DEFINITION: A ring homomorphism  $\phi : R \to S$  is *faithfully flat* if  $\phi$  is flat and for every nonzero R-module M, the S-module  $S \otimes_R M$  is nonzero.

- (1) Show that, in each of the three cases specified below,  $\phi$  is faithfully flat.
  - (a)  $(R, \mathfrak{m})$  and  $(S, \mathfrak{n})$  are local rings, and  $\phi : R \to S$  is a flat homomorphism with  $\phi(\mathfrak{m}) \subseteq \mathfrak{n}$ .
  - (b)  $\alpha: R \to S$  is a faithfully flat map, T is an R-algebra, and  $\phi = \alpha \otimes T: T \to S \otimes_R T$ .
  - (c)  $K \subseteq L$  are fields, R is a K-algebra, and  $\phi : R \to L \otimes_K R$  is the map  $\phi(r) = 1 \otimes r$ .
- (2) Let  $\phi: R \to S$  be faithfully flat.
  - (a) Show<sup>1</sup> that  $\phi$  is injective.
  - (b) Show that  $\phi^*$  is surjective.
- (3) Show that any flat homomorphism satisfies the conclusion of the "going down" theorem.
- (4) Each of the following rings is a domain. Find its dimension.

(a) 
$$\mathbb{C}[x^3y^3, x^3y^2z, x^3z^3] \subseteq \mathbb{C}[x, y, z].$$
  
(b)  $R = \frac{\mathbb{C}[x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4]}{(x_1x_3 - x_2^2, x_2x_4 - x_3^2, x_1x_4 - x_2x_3)}.$   
(c)  $R = \frac{\mathbb{C}[x_{11}, x_{12}, x_{13}, x_{21}, x_{22}, x_{23}]}{(x_{11}x_{22} - x_{12}x_{21}, x_{11}x_{23} - x_{13}x_{21}, x_{12}x_{23} - x_{13}x_{22})}.$ 

- (5) Let  $R = \mathbb{C}[x, y, z]$ , and  $I = (x^3, x^2y, x^2z, xyz)$ . Find a prime filtration of R/I and a primary decomposition of I.
- (6) Let R be a Noetherian ring, and I be an ideal. Consider a collection of minimal primary decompositions of I:

$$I = \mathfrak{q}_{1,\alpha} \cap \dots \cap \mathfrak{q}_{s,\alpha}, \quad \alpha \in \Lambda$$

where, for each  $\alpha$ ,  $\sqrt{\mathfrak{q}_{i,\alpha}} = \mathfrak{p}_i$ .

- (a) Suppose that  $\mathfrak{p}_j$  is not contained in any other associated prime of I, and let  $W = R \setminus \bigcup_{i \neq j} \mathfrak{p}_i$ . Find some minimal primary decompositions of  $I(W^{-1}R) \cap R$ .
- (b) Show (by induction on s) that if we we take components  $\mathfrak{q}_{1,\alpha_1},\ldots,\mathfrak{q}_{s,\alpha_s}$  from different primary decompositions of I, that we can put them together to get a primary decomposition of I; namely  $I = \mathfrak{q}_{1,\alpha_1} \cap \cdots \cap \mathfrak{q}_{s,\alpha_s}$ .

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Hint: Show that for any ideal  $J \subseteq R$ ,  $J \otimes_R S \cong JS$ , and let J be the kernel of  $\phi$ .