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For a ring  $R$  we will use  $L(R)$  to denote the lattice of ideals of  $R$ . It is known that for a Dedekind domain  $D$ , there exists a PID  $D'$  such that  $L(D)$  and  $L(D')$  are isomorphic. In this note we show that for a Prüfer domain  $D$ , there exists a Bézout domain  $D'$  such that  $L(D)$  and  $L(D')$  are isomorphic.

We use the Krull-Kaplansky-Jaffard-Ohm theorem which states that any lattice-ordered abelian group is the group of divisibility of a Bézout domain.

Let  $D$  be a Prüfer domain and let  $S$  be the set of nonzero finitely generated (i.e., invertible) ideals of  $D$ . Then  $(S, \supseteq)$  is a partially ordered cancellation monoid under multiplication; moreover,  $\supseteq$  is actually a lattice order. Let  $(S^*, \leq)$  be the group of quotients of  $S$  with  $\leq$  the partial order induced by  $\supseteq$ . Then  $(S^*, \leq)$  is lattice ordered and  $S_+^* = \{s \in S^* \mid s \geq 0\} = S$ . By the Krull-Kaplansky-Jaffard-Ohm theorem [2],  $S^*$  is the group of divisibility of a Bézout domain  $D'$ , more precisely, there exists a field  $L$  and a demivaluation  $w: L \rightarrow S^* \cup \{\infty\}$  such that  $D' = \{x \in L \mid w(x) \geq 0\}$  and  $D'$  is a Bézout domain. We proceed to show that  $L(D)$  and  $L(D')$  are isomorphic.

**THEOREM.** *Given a Prüfer domain  $D$ , there exists a Bézout domain  $D'$  such that  $L(D)$  is isomorphic to  $L(D')$ .*

*Proof.* We define a mapping  $v: L(D) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(S \cup \{\infty\})$  by  $v(J) = \{K \in S \mid K \subseteq J\} \cup \{\infty\}$ . We then define a map  $\theta: L(D) \rightarrow L(D')$  by  $\theta(J) = w^{-1}(v(J))$  where  $w$  is the demivaluation previously defined.  $\theta$  is clearly well-defined and preserves order. For an ideal  $N$  in  $D'$  we consider the subset  $w^{-1}(N)$  of  $S$ . The set  $F = \bigcup \{K \in L(D) \mid K \subseteq w^{-1}(N)\}$  is an ideal of  $D$  and  $\theta(F) = N$ ; thus  $\theta$  is onto. To show that  $\theta$  is one-to-one and that its inverse preserves order, it is sufficient to show that  $\theta(J) \subseteq \theta(K)$  implies  $J \subseteq K$ . Now  $0 \neq j \in J$  implies  $jD \subseteq J$  so  $jD \in v(J)$ . Let  $x \in L$  such that  $w(x) = jD$ . Then  $x \in \theta(J) \subseteq \theta(K)$ . Now  $x \in \theta(K)$  implies  $w(x) \in w(K)$  so  $u(x) = jD \subseteq K$ . Thus  $\theta$  is a lattice isomorphism.

This theorem raises the following question. Given an integral domain  $D$ , does there exist an integral domain  $D'$  such that  $L(D)$  and  $L(D')$  are isomorphic and such that every invertible ideal in  $D'$

is principal? More generally, given a commutative ring  $R$ , does there exist a commutative ring  $R'$  such that  $L(R)$  and  $L(R')$  are isomorphic and every principal element in  $L(R')$  [1] is a truly principal (cyclic) ideal?

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