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Integers are also called whole numbers (+ve or -ve) it is defined as  $\mathbb{Z} = \{ \dots, -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots \}$ .  
 Addition and Multiplication are the common binary operations in the set of integers.

1.2 Properties of the two binary operations (+ & x)

- i) Closure property:  $\forall a, b \in \mathbb{Z} \Rightarrow a+b \in \mathbb{Z} \ \& \ a \cdot b \in \mathbb{Z}$
- ii) Commutative:  $\forall a, b \in \mathbb{Z}, a+b = b+a \ \& \ a \cdot b = b \cdot a$
- iii) Existence of Identity:  $\forall a \in \mathbb{Z} \exists 0 \in \mathbb{Z} \wedge a+0 = a \ \& \ \exists 1 \in \mathbb{Z} \wedge a \cdot 1 = a$   $\forall a \in \mathbb{Z}$  {additive identity & Multiplicative identity}

iv) Difference of two integers:  $a-b = a+(-b)$

1.3 Some elementary consequences of the properties

$\forall a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$  (i) If  $a+b = a+c$  then  $b=c$  } Cancellation Law.  
 $a \cdot b = a \cdot c$  then  $b=c$  }

ii)  $a(b+c) = ab+ac$  Distributive law

iii)  $a \cdot 0 = 0 \ \forall a \in \mathbb{Z}$

iv)  $a=b \Rightarrow -a = -b$

v)  $-(-a) = a$  (vi)  $-0 = 0$  (vii)  $-(a+b) = -a-b$

viii)  $(-a)(-b) = ab$  (ix)  $ab = 0 \Rightarrow$  either  $a=0$  or  $b=0$

x)  $ab \neq 0 \Rightarrow a \neq 0$  and  $b \neq 0$  Proof exercise

xi)  $a \cdot 0 = 0$

$$a \cdot 0 = a \cdot (0+0) = a \cdot 0 + a \cdot 0$$

$$a \cdot 0 + a \cdot 0 = a \cdot 0 \quad \text{add } -a \cdot 0 \text{ to both side}$$

$$a \cdot 0 + a \cdot 0 - a \cdot 0 = a \cdot 0 - a \cdot 0 \Rightarrow a \cdot 0 + 0 = 0$$

$$a \cdot 0 = 0 \quad \text{proved.}$$

If  $a|b \Rightarrow \exists x \in \mathbb{Z} \exists b = ax - 0$  for  $0 \neq 0$  we have  
 Again  $b|c \Rightarrow \exists y \in \mathbb{Z} \exists c = by - 0$   $c = (ax)y = a(xy)$   $16/07/2012$   
 $c = a(xy) \Rightarrow a|c \quad \square$

### 1.4 DIVISIBILITY OF THE SET OF INTEGER

Given any two integers "a & b" we say "a" divides "b" written as  $a|b$  if  $\exists c \in \mathbb{Z} \exists b = ac$ .  
 Otherwise,  $a \nmid b$  (i.e. a does not divide b). if a divides b, then "a" is called the divisor or "a" is a factor of "b" or "b" is a multiple of "a" eg.  $2|12, 3|9$  But  $3 \nmid 11, 7 \nmid 9$  etc.

For any  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$ , if  $a \neq 0$  then  $\pm 1 \neq \pm a$  are improper divisors of a, other divisors are called proper divisors.

### SOME ELEMENTARY PROPERTIES OF DIVISOR

- i) if  $a|b$  then either  $b=0$  or  $|a| \leq |b|$ .
  - ii) \*  $a|b \iff a|b$  or  $-a|b$ , or  $-a|-b$ , or  $|a||b|$ .  
 $|a| = \begin{cases} a & \text{if } a \geq 0 \\ -a & \text{if } a < 0 \end{cases}$
  - iii) if  $a|b$  and  $b|c$  then  $a|c$  ✓
  - iv) if  $a|b$  and  $b|a \Rightarrow a = \pm b$
  - v) if  $a|b$  then  $a|(b+c)$  iff  $a|c$  ✓
  - vi)  $a|a$  reflexive (vii)  $a|b$  and  $a|c$  then  $a|bc$  ✓
  - viii) if  $a|b$  and  $a|c \exists m, n \in \mathbb{Z} \exists a|(bx+cy)$
- Proof exercise by using definition of divides  
 $a|b \Rightarrow b = am$  &  $a|c \Rightarrow c = an$   
 for  $0 \neq 0$  we have  $bx = amx$  &  $cy = any$   $bx+cy = amx+any$   
 $bx+cy = a(mx+ny) \therefore a|bx+cy \quad \forall am, an \in \mathbb{Z}$

## 1.5 DIVISION ALGORITHM (THEOREM)

If  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $b \neq 0$  then  $\exists$  unique  $q$  and  $r$   $\rightarrow$   
 $a = bq + r$  where  $0 \leq r < |b|$ ,  $b$  is called the dividend and  $r$  is the remainder.

Division algorithm is very important in Number Theory. Example: ① Given  $20, 3 \in \mathbb{Z}$   
then,  $20 = 3 \cdot 6 + 2$  where  $q = 6$  &  $r = 2 \therefore 2 < 3$ .

②  $17, 4 \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $17 = 4 \cdot 4 + 1$   $q = 4$  &  $r = 1$   $1 < 4$

## 1.6 GREATEST COMMON DIVISOR (GCD) (HCF)

Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$   $\exists$  atleast one of  $a$  or  $b \neq 0$ . Then the gcd is a positive integer  $d$   $\rightarrow$

i)  $d|a$  and  $d|b$

ii)  $\exists c \in \mathbb{Z}$   $\rightarrow c|a$  and  $c|b$  then  $c|d$ .

We write  $d = (a, b)$

### PROPERTIES OF GCD

Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$  then

i)  $(a, b) = (b, a)$

ii) if  $d = (a, b)$ ,  $d \geq 1$

iii)  $(a, a) = a$

iv)  $(a, b) = a \iff a|b$

v)  $(a, 0) = |a|$

By extension  $d = (a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n)$ . Also  $d = (a, b)$  can be expressed as

from if  $a|b \neq a|c$  then  $a|(b+c)$

$$d = (a, b) = ax + by, \quad x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$$

Every pairs  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z} \exists$  a unique  $d \neq 0$   $d = ax + by$   
 is called Linear Combination of  $a$  &  $b$

THEOREM 1.1 : let  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z} \neq 0$  and  $a = bq + r$   
 $0 \leq r < |b|$  then  $(a, b) = (b, r)$

Proof : Suppose  $d_1 = (a, b)$  and  $d_2 = (b, r)$ , we need  
 to show that  $d_1 = d_2$ .

$(a, b) = d_1 \Rightarrow d_1 | a$  and  $d_1 | b \Rightarrow d_1 | (a - bq)$  get  
 from properties of divisors but  $a = bq + r$   
 $\Rightarrow r = a - bq \therefore d_1 | r$

but  $d_1 | b$  and  $d_1 | r \Rightarrow d_1 = (b, r)$ .

Also  $d_2 = (b, r)$  by defn  $d_1 | d_2$  ① show

Similarly  $(b, r) = d_2$ , we can also ~~that~~  $d_2 | d_1$   
 $d_2 | d_1$  ② from ① & ②

$$\therefore d_1 = d_2$$



## EUCLIDEAN ALGORITHM

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By repeated use of division algorithm the  
 gcd of any two or more integers can be obtained

Given any  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ , where  $q_1, q_2, \dots, q_k \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  
 $r_1, r_2, \dots, r_k \in \mathbb{Z}$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} a &= bq_1 + r_1 & 0 \leq r_1 < b & & r_{k-1} &= r_k q_{k+1} + r_{k+1} \\ b &= r_1 q_2 + r_2 & 0 \leq r_2 < r_1 & & 0 \leq r_{k+1} &= r_k \\ r_1 &= r_2 q_3 + r_3 & 0 \leq r_3 < r_2 & & & \end{aligned}$$

The process must terminate since  $a > r > 0$  and only finitely many integers lie between 0 and  $a$ .  
 If the process terminates at  $(k-1)^{\text{th}}$  step i.e.  $r_{k-1} = 0$   
 then we have  $r_{k-1} = r_k r_{k+1} \Rightarrow r_k = (r_{k-1}, r_k) \Rightarrow r_k | r_{k-1}$

Consequences, we have

$$(a, b) = (b, r) = (r, s) = (s, r) = \dots = r_k$$

Hence  $r_k = (a, b)$ .

