

# Flatness and some other properties of a finitely generated extension of anti-integral elements over a Noetherian domain

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## Abstract

Let  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n$  be anti-integral elements over a Noetherian domain  $R$ . Set  $A = R[\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n]$ . We investigate flatness, faithful flatness, exclusiveness, existence of a blowing-up point and unramification of the extension  $A/R$  under the condition  $I_{\hat{\alpha}_1} + I_{\hat{\alpha}_2} + \dots + I_{\hat{\alpha}_n} = R$  where

$$I_{\hat{\alpha}_i} = \{a \in R; a\alpha_j \in R[\alpha_i] \ (j = 1, 2, \dots, n)\}.$$

Our results are generalizations of those of [2]

Let  $R$  be a Noetherian domain with quotient field  $K$  and  $R[X]$  a polynomial ring over  $R$  in an indeterminate  $X$ . Let  $\alpha$  be an element of an algebraic field extension of  $K$  and  $\pi : R[X] \rightarrow R[\alpha]$  the  $R$ -algebra homomorphism defined by  $\pi(X) = \alpha$ . Let  $\varphi_\alpha(X)$  be the monic minimal polynomial of  $\alpha$  over  $K$  with  $\deg \varphi_\alpha(X) = d$ . Write

$$\varphi_\alpha(X) = X^d + \eta_1 X^{d-1} + \dots + \eta_d, \ (\eta_1, \dots, \eta_d \in K).$$

We define  $I_{[\alpha]} := \bigcap_{i=1}^d (R :_R \eta_i)$  and  $J_{[\alpha]} := I_{[\alpha]}(1, \eta_1, \dots, \eta_d)$  where  $(R :_R \eta) = \{c \in R; c\eta_i \in R\}$  and  $(1, \eta_1, \dots, \eta_d)$  is the  $R$ -module generated by  $1, \eta_1, \dots, \eta_d$ . We also define  $\tilde{J}_{[\alpha]} := I_{[\alpha]}(\eta_0, \eta_1, \dots, \eta_{d-1})$  where  $\eta_0 = 1$ . An element  $\alpha$  is called an anti-integral element of degree  $d$  over  $R$  if  $\text{Ker } \pi = I_{[\alpha]}\varphi_\alpha(X)R[X]$ . Let  $\mathfrak{p}$  be an element of  $\text{Spec } R$ . It is easily verified that, if  $\alpha$  is an anti-integral element over  $R$ , then  $\alpha$  is also an anti-integral element over  $R_{\mathfrak{p}}$ . An element  $\alpha$  is said to be a super-primitive element of degree  $d$  over  $R$  if  $J_{[\alpha]} \not\subset \mathfrak{p}$  for every  $\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Dp}_1(R)$  where  $\text{Dp}_1(R) = \{\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Spec } R; \text{depth } R_{\mathfrak{p}} = 1\}$ .

Our general reference for unexplained terms is [5].

Let  $R$  be a Noetherian domain and  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n$  anti-integral elements over  $R$ . Set

$$A = R[\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n]$$

and define

$$I_{\hat{\alpha}_i} = \{a \in R; a\alpha_j \in R[\alpha_i] \ (j = 1, 2, \dots, n)\}.$$

Then  $I_{\hat{\alpha}_i}$  is an ideal of  $R$ . By the definition of  $I_{\hat{\alpha}_i}$ , we have the following:

**Lemma 1.** *Let  $\mathfrak{p}$  be an element of  $\text{Spec}R$ . If  $\mathfrak{p} \not\supset I_{\hat{\alpha}_i}$ , then  $A_{\mathfrak{p}} = R_{\mathfrak{p}}[\alpha_i]$ .*

**Lemma 2**([7, Theorem 1.8]). *Let  $R$  be a Noetherian domain and  $\alpha$  an anti-integral element over  $R$ . Let  $\mathfrak{p}$  be an element of  $\text{Spec}R$ . Then the following two conditions are equivalent:*

- (i)  $R[\alpha]_{\mathfrak{p}}/R_{\mathfrak{p}}$  is a flat extension.
- (ii)  $\mathfrak{p} \not\supset J_{[\alpha]}$ .

