

Ring: → Definition: → Suppose R is a non-empty set equipped with two binary operations called addition and multiplication denoted by '+' & '·' respectively i.e., for all $a, b \in R$ we have $a+b \in R$ & $a \cdot b \in R$.

Then the algebraic structure $(R, +, \cdot)$ is called ring, if the following postulates are satisfied.

1. $(R, +)$ is form an ^{abelian} group i.e.

(i) Addition is associative i.e.

$$(a+b)+c = a+(b+c) \quad \forall a, b, c \in R$$

(ii) There exist an identity $0 \in R$

$$0+a = a \quad \forall a \in R$$

(iii) To each elements $a \in R \exists$ an elements $-a \in R$

$$s.t. \quad (-a)+a = 0$$

(iv) Addition is commutative

$$a+b = b+a \quad \forall a, b \in R$$

2. Multiplication is associative, i.e.

$$a \cdot (b \cdot c) = (a \cdot b) \cdot c \quad \forall a, b, c \in R$$

3. Multiplication is distributive w.r.t. addition i.e.

$$(i) \quad a \cdot (b+c) = a \cdot b + a \cdot c \rightarrow \text{left distribution}$$

$$(ii) \quad (a+b) \cdot c = a \cdot c + b \cdot c \rightarrow \text{Right "}$$

Ring with Unity: → If in a ring $R \exists$ an element denoted by 1 such that $1 \cdot a = a \cdot 1 = a \quad \forall a \in R$, then R is called ring with unit ^{element}. The elements $1 \in R$, is called the unit element of ring.

Thus if a ring possesses multiplicative identity, it is a ring with unity.

Commutative Ring: → If in a ring R , the multiplication composition is also commutative i.e., if we have $a \cdot b = b \cdot a \quad \forall a, b \in R$, then R is called a commutative ring.

Ex. of Ring: → (i) $\langle R, +, \cdot \rangle$ where R is a set of real no.

(ii) $\langle I, +, \cdot \rangle$ " I " " of all integers

(iii) $\langle Q, +, \cdot \rangle$ set of rational no. is commutative ring with unity.

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✓ Ring with zero divisors: → In a ring R there exist non-zero elements a & b such that $ab=0$, then R is said to be a ring with zero divisors.

Exp: → Matrix multiplication $[M, +, \times]$, $(\{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}, +, \times)$

✓ Ring without zero divisors: → A ring R without zero-divisors if the product of no two non-zero elements of R is zero, i.e.,
If $ab=0 \Rightarrow a=0$ or $b=0$

exp: → Any number system like set of Real no.

(i) $\langle R, +, \cdot \rangle$ (ii) $\langle I, +, \cdot \rangle$

✓ Integral Domain: → A ring is called an integral domain if it (i) is commutative (ii) has unit element (iii) is without zero divisors.

Exp: → $\langle R, +, \cdot \rangle$, $\langle Q, +, \cdot \rangle$, $\langle C, +, \cdot \rangle$

✓ Field: → A ring R with at least two elements is called a field if it,

(i) is commutative (ii) has unity (iii) is such that each non-zero element possesses multiplicative inverse.

Exp: → $\langle R, +, \cdot \rangle$, $\langle Q, +, \cdot \rangle$

✓ Division ring or skew field: → A ring R with at least two elements is called a division ring or a skew field if it (i) has unity (ii) is such that each non-zero element possesses multiplicative inverse.

Thus a commutative division ring is a field.

Every field is also a division ring but a division ring is a field if it is also commutative.

* Theorem: → Every field is an integral domain.

Proof: →

Since a field F is a commutative ring with unity, therefore in order to show that every field is an integral domain we should show that a field has no zero divisors.

Let a, b be elements of F with $a \neq 0$ such that $ab=0$

Since $a \neq 0$, a^{-1} exists we have

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

$$(a^{-1}a)b = 0$$

Similarly

$b \neq 0$, b^{-1} exist we have

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

$$a=0$$

Thus $ab=0 \Rightarrow a=0$ or $b=0$, but converse is not true.

