

Chapter 1

On \star -Semi-Homogeneous Integral Domains

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Abstract Let \star be a finite character star-operation defined on an integral domain D . A nonzero finitely generated ideal of D is \star -homogeneous if it is contained in a unique maximal \star -ideal. And D is called a \star -semi-homogeneous (\star -SH) domain if every proper nonzero principal ideal of D is a \star -product of \star -homogeneous ideals. Then D is a \star -semi-homogeneous domain if and only if the intersection $D = \bigcap_{P \in \star\text{-Max}(D)} D_P$ is independent and locally finite where $\star\text{-Max}(D)$ is the set of maximal \star -ideals of D . The \star -SH domains include h -local domains, weakly Krull domains, Krull domains, generalized Krull domains, and independent rings of Krull type. We show that by modifying the definition of a \star -homogeneous ideal we get a theory of each of these special cases of \star -SH domains.

1.1 Introduction

Many important types of integral domains have a representation of the form $D = \bigcap_{P \in \mathcal{F}} D_P$ where \mathcal{F} is a set of prime ideals of D that is (1) independent, that is, two distinct elements of \mathcal{F} do not contain a common nonzero prime ideal and (2) has finite character (or is locally finite), that is, each nonzero element of D is contained in at most finitely many elements of \mathcal{F} . These domains called \mathcal{F} -IFC domains were the subject of [10]. Suppose that D is an \mathcal{F} -IFC domain. If $\mathcal{F} = \text{Max}(D)$, the set of maximal ideals of D , we get the h -local domains of Matlis [20] while if $\mathcal{F} = X^{(1)}(D)$, the set of height-one prime ideals of D , we get weakly Krull domains

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[5]. We can further put conditions on D_P for $P \in \mathcal{F}$. If each D_P is a valuation domain we get the independent rings of Krull type (IRKT) of Griffin [15], generalized Krull domains if further $\mathcal{F} = X^{(1)}(D)$, and finally Krull domains when each D_P is a DVR.

Now in [10] we began with a representation $D = \bigcap_{P \in \mathcal{F}} D_P$ and its induced star-operation $\star_{\mathcal{F}}$ given by $A^{\star_{\mathcal{F}}} = \bigcap_{P \in \mathcal{F}} AD_P$ for a nonzero fractional ideal A of D . (The definition of a star-operation and needed results about star-operations are reviewed in Section 1.2.) We showed that D is an \mathcal{F} -IFC domain if and only if each nonzero proper principal ideal of D (or equivalently, each nonzero proper ideal A of D with $A = A^{\star_{\mathcal{F}}}$) has a representation of the form $A = (I_1 \cdots I_n)^{\star_{\mathcal{F}}}$ where each I_i is contained in a unique element of \mathcal{F} . In this paper we change the point of view. We begin with an integral domain D and \star a finite character star-operation on D so $D = \bigcap_{P \in \star\text{-Max}(D)} D_P$ where $\star\text{-Max}(D)$ is the set of maximal \star -ideals of D . We define a

nonzero finitely generated ideal I of D to be \star -homogeneous if I is contained in a unique element of $\star\text{-Max}(D)$ and D to be a \star -semi-homogeneous (\star -SH) domain if each proper nonzero principal ideal Dx of D has a representation $Dx = (I_1 \cdots I_n)^{\star}$ where I_i is \star -homogeneous. We show (Theorem 4) that D is a \star -SH domain if and only if D is a $\star\text{-Max}(D)$ -IFC domain, that is, the representation $D = \bigcap_{P \in \star\text{-Max}(D)} D_P$ is independent and of finite character. In this case each nonzero finitely generated ideal I with $I^{\star} \neq D$ has a representation $I^{\star} = (I_1 \cdots I_n)^{\star}$ where each I_i is a \star -homogeneous ideal (Theorem 6). We also show that for any domain D if a proper \star -ideal I has a representation as a \star -product of \star -homogeneous ideals, then I has a representation $I = (J_1 \cdots J_n)^{\star}$ where J_1, \dots, J_n are pairwise \star -comaximal \star -homogeneous ideals and that this representation is unique in the sense that if $I = (K_1 \cdots K_m)^{\star}$ where K_1, \dots, K_m are pairwise \star -comaximal \star -homogeneous ideals of D , then $n = m$ and after re-ordering $J_i^{\star} = K_i^{\star}$ for $i = 1, \dots, n$.

Our approach in this paper is to add additional conditions to the definition of a \star -homogeneous ideal I (such as for each \star -homogeneous ideal $J \supseteq I$ (or perhaps just for I itself) J^{\star} is \star -invertible or principal, or some $(J^n)^{\star}$ is principal) to get a “ \star - β -homogeneous ideal”. We then say that a \star - β -homogeneous ideal I has type 1 (resp., type 2) if $\sqrt{I} = M(I)$ where $M(I)$ is the unique \star -maximal ideal containing I (resp., $I^{\star} = (M(I)^n)^{\star}$ for some $n \geq 1$). We define D to be a “ \star - β -SH domain” (resp., \star - β -SH domain of type i , $i = 1, 2$) if each proper nonzero principal ideal of D is a \star -product of \star - β -homogeneous ideals (resp., \star - β -homogeneous ideals of type i , $i = 1, 2$). For example, we call the \star -homogeneous ideal I \star -super-homogeneous if for each \star -homogeneous ideal $J \supseteq I$, J is \star -invertible. We show (Theorem 10) that D is a \star -super-SH domain if and only if D is an \star -IRKT, that is, $D = \bigcap_{P \in \star\text{-Max}(D)} D_P$ is independent and of finite character and each D_P is a valuation domain. As a second example, we show (Theorem 7) that D is a \star -SH domain of type 1 if and only if D is a \star -weakly Krull domain, that is, D is weakly Krull and $\star\text{-Max}(D) = X^{(1)}(D)$.

So here we define a class of integral domains by requiring that each proper nonzero principal ideal is a \star -product of a certain kind of \star -homogeneous ideal. As a bonus we get that if I is a finitely generated nonzero ideal with $I^{\star} \neq D$, then I^{\star}

is actually a \star -product of this kind of \star -homogeneous ideal. Moreover, if a proper \star -ideal I is a \star -product of this kind of \star -homogeneous ideal, we can write I as a \star -product of pairwise \star -comaximal \star -homogeneous ideals of that kind and this representation is unique in the sense previously mentioned. Also within this class of \star - β -SH domains, by slightly changing the definition of a \star - β -homogeneous ideal, we get \star - β -SH domains with trivial or torsion \star -class group $Cl_{\star}(D)$.

Of course we can also vary the star-operation. Two important star-operations are the d -operation $A \rightarrow A_d = A$ and the t -operation $A \rightarrow A_t = \bigcup \{J_v | J \subseteq A \text{ is a nonzero finitely generated ideal}\}$ where $J_v = (J^{-1})^{-1}$. A d -SH domain is just an h -local domain while t -SH domains (not called that) were the subject of [7]. By varying the kind of \star -homogeneous ideal (and possibly adding a type) and varying the star-operation we get a whole host of various important integral domains including h -local domains, weakly Krull domains, Krull domains, Dedekind domains, generalized Krull domains, independent rings of Krull and these classes of domains that have trivial or torsion \star -class group.

1.2 Star-operations and \mathcal{F} -IFC-domains

We begin with the definition of a star-operation.

Definition 1. Let D be an integral domain with quotient field K . Let $F(D)$ (resp., $f(D)$) be the set of nonzero (resp., nonzero finitely generated) fractional ideals of D . A *star-operation* \star on D is a closure operation on $F(D)$ (i.e., $A \subseteq A^*$, $(A^*)^* = A^*$, and $A \subseteq B \Rightarrow A^* \subseteq B^*$ for $A, B \in F(D)$) that satisfies $D^* = D$ and $(xA)^* = xA^*$ for $A \in F(D)$ and $x \in K^* := K \setminus \{0\}$.

With \star we can associate a new star-operation \star_s given by $A \rightarrow A^{\star_s} := \bigcup \{B^* | B \subseteq A, B \in f(D)\}$ for $A \in F(D)$. We say that \star has *finite character* if $\star = \star_s$. Three important star-operations are the d -operation $A \rightarrow A_d := A$, the v -operation $A \rightarrow A_v := (A^{-1})^{-1} = \bigcap \{Dx | Dx \supseteq A, x \in K^*\}$ where $A^{-1} = \{x \in K | xA \subseteq D\}$, and the t -operation $t := v_s$. Here d and t have finite character. A fractional ideal $A \in F(D)$ is a \star -ideal (resp., *finite type \star -ideal*) if $A = A^*$ (resp., $A = A_1^*$ for some $A_1 \in f(D)$). If \star has finite character and A^* has finite type, then $A^* = A_1^*$ for some $A_1 \in f(D)$ with $A_1 \subseteq A$. A fractional ideal $A \in F(D)$ is \star -invertible if there exists a $B \in F(D)$ with $(AB)^* = D$; in this case we can take $B = A^{-1}$. For any \star -invertible $A \in F(D)$, $A^* = A_v$. If \star has finite character and A is \star -invertible, then A^* is a finite type \star -ideal and $A^* = A_t$. Given two fractional ideals $A, B \in F(D)$, $(AB)^*$ is their \star -product. Note that $(AB)^* = (A^*B)^* = (A^*B^*)^*$. Given two star-operations \star_1 and \star_2 on D , we write $\star_1 \leq \star_2$ if $A^{\star_1} \subseteq A^{\star_2}$ for all $A \in F(D)$. So $\star_1 \leq \star_2 \Leftrightarrow A^{\star_1 \star_2} = A^{\star_2} \Leftrightarrow A^{\star_2 \star_1} = A^{\star_2}$ for all $A \in F(D)$. For any finite character star-operation \star on D we have $d \leq \star \leq t$. For an introduction to star-operations, the reader is referred to [14, Section 32]. For a more detailed treatment see [16] and [18].

Suppose that \star is a finite character star-operation on D . Then a proper \star -ideal is contained in a maximal \star -ideal and a maximal \star -ideal is prime. We denote the set

of maximal \star -ideals of D by $\star\text{-Max}(D)$, the set of maximal ideals of D by $\text{Max}(D)$, and the set of height-one prime ideals of D by $X^{(1)}(D)$. We have $D = \bigcap_{P \in \star\text{-Max}(D)} D_P$.

Let \mathcal{F} be a nonempty collection of nonzero prime ideals of D . We say that \mathcal{F} is a *defining family of primes for D* if $D = \bigcap_{P \in \mathcal{F}} D_P$. So for a finite character star-operation \star on D , $\star\text{-Max}(D)$ is a defining family of primes for D . We say that the intersection $D = \bigcap_{P \in \mathcal{F}} D_P$, or the set \mathcal{F} of prime ideals itself, is of *finite character*, or is *locally finite*, if each nonzero element of D is in at most finitely many $P \in \mathcal{F}$. This is equivalent to each nonzero element of D (or of K) being a unit in almost all D_P , $P \in \mathcal{F}$. We will say that the finite character star-operation \star is *locally finite* if $D = \bigcap_{P \in \star\text{-Max}(D)} D_P$ is locally finite. The defining family of primes \mathcal{F} is *independent* if for distinct $P, Q \in \mathcal{F}$, there does not exist a nonzero prime ideal m with $m \subseteq P \cap Q$. This is equivalent to $D_P D_Q = K$ [10, Lemma 4.1]. If \mathcal{F} is independent, then \mathcal{F} is an anti-chain. We say that a finite character star-operation \star is *independent* if $\star\text{-Max}(D)$ is independent. Note that if two prime \star -ideals contain a nonzero prime ideal, they actually contain a (nonzero) prime \star -ideal. Indeed, if P is a nonzero prime ideal and $0 \neq x \in P$, we can shrink P to a prime ideal P' minimal over Dx , and P' is a prime \star -ideal. For a finite character star-operation \star on D , we call D a \star -*h-local domain* if \star is independent and locally finite, that is, each proper principal ideal is contained in only finitely many maximal \star -ideals and each prime \star -ideal is contained in a unique maximal \star -ideal. For the case of $\star = d$, we just get the *h-local domains* of Matlis [20]. We say that D is a \mathcal{F} -*IFC domain* if \mathcal{F} is an independent, finite character defining family of prime ideals for D . Thus for a finite character star-operation \star on D , D being a \star -*h-local domain* is the same thing as D being a \mathcal{F} -IFC domain for $\mathcal{F} = \star\text{-Max}(D)$.

