

# Assignment 1

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## 1: Subrings and Ideals

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- (a) Prove the set of all real numbers of the form  $m + n\sqrt{2}$  with  $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$  is a subring of the real numbers.
- (b) Show that  $2\mathbb{Z} \cup 3\mathbb{Z}$  is not a subring of  $\mathbb{Z}$ .
- (c) Find all subring of  $\mathbb{Z}_8$
- (d) prove that  $I = \{0, 3, 6\}$  is an ideal of  $\mathbb{Z}_9$  and compute the cosets of  $\mathbb{Z}_9 \setminus I$
- (e) Find all principal ideal in  $\mathbb{Z}_{15}$

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## 2: Units, Zero divisors, idempotent and nilpotent

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- (a) Find an integer  $n$  that shows that the rings  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  need not have the following properties that the ring of integers has.
  - a.  $a^2 = a$  implies  $a = 0$  or  $a = 1$ .
  - b.  $ab = 0$  implies  $a = 0$  or  $b = 0$ .
  - c.  $ab = ac$  and  $a \neq 0$  imply  $b = c$ .Is the  $n$  you found prime?

- (b) List all zero divisors and units in  $\mathbb{Z}_{10}, \mathbb{Z}_{11}$ .
- (c) Find all idempotent and nilpotent elements in  $\mathbb{Z}_8$

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## 3: Ring, Integral domain and Field

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Give an example of the following or explain why it is not possible to do so. Justify your answers.

- (a) An integral domain that is not a field.
- (b) A field that is not a commutative ring.
- (c) A commutative ring with unity that is not an integral domain.
- (d) A subring of a ring  $R$  that is not an ideal in  $R$ .

- (e) Zero divisors in  $n\mathbb{Z}$ .
- (f) A subset of a ring that is a subgroup under addition but not a subring
- (g) A commutative ring without zero-divisors that is not an integral domain.

#### 4: Ring and Field

- (a) Let  $R = \{0, 2, 4, 6, 8\}$  under addition and multiplication modulo 10. Prove that  $R$  is a field.
- (b) Let  $S$  be the subring of  $\mathbb{Z}_{16}$  given by  $S = \{0, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14\}$ . What is the characteristic of this ring  $s$

#### 5: True or False

- (1) Addition in every ring is commutative **(T)**
- (2) The characteristic of  $2\mathbb{Z}$  is zero **(T)**
- Not** (3) **Every** ring has a **1** multiplicative identity **(F)**  $2\mathbb{Z}$  is ring but  $1 \notin 2\mathbb{Z}$
- (4)  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  is not integral domain if  $n$  is not prime **T**
- (5) Multiplication in a field is commutative **T**
- (6)  $2\mathbb{Z}$  is not an integral domain **T**
- (7)  $\mathbb{Z}_6$  is a subring of  $\mathbb{Z}_{12}$  **F**
- (8) A field is a commutative division ring **T**
- (9) There is exactly one element  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_8$  such that  $n \neq 0$  but  $n^2 = 0$ . **T**
- (10) Every integral domain is a field **F**
- (11) The set of **odd** integers is a **subring** of  $\mathbb{Z}$  **F** , **odd**  
 $O = \{1, 3, 5, 7, \dots\}$  and
- (12) The integral domain  $\mathbb{Z}[i]$  is not a field **T**  $1+3=4 \notin O$   
**even**
- (13) **5** is a **zero divisor** in  $\mathbb{Z}_6$  **F** **unit**  
**not**
- (14)  $M_2(\mathbb{R})$  is a **commutative** ring with unity **F**
- (15) The element  $3+i$  is a zero in  $\mathbb{Z}_5[i]$  **T**  $\longrightarrow (3+i)(2+i) = 6 + 3i + 2i + i^2$   
 $= 6 + 5i - 1$   
 $= 5 + 5i$   
 $= 0 + 0i \text{ mod } 5$
- (16) Multiplication in a field is commutative **T**
- (17)  $\mathbb{R}$  have no zero divisors **T**
- (18) The only units in  $\mathbb{Z}$  are 1 and -1 **T**
- (19) Every ideal is a subring **T**
- (20)  $n\mathbb{Z} \supseteq \mathbb{Z}$  **T**

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(a) Prove the set of all real numbers of the form  $m + n\sqrt{2}$  with  $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$  is a subring of the real numbers.

prove  $\mathbb{Z}\sqrt{2} = \{m + n\sqrt{2} \mid m, n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  is a subring of  $\mathbb{R}$ .

