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Example for finite noncommutative ring is

$$M_2(\mathbb{Z}_p) = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \mid a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{Z}_p \right\}$$

, for any prime p .

Indeed, $M_2(\mathbb{Z}_p)$ is commutative group under addition of 2×2 matrices, and we know how to multiply two matrices. Distributivity is also easily verified formally. Since matrix multiplication is not commutative, this ring is not commutative.

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Example for infinite noncommutative ring without unity is

$$M_2(2\mathbb{Z}) = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \mid a, b, c, d \in 2\mathbb{Z} \right\}$$

The same explanation as above provides for this example.

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We find two rings of 2×2 matrices.

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The unit is element 6. Remember that it is the element which is multiplicative identity in ring.

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These computations explain the conclusion:

- $0 \cdot 6 = 6 \cdot 0 = 0$
- $2 \cdot 6 = 6 \cdot 2 = 12 = 2$
- $4 \cdot 6 = 6 \cdot 4 = 24 = 4$
- $6 \cdot 6 = 6 \cdot 6 = 36 = 6$

Result

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Try out different possibilities, there are not many of them.

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For some prime p , we have that $H = \langle \frac{1}{p} \rangle$ is a subgroup of additive group $(\mathbb{Q}, +)$, but it is not closed for multiplication $(\frac{1}{p} \cdot \frac{1}{p} = \frac{1}{p^2} \notin H)$, hence it is not a subring of ring $(\mathbb{Q}, +, \cdot)$.

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In ring \mathbb{Z}_8 we note that for $a = 2$ and $b = 4$, the equation $ax = b$ has two solutions: $x = 2$ and $x = 6$.**Step 2**

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In groups, since there are always inverses, this equation has exactly one solution, which is $x = a^{-1}b$.**Result**

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Theorem 12.2 states that unity in ring is unique, and that multiplicative inverses are unique (provided that they exist).

Assume there are two unities, e and f . Then we obtain using definitons:

$$e = [f \text{ is unity}] = ef = [e \text{ is unity}] = f$$

Step 2

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Now assume that b and c are multiplicative inverses of a . We obtain:

$$b = be = b(ac) = (ab)c = ec = c$$

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The appropriate n for all parts of Exercise is **$n = 10$** . It is not prime.**Step 2**

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Part a)For $a = 6$ we have $6^2 = 36 \equiv 6 \pmod{10}$, and obviously $6 \neq 0$ and $6 \neq 1 \cdot 7$.**Step 3**

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Part b)For $a = 2, b = 5$ we have $2 \cdot 5 = 10 \equiv 0 \pmod{10}$, but obviously $2 \neq 0$ and $5 \neq 0$.**Step 4**

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Part c)For $a = 2, b = 1, c = 6$ we have $2 \cdot 1 = 2 \cdot 6$, but obviously $b \neq c$ and $a \neq 0$.**Result**

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\mathbb{Z}_p is ring with unity 1 and with **multiplicative inverses**, which is consequence of $U(p) = \mathbb{Z}_p \setminus \{0\}$, and **Theorem 0.2**.

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In rings with multiplicative inverses all statements from previous Exercise are valid. For example, if $a^2 = a$ and $a \neq 0$, we can multiply with a^{-1} to obtain $a = 1$.

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If we plug in ba instead of b and ab instead of c we get the correct equality

$$a(ba) = (ab)a.$$

Now property of this ring implies that $ab = ba$, i.e. R is commutative.**Result**

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Let $\{S_i \mid i \in I\}$ be a collection of subrings of ring R , indexed by some set I .

We use Subring Test to prove that $S = \bigcap_{i \in I} S_i$ is subring of R as well. Note that $0 \in S$, since it must be contained in all subrings S_i .

Step 2

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First, for any two $x, y \in S$ we have $x, y \in S_i$, for all $i \in I$, from definition of intersection of sets. Then, since S_i is a subring, we have $x - y \in S_i$ and $xy \in S_i$.

But from here we again from definition of intersection conclude that $x - y, xy \in S$. This completes the Subring Test for set S .

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Example 8 is obvious, since $0 - 0 = 0$ and $0 \cdot 0 = 0$, and \mathbb{R} is ring by definition.**Step 2**

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Example 9 is easily verified: for example $4 - 2 = 2$ and $4 \cdot 2 = 8 = 2$.**Step 3**

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Example 10 is verified as follows: we already know that $n\mathbb{Z}$ is a subgroup of \mathbb{Z} , and product of two elements an, bn is abn^2 , which is in $n\mathbb{Z}$ again.**Step 4**

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Example 11 is verified as follows: difference of two Gaussian integers is obviously Gaussian, and their product is

$$(a + bi)(c + di) = ac - bd + (ad + bc)i$$

is Gaussian as well.

