

# Commutative rings

## Definition

Let  $A$  be a ring. It is called a commutative ring if  $(A, \cdot)$  is a commutative monoid.

## Example

The set of integers is a commutative ring.

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Let  $A$  be any commutative ring. Let  $x$  be an indeterminate. Then, the set

$$A[x]$$

of polynomials in  $x$  with coefficients in  $A$  is a commutative ring.

## Question

Let  $M$  be an abelian group. Let  $\text{End}(M)$  be the ring of endomorphisms of  $M$ . Is it commutative in general?