

## NOTE ON THE DW RINGS

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**ABSTRACT.** In this paper we are mainly concerned with *DW* rings, i.e., rings in which every ideal is a *w*-ideal. We give some new classes of *DW* rings and we show how the concept of *DW* domains is used to characterize Prüfer domains and Dedekind domains. Namely, we prove that a ring is a Prüfer domain (resp., Dedekind domain) if and only if it a coherent (resp., Noetherian) *DW* domain with finite weak global dimension.

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### 1. Introduction

Let  $R$  be a domain with quotient field  $K$ , and let  $\mathfrak{F}(R)$  denote the set of nonzero fractional ideals of  $R$ . A map  $\star : \mathfrak{F}(R) \rightarrow \mathfrak{F}(R)$ ,  $I \mapsto I_\star$ , is said to be a star operation on  $R$  if the following conditions hold for every nonzero  $a \in K$  and  $I, J \in \mathfrak{F}(R)$ : (1)  $(aI)_\star = aI_\star$  and  $R_\star = R$ ; (2)  $I \subseteq J$  implies  $I_\star \subseteq J_\star$ ; and (3)  $I \subseteq I_\star$  and  $(I_\star)_\star = I_\star$ . It is common to denote the trivial star operation ( $I \mapsto I$ ) by “*d*”. For any fractional ideal  $I$  of  $R$ ,  $I$  is called a fractional  $\star$ -ideal if  $I_\star = I$  and  $I$  is called a  $\star$ -ideal of  $R$  if  $I$  is an ideal of  $R$  and  $I_\star = I$ .

For  $I \in \mathfrak{F}(R)$ , set  $I^{-1} = \{x \in K \mid xI \subseteq R\}$ . An ideal  $J$  of  $R$  is called a *GV*-ideal if  $J$  is a finitely generated nonzero fractional ideal of  $R$  and  $J^{-1} = R$ . The set of all *GV*-ideals of  $R$  is denoted by  $GV(R)$ . The *w*-operation on  $R$  is defined by  $I_w = \{x \in K \mid \text{there exists } J \in GV(R) \text{ such that } xJ \subseteq I\}$ . One can see that the notion of a *w*-ideal coincides with the notion of a semi-divisorial ideal introduced by Glaz and Vasconcelos in 1977 [4] which may have some far reaching effects on the theory of star operations. As a star operation, the *w*-operation was briefly but effectively touched on by Hedstrom and Houston in 1980 under the name of  $F_\infty$ -operation [5]. Later, this star operation was intensely studied by Wang and McCasland in a more general setting. In particular, Wang and McCasland showed that the *w*-envelope notion is a very useful tool in studying strong Mori domains [21,22].

For a domain  $R$  and a nonzero fractional ideal  $I$  of  $R$ , the  $v$ - and  $t$ -closures of  $I$  are defined, respectively, by  $I_v := (I^{-1})^{-1}$  and  $I_t := \cup J_v$ , where  $J$  ranges over the set of nonzero finitely generated subideals of  $I$ . The  $t$ - and  $v$ -operations are also examples of star operations. It is well-known that for a domain  $R$ ,  $d \leq w \leq t \leq v$  in the sense that for each nonzero fractional ideal  $I$  of  $R$ ,  $I = I_d \subseteq I_w \subseteq I_t \subseteq I_v$ , and the inclusions may be strict [15]. In [6], Heinzer has initiated the study of domains in which each ideal is divisorial (i.e. each ideal is a  $v$ -ideal, or  $d = v$ ) and called them divisorial domains. Inspired by this work, Houston and Zafrullah studied the so-called  $TV$  domains, i.e. domains in which each  $t$ -ideal is a  $v$ -ideal (or,  $t = v$ , see [8]). Mimouni has studied the  $TW$  domains, i.e., domains in which each  $w$ -ideal is a  $t$ -ideal, or  $w = t$  (see [15]) and  $DW$  domains, or domains in which each ideal is a  $w$ -ideal, i.e. the  $d = w$  (see [16]).