Suppose that \mathcal{F} is a defining family of primes for D . Then the operation $A \mapsto A^{\star_{\mathcal{F}}} := \bigcap_{P \in \mathcal{F}} AD_P$ is a star-operation on D which has finite character if \mathcal{F} is locally finite [2, Theorem 1]. (However, $\star_{\mathcal{F}}$ may have finite character without \mathcal{F} being locally finite. For example, for $\mathcal{F} = \text{Max}(D)$, $\star_{\mathcal{F}}$ is just the d -operation which has finite character but \mathcal{F} need not be locally finite.) Moreover, $A^{\star_{\mathcal{F}}} D_P = AD_P$ for $A \in F(D)$ and $P \in \mathcal{F}$. Thus if D is a \mathcal{F} -IFC domain, $\star_{\mathcal{F}}$ has finite character and $\star_{\mathcal{F}}\text{-Max}(D) = \mathcal{F}$. In the case where \star is a finite character star-operation on D and $\mathcal{F} = \star\text{-Max}(D)$, $\star_{\mathcal{F}} = \star_w$ where \star_w is the star-operation defined by $A \mapsto A^{\star_w} := \{x \in K \mid xJ \subseteq A \text{ for some } J \in f(D) \text{ with } J^{\star} = D\} = \bigcap_{P \in \star\text{-Max}(D)} AD_P$ for $A \in F(D)$.

Here \star_w has finite character, $\star_w \leq \star$, and $(A \cap B)^{\star_w} = A^{\star_w} \cap B^{\star_w}$ for $A, B \in F(D)$. Also, $\star\text{-Max}(D) = \star_w\text{-Max}(D)$ and hence $A \in F(D)$ is \star -invertible if and only if it is \star_w -invertible. Moreover, for a \star -invertible (or \star_w -invertible) ideal $A \in F(D)$, $A^{\star} = A^{\star_w} = A_t = A_v$. For results on the \star_w -operation see [4].

We have the following result relating \star and \star_w .

Theorem 1. *Let \star_1 and \star_2 be two finite character star-operations on an integral domain D . Then the following conditions are equivalent.*

1. $\star_{1w} = \star_{2w}$.

2. $\star_1\text{-Max}(D) = \star_2\text{-Max}(D)$.
3. $A^{\star_1} = D \Leftrightarrow A^{\star_2} = D$ for $A \in F(D)$.
4. $A^{\star_1} = D \Leftrightarrow A^{\star_2} = D$ for $A \in f(D)$.
5. $P^{\star_{1w}} = P^{\star_{2w}}$ for each nonzero prime ideal P of D .

Proof. (1) \Rightarrow (2) $\star_1\text{-Max}(D) = \star_{1w}\text{-Max}(D) = \star_{2w}\text{-Max}(D) = \star_2\text{-Max}(D)$. (2) \Rightarrow (3) \Rightarrow (4) \Rightarrow (1) \Rightarrow (5) Clear. (5) \Rightarrow (2) We have $\star_{1w}\text{-Max}(D) = \star_{2w}\text{-Max}(D)$ and hence as in (1) \Rightarrow (2) we have $\star_1\text{-Max}(D) = \star_2\text{-Max}(D)$.

We next briefly review some of the material from [10] concerning \mathcal{F} -IFC domains. So let D be an integral domain and \mathcal{F} a defining family of primes for D . For an ideal A of D let $m(A) = \{P \in \mathcal{F} \mid A \subseteq P\}$ and call A *unidirectional* if $|m(A)| = 1$. Suppose that A is unidirectional. If P is the unique element of \mathcal{F} containing A , we say that A is *unidirectional pointing to P* . The following theorem sums up some of the results from [10].

Theorem 2. *Let \mathcal{F} be a defining family of prime ideals for the integral domain D and let $\star_{\mathcal{F}}$ be the star-operation given by $A^{\star_{\mathcal{F}}} = \bigcap_{P \in \mathcal{F}} AD_P$ for $A \in F(D)$.*

1. *If A is unidirectional pointing to $P \in \mathcal{F}$, then $A^{\star_{\mathcal{F}}} = AD_P \cap D$. Conversely, suppose that \mathcal{F} is independent. Let $P \in \mathcal{F}$. Then for a nonzero ideal $A \subseteq P$, $AD_P \cap D$ is unidirectional pointing to P .*
2. *Two nonzero ideals A and B of D are $\star_{\mathcal{F}}$ -comaximal (i.e., $(A+B)^{\star_{\mathcal{F}}} = D$) if and only if $m(A) \cap m(B) = \emptyset$.*
3. *If a $\star_{\mathcal{F}}$ -ideal A of D is expressible as a finite $\star_{\mathcal{F}}$ -product of unidirectional ideals, then A is uniquely expressible (up to order) as a $\star_{\mathcal{F}}$ -product of pairwise $\star_{\mathcal{F}}$ -comaximal unidirectional $\star_{\mathcal{F}}$ -ideals.*
4. *The following conditions are equivalent.*
 - a. \mathcal{F} is an independent defining family of finite character, i.e., D is a \mathcal{F} -IFC domain.
 - b. Every proper integral $\star_{\mathcal{F}}$ -ideal of D is (uniquely) expressible as a finite $\star_{\mathcal{F}}$ -product of (pairwise $\star_{\mathcal{F}}$ -comaximal) unidirectional ($\star_{\mathcal{F}}$ -) ideals.
 - c. Every proper integral principal ideal of D is (uniquely) expressible as a finite $\star_{\mathcal{F}}$ -product of (pairwise $\star_{\mathcal{F}}$ -comaximal) unidirectional ($\star_{\mathcal{F}}$ -) ideals.
 - d. Every nonzero prime ideal of D contains a nonzero element x such that Dx is (uniquely) expressible as a finite $\star_{\mathcal{F}}$ -product of (pairwise $\star_{\mathcal{F}}$ -comaximal) unidirectional ($\star_{\mathcal{F}}$ -) ideals.

Proof. (1) [10, Lemma 2.3], (2) Clear, (3) [10, Lemma 2.6], (4) Combine [10, Proposition 2.7] and [10, Theorem 2.1].

1.3 \star -homogeneous Ideals

For \mathcal{F} -IFC domains we considered $\star_{\mathcal{F}}$ -product representations of $\star_{\mathcal{F}}$ -ideals. In this paper we change our point of view. We begin with a finite character star-operation

\star on the integral domain D and consider \star -product representations of \star -ideals. We make the following fundamental definition.

Definition 2. Let \star be finite character star-operation on the integral domain D . An ideal I of D is \star -homogeneous if I is a nonzero finitely generated ideal and I is contained in a unique maximal \star -ideal.

Suppose that I is a \star -homogeneous ideal of D . If P is the unique maximal \star -ideal containing I we say that I is P - \star -homogeneous. We will often denote the unique maximal \star -ideal containing I by $M(I)$. We say that two \star -homogeneous ideals I and J are *similar*, denoted $I \sim J$, if $M(I) = M(J)$.

Suppose that \star is a finite character star-operation on the integral domain D . So $D = \bigcap_{P \in \star\text{-Max}(D)} D_P$, that is, $\star\text{-Max}(D)$ is a defining family of primes for D and hence for $\mathcal{F} = \star\text{-Max}(D)$, the star-operation $\star_{\mathcal{F}}$ given by $A \rightarrow A^{\star_{\mathcal{F}}} = \bigcap_{P \in \mathcal{F}} AD_P$ is just the \star_w -operation. So $\star_{\mathcal{F}} = \star_w$ is a finite character star-operation on D and $\star_w \leq \star$, that is, $A^{\star_w} \subseteq A^{\star}$ for all $A \in F(D)$. Note that I is P - \star -homogeneous if and only if I is P - \star_w -homogeneous if and only if I is a finitely generated unidirectional ideal pointing to P .

The next two propositions give some results concerning \star -homogeneous ideals.

Proposition 1. *Let D be an integral domain, I a nonzero finitely generated ideal of D , and \star a finite character star-operation on D .*

1. *Suppose that $I^{\star} \neq D$. Then I is \star -homogeneous if and only if for (finitely generated) ideals J, K of D with $J, K \supseteq I$ and $J^{\star}, K^{\star} \neq D$, we have $(J + K)^{\star} \neq D$.*
2. *For I \star -homogeneous, $M(I) = \{x \in D \mid (I, x)^{\star} \neq D\}$.*
3. *If I is \star -homogeneous, $I^{\star} D_{M(I)} \cap D = I^{\star}$.*
4. *If I is \star -homogeneous and A_1, \dots, A_n are pairwise \star -comaximal ideals of D with $A_1 \cdots A_n \subseteq I^{\star}$, then some $A_i \subseteq I^{\star}$.*

Proof. 1. First note that since \star has finite character, if there are ideals $J, K \supseteq I$ with $J^{\star}, K^{\star} \neq D$, but $(J + K)^{\star} = D$, then there are finitely generated ideals J and K with this property. (\Rightarrow) Suppose that I is \star -homogeneous. If $J, K \supseteq I$ with $J^{\star}, K^{\star} \neq D$, then necessarily $J, K \subseteq M(I)$, so $(J + K)^{\star} \neq D$. (\Leftarrow) Let M_1 and M_2 be maximal \star -ideals containing I . Then $(M_1 + M_2)^{\star} \neq D$, so $M_1 = M_2$. Hence I is \star -homogeneous.

2. Here $M(I)$ is the unique maximal \star -ideal containing I . If $x \in M(I)$, then $(I, x) \subseteq M(I)$ and hence $(I, x)^{\star} \neq D$. Conversely, if $(I, x)^{\star} \neq D$, then (I, x) is contained in a maximal \star -ideal P that also contains I , so $P = M(I)$. Hence $x \in (I, x) \subseteq M(I)$.
3. Clearly $I^{\star} D_{M(I)} \cap D \supseteq I^{\star}$. Let $x \in I^{\star} D_{M(I)} \cap D$, so $x = i/s$ where $i \in I^{\star}$ and $s \notin M(I)$. So $xs \in I^{\star}$. Now $s \notin M(I)$ implies $(I, s)^{\star} = D$, so $Dx = (Ix, sx)^{\star} \subseteq I^{\star}$.
4. By induction it suffices to do the case $n = 2$. So suppose that A and B are \star -comaximal ideals of D with $AB \subseteq I^{\star}$. We cannot have both $A, B \subseteq M(I)$, so say $B \not\subseteq M(I)$. Then $A \subseteq AD_{M(I)} \cap D = ABD_{M(I)} \cap D \subseteq I^{\star} D_{M(I)} \cap D = I^{\star}$.

Proposition 2. *Let \star be a finite character star-operation on the integral domain D . For \star -homogeneous ideals I and J of D , the following are equivalent.*

1. $I \sim J$.
2. $(I+J)^\star \neq D$.
3. IJ is \star -homogeneous.

If (1), (2), or (3) holds, then $IJ \sim I \sim J$. Thus if I_1, \dots, I_n are \star -homogeneous ideals of D with I_1, \dots, I_n all similar, then $I_1 \cdots I_n$ is \star -homogeneous and $I_1 \cdots I_n \sim I_1 \sim \cdots \sim I_n$.

Proof. (1) \Rightarrow (2) $I, J \subseteq M(I) = M(J) \Rightarrow I+J \subseteq M(J)$ and hence $(I+J)^\star \neq D$. (2) \Rightarrow (1) Now $(I+J)^\star \neq D$ implies $I+J$ is contained in a maximal \star -ideal P . But since $I, J \subseteq P$ we must have $M(I) = P$ and $M(J) = P$, so $M(I) = M(J)$. (1) \Rightarrow (3) IJ is finitely generated and $(IJ)^\star \neq D$. Let P be a maximal \star -ideal containing IJ . Since P is prime, we have, say $I \subseteq P$. So $P = M(I)$. So IJ is \star -homogeneous with $M(IJ) = M(I)$. (3) \Rightarrow (1) Suppose that $I \not\sim J$, so $M(I)$ and $M(J)$ are two distinct maximal \star -ideals containing IJ , a contradiction.

