

Chapter 1

Rings

Definition 1 (Ring)

A **ring** is a **set** equipped with two **binary operations** "+" (**addition**) and "." (**multiplication**) satisfying the following three sets of **axioms**, called the **ring axioms**.

Remark 1 • A nonzero commutative ring in which every nonzero element has a multiplicative inverse is a field.

- A structure with the same axiomatic definition but omitting the requirement of a multiplicative identity is called a rng.

Example 1

1. $(\mathbb{Z}, +, \cdot)$
2. All fields, such as $(\mathbb{Q}, +, \cdot)$, $(\mathbb{R}, +, \cdot)$, and $(\mathbb{C}, +, \cdot)$, are rings.
3. The zero ring, denoted $\{0\}$ with the operations $0 + 0 = 0$ and $0 \cdot 0 = 0$ is a commutative ring.
4. Let R be a commutative ring, then $R[X]$, the set of polynomials with coefficients in R , is again a ring, e.g. $\mathbb{Z}[X]$, $\mathbb{Q}[X]$, and $\mathbb{R}[X]$.
5. For any ring R and for any $n \in \mathbb{N}$, the set of all square n -by- n matrices with entries from R , forms a ring with matrix addition and matrix multiplication as operations. If $n = 1$, this matrix ring is isomorphic to R itself. For $n > 1$ (and R not a zero ring), this matrix is noncommutative. More concretely, $\text{Mat}_{3 \times 3}(\mathbb{R})$ is a noncommutative ring.

1.1 Integral Domain

Integral domains are generalization of the ring of integers and provide a natural setting for studying divisibility. In an integral domain, every nonzero element a has the cancellation property, that is, if $a \neq 0$, an equality $ab = ac$ implies $b = c$.

Definition 2

An **integral domain** R is a **nonzero commutative ring** in which the product of any two nonzero elements is nonzero, i.e. for all $a, b \in R \setminus \{0\}$ it is $a \cdot b \neq 0$. Equivalently:

1. An **integral domain** R is a **nonzero commutative ring** with no nonzero **zero divisors**, i.e. there exists no element $a \in R \setminus \{0\}$ such that $a \cdot x = 0$ for some $x \in R$.
2. An **integral domain** R is a **commutative ring** in which the **zero ideal** $\{0\}$ is a **prime ideal**.
3. An **integral domain** R is a **nonzero commutative ring** for which every nonzero element is **cancellable under multiplication**, i.e. if $a \in R \setminus \{0\}$, an equality $ab = ac$ implies $b = c$.
4. An **integral domain** R is a **ring** for which the **set of nonzero elements** is a **commutative monoid** under multiplication.
5. An **integral domain** R is a **nonzero commutative ring** in which for every nonzero element r , the **function** that maps each element x of the ring to the product xr is **injective**. Elements r with this property are called **regular**, so it is equivalent to require that every nonzero element of the ring be regular.
6. An **integral domain** R is a **ring** that is **isomorphic** to a **subring** of a **field**.

Example 2

1. \mathbb{Z} .
2. Every field such as \mathbb{Q} , \mathbb{R} , or \mathbb{C} are integral domains.

1.2 Unique Factorization Domain

A **unique factorization domain (UFD)** or **factorial ring** is an integral domain in which every nonzero non-unit element can be written as a product of prime elements, uniquely up to order and units. Therefore, in a unique factorization domain a statement analogous to the fundamental theorem of arithmetic holds.

Definition 3

A unique factorization domain is an integral domain R in which every nonzero element can be written as a product of unit and prime elements of R .

1.3 Noetherian Ring

1.4 Dedekind Domain

1.5 Principal Ideal Domain

A **principal ideal domain (PID)** is an in which every ideal is **principal**, i.e., can be generated by a single element. Thus, principal ideal domains are structures that behave somewhat like the integers, with respect to divisibility as firstly, any element of a principal ideal domain has a unique decomposition into prime elements, and secondly, any two elements of a principal ideal domain have a greatest common divisor.

Chapter 2

something

2.1 No idea yet

Definition 4 (Fractional Ideal)

Let A be an integral domain.

1. A fractional ideal of A is an A -submodule $I \subset \text{Quot}(A)$ such that $dI \subset A$ for some denominator $d \in A \setminus \{0\}$.
2. A principal fractional ideal is a fractional ideal of the form $(r) = rA = \{ar \mid a \in A\}$

Example 3

- All ordinary ideals $I \subset A$ are also fractional ideals with denominator $d = 1$, and are often referred to as integral ideals.
- The subset

$$\frac{3}{25}\mathbb{Z} = \left\{ \frac{3n}{25} \in \mathbb{Q} \mid n \in \mathbb{Z} \right\} \subset \mathbb{Q} \quad (2.1)$$

is a principal fractional ideal of \mathbb{Z}

Example 4

The subset

$$\mathbb{Z} \left[\frac{1}{2} \right] = \left\{ a_0 + a_1 \frac{1}{2} + a_2 \frac{1}{2^2} + \cdots + a_n \frac{1}{2^n} \mid a_0, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{Z} \subset \mathbb{Q} \right\} \quad (2.2)$$

is not a fractional ideal, because the denominators are not bounded.