In [25], the authors extend the notion of the  $w$ -operation to commutative rings with zero-divisors. Let  $R$  be a commutative ring (not necessary a domain) and  $J$  an ideal of  $R$ . Following [25],  $J$  is called a  $GV$ -ideal if  $J$  is finitely generated and the natural homomorphism  $\varphi : R \rightarrow J^* = \text{Hom}_R(J, R)$  is an isomorphism. Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module, and define

$$\text{tor}_{GV}(M) = \{x \in M \mid Jx = 0 \text{ for some } J \in GV(R)\}$$

where  $GV(R)$  is the set of  $GV$ -ideals of  $R$ . It is clear that  $\text{tor}_{GV}(M)$  is a submodule of  $M$ . Now,  $M$  is said to be  $GV$ -torsion (resp.,  $GV$ -torsion-free) if  $\text{tor}_{GV}(M) = M$  (resp.,  $\text{tor}_{GV}(M) = 0$ ). A  $GV$ -torsion-free module  $M$  is called a  $w$ -module if  $\text{Ext}_R^1(R/J, M) = 0$  for any  $J \in GV(R)$ . Projective modules and reflexive modules are  $w$ -modules. In [27], it was shown that flat modules are  $w$ -modules.

A commutative ring is called a  $DW$  ring if every ideal of  $R$  is a  $w$ -ideal. Over a domain this last definition coincides with the definition of  $DW$  domain in [16].

In Section 2, we give some new classes of  $DW$  rings. Section 3 gives new characterizations of Krull domains, Dedekind domains and PvMDs.

Throughout, all rings considered are commutative with unity and all modules are unital. Let  $R$  be a ring and  $M$  be an  $R$ -module. As usual, we use  $\text{pd}_R(M)$ ,  $\text{id}_R(M)$ , and  $\text{fd}_R(M)$  to denote, respectively, the classical projective dimension, injective dimension, and flat dimension of  $M$ , and  $\text{wdim}(R)$  and  $\text{gldim}(R)$  to denote, respectively, the weak and global homological dimensions of  $R$ .

## 2. On $DW$ rings

Let  $w\text{-Max}(R)$  denote the set of  $w$ -ideals of  $R$  maximal among proper integral  $w$ -ideals of  $R$  (maximal  $w$ -ideals). By [25, Proposition 3.8], every maximal  $w$ -ideal is prime. Let  $M$  and  $N$  be  $R$ -modules and let  $f : M \rightarrow N$  be a homomorphism.

Following [18],  $f$  is called a *w-monomorphism* if  $f_{\mathfrak{m}} : M_{\mathfrak{m}} \rightarrow N_{\mathfrak{m}}$  is a monomorphism for all  $\mathfrak{m} \in w\text{-Max}(R)$ . An  $R$ -module  $M$  is called a *w-flat module* if the induced map  $1 \otimes f : M \otimes A \rightarrow M \otimes B$  is a *w-monomorphism* for any *w-monomorphism*  $f : A \rightarrow B$ . Certainly, flat modules are *w-flat*. The notion of *w-flat* modules appeared first in [17] over a domain and was extended to arbitrary commutative rings in [12]. Recently, modules of this type have received attention in several papers in the literature (see for example [12,19,23]).

By [23, Proposition 1.1], it is clear that over a *DW* ring, *w-flat* modules coincide with flat modules. The next result shows that *DW* rings are the only rings with this property.

**Proposition 2.1.** *Let  $R$  be a ring. The following are equivalent:*

- (1)  *$R$  is a *DW* ring.*
- (2) *Every *w-flat* module is flat.*
- (3) *Every finitely presented *w-flat* module is projective.*
- (4) *Every *GV-torsion* module is flat.*
- (5) *Every finitely presented *GV-torsion* module is projective.*
- (6)  $\text{fd}_R(F) \leq 1$  *for every *w-flat* module  $F$ .*
- (7)  $\text{fd}_R(F) \leq 1$  *for every finitely presented *w-flat* module  $F$ .*
- (8)  $\text{fd}_R(F) \leq 1$  *for every *GV-torsion* module  $F$ .*
- (9)  $\text{fd}_R(F) \leq 1$  *for every finitely presented *GV-torsion* module  $F$ .*

