



Definition

Given a ring $(R, +, \cdot)$ with additive group $(R, +)$. A subset $I \subset R$ is called a *left ideal* if

1. $(I, +)$ is a subgroup of $(R, +)$
2. $r \cdot x \in I$ for every $r \in R$ and $x \in I$

Similarly, it is called a *right ideal* if (2) is replaced with $x \cdot r \in I$ for every $r \in R$ and $x \in I$. If I is an *ideal* if it is both a left and right ideal.

