 5.8. Let *R* be an integral domain, and let *G* be a torsion-free abelian group. Then R[X;G] is an SM domain with w-dim $R[X;G] \le 1$ if and only if *R* is an SM domain with w-dim $R \le 1$ and each element of *G* is of type (0,0,0,...).

Proof. (\Leftarrow) See Corollary 5.7.

(⇒) Let *I* be a *w*-ideal of *R*. Since R[X; G] is an SM domain, there exists a finitely generated ideal *J* of *R* such that $J \subseteq I$ and $(IR[X; G])_w = (JR[X; G])_w$. Since $(IR[X; G])_w = I_w R[X; G] = IR[X; G]$ and $(JR[X; G])_w = J_w R[X; G]$, $I = J_w$. Thus every *w*-ideal of *R* is of finite type, and hence *R* is an SM domain. Therefore by Corollary 5.3, *R* is a field or *w*-dim R = w-dim R[X; G], thus *w*-dim $R \leq 1$. Finally, since R[X; G] is an SM domain, it is a Mori domain and so it satisfies the ascending chain condition for principal ideals (a.c.c.p.). Therefore, by [15, Lemma 7.8, Theorem 7.9], each element of *G* is of type (0, 0, 0, ...).

Now we generalize [3, Proposition 5.11]: Let R be an integral domain with quotient field K, and let S be a torsion-free cancellative additive semigroup containing 0 with quotient group G. Then the semigroup ring R[X;S] is a Krull domain if and only if R and K[X;S] are Krull domains.

Theorem 5.9. Let R be an integral domain with quotient field K, and let S be a torsion-free cancellative additive semigroup containing 0 with quotient group G. Then R[X;S] is an SM domain with w-dim $R[X;S] \le 1$ if and only if R and K[X;S] are SM domains with w-dimension ≤ 1 .

Proof. (\Rightarrow) Since $R[X;G] = R[X;S]_T$, where $T = \{X^s | s \in S\}$, is an SM domain with *w*-*dim* $R[X;G] \leq w$ -*dim* $R[X;S] \leq 1$ by [11, Propositions 4.7 and 2.5], *R* is an SM domain with *w*-*dim* $R \leq 1$ by Theorem 5.8. Similarly since $K[X;S] = R[X;S]_{R \setminus \{0\}}$, K[X;S] is an SM domain with *w*-*dim* $K[X;S] \leq w$ -*dim* $R[X;S] \leq 1$.

(⇐) Note that $R[X;S] = R[X;G] \cap K[X;S]$. Since $R[X;G] = R[X;S]_T$, where $T = \{X^s | s \in S\}$, is an SM domain by Theorem 5.8 and $K[X;S] = R[X;S]_{R \setminus \{0\}}$ is an SM domain by assumption, $R[X;S] = R[X;S]_T \cap R[X;S]_{R \setminus \{0\}}$ is also an SM domain by Lemma 3.6. As we can see from the proof of Lemma 3.6, *w*-dim $R[X;S] \le \max(w$ -dim $R[X;S]_T$, *w*-dim $R[X;S]_{R \setminus \{0\}}) = \max(w$ -maxR[X;G], *w*-dim $K[X;S]) \le 1$ by Theorem 5.8 and our assumption. \Box

Remark 5.10. Recall that K[X;S] is a Krull domain if and only if each element of $G = \langle S \rangle$ is of type (0,0,0,...) and S is a Krull semigroup, i.e., S satisfies the ascending chain condition on v-ideals and satisfies the following property: $g \in S$, $h \in G$, and $g + nh \in S$ for all $n \ge 1$ implies $h \in S$ [3, Proposition 5.11].

It is natural to ask whether a similar characterization holds regarding SM domains. But we are unable to answer this question.

We close with one more observation which gives other examples of SM domains.

Proposition 5.11. Let R be an SM domain which is not a field, and let S be a nonzero subsemigroup of \mathbb{Z} containing 0. Then R[X;S] is an SM domain with w-dim R[X;S] = w-dim R.

Proof. If *S* is a group, then $S = d\mathbb{Z} \cong \mathbb{Z}$ $(d \in \mathbb{Z})$, so the conclusion follows from Corollary 5.3 and Remark 5.4. Assume that *S* is not a group. Choose $d \in S \setminus \{0\}$. Then by [1, Lemma 2.4], R[X;S] is integral over $R[X;d\mathbb{Z} \cap S]$ and $d\mathbb{Z} \cap S = d\mathbb{N} \cong \mathbb{N}$. Since $S/(d\mathbb{Z} \cap S) \subseteq \mathbb{Z}/d\mathbb{Z}$, R[X;S] is a free $R[X;d\mathbb{Z} \cap S]$ -module of finite rank. Thus R[X;S] is a finite type *w*-module over $R[X;d\mathbb{Z} \cap S]$. Since $R[X;d\mathbb{Z} \cap S] \cong R[X;\mathbb{N}] \cong$ R[X] is an SM domain with *w*-dim R[X] = w-dim R, R[X;S] is also an SM domain and *w*-dim R[X;S] = w-dim $R[X;d\mathbb{Z} \cap S] = w$ -dim R by Proposition 5.2. \Box

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