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*To the everlasting memory of Robert Gilmer*

We show that every Dedekind domain  $R$  lying between the polynomial rings  $\mathbb{Z}[X]$  and  $\mathbb{Q}[X]$  with the property that its residue fields of prime characteristic are finite fields is equal to a generalized ring of integer-valued polynomials; that is, for each prime  $p \in \mathbb{Z}$  there exists a finite subset  $E_p$  of transcendental elements over  $\mathbb{Q}$  in the absolute integral closure  $\overline{\mathbb{Z}}_p$  of the ring of  $p$ -adic integers such that  $R = \{f \in \mathbb{Q}[X] \mid f(E_p) \subseteq \overline{\mathbb{Z}}_p, \text{ for each prime } p \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ . Moreover, we prove that the class group of  $R$  is isomorphic to a direct sum of a countable family of finitely generated abelian groups. Conversely, any group of this kind is the class group of a Dedekind domain  $R$  between  $\mathbb{Z}[X]$  and  $\mathbb{Q}[X]$ .

## 1. Introduction

Given a Dedekind domain  $D$ , the class group of  $D$  measures how far  $D$  is from being a UFD and it is therefore an important object in the study of factorization problems in the ring  $D$ . It is well-known that the class group of the ring of integers of a number field is a finite abelian group. In contrast with this result, Claborn [1966] proved the groundbreaking result that every abelian group occurs as the class group of a suitable Dedekind domain.

Eakin and Heinzer [1973] showed that every finitely generated abelian group is the class group of a Dedekind domain between  $\mathbb{Z}[X]$  and  $\mathbb{Q}[X]$ . More generally, they proved that if  $V_1, \dots, V_n$  are distinct DVRs with same quotient field  $K$  and, for each  $i = 1, \dots, n$ ,  $\{V_{i,j}\}_{j=1}^{g_i}$  is a finite collection of DVRs extending  $V_i$  to  $K(X)$ , each of which is residually algebraic over  $V_i$  (i.e., the extension of the residue fields is algebraic), then

$$R = \bigcap_{i,j} V_{i,j} \cap K[X]$$

is a Dedekind domain. They also give an explicit description of the class group of such a domain  $R$ , thanks to which they showed the quoted result by considering

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suitable residually algebraic extensions of a finite set of DVRs of  $\mathbb{Q}$  to  $\mathbb{Q}(X)$ .

Actually, if we suppose that each residue field extension of  $V_{i,j}$  over  $V_i$  is finite, a ring  $R$  constructed as above can be represented as a ring of integer-valued polynomials in the following way. For each  $i, j$ , by [Peruginelli 2017, Theorem 2.5 and Proposition 2.2], there exists an element  $\alpha_{i,j}$  in the algebraic closure  $\widehat{\overline{K}}_i$  of the  $V_i$ -adic completion  $\widehat{K}_i$  of  $K$ ,  $\alpha_{i,j}$  transcendental over  $K$ , such that

$$V_{i,j} = V_{i,\alpha_{i,j}} = \{\varphi \in K(X) \mid \varphi(\alpha_{i,j}) \in \widehat{\overline{V}}_i\},$$

where  $\widehat{\overline{V}}_i$  is the absolute integral closure of  $\widehat{V}_i$ , the completion of  $V_i$ . Hence, the above ring  $R$  can be represented as  $R = \{f \in K[X] \mid f(\alpha_{i,j}) \in \widehat{\overline{V}}_i, \forall i, j\}$  (for more details, see [Peruginelli 2017, Remark 2.8]).

More recently, Glivický and Šaroch [2013] investigated a family of quasieucclidean subrings of  $\mathbb{Q}[X]$  depending on a parameter  $\alpha \in \widehat{\mathbb{Z}}$ , the profinite completion of  $\mathbb{Z}$ . A ring of this family is always a Bézout domain (i.e., finitely generated ideals are principal) and might be a PID or not, according to the finiteness of some set of primes depending on  $\alpha$  and the set of polynomials in  $\mathbb{Z}[X]$ . Glivická et al. [2023] observed that these rings can be realized as overrings of the classical ring of integer-valued polynomials  $\text{Int}(\mathbb{Z}) = \{f \in \mathbb{Q}[X] \mid f(\mathbb{Z}) \subseteq \mathbb{Z}\}$ , which is a two-dimensional nonnoetherian Prüfer domain; such overrings have been completely characterized in [Chabert and Peruginelli 2016]. We will review this representation in Section 2.

In the same area, Chang [2022] generalized Eakin and Heinzer's result, proving that there exists an almost Dedekind domain  $R$  (i.e.,  $R_M$  is a DVR for each maximal ideal  $M$  of  $R$ ) which is not noetherian, lies between  $\mathbb{Z}[X]$  and  $\mathbb{Q}[X]$  and has class group isomorphic to a direct sum of a prescribed countable family of finitely generated abelian groups. As before, assuming the finiteness of the residue field extensions of the involved DVRs, Chang's construction falls in the class of integer-valued polynomial rings that we consider in this paper.

Here, we provide a complete description of the class of Dedekind domains  $R$  lying between  $\mathbb{Z}[X]$  and  $\mathbb{Q}[X]$  such that their residue fields of prime characteristic are finite fields. Throughout the paper, for short we denote the last property by saying that  $R$  has finite residue fields of prime characteristic. We remark that the residue fields of such a domain  $R$  cannot be all finite fields. In fact, since  $R \subseteq \mathbb{Q}[X]_{(q)}$  for every irreducible  $q \in \mathbb{Q}[X]$ , the residue field of the center of the DVR  $\mathbb{Q}[X]_{(q)}$  on  $R$  is a finite extension of  $\mathbb{Q}$ , hence an infinite field. However, since  $R$  is supposed to be Dedekind (in particular, a Prüfer domain) the residue fields of prime characteristic are algebraic extensions of the corresponding prime field (see, for example, [Peruginelli 2018, Theorem 3.14]). Infinite algebraic extensions of the prime fields of prime characteristic are also allowed, and that is the content of another work on this subject [Peruginelli 2023].

The paper is organized as follows. We first set the notation we will use throughout the paper and introduce the class of *generalized rings of integer-valued polynomials*, which are subrings of  $\mathbb{Q}[X]$  formed by polynomials which are simultaneously integer-valued over different subsets of integral elements over  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ , the ring of  $p$ -adic integers, for  $p$  running over the set of integer primes. In [Section 2](#), we review Loper and Werner's construction [\[2012\]](#) of Prüfer domains and recall that it falls into the class of generalized rings of integer-valued polynomials, as already observed in [\[Peruginelli 2017, Remark 2.8\]](#). We then characterize when a ring of their construction is a Dedekind domain in [Theorem 2.15](#). In order to accomplish this objective, we introduce the definition of *polynomially factorizable* subsets  $\underline{E}$  of  $\widehat{\mathbb{Z}} = \prod_p \overline{\mathbb{Z}_p}$  (we refer to [Section 1](#) for unexplained notation), which turns out to be the key assumption for such a ring to be of finite character (hence, a noetherian Prüfer domain, thus Dedekind). Furthermore, we show in [Theorem 2.17](#) that every Dedekind domain  $R$  with finite residue fields of prime characteristic lying between  $\mathbb{Z}[X]$  and  $\mathbb{Q}[X]$  is equal to a generalized ring of integer-valued polynomials with class group equal to a direct sum of a countable family of finitely generated abelian groups (Recall that the Picard group of  $\text{Int}(\mathbb{Z})$  is a free abelian group of countably infinite rank [\[Gilmer et al. 1990\]](#)). Among other things, we will also characterize the PIDs among these class of domains, generalizing the aforementioned work of Glivický and Šaroch [\[2013\]](#) (see also [\[Glivická et al. 2023\]](#)). We will also give a criteria for when two such generalized rings of integer-valued polynomials are equal. Finally, in [Section 3](#), by means of a suitable modification of Chang's construction, given a group  $G$  which is the direct sum of a countable family of finitely generated abelian groups, we prove that there exists a Dedekind domain  $R$  with finite residue fields of prime characteristic,  $\mathbb{Z}[X] \subset R \subseteq \mathbb{Q}[X]$ , with class group  $G$ , thus giving a positive answer to a question raised by Chang [\[2022\]](#). By the previous results, such a domain is a generalized ring of integer-valued polynomials.

It has come to our attention that [Theorem 7](#) of [\[Chang and Geroldinger 2024\]](#) shows the existence of a Dedekind domain with class group equal to a direct sum of a countable family of prescribed finitely generated abelian groups. However, that construction is based on a polynomial ring with an infinite set of indeterminates with the additional property that each ideal class contains infinitely many height-one prime ideals.

**Notation.** The generalized rings of integer-valued polynomials considered in this paper fall into the class of integer-valued polynomials on algebras (see for example [\[Frisch 2013; 2014; Peruginelli and Werner 2017\]](#)), which encompasses also the classical definition of ring of integer-valued polynomials. We now recall the latter definition. Let  $D$  be an integral domain with quotient field  $K$  and  $A$  a torsion-free  $D$ -algebra such that  $A \cap K = D$ . We may evaluate polynomials  $f \in K[X]$  at

any element  $a \in A$  inside the extended algebra  $A \otimes_D K$ . The  $D$ -algebra  $A$  clearly embeds into  $A \otimes_D K$  and if  $f(a) \in A$  we say that  $f$  is integer-valued at  $a$ . In general, given a subset  $S$  of  $A$ , we define the ring of integer-valued polynomials over  $S$  as

$$\text{Int}_K(S, A) = \{f \in K[X] \mid f(s) \in A, \forall s \in S\}.$$

Note that when  $A = D$  we get the usual definition of ring of integer-valued polynomials on a subset  $S$  of  $D$ , and in that case we omit the subscript  $K$ . If  $S = D = A$ , then we set  $\text{Int}(D, D) = \text{Int}(D)$ .