**Proof.** It is proved in [24, Theorem 2.7] that an  $R$ -module  $M$  is *GV-torsion* if and only if  $M_{\mathfrak{m}} = 0$  for all maximal *w*-ideals  $\mathfrak{m}$  of  $R$ . Hence, by [23, Proposition 1.1], it is clear that a *GV-torsion*  $R$ -module is necessary a *w-flat*  $R$ -module. Hence, the implications (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3)  $\Rightarrow$  (7)  $\Rightarrow$  (9), (2)  $\Rightarrow$  (4)  $\Rightarrow$  (5)  $\Rightarrow$  (9), and (2)  $\Rightarrow$  (6)  $\Rightarrow$  (8)  $\Rightarrow$  (9) hold. So, we have only to prove the implication (9)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). So, let  $J \in \text{GV}(R)$ . The  $R$ -module  $R/J$  is a finitely presented *GV-torsion* module, and so  $\text{fd}_R(R/J) \leq 1$ . Then,  $J$  is a flat  $R$ -module, and so a *w*-ideal. Thus,  $J = J_w$ . On the other hand, by [25, Proposition 3.5],  $J_w = R$ . Thus,  $\text{GV}(R) = \{R\}$ , which means that  $R$  is a *DW* ring (by [18, Theorem 3.8]).  $\square$

The next proposition gives a new class of *DW* rings.

**Proposition 2.2.** *Let  $R$  be a ring such that  $\text{fd}_R(I) \leq 1$  for any injective  $R$ -module  $I$ . Then  $R$  is a *DW* ring. In particular, if  $\text{wdim}(R) \leq 1$ , then  $R$  is a *DW* ring.*

**Proof.** Let  $J$  be a *GV* ideal of  $R$  and let  $E(R/J)$  denote the the injective hull of  $R/J$ . Pick a short exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow K \rightarrow F \rightarrow R/J \rightarrow 0$  where  $F$  is a flat  $R$ -module. By hypothesis,  $K$  is a flat  $R$ -module. Then, by [20, Theorem 6.1.17],

$E(R/J)$  is a  $GV$ -torsion free  $R$ -module. Hence,  $R/J$  is a  $GV$ -torsion free  $R$ -module (as a submodule of  $E(R/J)$ ). Then,  $R/J = \{0\}$  (since  $R/J$  is also a  $GV$ -torsion  $R$ -module). Thus,  $GV(R) = \{R\}$ , which means that  $R$  is a  $DW$  ring (by [18, Theorem 3.8]).  $\square$

**Remark 2.3.** Let  $R$  be a ring. An  $R$ -module  $M$  is called Gorenstein flat, if there exists an exact sequence of flat  $R$ -modules  $\mathbf{F} : \dots \rightarrow F_1 \rightarrow F_0 \rightarrow F^0 \rightarrow F^1 \rightarrow \dots$  such that  $M \cong \text{Im}(F_0 \rightarrow F^0)$  and such that the functor  $- \otimes_R I$  leaves  $\mathbf{F}$  exact whenever  $I$  is an injective  $R$ -module. The Gorenstein flat dimension is defined in terms of Gorenstein flat resolutions and denoted by  $\text{Gfd}(-)$  (see [7]). The weak Gorenstein global dimension of  $R$  is defined by

$$\text{wGldim}(R) = \sup\{\text{Gfd}(M) \mid M \text{ is an } R\text{-module}\}.$$

The class of rings indicated in Proposition 2.2 is exactly the class of rings with  $\text{wGldim}(R) \leq 1$  (by [13, Theorem 2.12]).

**Example 2.4.** Let  $n$  be a positive integer and set  $R := \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$ . It is well known that  $R$  is a quasi-Frobenius ring. Hence, every injective module is projective (and so flat). Thus,  $R$  is a  $DW$  ring. Moreover, by [13, Theorem 3.2],  $\text{wGldim}(R[X]) = 1$  since  $\text{wGldim}(R) = 0$  (by [13, Theorem 2.12]). Thus,  $R[X]$  is also a  $DW$  ring. Moreover,  $R$  (and so  $R[X]$ ) has an infinite weak global dimension when  $n$  is not square-free.