The last statement is now immediate.

We next give a uniqueness result for \star -products of \star -homogeneous ideals. Compare with Theorem 2(3) ([10, Lemma 2.6]).

Theorem 3. *Let D be an integral domain and \star a finite character star-operation on D . Let I be an ideal of D . If I is a \star -product of \star -homogeneous ideals of D , then I is uniquely expressible (up to order) as a \star -product of pairwise \star -comaximal \star -ideals $(J_1^\star \cdots J_s^\star)^\star$ where each J_i is \star -homogeneous.*

Proof. Suppose $I = (I_1 \cdots I_n)^\star$ where I_i is \star -homogeneous. Let $M(I_1), \dots, M(I_s)$ be the distinct maximal \star -ideals among $M(I_1), \dots, M(I_n)$. For $1 \leq \ell \leq s$, put $J_\ell := \prod \{I_j | I_j \sim I_\ell\}$. So J_1, \dots, J_s are \star -homogeneous ideals of D that are pairwise \star -comaximal and $I = (J_1 \cdots J_s)^\star = (J_1^\star \cdots J_s^\star)^\star$. Suppose that we have another representation $I = (K_1 \cdots K_t)^\star = (K_1^\star \cdots K_t^\star)^\star$ where K_1, \dots, K_t are pairwise \star -comaximal \star -homogeneous ideals of D . Now $K_1 \cdots K_t \subseteq (J_1 \cdots J_s)^\star \subseteq J_1^\star$, so by Proposition 1, some $K_i \subseteq J_1^\star$. Reordering, we can take $i = 1$, so $K_1 \subseteq J_1^\star$. Reversing the roles of the J_i 's and K_i 's, we have some $J_i \subseteq K_1^\star \subseteq J_1^\star$. By \star -comaximality, $i = 1$, so $J_1 \subseteq K_1^\star$ and hence $J_1^\star = K_1^\star$. Continuing we see that each J_i matches up to a K_j with $J_i^\star = K_j^\star$. Likewise each K_i matches up to a J_j with $K_i^\star = J_j^\star$. Thus $s = t$ and after re-ordering $J_i^\star = K_i^\star$ for $i = 1, \dots, s$.

We next define \star -SH domains. We will see that a \star -SH domain is the same thing as a \star - h -local domain.

Definition 3. Let D be an integral domain and \star a finite character star-operation on D . Then D is a \star -semi-homogeneous (\star -SH) domain if every proper nonzero principal ideal of D is a finite \star -product of \star -homogeneous ideals of D .

So by Theorem 3, D is a \star -SH domain if and only if each proper nonzero principal ideal Dx of D has a unique representation (up to order) as a finite \star -product of pairwise \star -comaximal \star -ideals $Dx = (J_1^\star \cdots J_s^\star)^\star (= (J_1 \cdots J_s)^\star)$ where J_i is \star -homogeneous. We next use our results from [10] to get some characterizations of \star -SH domains.

Theorem 4. *Let D be an integral domain and \star a finite character star-operation on D . Then the following are equivalent.*

1. D is a \star -SH domain.
2. D is a \star -Max(D)-IFC domain, that is, D is a \star -h-local domain.
3. D is a \star_w -SH domain.

Proof. (1) \Leftrightarrow (3) Since \star -Max(D) = \star_w -Max(D), an ideal is \star -homogeneous if and only if it is \star_w -homogeneous. Let x be a nonzero nonunit of D . Now in a representation $Dx = (I_1 \cdots I_n)^\star$ (resp., $Dx = (J_1 \cdots J_m)^{\star_w}$) where each I_i (resp., J_i) is \star -homogeneous (resp., \star_w -homogeneous), $I_1 \cdots I_n$ (resp., $J_1 \cdots J_m$) is \star -invertible (resp., \star_w -invertible). But an ideal I is \star -invertible if and only if it is \star_w -invertible and in this case $I^\star = I = I^{\star_w}$. Thus $Dx = (I_1 \cdots I_n)^{\star_w}$ (resp., $(J_1 \cdots J_m)^\star$). So Dx is a \star -product of \star -homogeneous ideals if and only if it is a \star_w -product of \star_w -homogeneous ideals. (2) \Leftrightarrow (3) Let $\mathcal{F} = \star$ -Max(D), so $\star_{\mathcal{F}} = \star_w$. By [10, Proposition 2.7], D is a \mathcal{F} -IFC domain if and only if for each nonzero nonunit $x \in D$, Dx is a $\star_{\mathcal{F}} = \star_w$ -product of unidirectional ideals. Now (3) \Rightarrow (2) follows since a \star_w -homogeneous ideal is unidirectional. For (2) \Rightarrow (3) note that if $Dx = (I_1 \cdots I_n)^{\star_w}$ where each I_i is unidirectional, then I_i is \star_w -invertible and hence $I_i^{\star_w} = (I'_i)^{\star_w}$ for some finitely generated ideal $I'_i \subseteq I_i$. So I'_i is \star_w -homogeneous and $Dx = (I'_1 \cdots I'_n)^{\star_w}$.

Theorem 5. *Let D be an integral domain and \star a finite character star-operation on D . Then the following are equivalent.*

1. D is a \star -SH domain.
2. \star is locally finite and independent.
3. Every nonzero prime ideal of D contains a nonzero element x such that Dx is a \star -product of \star -homogeneous ideals.
4. Every nonzero prime ideal of D contains a \star -invertible \star -homogeneous ideal of D .
5. For $P \in \star$ -Max(D) and $0 \neq x \in P$, $xDP \cap D = I^\star$ for some \star -invertible P - \star -homogeneous ideal I .
6. \star is independent and if A is a nonzero ideal of D with AD_P finitely generated for each $P \in \star$ -Max(D), then A^\star is a finite type \star -ideal.

Proof. (1) \Leftrightarrow (2) Theorem 4.

Note that for each i , $2 \leq i \leq 5$, (i) is equivalent to (i') where (i') is (i) with \star replaced by \star_w . By [10, Theorem 3.3], (2')-(5') are equivalent and hence (2)-(5) are equivalent.

(2) \Rightarrow (6) Now by hypothesis, \star is independent and by [10, Theorem 3.3] A^{\star_w} is a finite type \star_w -ideal. Hence A^\star is a finite type \star -ideal. (6) \Rightarrow (5) Let $P \in \star$ -Max(D) and $0 \neq x \in P$. Put $A := xDP \cap D$. Let $Q \in \star$ -Max(D) \setminus \{P\}. Since \star is independent, $DPD_Q = K$, the quotient field of D . Thus $AD_Q = (xDP \cap D)D_Q = xDPD_Q \cap D_Q = xK \cap D_Q = D_Q$. So P is the only maximal \star -ideal containing A . Since AD_M is finitely generated for each $M \in \star$ -Max(D), $A^\star = A_1^\star$ for some finitely generated ideal A_1 of D . Moreover, since \star has finite character we can take $A_1 \subseteq A$. Since P is the only

maximal \star -ideal containing A , the same is true for A_1 and $A_2 := (A_1, x)$. So A_2 is P - \star -homogeneous. Also, $AD_Q = D_Q = A_2D_Q$ for $Q \in \star\text{-Max}(D) \setminus \{P\}$ and $AD_P = xD_P \subseteq A_2D_P$, so $AD_P = A_2D_P$. Hence $A = AD_P \cap D = \bigcap_{Q \in \star\text{-Max}(D)} AD_Q = \bigcap_{Q \in \star\text{-Max}(D)} A_2D_Q = A_2^{\star w}$. As in the proof of (5) \Rightarrow (4) of [10, Theorem 3.3], A_2 is \star_w -invertible. Thus A_2 is \star -invertible and so $A = A_2^{\star w} = A_2^*$.

We next note that in a \star -SH domain every proper finite type \star -ideal is a \star -product of \star -homogeneous ideals.

Theorem 6. *Let D be a \star -SH domain and I a nonzero finitely generated ideal of D with $I^* \neq D$. Then I^* is uniquely expressible (up to order) as a \star -product $(J_1^* \cdots J_n^*)^*$ of pairwise \star -comaximal \star -ideals J_1^*, \dots, J_n^* where each J_i is \star -homogeneous.*

Proof. Since D is a \star -SH domain, \star is locally finite by Theorem 5. Let M_1, \dots, M_n be the maximal \star -ideals contained I and put $I_i := ID_{M_i} \cap D$. So $I^{\star w} = I_1 \cap \cdots \cap I_n$ and hence $I^* = (I_1 \cap \cdots \cap I_n)^*$. Since \star is independent (Theorem 5) Theorem 2 gives that M_i is the unique maximal \star -ideal containing I_i . So I_1, \dots, I_n are pairwise \star -comaximal and thus $(I_1 \cap \cdots \cap I_n)^* = (I_1 \cdots I_n)^*$. By Theorem 5, I_i^* has \star -finite type, so $I_i^* = J_i^*$ where J_i is \star -homogeneous. Now J_1, \dots, J_n are pairwise \star -comaximal \star -homogeneous ideals with $I^* = (J_1^* \cdots J_n^*)^*$. Uniqueness follows from Theorem 3.

In [5] an integral domain D was defined to be *weakly Krull* if $D = \bigcap_{P \in X^{(1)}(D)} DP$ and the intersection is locally finite. Thus D is weakly Krull if D is a \mathcal{F} -IFC domain for $\mathcal{F} = X^{(1)}(D)$. We generalize this definition as follows.

Definition 4. Let D be an integral domain and \star a finite character star-operation on D . Then D is a \star -weakly Krull domain (\star -WKD) if D is a \star - h -local domain for which $X^{(1)}(D) = \star\text{-Max}(D)$.

Thus D is a \star -WKD if and only if D is weakly Krull and $X^{(1)}(D) = \star\text{-Max}(D)$. Note that for D weakly Krull, $t\text{-Max}(D) = X^{(1)}(D)$. Thus a weakly Krull domain is the same thing as a t -WKD. At the other extreme, D is a d -WKD if and only if $\dim D = 1$ and each nonzero element of D is in at most finitely many maximal ideals. If \star_1 and \star_2 be two finite character star-operations on D with $\star_1 \leq \star_2$, then D a \star_1 -WKD implies that D is a \star_2 -WKD. Evidently D is a \star -WKD if and only if it is a \star_w -WKD.

To give our characterization of \star -weakly Krull domains we need the following definition.

Definition 5. Let D be an integral domain and \star a finite character star-operation on D . We say that a \star -homogeneous ideal I of D has *type 1* if $M(I) = \sqrt{I}^*$, and D is a *type 1 \star -SH domain* if each nonzero proper principal ideal of D is a \star -product of type 1 \star -homogeneous ideals.

It is easy to see that a \star -homogeneous ideal I has type 1 if and only if for each \star -homogeneous ideal $A \supseteq I$, there exists an $n \geq 1$ with $A^n \subseteq I^*$.

Theorem 7. *Let D be an integral domain and \star a finite character star-operation on D . Then the following are equivalent.*

1. D is a \star -weakly Krull domain.
2. D is a \star - h -local domain and each \star -homogeneous ideal has type 1.
3. Every proper principal ideal of D is a \star -product of type 1 \star -homogeneous ideals, that is, D is a type 1 \star -SH domain.
4. If I is a nonzero finitely generated ideal of D with $I^\star \neq D$, then I^\star is a \star -product of type 1 \star -homogeneous ideals.

Proof. (1) \Rightarrow (2) By definition a \star -weakly Krull domain is \star - h -local. Let I be a \star -homogeneous ideal of D . Since $\star\text{-Max}(D) = X^{(1)}(D)$, $M(I)$ is a minimal prime over I^\star and as any prime ideal minimal over I^\star is a \star -ideal, $M(I)$ is the unique prime ideal minimal over I^\star . Hence $M(I) = \sqrt{I^\star}$, so I has type 1.