Ideals \rightarrow

(a) Left Ideal \rightarrow A non empty subset S of a ring R is said to be a left ideal of R if:

- (i) S is a subgroup of R w.r.t addition
- (ii) $\forall s \in S \forall r \in R \& \forall s \in S$.

(b) Right Ideal \rightarrow A non-empty subset S of a ring R is said to be a right ideal of R if

- (i) S is a subgroup of R under addition.
- (ii) $\forall s \in S \forall r \in R \& \forall s \in S$.

(c) Ideal \rightarrow A non-empty subset S of a ring R is said to be an ideal (also a two sided ideal) if and only if it is both a left and a right ideal. Thus a non-empty subset S of a ring R is said to be an ideal of R if:

- (i) S is a subgroup of R under addition i.e., S is a subgroup of the additive group of R .
- (ii) $\forall s \in S \& \forall r \in R$ and for every $s \in S$.

Principal Ideal Ring \rightarrow A commutative ring R without zero divisors and with unity element is a principal ideal ring if every ideal S in R is a principal ideal i.e., if every ideal S in R is of the form $S = (a)$ for some $a \in S$.

Theorem \rightarrow Every field is a principal ideal ring.

Proof \rightarrow A field has no proper ideals. The only ideals of a field are
 (i) the null ideal which is a principal ideal generated by 0 &
 (ii) the field itself which is also a principal ideal generated by 1.
 Thus a field is always a principal ideal ring.

Divisibility in an Integral Domain \rightarrow Suppose $0 \neq a \in R$ is an element of a commutative ring R . Then a is said to divide $b \in R$, if there exists an element $c \in R$ s.t. $b = ac$

Theorem \rightarrow If R is a commutative ring, then

- (i) $a|b \& b|c \Rightarrow a|c$ i.e. the relation of divisibility in R is a transitive relation.
- (ii) $a|b \& a|c \Rightarrow a|(b+c)$
- (iii) $a|b \Rightarrow a|bx \forall x \in R$

Proof \rightarrow (i) $a|b \Rightarrow b = ap$ for some $p \in R$
 $b|c \Rightarrow c = bq$ for some $q \in R$

$$\text{Now } c = bq = (ap)q = a(pq) \\ \Rightarrow a|c \text{ since } pq \in R$$

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(ii) $a|b \Rightarrow b = ap$ for some $p \in R$

$a|c \Rightarrow c = aq$ for " $q \in R$

Now

$$b = ap \ \& \ c = aq \Rightarrow b+c = ap + aq \\ = a(b+q)$$

$\Rightarrow a|(b+c)$ since $b+q \in R$

(iii) $a|b \Rightarrow b = ap$ for some $p \in R$

$$b = ap \Rightarrow bx = (ap)x \ \forall x \in R$$

$$bx = a(bx) \Rightarrow a|bx \text{ since } bx \in R$$

Units: \rightarrow let R be a commutative ring with unity element 1. An element $a \in R$ is a unit in R if \exists an element $b \in R$ such that $ab = 1$. In other words units of R are those elements of R which possess multiplicative inverse.

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Example: \rightarrow Find all the units of the integral domain of Gaussian integers.

Solution: \rightarrow let $D = \{a+ib; a, b \in \mathbb{I} \text{ the set of integers}\}$ be the ring of Gaussian integers. The element $1+0i$ is the unit element of the ring. let $x+iy$ be a unit and $x'+iy'$ be its inverse then

$$(x+iy)(x'+iy') = 1+0i$$

$$(xx' - yy') + i(xy' + yx') = 1+0i$$

Equating real & imaginary part

$$xx' - yy' = 1 \quad \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$$

$$xy' + yx' = 0 \quad \rightarrow \textcircled{2}$$

squaring & adding $\textcircled{1}$ & $\textcircled{2}$

$$x^2x'^2 + y^2y'^2 + x^2y'^2 + x'^2y^2 = 1$$

$$(x^2+y^2)(x'^2+y'^2) = 1$$

Now the product of two positive integers is equal to 1 if & only if each of them is 1.

$$x^2+y^2 = 1$$

$$\text{if } x^2=0; y^2=1$$

$$x^2=1; y^2=0$$

$$x=0; y = \pm 1$$

$$x = \pm 1; y = 0$$

The only units of the integral domain of Gaussian integers are $0 \pm i, \pm 1+0i$ i.e. $1, -1, i, -i$.