**Proposition 2.5.** Let  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  be two rings. Then  $R_1 \times R_2$  is a  $DW$  ring if and only if  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are  $DW$  rings.

**Proof.** Follows immediately from [25, Proposition 1.2(5)] and [18, Theorem 3.8].  $\square$

The next example shows that, for a positive integer  $n > 1$ , we can always find an example of a ring  $R$  with  $\sup\{\text{fd}_R(E) \mid E \text{ is an injective } R\text{-module}\} = n$  (that is  $\text{wGldim}(R) = n$  by [13, Theorem 2.12]) and  $R$  is not a  $DW$  ring.

**Example 2.6.** (1) Let  $(R, \mathfrak{m})$  be a regular local ring with  $\text{gldim}(R) = n \geq 2$ .

By [11, 13, Exercise 2, p. 102],  $\mathfrak{m}^{-1} = R$  (since  $\text{grad}(\mathfrak{m}) = n \geq 2$  where  $\text{grad}(\mathfrak{m})$  is the grade of  $\mathfrak{m}$ ). Thus,  $\mathfrak{m} \in GV(R)$ , and so  $R$  is not  $DW$  (by [18, Theorem 3.8]). By [1, Corollary 3.3] and [13, Theorems 2.12], we have  $\text{wGldim}(R) = n$ .

(2) Let  $T := \mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}$  which is a quasi-Frobenius ring with infinite weak global dimension. Then,  $\text{wdim}(R \times T) = \infty$ ,  $\text{wGldim}(R \times T) = n$  (by [13, Theorem 3.1] since  $\text{wGldim}(T) = 0$ ), and  $R \times T$  is not a  $DW$  ring by Proposition 2.5.

In [16, Proposition 2.12], Mimouni proved that, for an integral domain  $R$ , the polynomial ring  $R[X]$  is a  $DW$  domain if and only if  $R$  is a field. However, even outside the context of integral domains, the ring  $R[X]$  may be a  $DW$  ring. For example, the ring  $\mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}[X]$  is a  $DW$  ring which is not a domain (by Example 2.4).

**Proposition 2.7.** *Let  $R$  be a ring and let  $X$  be an indeterminate over  $R$ . If the ring  $R[X]$  is  $DW$  then:*

- (1) *every non-zero-divisor element of  $R$  is unit (that is  $R = T(R)$  where  $T(R)$  denotes the total ring of fractions of  $R$ ).*
- (2) ([20, Corollary 6.3.15])  *$R$  is a  $DW$  ring.*

**Proof.** (1) Let  $a$  be a non-zero-divisor element of  $R$  and set  $J = (a, X)$ . Then  $J$  is a finitely generated regular ideal of  $R[X]$ . Thus, by [20, Corollary 6.6.9],  $J \in GV(R[X])$  if and only if  $J^{-1} = R[X]$  (with  $J^{-1} := \{u \in T(R[X]) \mid uJ \subseteq R[X]\}$ ). Let  $u \in J^{-1}$ . Then  $au \in R[X]$ , and so  $u \in T(R)[X]$ . Moreover,  $uX \in R[X]$  implies that  $u \in R[X]$ . Hence,  $J^{-1} = R[X]$ , and since  $R[X]$  is a  $DW$  ring,  $J = R[X]$ . Thus,  $a$  is a unit.

(2) Let  $J \in GV(R)$ , then  $J[X] \in GV(R[X]) = \{R[X]\}$ . Thus,  $J = R$ , and so  $R$  is  $DW$ .  $\square$

Recall that a ring  $R$  is called Gorenstein Von Neumann regular [14] if  $w\text{Gldim}(R) = 0$  (that is every  $R$ -module is Gorenstein flat).