(2) \Rightarrow (3) Clear since in a \star - h -local domain every proper principal ideal is a \star -product of \star -homogeneous ideals (Theorem 4).

(3) \Rightarrow (1) Certainly (3) gives that D is a \star -SH domain and hence \star - h -local (Theorem 4). We show $\star\text{-Max}(D) = X^{(1)}(D)$. Let M be a maximal \star -ideal. Suppose that there exists a nonzero prime ideal $Q \subsetneq M$. Let $0 \neq x \in Q$. Shrinking Q to a prime ideal minimal over Dx we can assume that Q is a \star -ideal. Now $Dx = (I_1 \cdots I_n)^\star$ where each I_i is a type 1 \star -homogeneous ideal. Now $I_1 \cdots I_n \subseteq Q$, so some $I_i \subseteq Q$ and hence $I_i^\star \subseteq Q$. But $M(I_i) = \sqrt{I_i^\star} \subseteq Q \subsetneq M$, a contradiction. Thus $\star\text{-Max}(D) \subseteq X^{(1)}(D)$ and hence we have equality since each height-one prime ideal is a \star -ideal.

(4) \Rightarrow (3) Clear. (2) \Rightarrow (4) This follows from Theorem 6 since a \star - h -local domain is a \star -SH domain.

Invoking Theorem 3 we see that in a \star -weakly Krull domain a nonzero finitely generated ideal I with $I^\star \neq D$ has a unique representation (up to order) $I^\star = (J_1^\star \cdots J_n^\star)^\star$ where J_1, \dots, J_n are pairwise \star -comaximal type 1 \star -homogeneous ideals.

Now a Krull domain is a weakly Krull domain (or equivalently, a t -WKD) in which D_P is a DVR for each $P \in X^{(1)}(D)$. With this in mind we make the following definition.

Definition 6. Let D be an integral domain and \star a finite character star-operation on D . Then D is a \star -Krull domain if D is a \star -weakly Krull domain and D_P is a DVR for each $P \in \star\text{-Max}(D)$.

Evidently D is a \star -Krull domain if and only if D is a Krull domain and $\star\text{-Max}(D) = X^{(1)}(D)$. Thus a Krull domain is the same thing as a t -Krull domain. At the other extreme, a d -Krull domain is a Dedekind domain. If \star_1 and \star_2 are finite character star-operations on D with $\star_1 \leq \star_2$, then D \star_1 -Krull implies that D is \star_2 -Krull.

Our characterization of \star -Krull domains requires the following definition.

Definition 7. Let D be an integral domain and \star a finite character star-operation on D . A \star -homogeneous ideal I of D has type 2 if $I^\star = (M(I)^n)^\star$ for some $n \geq 1$. And D is a type 2 \star -SH domain if each nonzero proper principal ideal of D is a \star -product of type 2 \star -homogeneous ideals.

Theorem 8. *Let D be an integral domain and \star a finite character star-operation on D . Then the following conditions are equivalent.*

1. D is a \star -Krull domain.
2. Every proper \star -ideal of D is a \star -product of prime \star -ideals of D .
3. Every proper principal ideal of D is a \star -product of prime \star -ideals of D .
4. Every proper \star -ideal of D is a \star -product of type 2 \star -homogeneous ideals of D .
5. Every proper principal ideal of D is a \star -product of type 2 \star -homogeneous ideals of D , that is, D is a type 2 \star -SH domain.

Proof. (1) \Rightarrow (4) D is \star -Krull, so D is a Krull domain and $\star\text{-Max}(D) = X^{(1)}(D)$. For $A \in F(D)$, $A^{\star w} = \bigcap_{P \in X^{(1)}(D)} AD_P = A_t$, so $A^{\star w} = A^\star = A_t$. Let $P \in X^{(1)}(D)$. Choose

$x \in P \setminus P^2$. Let Q_1, \dots, Q_n be the other height-one primes containing x and choose $y \in P \setminus (Q_1 \cup \dots \cup Q_n)$. So $(x, y)^\star = (x, y)^{\star w} = \bigcap_{Q \in X^{(1)}(D)} (x, y)D_Q = P$. Put $H(P) := (x, y)$, so

$H(P)$ is a type 2 \star -homogeneous ideal. Let A be a proper \star -ideal of D . Then $A = \bigcap_{P \in X^{(1)}(D)} AD_P = P_1^{(n_1)} \cap \dots \cap P_s^{(n_s)}$ where P_1, \dots, P_s are the height-one primes containing

A and $P_i^{(n_i)} = P_i^{n_i} D_{P_i} \cap D$. But $P_1^{(n_1)} \cap \dots \cap P_s^{(n_s)} = (P_1^{n_1} \dots P_s^{n_s})_t = (P_1^{n_1} \dots P_s^{n_s})^\star = ((H(P_1)^\star)^{n_1} \dots (H(P_s)^\star)^{n_s})^\star = (H(P_1)^{n_1} \dots H(P_s)^{n_s})^\star$.

(4) \Rightarrow (2) \Rightarrow (3), (4) \Rightarrow (5) \Rightarrow (3) Clear.

(3) \Rightarrow (1) Let x be a nonzero nonunit of D . So $Dx = (P_1 \dots P_n)^\star$ where P_i is a prime \star -ideal of D . Then P_i is \star -invertible so $P_i = H(P_i)^\star$ where $H(P_i)$ is a finitely generated ideal contained in P_i . Thus $H(P_i)$ is a type 2 \star -homogeneous ideal and hence a type 1 \star -homogeneous ideal. So each proper principal ideal of D is a \star -product of type 1 \star -homogeneous ideals. By Theorem 7, D is a \star -WKD. Let $P \in X^{(1)}(D)$; we need to show that D_P is a DVR. Let $0 \neq x \in P$, so $Dx = (P_1 \dots P_n)^\star$ where P_i is a prime \star -ideal which is \star -invertible. Now some $P_i \subseteq P$ and hence $P_i = P$, so P is \star -invertible. Thus $(PP^{-1}) \not\subseteq P$, so $PP^{-1}D_P = D_P$ and hence PD_P is invertible and therefore principal. Since $\text{ht } P = 1$, D_P is a DVR.

Once again we can invoke Theorem 3 to get the appropriate uniqueness result for pairwise \star -comaximal type 2 \star -homogeneous ideals in Theorem 8. We leave it to the reader to show that in a \star -Krull domain if $(P_1 \dots P_n)^\star = (Q_1 \dots Q_m)^\star$ where the P_i 's and Q_i 's are maximal \star -ideals, then $n = m$ and after reordering $P_i = Q_i$ for each i .

The notion of a Krull domain can be generalized in a number of ways. We have already defined \star -Krull domains and \star -weakly Krull domains. An integral domain D is an *independent ring of Krull type (IRKT)* [15] if D is a \mathcal{F} -IFC domain for some defining family \mathcal{F} of primes where D_P is a valuation domain for each $P \in \mathcal{F}$. For a finite character star-operation \star on P , we call D a *\star -independent ring of Krull type (\star -IRKT)* if D is a \mathcal{F} -IFC domain for $\mathcal{F} = \star\text{-Max}(D)$, that is, D is \star - h -local, and for each $P \in \star\text{-Max}(D)$, D_P is a valuation domain. Thus D is a \star -IRKT if and only if D is an IRKT where $\mathcal{F} = \star\text{-Max}(D)$. A d -IRKT is just a finite character, independent Prüfer domain. At the other extreme, a t -IRKT is just an IRKT. If \star_1 and \star_2 are

finite character star-operations on D with $\star_1 \leq \star_2$ and D is a \star_1 -IRKT, then D is a \star_2 -IRKT, see Proposition 3 below. Recall that D is a $P\star MD$ if each nonzero finitely generated ideal of D is \star -invertible, or equivalently, D_M is a valuation domain for each $M \in \star\text{-Max}(D)$. Thus a \star -IRKT is a $P\star MD$. In fact, D is a \star -IRKT if and only if D is a \star -h-local $P\star MD$. A $PvMD$ is usually defined to be a v -domain (each nonzero finitely generated ideal of D is v -invertible) in which A^{-1} is a finite type v -ideal for each nonzero finitely generated ideal A of D . Thus a $PvMD$ is just a $PrMD$ and a $P\star MD$ is a $PvMD$. Of course a $PdMD$ is just a Prüfer domain.

The integral domain D is a *generalized Krull domain (GKD)* if $D = \bigcap_{P \in X^{(1)}(D)} D_P$

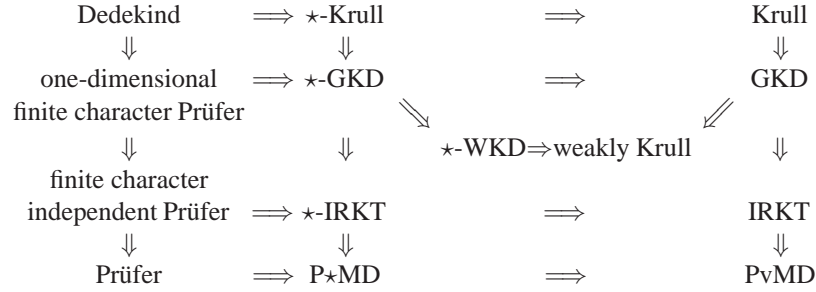
is locally finite and for each $P \in X^{(1)}(D)$, D_P is a valuation domain, that is, D is weakly Krull and for each $P \in X^{(1)}(D)$, D_P is a valuation domain. Let \star be a finite character star-operation on D . We call D a *\star -generalized Krull domain (\star -GKD)* if $D = \bigcap_{P \in X^{(1)}(D)} D_P$ locally finite, $\star\text{-Max}(D) = X^{(1)}(D)$, and D_P is a valuation domain for

each $P \in X^{(1)}(D)$, or equivalently, D is \star -weakly Krull and for each $P \in X^{(1)}(D)$, D_P is a valuation domain, that is, D is a \star -GKD if and only if D is a GKD and $\star\text{-Max}(D) = X^{(1)}(D)$. So D is a d -GKD if and only if D is a one-dimensional finite character Prüfer domain. At the other extreme, a t -GKD is just a GKD. If \star_1 and \star_2 are two finite character star-operations on D with $\star_1 \leq \star_2$, then D a \star_1 -GKD implies that D is a \star_2 -GKD.

Proposition 3. *Let D be an integral domain and \star_1 and \star_2 be finite character star-operations on D with $\star_1 \leq \star_2$. If D is a \star_1 -IRKT, then D is a \star_2 -IRKT.*

Proof. Let $P \in \star_2\text{-Max}(D)$. Then $P^{\star_1} \subseteq P^{\star_2} = P$, so $P^{\star_1} \neq D$ and hence P is contained in a maximal \star_1 -ideal Q . Moreover, Q is unique since \star_1 is independent. Also, D_Q is a valuation domain and hence so is $D_P = (D_Q)_{P_Q}$. Note that \star_2 is independent. Suppose that m is a nonzero prime ideal with $m \subseteq M_1, M_2$, two maximal \star_2 -ideals. Then M_i is contained in a maximal \star_1 -ideal M'_i . Since $m \subseteq M'_1 \cap M'_2$, $M'_1 = M'_2$ as \star_1 is independent. But then $M_1, M_2 \subseteq M'_1$ and $D_{M'_1}$ is a valuation domain. So M_1 and M_2 are comparable. Here $M_1 = M_2$. So \star_2 is independent. We next show that \star_2 is locally finite. Suppose some $0 \neq x \in D$ is contained in an infinite number of maximal \star_2 -ideals $\{Q_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$. Now each Q_n is contained in a maximal \star_1 -ideal P_n . Now if $P_n = P_m$, then Q_n and Q_m are comparable since D_{P_n} is a valuation domain, so $Q_n = Q_m$. Thus x is contained in infinitely many maximal \star_1 -ideals, a contradiction.

The following diagram gives the various implications between the different generalizations of Krull domains.



To characterize \star -IRKTs using \star -homogeneous ideals we need the following definition.