**Proposition 3.** *Let  $R$  be a Noetherian domain and  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n$  anti-integral elements over  $R$ . Set  $A = R[\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n]$  and assume that  $I_{\hat{\alpha}_1} + I_{\hat{\alpha}_2} + \dots + I_{\hat{\alpha}_n} = R$ . Let  $\mathfrak{p}$  be an element of  $\text{Spec}R$ . Then the following conditions are equivalent:*

- (i)  $A_{\mathfrak{p}}/R_{\mathfrak{p}}$  is a flat extension.
- (ii)  $\mathfrak{p} \not\supset I_{\hat{\alpha}_1} \cap J_{[\alpha_1]} + \dots + I_{\hat{\alpha}_n} \cap J_{[\alpha_n]}$ .

**Proof.** (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii). Since  $I_{\hat{\alpha}_1} + I_{\hat{\alpha}_2} + \dots + I_{\hat{\alpha}_n} = R$ , there exists an index  $i$  such that  $\mathfrak{p} \not\supset I_{\hat{\alpha}_i}$ . Then  $A_{\mathfrak{p}} = R_{\mathfrak{p}}[\alpha_i]$  by Lemma 1. Condition (i) asserts that  $\mathfrak{p}R_{\mathfrak{p}} \not\supset J_{[\alpha_i]}R_{\mathfrak{p}}$  by Lemma 2. Hence  $\mathfrak{p} \not\supset J_{[\alpha_i]}$ , and

$$\mathfrak{p} \not\supset I_{\hat{\alpha}_1} \cap J_{[\alpha_1]} + \dots + I_{\hat{\alpha}_n} \cap J_{[\alpha_n]}.$$

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i). By the condition (ii), there exists an index  $i$  such that  $\mathfrak{p} \not\supset I_{\hat{\alpha}_i} \cap J_{[\alpha_i]}$ . Then  $\mathfrak{p} \not\supset I_{\hat{\alpha}_i}$  and  $\mathfrak{p} \not\supset J_{[\alpha_i]}$ . Therefore  $A_{\mathfrak{p}} = R_{\mathfrak{p}}[\alpha_i]/R_{\mathfrak{p}}$  is a flat extension by Lemmas 1 and 2. Q.E.D.

**Theorem 4.** *Let  $R$  be a Noetherian domain and  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n$  anti-integral elements over  $R$ . Set  $A = R[\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n]$  and assume that  $I_{\hat{\alpha}_1} + I_{\hat{\alpha}_2} + \dots + I_{\hat{\alpha}_n} = R$ . Then the following conditions are equivalent:*

- (i)  $A/R$  is a flat extension.
- (ii)  $I_{\hat{\alpha}_1} \cap J_{[\alpha_1]} + \dots + I_{\hat{\alpha}_n} \cap J_{[\alpha_n]} = R$ .

**Proof.** Since flatness is a local-global property, it is immediate from Proposition 3. Q.E.D.

**Lemma 5**([7, Proposition 3.7] and [5, (4.D) Theorem 3]). *Let  $R$  be a Noetherian domain and  $\alpha$  an anti-integral element over  $R$ . Let  $\mathfrak{p}$  be an element of  $\text{Spec}R$ . Then the following two conditions are equivalent:*

- (i) The extension  $R_{\mathfrak{p}}[\alpha]/R_{\mathfrak{p}}$  is a faithfully flat extension.
- (ii)  $\mathfrak{p} \not\supset \tilde{J}_{[\alpha]}$ .