**Corollary 2.8.** *If  $R$  is a Gorenstein Von Neumann regular ring, then  $T(R) = R$ .*

**Proof.** By [13, Theorem 3.2], we have  $w\text{Gldim}(R[X]) = 1$ . Hence, by Proposition 2.2 and Remark 2.3,  $R[X]$  is a  $DW$  ring. Accordingly, by Proposition 2.7,  $T(R) = R$ .  $\square$

### 3. On $DW$ domains

Let  $\star$  be a star operation on a domain  $R$ . A fractional ideals  $I$  of  $R$  is said to be  $\star$ -invertible if  $(II^{-1})_\star = R$ . A domain  $R$  is called a Krull domain if it satisfies the following three conditions:

- (1) for every prime ideal  $p$  of  $R$  of height one,  $R_p$  is a discrete valuation ring;
- (2)  $R = \cap R_p$ , where  $p$  ranges over all prime ideals of  $R$  of height one;
- (3) any nonzero element of  $R$  lies in only a finite number of prime ideals of height one.

It is proved that a ring  $R$  is a Krull domain if and only if  $R$  is a domain over which every nonzero  $w$ -ideal is  $w$ -invertible (see [20]).

Let  $I$  be a nonzero fractional ideal of  $R$ . Recall that  $I$  is a  $t$ -finite (or  $v$ -finite) ideal if there exists a finitely generated fractional ideal  $J$  of  $R$  such that  $I = J_t = J_v$ ; and  $R$  is called a Prüfer  $v$ -multiplication domain ( $PvMD$ ) if the set of its  $t$ -finite  $t$ -ideals forms a group under ideal  $t$ -multiplication  $((I, J) \mapsto (IJ)_t)$ . A useful characterizations is that  $R$  is a  $PvMD$  if and only if each localization at a maximal  $t$ -ideal is a valuation domain if and only if every nonzero finitely generated ideal of  $R$  is  $t$ -invertible if and only if every nonzero finitely generated ideal of  $R$  is  $w$ -invertible. The class of  $PvMD$ 's includes Krull domains. A domain  $R$  is a  $v$ -domain if each nonzero finitely generated ideal of  $R$  is  $v$ -invertible. An integrally closed domain  $R$  is an integral domain whose integral closure in its field of fractions is  $R$  itself. We have that

$$\text{Prüfer domain} \rightarrow PvMD \rightarrow v\text{-domain} \rightarrow \text{integrally closed domain},$$

and all arrows are irreversible (see [9]). Clearly, Prüfer domains are  $DW$  domains. However, this is not the case for the  $PvMD$ 's. Moreover, a  $DW$  domain needs not to be integrally closed.

Recall that a ring  $R$  is called a regular ring if every finitely generated ideal of  $R$  has finite projective dimension [3]. This notion, extending Noetherian regularity, was extensively studied for coherent rings. Coherent rings of finite weak global dimensions are regular rings. In particular, Von Neumann regular rings and semi-hereditary rings are regular rings. But, there are coherent rings, even local, with infinite weak global dimension which are regular.

**Proposition 3.1.** *Let  $R$  be a ring. The following are equivalent:*

- (1)  $R$  is a coherent  $DW$  domain with finite weak dimension.
- (2)  $R$  is a coherent regular and  $DW$  domain.
- (3)  $R$  is  $PvMD$  and  $DW$  domain.
- (4)  $R$  is coherent  $DW$  and  $v$ -domain.
- (5)  $R$  is coherent integrally closed and  $DW$  domain.
- (6)  $R$  is a Prüfer domain.

**Proof.** The implications (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2), (6)  $\Rightarrow$  (4), (6)  $\Rightarrow$  (1), and (4)  $\Rightarrow$  (5) are clear.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) Follows from [20, Theorem 9.1.13].

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (6) Follows from [20, Corollary 7.5.10].

(5)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) Follows from the fact that every coherent integrally closed ring is a  $PvMD$ .  $\square$

The condition “domain” in the previous result is necessary. Indeed, a Prüfer ring (every finitely generated regular ideal is invertible) may have an infinite weak global

dimension even if it is coherent and *DW*. As an easy example, we can consider  $R = \mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}$  which is a Noetherian Prüfer ring with infinite (weak) global dimension. However,  $R$  is quasi-Frobenius (and so every injective module is projective). Then, by Proposition 2.2,  $R$  is a *DW* ring.