Example 1 By prime factorization we can find the gcd of 21 and 27

Soln  
 $27 = 3 \times 3 \times 3 \Rightarrow (21, 27) = 3$   
 $21 = 3 \times 7$

2) By prime factorization, find the gcd of 24356 and 734. Not easy as the numbers?

\* The gcd of  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$  can be obtained by prime factorization but not easy when  $a, b$  are very large numbers.

Euclidean algorithm is a fast computational procedure for calculating gcd of any two integers.

3) find the gcd of (1785, 546)

Soln  
 $1785 = 3(546) + 147$   
 $546 = 3(147) + 105$   
 $147 = 2(105) + 42$

The (erst non-zero remainder is the gcd

$$2) \quad 1785 = (3)(546) + 147$$

$$546 = (3)(147) + 105$$

$$147 = (1)(105) + 42$$

$$105 = (2)(42) + 21 \quad \text{then } (1785, 546) = 21$$

$$42 = 21(2) + 0$$

This process ~~called~~ <sup>can be</sup> presented linearly

4) find the gcd of (26, 118)

$$118 = 26(4) + 14$$

$$26 = 14(1) + 12 \quad (26, 118) = 2$$

$$14 = 12(1) + 2$$

$$12 = 2(6) + 0$$

5) (838, 54)

$$838 = 54(16) + 24$$

$$54 = 24(2) + 6$$

$$24 = 6(4) + 0$$

$$\text{then } (838, 54) = 6$$

Exercise 1: find the gcd of the following

i) (233, 23) (ii) (4472, 312)

iii) (22, 447) (iv) (3418, 910)

EXTENDED EUCLIDEAN ALGORITHM

If  $d = (a, b) \Rightarrow d = sa + by + n_1yez$  To find  $n_1 + y$  we use extended euclidean algorithm. The extended euclidean algorithm is the

process of using method of backward substitution to obtain the linear combination of gcd  
 Example 1: find the  $(65, 40)$  and express it in the form  $d = 65x + 40y$   $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$

Soln

$$(65, 40) \qquad 5 = 65 + 40y$$

$$65 = 40(1) + 25 \qquad 25 = 65 - 40(1)$$

$$40 = 25(1) + 15 \qquad 15 = 40 - 25(1)$$

$$25 = 15(1) + 10 \qquad 10 = 25 - 15(1)$$

$$15 = 10(1) + 5 \qquad (65, 40) = 5$$

$$10 = 5(2) + 0$$

also,

$$5 = 15 - 10(1)$$

$$= 15 - [25 - 15(1)] = 15 - 25 + 15(1) = 15(2) - 25$$

$$= (2)[40 - 25(1)] - 25 = 40(2) - 25(2) - 25$$

$$= 40(2) - 25(3)$$

$$= 40(2) - [65 - 40(1)](3) = 40(2) - 65(3) + 40(3)$$

$$= 40(5) - 65(3)$$

$$5 = -65(3) + 40(5) = 65(-3) + 40(5)$$

$$d = 65x + 40y \Rightarrow x = -3 \text{ \& } y = 5$$

Exercise

2) find the gcd of  $(133, 63) = (a, b)$  and express the form of  $d = ax + by$

Soln

$$138 = 63(a) + 12$$

$$63 = 12(5) + 3$$

$$12 = 3(4) + 0$$

Now,  $3 = 63 - 12(5)$

$$= 63 - [138 - 63(2)](5)$$

$$= 63 - 138(5) + 63(10)$$

$$= 63(11) - 135(5)$$

$$3 = 135(-5) + 63(11) \quad \text{if } x = -5 \text{ \& } y = 11$$

Exercise 2: find integers  $x$  &  $y$  of  $15 = 21x + 15y$

i)  $10 = 165x + 17y$  (ii)  $5 = 108x - 20y$

2) if  $a = -1387$ ,  $b = 510$  write  $(a, b) = ax + by$

3) if  $d = 308x + 136y$  find  $x$  &  $y$  and  $d$

## RELATIVELY PRIME INTEGERS 23/01/2018

Two integers  $a$  &  $b$  are said to be relatively prime if their gcd is one (1). [i.e.  $(a, b) = 1$ ]

eg  $(3, 11) = 1$ ,  $(2, 21) = 1$

Theorem 1.2 :: Two  $a$  &  $b$  are relatively prime

iff  $\exists x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$  s.t.  $ax + by = 1$

Proof :: Suppose  $a$  &  $b$  are relatively prime then  $(a, b) = 1$ . Hence, we have  $ax + by = 1$

for some  $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$

Suppose  $ax + by = 1$  for  $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$ , we need to show that  $(a, b) = 1$ .

Again, let  $(a,b) = d \Rightarrow d|a \neq d|b \Rightarrow d|an+by$  for  
 $\Rightarrow d|1 \quad x,y \in \mathbb{Z}$   
 $\Rightarrow d = \pm 1$  but gcd is always positive  
 $\therefore d = 1$   $\square$ .

Theorem 1.3: If  $(a,b) = 1$  and  $(a,c) = 1$  then  $(a, bc) = 1$ .

Proof: Given  $(a,b) = 1 \Rightarrow \exists x_1, y_1 \in \mathbb{Z}$   
 $ax_1 + by_1 = 1$ ,  $by_1 = 1 - ax_1$  --- (1)

Similarly,  $(a,c) = 1 \Rightarrow \exists x_2, y_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$   
 $ax_2 + cy_2 = 1 \Rightarrow cy_2 = 1 - ax_2$  --- (2)

Multiply (1) & (2) together, we have,

$$(by_1)(cy_2) = (1 - ax_1)(1 - ax_2)$$

$$bcy_1y_2 = 1 - ax_2 - ax_1 + a^2x_1x_2$$

$$a(x_2 + x_1) + a^2x_1x_2 + bcy_1y_2 = 1$$

$$a[x_2 + x_1 + ax_1x_2] + bcy_1y_2 = 1$$

$$\therefore (a, bc) = 1 \quad \text{where } x_1, x_2, y_1, y_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$$

Let  $x_3 = x_2 + x_1 + ax_1x_2$  &  $y_1, y_2 = y_3$

$$ax_3 + bcy_3 = 1$$

$$\therefore (a, bc) = 1 \quad x_3, y_3 \in \mathbb{Z}$$

Theorem 1.4: If two integers  $a, b$  are relatively prime that is  $(a,b) = 1$ , then  $a|bc \Rightarrow a|c$ .

Proof: Suppose  $(a,b) = 1 \Rightarrow ax + by = 1$   
 Multiply  $\exists c \in \mathbb{Z}$   $+ c(ax + by) = c$

Also, given that  $a|bc \Rightarrow bc = qa, q \in \mathbb{Z}$

In ①,  $Cax + qay = C \Rightarrow C = a(Cx + qy)$   
 $C = aq$  where  $q_1 = Cx + qy \in \mathbb{Z}$   
 $\Rightarrow a/c$  □

## LEAST COMMON MULTIPLE (LCM)

Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ , the LCM of  $a$  and  $b$  is the un-  
 positive integer  $m$  such that (i)  $a/m$  &  $b/m$

(ii) ~~For~~  $a/s$  &  $b/s \Rightarrow m/s$

We write  $m = [a, b]$ .

Example:  $[3, 7] = 21$

## PROPERTIES OF LEAST COMMON MULTIPLE

i)  $[a, b] = [-a, b] = [a, -b] = [-a, -b] = [a, |b|]$

ii) if  $(a, b) = d$  and  $[a, b] = m$ , then  $dm = |ab|$

iii) if  $(a, b) = d$  and  $[a, b] = m$ , then  $d/m$

## PRIMES AND COMPOSITE INTEGER

A non-zero integer  $p$  is called a prime if it is integer <sup>less than</sup> ~~division~~  $1$  or  $-1$  and its only divisors.

\* A non-zero integer  $p$  is called a prime if it is neither  $1$  or  $-1$  and its only divisors are  $1, -1, p$  and  $-p$   
 Example,  $2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, \dots$  are all prime numbers.