**Proposition 6.** *Let  $R$  be a Noetherian domain and  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n$  anti-integral elements over  $R$ . Set  $A = R[\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n]$  and assume that  $I_{\hat{\alpha}_1} + I_{\hat{\alpha}_2} + \dots + I_{\hat{\alpha}_n} = R$ . Let  $\mathfrak{p}$  be an element of  $\text{Spec}R$ . Then the following two conditions are equivalent:*

- (i)  $A_{\mathfrak{p}}/R_{\mathfrak{p}}$  is a faithfully flat extension.
- (ii)  $\mathfrak{p} \not\supset I_{\hat{\alpha}_1} \cap \tilde{J}_{[\alpha_1]} + \dots + I_{\hat{\alpha}_n} \cap \tilde{J}_{[\alpha_n]}$ .

**Proof.** (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii). By the assumption  $I_{\hat{\alpha}_1} + I_{\hat{\alpha}_2} + \dots + I_{\hat{\alpha}_n} = R$ , there exists an index  $i$  such that  $\mathfrak{p} \not\supset I_{\hat{\alpha}_i}$ . Then  $A_{\mathfrak{p}} = R_{\mathfrak{p}}[\alpha_i]$  by Lemma 1. Since  $R_{\mathfrak{p}}[\alpha_i]/R_{\mathfrak{p}}$  is a faithfully flat extension, we have  $\mathfrak{p}R_{\mathfrak{p}} \not\supset \tilde{J}_{[\alpha_i]}R_{\mathfrak{p}}$  by Lemma 5. Hence  $\mathfrak{p} \not\supset I_{\hat{\alpha}_i} \cap \tilde{J}_{[\alpha_i]}$ . Therefore  $\mathfrak{p} \not\supset I_{\hat{\alpha}_1} \cap \tilde{J}_{[\alpha_1]} + \dots + I_{\hat{\alpha}_n} \cap \tilde{J}_{[\alpha_n]}$ .

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i). By the condition (ii), there exists an index  $i$  such that  $\mathfrak{p} \not\supset I_{\hat{\alpha}_i} \cap \tilde{J}_{[\alpha_i]}$ . Therefore  $A_{\mathfrak{p}} = R_{\mathfrak{p}}[\alpha_i]/R_{\mathfrak{p}}$  is a faithfully flat extension by Lemmas 1 and 5. Q.E.D.

**Theorem 7.** *Let  $R$  be a Noetherian domain and  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n$  anti-integral elements over  $R$ . Set  $A = R[\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n]$  and assume that  $I_{\hat{\alpha}_1} + I_{\hat{\alpha}_2} + \dots + I_{\hat{\alpha}_n} = R$ . Then the following two conditions are equivalent:*

- (i)  $A/R$  is a faithfully flat extension.
  - (ii)  $I_{\hat{\alpha}_1} \cap \tilde{J}_{[\alpha_1]} + \dots + I_{\hat{\alpha}_n} \cap \tilde{J}_{[\alpha_n]} = R$ .
- Furthermore, the implication (iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i) holds:
- (iii)  $R[\alpha_1]/R, \dots, R[\alpha_n]/R$  are all faithfully flat extensions.

**Proof.** Since faithful flatness is a local-global property, the equivalence of the conditions (i) and (ii) is immediate from Proposition 6. We will prove the implication (iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i). Lemma 5 shows that  $\tilde{J}_{[\alpha_1]} = R, \dots, \tilde{J}_{[\alpha_n]} = R$ . Moreover,  $I_{\hat{\alpha}_1} + I_{\hat{\alpha}_2} + \dots + I_{\hat{\alpha}_n} = R$ . Hence  $I_{\hat{\alpha}_1} \cap \tilde{J}_{[\alpha_1]} + \dots + I_{\hat{\alpha}_n} \cap \tilde{J}_{[\alpha_n]} = R$ . Therefore  $A/R$  is a faithfully flat extension. Q.E.D.

Let  $K$  be the quotient field of  $R$ . We say that  $A/R$  is an exclusive extension if  $A \cap K = R$ .