Recall that, according to Zafrullah [26], a domain  $R$  is said to be an *fgv* domain if each finitely generated ideal is divisorial. Clearly  $R$  is an *fgv* domain if and only if the  $t$ -operation on  $R$  is trivial, that is  $t = d$ . Trivially, every *fgv* domain is a *DW* domain, while the converse is not true ([16, Example 2.1]). Kang [10] showed that a domain  $R$  is a *PvMD* if and only if  $R$  is integrally closed with  $t = w$  (see also [20, Theorem 7.5.12]). As a consequence of Proposition 3.1, we obtain the following well-known result:

**Corollary 3.2.** *Let  $R$  be a ring. Then,  $R$  is a Prüfer domain if and only if  $R$  is an *fgv* integrally closed domain.*

**Corollary 3.3.** *Let  $R$  be a ring. Then,  $R$  is a valuation domain if and only if  $R$  is a coherent local *DW* ring with finite weak dimension.*

**Proof.** It is known that local coherent rings with finite weak dimension are domains ([3, Corollary 4.2.4]). Hence, the desired result follows from Proposition 3.1.  $\square$

A domain  $R$  is called a Bézout domain if every finitely generated ideal of  $R$  is principal, and  $R$  is called a *GCD* domain if for any two nonzero  $a, b \in R$ ,  $(a) \cap (b)$  is principal. It is known that an integral domain is a Prüfer *GCD*-domain if and only if it is a Bézout domain, and that a Prüfer domain need not be a *GCD* domain. Hence, clearly Bézout domains are *DW* domains. Now, seen [20, Theorem 7.6.3], we obtain easily the following result.

**Proposition 3.4.** *Let  $R$  be a ring. The following are equivalent:*

- (1)  $R$  is a *GCD* and *DW*.
- (2)  $R$  is a Bézout domain.

Let  $R$  be a ring and let  $f \in R[X]$  be a polynomial in one variable over  $R$ . The content of  $f$ , denoted by  $c(f)$ , is the ideal of  $R$  generated by the coefficients of  $f$ . Let  $\star$  be a star operation on a domain  $R$  and set  $S_\star = \{f \in R[X] \mid (c(f))_\star = R\}$ . It is easy to see that  $S_\star$  is a multiplicatively closed set of  $R[x]$ . In [10], the author introduced and studied the ring  $R[X]_{S_\star}$ . He proved that a ring  $R$  is *PvMD* if and only if  $R[X]_{S_v}$  is a *PvMD* if and only if  $R[X]_{S_w}$  is a Prüfer domain if and only if  $R[X]_{S_w}$  is a Bézout domain ([10, Theorem 3.7]). In [23], the authors defined the  $w$ -Nagata rings (not necessary a domain) to be  $R\{X\} := R[X]_{S_w}$ . It is proved that  $R\{X\}$  is a *DW* ring ([23, Proposition 4.5]). Note that the notation  $R\{X\}$

was used by many authors to denote the ring  $R[X]_{S_v}$ . However, even if  $R$  is a *PvMD* (which is a subject of our next result), we can have  $v \neq w$ . For example, [16, Example 2.1(2)] gave an example of a *PvMD* (and so  $w = t$ ) with  $t \neq v$ . In [23], the authors introduced and investigated also the  $w$ -flat dimensions of modules and rings. Let  $R$  be a ring and  $n$  be a positive integer. We say that an  $R$ -module has a  $w$ -flat dimension less than or equal to  $n$ ,  $w\text{-fd}_R(M) \leq n$ , if  $\text{Tor}_R^{n+1}(M, N)$  is a *GV-torsion*  $R$ -module for all  $R$ -modules  $N$ . Hence, the  $w$ -weak global dimension of  $R$  is defined to be

$$w - \text{wdim}(R) = \sup\{w - \text{fd}_R(M) \mid M \text{ is an } R\text{-module}\}.$$

Let  $R$  be a ring. An  $R$ -module  $M$  is said to be of finitely presented type (with respect to the  $w$ -operation) if there exists a  $w$ -isomorphism  $f : M \rightarrow N$  (that is  $f_{\mathfrak{m}} : M_{\mathfrak{m}} \rightarrow N_{\mathfrak{m}}$  is an isomorphism for all  $\mathfrak{m} \in w\text{-Max}(R)$ ) where  $N$  is a finitely presented  $R$ -module. An  $R$ -module is called  $w$ -coherent if every finitely generated ideal of  $R$  is of finitely presented type. Clearly, every coherent ring is  $w$ -coherent with equivalence if  $R$  is a *DW* ring. In what follows, we characterize the ring  $R\{X\}$  to be a Prüfer domain.