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Example 12 is verified as follows: value of difference of two functions from S is $0 - 0 = 0$, as it should be, and value of product is $0 \cdot 0 = 0$, as it should be.**Step 6**

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Example 13 is obvious.

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Rule 3 of **Theorem 12.1** says that $(-a)(-b) = ab$. From rule 2 we can conclude the following:

$$(-a)(-b) = -((-a)b) = -(-(ab)) = ab$$

Step 2

2 of 4

Rule 4 is something like distributivity, and follows from it, and rule 2:

$$a(b - c) = a(b + (-c)) = ab + a(-c) = ab - ac$$

Analogously for $(b - c)a = ba - ca$.**Step 3**

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Rule 5 follows from rule 2:

$$(-1)a = -(1 \cdot a) = -a$$

Rule six is direct consequence of rule 5, for $a = -1$.**Result**

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 b divides c is equivalent to $c = xb$, for some $x \in R$. We can write this equation as

$$c = xb = x(a^{-1}a)b = xa^{-1}(ab)$$

which exactly is equivalent to ab divides c .**Result**

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We have proved a long time ago that every subgroup of cyclic group is again cyclic, i.e. $\langle n \rangle = n\mathbb{Z}$ are the only subgroups of \mathbb{Z} . Hence they are the only candidates for subrings.

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But in Example 10 we saw that $n\mathbb{Z}$ is really a subring of \mathbb{Z} .

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We compute:

$$m \cdot (ab) = \underbrace{ab + ab + \cdots + ab}_{m \text{ times}} = a(\underbrace{b + b + \cdots + b}_{m \text{ times}}) = a(m \cdot b)$$

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Analogously $m \cdot (ab) = (m \cdot a)b$.**Result**

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We use previous Exercise to compute:

$$(m \cdot a)(n \cdot b) = m \cdot (a(n \cdot b)) = m \cdot (n \cdot (ab)) = (mn) \cdot (ab)$$

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We use property 5 of **Theorem 12.1** and Exercise 14 to compute:

$$n \cdot (-a) = n \cdot ((-1)a) = (n \cdot (-1))a = (-1 \cdot n)a = (-1) \cdot (n \cdot a) = -(n \cdot a)$$

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Let $R = \langle a \rangle$. Then for any two elements $m \cdot a, n \cdot b$ we compute using Exercise 15:

$$(m \cdot a)(n \cdot b) = (mn) \cdot (aa) = (nm) \cdot (aa) = (n \cdot a)(m \cdot a)$$

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Firstly, $0 \in S$, from property 1 of **Theorem 12.1**.Now we use **Subring Test** to prove that S is subring of R . Properties from the definition of a ring and **Theorem 12.1** will be used in computations implicitly.

Take any two $x, y \in S$, i.e. $ax = ay = 0$. Then we first compute:

$$a(x - y) = ax - ay = 0 - 0 = 0$$

which proves that $x - y \in S$.

Next, we look at xy . We have:

$$a(xy) = (ax)y = 0y = 0$$

which proves $xy \in S$ and completes the proof.

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HINT: use **Subring Test** and **Theorem 12.1**.

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We denote the given set with $Z(R) = \{x \in R \mid ax = xa, \forall a \in R\}$, as in groups. First we observe that $0 \in Z(R)$, since $0a = a0 = 0$.

Now we use **Subring Test** to prove that S is subring of R .

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Take any two $x, y \in Z(R)$, i.e. $ax = xa$ and $ay = ya$. Then we first compute:

$$a(x - y) = ax - ay = xa - ya = (x - y)a$$

which proves that $x - y \in Z(R)$.

Next, we look at xy . We have:

$$a(xy) = (ax)y = (xa)y = x(ay) = (xy)a$$

which proves $xy \in Z(R)$ and completes the proof.

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Since $M_2(\mathbb{Z})$ is a subring of ring $M_2(\mathbb{R})$, the multiplicative inverse of element

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$$

is

$$X^{-1} = \frac{1}{ad - bc} \begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix}$$

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This is element of $M_2(\mathbb{Z})$ if and only if $\det(X) = ad - bc$ divides a, b, c and d .**Result**

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If each of R_1, R_2, \dots, R_n has a unity, say $1_j \in R_j$, then element $\mathbf{1} = (1_1, 1_2, \dots, 1_n)$ is a unity in $R_1 \oplus R_2 \oplus \dots \oplus R_n$, since the operation is performed componentwise.