If an integer  $a$  can be written as  $a = bc$  then  $a$  is called composite integer, where  $b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$   $\wedge$   $|b| > 1$   $\wedge$   $|c| > 1$

Example  $21 = 3 \cdot 7$ ,  $6 = 2 \cdot 3$ ,  $\therefore 6, 21$  are composite  
heads to it 29/01/2018

1) A number  $p \in \mathbb{Z}$  <sup>is</sup> called prime number if its only divisors are 1 and  $p$ .

2) If the  $\gcd(a, b) = 1$ . Then we say that  $a$  and  $b$  are relatively prime. eg.  $(2, 13) = 1$ ,  $(3, 11) = 1$

3) The numbers that are not prime are called composite. eg.  $12 = 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 3$ ,  $6 = 2 \cdot 3$  while  $11 = 1 \cdot 11$ .

EUCLID LEMMA 4.5: let  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ , if  $p | ab$ , then either  $p | a$  or  $p | b$  where  $p$  is a prime number.

Example  $2, 12 \Rightarrow 2 | 12 \Rightarrow 2 | (3 \cdot 4) \xrightarrow{2/3} 2 | 4 \xrightarrow{2/4} 2 = \text{prime}$   
 $6 | 12 \Rightarrow 6 | (3 \cdot 4) \xrightarrow{6/3} 6 | 4 \xrightarrow{6/4} \text{because } 6 \neq \text{prime}$

Proof let  $p$  be prime  
 let  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$   $\wedge$  suppose  $p | ab$

Suppose  $p \nmid a$ , we show that  $p | b$ .  
 if  $p \nmid a \Rightarrow \gcd(p, a) = 1$

$\Rightarrow p$  and  $a$  are relatively prime  
 Since  $(p, a) = 1$ ,  $\exists x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$   $\wedge$   $px + ay = 1$   
 $b(px + ay) = b$

Also, given  $p|ab \Rightarrow ab = pq \dots$   $q \in \mathbb{Z}$   
 from ① & ② we have  $b = bpx + by$   
 but  $ab = b \cdot a = pq$   $b = bpx + py$   
 $b = p(bx + qy)$  let  $q_1 = bx + qy$   
 then  $b = pq_1$

Hence  $p|b$   
~~Theorem~~ Lemma 1.6: In general if  $p$  is a prime and divides  $a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n$  of certain integers then  $p$  must divide at least one of the  $a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n$ .

proof if  $p|ab \Rightarrow p|a$  or  $p|b$   
 $p|a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n \Rightarrow p|a_1(a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n)$

Theorem 1.7: If  $a$  is a positive integer greater than 1, then  $a$  has a prime factor.

proof: we use mathematical induction. let  $a=2$  least number greater than 1,  $2 = 2 \cdot (1)$ . 2 has prime factor 2  $\Rightarrow$  the theorem is true for  $a \geq 2$ .

We now assume that the result is true for all integers  $k$  such that,  $1 < k < a$ .  $\dots$  ①

We now consider  $a$ , if

If  $a$  is prime, then we don't have anything to prove.

Suppose  $a$  is not prime, then  $\exists b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$

where

$$1 < b < a \text{ and } 1 < c < a$$

$$a = bc$$

By assumption from (1), then theorem is true for all integers  $k$   $\forall$   $1 < k < a$ , now, since we have  $1 < b < a$ ,  $b$  has a prime factor

Let  $p$  be the prime factor then  $p|b$ ,

But  $b|a$  because  $a = bc$ .

By transitivity of division  $p|a$  i.e.  $a$  has a prime factor  $p$ .  $\square$

Theorem 1.3 : Fundamental Theorem of Arithmetic  
(or Unique factorization): Every positive integer  $a > 1$  can be uniquely expressed as a product of positive primes.

Proof: We use mathematical induction on  $a$ .

Let  $a = 2$ , since 2 is the least positive integer  $> 1 \Rightarrow 2 = 2(1)$ . The result is true for  $a = 2$ .

We now assume that true for all positive integers  $k$   $\forall$   $1 < k < a$  (1)

We now consider  $a$ , If  $a$  is a prime, we are done, Suppose  $a$  is not a prime then  $\exists b$   $\forall$   $a = bc$  where  $1 < b < a$  and  $1 < c < a$ .

By our assumption (1),  $b$  and  $c$  can be

where  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_r, q_1, q_2, \dots, q_r$  are prime.

Let  $b = p_1 p_2 \dots p_r$  and  $c = q_1 q_2 \dots q_r$

$\therefore a = bc = (p_1 p_2 \dots p_r)(q_1 q_2 \dots q_r)$  where  
Then we by mathematical induction every positive integer  $> 1$  is expressed as product of prime.

Uniqueness: Suppose, another prime factorization of  $a$  is given as

$$a = (p'_1 p'_2 \dots p'_t) (q'_1 q'_2 \dots q'_s)$$

but  $a = b c$

$$p'_1 p'_2 \dots p'_t = p_1 p_2 \dots p_r q_1 q_2 \dots q_r$$

$$\text{Now } p'_1 | (p'_1 p'_2 \dots p'_t) \Rightarrow p'_1 | (p_1 p_2 \dots p_r q_1 q_2 \dots q_r)$$

Without any loss of generality we assume that

$\Rightarrow p'_1 = p_1$  since  $p'_1$  and  $p_1$  are prime

$$\Rightarrow p_1 p'_2 p'_3 \dots p'_t = p_1 p_2 \dots p_r q_1 q_2 \dots q_r$$

By cancellation law

$$p'_2 p'_3 \dots p'_t = p_2 p_3 \dots p_r q_1 q_2 \dots q_r$$

Continue applying the same reasoning we have

$$p'_1 = p_1, p'_2 = p_2, \dots, p'_t = p_r \text{ where } t = r + r$$

Note:

Sum of the prime may be repeating, here

$$a = p_1^{\alpha_1} p_2^{\alpha_2} \dots p_r^{\alpha_r} \text{ where } 20 = 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 5 = 2^2 \cdot 5^1$$

where  $p_1 < p_2 < p_3 < \dots < p_r$  and  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_r > 1$

Then ① is called prime factorization of  $a$  in canonical form.

Example = find the gcd and LCM of  $a = 50400$  and  $b = 14850$  by 1<sup>st</sup> expressed  $a$  &  $b$  in canonical form

$$\underline{\text{sol}} \ a = 50400 = 2^5 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5^2 \cdot 7^1$$

$$b = 14850 = 2^1 \cdot 3^3 \cdot 5^2 \cdot 11^1$$

$$\text{gcd}(50400, 14850) = 2^1 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5^2 = 450$$

$$\text{LCM}[50400, 14850] = 2^5 \cdot 3^3 \cdot 5^2 \cdot 7^1 \cdot 11^1 = 1663200$$

## RINGS AND FIELDS

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A non-empty set  $R$  together with two binary operations, addition (+) and multiplication ( $\cdot$ ) that satisfy the following properties:

i)  $(R, +)$  is an abelian group.

ii)  $(R, \cdot)$  is closed i.e. for every  $a, b \in R$  then  $a \cdot b \in R$

iii)  $(R, \cdot)$  is associative i.e. for every  $a, b, c \in R$  then

$$a(bc) = (ab)c$$

iv)  $\forall a, b, c \in R \rightarrow a(b+c) = ab+ac$  - Distributive

Zero (0) is called additive identity.

One (1) is called multiplicative identity.