**Proposition 3.5.** *Let  $R$  be a domain. The following are equivalent:*

- (1)  $R$  is a *PvMD*.
- (2)  $R\{X\}$  is a Prüfer domain.
- (3)  $\text{wdim}(R\{X\}) < \infty$  and  $R\{X\}$  is coherent.
- (4)  $w - \text{wdim}(R) < \infty$  and  $R[X]$  is  $w$ -coherent.
- (5)  $R\{X\}$  is a GCD.
- (6)  $R\{X\}$  is a Bézout domain.

**Proof.** (1)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (2) Follows from [20, Theorem 7.5.14].

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) Clear.

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) Since  $R\{X\}$  is a coherent *DW* domain with finite weak global dimension, it is a Prüfer domain (by Proposition 3.1).

(3)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (4) Note that if  $R[X]$  is  $w$ -coherent then  $R\{X\}$  is coherent (by [23, Corollary 4.6]), and under this last condition,  $w - \text{wdim}(R) = \text{wdim}(R\{X\})$  (by [23, Proposition 4.2]). So, we have the desired equivalence.

(5)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (6) Clear since  $R\{X\}$  is a *DW* domain.

(6)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) Clear.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (6) Let  $I$  be a non-zero finitely generated ideal of  $R\{X\}$ . Since  $R\{X\}$  is a Prüfer domain,  $I$  is invertible. Using [10, Theorem 2.14],  $I$  is principal, and so  $R\{X\}$  is a Bézout domain.  $\square$

Recall that a ring  $R$  is called regular if  $R$  is Noetherian such that  $\text{gldim}(R_{\mathfrak{m}}) < \infty$  for every maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{m}$  of  $R$ . Note that if  $R$  is a Noetherian ring with  $\text{gldim}(R) < \infty$ , then  $R$  is regular with equivalence when  $R$  is local. However, there is an example of a Noetherian domain with infinite weak global dimension which is regular (see [2]).

**Proposition 3.6.** *Let  $R$  be a ring. The following are equivalent:*

- (1)  $R$  is a Noetherian DW domain with finite global dimension.
- (2)  $R$  is a regular DW domain.
- (3)  $R$  is a Krull DW domain.
- (4)  $R$  is Dedekind domain.

**Proof.** The equivalence (1)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (4) follows from Proposition 3.7. Note that Dedekind domains are clearly DW domains. Also, recall that a domain  $R$  is Krull domain if and only if every nonzero  $w$ -ideal is  $w$ -invertible (by [20, Theorem 7.9.3]). Hence, if  $R$  is a DW domain,  $R$  is Krull if and only if every nonzero ideal is invertible if and only if  $R$  is a Dedekind domain. Thus, the equivalence (3)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (4) holds.

- (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) Clear.
- (2)  $\Rightarrow$  (4). If  $R$  is a field then the result is trivial. Otherwise, let  $\mathfrak{m}$  be a maximal ideal of  $R$ . Then,  $R_{\mathfrak{m}}$  is a local regular ring. Hence, by Proposition 3.1,  $R_{\mathfrak{m}}$  is a Noetherian local Prüfer domain, and so a discrete valuation domain. Hence,  $R$  is a Dedekind domain.  $\square$

An element  $p$  in a ring  $R$  is called prime if the principal ideal  $(p)$  generated by  $p$  is a nonzero prime ideal of  $R$ . A unique factorization domain (UFD) is an integral domain  $R$  in which every non-zero element can be written as a finite product of prime elements of  $R$ . By [20, Theorem 7.9.5], we have the following result.

