

# 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  $rx$  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**.

# Chapter 2

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#### Definition 3 (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 2

- 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 3

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 3.1** 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 3.2** 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 4**

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 4.1** 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 4.2** 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 4.1** 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 5**

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  $\varphi$  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 5.1** 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 6**

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 7**

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  $I = \mathfrak{p}_1^{r_1}$
3. If not, then compute again
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**Definition 8**

The spectrum of a ring  $A$  is

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

**Definition 9**

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 4**

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 5**

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 9.1** Let  $A$  be a ring and let  $B = A[\alpha]$ , and let  $f(X) \in A[X]$  be the minimal polynomial of  $\alpha$ . 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

$$\overline{f(X)} = \overline{g_1(X)}^{e_1} \cdot \dots \cdot \overline{g_r(X)}^{e_r} \pmod{\mathfrak{p}} \in A/\mathfrak{p}[X] = \mathbb{F}_{\mathfrak{p}}[X]. \quad (2.14)$$

Then,

$$\mathfrak{p}B = \prod_{i=1}^r Q_i^{e_i} \quad \text{with } Q_i = (\mathfrak{p}, g_i(\alpha)) \subseteq B \quad (2.15)$$

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

**Example 6**

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 7**

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