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Conversely, if $\mathbf{1} = (1_1, 1_2, \dots, 1_n)$ is a unity in $R_1 \oplus R_2 \oplus \dots \oplus R_n$, we again conclude that 1_j is unity in ring R_j , because the operation is performed componentwise.

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Multiplication in R is associative, hence it is associative in $U(R)$ as well.**Step 2**

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The unity of the ring is its own inverse, so it is in $U(R)$.Every element in $U(R)$ has a multiplicative inverse, by definition of unit of a ring.This shows that $U(R)$ satisfies three conditions necessary for set to be a group.**Result**

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Remember that $\mathbb{Z}[i] = \{a + bi \mid a, b \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ is the set of Gaussian integers, which forms a subring of \mathbb{C} .

We need to find all units of this ring.

Step 2

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Let $x = a + bi \in U(\mathbb{Z}[i])$, which means there is $y = c + di \in \mathbb{Z}[i]$ such that $xy = yx = 1$.

From this equality we obtain $|xy| = |x| \cdot |y| = 1$ and then conclude that $|x| = 1$, since both $|x|$ and $|y|$ are natural numbers.

Step 3

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But now we have $1 = |x|^2 = a^2 + b^2$, which means there are only four possibilities:

- $a = 0, b = -1 \implies x = -i$
- $a = 0, b = 1 \implies x = i$
- $a = -1, b = 0 \implies x = -1$
- $a = 1, b = 0 \implies x = 1$

For all of these numbers it is trivially verified that $x \in U(\mathbb{Z}[i])$.

Hence we have $U(\mathbb{Z}[i]) = \{-i, i, -1, 1\}$.

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First take any element $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in U(R_1 \oplus R_2 \oplus \dots \oplus R_n)$. This means there is element $y = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n) \in R_1 \oplus R_2 \oplus \dots \oplus R_n$ such that $xy = yx = 1$.

But this exactly means $x_j y_j = 1_j$, for all $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$, where 1_j is unity in ring R_j (see solution to Exercise 22). Now we conclude that $x_j \in U(R_j)$, which implies that $U(R_1 \oplus R_2 \oplus \dots \oplus R_n) \subseteq U(R_1) \oplus U(R_2) \oplus \dots \oplus U(R_n)$.

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Opposite inclusion is rather obvious and unworthy of words.

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Remember that $\mathbb{Z}[x]$ is a ring of all polynomials with integer coefficients. Let $p(x) = a_nx^n + \dots + a_1x + a_0 \in U(\mathbb{Z}[x])$, which means there is $q(x) \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$ such that $(pq)(x) = (qp)(x) = 1$, for all $x \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Step 2

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By plugging in $x = 0$ we have $a_0 \cdot q(0) = 1$, which implies that $a_0 = \pm 1$, since $a_0, q(0) \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Now we can conclude that $p(x) = \pm 1$ are the only polynomials in $U(\mathbb{Z}[x])$, since if there is some $a_j \neq 0$ for $j > 0$, the part x^j could not become 0.

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By analogous reasoning as in previous Exercise, we obtain the solution
 $U(\mathbb{R}[x]) = \mathbb{R}^*$.

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Let a be unit, a^{-1} its inverse, and c any element from ring R .By definition, c is said to be divisible by a if there is element $b \in R$ such that $c = ab$.**Step 2**

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We compute:

$$c = cc = (aa^{-1})c = a(a^{-1}c)$$

which implies that $a \mid c$ with $b = a^{-1}c$.**Result**

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In \mathbb{Z}_6 we have $4 \mid 2$, since $2 = 4 \cdot 2 \pmod{6}$.In \mathbb{Z}_8 we have $3 \mid 7$, since $7 = 3 \cdot 5 \pmod{8}$.In \mathbb{Z}_{15} we have $9 \mid 12$, since $12 = 9 \cdot 3 \pmod{15}$.**Result**

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Let $ax = 1$ (since a is unit). Ring R is commutative, which implies that $a^2x^2 = (ax)^2 = 1^2 = 1$.

Now we will prove that $a + b$ is unit of R .