For an integral domain  $D$ , we define the Picard group of  $D$ , denoted by  $\text{Pic}(D)$ , as the quotient of the abelian group of the invertible fractional ideals of  $D$  by the subgroup generated by the nonzero principal fractional ideals, where the operation is the ideal multiplication (see [Cahen and Chabert 1997, §VIII.1]). If  $D$  is a Dedekind domain, then  $\text{Pic}(D)$  is the usual ideal class group of  $D$ .

Let  $\mathbb{P}$  be the set of all prime numbers. For a fixed  $p \in \mathbb{P}$ , we adopt the following notation:

- $\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$  denotes the localization of  $\mathbb{Z}$  at  $p\mathbb{Z}$ .
- $\mathbb{Z}_p$  and  $\mathbb{Q}_p$  denote the ring of  $p$ -adic integers and the field of  $p$ -adic numbers, respectively.
- $\overline{\mathbb{Q}_p}$  and  $\overline{\mathbb{Z}_p}$  denote a fixed algebraic closure of  $\mathbb{Q}_p$  and the absolute integral closure of  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ , respectively.
- For a finite extension  $K$  of  $\mathbb{Q}_p$ , we denote by  $O_K$  the ring of integers of  $K$ .
- $v_p$  denotes the unique extension of the  $p$ -adic valuation on  $\mathbb{Q}_p$  to  $\overline{\mathbb{Q}_p}$ .
- If  $\alpha \in \overline{\mathbb{Q}_p}$ , we denote the ramification index  $e(\mathbb{Q}_p(\alpha) \mid \mathbb{Q}_p)$  by  $e_\alpha$ .
- $\widehat{\mathbb{Z}} = \prod_{p \in \mathbb{P}} \mathbb{Z}_p$ , the profinite completion of  $\mathbb{Z}$ .
- $\overline{\widehat{\mathbb{Z}}} = \prod_{p \in \mathbb{P}} \overline{\mathbb{Z}_p}$ .
- For  $\alpha \in \overline{\mathbb{Q}_p}$ , we set

$$V_{p,\alpha} = \{\varphi \in \mathbb{Q}(X) \mid \varphi(\alpha) \in \overline{\mathbb{Z}_p}\}.$$

Clearly,  $V_{p,\alpha}$  is a valuation domain of  $\mathbb{Q}(X)$  extending  $\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$  with maximal ideal equal to  $M_{p,\alpha} = \{\varphi \in V_{p,\alpha} \mid v_p(\varphi(\alpha)) > 0\}$ . Moreover,  $V_{p,\alpha}$  is a DVR if  $\alpha$  is transcendental over  $\mathbb{Q}$  and it has rank 2 otherwise. In the former case, the ramification index  $e(V_{p,\alpha} \mid \mathbb{Z}_{(p)})$  is equal to  $e_\alpha$ . In either case, let  $O_\alpha$  and  $M_\alpha$  be the valuation domain and maximal ideal of  $\mathbb{Q}_p(\alpha)$ , respectively. Then, the residue field of  $V_{p,\alpha}$  is equal to  $O_\alpha/M_\alpha$  and  $pO_\alpha = M_\alpha^e$ , for some integer  $e$ , which is equal to  $e_\alpha$  (for all these results, see [Peruginelli 2017, Proposition 2.2 and Theorem 2.5]).

The following result, mentioned in the introduction, characterizes residually algebraic extensions of  $\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$  to  $\mathbb{Q}(X)$  of a certain kind; the valuation overrings of the Dedekind domains we are dealing with belong to this class.

**Theorem 1.1** [Peruginelli 2017, Theorems 2.5 and 3.2]. *Let  $W \subset \mathbb{Q}(X)$  be a valuation domain with maximal ideal  $M$  extending  $\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$  for some  $p \in \mathbb{P}$ . If  $pW = M^e$  for some  $e \geq 1$  and  $W/M \supseteq \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$  is a finite extension, then there exists  $\alpha \in \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_p$  such that  $W = V_{p,\alpha}$ . Moreover, for  $\alpha, \beta \in \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_p$ , we have  $V_{p,\alpha} = V_{p,\beta}$  if and only if  $\alpha, \beta$  are conjugate over  $\mathbb{Q}_p$ .*

Clearly, if  $W$  is as in the assumptions of Theorem 1.1 and  $\mathbb{Z}[X] \subset W$ , then  $\alpha \in \overline{\mathbb{Z}}_p$ .

Given  $f \in \mathbb{Q}[X]$ , the evaluation of  $f(X)$  at an element  $\alpha = (\alpha_p) \in \overline{\mathbb{Z}}$  is done componentwise:

$$f(\alpha) = (f(\alpha_p)) \in \prod_{p \in \mathbb{P}} \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_p.$$

We say that  $f$  is *integer-valued* at  $\alpha$  if  $f(\alpha) \in \overline{\mathbb{Z}}$ , which is equivalent to  $f \in V_{p,\alpha_p}$  for all  $p \in \mathbb{P}$ .

**Definition 1.2.** Given a subset  $\underline{E}$  of  $\overline{\mathbb{Z}}$ , we define the *generalized ring of integer-valued polynomials on  $\underline{E}$*  as:

$$\text{Int}_{\mathbb{Q}}(\underline{E}, \overline{\mathbb{Z}}) = \{f \in \mathbb{Q}[X] \mid f(\alpha) \in \overline{\mathbb{Z}}, \forall \alpha \in \underline{E}\}.$$

If  $\underline{E} = \widehat{\mathbb{Z}}$ , then  $\text{Int}_{\mathbb{Q}}(\widehat{\mathbb{Z}}, \overline{\mathbb{Z}}) = \text{Int}_{\mathbb{Q}}(\widehat{\mathbb{Z}}, \widehat{\mathbb{Z}}) = \text{Int}(\mathbb{Z})$ ; in fact, the first equality follows easily from the fact that the polynomials have rational coefficients; for the last equality, see [Chabert and Peruginelli 2016, Remark 6.4] (essentially,  $\mathbb{Z}$  is dense in  $\widehat{\mathbb{Z}}$ ). We recall that the family of overrings of  $\text{Int}(\mathbb{Z})$  which are contained in  $\mathbb{Q}[X]$  is formed exactly by the rings  $\text{Int}_{\mathbb{Q}}(\underline{E}, \widehat{\mathbb{Z}})$ , as  $\underline{E}$  ranges through the subsets of  $\widehat{\mathbb{Z}}$  of the form  $\prod_{p \in \mathbb{P}} E_p$ , where for each prime  $p$ ,  $E_p$  is a closed (possibly empty) subset of  $\widehat{\mathbb{Z}}_p$  [Theorem 6.2]. In the study of a generalized ring of integer-valued polynomials  $\text{Int}_{\mathbb{Q}}(\underline{E}, \overline{\mathbb{Z}})$ , without loss of generality we may suppose that the subset  $\underline{E}$  of  $\overline{\mathbb{Z}}$  is of the form  $\underline{E} = \prod_{p \in \mathbb{P}} E_p$  (see the arguments given in [Remark 6.3]). Note that we allow each component  $E_p$  of  $\underline{E}$  to be equal to the empty set.

## 2. Polynomial Dedekind domains

Loper and Werner [2012] exhibited a construction of Prüfer domains between  $\mathbb{Z}[X]$  and  $\mathbb{Q}[X]$  in order to show the existence of a Prüfer domain strictly contained in  $\text{Int}(\mathbb{Z})$ . As earlier in [Eakin and Heinzer 1973], their construction is obtained by intersecting a suitable family of valuation domains of  $\mathbb{Q}(X)$  indexed by  $\mathbb{P}$  with  $\mathbb{Q}[X]$ . A valuation domain of this family is equal to  $V_{p,\alpha}$ , for some  $\alpha \in \overline{\mathbb{Z}}_p$ , by Theorem 1.1 and the fact that  $X$  is in every valuation domain of this family. By [Peruginelli 2017, Remark 2.8], a ring in Loper and Werner’s construction can be represented as a generalized ring of integer-valued polynomials  $\text{Int}_{\mathbb{Q}}(\underline{E}, \overline{\mathbb{Z}})$ , for a suitable subset  $\underline{E}$  of  $\overline{\mathbb{Z}}$  which satisfies the following definition.

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $\underline{E} = \prod_{p \in \mathbb{P}} E_p \subset \overline{\mathbb{Z}}$ . We say that  $\underline{E}$  is locally bounded, if, for each prime  $p$ ,  $E_p$  is a subset of  $\overline{\mathbb{Z}}_p$  of bounded degree, that is,  $\{[\mathbb{Q}_p(\alpha) : \mathbb{Q}_p] \mid \alpha \in E_p\}$  is bounded.

As we have already said above, some of the components  $E_p$  of  $\underline{E}$  may be equal to the empty set. Since  $\mathbb{Q}_p$  has at most finitely many extensions of degree bounded by some fixed positive integer, if  $E_p \subset \overline{\mathbb{Z}}_p$  has bounded degree then  $E_p$  is contained in a finite extension of  $\mathbb{Q}_p$ .

By [Theorem 1.1](#), a Prüfer domain constructed in [\[Loper and Werner 2012\]](#) can be represented as an intersection of valuation domains (see also [\[Chabert and Peruginelli 2016\]](#)):

$$(2.2) \quad \text{Int}_{\mathbb{Q}}(\underline{E}, \overline{\mathbb{Z}}) = \bigcap_{p \in \mathbb{P}} \bigcap_{\alpha_p \in E_p} V_{p, \alpha_p} \cap \bigcap_{q \in \mathcal{P}^{\text{irr}}} \mathbb{Q}[X]_{(q)}.$$

Here  $\underline{E} = \prod_{p \in \mathbb{P}} E_p \subset \overline{\mathbb{Z}}$  is locally bounded and  $\mathcal{P}^{\text{irr}}$  denotes the set of irreducible polynomials in  $\mathbb{Q}[X]$ ; note that the intersection on the right in this display equals  $\mathbb{Q}[X]$ . Similarly, for the ring  $\text{Int}_{\mathbb{Q}}(E_p, \overline{\mathbb{Z}}_p) = \{f \in \mathbb{Q}[X] \mid f(E_p) \subseteq \overline{\mathbb{Z}}_p\}$  we have

$$(2.3) \quad \text{Int}_{\mathbb{Q}}(E_p, \overline{\mathbb{Z}}_p) = \bigcap_{\alpha_p \in E_p} V_{p, \alpha_p} \cap \bigcap_{q \in \mathcal{P}^{\text{irr}}} \mathbb{Q}[X]_{(q)}.$$

In particular,  $\text{Int}_{\mathbb{Q}}(\underline{E}, \overline{\mathbb{Z}}) = \bigcap_{p \in \mathbb{P}} (\mathbb{Z} \setminus p\mathbb{Z})^{-1} \text{Int}_{\mathbb{Q}}(\underline{E}, \overline{\mathbb{Z}}) = \bigcap_{p \in \mathbb{P}} \text{Int}_{\mathbb{Q}}(E_p, \overline{\mathbb{Z}}_p)$  by [Lemma 2.5](#).

