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A $division \ ring$ is a ring D with identity such that

- $1 \neq 0$
- For all nonzero $a \in D$, there exists $b \in D$ with $a \cdot b = b \cdot a = 1$

Every field is a commutative division ring. The Hamiltonian quaternions are an example of a division ring which is not a field.