Example

①  $(\mathbb{Z}, +, \cdot)$  where  $\mathbb{Z}$  is set of integers

# BASIC DEFINITIONS

A commutative ring is a ring  $R$  that satisfies additional properties that if  $a, b \in R$  then  $aba = bca$

A ring with identity is a ring that contains an element  $1 \in R$  such that if  $a \in R$  then

$$1 \cdot a = a \cdot 1 = a$$

Example [Concrete]

Let  $Z[x]$  be the set of all polynomials of the form

$$\sum_{i=0}^n a_i x^i = a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + \dots + a_n x^n$$

$(Z[x], +, \cdot)$  is a ring of polynomials over  $Z$

Here  $1(x) = 1$  is multiplicative identity

therefore  $(Z[x], +, \cdot)$  is a ring with unity (identity)

(Hint: let  $p(x) = \sum_{i=0}^n a_i x^i$  and  $q(x) = \sum_{i=0}^m b_i x^i$ )

$$p(x) + q(x) = \sum_{i=0}^n (a_i + b_i) x^i = \sum_{i=0}^n c_i x^i \quad \text{--- closed (+)}$$

$$p(x)q(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{n+m} c_k x^k \quad \text{--- closed (\cdot)}$$

$$c_k = \sum_{i+j=k} a_i b_j = a_0 b_k + a_1 b_{k-1} + \dots + a_k b_0$$

2) The set of all odd integers with addition (+) and multiplication (\cdot) is not a ring, since addition of two odd numbers is an even number

3) Let  $m(\mathbb{Z})$ ,  $m(\mathbb{Q})$ ,  $m(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $m(\mathbb{C})$ ,  $m(\mathbb{Z}/n)$  denote respectively the  $2 \times 2$  matrices with entries from integer, rational number, real number, complex

number and integer modulo  $m$  with <sup>usual matrix</sup> addition and multiplication are all rings with unity.

4) Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be the set of all continuous functions from  $\mathbb{R}$  to  $\mathbb{R}$ , where  $\mathbb{R}$  is the set of real numbers. Then  $(\mathcal{C}, +, \cdot)$  is a commutative ring with unity. Since if  $f$  and  $g$  are continuous functions

$(f+g)(x) = f(x) + g(x)$   $(fg)(x) = f(x)g(x)$ .  $\mathcal{C}$  is closed under  $(+)$  and  $(\cdot)$ .

5) Let  $G = \{a + bi \mid a, b \in \mathbb{Z}, i = \sqrt{-1}\}$ . Define addition and multiplication on  $G$  by

$$(a + bi) + (c + di) = (a + c) + (b + d)i$$

$$(a + bi)(c + di) = (ac - bd) + (ad + bc)i$$

Then  $(G, +, \cdot)$  is a commutative ring with unity.

6) An example of a ring without unity is  $(2\mathbb{Z}, +, \cdot)$ .

Definition : Integral Domain

is a commutative ring  $R$  with identity that satisfies additional properties that

$\forall a, b \in R$  if  $ab = 0$  then either  $a = 0$  or  $b = 0$ .

$a$  is called left zero divisor and  $b$  is called right zero divisor. Integral domain

(i) Ring (ii) commutative (iii) it has unity (iv) it has no zero divisor

Division ring: (i) Ring (ii) unity (iii) <sup>every</sup> non-zero element has a multiplicative inverse

Definition: A non-zero element of a ring  $R$  is called a zero divisor, if  $\exists$  an element  $b \neq 0 \in R$   $\exists$   $ab = 0$  or  $ba = 0$

Definition: Ring with zero divisor is a ring in which  $\exists$  non-zero elements  $a \neq b$   $\exists$   $ab = 0$  otherwise ~~is~~ called ring <sup>without</sup> zero divisor.

Example (1) let  $m(z)$  is a ring with zero divisors. Since  $0 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in m(z)$  is the zero element of  $m(z)$ . let  $A, B \in m(z)$  i.e.

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$AB = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow (A \neq 0 \text{ \& } B \neq 0)$$

2) A ring  $(\mathbb{Z}_6, +, \cdot)$  is a ring with zero divisors eg  $(\mathbb{Z}_6, +, \cdot)$  is a ring with

3)  $(\mathbb{Z}, +, \cdot)$  is a ring without zero divisors. Because product any two non-zero integers cannot be zero. 12/02/2018

Definition: A ring  $(R, +, \cdot)$  is a Division ring or Skew Field, if a solution  $\{R \setminus \{0\}, \cdot\}$  is a group. i.e. if every non-zero element  $a \in R$  has a multiplicative inverse.

Field :- (i) Ring (ii) Commutative (iii) unity  
 Definition :- A commutative Division Ring is called a Field

Example. ①  $(\mathbb{Z}, +, \cdot)$  is an integral domain  
 ②  $(\mathbb{Z}_p, +, \cdot)$  is an integral domain  
 ③ The set  $\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{C}$  are all integral domains and fields with the usual addition and multiplication.

4) An example of a division ring which is not a field is the Quaternion of Hamilton denoted by  $(\mathbb{H}, +, \cdot)$ ,  $\mathbb{H} = \{a + bi + cj + dk \mid a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}\}$   
 where  $i^2 = j^2 = k^2 = -1$   
 $ij = k, jk = i, ki = j$   
 $ji = -k, kj = -i, ik = -j$

Theorem 2.1 :- Let  $(R, +, \cdot)$  be a ring then

i)  $a0 = 0a = 0$       (ii)  $(-a)b = a(-b) = -(ab)$

iii)  $(-1)(-1) = 1$       (iv)  $(-a)(-b) = ab$

v)  $a(b-c) = ab - ac$       (vi)  $(a-b)c = ac - bc$

vii)  $1 \neq 0$       (viii) multiplicative identity is unique

Proof (i) Suppose  $1 = 0$   $\forall a \in R$

$a = a \cdot 1 = a \cdot 0 = 0$  contradiction

ie every element in  $R$  is zero contradiction hence  $1 \neq 0$

(viii) Suppose  $1'$  is another multiplicative identity

we have  $1 = 1 \cdot 1' = 1' \Rightarrow 1 = 1'$

Every finite division ring is a field.  
Wedderburn's theorem

then multiplicative identity is unique:

Theorem 2.2: Every field  $(F, +, \cdot)$  is an integral domain

Proof: A field is commutative ring with unity. We simply show that  $F$  contains no zero divisors.

Suppose  $a, b \in F$  and  $ab = 0$

If  $a \neq 0$ , we show that  $b = 0$

If  $a \neq 0$ ,  $\exists a^{-1} \in F$  and  $a^{-1}a = 1$

$$b = 1 \cdot b = a^{-1}a b = a^{-1}(ab) = a^{-1} \cdot 0 = 0 \Rightarrow b = 0$$

Suppose similarly, if  $b \neq 0$ , then  $\exists b^{-1} \in F$  and  $b \cdot b^{-1} = 1$

$$a = a \cdot 1 = a \cdot b b^{-1} = (ab) b^{-1} = 0 \cdot b^{-1} = 0 \Rightarrow a = 0$$

$\Rightarrow$  if  $b \neq 0$  then  $a = 0$

ie, In field  $F$ ,  $ab = 0 \Rightarrow a = 0$ , or  $b = 0$

Therefore, Field has no zero divisor. Hence

Field  $(F, +, \cdot)$  is an integral domain.  $\square$

Note: <sup>Not</sup> every integral domain is a field. |13/12/2022

For example  $(\mathbb{Z}, +, \cdot)$ .

Theorem 2.3: Every finite integral domain is a field

Proof: Let  $D = \{n_0, n_1, n_2, \dots, n_n\}$  be a finite integral domain where  $n_0$  is zero and  $n_1 = 1$ . To

show,  $D$  is a field, we only show the existence of a multiplicative inverse for each element of  $D$  except  $n_0$ .

if  $x_i$  is not equal to zero, we show that the set  $x_i D = \{x_i x_1, x_i x_2, \dots, x_i x_n\} = D$ .  
 if  $x_i x_j = x_i x_k$ ; then by cancellation law  
 $x_j = x_k$

Hence all elements of  $x_i D$  are distinct and  $x_i D$  is a subset of  $D$  with the same elements.

Therefore  $x_i D = D$ . There are some elements  $x_i$  such that  $x_i x_j = x_i = 1$

Hence  $x_j = x_i^{-1}$

Hence  $D$  is a field □

EXAMPLE

①  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  is a finite integral domain and hence a field iff  $n$  is prime. But the set of integers  $\mathbb{Z}$ , an infinite integral domain is not a field.

2) Let  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}) = \{a + b\sqrt{2} \in \mathbb{R} \mid a, b \in \mathbb{Q}\}$ . Then  $(\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}), +)$  is a field.

Proof: We first check that  $(+)$  and  $(\cdot)$  are binary operations on  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})$ .