By means of the representation [\(2.2\)](#), the main result of [\[Loper and Werner 2012, Corollary 2.12\]](#) can now be restated as follows:

**Theorem 2.4.** *Let  $\underline{E} \subset \overline{\mathbb{Z}}$  be locally bounded. Then the ring  $\text{Int}_{\mathbb{Q}}(\underline{E}, \overline{\mathbb{Z}})$  is a Prüfer domain.*

We want to characterize when a ring of the form  $\text{Int}_{\mathbb{Q}}(\underline{E}, \overline{\mathbb{Z}})$ ,  $\underline{E} \subset \overline{\mathbb{Z}}$ , is a Dedekind domain. In order to accomplish this objective, we need to describe the prime spectrum of this ring when  $E$  is locally bounded. It is customary for rings of integer-valued polynomials to distinguish the prime ideals into two different kinds, and we do the same here in our setting: given a prime ideal  $P$  of  $R = \text{Int}_{\mathbb{Q}}(\underline{E}, \overline{\mathbb{Z}})$ , we say that  $P$  is *nonunitary* if  $P \cap \mathbb{Z} = (0)$  and that  $P$  is *unitary* if  $P \cap \mathbb{Z} = p\mathbb{Z}$  for some  $p \in \mathbb{P}$ .

It is a classical result that each nonunitary prime ideal of  $R$  is equal to

$$\mathfrak{P}_q = q(X)\mathbb{Q}[X] \cap R$$

for some  $q \in \mathcal{P}^{\text{irr}}$  (see for example [\[Cahen and Chabert 1997, Corollary V.1.2\]](#)).

If  $P \cap \mathbb{Z} = p\mathbb{Z}$ ,  $p \in \mathbb{P}$ , and  $\alpha \in E_p$ , the following is a unitary prime ideal of  $R$ :

$$\mathfrak{M}_{p, \alpha} = \{f \in R \mid v_p(f(\alpha)) > 0\}.$$

If  $E_p$  is a closed subset of  $\overline{\mathbb{Z}}_p$  for each prime  $p$ , and  $\underline{E} = \widehat{\prod}_p E_p$  is locally bounded, we are going to show that each unitary prime ideal of  $R$  is equal to  $\mathfrak{M}_{p,\alpha}$ , for some  $p \in \mathbb{P}$  and  $\alpha \in E_p$ .

**Lemma 2.5.** *Let  $\underline{E} \subseteq \widehat{\mathbb{Z}}$  be any subset,  $P$  be a finite subset of  $\mathbb{P}$  and  $S$  the multiplicative subset of  $\mathbb{Z}$  generated by  $\mathbb{P} \setminus P$ . Then  $S^{-1} \text{Int}_{\mathbb{Q}}(\underline{E}, \widehat{\mathbb{Z}}) = \bigcap_{p \in P} \text{Int}_{\mathbb{Q}}(E_p, \overline{\mathbb{Z}}_p)$ .*

*In particular, for each  $p \in \mathbb{P}$ ,  $(\mathbb{Z} \setminus p\mathbb{Z})^{-1} \text{Int}_{\mathbb{Q}}(\underline{E}, \widehat{\mathbb{Z}}) = \text{Int}_{\mathbb{Q}}(E_p, \overline{\mathbb{Z}}_p)$ .*

*Proof.* The proof follows by an argument similar to the one of [Chabert and Peruginelli 2018, Proposition 4.2]. Let  $R = \text{Int}_{\mathbb{Q}}(\underline{E}, \widehat{\mathbb{Z}})$  and  $R_p = \text{Int}_{\mathbb{Q}}(E_p, \overline{\mathbb{Z}}_p)$ , for each  $p \in P$ . The containment  $S^{-1}R \subseteq \bigcap_{p \in P} R_p$  is clear, since  $R \subseteq R_p$  and for every  $d \in S$ ,  $d$  is a unit in  $R_p$ , for each  $p \in P$ . Conversely, let  $f \in \bigcap_{p \in P} R_p$ . Let  $d \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $d \neq 0$ , be such that  $df \in \mathbb{Z}[X]$  and let  $d = t \prod_{p \in P} p^{a_p}$ ,  $a_p \geq 0$  and  $t \in \mathbb{Z}$  not divisible by any  $p \in P$ . Then, letting  $g = tf$ , we have that  $g$  is in  $\mathbb{Z}_{(q)}[X] \subset R_q$  for each  $q \notin P$  and  $g$  is in  $R_p$  for each  $p \in P$  because  $t$  is a unit in  $\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$ , for all  $p \in P$ . Hence,  $f = \frac{g}{t} \in S^{-1}R$ , as desired.  $\square$

**Proposition 2.6.** *Let  $\underline{E} = \prod_p E_p \subset \widehat{\mathbb{Z}}$  be locally bounded and closed. If  $M$  is a unitary prime ideal of  $\text{Int}_{\mathbb{Q}}(\underline{E}, \widehat{\mathbb{Z}})$  such that  $M \cap \mathbb{Z} = p\mathbb{Z}$  for some  $p \in \mathbb{P}$ , then  $M$  is maximal and there exists  $\alpha \in E_p$  such that  $M = \mathfrak{M}_{p,\alpha}$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $R = \text{Int}_{\mathbb{Q}}(\underline{E}, \widehat{\mathbb{Z}})$ . We use the fact that  $R$  is a Prüfer domain by Theorem 2.4.

Let  $M$  be a unitary prime ideal of  $R$  and let  $V = R_M$ . Then, by Lemma 2.5, we have  $R_p = \text{Int}_{\mathbb{Q}}(E_p, \overline{\mathbb{Z}}_p) \subset V$ , since  $(\mathbb{Z} \setminus p\mathbb{Z})^{-1}V = V$ . Let  $M'$  be the center of  $V$  on  $R_p$ . Since  $M' \cap R = M$ , it is sufficient to show that

$$M' = \mathfrak{M}_{p,\alpha} = \{f \in R_p \mid v_p(f(\alpha)) > 0\},$$

for some  $\alpha \in E_p$  (with a slight abuse of notation, we denote the unitary prime ideals of  $R$  and  $R_p$  in the same way). Let  $f \in R_p$ . Let  $K$  be a finite extension of  $\mathbb{Q}_p$  such that  $O_K$  contains  $E_p$  and let  $i_0, \dots, i_{q-1} \in O_K$  be a set of representatives for  $O_K/\pi O_K \cong \mathbb{F}_q$ , where  $\pi$  is a uniformizer of  $O_K$  (i.e., a generator of the maximal ideal of  $O_K$ ). For each  $\alpha \in E_p$ , there exists some  $j \in \{0, \dots, q-1\}$  such that  $f(\alpha) - i_j \in \pi O_K$ . In particular,  $\prod_{j=0}^{q-1} (f(\alpha) - i_j) \in \pi O_K$  for each  $\alpha \in E_p$ . Observe that the polynomials  $X^q - X$  and  $\prod_{j=0}^{q-1} (X - i_j)$  coincide modulo  $\pi$ , so in particular  $f(\alpha)^q - f(\alpha) \in \pi O_K$ . If  $e = e(O_K \mid \mathbb{Q}_p)$ , we have  $(f(\alpha)^q - f(\alpha))^e \in pO_K$ . Equivalently,  $(f^q - f)^e \in pR_p$ , which is contained in  $M'$ . Since  $M'$  is a prime ideal, it follows that  $f^q - f \in M'$ , so modulo  $M'$ ,  $f$  satisfies the equation  $X^q - X = 0$ . This shows that  $R_p/M'$  is contained in the finite field  $\mathbb{F}_q$ , so it is a finite domain, hence a field. This proves that  $M'$  is maximal. Note that, since  $R/M \subseteq R_p/M'$  and the latter is a finite field, it follows also that  $M$  is a maximal ideal of  $R$ .