Definition 8. Let D be an integral domain and \star a finite character star-operation on D . A \star -homogeneous ideal I of D is \star -super-homogeneous if each \star -homogeneous ideal containing I is \star -invertible. The \star -super-homogeneous ideal I has type 1 (resp., type 2) if I has type 1 as a \star -homogeneous ideal, that is, $\sqrt{I^\star} = M(I)$ (resp., $I^\star = (M(I)^n)^\star$ for some $n \geq 1$). The domain D is a \star -super-SH domain (resp., type 1 \star -super-SH domain, type 2 \star -super-SH domain) if every nonzero proper principal ideal of D is a \star -product of \star -super-homogeneous ideals (resp., of type 1, of type 2).

Note that if I is \star -super-homogeneous, then each finitely generated ideal containing I is \star -invertible. Now by [17, Theorem 1.11] a product of similar \star -super-homogeneous ideals is again \star -super-homogeneous. Thus the proof of Theorem 3 gives the corresponding uniqueness result for \star -products of \star -super-homogeneous ideals.

Theorem 9. Let \star be a finite character star-operation on the integral domain D and let J_1, \dots, J_n be a set of \star -super-homogeneous ideals of D . Then the \star -product $(J_1 \cdots J_n)^\star$ can be expressed uniquely, up to order, as a \star -product of pairwise \star -comaximal \star -super-homogeneous ideals.

We next give several characterizations of \star -IRKTs.

Theorem 10. Let D be an integral domain and \star a finite character star-operation on D . Then the following conditions are equivalent.

1. D is a \star -IRKT.
2. D is \star -h-local and every \star -homogeneous ideal is \star -invertible.
3. D is \star -h-local and every \star -homogeneous ideal is \star -super-homogeneous.
4. Every proper nonzero principal ideal is a \star -product of \star -super-homogeneous ideals, that is, D is a \star -super-SH domain.
5. If I is a nonzero finitely generated ideal with $I^\star \neq D$, then I^\star is a \star -product of \star -super-homogeneous ideals.

Proof. (1) \implies (2),(3) Let I be a \star -homogeneous ideal of D and let $J \supseteq I$ be a finitely generated ideal of D . Then JD_P is principal for each $P \in \star\text{-Max}(D)$ since D_P is

a valuation domain. Thus J is \star -invertible. (2) \Rightarrow (1) Let $P \in \star\text{-Max}(D)$. We need to show that D_P is a valuation domain. It suffices to show that for $x, y \in P \setminus \{0\}$, $(x, y)D_P$ is principal. Let $A = (x, y)D_P \cap D$. By Theorem 5, A^\star is a finite type \star -ideal. So $A^\star = A_1^\star$ where $A_1 \subseteq A$ is finitely generated. Now P is the unique maximal \star -ideal containing A and hence the unique maximal \star -ideal containing A_1 . So by hypothesis A_1 , and hence A , is \star -invertible. So $(x, y)D_P = AD_P$ is principal. (3) \Rightarrow (4) This is immediate since for a \star - h -local domain each proper nonzero principal ideal is a \star -product of \star -homogeneous ideal by Theorem 4. (4) \Rightarrow (1) Every proper nonzero principal ideal of D is a \star -product of \star -homogeneous ideals, so by Theorem 4, D is \star - h -local. Let $P \in \star\text{-Max}(D)$. We need that D_P is a valuation domain. Let $0 \neq x \in P$, so $Dx = (I_1 \cdots I_n)^\star$ where I_i is \star -super-homogeneous. Let $I = \prod \{I_i | I_i \text{ is } P \text{-}\star\text{-homogeneous}\}$. Then $xD_P \cap D = I^\star$. By [17, Theorem 1.11], I is \star -super-homogeneous. Let $0 \neq y \in P$. Then again $yD_P \cap D = J^\star$ for some \star -super-homogeneous ideal J of D . But by [17, Theorem 1.11] for two P - \star -super-homogeneous ideals I and J of D , I^\star and J^\star are comparable. Thus $xD_P \cap D$ and $yD_P \cap D$ are comparable, so D_P is a valuation domain. (5) \Rightarrow (4) Clear. (1) \Rightarrow (5) Let I be a nonzero finitely generated ideal of D with $I^\star \neq D$. By (1) \Rightarrow (3) it is enough to show I^\star is a \star -product of \star -homogeneous ideals. But this follows from Theorem 6.

Using Theorems 9 and 10 we get the following result.

Proposition 4. *Let D be an integral domain and \star a finite character star-operation on D . Suppose that D is a \star -IRKT. Let $a, b \in D^\star$ with $(a, b)^\star \neq D$. Then $(a, b)^\star = (I_1 \cdots I_n)^\star$ where I_1, \dots, I_n are pairwise \star -comaximal \star -super-homogeneous ideals of D containing (a, b) such that $(a, b)D_{M(I_i)} = I_i D_{M(I_i)} = aD_{M(I_i)}$ or $bD_{M(I_i)}$.*

Proof. Now by Theorems 9 and 10 $(a, b)^\star = (I_1 \cdots I_n)^\star$ where I_1, \dots, I_n are pairwise \star -comaximal \star -super-homogeneous ideals of D . Put $I'_i = I_i + (a, b)$. Then $M(I'_i) = M(I_i)$, each I'_i is a \star -super-homogeneous ideal, and $I'_i \supseteq (a, b)$. Now $I_1 \cdots I_n \subseteq I'_1 \cdots I'_n = (I_1 + (a, b)) \cdots (I_n + (a, b)) \subseteq I_1 \cdots I_n + (a, b)$, so $(I'_1 \cdots I'_n)^\star = (I_1 \cdots I_n)^\star$. Thus we can replace I_i by I'_i and hence assume that $(a, b) \subseteq I_i$. Since (a, b) and $I_1 \cdots I_n$ are \star -invertible we have $(a, b)^{\star w} = (a, b)^\star = (I_1 \cdots I_n)^\star = (I_1 \cdots I_n)^{\star w}$. So $(a, b)D_{M(I_i)} = (a, b)^{\star w}D_{M(I_i)} = (I_1 \cdots I_n)^{\star w}D_{M(I_i)} = I_1 \cdots I_n D_{M(I_i)} = I_i D_{M(I_i)}$. Now $D_{M(I_i)}$ is a valuation domain, so either $(a, b)D_{M(I_i)} = aD_{M(I_i)}$ or $(a, b)D_{M(I_i)} = bD_{M(I_i)}$.

Using Theorem 10 we get several characterizations of \star -GKDs.

Theorem 11. *Let D be an integral domain and \star a finite character star-operation on D . Then the following are equivalent.*

1. D is a \star -GKD.
2. D is a \star -IRKT and a \star -WKD.
3. D is a \star -IRKT and every \star -super-homogeneous ideal has type 1.
4. D is a \star -WKD and every \star -homogeneous ideal is \star -invertible.
5. D is \star - h -local and every \star -homogeneous ideal is \star -super-homogeneous and has type 1.

6. Every proper nonzero principal ideal of D is a \star -product of \star -super-homogeneous ideals of type 1, that is, D is a type 1 \star -super-SH domain.
7. If I is a nonzero finitely generated ideal of D with $I^\star \neq D$, then I^\star is a \star -product of type 1 \star -super-homogeneous ideals.

Proof. (1) \Leftrightarrow (2) Clear. (2) \Leftrightarrow (3) First note that by Theorem 10, for a \star -IRKT the notions of \star -homogeneous and \star -super-homogeneous coincide. Then use Theorem 7. (2) \Leftrightarrow (4) Theorem 10. (4) \Leftrightarrow (5) \Leftrightarrow (6) Combine Theorems 7 and 10. (7) \Rightarrow (6) Clear. (5) \Rightarrow (7) Theorem 6.

Once again we can invoke Theorem 3 to get the appropriate uniqueness result for pairwise \star -comaximal type 1 \star -super-homogeneous ideals in Theorem 10.

By Theorem 8 D is a \star -Krull domain if and only if D is a type 2 \star -SH domain. Now in a \star -Krull domain a nonzero finitely generated ideal I is \star -homogeneous if and only if $I^\star = P^{(n)}$ for some $P \in X^1(D)$ and $n \geq 1$. Hence I is \star -homogeneous if and only if it is a type 2 \star -super homogeneous ideal. Thus a type 2 \star -super-SH domain is the same thing as a \star -Krull domain and if I is a nonzero finitely generated ideal of D with $I^\star \neq D$, I^\star is a \star -product of type 2 \star -super-homogeneous ideals.

Let \star be a finite character star-operation on the integral domain D . We define D to be \star -Bezout if for $a, b \in D^\star$, $(a, b)^\star$ is principal. It easily follows that D is \star -Bezout if and only if A^\star is principal for each nonzero finitely generated (fractional) ideal A of D . If \star_1 and \star_2 are finite character star-operations on D , then D_{\star_1} -Bezout implies that D is \star_2 -Bezout. A d -Bezout domain is just a Bezout domain while a t -Bezout domain is a GCD domain. We also define D to be a \star -Prüfer domain if for $a, b \in D^\star$, $(a, b)^\star$ is invertible. Using [19, Exercise 22, page 43], it is easy to see that D is \star -Prüfer if and only if A^\star is invertible for each nonzero finitely generated (fractional) ideal A of D . Again if $\star_1 \leq \star_2$ are finite character star-operations on D , then D_{\star_1} -Prüfer implies that D is \star_2 -Prüfer. A d -Prüfer domain is just a Prüfer domain while a t -Prüfer domain is a generalized GCD domain (GGCD domain). GGCD domains were introduced in [1] and studied in more detail in [3]. We have \star -Bezout \Rightarrow \star -Prüfer \Rightarrow P \star MD.

Storch [21] defined a Krull domain D to be *almost factorial* if for $a, b \in D^\star$ there exists an $n = n(a, b) \geq 1$ with $a^n D \cap b^n D$ principal. The second author initiated a general theory of almost factoriality in [22]. There he defined an integral domain D to be an *almost GCD domain* (AGCD domain) if for $a, b \in D^\star$, there exists an $n = n(a, b) \geq 1$ with $a^n D \cap b^n D$ principal, or equivalently, $(a^n, b^n)_v (= (a^n, b^n)_t)$ principal. This investigation was continued in [9]. In that paper an integral domain D was defined to be an *almost Bezout domain* (AB domain) (resp., *almost Prüfer domain* (AP domain)) if for $a, b \in D^\star$, there exists an $n = n(a, b) \geq 1$ with (a^n, b^n) principal (resp., invertible). It was shown that D is almost Bezout (resp., almost Prüfer) if and only if for $a_1, \dots, a_s \in D^\star$; there exists an $n = n(a_1, \dots, a_s) \geq 1$ with (a_1^n, \dots, a_s^n) principal (resp., invertible). Briefly mentioned in [9] was the notion of an *almost generalized GCD domain* (AGGCD domain). Here D is a AGGCD domain if for $a, b \in D^\star$ there exists an $n = n(a, b) \geq 1$ with $a^n D \cap b^n D$ invertible, or equivalently, $(a^n, b^n)_v (= (a^n, b^n)_t)$ is invertible.

With the definitions in the previous two paragraphs in mind, we make the following definitions. Let D be an integral domain and \star a finite character star-operation on D . We say the D is a \star -almost Bezout domain (resp., \star -almost Prüfer domain, almost $P\star MD$) if for $a, b \in D^*$, there exists an $n = n(a, b) \geq 1$ with $(a^n, b^n)^\star$ principal (resp., invertible, \star -invertible). (More generally, we could call D a \star_2 -almost $P\star_1 MD$ if $(a^n, b^n)^{\star_2}$ is \star_1 -invertible.) If $\star_1 \leq \star_2$ are finite character star-operations on D , then D \star_1 -almost Bezout (resp., \star_1 -almost Prüfer, almost $P\star_1 MD$) implies D is \star_2 -almost Bezout (resp., \star_2 -almost Prüfer, almost $P\star_2 MD$). A d -almost Bezout domain (resp., d -almost Prüfer domain) is just an almost Bezout domain (resp., almost Prüfer domain), while a t -almost Bezout domain (resp., t -almost Prüfer domain) is just an AGCD domain (resp., AGGCD domain).