Let  $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{Q}$

$(a + b\sqrt{2}) + (c + d\sqrt{2})$

$= (a+c) + (b+d)\sqrt{2}$

Since  $a+c$  and  $b+d \in \mathbb{Q}$ . Then the closure property is satisfied.

property is satisfied.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Also } (a+b\sqrt{2})(c+d\sqrt{2}) &= ac + ad\sqrt{2} + cb\sqrt{2} + 2bd \\ &= (ac + 2bd) + (ad + cb)\sqrt{2} \in \mathbb{Q} \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore (\cdot)$  is a binary operation on  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})$

We observe that  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})$  is a subset of  $\mathbb{R}$  hence the addition  $(+)$  and multiplication  $(\cdot)$  are the same as in  $\mathbb{R}$ .

We then check the axiom of commutativity in  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})$ .

$\Rightarrow$  Addition of real numbers is associative and commutative

$\Rightarrow$  Existence of zero:  $0 = 0 + 0\sqrt{2}$   
 $\therefore 0 + 0\sqrt{2}$  is the additive identity

The additive inverse of  $a + b\sqrt{2}$  is  $-a + (-b)\sqrt{2}$   
multiplication of real number is associative. So

also in  $\mathbb{Q}$ .  $\therefore \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})$  is commutative ring with unity

To show that  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})$  is a field

let  $a + b\sqrt{2}$  be a non-zero element of  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{a+b\sqrt{2}} &= \frac{a-b\sqrt{2}}{(a+b\sqrt{2})(a-b\sqrt{2})} = \frac{a-b\sqrt{2}}{a^2 - b^2 \cdot 2} \\ &= \left( \frac{a}{a^2 - 2b^2} + \frac{-b\sqrt{2}}{a^2 - 2b^2} \right) \in \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}) \\ \therefore \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}) &\text{ is a field} \end{aligned}$$

# SUBRING

Definition :- Subring

Let  $R$  be a ring. A non-empty subset  $S$  of the ring  $R$  (set  $R$ ) is called a subring of  $R$ , if  $S$  is closed with respect to the operations of addition and multiplication in  $R$  and  $S$  itself is a ring under these operations.

Examples

- 1)  $\{0, 2, 4\}$  and  $\{0, 3\}$  are both subrings of  $\mathbb{Z}$
- 2)  $\{0\}$  is a trivial subring of  $R$ , and  $R$  is a subring of itself. Called improper subring.
- 3) The set,  $2\mathbb{Z}$  of all even integers is a subring of the ring  $\mathbb{Z}$  under the usual addition and multiplication.

Theorem 2.4 (Condition for a subring)

The necessary and sufficient condition for a subset  $S$  of a ring  $R$  to be a subring is that

- (i)  $a - b \in S$
- (ii)  $a \cdot b \in S$

Proof :- Suppose  $(S, +, \cdot)$  is a subring of  $(R, +, \cdot)$ , then  $(S, +)$  is a subgroup of  $(R, +)$

$\therefore \forall b \in S, -b \in S$

$\therefore \forall a \in S, a \in S$

$a + (-b) \in S$ , Closure property  
Also  $S$  is closed with respect to multiplication  
i.e. if  $a, b \in S$ ,  $a \cdot b \in S$ .

Conversely, Suppose the two conditions, we show  $S$  is a subring.

from (i)  $a \in S \Rightarrow (a - a) \in S \Rightarrow 0 \in S$

Also, since  $0 \in S$ ,  $\forall a \in S$

from (i)  $0 - a \in S \Rightarrow -a \in S$

i.e. every element of  $S$  has additive inverse.

Now, if  $a, b \in S \Rightarrow -b \in S$ ,

from (i),  $a - (-b) \in S \Rightarrow a + b \in S$ . Closure property

Since  $S$  is a subset of  $R$ .

i.e.  $(S, +)$  is a subgroup of  $(R, +)$

then commutative and associative also hold.

in  $S$ .

Hence  $(S, +, \cdot)$  is a ring of  $(R, +, \cdot)$

Theorem: The intersection of any two sub-

rings of ring  $R$  is again a subring.

proof: let  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  be any two subrings

of a ring  $R$ .

We want to show that  $S_1 \cap S_2$  is a

subring of  $R$ .

let  $a, b \in S_1 \cap S_2$ ,

$\Rightarrow a, b \in S_1$  and  $a, b \in S_2$

Since  $S_1$  is a subring then

$a-b \in S_1$  &  $a-b \in S_2$

$a-b \in S_1 \cap S_2$  &  $a \cdot b \in S_2$

$\Rightarrow a-b \in S_1 \cap S_2$  also  $a \cdot b \in S_1 \cap S_2$

$\Rightarrow S_1 \cap S_2$  is a subring of  $R$ .

Theorem 2.5: Finitely intersection of subring of  $R$  is again a subring of  $R$ .

proof Hint: let  $S = \bigcap_{i=1}^n S_i$

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## SUBFIELD

Let  $F$  be a field. Let  $K$  be a non-empty subset of  $F$ .  $K$  is called a subfield of  $F$ , if  $K$  is closed with respect to addition and multiplication and  $K$  itself is a field under these binary operations.

### Examples

1. The <sup>field of</sup> real numbers is a subfield of complex numbers.
2. The field of rational numbers is a subfield of real numbers.

THEOREM: NECESSARY AND SUFFICIENT CONDITIONS

FOR A NON-EMPTY SUBSET  $K$  OF A FIELD TO BE A SUBFIELD are as follows

i)  $\forall a, b \in K, a-b \in K$ .

ii)  $\forall a \in K, b \neq 0 \in K$  then  $a \cdot b^{-1} \in K$ .

Proof: - Suppose  $K$  is a subfield of the field  $F$ . Then  $K$  is a <sup>subgroup</sup> ~~subfield~~ with respect to ~~subfield~~ addition.

$$\Rightarrow \forall b \in K \Rightarrow \text{then } -b \in K$$

Also, let  $a, b \in K$ .

$$\Rightarrow a + (-b) \in K \Rightarrow a - b \in K.$$

But  $K$  is closed with respect to multiplication. then  $\forall a \in K, b \neq 0, ab^{-1} \in K$ .

Conversely, suppose the two conditions are satisfied then, from (i)  $(K, +)$  is an abelian group.

let  $a \neq 0 \in K$  from (ii)  $aa^{-1} \in K \Rightarrow 1 \in K$  (<sup>multiplicative identity</sup>)  
Now,  ~~$a \in K$~~ ,  $1 \in K, a \neq 0 \in K \Rightarrow 1a^{-1} \in K$  from (ii)  
 $1 \cdot a^{-1} \in K$

ie ~~each multiplication inverse in  $K$  (ie non-zero elem. ie each non-zero element of  $K$  possesses multiplication inverse.~~

$$\text{Now, } b \neq 0 \in K \Rightarrow b^{-1} \in K.$$

$$\text{from (ii) } a(b^{-1})^{-1} \in K \Rightarrow ab \in K.$$

$$\text{Also if } b=0 \text{ then } ab=0 \Rightarrow 0 \in K$$

Since  $K$  is a subset of  $F$ . Then Associative Distributive rule hold in  $F$ , hence  $K$  is a sub-field of  $F$ .

Def: If  $(R, +, \cdot)$  is a ring then the Centre of  $R$ ,  $C(R)$  is the set of elements  $s$  in  $R$  which commute with all other elements for the multiplication operation

$$C(R) = \{a \in R \mid ab = ba \quad \forall b \in R\}$$

Theorem 2.8: The centre of a ring  $R$  is a commutative subring of  $R$ . Proof

### HOMOMORPHISM

Def: Suppose  $(R, +, \cdot)$  and  $(S, \oplus, \otimes)$  are rings then the mapping

$\theta: (R, +, \cdot) \rightarrow (S, \oplus, \otimes)$  is a ring homomorphism. If

i)  $\theta(a+b) = \theta(a) \oplus \theta(b)$

ii)  $\theta(a \cdot b) = \theta(a) \otimes \theta(b) \quad \forall a, b \in R$ .

i) If  $\theta$  is bijective then  $\theta$  is called Isomorphism

ii) If  $R$  &  $S$  are isomorphic then we write  $R \cong S$

iii) If  $\theta$  is a homomorphism and  $R = S$  then  $\theta$  is called endomorphism

iv) A bijective endomorphism is called an Automorphism.

Example: Let  $\theta: (\mathbb{Z}, +, \cdot) \rightarrow (\mathbb{Z}_n, \oplus, \otimes)$  be defined by  $\theta(m) = \bar{m}$  where  $\bar{m}$  represents

the equivalence classes of  $m$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_n$ . Then  $\theta$  is a ring homomorphism.