**Lemma 8** ([8, Theorem 5]). *Let  $R$  be a Noetherian domain with quotient field  $K$  and  $\alpha$  a super-primitive element over  $R$ . Assume that  $R$  contains an infinite field. Then the following two conditions are equivalent:*

- (i)  $\text{grade} \tilde{J}_{[\alpha]} > 1$  where we define  $\tilde{J}_{[\alpha]} = \infty$  if  $\tilde{J}_{[\alpha]} = R$ .
- (ii)  $R[\alpha]/R$  is an exclusive extension.

**Proposition 9.** *Let  $R$  be a Noetherian domain with quotient field  $K$ . Let  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n$  be super-primitive elements over  $R$ . Set  $A = R[\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n]$ . Assume that  $I_{\hat{\alpha}_1} + I_{\hat{\alpha}_2} + \dots + I_{\hat{\alpha}_n} = R$  and  $R$  contains an infinite field. Then the following two conditions are equivalent:*

- (i)  $A \cap K = R$ .
- (ii)  $\text{grade}(I_{\hat{\alpha}_1} \cap \tilde{J}_{[\alpha_1]} + \dots + I_{\hat{\alpha}_n} \cap \tilde{J}_{[\alpha_n]}) > 1$ .

**Proof.** (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii). Assume that there exists an element  $\mathfrak{p}$  of  $\text{Dp}_1(R)$  such that  $\mathfrak{p} \supset I_{\hat{\alpha}_1} \cap \tilde{J}_{[\alpha_1]} + \dots + I_{\hat{\alpha}_n} \cap \tilde{J}_{[\alpha_n]}$ . Since  $I_{\hat{\alpha}_1} + I_{\hat{\alpha}_2} + \dots + I_{\hat{\alpha}_n} = R$ , there exists an index  $i$  such that  $\mathfrak{p} \not\supset I_{\hat{\alpha}_i}$ . Then  $A_{\mathfrak{p}} = R_{\mathfrak{p}}[\alpha_i]$  by Lemma 1. The condition  $A \cap K = R$  implies that  $A_{\mathfrak{p}} \cap K = R_{\mathfrak{p}}$ . Then Lemma 8 asserts that  $\mathfrak{p}R_{\mathfrak{p}} \not\supset \tilde{J}_{[\alpha_i]}R_{\mathfrak{p}}$ . Hence  $\mathfrak{p} \not\supset \tilde{J}_{[\alpha_i]}$ , and  $\mathfrak{p} \not\supset I_{\hat{\alpha}_i} \cap \tilde{J}_{[\alpha_i]}$ . This is a contradiction.

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i). Assume that  $A \cap K \supsetneq R$ . Then there exists an element  $\zeta$  of  $A \cap K$  such that  $R \not\ni \zeta$ . Let  $\mathfrak{p}$  be a prime divisor of  $I_{\zeta}$  where  $I_{\zeta} = \{a \in R; a\zeta \in R\}$ . Then we know that  $\text{depth} R_{\mathfrak{p}} = 1$  (cf. [9, Proposition 1.10]). Hence  $\mathfrak{p} \not\supset I_{\hat{\alpha}_1} \cap \tilde{J}_{[\alpha_1]} + \dots + I_{\hat{\alpha}_n} \cap \tilde{J}_{[\alpha_n]}$  by the condition (ii). Then there exists an index  $i$  such that  $\mathfrak{p} \not\supset I_{\hat{\alpha}_i} \cap \tilde{J}_{[\alpha_i]}$ . Then  $A_{\mathfrak{p}} = R_{\mathfrak{p}}[\alpha_i]$  by Lemma 1. Lemma 8 shows that  $A_{\mathfrak{p}} \cap K = R_{\mathfrak{p}}[\alpha_i] \cap K = R_{\mathfrak{p}}$ . Hence  $\zeta \in R_{\mathfrak{p}}$  and  $\mathfrak{p} \not\supset I_{\zeta}$ . This is absurd. Q.E.D.

