



Exercise 1. Let S be a nonempty subset of a commutative ring R . An element $d \in R$ is a *greatest common divisor* (GCD) of S provided:

- (i) $d|a$ for all $a \in S$;
- (ii) $c \in R$ and $c|a$ for all $a \in S$ implies $c|d$.

Prove the following.

- a. S has GCD d if and only if $\{(c) \mid (S) \subset (c)\}$ has least element (d) (under inclusion).
- b. Any two GCDs of S are associate.

Exercise 2. A *Bézout domain* is a domain in which every finitely generated ideal is principal. A *GCD domain* is a domain with the property that every nonempty finite subset has a GCD. Prove the following.

- a. Every PID is a GCD domain.
- b. Every Bézout domain is a GCD domain.
- c. Every Noetherian Bézout domain is a PID.
- d. Every UFD is a GCD domain.

[*Suggestions:* Use Exercise 1a for parts a - c. For part d, given finitely many elements in a UFD, use their prime factorizations to construct a GCD.]

Exercise 3. Prove that the image or inverse image of a multiplicative set under a ring homomorphism is also a multiplicative set.

Exercise 4. Prove that the intersection of any collection of multiplicative sets in a ring R is again a multiplicative set. In particular, the complement of a union of prime ideals in R is a multiplicative set.