Lemma 4.1 If $I \subset \text{Quot}(A)$ is an A -submodule and $d \in \text{Quot}(A)$, then $dI \subset \text{Quot}(A)$ is also an A -module. Thus $I \subset K$ is a fractional ideal if and only if $I = \frac{1}{d}J$ for some $d \in A \setminus \{0\}$ and some integral ideal $J \subset A$ (just take d a denominator of I and $J = dI$).

Lemma 4.2 Let A be an integral domain and denote its field of fraction with $\text{Quot}(A) = K$.

1. If $I \subset K$ is a finitely generated A -submodule, then I is a fractional ideal.
2. Conversely, if A is noetherian and $I \subset K$ is a fractional ideal, then I is a finitely generated A -module.
3. If $I, J \subset K$ are fractional ideals, then $I \cap J, I + J, IJ, \subset K$ are also fractional ideals.
4. If $I, J \subset K$ are fractional ideals and $J \neq 0$, then the generalized ideal quotient

$$(I : J) := \{ x \in K \mid xJ \subset I \} \quad (2.3)$$

is also a fractional ideal. Moreover, it satisfies $(I : J)J \subset I$.

The nonzero fractional ideals form an abelian semigroup with neutral element A with respect to the multiplication. We will now show that, if A is a Dedekind domain, every nonzero fractional ideal has an inverse hence they form an abelian group $Id(A)$.

Definition 5

Let A be an integral domain. A fractional ideal $I \subset K$ is invertible if $IJ = A$ for some fractional ideal J called the inverse of I .

The following result shows characterizes invertible fractional ideals and their inverses (which are unique).

Lemma 5.1 A fractional ideal I is invertible if and only if $I(A : I) = A$, in which case $I^{-1} := (A : I)$ is the unique inverse.

The main result of this section is to prove that, in a Dedekind domain, every nonzero ideal is invertible. To this aim we need first a technical result.

Lemma 5.2 Let A be a Dedekind domain and $I \subset A$ a nonzero integral ideal. Then there are not necessarily distinct nonzero prime ideals $\mathfrak{p}_1, \dots, \mathfrak{p}_n \subset A$ such that $\mathfrak{p}_1 \cdots \mathfrak{p}_n \subset I$.

Let

$$\Sigma = \{ I \neq \{0\} \mid I \subset A \text{ ideal. } I \text{ does not contain any product of nonzero prime ideals.} \}. \quad (2.4)$$

If $\Sigma \neq \emptyset$, let $I \in \Sigma$ be a maximal element which must exist since A is noetherian. In particular, I is not prime, i.e. there exists $a, b \in A \setminus I$ with $a \cdot b \in I$.

Because of the maximality of I , the ideals $I + (a)$, $I + (b) \not\supseteq I$ don't lie in I , i.e. there exists nonzero prime ideals $\mathfrak{p}_1, \dots, \mathfrak{p}_n, \mathfrak{q}_1, \dots, \mathfrak{q}_m$ such that

$$\mathfrak{p}_1, \dots, \mathfrak{p}_n \subseteq I + (a) \quad (2.5)$$

$$\mathfrak{q}_1, \dots, \mathfrak{q}_m \subseteq I + (b). \quad (2.6)$$

We have

$$\mathfrak{p}_1 \cdots \mathfrak{p}_n \cdot \mathfrak{q}_1 \cdots \mathfrak{q}_m \subseteq (I + (a))(I + (b)) \subseteq I \quad (2.7)$$

which is a contradiction. Hence $\Sigma = \emptyset$.

Theorem 5.1 Let A be a Dedekind domain, I a nonzero ideal, and \mathfrak{p} a prime ideal such that $I \subseteq \mathfrak{p}$. Set

$$\mathfrak{p}^{-1} := (A : \mathfrak{p}) = \{x \in \text{Quot}(A) \mid x\mathfrak{p} \subseteq A\}. \quad (2.8)$$

Then, $I \subsetneq \mathfrak{p}^{-1}I \subseteq A$. In particular, $A \subsetneq \mathfrak{p}^{-1}$ and $\mathfrak{p}^{-1}\mathfrak{p} = A$, i.e. \mathfrak{p} is invertible.

