

1. RING - The structure $(R, +, \cdot)$ consisting of a non-void set R and two binary operⁿ, denoted by $+$ and \times is s.t.b a ring if
 $(R, +)$ is an abelian group
 (R, \cdot) is a semi-group
 $\forall a, b, c \in R$

$$a(b+c) = ab+ac \quad (\text{Left distributive law})$$

$$(a+b)c = ac+bc \quad (\text{Right distributive law})$$

$(R, +)$ is called the additive group (R, \cdot) is called the multiplicative grp.
 Identity element of additive group is called additive identity / zero element
 Identity element of multiplicative group is called multiplicative identity / unity
 RING WITH UNITY - A ring $(R, +, \cdot)$ is s.t.b a ring with unity if its multiplicative identity exists i.e. $\exists 1 \in R$
 $ea = ae = a \quad \forall a \in R$

COMMUTATIVE RING - If multiplicative composition is also commutative i.e. if
 $ab = ba$

COMMUTATIVE RING WITH UNITY $\rightarrow CR + RU$
 Identity element + commutative.

PROPERTIES OF A RING

Theorem) For any elements a, b, c of a ring R :

$$a0 = 0a = 0 \quad a(-b) = -(ab) = -(a)(b) \quad (-a)(-b) = ab \quad a(b-c) = ab-ac$$

$$b = b+0 \quad a0 = 0 \quad (-a)(-b) = -[a(-b)] \quad a(-b) = -[a(b)]$$

$$0 + ab = ab + a0 \quad a(-b+b) = 0 \quad (-a)(-b) = -[-(ab)] \quad a(-b) = -[a(b)]$$

$$0 = a \cdot 0 \quad a(-b) + ab = 0 \quad (-a)(-b) = -[-(ab)] \quad a(-b) = -[a(b)]$$

$$b = b+0 \quad a(-b) = -(ab) \quad (-a)(-b) = -[-(ab)] \quad a(-b) = -[a(b)]$$

$$ba = (b+0)a \quad (-a+a)b = 0 \quad (-a)(-b) = -[-(ab)] \quad a(-b) = -[a(b)]$$

$$0 + ba = ba + 0 \cdot a \quad (-a)b + ab = 0 \quad (-a)(-b) = -[-(ab)] \quad a(-b) = -[a(b)]$$

$$0 = 0 \cdot a \quad (-a)b = -(ab)$$

ZERO DIVISOR IN A RING - An element $a(a \neq 0)$ of a ring R is s.t.b a zero divisor if
 \exists a non-zero b in R such that $a \times b = 0$

Eg $[0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, \cdot_6, \times_6]$

2, 3 and 4 are zero divisors

$$2 \times_6 3 = 0 \quad 3 \times_6 2 = 0 \quad 4 \times_6 3 = 0$$

RING WITHOUT ZERO DIVISOR - A ring is s.t.b a ring without zero divisor if
 it has no zero divisor i.e. $a, b \in R$
 $ab = 0 \Rightarrow a = 0$ or $b = 0$

Eg $(\mathbb{Z}, +, \times), (\mathbb{Q}, +, \times), (\mathbb{R}, +, \times)$

RING WITH ZERO DIVISOR - A ring is s.t.b a ring with zero divisor if $\exists a, b \in R$
 such that $a \neq 0, b \neq 0$ yet $a \cdot b = 0$.

BOOLEAN RING - A ring $(R, +, \times)$ is called a Boolean ring if all elements are idempotent i.e. $a^2 = a \quad \forall a \in R$
 for eg $\{0, 1\}$ is a boolean ring

Theorem 2 A ring R is without zero divisors iff the cancellation law holds in R considering them to be zero divisors
 Suppose $a \neq 0$ $ab = ac$,
 $ab = ac \Rightarrow ab - ac = ac - ac$
 $ab - ac = 0$
 $a(b - c) = 0$
 $b - c = 0$ [$\because a \neq 0$]
 $b = c$

cancellation law holds
 $ab = 0$
 $a \neq 0$
 $b = 0$

INTEGRAL DOMAIN - A ring is said to be an integral domain if it is a commutative ring with unity and without 0 divisors

- Ring R is
- i) commutative
 - ii) with unity
 - iii) without 0 divisors

Eg $\rightarrow (\mathbb{Z}, +, \times), (\mathbb{Q}, +, \times), (\mathbb{C}, +, \times), (\mathbb{R}, +, \times)$

Theorem \rightarrow Ring $(\mathbb{Z}_p = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, (p-1), +_p, \times_p\})$ is an integral domain iff p is prime

FIELD - A ring F is called a field if it is

- i) commutative
 - ii) with unity
 - iii) its every non-zero element is invertible
- $(R, +)$ is an abelian group + (R, \times) is an abelian group
 (Multiplicative inverse of every non-zero element)

Eg $(\mathbb{Q}, +, \times), (\mathbb{R}, +, \times), (\mathbb{C}, +, \times)$

UNIT ELEMENT IN A RING - Let R be a ring with unity and 1 be the identity of the 2nd composition, then any $a \in R$ is called a unit element if $\exists b \in R$ such that $ab = 1$
 (Inverse has $mat(a, b)$)
 Eg $(\mathbb{Z}, +, \times) \rightarrow 1$ and -1 are unit elements

Theorem The set of all units in a ring with unity forms a multiplicative group.

