

# 13th abstract algebra

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## Ring

**Definition:** a ring is a set  $R$ . binary operations  $\oplus \otimes$ .

①  $R$  is an abelian group.

$$1. (a+b)+c = a+(b+c)$$

Associativity. ✓ subset

$$2. a+0 = 0+a$$

zero

✓ ↴

$$3. \forall a. \exists b \text{ s.t. } a+b=b+a=0$$

Additive inverse

✓ closed

$$b=-a$$

$$4. \forall a.b. a+b=b+a$$

Commutativity. ⇐ ✓ subset

• associative, multiplicative identity.

$$5. (a \cdot b) \cdot c = a \cdot (b \cdot c)$$

Associativity.

monoid. ✓ subset

$$\textcircled{1} \rightarrow 6. \exists 1 \neq 0, \forall a, a \cdot 1 = 1 \cdot a.$$

Unit •

✓ assumption

+ • compatible

$$7. \frac{a \cdot cb + c}{(b+c) \cdot a} = \frac{a \cdot b + a \cdot c}{b \cdot a + c \cdot a} \quad \text{Distributivity}$$

✓ subset

Remark. definition of rings is not standard.  
 ① semigroup  
 ② 1 can be 0.

Example: complex number.  $+ \cdot$   $a+bi$  ring.

$$+ \text{ obvious. } \cdot [ (a+bi) \cdot (c+di) ] \cdot (e+fi) = (a+bi) [(c+di)(e+fi)] \\ a=1, b=0 \quad (c+di) \cdot 1 = 1 \cdot (c+di)$$

$$\text{distributivity. } (a+bi)(c+di+e+fi) = \underline{(a+bi)(c+di)} + \underline{(a+bi)(e+fi)} \\ (a+bi) \underline{\underline{[ae+ac]}} + \underline{(d+fi)i} = \underline{ae+ac}$$

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Lemma: Let  $R$  be a ring and let  $S$  be a subset that contains 1

Then  $S$  is a subring iff  $S$  is closed under addition. additive inverses and multiplication.

Proof:  $\Rightarrow$  obvious.

$\Leftarrow$  subset of  $R$

□

Example:  $\mathbb{Z} \subset \mathbb{Q} \subset R \subset C$ . subrings.

$\frac{a}{b}$  a,b integers. b, odd. is a subring of rational numbers.

$$\frac{a}{b} \cdot \frac{c}{d} = \frac{ac}{bd}$$
 b,d: odd.

$\mathbb{Z}_n$ . left cosets of  $n\mathbb{Z}$  inside  $\mathbb{Z}$  (integers modulo n)

$[0], [1] \dots [n-1]$

zero unit

$n=6$ .  $0=[0]$   $1=[1]$   $[2][3]=[2 \cdot 3]=[6]=[0]$

Definition - Lemma: Let  $X$  be any set and  $R$  be any ring.

Then the set  $\bar{R}$  of functions from  $X$  into  $R$  becomes a ring.  
+ · defined as pointwise.

$f, g \in \bar{R}$ .  $(f+g)(x) = f(x) + g(x) \in R \quad x \in X$ .

$$(f \cdot g)(x) = f(x) \cdot g(x) \in R$$

$$f(x) = 0 \in R \text{ zero.}$$

$$g(x) = 1 \in R \text{ unit.}$$

$X \xrightarrow{\text{functions}} R$

Proof: associativity:  $f, g, h \quad (f+g)+h = f+(g+h)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} (f+g)+h(x) &= (f+g)(x) + h(x) \stackrel{*}{=} f(x) + g(x) + h(x). \\ &= f(x) + (g(x) + h(x)) \\ &= [f + (g+h)](x) \end{aligned}$$

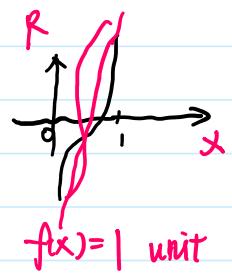
$$(f+g)(x) = f(x) + g(x) = \underset{f(x)}{f(x)} + \underset{g(x)}{g(x)} = \underset{f(x)}{f(x)} + \underset{g(x)}{[f+g+h](x)} = [f+(g+h)](x)$$

□

Example:  $x \in [0, 1]$   
 $R = \mathbb{R}$

$$x \xrightarrow{0} R$$

continuous function from  $[0, 1]$  into  $\mathbb{R}$



sum and product of continuous functions is continuous.

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= \dots \\ g(x) &= -f(x) \end{aligned} \quad f(x) + g(x) = 0. \quad (\text{from definition})$$

**Definition-Lemma.** Let  $\underline{R}$  be a ring and let  $n$  be a positive integer.

$M_n(\underline{R})$  denotes the set of all  $n \times n$  matrices with entries in  $\underline{R}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} M_n(\underline{R}) &\ni A = (a_{ij}) \\ &\quad B = (b_{ij}) \end{aligned} \quad A+B = (a_{ij} + b_{ij}) \quad A \cdot B = \dots$$

ij<sup>th</sup> entry of  $A \cdot B$  is  
the dot product of the i<sup>th</sup> row of  $A$   
and j<sup>th</sup> column of  $B$ .