Step 2

2 of 3

Compute the product $(a + b)(a - b)$ using the fact that R is commutative and $b^2 = 0$:

$$(a + b)(a - b) = a^2 - ab + ba - b^2 = a^2 - ab + ab - b^2 = a^2 - b^2 = a^2 - 0 = a^2$$

This implies that

$$(a + b)((a - b)x^2) = 1$$

which proves that $a + b \in U(R)$.

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If $m \leq n$, we have immediately $a = a^n = a^m a^{m-n} = 0 a^{m-n} = 0$.**Step 2**

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Otherwise, we can write $n = qm + r$, with $q > 0$. Then we have:

$$a = a^n = a^{qm+r} = a^{qm}a^r = (a^m)^q a^r = 0^q a^r = 0 a^r = 0$$

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We can take matrices

$$a = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

and

$$b = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

from ring $M_2(\mathbb{R})$.**Step 2**

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Then we have $ab = 0$, but

$$ba = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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We compute:

$$ba = (ba)^n = b(ab)^{n-1}a$$

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This implies that if $ab = 0$, we have $ab = b0a = 0$ as well.**Result**

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We plug in $2x$ instead of x in equality $x^3 = x$ to obtain

$$(2x)^3 = 8x^3 = 2x$$

Step 2

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But now if we substitute back $x^3 = x$, we get

$$8x^3 = 8x = 2x$$

from where $6x = 0$ follows.**Result**

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Plug in $2x$ instead of x in equality $x^3 = x$.[Exercise 32](#)[Exercise 34](#)**Subject areas**

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We use First Principle of Mathematical Induction.

Basis is the assumption $a^4 = a^2$.**Step 2**

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From assumption $a^{2n} = a^2$, we obtain:

$$a^{2(n+1)} = \underbrace{a^2 n a^2}_{=a^2} = a^2 a^2 = a^4 = a^2$$

which completes the step of induction.

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Use First Principle of Mathematical Induction.

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In \mathbb{Z}_6 we can take $n = 3$, since:

- $1^3 = 1 = 1 \pmod{6}$
- $2^3 = 8 = 2 \pmod{6}$
- $3^3 = 27 = 3 \pmod{6}$
- $4^3 = 64 = 4 \pmod{6}$
- $5^3 = 125 = 5 \pmod{6}$

Step 2

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In \mathbb{Z}_{10} we can take $n = 5$, since:

- $1^5 = 1 = 1 \pmod{10}$
- $2^5 = 32 = 2 \pmod{10}$
- $3^5 = 243 = 3 \pmod{10}$
- $4^5 = 1024 = 4 \pmod{10}$
- $5^5 = 3125 = 5 \pmod{10}$
- $6^5 = 7776 = 6 \pmod{10}$
- $7^5 = 16807 = 7 \pmod{10}$
- $8^5 = 32768 = 8 \pmod{10}$
- $9^5 = 59049 = 9 \pmod{10}$

Step 3

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If $m = p^2t$, then for element $pt \in \mathbb{Z}_m$ we have $(pt)^n = 0$, which means there can not be n such that $(pt)^n = pt$.**Result**

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Inclusion $k\mathbb{Z} \subseteq m\mathbb{Z} \cap n\mathbb{Z}$ is trivial, since every multiple of k is obviously multiple of both m and n .

Step 2

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On the other hand, let $x = am = bn$, i.e. $x \in m\mathbb{Z} \cap n\mathbb{Z}$ is a common multiple of both m and n . We need to prove that x is multiple of k as well.

Say $x = qk + r$, where $r < k$. Since x, k are both multiples of m, n , then so is $r = x - qk$. But this is contradiction, since k is the least natural number with this property.

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Group \mathbb{Z}_n is cyclic, so its subgroup is cyclic as well.**Step 2**

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We know that any cyclic group is closed under multiplication, which implies that any subgroup of \mathbb{Z}_n is also a subring.**Result**

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We first have to prove that S is an additive subgroup of R . Take $r_1, r_2 \in R$ and compute:

$$ar_1a - ar_2a = a(r_1 - r_2)a \in S$$

which shows that S passes **One-Step Subgroup Test**.**Step 2**

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Furthermore, we need to prove that S is closed under multiplication. Again take $r_1, r_2 \in R$ and compute:

$$(ar_1a)(ar_2a) = ar_1 \underbrace{a^2}_{=1} r_2a = ar_1r_2a = ar_1r_2a \in S$$

which proves that S is closed under multiplication, and that it is a subring of R .Since $a1a = a^2 = 1$, we have $1 \in S$.**Result**

