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**Jason Laska\*** ([laska@math.utk.edu](mailto:laska@math.utk.edu)), Department of Mathematics, 104 Aconda Court, 1534 Cumberland Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37916. *Non-unique factorization, Cohen-Kaplansky Domains, and the invariant  $\bar{\Lambda}(R)$* . Preliminary report.

We investigate some of the conjectures proposed by D.F. Anderson concerning nonunique factorization and the invariant  $\bar{\Lambda}(R)$ . Let  $R$  be an atomic integral domain and  $x \in R$ . We define  $l(x) = \min\{m \mid x = \alpha_1\alpha_2 \dots \alpha_m\}$  where for each  $1 \leq i \leq m$ ,  $\alpha_i$  is an irreducible element of  $R$ . Additionally, define  $\eta(x)$  as the number of nonassociate irreducible factorizations of  $x$ . Then  $\bar{\Lambda}(R) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|\{\eta(x) \mid l(x)=n\}|}{n}$ . Intuitively,  $\bar{\Lambda}(R)$  describes the asymptotic behavior of the number of different number of nonassociate irreducible factorizations of elements with minimal length  $n$ . We show that if  $R$  is a one-dimensional analytically irreducible local FFD, then  $\bar{\Lambda}(R) = 0$ . (Received February 14, 2010)