**Proposition 3.7.** *Let  $R$  be a ring. The following are equivalent:*

- (1)  $R$  is a UFD and DW.
- (2)  $R$  is a PID.

A Strong Mori domain ( $SM$  domain, called also  $w$ -Noetherian domain) is domain for which the ascending chain condition on  $w$ -ideals holds. Clearly, Noetherian domains are Strong Mori domains with equivalence when the domain is DW.

**Proposition 3.8.** *Let  $R$  be a domain. The following are equivalent:*

- (1)  $R$  is a Krull domain.
- (2)  $R\{X\}$  is a Dedekind domain.
- (3)  $\text{gldim}(R\{X\}) < \infty$  and  $R\{X\}$  is Noetherian.
- (4)  $w - \text{wdim}(R) < \infty$  and  $R$  is  $SM$  domain.

- (5)  $R\{X\}$  is an UFD.
- (6)  $R\{X\}$  is a PID.

**Proof.** (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) Since  $R$  is a Krull domain, then so is  $R\{X\}$  as a localization of  $R[X]$ . Moreover,  $R\{X\}$  is a DW domain (by [23, Proposition 4.5]). Then,  $R\{X\}$  is a Dedekind domain (by Proposition 3.6).

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) Clear.

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) Since  $R\{X\}$  is Noetherian DW domain with finite global dimension, it is a Dedekind domain (by Proposition 3.6). Hence, by [23, Proposition 4.2], we have that  $w\text{-wdim}(R) = \text{wdim}(R\{X\}) = \text{gldim}(R\{X\}) \leq 1$ . Then, by [23, Theorem 3.5] and [20, Theorem 6.8.8],  $R$  is a PvMD and SM domain. Thus,  $R$  is a Krull domain (by [20, Theorem 7.9.3]).

(3)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (4) Note that  $R$  is an SM domain if and only if  $R\{X\}$  is a Noetherian domain (by [20, Theorem 6.8.8]), and under this condition,  $w\text{-wdim}(R) = \text{wdim}(R\{X\}) = \text{gldim}(R\{X\})$  (by [23, Proposition 4.2]). So, we have the desired equivalence.

(5)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (6) Clear since  $R\{X\}$  is a DW domain.

(6)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) Clear.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (6) Let  $I$  be a nonzero ideal of  $R\{X\}$ . Since  $R\{X\}$  is a Dedekind domain,  $I$  is invertible. Using [10, Theorem 2.14],  $I$  is principal, and so  $R\{X\}$  is a PID.  $\square$

**Proposition 3.9.** *Let  $R$  be a domain and suppose that there is a prime ideal  $\mathfrak{p}$  of  $R$  such that  $\mathfrak{p}R_{\mathfrak{p}} = \mathfrak{p}$ . Then,  $R$  is a DW domain if and only if  $R/\mathfrak{p}$  is a DW domain.*

**Proof.** Consider the following pullback of rings:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} R & \xrightarrow{\pi_2} & R/\mathfrak{p} \\ \downarrow \iota_2 & & \downarrow \iota_1 \\ R_{\mathfrak{p}} & \xrightarrow{\pi_1} & R_{\mathfrak{p}}/\mathfrak{p} \end{array}$$

Since  $R_{\mathfrak{p}}$  is local, by applying [16, Theorem 3.1(2)] to the above pullback, we get that  $R$  is a DW domain if and only if so is  $R/\mathfrak{p}$ .  $\square$

**Remark 3.10.** (1) Examples of rings  $R$  with a prime ideal  $\mathfrak{p}$  such that  $\mathfrak{p}R_{\mathfrak{p}} = \mathfrak{p}$  are the non-Noetherian coherent local rings with  $\text{wdim}(R) = \text{gldim}(R) = 2$  (by [3, Theorem 6.3.3]).  
(2) The requirement  $\mathfrak{p}R_{\mathfrak{p}} = \mathfrak{p}$  in the above result can't be dropped. For example, consider the ring  $R = k[x, y]$  where  $k$  is a field. The ideal  $(x)$  of  $R$  is prime and  $R/(x) \cong k[y]$  which is a DW ring, while  $R$  is not.

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