Proof  $\theta(m+n) = \overline{m+n} = \overline{m} \oplus \overline{n} = \theta(m) \oplus \theta(n)$   
 $\theta(mn) = \overline{mn} = \overline{m} \odot \overline{n} = \theta(m) \odot \theta(n)$

But  $\theta$  is not a ring isomorphism, since

$\theta(n+1) = \overline{n+1} = \overline{n} \oplus \overline{1} = \overline{0} \oplus \overline{1} = \overline{1} = \theta(1)$   
 because of it modulo  $n$ .  $\theta(n) = \overline{n} = \overline{0} = 0$

2) Let  $\theta: (\mathbb{Z}, +, \cdot) \rightarrow (M_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathbb{Z}), +, \cdot)$  be defined by  $\theta(n) = \begin{pmatrix} n & 0 \\ 0 & n \end{pmatrix}$ . Then  $\theta$  is a ring homomorphism.

Proof: Let  $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$

i)  $\theta(m+n) = \begin{pmatrix} m+n & 0 \\ 0 & m+n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} m & 0 \\ 0 & m \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} n & 0 \\ 0 & n \end{pmatrix} = \theta(m) + \theta(n)$

ii)  $\theta(mn) = \begin{pmatrix} mn & 0 \\ 0 & mn \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} m & 0 \\ 0 & n \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} n & 0 \\ 0 & n \end{pmatrix} = \theta(m) \theta(n)$

3) Let  $\theta$ . Since the two conditions satisfied then  $\theta$  is a ring homomorphism.

3) Let  $\theta: (G, +, \cdot) \rightarrow (M_2(\mathbb{Z}), +, \cdot)$  be defined by  $\theta(m+n) = \begin{pmatrix} m & n \\ -n & m \end{pmatrix}$  where  $(G, +, \cdot)$  is called a ring of Gaussian integers, is a ring homomorphism. Verify

Remark: If  $\theta: (R, +, \cdot) \rightarrow (S, \oplus, \odot)$  is a ring homomorphism. Then  $\theta: (R, +) \rightarrow (S, \oplus)$  is a group homomorphism.

THEOREM 2.9 :- If  $\theta: (R, +, \cdot) \rightarrow (S, +, \cdot)$  is a ring homomorphism. Then  $\theta(R)$  is a subring of  $R$ .  
 Or let  $\theta: R \rightarrow R'$  be a homomorphic mapping of a ring  $R$  into a ring  $R'$ . Let  $S'$  be the homomorphic image of  $R$  in  $R'$ . Then  $S'$  is a subring of  $R'$ .

Proof :- let  $\theta: R \rightarrow R'$  given  
 then  $\theta(R) = S' \subseteq R'$

let  $a', b' \in S' \rightarrow \exists a, b \in R$ .  $\exists$

$\theta(a) = a'$  and  $\theta(b) = b'$  since  $\theta(R) = S'$

we need to show  $a' - b' = \theta(a) - \theta(b) = \theta(a - b)$

since  $\theta$  is a homomorphism. but  $a - b \in R \Rightarrow \theta(a - b) \in S'$

finally  $a', b' \in S' \Rightarrow a'b' \in S'$

Since  $\forall a', b' \in S'$  we have,

$a' - b' \in S'$  and  $a'b' \in S'$

$\Rightarrow S'$  is a subring of  $R$   $\square$

Theorem 2.10 :- If  $\theta$  is a homomorphism of a ring  $R$  into a ring  $R'$  then

(i)  $\theta(0) = 0'$  (~~the~~  $0, 0'$  are <sup>additive</sup> identity in  $R$  &  $R'$  respectively)

(ii)  $\theta(-a) = -\theta(a)$

(iii) if  $1$  is the multiplicative identity in  $R$ , then  $1'$  is the multiplicative identity in  $R'$ .

(iv) if  $a$  has multiplicative inverse  $a^{-1} \in R$

then  $\theta(a^{-1})$  is the multiplicative inverse of  $\theta(a)$  in  $R'$

Proof (i) Let  $a \in R$ , then  $\theta(a) \in R'$

$$\Rightarrow \theta(a) + 0' = \theta(a) = \theta(a+0) = \theta(a) + \theta(0)$$

$\therefore \theta(0) = 0'$  from the remark <sup>(1)</sup> above.

(ii) Let  $a \in R$ , then  $-a \in R$

$$\text{Now } 0' = \theta(0) = \theta(a + (-a)) = \theta(a) + \theta(-a)$$

$\Rightarrow \theta(-a)$  is the additive inverse of  $\theta(a)$   $\therefore \theta(-a) = -\theta(a)$

(iii)  $\theta(1)\theta(a) = \theta(1 \cdot a) = \theta(a)$

$\Rightarrow \theta(1)$  is a multiplicative identity in  $\theta(R)$

(iv)  $\theta(a) \cdot \theta(a^{-1}) = \theta(a \cdot a^{-1}) = \theta(1)$

$\Rightarrow \theta(a^{-1})$  is the multiplicative inverse of  $\theta(a)$

### KERNEL OF HOMOMORPHISM

Defn: Let  $\theta: R \rightarrow R'$  be a ring homomorphism.

Then the set  $K$  of  $R$  that are mapped to the identity  $0'$  in  $R'$  is called kernel of the homomorphism  $\theta$ .

It is denoted by  $\text{Ker } \theta$

$$\text{Ker } \theta = \{x \in R \mid \theta(x) = 0'\}$$

[where  $0'$  is identity in  $R'$ ]

Remark 2: If  $\theta: R \rightarrow R'$  is a ring homomorphism and  $r \in \text{Ker } \theta$ . Then  $u \cdot r, r \cdot u \in \text{Ker } \theta$   
 $\forall u \in R$

$$\theta(xr) = \theta(x) \cdot \theta(r) = \theta(x) \cdot 0' = 0' \quad \text{where } \theta(r) = 0'$$

# IDEAL

Defn: A subring  $I$  of a ring  $R$  is called an ideal of  $R$ , if  $xr \in I, rx \in I, \forall x \in R, r \in I$ .

Remark 3:  $\text{Ker } \theta$  of a ring homomorphism is an ideal in  $R$ .

i) An ideal  $I$  of  $R$  is called a proper ideal of  $R$  if  $I$  is a proper subring of  $R$ .  
~~Otherwise~~ called improper

ii) Both a ring  $R$  and the trivial subring  $\{0\}$  are ideals of  $R$ .  $R$  is called improper ideal of  $R$  and  $\{0\}$  is called trivial ideal.

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The property  $xr \in I$  and  $rx \in I$  for  $x \in I$  and  $r \in R$  are called left and right ideal in  $R$  respectively.

A subring  $S$  of  $R$  that is both left and right ideal is called a two-sided ideal of  $R$ .

~~Defn~~ A ring that has no proper ideal is called a simple ring.

## examples

Let  $M$  be a set of all  $2 \times 2$  matrices of the form  $\begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ b & 0 \end{pmatrix}$   $\forall a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $M$  is a left ideal but not right ideal.

To show this, Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ b & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in M$  &  $B = \begin{pmatrix} c & 0 \\ d & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in M$

$A - B \in M$  Now  $A - B = \begin{pmatrix} a-c & 0 \\ b-d & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in M$

$AB = \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ b & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c & 0 \\ d & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} ac+0d & 0+0 \\ bc+0d & 0+0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} ac & 0 \\ bc & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in M.$

$\therefore M$  is a Subring of  $R$

Now, for the Ideal, let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ b & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

then  $r = \begin{pmatrix} x & y \\ w & z \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow r \cdot A = \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ b & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x & y \\ w & z \end{pmatrix}$

$r \cdot A = \begin{pmatrix} ax & ay \\ bx & by \end{pmatrix} \notin M \quad \therefore M$  is not right ideal  $\nsubseteq R$

$r \cdot A = \begin{pmatrix} x & y \\ w & z \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ b & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} xa+yb & 0 \\ wa+zb & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in M$

$\therefore M$  is left ideal of  $R$ .

② Let  $M$  be a field integer, the set  $p$  of integer defined by  $p = \{nm \mid n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  is an ideal of the ring  $R$  of integers.