Since  $R_p$  is countable,  $M'$  is countably generated, say  $M' = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} I_n$ , where  $I_n = (p, f_1, \dots, f_n)$  for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . By [Gilmer and Heinzer 1968, Proposition 1.4], for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , there exists  $\alpha_n \in E_p$  such that  $I_n \subset \mathfrak{M}_{p, \alpha_n}$  (we may exclude the nonunitary prime ideals of  $R_p$  because they do not contain  $p$ , hence neither  $I_n$  for every  $n$ ). Suppose first that  $E_p$  is finite. Then there exists  $\alpha \in E_p$  such that the set  $J = \{n \in \mathbb{N} \mid I_n \subset \mathfrak{M}_{p, \alpha}\}$  is a cofinal subset of  $\mathbb{N}$ . Hence, for each  $f \in M'$ , there exists  $n \in J$  such that  $f \in I_n \subset \mathfrak{M}_{p, \alpha}$ , so that  $M' \subseteq \mathfrak{M}_{p, \alpha}$  and therefore equality holds since  $M'$  is maximal. If  $E_p$  is infinite, since it is a closed subset (because  $\underline{E}$  is closed) contained in a finite extension of  $\mathbb{Q}_p$ , by compactness we may extract a sequence  $\{\alpha_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  from  $E_p$  converging to some element  $\alpha \in E_p$ . Without loss of generality we suppose that  $\alpha_n \rightarrow \alpha$ . Now, for each  $f \in M'$ ,  $f \in I_n \subset \mathfrak{M}_{p, \alpha_n}$  for some  $n$ . Since  $I_n \subseteq I_{n+1}$  for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $f \in \mathfrak{M}_{p, \alpha_m}$  for each  $m \geq n$ , that is,  $v_p(f(\alpha_m)) > 0$ . By continuity we get that  $v_p(f(\alpha)) > 0$ , that is,  $f \in \mathfrak{M}_{p, \alpha}$ . Therefore as before we conclude that  $M' = \mathfrak{M}_{p, \alpha}$ .  $\square$

Thus, if  $\text{Int}_{\mathbb{Q}}(\underline{E}, \overline{\mathbb{Z}})$  is a Prüfer domain, given a maximal unitary ideal  $\mathfrak{M}_{p, \alpha}$ ,  $p \in \mathbb{P}$  and  $\alpha \in E_p$ , we have

$$(2.7) \quad \text{Int}_{\mathbb{Q}}(\underline{E}, \overline{\mathbb{Z}})_{\mathfrak{M}_{p, \alpha}} = V_{p, \alpha}.$$

Similarly, for  $q \in \mathcal{P}^{\text{irr}}$ , we have

$$(2.8) \quad \text{Int}_{\mathbb{Q}}(\underline{E}, \overline{\mathbb{Z}})_{\mathfrak{P}_q} = \mathbb{Q}[X]_{(q)}.$$

We call the valuation domains  $V_{p, \alpha}$  unitary, and the others  $\mathbb{Q}[X]_{(q)}$  nonunitary. Similar equalities hold for the Prüfer domain  $\text{Int}_{\mathbb{Q}}(E_p, \overline{\mathbb{Z}_p})$ . Note that the residue field of  $\text{Int}_{\mathbb{Q}}(\underline{E}, \overline{\mathbb{Z}})$  at a unitary prime ideal is a finite field (by the property of the unitary valuation overrings we discussed about in Section 1), while the residue field of a nonunitary prime ideal of  $\text{Int}_{\mathbb{Q}}(\underline{E}, \overline{\mathbb{Z}})$  is a finite extension of the rationals, hence an infinite field.

We finish this section with the following remark.

**Remark 2.9.** By Theorem 1.1, given a ring  $\text{Int}_{\mathbb{Q}}(E_p, \overline{\mathbb{Z}_p})$ , without loss of generality we may assume that the elements of  $E_p$  are pairwise nonconjugate over  $\mathbb{Q}_p$ . Under this further assumption and if  $E_p$  is bounded (i.e., contained in a finite extension of  $\mathbb{Q}_p$ ), Theorem 2.4, (2.7) and Proposition 2.6 imply that there is a one-to-one correspondence between the elements of  $E_p$  and the unitary valuation overrings  $V_{p, \alpha_p}$ ,  $\alpha_p \in E_p$ , of  $\text{Int}_{\mathbb{Q}}(E_p, \overline{\mathbb{Z}_p})$ .

**2A. The local case.** For a fixed  $p \in \mathbb{P}$ , we characterize in this section the subsets  $E_p$  of  $\overline{\mathbb{Z}_p}$  for which the corresponding ring of integer-valued polynomials  $\text{Int}_{\mathbb{Q}}(E_p, \overline{\mathbb{Z}_p})$  is a Dedekind domain. The following proposition is a generalization of [Chang 2022, Theorem 4.3 (2)].

**Proposition 2.10.** *Let  $E_p$  be a subset of  $\overline{\mathbb{Z}_p}$ . Then  $\text{Int}_{\mathbb{Q}}(E_p, \overline{\mathbb{Z}_p})$  is a Dedekind domain with finite residue fields of prime characteristic if and only if  $E_p$  is a finite subset of transcendental elements over  $\mathbb{Q}$ .*

*Suppose that  $E_p = \{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n\}$  and the  $\alpha_i$ 's are pairwise nonconjugate over  $\mathbb{Q}_p$ . Then, then the class group of  $\text{Int}_{\mathbb{Q}}(E_p, \overline{\mathbb{Z}_p})$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Z}/e\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}^{n-1}$ , where  $e = \gcd\{e_{\alpha_i} \mid i = 1, \dots, n\}$ . Thus  $\text{Int}_{\mathbb{Q}}(E_p, \overline{\mathbb{Z}_p})$  is a PID if and only if  $E_p$  contains at most one element  $\alpha_p \in \overline{\mathbb{Z}_p}$ , such that  $\alpha_p$  is transcendental over  $\mathbb{Q}$  and unramified over  $\mathbb{Q}_p$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $R_p = \text{Int}_{\mathbb{Q}}(E_p, \overline{\mathbb{Z}_p})$ . Note that, if  $E_p$  is the empty set, then  $R_p = \mathbb{Q}[X]$ . We assume henceforth that  $E_p \neq \emptyset$ .

Suppose  $R_p$  is a Dedekind domain with finite residue fields of prime characteristic. We show first that each maximal unitary ideal  $M$  of  $R_p$  is equal to  $\mathfrak{M}_{p, \alpha_p}$ , for some  $\alpha_p \in E_p$ . Let  $V$  be a unitary valuation overring of  $R_p$  which is centered on  $M$ . By [Theorem 1.1](#), there exists  $\alpha_0 \in \overline{\mathbb{Z}_p}$  such that  $V = V_{p, \alpha_0}$ . Then,  $M = \mathfrak{M}_{p, \alpha_0}$ . Since  $M$  is finitely generated and  $R_p$  is Prüfer, by [\[Gilmer and Heinzer 1968, Proposition 1.4\]](#)  $M \subseteq \mathfrak{M}_{p, \alpha_p}$  for some  $\alpha_p \in E_p$  (we may exclude the nonunitary prime ideals of  $R_p$  because they do not contain  $p$ , hence neither  $M$ ). Since  $M$  is maximal, it follows that  $M = \mathfrak{M}_{p, \alpha_p}$ , which means that  $\alpha_0$  and  $\alpha_p$  are conjugate over  $\mathbb{Q}_p$  by [\[Peruginelli 2017, Theorem 3.2\]](#). Hence, without loss of generality, we may suppose that  $\alpha_0 \in E_p$ . Note that each  $\alpha_p \in E_p$  is transcendental over  $\mathbb{Q}$ , otherwise the valuation overring  $V_{p, \alpha_p}$  of  $R_p$  would have rank 2. Since  $R_p$  is Dedekind,  $p$  is contained in only finitely many maximal ideals of this ring; necessarily, such ideals are unitary. By the previous argument, such ideals are equal to  $\mathfrak{M}_{p, \alpha_p}$ , for  $\alpha_p \in E_p$ . Since by [Theorem 1.1](#) and [\(2.7\)](#),  $\mathfrak{M}_{p, \alpha_p} = \mathfrak{M}_{p, \beta_p}$  if and only if  $\alpha_p, \beta_p \in E_p$  are conjugate over  $\mathbb{Q}_p$ , it follows that  $E_p$  is a finite subset of  $\overline{\mathbb{Z}_p}$ .

Conversely, suppose now that  $E_p \subset \overline{\mathbb{Z}_p}$  is a finite subset of transcendental elements over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . The fact that  $\text{Int}_{\mathbb{Q}}(E_p, \overline{\mathbb{Z}_p})$  is a Dedekind domain follows from [\[Eakin and Heinzer 1973, Theorem\]](#), but we give a different self-contained argument based on the previous results. We know that  $E_p$  has bounded degree, so  $R_p$  is Prüfer, by [Theorem 2.4](#). By [\(2.3\)](#),  $R_p$  is equal to an intersection of DVRs which are essential over it. Moreover, each nonzero  $f \in R_p$  belongs to finitely many maximal ideals, since  $E_p$  is finite and  $f$  has finitely many irreducible factors in  $\mathbb{Q}[X]$ . Hence,  $R_p$  is a Krull domain, so, by [\[Gilmer 1992, Theorem 43.16\]](#),  $R_p$  is a Dedekind domain. Finally,  $R_p$  has finite residue fields of prime characteristic, because each of the unitary valuation overrings of  $R_p$  (namely,  $V_{p, \alpha_p}$ ,  $\alpha_p \in E_p$ ) have finite residue field.

Assuming that the elements of  $E_p$  are pairwise nonconjugate over  $\mathbb{Q}_p$ , the claim regarding the class group follows easily from [\[Eakin and Heinzer 1973, Theorem\]](#), taking into account the representation [\(2.3\)](#). If  $E_p = \{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n\}$ , let

$e = (e_{\alpha_1}, \dots, e_{\alpha_n}) \in \mathbb{Z}^n$  and  $e = \gcd(e_{\alpha_1}, \dots, e_{\alpha_n})$ . Then, the class group of  $R_p$  is isomorphic to

$$\mathbb{Z}^n / \langle e \rangle \cong \mathbb{Z} / e\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}^{n-1}.$$

The last claim follows at once from the description of the class group. □

**2B. The global case.** If, for each  $p \in \mathbb{P}$ ,  $E_p \subset \overline{\mathbb{Z}}_p$  is a finite subset of transcendental elements over  $\mathbb{Q}$  and  $\underline{E} = \prod_p E_p$ , then, by [Chang 2022, Corollary 2.6],  $\text{Int}_{\mathbb{Q}}(\underline{E}, \widehat{\mathbb{Z}})$  is an almost Dedekind domain. However, this ring might not be noetherian, that is, a Dedekind domain. See for example the construction of [Chang 2022, Theorem 3.1], in which the polynomial  $X$  is divisible by infinitely many primes  $p \in \mathbb{P}$ . In general, an almost Dedekind domain  $R$  is Dedekind if and only if it has finite character, that is, each nonzero  $f \in R$  belongs to finitely many maximal ideals of  $R$  [Gilmer 1992, Theorem 37.2], or, equivalently,  $v(f) \neq 0$  only for finitely many valuation overrings  $V$  of  $R$  (which are only DVRs). We aim to characterize the subsets  $\underline{E} = \prod_p E_p$  of  $\widehat{\mathbb{Z}}$  such that  $\text{Int}_{\mathbb{Q}}(\underline{E}, \widehat{\mathbb{Z}})$  is Dedekind.