We mention two useful results from [9]. First, let \star be a finite character star-operation on D . Let $\{a_\alpha\} \subseteq D^*$ and $n \geq 1$. If $(\{a_\alpha\})$ is \star -invertible, then $(\{a_\alpha^n\})^\star = ((\{a_\alpha\})^n)^\star$. In particular, $(\{a_\alpha^n\})$ is also \star -invertible. This is stated for the case $\star = t$ in [9, Lemma 3.3]. The proof carries over mutatis mutandis for a general finite character star-operation \star . Next, for an integral domain D , the following conditions are equivalent [9, Theorem 6.8]: (1) D is n -root closed (i.e., for $x \in K$ with $x^n \in D$, $x \in D$), (2) for $\{a_\alpha\} \subseteq D^*$, $(\{a_\alpha^n\})_t = ((\{a_\alpha\})^n)_t$, (3) for $\{a_\alpha\} \subseteq D^*$, $(\{a_\alpha^n\})_v = ((\{a_\alpha\})^n)_v$, and (4) for $a, b \in D^*$, $(a^n, b^n)_t = ((a, b)^n)_t$. Thus if D is integrally closed, $(\{a_\alpha^n\})_t = ((\{a_\alpha\})^n)_t$ for all $\{a_\alpha\} \subseteq D^*$ and $n \geq 1$.

Using the first mentioned result of the previous paragraph, the proof of [9, Lemma 4.3] can easily be modified to show that for an integral domain D and finite character star-operation \star on D , if D is \star -almost Bezout (resp., \star -almost Prüfer, almost $P\star MD$) and $a_1, \dots, a_s \in D^*$, then there exists an $n = n(a_1, \dots, a_s) \geq 1$ with $(a_1^n, \dots, a_s^n)^\star$ principal (resp., invertible, \star -invertible). Thus for D integrally closed, D is \star -almost Bezout (resp., \star -almost Prüfer, almost $P\star MD$) if and only if for A a nonzero finitely generated (fractional) ideal of D , there exists an $n = n(A) \geq 1$ with $(A^n)^\star$ principal (resp., invertible, \star -invertible). The implication (\Leftarrow) does not require that D be integrally closed. Indeed, if $(A^n)^\star$ is \star -invertible, A is \star -invertible and hence for $A = (a, b)$, $(a^n, b^n)^\star = ((a, b)^n)^\star$. Conversely, suppose that D is integrally closed and let $A = (a_1, \dots, a_s)$. Then for some $n \geq 1$, (a_1^n, \dots, a_s^n) is \star -invertible and hence $(a_1^n, \dots, a_s^n)^\star = (a_1^n, \dots, a_s^n)_t$. Thus $(A^n)_t \supseteq (a_1^n, \dots, a_s^n)^\star = (a_1^n, \dots, a_s^n)_t = (A^n)_t$.

Let \star be a finite character star-operation on D . The set $\star\text{-Inv}(D)$ of \star -invertible fractional \star -ideals forms a group under the \star -product $I \star J := (IJ)^\star$ with subgroup $\text{Prin}(D)$, the set of nonzero principal fractional ideals of D . The quotient group $C\ell_\star(D) := \star\text{-Inv}(D) / \text{Prin}(D)$ is called the \star -class group of D , see [11]. For $\star = d$, we have the usual class group $C(D)$, while for $\star = t$, we have the t -class group introduced by Bouvier [12] and further studied in [13]. For a Krull domain, $C\ell_t(D)$ is just the usual divisor class group. Suppose that $\star_1 \leq \star_2$ are finite character star-operations on D . Then we have natural inclusions $C(D) \subseteq C\ell_{\star_1}(D) \subseteq C\ell_{\star_2}(D) \subseteq C\ell_t(D)$. Let $\text{Inv}(D)$ be the subgroup of $\star\text{-Inv}(D)$ consisting of invertible ideals of D . The group $LC\ell_\star(D) := \star\text{-Inv}(D) / \text{Inv}(D)$ is called the local \star -class group of D .

Proposition 5. *Suppose that D is a \star -IRKT. Then the following conditions are equivalent.*

1. D is \star -almost Bezout (resp., \star -almost Prüfer).
2. $\mathcal{C}l_\star(D)$ is torsion (resp., $LC\ell_\star(D)$ is torsion).
3. For each \star -super-homogeneous ideal A of D , there exists a natural number $n = n(A)$ with $(A^n)^\star$ principal (resp., invertible).
4. D is an AGCD (resp., AGGCD domain).
5. $\mathcal{C}l_t(D)$ is torsion (resp., $LC\ell_\star(D)$ is torsion).

Proof. We do the \star -almost Bezout case, the \star -almost Prüfer case is similar. Now D being a \star -IRKT is integrally closed. Hence D is \star -almost Bezout if and only if for each nonzero finitely generated ideal A of D , $(A^n)^\star$ is principal for some $n \geq 1$. Also, each nonzero finitely generated ideal of D is \star -invertible. So (1) \Rightarrow (2) \Rightarrow (3). (3) \Rightarrow (1) Let A be a nonzero finitely generated ideal of D . If $A^\star = D$, we can take $n = n(A) = 1$. So suppose that $A^\star \neq D$. Then by Theorem 10, $A^\star = (I_1 \cdots I_m)^\star$ where each I_i is \star -super-homogeneous. By hypothesis, there exists an n_i with $(I_i^{n_i})^\star$ is principal. Then for $n = n_1 \cdots n_m$, $(A^n)^\star = ((I_1^{n_1})^{n/n_1} \cdots (I_m^{n_m})^{n/n_m})^\star$ is principal. (1) \Rightarrow (4) Here D is \star -almost Bezout. Since $\star \leq t$, D is t -almost Bezout, that is, an AGCD domain. (4) \Leftrightarrow (5) This follows since D is integrally closed. (5) \Rightarrow (2) Here $\mathcal{C}l_\star(D) \subseteq \mathcal{C}l_t(D)$ so $\mathcal{C}l_t(D)$ torsion gives that $\mathcal{C}l_\star(D)$ is torsion.

Definition 9. Let D be an integral domain and \star a finite character star-operation on D . A \star -homogeneous ideal I of D is a \star -almost factorial-homogeneous ideal (\star -af-homogeneous ideal) (resp., \star -locally almost factorial-homogeneous ideal (\star -laf-homogeneous ideal)) if for each \star -homogeneous ideal $J \supseteq I$, there exists an $n = n(J) \geq 1$ with $(J^n)^\star$ principal (resp., invertible). The integral domain D is a \star -af-SH domain (resp., \star -laf-SH domain) if for each nonzero nonunit $x \in D$, Dx is expressible as a \star -product of finitely many \star -af-homogeneous ideals (resp., \star -laf-homogeneous ideals).

Thus a \star -homogeneous ideal I is \star -af-homogeneous (resp., \star -laf-homogeneous) if and only if for each finitely generated (or equivalently, each finite type \star -ideal) $J \supseteq I$, some $(J^n)^\star$ is principal (resp., invertible). Note that a \star -af-homogeneous ideal (resp., \star -laf-homogeneous ideal) is actually \star -super-homogeneous. In the spirit of Theorems 3 and 9 we have the following uniqueness result for \star -products of \star -af-homogeneous ideals (resp., \star -laf-homogeneous ideals).

Theorem 12. Let D be an integral domain and \star a finite character star-operation on D . Let I be an ideal of D . If I is a \star -product of \star -af-homogeneous ideals (resp., \star -laf-homogeneous ideals) of D , then I is uniquely expressible (up to order) as a \star -product of pairwise \star -comaximal \star -ideals $(J_1^\star \cdots J_s^\star)^\star$ where each J_i is \star -af-homogeneous (resp., \star -laf-homogeneous).

Proof. We do the \star -af-homogeneous case, the \star -laf-homogeneous case is similar. The uniqueness of the product $(J_1^\star \cdots J_s^\star)^\star$ follows from Theorem 3. To show the existence of the product, the proof of Theorem 3 shows that it suffices to prove that the product IJ of two similar \star -af-homogeneous ideals I and J is again \star -af-homogeneous. Of course IJ is \star -homogeneous. Let $C \supseteq IJ$ be \star -homogeneous ideal of D . Then $E := C + I$ is \star -homogeneous. So there exists a $n \geq 1$ with $(E^n)^\star$ principal.

Thus E is \star -invertible. So $(CE^{-1} + IE^{-1})^\star = D$ where $C \subseteq CE^{-1} \subseteq D$ and $I \subseteq IE^{-1} \subseteq D$. Thus $(CE^{-1})^\star = D$ or $(IE^{-1})^\star = D$. In the first case, $C^\star = E^\star$ and hence $(C^n)^\star = (E^n)^\star$ is principal. So we can assume that $(IE^{-1})^\star = D$. Then $I^\star = E^\star \supseteq C \supseteq IJ$ so $D \supseteq (CI^{-1})^\star \supseteq J^\star$. Choose a finitely generated ideal $L \supseteq J$ with $(CI^{-1})^\star = L^\star$. So there exists an $m \geq 1$ with $(L^m)^\star$ principal. So $((CI^{-1})^m)^\star$ is principal. Choose n with $(I^n)^\star$ principal. Then $(C^{mn})^\star = (((CI^{-1})^m)^n(I^n)^m)^\star$ is principal.

We next give a characterization of AGCD \star -IRKTs (resp., AGGCD \star -IRKTs) using \star -af-homogeneous ideals (resp., \star -laf-homogeneous ideals). Of course we could enlarge the list of equivalences via Proposition 5.

Theorem 13. *Let D be an integral domain and \star a finite character star-operation on D . Then the following conditions are equivalent.*

1. D is a \star -af-SH domain (resp., \star -laf-SH-domain).
2. If I is a nonzero finitely generated ideal of D with $I^\star \neq D$, then I^\star is a \star -product of \star -af-homogeneous ideals (resp., \star -laf-homogeneous ideals).
3. D is an AGCD \star -IRKT (resp., AGGCD \star -IRKT).
4. D is an \star -SH domain and every \star -homogeneous ideal is \star -af-homogeneous (resp., \star -laf-homogeneous).
5. D is a \star -IRKT with $Cl_\star(D)$ torsion (resp., $LCl_\star(D)$ torsion) (equivalently, $Cl_t(D)$ torsion (resp., $LCl_t(D)$ torsion)).
6. D is \star -h-local and for each \star -homogeneous ideal I of D there exists an $n \geq 1$ with $(I^n)^\star$ principal (resp., invertible).