Proper & Improper Divisors: \rightarrow Let D be an integral domain with unity element 1. Let a be any non-zero element of D . Then the units of D and associates of a are always divisors of a . These are called improper or trivial divisors of a . Any other divisors of a are called proper or non-trivial divisors of a .

Exp: \rightarrow $\pm 1, \pm 6$ are ^{or improper} trivial divisors of 6 . But $\pm 2, \pm 3$ are proper or non-trivial divisors of 6 .

Prime Elements: \rightarrow Let D be an integral domain with unity element 1. A non-zero non-unit element $a \in D$, having only trivial divisors, is called a prime or irreducible element of D . An element $0 \neq b \in D$ having proper divisors is called a reducible or composite element of D .

Greatest Common Divisor (GCD): \rightarrow Let R be a commutative ring. If $a, b \in R$ then $0 \neq d \in R$ is said to be a gcd of a & b if

- (i) $d|a$ & $d|b$
- (ii) Whenever $c|a$ & $c|b$ then $c|d$.

Relatively Prime Elements: \rightarrow Let D be an integral domain with unity element 1. Two elements $a, b \in D$ is said to be relatively prime if their gcd is a unity of D .

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Euclidean Ring or Euclidean Domains: \rightarrow Let R be an integral domain i.e., let R be a commutative ring without zero divisors. Then R is said to be a Euclidean ring if to every non-zero element $a \in R$ we can assign a non-negative integer $d(a)$ such that: $d: R^* \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ where $R^* = R - \{0\}$

$$(i) \forall a, b \in R^* \Rightarrow d(ab) \geq d(a)$$

or

$$a|b \Rightarrow d(b) \geq d(a)$$

(ii) For any $a, b \in R^* \exists q, r \in R^*$ such that $a = bq + r$ when $r = 0$ or $d(r) < d(b)$.

The second part is also known as division Algorithm.

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Example 1: → The ring of integers is an Euclidean ring.

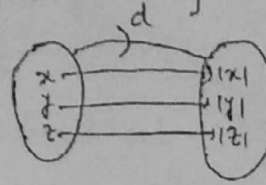
Solⁿ: → let $\langle I, +, \cdot \rangle$ be the ring of integers where

$$I = \{0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \dots, \infty\}$$

let $d: I^* \rightarrow I$

$$d(x) = |x|$$

$$\forall x \in I^*$$



further if $a, b \in I^*$

then

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

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

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

finally we know that if $a, b \in I^*$ & q, r are two integers

$$a = qb + r \text{ where } 0 \leq r < |b|$$

where either $r=0$ or $1 \leq r < |b|$

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$$r=0 \text{ or } d(r) < d(b)$$

Therefore the ring of integers is an Euclidean ring.

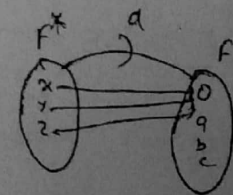
Example 2: → Every field is an Euclidean ring.

Solⁿ: → let F be any field.

$$d: F^* \rightarrow F$$

let the function d is defined as

$$d(x) = 0 \quad \forall x \in F^*$$



if $a, b \in F^*$

$$d(ab) = 0 = d(a)$$

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

We can write

$$a = a + 0$$

$$a = a \cdot b^{-1}b + 0 \quad (\because b \in F^* \text{ \& } F \text{ is field})$$

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

i.e. $a = qb + r$ where $q = ab^{-1}$ & $r = 0$

Hence every field is an Euclidean ring.

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Example 3: \rightarrow The ring of Gaussian integers is an Euclidean ring.