**Definition 2.11.** We say that  $\underline{E}$  is *polynomially factorizable* if, for each  $g \in \mathbb{Z}[X]$  and  $\alpha = (\alpha_p) \in \underline{E}$ , there exist  $n, d \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $n, d \geq 1$  such that  $g(\alpha)^n / d$  is a unit of  $\widehat{\mathbb{Z}}$ , that is,  $v_p(g(\alpha_p)^n / d) = 0$ , for all  $p \in \mathbb{P}$ .

Note that  $g(\alpha)^n = (g(\alpha_p)^n) \in \widehat{\mathbb{Z}}$ . Loosely speaking, a subset  $\underline{E}$  of  $\widehat{\mathbb{Z}}$  is polynomially factorizable if, for every  $g \in \mathbb{Z}[X]$  and  $\alpha \in \underline{E}$ ,  $g(\alpha) \in \widehat{\mathbb{Z}}$  is divisible only by finitely many primes  $p \in \mathbb{P}$  (up to some exponent  $n \geq 1$ ), or, equivalently, all but finitely many components of  $g(\alpha)$  are units. Note that, if the above condition of the definition holds, then  $g(\alpha)^n$  and  $d$  generate the same principal ideal of  $\widehat{\mathbb{Z}}$ .

The next lemma gives a simple characterization of polynomially factorizable subsets  $\underline{E}$  of  $\widehat{\mathbb{Z}}$  in terms of the finiteness of some sets of primes associated to every polynomial in  $\mathbb{Z}[X]$ . For every  $g \in \mathbb{Z}[X]$  and subset  $\underline{E} = \prod_p E_p \subseteq \widehat{\mathbb{Z}}$ , we set

$$\mathbb{P}_{g, \underline{E}} = \{p \in \mathbb{P} \mid \exists \alpha_p \in E_p \text{ such that } v_p(g(\alpha_p)) > 0\}.$$

The next result shows that  $\underline{E}$  is polynomially factorizable if and only if  $\mathbb{P}_{g, \underline{E}}$  is finite for every  $g \in \mathbb{Z}[X]$ .

**Lemma 2.12.** *Let  $g \in \mathbb{Z}[X]$  and  $\underline{E} = \prod_p E_p \subset \widehat{\mathbb{Z}}$ , where each  $E_p \subset \overline{\mathbb{Z}}_p$  is a closed set of transcendental elements over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Then the following conditions are equivalent:*

- i) *The set  $\mathbb{P}_{g, \underline{E}}$  is finite.*
- ii) *For each  $\alpha \in \underline{E}$ , there exist  $n, d \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $n, d \geq 1$  such that  $g(\alpha)^n / d$  is a unit of  $\widehat{\mathbb{Z}}$ .*

*Proof.* We use the following easy remark: for  $\alpha = (\alpha_p) \in \widehat{\mathbb{Z}} = \prod_p \mathbb{Z}_p$ , the set  $\{p \in \mathbb{P} \mid v_p(\alpha_p) > 0\}$  is finite if and only if there exists  $d \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $d \geq 1$ , such that  $\alpha \widehat{\mathbb{Z}} = d \widehat{\mathbb{Z}}$ .

Suppose i) holds and let  $\alpha = (\alpha_p) \in \underline{E}$ . By assumption, there are only finitely many  $p \in \mathbb{P}$  such that  $v_p(g(\alpha_p)) > 0$ , for some  $\alpha_p \in E_p$ , say,  $p_1, \dots, p_k$ . Let  $\alpha \in \underline{E}$  be fixed; in particular, there exists  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $nv_p(g(\alpha_p)) = a_p \in \mathbb{Z}$  for each prime  $p$  (where  $a_p = 0$  for all  $p \notin \{p_1, \dots, p_k\}$ ). Hence, if we let  $d = \prod_{i=1}^k p_i^{a_{p_i}}$  we get  $v_p(g(\alpha_p)^n) = v_p(d)$  for all  $p \in \mathbb{P}$ , thus ii) holds.

Assume now that ii) holds and suppose that  $\mathbb{P}_{g, \underline{E}}$  is infinite. For each  $p \in \mathbb{P}_{g, \underline{E}}$ , let  $\alpha_p \in E_p$  be such that  $v_p(g(\alpha_p)) > 0$  and consider the element  $\alpha = (\alpha_p) \in \underline{E}$ , where  $\alpha_p$  is any element of  $E_p$  for  $p \notin \mathbb{P}_{g, \underline{E}}$ . If there is no  $n \geq 1$  such that  $nv_p(g(\alpha_p)) = a_p \in \mathbb{Z}$  for all  $p \in \mathbb{P}$  we immediately get a contradiction. Suppose instead that such an  $n$  exists. Since  $a_p$  is nonzero for infinitely many  $p \in \mathbb{P}$ , there is no  $d \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $v_p(g(\alpha_p)^n/d) = 0$  for each  $p \in \mathbb{P}$ , which again is a contradiction.  $\square$

**Remark 2.13.** By Lemma 2.12, it follows easily that a subset  $\underline{E} \subseteq \widehat{\mathbb{Z}}$  is polynomially factorizable if and only if  $\mathbb{P}_{g, \underline{E}}$  is finite for each irreducible  $g \in \mathbb{Z}[X]$ . In fact, if  $g = \prod_i g_i$ , where  $g_i \in \mathbb{Z}[X]$  are irreducible, then  $\mathbb{P}_{g, \underline{E}} = \bigcup_i \mathbb{P}_{g_i, \underline{E}}$ .

It is well-known that, given a nonconstant  $q \in \mathbb{Z}[X]$ , there exist infinitely many  $p \in \mathbb{P}$  for which there exists  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $q(n)$  is divisible by  $p$  (see for example the proof of [Cahen and Chabert 1997, Proposition V.2.8]). In particular,  $\widehat{\mathbb{Z}}$  is not polynomially factorizable by Lemma 2.12.

The next lemma describes the Picard group of  $\text{Int}_{\mathbb{Q}}(\underline{E}, \widehat{\mathbb{Z}})$  in terms of the Picard groups of the localizations  $\text{Int}_{\mathbb{Q}}(E_p, \overline{\mathbb{Z}}_p)$ ,  $p \in \mathbb{P}$  (see Lemma 2.5).

**Lemma 2.14.** *Let  $\underline{E} = \prod_p E_p \subset \widehat{\mathbb{Z}}$  be a subset. Then*

$$\text{Pic}(\text{Int}_{\mathbb{Q}}(\underline{E}, \widehat{\mathbb{Z}})) \cong \bigoplus_{p \in \mathbb{P}} \text{Pic}(\text{Int}_{\mathbb{Q}}(E_p, \overline{\mathbb{Z}}_p)).$$

*Proof.* Let  $R = \text{Int}_{\mathbb{Q}}(\underline{E}, \widehat{\mathbb{Z}})$  and  $R_p = (\mathbb{Z} \setminus p\mathbb{Z})^{-1}R$ , for  $p \in \mathbb{P}$ ; by Lemma 2.5,  $R_p = \text{Int}_{\mathbb{Q}}(E_p, \overline{\mathbb{Z}}_p)$ . Since the proof follows by the same arguments of [Gilmer et al. 1990, Theorem 1], we just sketch it and refer to the cited paper for the details. By a classical argument (see for example [McQuillan 1985, Lemma 1]), every finitely generated ideal  $J$  of  $R$  (in particular, every invertible ideal of  $R$ ) is isomorphic to a finitely generated unitary ideal  $I$ , that is,  $I \cap \mathbb{Z} = d\mathbb{Z} \neq (0)$ . For such an ideal,  $(I \cap \mathbb{Z})_{(p)} = \mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$  for all  $p \in \mathbb{P}$  not dividing  $d$ , so  $IR_p = R_p$ . This argument shows that we have a well-defined map from  $\text{Pic}(R)$  to  $\bigoplus_{p \in \mathbb{P}} \text{Pic}(R_p)$ .

If  $I$  is a unitary ideal of  $R$ , say  $I \cap \mathbb{Z} = d\mathbb{Z}$ , such that  $IR_p$  is principal, it is generated by  $d$ . Hence,  $I$  and  $dR$  have the same localizations at each prime  $p \in \mathbb{P}$ , so they are equal. This shows that the previous map is injective.

For the surjectivity, it is sufficient to show that, if  $J_p$  is an invertible unitary ideal of  $R_p$ , for some  $p \in \mathbb{P}$ , then there exists an invertible ideal  $J$  of  $R$  such that

$JR_p = J_p$  and  $JR_q = R_q$  for each  $q \in \mathbb{P} \setminus \{p\}$ . The ideal  $J = J_p \cap R$  has the required properties.  $\square$

Now we may characterize when a generalized ring of integer-valued polynomials  $\text{Int}_{\mathbb{Q}}(\underline{E}, \widehat{\mathbb{Z}})$  is Dedekind and describe its class group.

**Theorem 2.15.** *Let  $\underline{E} = \prod_p E_p \subset \widehat{\mathbb{Z}}$  be a subset. Then  $\text{Int}_{\mathbb{Q}}(\underline{E}, \widehat{\mathbb{Z}})$  is a Dedekind domain with finite residue fields of prime characteristic if and only if  $E_p$  is a finite set of transcendental elements over  $\mathbb{Q}$  for each  $p \in \mathbb{P}$  and  $\underline{E}$  is polynomially factorizable.*

*In this case, the class group of  $\text{Int}_{\mathbb{Q}}(\underline{E}, \widehat{\mathbb{Z}})$  is equal to a direct sum of a countable family of finitely generated abelian groups.*

*Proof.* Let  $R = \text{Int}_{\mathbb{Q}}(\underline{E}, \widehat{\mathbb{Z}})$  and suppose the conditions for  $\underline{E}$  in the statement are satisfied. Then  $\underline{E}$  is locally bounded and closed so, by [Theorem 2.4](#),  $R$  is Prüfer. For  $R$  to be Dedekind, it is sufficient to show that it is a Krull domain [[Gilmer 1992](#), Theorem 43.16]. By assumption, each of the unitary valuation overrings of  $R$  in the representation (2.2) is a DVR with finite residue field, so  $R$  has finite residue fields of prime characteristic by [Proposition 2.6](#). We have to show that  $R$  has finite character, that is, for each nonzero  $f = \frac{g}{n} \in R$ ,  $g \in \mathbb{Z}[X]$  and  $n \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}$ ,  $f$  is contained in only finitely many maximal ideals of  $R$ . As in the proof of [Proposition 2.10](#),  $f$  is contained in only finitely many nonunitary prime ideals of  $R$ . We now check the maximal unitary ideals of  $R$ , described in the [Proposition 2.6](#), which contain  $f$ . Since the denominator  $n$  of  $f$  is divisible by only finitely many  $p \in \mathbb{P}$ ,  $f$  is contained in only finitely many maximal unitary ideals if and only if the same condition holds for  $g$ . Since  $E_p$  is finite for each  $p \in \mathbb{P}$ , this is equivalent to the finiteness of the set  $\mathbb{P}_{g, \underline{E}}$ . Since  $\underline{E}$  is polynomially factorizable, by [Lemma 2.12](#),  $\mathbb{P}_{g, \underline{E}}$  is finite.