Proof. We do the \star -af-homogeneous case, the \star -laf-homogeneous case is similar. (3) \Rightarrow (2) By Theorem 10 I^\star is a \star -product of \star -super-homogeneous ideals. By Proposition 5 $Cl_\star(D)$ is torsion. Hence each \star -super-homogeneous ideal is a \star -af-homogeneous ideal. So I^\star is a \star -product of \star -af-homogeneous ideals. (2) \Rightarrow (1) Clear. (1) \Rightarrow (3) Since a \star -af-homogeneous ideal is \star -super-homogeneous, D is an \star -IRKT by Theorem 10. It remains to show that D is an AGCD domain. Let a be a nonzero nonunit of D . So $Da = (I_1 \cdots I_n)^\star$ where I_i is \star -af-homogeneous (and hence \star -super-homogeneous). By Theorem 12 we can take I_1, \dots, I_n to be pairwise \star -comaximal. Now for each $i, i = 1, \dots, n$, there exists an $n_i \geq 1$ with $(I_i^{n_i})^\star$ principal. Hence for a suitable $m \geq 1$ $Da^m = Da_1 \cdots Da_n$ where Da_i is \star -super-homogeneous and Da_1, \dots, Da_n are pairwise \star -comaximal. Thus $Da_1 \cdots Da_n = Da_1 \cap \cdots \cap Da_n$. Let a, b be nonzero nonunits of D . By the previous remarks, there is an $m \geq 1$ with $Da^m = Da_1 \cdots Da_n = Da_1 \cap \cdots \cap Da_n$ and $Db^m = Db_1 \cdots Db_n = Db_1 \cap \cdots \cap Db_n$ where either Da_i and Db_i are similar \star -super-homogeneous ideals of D or exactly one of Da_i, Db_i is a \star -super-homogeneous ideal and the other is D , and Da_1, \dots, Da_n (resp., Db_1, \dots, Db_n) are pairwise \star -comaximal. Now if Da_i and Db_i are both \star -super-homogeneous ideals, being similar, they are comparable [17, Theorem 1.11]. Thus in either case $Da_i \cap Db_i$ is a principal \star -super-homogeneous ideal. Thus $Da^m \cap Db^m = (Da_1 \cap Db_1) \cap \cdots \cap (Da_n \cap Db_n) = (Da_1 \cap Db_1) \cdots (Da_n \cap Db_n)$ is principal. So D is an AGCD. (4) \Rightarrow (1) Clear. (2) \Rightarrow (4) Let I be a \star -homogeneous ideal of D . Then $I^\star = (I_1 \cdots I_n)^\star$ where I_n is \star -af-homogeneous. Of course I_1, \dots, I_n must be similar. By the proof of Theorem 12 a product of similar \star -af-homogeneous

ideals is again \star -af-homogeneous. Thus $I_1 \cdots I_n$ and hence I is \star -af-homogeneous. (3) \Leftrightarrow (5) Proposition 5. (6) \Leftrightarrow (3) Combine Theorem 10 and Proposition 5.

Recall that we defined a \star -homogeneous ideal I to be of type 1 (resp., type 2) if $M(I) = \sqrt{I^\star}$ (resp., $I^\star = (M(I)^n)^\star$ for some $n \geq 1$). Thus by a \star -af-homogeneous ideal of type 1 (resp., type 2), we mean a \star -af-homogeneous ideal that is type 1 (resp., type 2) as a \star -homogeneous ideal. And by a \star -af-SH domain of type 1 (resp., type 2) we mean an integral domain in which each proper nonzero principal ideal is a \star -product of \star -af-homogeneous ideals of type 1 (resp., type 2). Of course we have the analogous definitions for \star -laf-homogeneous ideals. The next two theorems characterize these domains. Again we can invoke Theorem 3 to get the appropriate uniqueness results.

Theorem 14. *Let D be an integral domain and \star a finite character star-operation on D . Then the following are equivalent.*

1. D is a \star -af-SH domain of type 1 (resp., \star -laf-SH domain of type 1).
2. D is an AGCD \star -GKD (resp., AGGCD \star -GKD).
3. D is a \star -SH domain and each \star -homogeneous ideal is a \star -af-homogeneous ideal (resp., \star -laf-homogeneous ideal) of type 1.
4. If I is a nonzero finitely generated ideal of D with $I^\star \neq D$, then I^\star is a \star -product of \star -af-homogeneous ideals (resp., \star -laf-homogeneous ideals) of type 1.
5. D is a \star -GKD with $Cl_\star(D)$ torsion (resp., $LCl_\star(D)$ torsion) or equivalently $Cl_t(D)$ torsion (resp., $LCl_t(D)$ torsion).

Proof. We do the \star -af-homogeneous case, the \star -laf-homogeneous case is similar. (1) \Rightarrow (2) By Theorem 11 D is a \star -GKD since a \star -af-homogeneous ideal is \star -super-homogeneous. And by Theorem 13 D is an AGCD domain. (2) \Rightarrow (1) By Theorem 11 every nonzero proper principal ideal of D is a \star -product of \star -super-homogeneous ideals of type 1. Now a \star -GKD is a \star -IRKT and hence by Theorem 13 each \star -super-homogeneous ideal is \star -af-homogeneous. (3) \Rightarrow (1) Clear. (1) \Rightarrow (3) This follows from Theorem 13 once we observe that a product of similar type 1 \star -af-homogeneous ideals is again a \star -af-homogeneous ideal of type 1. (4) \Rightarrow (1) Clear. (3) \Rightarrow (4) Theorem 6 (2) \Leftrightarrow (5) Proposition 5.

Theorem 15. *Let D be an integral domain and \star a finite character star-operation on D . Then the following conditions are equivalent.*

1. D is a \star -af-SH domain (resp., \star -laf-homogeneous-SH domain) of type 2.
2. D is an AGCD \star -Krull domain (resp., AGGCD \star -Krull domain).
3. D is a \star -SH domain and each \star -homogeneous ideal is a \star -af-homogeneous ideal (resp., \star -laf-homogeneous ideal) of type 2.
4. If I is a nonzero finitely generated ideal D with $I^\star \neq D$, then I^\star is a \star -product of \star -af-homogeneous ideals (resp., \star -laf-homogeneous ideals) of type 2.
5. D is a \star -Krull domain with $Cl_\star(D)$ torsion or equivalently $Cl(D)$ torsion (resp., $LCl_\star(D)$ torsion or equivalently $LCl(D)$ torsion).

Proof. We do the \star -af-homogeneous case, the \star -laf-homogeneous case is similar. (1) \Rightarrow (2) By Theorem 8 D is \star -Krull. And since a \star -af-SH domain of type 2 is certainly a \star -af-SH domain of type 1, Theorem 14 gives that D is an AGCD domain. (2) \Rightarrow (1) By Theorem 8 each proper nonzero principal ideal of D is a \star -product of \star -homogeneous ideals of type 2. Now a \star -Krull domain is certainly a \star -GKD, so by Theorem 14 each \star -homogeneous ideal is actually \star -af-homogeneous. So each proper nonzero principal ideal of D is a \star -product of \star -af-homogeneous ideals of type 2. (3) \Rightarrow (1) Clear. (1) \Rightarrow (3) This follows from Theorem 13 once we observe that a product of similar type 2 \star -af-homogeneous ideals is again a \star -af-homogeneous ideal of type 2. (4) \Rightarrow (1) Clear. (3) \Rightarrow (4) Theorem 6. (2) \Leftrightarrow (5) Proposition 5.

To give GCD domain and GGCD domain versions of Theorems 13–15 we need the following definitions.

Definition 10. Let D be an integral domain and \star a finite character star-operation on D . An ideal I of D is \star -factorial (\star -f)-homogeneous (resp., \star -locally factorial (\star -lf)-homogeneous) if I is \star -homogeneous and for each \star -homogeneous ideal $J \supseteq I, J^\star$ is principal (resp., invertible). We say the D is a \star -f-SH domain (resp., \star -lf-SH domain) if each nonzero proper principal ideal of D is a \star -product of \star -f-homogeneous ideals (resp., \star -lf-homogeneous ideals).

Let D be an integral domain and \star a finite character star-operation on D . Let I be a nonzero ideal of D . Then we have I \star -f-homogeneous (resp., \star -lf-homogeneous) $\Rightarrow I$ is \star -af-homogeneous (resp., \star -laf-homogeneous) $\Rightarrow I$ is \star -super-homogeneous $\Rightarrow I$ is \star -homogeneous. Thus D a \star -f-SH domain $\Rightarrow D$ is a \star -af-SH domain $\Rightarrow D$ is a \star -super-SH domain $\Rightarrow D$ is a SH domain with similar implications for the “locally” case. Also, I \star -f-homogeneous (resp., \star -af-homogeneous) $\Rightarrow I$ is \star -lf-homogeneous (resp., \star -laf-homogeneous). So D a \star -f-SH domain (resp., \star -af-SH domain) $\Rightarrow D$ is a \star -lf-SH domain (resp., \star -laf-SH domain). We have also shown that a product of similar \star -af-homogeneous (resp., \star -laf-homogeneous, \star -super-homogeneous, \star -homogeneous) ideals is again \star -af-homogeneous (resp., \star -laf-homogeneous, \star -super-homogeneous, \star -homogeneous). Using this we showed that if an ideal I of D is a \star -product of \star -af-homogeneous (resp., \star -laf-homogeneous, \star -super-homogeneous, \star -homogeneous) ideals, then I is uniquely expressible (up to order) as a \star -product of pairwise \star -comaximal \star -ideals $(J_1^\star \cdots J_s^\star)^\star$ where each J_i is \star -af-homogeneous (resp., \star -laf-homogeneous, \star -super-homogeneous, \star -homogeneous). Not surprisingly we have an analogous result for \star -f-homogeneous ideals and \star -lf-homogeneous ideals.

Theorem 16. Let D be an integral domain and \star a finite character star-operation on D .

1. If I and J are similar \star -f-homogeneous ideals (resp., \star -lf-homogeneous ideals) of D , then IJ is \star -f-homogeneous (resp., \star -lf-homogeneous).
2. Let I be an ideal of D that is a \star -product of \star -f-homogeneous ideals (resp., \star -lf-homogeneous ideals). Then I^\star is uniquely expressible (up to order) as a \star -product of pairwise \star -comaximal \star -ideals $(J_1^\star \cdots J_s^\star)^\star$ where each J_i is \star -f-homogeneous (resp., \star -lf-homogeneous).

Proof. We do the \star -f-homogeneous case, the \star -lf-homogeneous case is similar. Once we prove (1), the proof of (2) is similar to the proofs of the \star -af-homogeneous, \star -super-homogeneous and \star -homogeneous cases (Theorem 12, 9, and 3, respectively). So let I and J be similar \star -f-homogeneous ideals. Let $C \supseteq IJ$ be a \star -homogeneous ideal. We need to show that C^\star is principal. Since I and J are \star -super-homogeneous, so is their product IJ . Thus I^\star, J^\star , and C^\star are comparable [17, Theorem 1.11]. If $C^\star \supseteq I^\star$, then $C + I \supseteq I$ is \star -homogeneous and hence $C^\star = (C + I)^\star$ is principal. Likewise C^\star is principal when $C^\star \supseteq J^\star$. Thus without loss of generality we may assume that $I^\star \supseteq J^\star \supseteq C^\star \supseteq C \supseteq IJ$. Now $D \supseteq I^\star I^{-1} \supseteq C^\star I^{-1} \supseteq J^\star$ where $I^{-1} = (I^\star)^{-1}$ is principal. So $CI^{-1} + J \supseteq J$ is \star -homogeneous and hence $(CI^{-1} + J)^\star$ is principal. But $(CI^{-1} + J)^\star = (CI^{-1})^\star = C^\star I^{-1}$ and hence C^\star is principal since I^{-1} is.

We next give a characterization of GCD (resp., GGCD) \star -IRKTs using \star -f-homogeneous ideals (resp., \star -lf-homogeneous ideals).

Theorem 17. *Let D be an integral domain and \star a finite character star-operation on D . The the following conditions are equivalent.*

1. D is a \star -f-SH domain (resp., \star -lf-SH domain).
2. If I is a nonzero finitely generated ideal of D with $I^\star \neq D$, then I^\star is a \star -product of \star -f-homogeneous ideals (resp., \star -lf-homogeneous ideals).
3. D is a GCD (resp., GGCD) \star -IRKT.
4. D is a \star -Bezout (resp., \star -Prüfer) \star -IRKT.
5. D is a \star -SH domain and every \star -homogeneous ideal of D is \star -f-homogeneous (resp., \star -lf-homogeneous).
6. D is a \star -IRKT with $Cl_\star(D) = 0$, or equivalently, $Cl_t(D) = 0$ (resp., $LCl_\star(D) = 0$, or equivalently, $LCl_t(D) = 0$).

