# Properties in $A+B$ Rings 

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- Focus: look at a variety of properties and determine when $A+B$ satisfies each.


## Some possible properties of reduced rings

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We let $Q(R)$ denote the total quotient ring of $R$ (invert all non-zero divisors).

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Note we are only changing $a \in R$ in finitely many components, based on the finitely many nonzero components of $b$.

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- $e_{i} R \cong A / P_{i}$


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P+Q B \text { with } P \in \operatorname{Spec}(A)
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We give examples to show that these conditions are independent of each other, and thus all are required for Theorem 1.
For each example, we give a ring $A$ and set of primes $\mathcal{P} \subseteq \operatorname{Spec}(A)$ which will satisfy the stated conditions.

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Let $D=T^{-1} K[X, Y]$ where
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