Conversely, if  $\text{Int}_{\mathbb{Q}}(\underline{E}, \widehat{\mathbb{Z}})$  is a Dedekind domain with finite residue fields of prime characteristic, then, for each prime  $p$ , the overring  $\text{Int}_{\mathbb{Q}}(E_p, \overline{\mathbb{Z}}_p)$  is a Dedekind domain with finite residue fields of prime characteristic [[Gilmer 1992](#), Theorem 40.1]. By [Proposition 2.10](#),  $E_p$  is a finite subset of  $\overline{\mathbb{Z}}_p$  formed by transcendental elements over  $\mathbb{Q}$  (so, in particular,  $\underline{E}$  is locally bounded). If there exists some  $g \in \mathbb{Z}[X]$  such that the set  $\mathbb{P}_{g, \underline{E}}$  is infinite, then  $g(X)$  would be contained in infinitely many unitary prime ideals of  $\text{Int}_{\mathbb{Q}}(\underline{E}, \widehat{\mathbb{Z}})$ , a contradiction with [[Gilmer 1992](#), Theorem 37.2]. Therefore,  $\underline{E}$  is polynomially factorizable by [Lemma 2.12](#).

The final claim follows from [Lemma 2.14](#) and [Proposition 2.10](#).  $\square$

The next corollary is a generalization of [[Glivický and Šaroch 2013](#), Lemma 3.3]: it characterizes the elements  $\alpha$  in  $\widehat{\mathbb{Z}}$  for which the ring  $\text{Int}_{\mathbb{Q}}(\{\alpha\}, \widehat{\mathbb{Z}})$  is a PID.

**Corollary 2.16.** *Let  $\underline{E} = \prod_p E_p \subset \widehat{\mathbb{Z}}$  be a subset such that, for each  $p \in \mathbb{P}$ , the elements of  $E_p$  are pairwise nonconjugate over  $\mathbb{Q}_p$ . Then  $\text{Int}_{\mathbb{Q}}(\underline{E}, \widehat{\mathbb{Z}})$  is a PID with*

finite residue fields of prime characteristic if and only if, for each prime  $p$ ,  $E_p$  contains at most one element of  $\overline{\mathbb{Z}}_p$ , unramified over  $\mathbb{Q}_p$  and transcendental over  $\mathbb{Q}$ , and  $\underline{E}$  is polynomially factorizable.

Note that if the conditions of [Corollary 2.16](#) occur, namely,  $E_p = \{\alpha_p\}$  for each  $p \in \mathbb{P}$ , then  $\underline{E}$  is the singleton  $\{\alpha\}$ , where  $\alpha = (\alpha_p) \in \widehat{\mathbb{Z}}$ . The condition that  $\underline{E}$  is polynomially factorizable appears in other equivalent forms in [\[Glivický and Šaroch 2013, Lemma 3.3\]](#) and [\[Glivická et al. 2023, Proposition 1.1\]](#), in the case  $\alpha \in \widehat{\mathbb{Z}}$ .

*Proof.* The proof follows from [Theorem 2.15](#), [Lemma 2.14](#) and [Proposition 2.10](#).  $\square$

An argument similar to the one in the proof of [\[Eakin and Heinzer 1973, Theorem\]](#) shows that a PID  $\text{Int}_{\mathbb{Q}}(\{\alpha\}, \widehat{\mathbb{Z}})$  as in the statement of [Corollary 2.16](#) is never a Euclidean domain.

We now show that each Dedekind domain with finite residue fields of prime characteristic between  $\mathbb{Z}[X]$  and  $\mathbb{Q}[X]$  is indeed a generalized ring of integer-valued polynomials.

**Theorem 2.17.** *Let  $R$  be a Dedekind domain with finite residue fields of prime characteristic such that  $\mathbb{Z}[X] \subset R \subseteq \mathbb{Q}[X]$ . Then  $R$  is equal to  $\text{Int}_{\mathbb{Q}}(\underline{E}, \widehat{\mathbb{Z}})$ , for some subset  $\underline{E} = \prod_p E_p \subset \widehat{\mathbb{Z}}$  such that  $E_p$  is a finite set of transcendental elements over  $\mathbb{Q}$  for each prime  $p$  and  $\underline{E}$  is polynomially factorizable.*

*In particular, the class group of  $R$  is isomorphic to a direct sum of a countable family of finitely generated abelian groups.*

*Proof.* Let  $\mathbb{P}_R = \{p \in \mathbb{P} \mid \exists P \in \text{Spec}(R) \text{ such that } P \cap \mathbb{Z} = p\mathbb{Z}\}$ . Clearly,  $\mathbb{P}_R$  is empty if and only if  $R = \mathbb{Q}[X]$ ; in this case for  $\underline{E}$  equal to the empty set we have the claim. Suppose  $\mathbb{P}_R$  is not empty. For each  $p \in \mathbb{P}_R$ , we denote by  $\mathbb{P}_{R,p}$  the set of unitary prime ideals of  $R$  lying above  $p$ . By assumption, for each  $P \in \mathbb{P}_{R,p}$ ,  $p \in \mathbb{P}$ ,  $R_P$  is a DVR of  $\mathbb{Q}(X)$  with finite residue field extending  $\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$ . By [Theorem 1.1](#), there exists  $\alpha_p \in \overline{\mathbb{Z}}_p$ , transcendental over  $\mathbb{Q}$ , such that  $R_P = V_{p,\alpha_p}$ . Let  $E_p$  be the subset of  $\overline{\mathbb{Z}}_p$  formed by such  $\alpha_p$ 's, for each  $P \in \mathbb{P}_{R,p}$ . Since  $R$  is Dedekind and by [\(2.2\)](#) and [\(2.3\)](#), we have the equalities

$$\begin{aligned} R &= \bigcap_{p \in \mathbb{P}_R} \bigcap_{P \in \mathbb{P}_{R,p}} R_P \cap \mathbb{Q}[X] = \bigcap_{p \in \mathbb{P}_R} \bigcap_{\alpha_p \in E_p} V_{p,\alpha_p} \cap \mathbb{Q}[X] \\ &= \bigcap_{p \in \mathbb{P}_R} \text{Int}_{\mathbb{Q}}(E_p, \overline{\mathbb{Z}}_p) = \text{Int}_{\mathbb{Q}}(\underline{E}, \widehat{\mathbb{Z}}), \end{aligned}$$

where  $\underline{E} = \prod_{p \in \mathbb{P}_R} E_p \subset \widehat{\mathbb{Z}}$ . By [Theorem 2.15](#), for each  $p \in \mathbb{P}$ ,  $E_p$  is a finite subset of  $\overline{\mathbb{Z}}_p$  of transcendental elements over  $\mathbb{Q}$ ,  $\underline{E}$  is polynomially factorizable and the class group of  $R$  is isomorphic to a direct sum of a countable family of finitely generated abelian groups.  $\square$

It was shown in [\[Glivický and Šaroch 2013, Proposition 3.4\]](#) that the cardinality of the set of  $\alpha \in \widehat{\mathbb{Z}}$  such that  $\text{Int}_{\mathbb{Q}}(\{\alpha\}, \widehat{\mathbb{Z}})$  is a PID is  $2^{\aleph_0}$ . The next corollary

describes all the PIDs with finite residue fields of prime characteristic between  $\mathbb{Z}[X]$  and  $\mathbb{Q}[X]$ .

**Corollary 2.18.** *Let  $R$  be a PID with finite residue fields of prime characteristic such that  $\mathbb{Z}[X] \subset R \subset \mathbb{Q}[X]$ . Then  $R$  is equal to  $\text{Int}_{\mathbb{Q}}(\{\alpha\}, \overline{\mathbb{Z}})$ , for some  $\alpha = (\alpha_p) \in \overline{\mathbb{Z}}$  such that, for each  $p \in \mathbb{P}$ ,  $\alpha_p$  is transcendental over  $\mathbb{Q}$ ,  $\alpha_p$  is unramified over  $\mathbb{Q}_p$  and  $\{\alpha\}$  is polynomially factorizable.*

*Proof.* The proof follows from [Theorem 2.17](#) and [Corollary 2.16](#).  $\square$

**2C. Equality of generalized rings of integer-valued polynomials.** Given two locally bounded closed subsets  $\underline{E}, \underline{F}$  of  $\overline{\mathbb{Z}}$ , we characterize when the associated generalized ring of integer-valued polynomials  $\text{Int}_{\mathbb{Q}}(\underline{E}, \overline{\mathbb{Z}})$ ,  $\text{Int}_{\mathbb{Q}}(\underline{F}, \overline{\mathbb{Z}})$  are the same.