Proof. We do the \star -f-homogeneous case, the \star -lf-homogeneous case is similar. (5) \Rightarrow (4) Since a \star -f-homogeneous ideal is \star -af-homogeneous, Theorem 13 gives that D is an AGCD \star -IRKT. Let I be a nonzero finitely generated ideal of D with $I^\star \neq D$. By Theorem 13 I^\star is a \star -product of \star -af-homogeneous ideals each of which is \star -f-homogeneous by hypothesis and hence principal. Thus for each nonzero finitely generated ideal I of D , I^\star is principal. So D is \star -Bezout. (4) \Rightarrow (3) A \star -Bezout domain is a GCD domain. (3) \Rightarrow (2) Let I be a nonzero finitely generated ideal of D with $I^\star \neq D$. Since D is an AGCD \star -IRKT, I^\star is a \star -product of \star -af-homogeneous ideals. But since D is a GCD domain, $Cl_t(D) = 0$; so $Cl_\star(D) \subseteq Cl_t(D)$ gives each \star -invertible ideal is principal. Thus a \star -af-homogeneous ideal is \star -f-homogeneous. (2) \Rightarrow (1) Clear. (1) \Rightarrow (3) In the proof of (1) \Rightarrow (3) of Theorem 13 we can take $m = 1$ and get that $Da \cap Db$ is principal. Thus D is a GCD domain. (3) \Rightarrow (4) D a GCD domain gives $Cl_t(D) = 0$ and hence $Cl_\star(D) = 0$. So D is \star -Bezout. (4) \Rightarrow (5) A \star -IRKT is a \star -SH domain. Let I be a \star -homogeneous ideal. If $J \supseteq I$ is \star -homogeneous, then J^\star is principal since D is \star -Bezout. Thus I is \star -f-homogeneous. (3) \Rightarrow (6) This follows since $Cl_t(D) = 0$ for D a GCD domain. (6) \Rightarrow (4) Suppose that $Cl_t(D) = 0$. Let I be a nonzero finitely generated ideal of D . By Theorem 10 I is \star -invertible. Since $Cl_\star(D) = 0$, I^\star is principal. So D is \star -Bezout.

Combining Theorem 17 with previous results we have the following two theorems.

Theorem 18. *Let D be an integral domain and \star a finite character star-operation on D . Then the following are equivalent.*

1. D is a \star -f-SH domain of type 1 (resp., type 2).
2. D is a GCD \star -GKD (resp., GCD \star -Krull domain, or equivalently a UFD \star -Krull domain, or UFD \star -GKD).
3. D is a \star -GKD (resp., \star -Krull domain) with $Cl_\star(D) = 0$, or equivalently, $Cl_t(D) = 0$.

Proof. For the type 1 (resp., type 2) equivalences just combine Theorem 17 and Theorem 11 (resp., Theorem 8).

Recall that an integral domain D is *locally factorial* if D_M is a UFD for each maximal ideal M of D . And D is called a π -domain if each proper nonzero principal ideal of D is a product of (necessarily invertible) prime ideals. For an integral domain D the following are equivalent: (1) D is a π -domain, (2) D is a locally factorial Krull domain, and (3) D is a Krull domain with $LCl(D) = 0$ [1, Theorem 1].

Theorem 19. *Let D be an integral domain and \star a finite character star-operation on D . Then the following conditions are equivalent.*

1. D is a \star -lf-SH domain of type 1 (resp., type 2).
2. D is a GGCD \star -GKD (resp., GGCD \star -Krull domain, or equivalently a locally factorial \star -Krull domain, or locally factorial \star -GKD).
3. D is a \star -GKD (resp., \star -Krull domain) with $LCl_\star(D) = 0$, or equivalently, $LCl_t(D) = 0$.

Proof. For the type 1 (resp., type 2) equivalence just combine Theorem 17 and Theorem 11 (resp., Theorem 8).

We next wish to characterize \star -SH domains with $Cl_\star(D) = 0$ or $Cl_\star(D)$ torsion (resp., $LCl_\star(D) = 0$ or $LCl_\star(D)$ torsion). For this we need to define yet more types of \star -homogeneous ideals.

Definition 11. Let D be an integral domain and \star a finite character star-operation on D . An ideal I of D is \star -weakly factorial- $(\star$ -wf-) homogeneous (resp., \star -almost weakly factorial- $(\star$ -awf-) homogeneous, \star -weakly locally factorial $(\star$ -wlf-) homogeneous, \star -weakly almost locally factorial $(\star$ -walf-) homogeneous) if (1) I is \star -homogeneous and (2) if I is \star -invertible, then I^\star is principal (resp., $(I^n)^\star$ is principal for some $n \geq 1$, I^\star is invertible, $(I^n)^\star$ is invertible for some $n \geq 1$). And D is called a \star -wf-SH domain (resp., \star -awf-SH domain, \star -wlf-SH domain, \star -walf-SH domain) if each proper nonzero principal ideal of D is a \star -product of \star -wf-homogeneous (resp., \star -awf-homogeneous, \star -wlf-homogeneous, \star -walf-homogeneous) ideals.

Theorem 20. *Let D be an integral domain and \star a finite character star-operation on D . Then the following conditions are equivalent.*

1. D is an \star -wf-SH domain (resp., \star -awf-SH domain).
2. If I is a nonzero finitely generated ideal of D with $I^\star \neq D$, then I^\star is a \star -product of \star -wf-homogeneous (resp., \star -awf-homogeneous) ideals.
3. D is a \star -SH domain with $C\ell_\star(D) = 0$ (resp., $C\ell_\star(D)$ torsion).

Proof. We do the case for $C\ell_\star(D) = 0$, the $C\ell_\star(D)$ torsion case is similar. (3) \Rightarrow (2) Since D is an \star -SH domain, by Theorem 6 $I^\star = (I_1 \cdots I_n)^\star$ where I_i is \star -homogeneous. Now if I_i is \star -invertible, then I_i^\star is principal. Thus I_i is \star -wf-homogeneous. (2) \Rightarrow (1) Clear. (1) \Rightarrow (3) It suffices to show that if A is a finitely generated nonzero \star -invertible integral ideal with $A^\star \neq D$, then A^\star is principal. As in the proof of Theorem 6, $A^\star = ((AD_{M_1} \cap D) \cdots (AD_{M_n} \cap D))^\star$ where M_1, \dots, M_n are the maximal \star -ideals containing A . Now $AD_{M_i} \cap D$ is \star -invertible, so $AD_{M_i} \cap D = (AD_{M_i} \cap D)^{\star w} = (AD_{M_i} \cap D)^\star$. Hence $AD_{M_i} \cap D$ is a \star -invertible \star -ideal. So $(AD_{M_i} \cap D)_{M_i} = a_i D_{M_i}$ for some $a_i \in D$. Now by hypothesis $Da_i = (I_1 \cdots I_s)^\star$ where each I_j is \star -wf-homogeneous. Hence $I_j^\star = Dx_j$ for some $x_j \in D$. So $Da_i = Dx_1 \cdots Dx_s$ where Dx_j is \star -homogeneous. By combining similar factors we can assume that Dx_1, \dots, Dx_s are pairwise \star -comaximal. Now some $M(Dx_j) = M_i$. By Proposition 1 $x_j D_{M_i} \cap D = x_j D$. Now $a_i D_{M_i} = x_j D_{M_i}$ and hence $AD_{M_i} \cap D = a_i D_{M_i} \cap D = x_j D_{M_i} \cap D = x_j D$. So A^\star is principal.

We have a companion theorem for the ‘‘locally’’ case. The proof is left to the reader.

Theorem 21. *Let D be an integral domain and \star a finite character star-operation on D . Then the following conditions are equivalent.*

1. D is a \star -wlf-SH domain (resp., \star -walf-SH domain).
2. If I is a nonzero finitely generated ideal with $I^\star \neq D$ then I^\star is a \star -product of \star -wlf-homogeneous (resp., \star -walf-homogeneous) ideals.
3. D is a \star -SH domain with $LC\ell_\star(D) = 0$, (resp., $LC\ell_\star(D)$ torsion).

Let D be an integral domain and \star a finite character star-operation on D . It is evident that a \star -product of similar \star -wf-homogeneous (resp., \star -awf-homogeneous) ideals is again \star -wf-homogeneous (resp., \star -awf-homogeneous). Thus if an ideal is a \star -product of \star -wf-homogeneous (resp., \star -awf-homogeneous) ideals, it is a \star -product of pairwise \star -comaximal \star -wf-homogeneous (resp., \star -awf-homogeneous) ideals. Similar results hold for the ‘‘locally’’ case. Let us call an element $x \in D$ \star -homogeneous if Dx is \star -homogeneous. We have the following element-wise characterization of \star -SH domains with $C\ell_\star(D) = 0$ or torsion.

Theorem 22. *Let D be an integral domain and \star a finite character star-operation on D . Then the following conditions are equivalent.*

1. D is a \star -SH domain with $C\ell_\star(D) = 0$ (resp., $C\ell_\star(D)$ torsion).
2. For each nonzero nonunit $x \in D$, x (resp., x^n for some $n = n(x) \geq 1$) is a product of \star -homogeneous elements.
3. For each nonzero nonunit $x \in D$, x (resp., x^n for some $n = n(x) \geq 1$) can be written uniquely up to order as a product of pairwise \star -comaximal \star -homogeneous elements.

Proof. For both cases it is clear that (2) \Leftrightarrow (3) and (1) \Rightarrow (2). And it is immediate from Theorem 20 that if each nonzero nonunit of D is a product of \star -homogeneous elements, then D is a \star -SH domain with $Cl_\star(D) = 0$. So suppose that D is an integral domain with the property that for each nonzero nonunit x , some power of x is a product of \star -homogeneous elements. Let x be a nonzero nonunit of D . Then some x^n is a product of \star -homogeneous elements. Thus x^n , and hence x , is contained in only finitely many maximal \star -ideals. So \star is locally finite. Suppose that M_1 and M_2 are distinct maximal \star -ideals and there is a nonzero prime ideal $P \subseteq M_1 \cap M_2$. Let $0 \neq x \in P$. So some x^n is a product of \star -homogeneous elements. Thus P contains a \star -homogeneous element which is absurd since $P \subseteq M_1 \cap M_2$. So \star is independent. By Theorem 4, D is an \star -SH domain. Let A be a nonzero finitely generated integral \star -invertible ideal of D with $A^\star \neq D$. It suffices to show that for some $n \geq 1$, $(A^n)^\star$ is principal. But this follows from an easy modification of the proof of (1) \Rightarrow (3) of Theorem 20.

We note that the notions of type 2 \star -f-SH domain (resp., type 2 \star -af-SH domain) and type 2 \star -wf-SH domain (resp., type 2 \star -waf-SH domain) coincide, they are both equivalent to being \star -Krull with $Cl_\star(D) = 0$ (resp., $Cl_\star(D)$ torsion). Also, the notions of type 2 \star -lf-SH domain (resp., type 2 \star -laf-SH domain) and type 2 \star -wlf-SH domain (resp., type 2 \star -walf-SH domain) coincide, they are both equivalent to being \star -Krull with $LCl_\star(D) = 0$ (resp., $LCl_\star(D)$ torsion). However, this is not the case for type 1. Now a type 1 \star -f-SH domain (resp., type 1 \star -af-SH domain) is a \star -GKD with $Cl_\star(D) = 0$ (resp., $Cl_\star(D)$ torsion). And a type 1 \star -wf-SH domain (resp., type 1 \star -waf-SH domain) is a \star -weakly Krull domain with $Cl_\star(D) = 0$ (resp., $Cl_\star(D)$ torsion). Finally a type 1 \star -lf-SH domain (resp., type 1 \star -wlf-SH domain) is a \star -GKD with $LCl_\star(D) = 0$ (resp., \star -weakly Krull domain with $LCl_\star(D) = 0$) and a type 1 \star -laf-SH domain (resp., type 1 \star -walf-SH domain) is a \star -GKD domain (resp., \star -Krull domain) with $LCl_\star(D)$ torsion. An integral domain is *weakly factorial* [6] if each nonzero nonunit is a product of primary elements. An integral domain D is weakly factorial if and only if D is weakly Krull and $Cl_t(D) = 0$ [8, Theorem]. Also, the following are equivalent: (1) D is a weakly factorial GCD domain, (2) D is a weakly factorial GKD, and (3) D is a GCD GKD [6, Theorem 20]. For a Noetherian domain D , D is integrally closed weakly factorial if and only if D is factorial. For any field K , $K[[X^2, X^3]]$ is weakly factorial but not factorial and hence is a type 1 \star -wf-SH domain, but not a type 1 \star -f-SH domain (for $K[[X^2, X^3]]$, $d = t$).

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