Let  $\varphi : \text{Spec} R[\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n] \rightarrow \text{Spec} R$ , and  $\varphi_k : \text{Spec} R[\alpha_k] \rightarrow \text{Spec} R$  ( $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ) be contraction mappings, that is,  $\varphi(\mathfrak{P}) = \mathfrak{P} \cap R$ ,  $\varphi_k(\Omega) = \Omega \cap R$  for  $\mathfrak{P} \in \text{Spec} R[\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n]$ ,  $\Omega \in \text{Spec} R[\alpha_k]$  ( $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ).

**Proposition 10.** *Let  $R$  be a Noetherian domain and  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n$  anti-integral elements over  $R$ . Set  $A = R[\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n]$ . Let  $\varphi : \text{Spec} R[\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n] \rightarrow \text{Spec} R$ , and  $\varphi_k : \text{Spec} R[\alpha_k] \rightarrow \text{Spec} R$  ( $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ) be contraction mappings respectively. Assume that  $I_{\hat{\alpha}_1} + I_{\hat{\alpha}_2} + \dots + I_{\hat{\alpha}_n} = R$ . Then*

$$\text{Im } \varphi = \bigcap_{k=1}^n \text{Im } \varphi_k,$$

**Proof.** It is clear that  $\text{Im } \varphi \subset \bigcap_{k=1}^n \text{Im } \varphi_k$ . We will prove that  $\text{Im } \varphi \supset \bigcap_{k=1}^n \text{Im } \varphi_k$ . Let  $\mathfrak{p}$  be an element of  $\bigcap_{k=1}^n \text{Im } \varphi_k$ . Assume that  $\mathfrak{p} \notin \text{Im } \varphi$ . Then we can easily verify that  $\mathfrak{p}A_{\mathfrak{p}} = A_{\mathfrak{p}}$ . Since  $I_{\hat{\alpha}_1} + I_{\hat{\alpha}_2} + \cdots + I_{\hat{\alpha}_n} = R$ , there exists an index  $i$  such that  $\mathfrak{p} \not\subset I_{\hat{\alpha}_i}$ . Then  $A_{\mathfrak{p}} = R_{\mathfrak{p}}[\alpha_i]$  by Lemma 1. Since  $\mathfrak{p}A_{\mathfrak{p}} = A_{\mathfrak{p}}$ , we get  $\mathfrak{p}R_{\mathfrak{p}}[\alpha_i] = R_{\mathfrak{p}}[\alpha_i]$ . This is a contradiction. Q.E.D.

Let  $A$  be an extension of  $R$  and  $\mathfrak{p}$  an element of  $\text{Spec } R$ . We say that  $A$  is a blowing-up at  $\mathfrak{p}$  or  $\mathfrak{p}$  is a blowing-up point of  $A/R$  if the following two conditions are satisfied:

- (1)  $\mathfrak{p}A_{\mathfrak{p}} \cap R_{\mathfrak{p}} = \mathfrak{p}R_{\mathfrak{p}}$ .
- (2)  $A_{\mathfrak{p}}/\mathfrak{p}A_{\mathfrak{p}}$  is isomorphic to a polynomial ring  $(R_{\mathfrak{p}}/\mathfrak{p}R_{\mathfrak{p}})[T]$ .

**Lemma 11** ([7, Corollary 1.10]). *Let  $R$  be a Noetherian domain and  $\alpha$  an anti-integral element over  $R$ . Let  $\mathfrak{p}$  be an element of  $\text{Spec } R$ . Then the following two conditions are equivalent:*

- (i)  $\mathfrak{p}$  is a blowing-up point of  $R[\alpha]/R$ .
- (ii)  $\mathfrak{p} \supset J_{[\alpha]}$ .