Let  $m, n \in p$  and  $r \in R$  then

$r(nm) = (rn)m \in p$

Since  $m \in R$  and  $rn \in R$  and since  $rn = nr$

$\forall n, r \in R$  then  $p$  is an ideal of  $R$ .

$$5 \cdot 4 = 20 = 10 \times 2 \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} 5/10 \\ 5/10 \end{array} \begin{array}{l} 5/10 \\ 5/10 \end{array}$$

$$5 \cdot 8 = 40 = 10 \times 4 \Rightarrow$$

$$5 \times 2 \Rightarrow$$

$$20 \times 2 \Rightarrow$$

$$5/10$$

$$5/5$$

$$5/20$$

$R/I$  + Key way I

Exercise.

1.) Show the intersection of two ideals of  $R$  is again an ideal of  $R$ .

2.) Show that the set of integers is a subring but not an ideal of the ring of rational numbers.

Definition

Let  $K$  be a right ideal in ring  $R$ ,  $K$  is called a principal right ideal in  $R$  if  $K = \{a \cdot r \mid r \in R\}$  and  $a$  is some fixed element of  $R$ .

Also  $K = \{r \cdot a \mid r \in R \text{ and } r \in K\}$  is called principal left ideal in  $R$ .

Definition: Let  $R$  be a commutative ring if every ideal in  $R$  is a principal ideal, then  $R$  is called principal ideal ring.

Definition: An ideal  $I$  in a commutative ring  $R$  is called a prime ideal if for any arbitrary  $r, s \in R$ , then  $r \cdot s \in I$  implies that either  $r \in I$  or  $s \in I$ .

Example

In the ring of integers  $\mathbb{Z}$ , the ideal  $I = \{5n \mid n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  also written as  $5\mathbb{Z}$  is a prime ideal. Since for every

$$12 \cdot 4 = 48 = 24 \times 2 \Rightarrow 12/24$$

$$\text{but } 48 = 6 \times 8 \Rightarrow 12/6 \text{ or } 12/8 \Rightarrow$$

$\forall a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$  either  $5/a$  or  $5/b$

but  $\mathfrak{A} = \{12r \mid r \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  is not a prime ideal

Since  $6 \times 8 = 48 \in \mathfrak{A}$  but  $12/6$  or  $12/8$ .

~~Max~~  $\mathfrak{I} = \{m \cdot r \mid r \in \mathbb{Z}, m \neq 0\}$  is a prime ideal if

$m$  is a prime number.

Definition: A proper ideal in a commutative ring  $R$  is called Maximal if there exists no proper ideal in  $R$  that properly contains  $\mathfrak{I}$ .

Example: An ideal  $\mathfrak{I}$  of the ring of  $\mathbb{Z}$  is maximal iff  $\mathfrak{I}$  is generated by some prime integer. For  $\mathfrak{I} = (5)$  is a maximal ideal in  $\mathbb{Z}$

since the only ideal in  $\mathbb{Z}$  which properly contains  $\mathfrak{I}$  is  $\mathbb{Z}$  itself.

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## QUOTIENT RING

Let  $R$  be a ring and let  $\mathfrak{I}$  be an ideal in  $R$ . Then  $R/\mathfrak{I} = \{x + \mathfrak{I} \mid x \in R\}$  is called a Quotient Ring which is the set of all distinct element cosets of  $\mathfrak{I}$  in  $R$ .

## EUCLIDEAN RING

Also called Euclidean domain

Let  $R$  be a commutative ring without zero divisors. If  $R$  is an integral domain then  $R$  is called Euclidean ring if for

every non-zero element  $a \in R$ , we can assign a non-negative integer  $d(a)$  such that

i)  $\forall a, b \in R$  (both non-zero)

$$d(ab) \geq d(a)$$

ii) for any  $a, b \in R$   $b \neq 0$   $\exists q, r \in R$   
 $a = bq + r$  where  $r = 0$  or  
 $d(r) < d(b)$

Note that: (ii) is called division algorithm  
Example: shows that the ring of integers is an euclidean ring.

let  $(\mathbb{Z}, +, \cdot)$  be the ring of integers

$\mathbb{Z} = \{ \dots, -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots \}$

let the function  $d$  on  $\mathbb{Z}$  be defined by

$$d(a) = |a| \quad \forall a \neq 0 \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$|a|$  is a non-negative integer

Now for any  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$|ab| = |a||b|$$

$$\Rightarrow |ab| \geq |a|$$

$$\Rightarrow d(ab) \geq d(a)$$

finally, for  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$   $b \neq 0$   $\exists q, r \in \mathbb{Z}$   
 $a = bq + r$  where  $0 \leq r < |b|$   
 therefore the ring of integers is

Euclidean ring.

## MODULES

The concept of module is generalization of vector space. In vector space the scalars are elements from field while in modules the scalars are elements from an arbitrary ring.

Defn :- A non-empty set  $M$  is called left  $R$ -Module over a ring  $R$  if  $M$  is an abelian group under the operation of addition such that for any  $r \in R$   $m \in M$   $\exists$  a unique element  $rm \in M$  with the following conditions -

- i)  $r(a+b) = ra + rb$
- ii)  $(a+b)r = ar + br$   $(r+s)a = ra + sa$
- iii)  $r(sa) = (rs)a$   $\forall s, b \in M, r, s \in R$

$\therefore$  Right Module is defined similarly

## UNITAL R-MODULES

If the ring  $R$  with unity (1) then left  $R$ -module called unital module where

$$1 \cdot m = m \quad \forall m \in M$$

If  $R$  is a field then a unital  $R$ -module is a vector space.

## Examples

1) Every abelian group  $G$  is a module over the ring of integers  $(\mathbb{Z})$ .

2) Every ring  $R$  is an  $R$ -module over itself.

## General properties of module.

Let  $M$  be any  $R$ -module then

i)  $ra = 0 \quad \forall r \in R, a \in M$

ii)  $0a = 0 \quad \forall a \in M$

iii)  $(-r)a = -(ra) = r(-a)$

iv)  $(-r)(-a) = ra$

v)  $r(a-b) = ra - rb$

vi)  $(r-s)a = sa - sa \quad \forall r, s \in R, a, b \in M$  set.

## SUB-MODULES

A non-empty subset  $S$  of  $R$ -module is called  $R$ -submodule of  $M$  if

i)  $S$  is an additive subgroup of  $M$

ii)  $r \in R, a \in S \Rightarrow ra \in S$

Note: (i) As usual if  $M$  is any  $R$ -module then  $M$  itself and  $\{0\}$  are always submodule of  $M$  are called improper submodule.

Others are called proper <sup>sub</sup>module.

## Irreducible $R$ -module:

Any  $R$ -module  $M$  is called irreducible if

irreducible module, if its only submodules are  $M$  and  $\{0\}$  only.

Theorem 3.1: If  $A$  and  $B$  are any two submodules of  $R$ -module  $M$  then  $A \cap B$  is also a submodule of  $M$ .

proof - Since  $A$  and  $B$  are submodules of  $R$ -module  $M$ , therefore  $A$  and  $B$  are additive subgroups of  $M$ .

Now, let  $r \in R$  and  $a \in A \cap B$

$\Rightarrow a \in A$  and  $a \in B$

$\Rightarrow ra \in A$  and  $ra \in B$

$\Rightarrow ra \in A \cap B$

Hence  $A \cap B$  is a submodule of  $M$ .

Theorem 3.2: Arbitrary intersection of submodules of an  $R$ -module  $M$  is again a submodule of  $M$ . Exercise

### SUBMODULE GENERATOR

Submodule generated by a subset of a module. Let  $S$  be a non-empty subset of an  $R$ -module  $M$ . If  $A$  is a submodule of  $M$  containing  $S$  and  $A$  is contained in all submodules of  $M$  containing  $S$  then  $A$  is called a submodule of  $M$ .

generated by  $s$ , denoted  $\langle s \rangle$  and  $\langle s \rangle$  is the smallest submodule of  $M$  containing  $s$ .

Theorem 3-3: The submodule of  $R$ -module  $M$  generated by  $s$  subject  $S$  of  $M$  consists of all linear combinations of elements  $s$  in  $S$ .