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This computation proves that R is not closed under multiplication, which means it is not a subring of $M_2(\mathbb{Z})$:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 7 \\ 5 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \notin R$$

Result

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R is obviously subgroup of $M_2(\mathbb{Z})$. Following computation shows that it is closed under multiplication as well, which implies that it is a subring:

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_1 & a_1 - b_1 \\ a_1 - b_1 & b_1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_2 & a_2 - b_2 \\ a_2 - b_2 & b_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2a_1a_2 - a_1b_2 - a_2b_1 + b_1b_2 & a_1a_2 - b_1b_2 \\ a_1a_2 - b_1b_2 & 2b_1b_2 + a_1a_2 - a_1b_2 - a_2b_1 \end{bmatrix} \in R,$$

because

$$(2a_1a_2 - a_1b_2 - a_2b_1 + b_1b_2) - (2b_1b_2 + a_1a_2 - a_1b_2 - a_2b_1) = a_1a_2 - b_1b_2.$$

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R is obviously subgroup of $M_2(\mathbb{Z})$. This computation shows that it is closed under multiplication as well, which implies that it is subring:

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_1 & a_1 \\ b_1 & b_1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_2 & a_2 \\ b_2 & b_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_1a_2 + a_1b_2 & a_1a_2 + a_1b_2 \\ b_1a_2 + b_1b_2 & b_1a_2 + b_1b_2 \end{bmatrix} \in R$$

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We have that $(1, 2, 3) \in S$, but $(1, 2, 3)^2 = (1, 4, 9) \notin S$, since $1 + 4 \neq 9$.

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This proves that S is not closed under multiplication, i.e. it is not a subring of R .

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We plug in $-a$ in equity $a^n = a$ and use the fact that n is even to obtain:

$$-a = (-a)^n = a^n = a$$

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We first have to prove that S is a subgroup of R . Take any two $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ and compute:

$$n \cdot 1 - m \cdot 1 = (n - m) \cdot 1 \in S$$

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Furthermore, from Exercise 15 we have that

$$(m \cdot 1)(n \cdot 1) = (mn) \cdot (11) = (mn) \cdot 1$$

which implies that S is closed under multiplication.**Result**

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Set $2\mathbb{Z} \cup 3\mathbb{Z}$ is not even a subgroup of \mathbb{Z} , since $3 - 2 = 1 \notin 2\mathbb{Z} \cup 3\mathbb{Z}$.**Result**

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The smallest **subgroup** of \mathbb{Q} which contains $\frac{1}{2}$ is cyclic group $\langle \frac{1}{2} \rangle = \left\{ \frac{m}{2} \mid m \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$.

Step 2

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But any subring containing $\frac{1}{2}$ must also contain elements $\frac{1}{2^n}$, for $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Thus the smallest subring of \mathbb{Q} containing $\frac{1}{2}$ is set $\left\{ \frac{m}{2^n} \mid m \in \mathbb{Z}, n \in \mathbb{N} \right\}$.

Result

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Analogously as in previous Exercise, we conlude that it is set $\{m \cdot \frac{2^n}{3^m} \mid m \in \mathbb{Z}, n \in \mathbb{N}\}$.**Result**

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If R is commutative, we can compute:

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

Step 2

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Conversely, using the same computation we obtain:

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

Now cancelling out $a^2 - b^2$ yields $ab = ba$.**Result**

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First by plugging in $2a$ instead of a in equality $a^2 = a$ yields:

$$2a = (2a)^2 = 4a^2 = 4a$$

which implies $2a = 0$, for all $a \in R$.**Step 2**

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Now we will show that $ab = ba$, for all $a, b \in R$, using this computation:

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

from where we obtain

$$ab + ba = 2b = 0.$$

Now we have $ab = -ba$, but then we use result from Exercise 44 to obtain

$$\boxed{ab = ba}.$$

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Example of Boolean ring with four elements is ring $\mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2$.**Step 2**

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Example of infinite Boolean ring is ring $\mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \dots$.**Result**

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No to both. Consider first equation $2x + 1 = 4$ in \mathbb{Z}_6 . It obviously has no solutions.**Step 2**

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Now consider equation $3x + 3 = 3$ in \mathbb{Z}_6 . It has 3 solutions, $x = 0, 2, 4$.**Step 3**

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If a is unit, then there is always a unique solution, namely $x = a^{-1}(c - b)$.**Result**

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