Corollary 1 Let A be a Dedekind domain and

$$Id(A) = \{I \subseteq K \mid I \text{ is a nonzero fractional ideal}\}. \quad (2.9)$$

1. Every nonzero fractional ideal $I \in Id(A)$ is invertible. In particular, $Id(A)$ is an abelian group with respect to the product of ideals, and the trivial ideal $(1) = A$ as neutral element.
2. Moreover, the map

$$\varphi : K^* \rightarrow Id(A), \quad \frac{a}{b} \mapsto \left(\frac{a}{b}\right) = \left\{\frac{ac}{b} \mid c \in A\right\} \subseteq K, \quad (2.10)$$

is a group homomorphism, whose image is the subgroup P_A of nonzero principal fractional ideals.

Definition 6

The (ideal) class group of a Dedekind domain A is the quotient $Cl(A) = Id(A)/P_A$ which is naturally an abelian group.

Remark 2 Two crucial objects in the study of a Dedekind domain A are the group of units A^* and the class group $Cl(A)$.

1. For example, A is a principal ideal domain if and only if the class group is trivial.
2. In general, it is immediate that the kernel of φ is the set of units A^* . Hence there is an exact sequence of abelian groups

$$1 \rightarrow A^* \rightarrow K^* \rightarrow Id(A) \rightarrow Cl(A) \rightarrow 0. \quad (2.11)$$

2.2 Divisibility and unique factorization of ideals

Theorem 6.1 Let $I \subseteq K = \text{Quot}(A)$ be a nonzero fractional ideal of A .

1. There exist an integer $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$, distinct nonzero prime ideals $\mathfrak{p}_1, \dots, \mathfrak{p}_n \subseteq A$, and integers $r_1, \dots, r_n \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}$ such that

$$I = \mathfrak{p}_1^{r_1} \cdot \dots \cdot \mathfrak{p}_n^{r_n} \quad (2.12)$$

with the convention that the empty product $n = 0$ is A , and $\mathfrak{p}^{-r} := (\mathfrak{p}^{-1})^r$ for any nonzero $r \in \mathbb{N}$.

2. The decomposition is unique up to permutation of the factors.
3. $I \subseteq A$ if and only if $r_1, \dots, r_n \geq 0$.

Corollary 2 the chinese remainder theorem.

Definition 7

For every nonzero prime ideal $\mathfrak{p} \subseteq A$, we define $v_{\mathfrak{p}}(I) \in \mathbb{Z}$ as the exponent of \mathfrak{p} in the unique factorization of I into a product prime ideals.

2.3 The case of local Dedekind domains

Definition 8

A ring A is called local if it contains a unique maximal ideal \mathfrak{m} . Sometimes one says that the pair (A, \mathfrak{m}) is a local ring.

2.4 Chapter 5

How to compute the prime factorization $I = \mathfrak{p}_1^{r_1} \cdot \dots \cdot \mathfrak{p}_n^{r_n}$ of a nonzero ideal in a Dedekind domain $I \subseteq A$?

One idea is to find a smaller Dedekind subring $A' \subseteq A$ where we can compute these factorizations and then

1. Factorize $I \cap A' \subseteq A' \Rightarrow I \cap A' = \tilde{\mathfrak{p}}_1^{s_1} \cdot \dots \cdot \tilde{\mathfrak{p}}_k^{s_k}$.
2. Factorize $\tilde{\mathfrak{p}}_i^{s_i} \cdot A \subseteq A \Rightarrow \tilde{\mathfrak{p}}_1^{s_1} \cdot A = \prod_{j=1}^{N_i} \mathfrak{p}_{i,j}^{e_{i,j}}$.
3. For each $\mathfrak{p}_{i,j}$ find the right exponent, i.e. smallest k such that $I \subseteq \mathfrak{p}_{i,j}^k$ ($k \leq s_i \cdot e_{i,j}$).

Another approach is

1. list all prime ideals $\mathfrak{p} \subseteq A, \mathfrak{p}_1, \mathfrak{p}_2, \mathfrak{p}_3, \dots$
2. localize at \mathfrak{p}_1 , compute $r_1 = v_{\mathfrak{p}_1}(I \cdot A_{\mathfrak{p}_1})$ check if $I = \mathfrak{p}_2^{r_1}$
3. If not, then compute again
4. jadajadajada

Definition 9

The spectrum of a ring A is

$$\text{Spec}(A) = \{\mathfrak{p} \subseteq A \mid \mathfrak{p} \text{ prime ideal}\}. \quad (2.13)$$

Lemma 9.1 In the $AKLB$ -setting, let $\mathfrak{p} \subseteq A$ and $\mathfrak{q} \subseteq B$ be prime ideals. Then the following holds.