Proof: Let  $L(s) = \{r_1 a_1 + r_2 a_2 + \dots + r_n a_n \mid a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \text{ are arbitrary subsets of } S \text{ and } r_1, r_2, \dots, r_n \text{ are arbitrary subset of the ring } R\}$   
 We show that  $L(s)$  is a submodule of  $R$ .

Let  $a' = r_1 a_1 + r_2 a_2 + \dots + r_n a_n$   
 $b' = s_1 b_1 + s_2 b_2 + \dots + s_n b_n$  be any two elements of  $L(s)$ .  
 where  $r_i, s_i \in R$ .

$$a' = r_1 a_1 + r_2 a_2 + r_3 a_3 + \dots + r_n a_n$$

$$b' = s_1 b_1 + s_2 b_2 + s_3 b_3 + \dots + s_n b_n$$

$$\text{Also } a' - b' = r_1 a_1 + r_2 a_2 + \dots + r_n a_n - (s_1 b_1 + s_2 b_2 + \dots + s_n b_n)$$

$a' - b' \in L(s)$  since it is a linear combination of some element of  $S$ .

for any  $a', b' \in L(s)$ , then  $a' - b' \in L(s)$

Hence  $L(S)$  is an additive subgroup of  $M$

Now, let  $r \in R$  and  $a^* = r_1 a_1^* + r_2 a_2^* + \dots + r_n a_n^* \in L(S)$

$$ra^* = r(r_1 a_1^* + r_2 a_2^* + \dots + r_n a_n^*)$$
$$= (rr_1) a_1^* + (rr_2) a_2^* + \dots + (rr_n) a_n^*$$

Since  $rr_1, rr_2, \dots, rr_n \in R$

$ra^*$  is also a linear combination of some element of  $S$ .

For any  $r \in R$  and  $a^* \in L(S)$ ,  $ra^* \in L(S) \subseteq M$

$\therefore L(S)$  is a submodule of  $M$ .

Each element  $s$  belongs to  $L(S)$ , since for each  $a_i \in S$  we have  $a_i = 1 \cdot a_i$  where  $1$  is the unit element of  $R$  and  $a_i \in S \Rightarrow a_i \in L(S)$

$\therefore L(S)$  is a submodule of  $M$  and  $S$  is subset of  $L(S)$ .

Finally, if  $N$  is any submodule of  $M$  containing  $S$ , then each element of  $L(S)$  must be in  $N$  as  $N$  is closed under scalar multiplication and addition.

Therefore,  $L(S)$  will be contained in  $N$  hence

$$L(S) = \langle S \rangle$$

$\Rightarrow L(S)$  is the submodule of  $M$  generated by  $S$ . Linear sum of two submodules:

Let  $A$  and  $B$  be any submodules of an  $R$ -module  $M$ .

Then the linear sum of  $A$  and  $B$  is denoted by  $A+B$  is given as

$$A+B = \{a+b \mid a \in A \text{ and } b \in B\}$$

Theorem 3.4 If  $A$  and  $B$  are submodules of a  $R$ -module  $M$ , then  $A+B$  is also a submodule of  $M$ .

Proof - Given  $A$  and  $B$  as submodules of  $M$  then

$$A+B = \{a+b \mid a \in A \text{ and } b \in B\} \quad (1)$$

Let  $c = a_1 + b_1$  and  $d = a_2 + b_2 \in A+B$ .

$$\text{Now } c-d = (a_1 + b_1) - (a_2 + b_2)$$

$$= (a_1 - a_2) + (b_1 - b_2)$$

Since  $A$  is an additive subgroup of  $M$ , then  $a_1, a_2 \in A$ ,  $a_1 - a_2 \in A$ ,  $b_1, b_2 \in B$ ,  $b_1 - b_2 \in B$ .  
 $\therefore c-d \in A+B$

Now, let  $r \in R$  and  $c = a_1 + b_1 \in A+B$ .

When we have  $rc = r(a_1 + b_1) = ra_1 + rb_1$

Since  $A$  is a submodule, then  $\forall a \in A$  and  $r \in R$ , then  $ra \in A$ . (2)

Similarly  $\forall b \in B$

$$\therefore ra_1 + rb_1 \in A+B$$

$\Rightarrow$  for  $rc$  and  $c = a+b \in A+B$ , then  $rc \in A+B$

Hence  $A+B$  is a submodule of  $M$ .  $\square$

### DIRECT SUM OF SUBMODULES

Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module and  $M_1, M_2, M_3, \dots, M_n$  be submodules of  $M$ . If every element  $a \in M$  can be written uniquely as

$$a = a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + \dots + a_n \text{ where } a_i \in M_i, a_i \in M_i$$

and  $a_i \in M_i$ , If  $M$  is a direct sum of  $M_1, M_2, \dots, M_n$  we write  $M = M_1 \oplus M_2 \oplus \dots \oplus M_n$

Theorem 3.5 :- The necessary and sufficient condition for a module  $M$  to be a direct sum of  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  is

- i)  $M = M_1 + M_2$
- ii)  $M_1 \cap M_2 = \{0\}$  (similar to that of vector space)

### HOMOMORPHISM OF MODULES

Let  $M$  and  $N$  be any two modules then the

mapping  $T: M \rightarrow N$  is called a homomorphism

if (i)  $T(m_1 + m_2) = T(m_1) + T(m_2)$

(ii)  $T(rm) = r(T(m)) \quad \forall r \in R \text{ and } m \in M$

Note :- If  $T$  is a homomorphism of  $M$  onto  $N$  then  $N$  is called the homomorphic image of  $M$

If the mapping is 1-1 then  $T$  is called an isomorphism of  $M$  onto  $N$ .  
 $T(m)$  (image of  $m \in M$ ) is also written as

Let  $T$  be a homomorphism of  $R$ -module  $M$  into  $R$ -module  $N$ .  
Note: if  $T: M \rightarrow N$  is a homomorphism. Then

(i)  $T(0) = 0$  (ii)  $T(-m) = -T(m)$

(iii)  $T(m_1 - m_2) = T(m_1) - T(m_2) \quad \forall m_1, m_2 \in M$

### KERNEL OF HOMOMORPHISM

Let  $T$  be a homomorphism of  $R$ -module  $M$  into  $R$ -module  $N$ .

Then the kernel of  $T$  is written as  $\text{Ker}(T)$  is defined as

$$\text{K}(T) = \{m \in M \mid T(m) = 0\} \text{ where } 0 \text{ is additive identity group.}$$

Theorem 3.6: The kernel of a homomorphism is a submodule.

Proof: Let  $\text{K}(T)$  be the kernel of the homomorphism  $T$  of  $M$  into  $N$  i.e.

$$\text{K}(T) = \{m \in M \mid T(m) = 0\} \text{ we show that } \text{K}(T) \text{ is a submodule.}$$

Let  $m_1, m_2 \in \text{K}(T)$  then  $T(m_1) = 0$  and  $T(m_2) = 0$   
 $T(m_1 - m_2) = T(m_1) - T(m_2) = 0 - 0 = 0$

$\Rightarrow \text{K}(T)$  is an additive subgroup of  $M$   
finally let  $r \in R$  &  $m \in \text{K}(T)$  then  
 $T(rm) = r(T(m)) = r(0) = 0$

Hence  $\text{K}(T)$  is a subgroup of  $M$ .

Theorem 3.7: let  $T$  be a module homomorphism  
then  $T$  is an ~~isomorphism~~ <sup>isomorphism</sup> iff  $K(T) = 0$

proof let  $T: M \rightarrow N$

suppose  $K(T) = 0$ , we show that  $T$  is an ~~isomorphism~~ isomorphism. let  $m_1, m_2 \in M \Rightarrow T(m_1) = T(m_2)$

$$T(m_1) - T(m_2) = 0 \Rightarrow T(m_1 - m_2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow m_1 - m_2 \in K(T) \Rightarrow m_1 - m_2 = 0$$

$$m_1 = m_2 \quad (1-1)$$

Conversely, suppose that  $T$  is an isomorphism  
then we show that  $K(T) = 0$ .

$$\text{let } T(m) = 0 = T(0) \quad \text{but } T \text{ is } 1-1$$

$$T(m) = T(0) \Rightarrow m = 0$$

then  $m \in K(T)$  Hence  $K(T) = 0$ .