

# Theorem 1.3

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# A fabulous theorem

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*The ring  $\text{Int}(D)$  satisfies ACCP if and only if  $D$  satisfies ACCP.*

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- ▶ Then  $a_n = \lambda_n a_{n_0}$ , where  $\lambda_n$  is a unit of  $\text{Int}(D)$  and therefore a unit of  $D$ .
- ▶ So  $a_n D = a_{n_0} D$  for all  $n \geq n_0$  (from HWII 1b).
- ▶ Thus  $D$  satisfies ACCP.

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- ▶ Note that in this case,  $\text{Int}(D) = K[x]$ , so we are done.

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- ▶ Therefore  $f_n \text{Int}(D) = \mu_n f_{m_0} \text{Int}(D)$  (again from HWII 1b).
- ▶ So  $\text{Int}D$  satisfies ACCP.