**Solution**

$$\text{Let } x = m + n\sqrt{2}, \quad y = s + t\sqrt{2}$$

for  $m, n, s, t \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$1) \quad x - y = (m + n\sqrt{2}) - (s + t\sqrt{2})$$

$$= m + n\sqrt{2} - s - t\sqrt{2}$$

$$= (m - s) + (n - t)\sqrt{2}$$

$$= a\sqrt{2} - b\sqrt{2}$$

$$\therefore a, b \in \mathbb{Z} \Rightarrow x - y \in \mathbb{Z}\sqrt{2}$$

$$2) \quad x \cdot y = (m + n\sqrt{2})(s + t\sqrt{2})$$

$$= ms - nt + ns\sqrt{2} + mt\sqrt{2}$$

$$= (ms - nt) + (ns + mt)\sqrt{2}$$

$$= c + d\sqrt{2}$$

$$\therefore c, d \in \mathbb{Z} \Rightarrow x \cdot y \in \mathbb{Z}\sqrt{2}$$

$\therefore$  by subring test,  $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{2}]$  is a subring of  $\mathbb{R}$ .

Show that  $2\mathbb{Z} \cup 3\mathbb{Z}$  is not a subring of  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

$$2\mathbb{Z} = \{0, \pm 2, \pm 4, \pm 6, \pm 8, \dots\} \text{ and}$$

$$3\mathbb{Z} = \{0, \pm 3, \pm 6, \pm 9, \pm 12, \dots\}$$

$2\mathbb{Z} \cup 3\mathbb{Z} = \{0, \pm 2, \pm 3, \pm 4, \pm 6, \dots\}$  is not a subring because  $2 + 3 = 5 \notin 2\mathbb{Z} \cup 3\mathbb{Z}$

(c) Find all subring of  $\mathbb{Z}_8$

The divisors of  $\mathbb{Z}_8$  are 1, 2, 4 and 8. Thus the subrings are:

1  $\mathbb{Z}_8 = \mathbb{Z}_8$

2  $\mathbb{Z}_8 = \{0, 2, 4, 6\}$

4  $\mathbb{Z}_8 = \{0, 4\}$

8  $\mathbb{Z}_8 = \{0\}$

(d) prove that  $I = \{0, 3, 6\}$  is an ideal of  $\mathbb{Z}_9$  and compute the cosets of  $\mathbb{Z}_9 \setminus I$

+	0	3	6
0	0	3	6
3	3	6	0
6	6	0	3

x	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	0	3	6	0	3	6	0	3
6	0	6	3	0	6	3	0	6

closed under  $\times$ .

- closed under +
- $0 \in S$

$0 + I = \{0, 3, 6\}$   
 $1 + I = \{1, 4, 7\}$   
 $2 + I = \{2, 5, 8\}$   
 $3 + I = \{3, 6, 0\}$   
 $4 + I = \{4, 7, 1\}$

$\therefore \mathbb{Z}_9 / I = \{0 + I, 1 + I, 3 + I\}$

(a) Find an integer  $n$  that shows that the rings  $Z_n$  need not have the following properties that the ring of integers has.

a.  $a^2 = a$  implies  $a = 0$  or  $a = 1$ .

b.  $ab = 0$  implies  $a = 0$  or  $b = 0$ .

c.  $ab = ac$  and  $a \neq 0$  imply  $b = c$ .

Is the  $n$  you found prime?