The following is a general result about integral extensions of rings of integer-valued polynomials. For an integral domain  $D$  with quotient field  $K$ , let  $\overline{K}$  and  $\overline{D}$  be the algebraic closure of  $K$  and the absolute integral closure of  $D$ , respectively. We let  $G_K = \text{Gal}(\overline{K}/K)$  be the absolute Galois group of  $K$ . For a subset  $\Omega$  of  $\overline{K}$  we set  $G_K(\Omega) = \{\sigma(a) \mid \sigma \in G_K, a \in \Omega\} = \bigcup_{\sigma \in G_K} \sigma(\Omega)$ . We say that  $\Omega$  is  $G_K$ -invariant if  $G_K(\Omega) = \Omega$ . Note that in general we have

$$(2.19) \quad \text{Int}_K(\Omega, \overline{D}) = \text{Int}_K(G_K(\Omega), \overline{D})$$

because if  $f(\alpha) \in \overline{D}$  for some  $f \in K[X]$  and  $\alpha \in \Omega$ , then, for every  $\sigma \in G_K$ , we have  $f(\sigma(\alpha)) = \sigma(f(\alpha)) \in \overline{D}$  because  $\sigma(\overline{D}) \subseteq \overline{D}$ .

**Lemma 2.20.** *Let  $D$  be an integrally closed domain with quotient field  $K$ . Let  $\Omega \subset \overline{D}$  be  $G_K$ -invariant. Let  $F$  be an algebraic extension of  $K$  containing  $\Omega$ . Then  $\text{Int}_F(\Omega, \overline{D})$  is the integral closure of  $\text{Int}_K(\Omega, \overline{D})$  in  $F(X)$ .*

*Proof.* By [\[Cahen and Chabert 1997, Proposition IV.4.1\]](#),  $\text{Int}_{\overline{K}}(\Omega, \overline{D})$  is integrally closed. In particular,  $\text{Int}_F(\Omega, \overline{D}) = \text{Int}_{\overline{K}}(\Omega, \overline{D}) \cap F(X)$  is integrally closed, too. Hence, we just need to show that  $\text{Int}_K(\Omega, \overline{D}) \subseteq \text{Int}_F(\Omega, \overline{D})$  is an integral ring extension.

Without loss of generality, we may enlarge  $F$  and suppose that  $F$  is normal over  $K$  (e.g., we may take  $F = \overline{K}$ ). Let  $f \in \text{Int}_F(\Omega, \overline{D}) \subset F[X]$ . In particular,  $f$  is integral over  $K[X]$ , that is, it satisfies a monic equation of the form

$$f^n + g_{n-1}f^{n-1} + \cdots + g_1f + g_0 = 0,$$

where  $g_i \in K[X]$ , for  $i = 0, \dots, n-1$ . We claim that  $g_i \in \text{Int}_K(\Omega, \overline{D})$ , for  $i = 0, \dots, n-1$ , which will prove the claim. In fact, let

$$\Phi(T) = T^n + g_{n-1}T^{n-1} + \cdots + g_0 \in K[X][T],$$



and suppose that  $\Phi(T)$  is irreducible over  $K(X)$ . The roots of  $\Phi(T)$  are the conjugates of  $f$  under the action of the Galois group  $\text{Gal}(F(X)/K(X)) \cong \text{Gal}(F/K)$ , which acts on the coefficients of the polynomial  $f$ . If  $\sigma \in \text{Gal}(F/K)$ , then  $\sigma(f) \in \text{Int}_F(\Omega, \bar{D})$ . In fact, for each  $\alpha \in \Omega$ , since  $\Omega$  is  $\text{Gal}(F/K)$ -invariant, we have  $\alpha = \sigma(\alpha')$  for some  $\alpha' \in \Omega$ , therefore  $\sigma(f)(\alpha) = \sigma(f(\alpha'))$  which still is an element of  $\bar{D}$  (which likewise is left invariant under the action of  $\text{Gal}(F/K)$ ). Now, since each coefficient  $g_i$  of  $\Phi(T)$  is an elementary symmetric function of the elements  $\sigma(f)$ ,  $\sigma \in \text{Gal}(F/K)$ , we have  $g_i(\alpha) \in \bar{D}$ , for each  $\alpha \in \Omega$ ; thus  $g_i \in \text{Int}_K(\Omega, \bar{D})$ , as claimed.  $\square$

To ease notation, we denote the absolute Galois group of  $\mathbb{Q}_p$  ( $p$  prime) by  $G_p$ .

**Theorem 2.21.** *Suppose  $\underline{E} = \prod_p E_p$  and  $\underline{F} = \prod_p F_p$  are locally bounded closed subsets of  $\widehat{\mathbb{Z}}$ . Then the rings  $\text{Int}_{\mathbb{Q}}(\underline{E}, \widehat{\mathbb{Z}})$  and  $\text{Int}_{\mathbb{Q}}(\underline{F}, \widehat{\mathbb{Z}})$  are equal if and only if  $G_p(E_p) = G_p(F_p)$ , for each  $p \in \mathbb{P}$ .*

*Proof.* Clearly,  $\text{Int}_{\mathbb{Q}}(\underline{E}, \widehat{\mathbb{Z}}) = \text{Int}_{\mathbb{Q}}(\underline{F}, \widehat{\mathbb{Z}})$  if and only if the two rings have the same localization at each  $p \in \mathbb{P}$ , that is, by Lemma 2.5,  $\text{Int}_{\mathbb{Q}}(E_p, \overline{\mathbb{Z}}_p) = \text{Int}_{\mathbb{Q}}(F_p, \overline{\mathbb{Z}}_p)$ . Such a condition is equivalent to  $\text{Int}_{\mathbb{Q}_p}(E_p, \overline{\mathbb{Z}}_p) = \text{Int}_{\mathbb{Q}_p}(F_p, \overline{\mathbb{Z}}_p)$ . In fact, one implication is obvious because  $\text{Int}_{\mathbb{Q}}(E_p, \overline{\mathbb{Z}}_p)$  is the contraction to  $\mathbb{Q}[X]$  of  $\text{Int}_{\mathbb{Q}_p}(E_p, \overline{\mathbb{Z}}_p)$ . Conversely, suppose that  $\text{Int}_{\mathbb{Q}}(E_p, \overline{\mathbb{Z}}_p) = \text{Int}_{\mathbb{Q}}(F_p, \overline{\mathbb{Z}}_p)$  and let  $f \in \text{Int}_{\mathbb{Q}_p}(E_p, \overline{\mathbb{Z}}_p)$ , say  $f(X) = \sum_i \alpha_i X^i$ . We can choose  $g \in \mathbb{Q}[X]$  sufficiently  $v_p$ -adically close to  $f(X)$ , that is,  $g(X) = \sum_i a_i X^i$ , where  $v_p(\alpha_i - a_i) \geq n$  for each  $i \geq 0$ , where  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  is arbitrary large. Then  $h = f - g \in p^n \mathbb{Z}_p[X]$ , so, if  $\alpha_p \in E_p$ , it follows that  $g(\alpha_p) = f(\alpha_p) + h(\alpha_p) \in \overline{\mathbb{Z}}_p$ . Hence,  $g \in \text{Int}_{\mathbb{Q}}(E_p, \overline{\mathbb{Z}}_p) = \text{Int}_{\mathbb{Q}}(F_p, \overline{\mathbb{Z}}_p)$ . If now  $\beta_p \in F_p$ , we have  $f(\beta_p) = g(\beta_p) + h(\beta_p) \in \overline{\mathbb{Z}}_p$ , which proves that  $f \in \text{Int}_{\mathbb{Q}_p}(F_p, \overline{\mathbb{Z}}_p)$ . The other containment  $\text{Int}_{\mathbb{Q}_p}(F_p, \overline{\mathbb{Z}}_p) \subseteq \text{Int}_{\mathbb{Q}_p}(E_p, \overline{\mathbb{Z}}_p)$  follows in the same way.

Let  $p \in \mathbb{P}$  be a fixed prime and set  $\widehat{R}_{p, E_p} = \text{Int}_{\mathbb{Q}_p}(E_p, \overline{\mathbb{Z}}_p)$  and  $\widehat{R}_{p, F_p} = \text{Int}_{\mathbb{Q}_p}(F_p, \overline{\mathbb{Z}}_p)$ . Since  $E_p, F_p$  are subsets of  $\overline{\mathbb{Z}}_p$  of bounded degree, there exists a finite Galois extension  $K$  of  $\mathbb{Q}_p$  containing both of them. By (2.19),  $\widehat{R}_{p, E_p} = \text{Int}_{\mathbb{Q}_p}(G_p(E_p), \overline{\mathbb{Z}}_p)$  and  $\widehat{R}_{p, F_p} = \text{Int}_{\mathbb{Q}_p}(G_p(F_p), \overline{\mathbb{Z}}_p)$ . Clearly,  $\widehat{R}_{p, E_p}$  and  $\widehat{R}_{p, F_p}$  are equal if and only if they have the same integral closure in  $K(X)$ . By Lemma 2.20, this amounts to say that

$$(2.22) \quad \text{Int}_K(G_p(E_p), \overline{\mathbb{Z}}_p) = \text{Int}_K(G_p(F_p), \overline{\mathbb{Z}}_p).$$

Note that the rings of (2.22) are equal to  $\text{Int}_K(G_p(E_p), O_K)$ ,  $\text{Int}_K(G_p(F_p), O_K)$ , respectively, where  $O_K$  is the ring of integers of  $K$ . Moreover,  $G_p(E_p)$  is a closed subset of  $O_K$ , being a finite union of closed sets  $\sigma(E_p)$ ,  $\sigma \in \text{Gal}(K/\mathbb{Q}_p)$ . Similarly,  $G_p(F_p)$  is closed.

Finally, by [McQuillan 1991, Lemma 2], (2.22) holds if and only if  $G_p(E_p) = G_p(F_p)$ .  $\square$



**Theorem 2.21** implies that the rings  $\text{Int}_{\mathbb{Q}}(\{\alpha\}, \widehat{\mathbb{Z}})$ ,  $\alpha \in \widehat{\mathbb{Z}}$ , are in one-to-one correspondence with the elements of  $\widehat{\mathbb{Z}}$ .

