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D. D. Anderson and A. Frazier introduced a general theory of factorization in *On a general theory of factorization in integral domains*, Rocky Mountain J. Math. vol. 41, no. 3 (2011), 663-705.

Let D be an integral domain and τ a relation on $D^\#$, the set of nonzero nonunits of D . A (reduced) τ -factorization of $a \in D^\#$ is $a = ua_1 \dots a_n$ where u is a unit ($u = 1$) and whenever $i \neq j$, $a_i \tau a_j$. Then $a \in D^\#$ is a (reduced) τ -atom if any (reduced) τ -factorization of a has length 1. Also, a is τ -prime if $a|ua_1 \dots a_n$, a τ -factorization, implies $a|a_i$ for some i . We are interested in the relation τ_n on $\mathbb{Z}^\#$ defined by $a\tau_n b \iff a \equiv b \pmod n$. We consider τ_n - and reduced τ_n -factorizations in \mathbb{Z} . (Received September 14, 2011)