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)