Solution: \rightarrow Let $(G, +, \cdot)$ be the ring of Gaussian integers where $G = \{x+iy; x, y \in \mathbb{I}\}$

$$d: G^* \rightarrow \mathbb{I}$$

Let function d is defined as

$$d(x+iy) = |x+iy|^2 = x^2+y^2$$

if $x+iy, m+in \in G^*$

$$\begin{aligned}
d[(x+iy)(m+in)] &= d[(xm-ny) + i(my+xn)] \\
&= (xm-ny)^2 + (my+xn)^2 \\
&= x^2m^2 + n^2y^2 - 2mny + m^2y^2 + x^2n^2 + 2mny \\
&= m^2(x^2+y^2) + n^2(x^2+y^2) \\
&= (x^2+y^2)(m^2+n^2) \\
&\geq (x^2+y^2)
\end{aligned}$$

$$d[(x+iy)(m+in)] \geq d(x+iy)$$

Let $\alpha \in G$ and let β be any non-zero element of G . Let

$\alpha = x+iy$ & $\beta = m+in$. Define a complex number λ

$$\text{by } \lambda = \frac{\alpha}{\beta} = \frac{x+iy}{m+in} = \frac{(x+iy)(m-in)}{m^2+n^2} = p+iq$$

where p & q are rational no.

Hence λ is not necessarily a Gaussian integer.

Also division of β is possible since $\beta \neq 0$.

Let p' & q' be the nearest point of p & q respectively.

$$\text{then } |p-p'| \leq \frac{1}{2}, \quad |q-q'| \leq \frac{1}{2}.$$

Let $\lambda' = p'+iq'$. Then λ' is a Gaussian integer.

$$\text{Now } \lambda = \frac{\alpha}{\beta} \Rightarrow \alpha = \lambda\beta$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha = \lambda'\beta + \lambda\beta - \lambda'\beta$$

$$\text{Thus } \alpha = \lambda'\beta + (\lambda - \lambda')\beta \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$$

Since α, β, λ' are Gaussian integers, therefore from $\textcircled{1}$ it implies that $(\lambda - \lambda')\beta$ is also a Gaussian integer.

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 Now if p & q are integers then $p = p'$, $q = q'$
 So $\lambda - \lambda' = (p - p') + i(q - q') = 0 + i0$ thus $(\lambda - \lambda')\beta = 0 + i0$
 If p & q are not both integers, then $(\lambda - \lambda')\beta$ is a non-zero Gaussian integer and we have

$$\begin{aligned} d[(\lambda - \lambda')\beta] &= d\left[\{(p - p') + i(q - q')\}(m + in)\right] \\ &= [(p - p')^2 + (q - q')^2](m^2 + n^2) \\ &= [(p - p')^2 + (q - q')^2] d(\beta) \\ &\leq \left[\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4}\right] d(\beta) = \frac{1}{2} d(\beta) < d(\beta) \end{aligned}$$

Thus $\alpha = \lambda'\beta + (\lambda - \lambda')\beta$ where λ' & $(\lambda - \lambda')\beta$ are Gaussian integers either $(\lambda - \lambda')\beta = 0$

or $d[(\lambda - \lambda')\beta] < d(\beta)$.

Hence the ring of Gaussian integers is an Euclidean ring.

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Theorem: \rightarrow Let R be a Euclidean ring and a & b be any two elements in R , not both of which are zero. Then a & b have a greatest common divisor d which can be expressed in the form $d = \lambda a + \mu b$ for some $\lambda, \mu \in R$.

Proof: \rightarrow Consider the set

$$S = \{sa + tb : s, t \in R\}$$

We claim that S is an ideal of R .

The proof is as follows:

Let $x = s_1a + t_1b$ & $y = s_2a + t_2b$ be any two elements of S .

Then $s_1, t_1, s_2, t_2 \in R$. We have

$$x - y = (s_1a + t_1b) - (s_2a + t_2b) = (s_1 - s_2)a + (t_1 - t_2)b \in S$$

Since $s_1 - s_2$ & $t_1 - t_2$ are both elements of R .

Thus S is subgroup of R w.r.t addition.

Also if u be any element of R , then

$$xu = ux = u(s_1a + t_1b) = (us_1)a + (ut_1)b \in S$$

Since $us_1, ut_1 \in R$.

Therefore S is an ideal of R . Now every ideal in R is a principal ideal. Therefore there exists an element d in S such that every element in S is a multiple of d .

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Since $d \in S$, therefore from (1), we see that \exists

$$\lambda, \mu \in R \text{ s.t. } d = \lambda a + \mu b.$$

Now R is a ring with unity element 1.