DIVISION RING \rightarrow Field - commutativity in (R, \times)
SKREW FIELD A ring is called a division ring or a skew field if

- 1) it is a ring with unity
- 2) Each of its non-zero element has an inverse

Eg $\rightarrow n \times n$ non singular matrices over real numbers.

Theorem

Every field is necessarily an integral domain but converse of it is not true
 F is without zero divisor prove F is integral domain
 $a, b \in F$ such that $a \neq 0$
 $ab = 0$
 $\Rightarrow a \neq 0, b = 0$
 $a^{-1}(ab) = a^{-1}0$
 $b = 0$
 $\therefore F$ is without zero divisor
 F is integral domain

Theorem A finite commutative ring without zero divisor is a field

$(R, +, \cdot)$
 $(R, +)$ abelian
 (R, \cdot) semi + commutative

$(R, +) \rightarrow$ abelian
 $(R, \cdot) \rightarrow$ abelian

Let us suppose R has n elements a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n and $a_i \in R, a_i \neq 0$
 Consider n products $a_1 a_i, a_2 a_i, \dots, a_n a_i$

All these products belong to R (closed)
 $a_1 a_i = a_2 a_i$

$$a_1 a_i - a_2 a_i = 0$$

$$(a_1 - a_2) a_i = 0 \quad (\because a_i \neq 0)$$

$$a_1 = a_2 \quad R \text{ is without zero divisor}$$

So No two elements are =

Thus we see that

$$R = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\} = \{a_1 a_i, a_2 a_i, \dots, a_n a_i\}$$

But $a_i \in R$ so there exists a_k in R such that

$$a_k a_i = a_i$$

R is commutative $a_k a_i = a_i a_k = a_i$

Let any element $b \in R$ then $a_m a_i \in R$

$$b = a_m a_i$$

$$a_k b = b a_k = (a_m a_i) a_k$$

$$= a_m (a_i a_k)$$

$$= a_m a_i = b$$

a_k is unity in R

Every non zero element has multiplicative inverse

$$a_i \in R \Rightarrow \exists a_j \in R$$

$$a_j a_i = a_i a_j = e$$

a_i is any arbitrary non-zero element in R

which implies that multiplicative inverse exists

is s.t. b a ring with finite characteristic. If no such +ve integer exists, then R is s.t. b characteristic zero
 Eg The characteristic of ring $(\mathbb{Z}_4, +, \cdot)$ is 4 because $n \cdot x = 0 \Rightarrow n \in \mathbb{Z}_4 \Rightarrow n(\text{least}) = 4$

Rings with characteristic zero $(\mathbb{Q}, +, \cdot), (\mathbb{R}, +, \cdot), (\mathbb{C}, +, \cdot), (\mathbb{Z}, +, \cdot)$
 No. of times any element is added to obtain 0

CHARACTERISTIC OF AN INTEGRAL DOMAIN AND FIELD
 The characteristic of an integral domain or a field D is the least integer n for which $n \cdot e = 0$
 If no such +ve integer exists then D is s.t. b of characteristic 0
 No. of times identity element is added to obtain 0
 Eg in $(\mathbb{Z}_7, +, \cdot)$ is 7 because $0(1) = 7$ in $(\mathbb{Z}_7, +, \cdot)$

Theorem \rightarrow The characteristic of an integral domain is either 0 or a prime no.

SUBRING \rightarrow A nonvoid subset of a ring $(R, +, \cdot)$ is called a subring of R iff S itself is a ring for induced compositions.

IMPROPER OR TRIVIAL SUBRINGS \rightarrow Every ring has min. 2 subrings R itself and $\{0\}$.

PROPER SUBRING \rightarrow A subring which is not an improper subring
 If $(S, +, \cdot)$ is a subring of $(R, +, \cdot)$ then $(S, +)$ is a subgroup of the commutative group $(R, +)$

Eg ring $(m\mathbb{Z}, +, \cdot)$ $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ is a subring of $(\mathbb{Z}, +, \cdot)$

Theorem \rightarrow The necessary and sufficient condn for a non-void subset S of a ring R to be a subring of R are
 $a \in S, b \in S \Rightarrow (a-b), ab \in S$

suppose S is a subring of ring R

$a, b \in S$

$a \in S, b \in S \Rightarrow a \in S - b \in S$
 $a + (-b) \in S$

$a \in S, b \in S \Rightarrow ab \in S$

Now considering condn only

$S \neq \emptyset$ let $a \in S$

given $a-b \in S, ab \in S$

$a-a \in S \Rightarrow 0 \in S$
 (Additive identity)

$0 \in S, a \in S$

$0-a \in S \Rightarrow -a \in S$
 (Additive inverse)

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

$a - (-b) \in S \Rightarrow a+b \in S$
 (closed)

Associativity and commutativity must hold in S as they hold in R

Moreover by condn $ab \in S$, S is closed in multiplication
 Also associativity and distributivity of multiplication over addition must hold in S since they hold in R

Theorem 2 The intersection of two subrings is again a subring
Let S_1 and S_2 be two subrings

$$0 \in S_1, 0 \in S_2$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 \in S_1 \cap S_2$$

$$S_1 \cap S_2 \neq \emptyset$$

Let $a, b \in S_1 \cap S_2$ then

$$a, b \in S_1 \quad a, b \in S_2$$

$$a-b \in S_1, a-b \in S_2 \quad a-b \in S_1 \cap S_2$$

$$a-b \in S_1 \cap S_2 \quad ab \in S_1 \cap S_2$$

$S_1 \cap S_2$ is a subring.