1048-13-270 **Evan Houston*** (eghousto@uncc.edu), Dept. of Mathematics and Statistics, UNC Charlotte, Charlotte, NC 28223, and **Abdeslam Mimouni** (amimouni@kfupm.edu.sa), Department of Mathematics and Statistics, King Fahd University of Petroleum and Mineral, Dhahran, 31261, Saudi Arabia. *Counting the Number of Star Operations on an Integral Domain.* Preliminary report.

For a domain R, denote by |S(R)| the number of star operations on R. It is well known that if R is a valuation domain, then $|S(R)| \leq 2$, with equality holding if and only if the maximal ideal of R is not principal. We attempt to compute the number of star operations in a few other cases. For example, we show that if R is a pseudo-valuation domain such that R has residue field k and its associated valuation overring has residue field K, then |S(R)| = 2 if and only if [K:k] = 3. (Received February 09, 2009)