$0$ : zero matrix       $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \end{bmatrix}$        $1$ :  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  identity matrix.

ring.

Proof: obvious.

□

Example:  $M_1(\underline{R})$   $[\underline{R}]$  is a copy of  $\underline{R}$ .

$$R = \mathbb{Z}_6, \quad n = 2, \quad A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad AB = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

**Definition-Lemma.** Let  $\underline{R}$  be a ring and  $x$  be an indeterminate.

polynomial ring  $\underline{R}[x]$  is defined to be the set of all formal sums.

$$a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 x + a_0 = \sum a_i x^i \quad a_i \in \underline{R}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} f & \cdot \sum a_i x^i \\ g & \cdot \sum b_i x^i \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f+g & \cdot \sum (a_i + b_i) x^i \quad (m \leq n, b_i = 0 \text{ for } i > m) \\ f \cdot g & \cdot \sum_j [\sum_i a_i b_{i-j}] x^i \end{aligned}$$

$0 \cdot \underline{\quad} = 0$

$$f \cdot g = \sum_j [ \sum_i a_j b_{i-j} ] x^i$$

$$0 \cdot f = 0$$

$$1 \cdot g = 1$$

Proof: from definition.

□.

$R = \mathbb{Z}_2$ . smallest ring. a ring should contain zero and unit.

$$R \rightarrow R \quad \begin{matrix} 1 \mapsto 1 \\ 2 \mapsto 2 \end{matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} 1 \mapsto 1 \\ 2 \mapsto 2 \end{matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} 1 \mapsto 1 \\ 2 \mapsto 2 \end{matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} 1 \mapsto 1 \\ 2 \mapsto 2 \end{matrix}$$

$\xrightarrow[4]{\text{polynomials.}}$  infinite many polynomials.  $x \mapsto 2 \quad \begin{matrix} x^2 \\ x^5 \end{matrix}$ .

$\xrightarrow{x \mapsto y}$  Two different polynomials often determine the same function.

$$\frac{x^5+x}{x^6+1} \mapsto 2 \quad \frac{x^6+x}{x^6+1} \mapsto 2$$

Complex number  $i^2 = -1$   $a+bi$

quaternions.  $i, j, k$   $a+bi+cj+dk$ .  $a, b, c, d$  are real numbers

$$a+bi+cj+dk + a'+b'i+c'j+d'k = (a+a') + (b+b')i + (c+c')j + (d+d')k.$$

$$i^2 = j^2 = k^2 = -1. \quad ij = k \quad jk = i \quad ki = j \quad ji = -k \quad kj = -i \quad ik = -j.$$

$$(a+bi+cj+dk)(a'+b'i+c'j+d'k) = (aa' - bb' - cc' - dd') + (ab' + b'a + cd' - dc')i + (ac' + c'a + db' - bd')j + (ad' + da' + bc' - b'c)k$$

This gives us a group.  $a, \pm 1 \cong \mathbb{Z}_2$   $a+bi \{ \pm 1, \pm i \} \cong \mathbb{Z}_4$ .  $i, -1, i, -i \cong \mathbb{Z}_4$ .

$$\text{quaternions} \{ \pm 1, \pm i, \pm j, \pm k \} \cong \mathbb{Z}_8.$$

## Basic properties of Rings

Lemma. Let  $R$  be a ring and let  $a$  and  $b$  be elements of  $R$

$$(1). \quad a \cdot \underline{0} = 0 \cdot a = 0$$

$$(2). \quad a \cdot \underline{(}-b\underline{)} = c-a \cdot b = \underline{-(ab)}.$$

Proof: (1). Let  $x = a0$

$$\begin{aligned}
 x &= a0 \\
 &= a(0+0) \\
 &= a0+a0 \\
 &= x+x
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 x-x &= x+\underline{x-x} \\
 0 &= x+0=x=a0.
 \end{aligned}$$

(2) (Let  $y = ac-b$ )

$$\begin{aligned}
 y+ab &= ac-b+ab \\
 &\stackrel{\text{distributivity}}{=} a(c-b+b) \\
 &= a \cdot 0 \\
 &= 0
 \end{aligned}$$

want.  $y+(ab)=0$  ✓

Lemma. Let  $R$  be a set that satisfies all the axioms of a ring except  $ab=b+a$ .

Then  $R$  is a ring.

Proof:  $(a+b)(1+1)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (a+b)(1+1) &= (a+b) \cdot 1 + (a+b) \cdot 1 \\
 &= a+b + a+b \\
 &= a + (b+a) + b \leftarrow \\
 (a+b)(1+1) &= a \cdot (1+1) + b \cdot (1+1) \quad \text{circled} \\
 &= a+a+b+b. \quad \text{circled}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$a+(b+a)+b = a+a+b+b.$$

$$b+a+b = a+b+b$$

$$b+a = a+b.$$

□

Lemma. Let  $R$  be a ring and let  $a$  and  $b$  be any two elements of  $R$ .  
Then

$$(a+b)^2 = a^2 + ab + ba + b^2$$

Proof:  $(a+b)(a+b) = (a+b) \cdot a + (a+b) \cdot b$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= a^2 + \underline{ba} + ab + b^2 \\
 &= a^2 + ab + ba + b^2.
 \end{aligned}$$

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