



**Definition**

Let  $(R, +, \cdot)$  be a ring. A ring  $(S, +, \cdot)$  is a *subring* of  $(R, +, \cdot)$  if  $S \subset R$ .

**Verification**

If  $(R, +, \cdot)$  and  $S \subset R$ , then  $+$  is associative and commutative on  $S$  because it is on  $R$ . Likewise  $\cdot$  is associative on  $S$  and  $+$  and  $\cdot$  distribute over each on  $S$  because they do on  $R$ . So we have restricted the number of conditions to check, and arrive at our first statement of sufficient conditions on  $S$  that ensure  $(S, +, \cdot)$  is a ring.