**Proposition 12.** *Let  $R$  be a Noetherian domain and  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n$  anti-integral elements over  $R$ . Set  $A = R[\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n]$  and assume that  $I_{\hat{\alpha}_1} + I_{\hat{\alpha}_2} + \cdots + I_{\hat{\alpha}_n} = R$ . Let  $\mathfrak{p}$  be an element of  $\text{Spec } R$ . Then the following two conditions are equivalent:*

- (i)  $\mathfrak{p} \supset I_{\hat{\alpha}_1} \cap J_{[\alpha_1]} + \cdots + I_{\hat{\alpha}_n} \cap J_{[\alpha_n]}$ .
- (ii)  $\mathfrak{p}$  is a blowing-up point of  $A/R$ .

**Proof.** By Lemmas 2 and 11, we see that  $\mathfrak{p}$  is not a blowing-up point of  $R[\alpha]/R$  if and only if  $R_{\mathfrak{p}}[\alpha]/R_{\mathfrak{p}}$  is a flat extension. Hence the proof is clear from Proposition 3. Q.E.D.

**Theorem 13.** *Let  $R$  be a Noetherian domain and  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n$  anti-integral elements over  $R$ . Set  $A = R[\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n]$  and assume that  $I_{\hat{\alpha}_1} + I_{\hat{\alpha}_2} + \cdots + I_{\hat{\alpha}_n} = R$ . Then the following three conditions are equivalent:*

- (i)  $A/R$  is a flat extension.
- (ii)  $A/R$  has no blowing-up point.
- (iii)  $I_{\hat{\alpha}_1} \cap J_{[\alpha_1]} + \cdots + I_{\hat{\alpha}_n} \cap J_{[\alpha_n]} = R$ .

**Proof.** It is immediate from Propositions 3 and 12. Q.E.D.

Let  $A$  be a finite  $R$ -algebra. Let  $\mathfrak{P}$  be an element of  $\text{Spec}(A)$  and  $\mathfrak{p} = \mathfrak{P} \cap R$ . The residue fields of  $\mathfrak{P}$  and  $\mathfrak{p}$  are denoted by  $k(\mathfrak{P})$  and  $k(\mathfrak{p})$  respectively. We say that  $\mathfrak{P}$  is unramified over  $\mathfrak{p}$  if the following two conditions hold:

- (1)  $\mathfrak{P}A_{\mathfrak{P}} = \mathfrak{p}A_{\mathfrak{P}}$ .
- (2)  $k(\mathfrak{P})$  is a finite separable algebraic extension of  $k(\mathfrak{p})$ .

The extension  $A/R$  is called unramified if the following two conditions are satisfied:

- (1) For every element  $\mathfrak{p}$  of  $\text{Spec}(R)$ , there are only finitely many elements of  $\text{Spec}(A)$  lying over  $\mathfrak{p}$ .
- (2) If  $\mathfrak{P}$  is an element of  $\text{Spec}(A)$  lying over  $\mathfrak{p}$ , then  $\mathfrak{P}$  is unramified over  $\mathfrak{p}$ .

It is known that  $A/R$  is an unramified extension if and only if  $\Omega_R(A) = (0)$  where  $\Omega_R(A)$  stands for the differential module of  $A$  over  $R$ . ([6, Chapter 3, Theorem 14])

The extension  $A/R$  is said to be étale if  $A/R$  is an unramified and flat extension. (cf. [1, Chapter VI, Definition (4.1)] and [4, p. 100])

Let  $\varphi'_\alpha(X)$  be the derivative of  $\varphi_\alpha(X)$ .

**Lemma 14.**(cf. [3, Theorem 8]) *Let  $R$  be a Noetherian domain and  $\alpha$  an anti-integral element over  $R$ . Then the following two conditions are equivalent:*

- (1)  $R[\alpha]/R$  is an unramified extension.
- (2)  $I_{[\alpha]}\varphi'_\alpha(\alpha)R[\alpha] = R[\alpha]$ .