### 3. Construction of a Dedekind domain with prescribed class group

We review Chang's construction [2022] mentioned in the introduction and modify it in order to show that, given a group  $G$  which is the direct sum of a countable family of finitely generated abelian groups, there exists a Dedekind domain  $R$  with finite residue fields of prime characteristic,  $\mathbb{Z}[X] \subset R \subseteq \mathbb{Q}[X]$ , such that the class group of  $R$  is  $G$ . As in [Eakin and Heinzer 1973], we show first that the ring constructed by Chang can also be represented as a generalized ring of integer-valued polynomials. In [Chang 2022, Lemma 3.4] it is proved that for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $p \in \mathbb{P}$ , there exists a DVR of  $\mathbb{Q}(X)$  which is a residually algebraic extension of  $\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$  with ramification index equal to  $n$ ; by means of **Theorem 1.1**, we can give an explicit representation of such an extension in terms of a valuation domain  $V_{p,\alpha}$  associated to some  $\alpha \in \overline{\mathbb{Z}}_p$  which generates a totally ramified extension of  $\mathbb{Q}_p$  of degree  $n$ .

Let  $I$  be a countable set and  $G = \bigoplus_{i \in I} G_i$  be a direct sum of finitely generated abelian groups  $G_i$ . Suppose that for each  $i \in I$  we have

$$G_i \cong \mathbb{Z}^{m_i} \oplus \mathbb{Z}/n_{i,1}\mathbb{Z} \oplus \cdots \oplus \mathbb{Z}/n_{i,k_i}\mathbb{Z}$$

for some uniquely determined nonnegative integers  $m_i, n_{i,1}, \dots, n_{i,k_i}$  satisfying  $n_{i,j} \mid n_{i,j+1}$ . We partition  $\mathbb{P}$  into a family of finite subsets  $\{\mathbb{P}_i\}_{i \in I}$  each of which contains arbitrary chosen  $1 + k_i$  primes, namely  $\mathbb{P}_i = \{p_i, q_{i,1}, \dots, q_{i,k_i}\}$  and correspondingly for each  $i \in I$  we fix the following  $1 + k_i$  sets:

- i)  $E_{p_i}$  is a subset of  $\mathbb{Z}_{p_i}$  of  $m_i + 1$  elements  $\{\alpha_{p_i,1}, \dots, \alpha_{p_i,m_i+1}\}$  which are transcendental over  $\mathbb{Q}$ .
- ii) For  $j = 1, \dots, k_i$ ,  $E_{q_{i,j}} = \{\alpha_{q_{i,j}}\}$  a singleton of  $\overline{\mathbb{Z}}_{q_{i,j}}$  such that  $\alpha_{q_{i,j}}$  is transcendental over  $\mathbb{Q}$  and  $n_{i,j} = e_{\alpha_{q_{i,j}}}$ , the ramification index of  $\mathbb{Q}_p(\alpha_{q_{i,j}})$  over  $\mathbb{Q}_p$ .

We set  $\underline{E}_i = E_{p_i} \times \prod_{j=1}^{k_i} E_{q_{i,j}}$  and also

$$R_i = \text{Int}_{\mathbb{Q}}(E_{p_i}, \mathbb{Z}_{p_i}) \cap \bigcap_{j=1}^{k_i} \text{Int}_{\mathbb{Q}}(E_{q_{i,j}}, \overline{\mathbb{Z}}_{q_{i,j}}) = \text{Int}_{\mathbb{Q}}(\underline{E}_i, \widehat{\mathbb{Z}}).$$

Since each of the unitary valuation overrings of  $R_i$ , namely  $V_{p,\alpha_p}$ ,  $p \in \mathbb{P}_i$  and  $\alpha_p \in E_p$ , is a DVR which is residually algebraic over  $\mathbb{F}_p$  [Peruginelli 2017, Proposition 2.2], by [Eakin and Heinzer 1973, Theorem and Corollary]  $R_i$  is a Dedekind domain with class group isomorphic to  $G_i$ .

We also set

$$R = \bigcap_{i \in I} R_i = \text{Int}_{\mathbb{Q}}(\underline{E}, \widehat{\mathbb{Z}}),$$

where  $\underline{E} = \prod_i \underline{E}_i$ . By [Chang 2022, Corollary 2.6],  $R$  is an almost Dedekind domain with class group isomorphic to  $G$ .

As we already mentioned at the beginning of Section 2B, the ring  $R = \text{Int}_{\mathbb{Q}}(\underline{E}, \overline{\mathbb{Z}})$  is not Dedekind in general. By Theorem 2.15, this happens precisely when  $\underline{E}$  is polynomially factorizable. By a suitable modification of the above construction, we are going to show that there exists a polynomially factorizable subset  $\underline{E}$  of  $\overline{\mathbb{Z}}$  such that  $R$  is Dedekind with class group isomorphic to  $G$ , thus giving a positive answer to [Chang 2022, Question 3.7].

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $G$  be a direct sum of a countable family  $\{G_i\}_{i \in I}$  of finitely generated abelian groups (which are not necessarily distinct). Then there exists a Dedekind domain  $R$  between  $\mathbb{Z}[X]$  and  $\mathbb{Q}[X]$  with class group isomorphic to  $G$ . Moreover, for each  $i \in I$ , there exists a multiplicative subset  $S_i$  of  $\mathbb{Z}$  such that  $S_i^{-1}R$  is a Dedekind domain with class group  $G_i$ .*

*Proof.* We keep the notation used in the above construction. Let  $\mathbb{P}_r = \bigcup_{i \in I} (\mathbb{P}_i \setminus \{p_i\})$ . For each  $q = q_{i,j} \in \mathbb{P}_r$ , for some  $i \in I$  and  $j \in \{1, \dots, k_i\}$ , we set  $n_q = n_{i,j}$ . We choose a uniformizer  $\tilde{q}$  of  $\mathbb{Z}_q$  which is transcendental over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Let  $\tilde{\alpha}_q \in \overline{\mathbb{Z}_q}$  be a root of the Eisenstein polynomial  $X^{n_q} - \tilde{q}$ . Clearly,  $\tilde{\alpha}_q$  is still transcendental over  $\mathbb{Q}$  and it is well-known that  $\mathbb{Q}_q(\tilde{\alpha}_q)$  is a totally ramified extension of  $\mathbb{Q}_q$  of degree  $n_q$ . We now let  $\alpha_q = \tilde{\alpha}_q + \lfloor \log q \rfloor$ : this is another generator of  $\mathbb{Q}_q(\tilde{\alpha}_q)$  over  $\mathbb{Q}_q$  which still is transcendental over  $\mathbb{Q}$  and has  $v_q$ -adic valuation zero. We then set  $E_q = \{\alpha_q\}$  in the above construction.

Similarly, for each  $p = p_i \in \mathbb{P} \setminus \mathbb{P}_r$ , for some  $i \in I$ , let  $m_p = m_{p_i}$ . We choose distinct elements  $\alpha_{p,i} \in \lfloor \log p \rfloor + p\mathbb{Z}_p$ , for  $i = 1, \dots, m_p + 1$ , which are transcendental over  $\mathbb{Q}$  and set  $E_p = \{\alpha_{p,1}, \dots, \alpha_{p,m_p+1}\}$ .

We show now that with these choices the subset  $\underline{E} = \prod_p E_p \subset \overline{\mathbb{Z}}$  is polynomially factorizable, and therefore the corresponding domain  $R = \text{Int}_{\mathbb{Q}}(\underline{E}, \overline{\mathbb{Z}})$  is a Dedekind domain by Theorem 2.15. By Lemma 2.12, we need to show that for each  $g \in \mathbb{Z}[X]$ ,  $\mathbb{P}_{g,\underline{E}}$  is finite. Let  $g \in \mathbb{Z}[X]$  be a fixed polynomial. For  $\alpha = (\alpha_p) \in \underline{E}$ , we have:

- $\alpha_p = pa + \lfloor \log p \rfloor$ , for some  $a \in \mathbb{Z}_p$ , if  $p \in \mathbb{P} \setminus \mathbb{P}_r$ .
- $\alpha_p = \tilde{\alpha}_p + \lfloor \log p \rfloor$ , if  $p \in \mathbb{P}_r$ , where  $\tilde{\alpha}_p$  is a root of an Eisenstein polynomial, so, in particular,  $v_p(\tilde{\alpha}_p) > 0$ .

For each  $p \in \mathbb{P}$ , let  $\pi_p$  be a uniformizer of  $\mathbb{Q}_p(\alpha_p)$  (which is just  $p$  if  $p \notin \mathbb{P}_r$ ). We then have

$$g(\alpha_p) \equiv g(\lfloor \log p \rfloor) \pmod{\pi_p}.$$

Now, for all  $p$  sufficiently large,  $g(\lfloor \log p \rfloor)$  is not divisible by  $p$ , since

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{g(\log x)}{x} = 0.$$

Hence,  $\mathbb{P}_{g,E}$  is finite.

The fact that  $\text{Int}_{\mathbb{Q}}(\underline{E}, \widehat{\mathbb{Z}})$  has class group equal to  $G$  follows either by [Chang 2022, Corollary 2.6] or by applying Lemma 2.14 and Proposition 2.10, by noting that  $\text{Pic}(\text{Int}_{\mathbb{Q}}(E_p, \overline{\mathbb{Z}}_p)) = \mathbb{Z}^{m_p}$  for each  $p \in \mathbb{P} \setminus \mathbb{P}_r$  and  $\text{Pic}(\text{Int}_{\mathbb{Q}}(E_q, \overline{\mathbb{Z}}_q)) = \mathbb{Z}/n_q\mathbb{Z}$  for each  $q \in \mathbb{P}_r$ .

For the last claim, if  $i \in I$ , we let  $S_i$  be the multiplicative subset of  $\mathbb{Z}$  generated by  $\mathbb{P} \setminus \mathbb{P}_i$ . Then, by Lemma 2.5,  $S_i^{-1} \text{Int}_{\mathbb{Q}}(\underline{E}, \widehat{\mathbb{Z}}) = \text{Int}_{\mathbb{Q}}(\underline{E}_i, \widehat{\mathbb{Z}})$  which has class group isomorphic to  $G_i$  by Lemma 2.14 and Proposition 2.10.  $\square$

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