1. \mathfrak{q} divides $\mathfrak{p}B$ if and only if $\mathfrak{p} = \mathfrak{q} \cap A$.
2. Given \mathfrak{p} , there is always such a \mathfrak{q} .
1. We have

$$\mathfrak{q} \mid \mathfrak{p}B \quad (2.14)$$

$$\iff \mathfrak{p}B \subseteq \mathfrak{q} \quad \text{there is a lemma for this} \quad (2.15)$$

$$\iff \mathfrak{p} \subseteq \mathfrak{p}B \cap A \subseteq \mathfrak{q} \cap A \quad (2.16)$$

$$\iff \mathfrak{p} = \mathfrak{q} \cap A \quad (2.17)$$

Definition 10

Let A be a Dedekind domain, $K = \text{Quot}(A)$ its field of fraction, L/K a finite separable field extension, and $B = \overline{A}$ the integral closure of A in L .

Moreover, let $\mathfrak{p} \subset A$ and $\mathfrak{q} \subset B$ be two prime ideals. We say that \mathfrak{q} lies over \mathfrak{p} if $\mathfrak{q} \mid \mathfrak{p}B$, i.e. $\mathfrak{q} \cap A = \mathfrak{p}$. In this case, define

1. $e_{\mathfrak{q}|\mathfrak{p}} = v_{\mathfrak{q}}(\mathfrak{p}B) \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ the ramification index of \mathfrak{q} over \mathfrak{p} .

Example 5

Consider $A = \mathbb{Z}$, $K = \mathbb{Q}$, $L = \mathbb{Q}(i)$, so that $B = \mathcal{O}_L = \mathbb{Z}[i]$. For a nonzero prime ideal $\mathfrak{p} = (p) \subseteq \mathbb{Z}$.

1. $p\mathbb{Z}[i] = \mathfrak{q}^2 = (1+i)^2$ for $p = 2$, i.e. $(2) \subseteq \mathbb{Z}$ is ramified (with ramification index $e_{\mathfrak{q}|\mathfrak{p}} = 2$). The residue class field $\mathbb{F}_{\mathfrak{q}} \cong \mathbb{F}_2$, hence

Example 6

Let $\alpha := \sqrt[3]{2}$. Consider a Dedekind domain $A := \mathbb{Z}$, $K := \text{Quot}(A)$, $L := \mathbb{Q}(\alpha)$, and $B := \mathcal{O}_K$ the integral closure of \mathbb{Z} in $\mathbb{Q}(\alpha)$.

Take a prime ideal $(2) \subseteq A$, then $(2)\mathcal{O}_K$

Theorem 10.1 Let A be a ring and let $B = A[\alpha]$, and let $f(X) \in A[X]$ be the minimal polynomial of α . Moreover, let $\mathfrak{p} \subseteq A$ be a nonzero prime ideal and $g_1(X), \dots, g_r(X) \in A[X]$ monic such that

$$\overline{f(X)} = \overline{g_1(X)}^{e_1} \cdot \dots \cdot \overline{g_r(X)}^{e_r} \pmod{\mathfrak{p}} \in A/\mathfrak{p}[X] = \mathbb{F}_{\mathfrak{p}}[X]. \quad (2.18)$$

Then,

$$\mathfrak{p}B = \prod_{i=1}^r Q_i^{e_i} \quad \text{with } Q_i = (\mathfrak{p}, g_i(\alpha)) \subseteq B \quad (2.19)$$

is the prime factorization of $\mathfrak{p}B$.

Example 7

Let $D \in \mathbb{Z}$ be squarefree with $D \equiv 2, 3 \pmod{4}$ and $L = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{D})$, such that $B = \mathcal{O}_L = \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{D}]$ with the minimal polynomial $f(X) = X^2 - D \in \mathbb{Z}[X]$.

Let $p \in \mathbb{Z}$ be a prime number and look for the factorization of $pB = p\mathcal{O}_L = p\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{D}]$.

Case A: If $p \neq 2$ consider the factorization of $X^2 - D \in \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}[X] = \mathbb{F}_p[X]$.

Case A1: If $p \mid D$ then $\overline{f(X)} = X^2$, so $pB = (p, \sqrt{D})^2$, with $B/(p, \sqrt{p}) \cong \mathbb{F}_p[X]/(X) \cong \mathbb{F}_p$.

Example 8

Denote $\alpha = \sqrt[3]{2}$ and let $A := \mathbb{Z}$,

2.5 Ramification

Definition 11 (Ramification Index)

Let K be an algebraic number field of degree n . Let \mathfrak{p} be a prime ideal of \mathcal{O}_K . Let p be a rational prime lying below P . Then the unique positive integer e such that

$$\mathfrak{p}^e \mid (p), \mathfrak{p}^{e+1} \nmid (p) \tag{2.20}$$

is called the ramification index of \mathfrak{p} in K and is written $e_K(\mathfrak{p})$.