Solution: In  $Z_6$

a)  $3^2 = 3$  but  $3 \neq 0$  or  $3 \neq 1$

b)  $2 \cdot 3 = 6 = 0$  but  $2 \neq 0$  and  $3 \neq 0$

c). For  $a=2, b=4, c=1$ , we have  $2 \cdot 4 = 2 = 2 \cdot 1$   
but  $4 \neq 1$

(b) List all zero divisors and units in  $Z_{10}, Z_{11}$ .

$$\text{All zero divisors of } Z_{10} = \{ a \in Z_{10} \mid \gcd(a, 10) \neq 1 \}$$

$$= \{ 2, 4, 5, 6, 8 \}$$

$$U_{10} = \{ a \in Z_{10} \mid \gcd(a, 10) = 1 \}$$

$$= \{ 1, 3, 7, 9 \}$$

In  $Z_{11}$ : There is no zero divisors.

$$\text{All units} = \{ 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 \}$$

(c) Find all idempotent and nilpotent elements in  $Z_8$

All Idempotent:

$$0^2 = 0$$

$$1^2 = 1$$

All nilpotent:

$$2^3 = 8 = 0 \pmod{8}$$

$$4^2 = 16 = 0 \pmod{8}$$

$$6^3 = 216 = 0 \pmod{8}$$

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Give an example of the following or explain why it is not possible to do so. Justify your answers.

(a) An integral domain that is not a field.

$\mathbb{Z}$  is an integral domain but not a field

because  $2 \in \mathbb{Z}$  but  $\frac{1}{2} \notin \mathbb{Z}$ .

(b) A field that is not a commutative ring.

Impossible. A field is a commutative ring with unity in which each element has an multiplicative inverse.

(c) A commutative ring with unity that is not an integral domain.

$\mathbb{Z}_4, \mathbb{Z}_6, \mathbb{Z}_{12}$ . In general:

Any  $\mathbb{Z}_m$ ,  $m$  is not prime will be an example.

(d) A subring of a ring  $R$  that is not an ideal in  $R$ .

$\mathbb{Z}$  is a subring of  $\mathbb{Q}$  but is not ideal of  $\mathbb{Q}$  because is not closed under multiplication.

Let  $3 \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $\frac{1}{4} \in \mathbb{Q}$  then  $3 \cdot \frac{1}{4} = \frac{3}{4} \notin \mathbb{Z}$ .

(e) Zero divisors in  $n\mathbb{Z}$ .

Impossible.

(f) A subset of a ring that is a subgroup under addition but not a subring

Let  $R = \mathbb{C}$  and  $S = \{ix : x \in \mathbb{R}\}$

then  $0 \in S$   
 $a - b \in S$  } subgroup

but  $i \cdot i = i^2 = -1 \notin S$  not subring

$(S, +)$  is a subgroup of  $(R, +)$  }  
 When  $a \in S$  and  $b \in S$  then  $a+b \in S$ .  
 When  $a \in S$  then  $-a \in S$  ( $0 \in S$ )  
 When  $a \in S$  and  $b \in S$  then  $a \cdot b \in S$

(g) A commutative ring without zero-divisors that is not an integral domain.  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

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(a) Let  $R = \{0, 2, 4, 6, 8\}$  under addition and multiplication modulo 10. Prove that  $R$  is a field.

Solutions-

+	0	2	4	6	8
0	0	2	4	6	8
2	2	4	6	8	0
4	4	6	8	0	2
6	6	8	0	2	4
8	8	0	2	4	6

x	0	2	4	6	8
0	0	0	0	0	0
2	0	4	8	2	6
4	0	8	6	4	2
6	0	2	4	6	8
8	0	6	2	8	4

- closed under addition
- $0 \in R$
- Addition is asso
- commutative
- Satisfy distributive Law
- each element has an inverse

- closed under multiplication
- $6 \in R$
- multiplication is asso
- commutative
- Satisfy distributive Law
- each element has an inverse

a	0	2	4	6	8
a <sup>-1</sup>	0	8	6	4	2

a	2	4	6	8
a <sup>-1</sup>	8	4	6	2

(b) Let  $S$  be the subring of  $\mathbb{Z}_{16}$  given by  $S = \{0, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14\}$ . What is the characteristic of this ring  $s$

$$2 \cdot 1 = 2 \neq 0$$

$$2 \cdot 2 = 4 \neq 0$$

$$2 \cdot 3 = 6 \neq 0$$

$$2 \cdot 4 = 8 \neq 0$$

$$2 \cdot 5 = 10 \neq 0$$

$$2 \cdot 6 = 12 \neq 0$$

$$2 \cdot 7 = 14 \neq 0$$

$$2 \cdot 8 = 16 = 0$$

$\therefore$  The  $\text{char}(S) = 8$ .