**Proposition 15.** *Let  $R$  be a Noetherian domain and  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n$  anti-integral elements over  $R$ . Set  $A = R[\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n]$  and assume that  $I_{\hat{\alpha}_1} + I_{\hat{\alpha}_2} + \dots + I_{\hat{\alpha}_n} = R$ . Set*

$$U = I_{\hat{\alpha}_1} \cap I_{[\alpha_1]}\varphi'_{\alpha_1}(\alpha_1)R[\alpha_1] + \dots + I_{\hat{\alpha}_n} \cap I_{[\alpha_n]}\varphi'_{\alpha_n}(\alpha_n)R[\alpha_n].$$

*Let  $\mathfrak{p}$  be an element of  $\text{Spec}(R)$ . Then the following two conditions are equivalent:*

- (i)  $\mathfrak{p} \not\supset U$ .
- (ii)  $A_{\mathfrak{p}}/R_{\mathfrak{p}}$  is an unramified extension.

**Proof.** (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii). Since  $\mathfrak{p} \not\supset U$ , there exists an index  $i$  such that  $\mathfrak{p} \not\supset I_{\hat{\alpha}_i} \cap I_{[\alpha_i]}\varphi'_{\alpha_i}(\alpha_i)R[\alpha_i]$ . Then  $A_{\mathfrak{p}} = R_{\mathfrak{p}}[\alpha_i]$  by Lemma 1. Besides, we have  $I_{[\alpha_i]}\varphi'_{\alpha_i}(\alpha_i)R_{\mathfrak{p}}[\alpha_i] = R_{\mathfrak{p}}[\alpha_i]$ . Lemma 14 implies that  $A_{\mathfrak{p}}/R_{\mathfrak{p}}$  is an unramified extension.

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i). By the assumption  $I_{\hat{\alpha}_1} + I_{\hat{\alpha}_2} + \dots + I_{\hat{\alpha}_n} = R$ , there exists an index  $i$  such that  $\mathfrak{p} \not\supset I_{\hat{\alpha}_i}$ . Then  $A_{\mathfrak{p}} = R_{\mathfrak{p}}[\alpha_i]$  by Lemma 1. Because  $A_{\mathfrak{p}}/R_{\mathfrak{p}} = R_{\mathfrak{p}}[\alpha_i]/R_{\mathfrak{p}}$  is an unramified extension, we see that  $I_{[\alpha_i]}\varphi'_{\alpha_i}(\alpha_i)R_{\mathfrak{p}}[\alpha_i] = R_{\mathfrak{p}}[\alpha_i]$ . This shows that  $\mathfrak{p} \not\supset I_{[\alpha_i]}\varphi'_{\alpha_i}(\alpha_i)R[\alpha_i]$ . Hence  $\mathfrak{p} \not\supset I_{\hat{\alpha}_i} \cap I_{[\alpha_i]}\varphi'_{\alpha_i}(\alpha_i)R[\alpha_i]$ . Therefore  $\mathfrak{p} \not\supset U$ . Q.E.D.

**Proposition 16.** *Let  $R$  be a Noetherian domain and  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n$  anti-integral elements over  $R$ . Set  $A = R[\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n]$  and assume that  $I_{\hat{\alpha}_1} + I_{\hat{\alpha}_2} + \dots + I_{\hat{\alpha}_n} = R$ . If  $A/R$  is an unramified extension, then  $A/R$  is an étale extension.*

**Proof.** Let  $\mathfrak{p}$  be an element of  $\text{Spec}(R)$ . Since  $I_{\hat{\alpha}_1} + I_{\hat{\alpha}_2} + \dots + I_{\hat{\alpha}_n} = R$ , there exists an index  $i$  such that  $\mathfrak{p} \not\supset I_{\hat{\alpha}_i}$ . Then  $A_{\mathfrak{p}} = R_{\mathfrak{p}}[\alpha_i]$  by Lemma 1. By [3, Theorem 9],  $A_{\mathfrak{p}}/R_{\mathfrak{p}}$  is a flat extension because  $A_{\mathfrak{p}}/R_{\mathfrak{p}}$  is an unramified extension. Hence  $A_{\mathfrak{p}}/R_{\mathfrak{p}}$  is an étale extension. Q.E.D.

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