\therefore Putting $s=1, t=0$ in (1), we see that $a \in S$.
Also putting $s=0, t=1$ in (1), we see that $b \in S$.

Now a, b are elements of S . Therefore they are both multiples of d . Hence $d|a$ & $d|b$.

Now suppose $c|a$ & $c|b$.

Then $c|\lambda a$ & $c|\mu b$. Therefore c is also a divisor of $\lambda a + \mu b$ i.e. c is a divisor of d .

Thus d is a greatest common divisor of a & b .

Unique Factorization Domain \rightarrow

Statement: \rightarrow Let R be an Euclidean domain/ring.

If $n > 1$

$$n = p_1 \cdot p_2 \cdot p_3 \cdots p_m = q_1 \cdot q_2 \cdot q_3 \cdots q_n$$

then $m=n$ & $p_i = q_j$ for some i & j .

$$\forall p_i, q_j \in R^*$$

& all p_i 's & q_j 's are prime elements.

Proof: \rightarrow $m > 1$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} n &= p_1 \cdot p_2 \cdot p_3 \cdots p_m \\ &= q_1 \cdot q_2 \cdot q_3 \cdots q_n \end{aligned} \right\} \forall p_i, q_j \in R^* \rightarrow (1)$$

Case 1 If $m=n$ \rightarrow

$$p_1 \cdot p_2 \cdot p_3 \cdots p_m = q_1 \cdot q_2 \cdot q_3 \cdots q_n \text{ from (1)}$$

$$\text{Let } c = p_2 \cdot p_3 \cdot p_4 \cdots p_m$$

$$p_1 \cdot (c) = q_1 \cdot q_2 \cdot q_3 \cdots q_n \rightarrow (2)$$

from eq (2)

$$p_1 \mid q_1 \cdot q_2 \cdot q_3 \cdots q_n$$

\therefore p_1 & q_j 's are all prime elements
then any one of q_j 's is equal to p_1

$$\Rightarrow p_1 = q_j \text{ for any } j. \rightarrow (3)$$

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Similarly

$$\text{let } c_1 = p_1 \cdot p_3 \cdot p_4 \cdots p_m$$

$$p_2 \cdot c_1 = q_1 \cdot q_2 \cdot q_3 \cdots q_n$$

$$\text{then } p_2 \mid q_1 \cdot q_2 \cdot q_3 \cdots q_n$$

by the same way

$$p_2 = q_j \text{ for some } j. \rightarrow \textcircled{4}$$

Conversely

$$q_1 \cdot q_2 \cdot q_3 \cdots q_n = p_1 \cdot p_2 \cdot p_3 \cdots p_m \text{ from } \textcircled{1}$$

$$\text{let } d = q_2 \cdot q_3 \cdots q_n$$

$$q_1 \cdot d = p_1 \cdot p_2 \cdot p_3 \cdots p_m$$

$$q_1 \mid p_1 \cdot p_2 \cdot p_3 \cdots p_m \quad \forall q_1 \text{ \& } p_i \text{'s are prime}$$

$$\Rightarrow q_1 = p_i \text{'s for some } i. \rightarrow \textcircled{5}$$

$$\text{Similarly } q_2 = p_i \text{'s for some } i \rightarrow \textcircled{6}$$

from $\textcircled{3}, \textcircled{4}, \textcircled{5}$ & $\textcircled{6}$

$$\boxed{p_i = q_j} \text{ for some } i \neq j$$

$$\text{when } \boxed{m = n}$$

Case 2: \rightarrow if $m > n$.

$$p_1 \cdot p_2 \cdot p_3 \cdots p_m = q_1 \cdot q_2 \cdot q_3 \cdots q_n \text{ from } \textcircled{1}$$

if $m > n$

then some p_i 's are equal to 1.

\therefore All p_i 's are prime elements and prime elements are greater than 1.

Hence it is a contradiction.

Hence $m > n$ is not possible.

Case 3: \rightarrow if $m < n$

Same as case $\textcircled{2}$

Some q_j 's are equal to 1.

& it is a contradiction

Hence $m < n$ is not possible.