

**16.24** Only do a,b,c

a. for any  $a + bi, c + di, e + fi \in \mathbb{Z}[i]$ , we have

$$(a + bi) + (c + di) = (a + c) + (b + d)i = (b + di) + (a + bi) \in \mathbb{Z}[i]$$

as well as

$$(a + bi)(c + di) = ac - bd + (ad + bc)i = (c + di)(a + bi) \in \mathbb{Z}[i]$$

Finally

$$(a + bi + c + di)(e + fi) = (a + bi)e + (c + di)e + (a + bi)fi + (c + di)fi = (a + bi)(e + fi) + (c + di)(e + fi)$$

And

$$1(a + bi) = (a + bi)1 = a + bi$$

Which means  $\mathbb{Z}[i]$  satisfies all the properties to be a commutative ring with unity 1.

b. For  $r = a + bi, s = c + di \in \mathbb{Z}[i]$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} N(rs) &= N(ac - bd + (ad + bc)i) = (ac - bd)^2 + (ad + bc)^2 = (ac)^2 - 2abcd + (bd)^2 + (ad)^2 + 2abcd + (bc)^2 \\ &= (ac)^2 + (bd)^2 + (ad)^2 + (bc)^2 = a^2(c^2 + d^2) + b^2(c^2 + d^2) = (a^2 + b^2)(c^2 + d^2) = N(r)N(s) \end{aligned}$$

c. In order for  $a$  to be a unit, there must be some  $a^{-1} \in \mathbb{Z}[i]$  such that

$$aa^{-1} = 1$$

Applying the norm to both sides we have

$$N(aa^{-1}) = N(a)N(a^{-1}) = N(1) = 1$$

However since the terms in  $a$  and  $a^{-1}$  are integers, the norms must be integers. Therefore in order for the product of their norms to be 1, both norms must be 1. Therefore  $N(a) = 1$ . Looking at the other direction, we can check every element with norm 1:  $1, -1, i, -i$ . Each of these terms have the respective inverse  $1, -1, -i, i$ . And so every element with norm one is a unit.

## 17.1

a. This is not a subring since it is not closed under multiplication:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \notin S$$

- b. This is a subring since it is closed under multiplication and addition, and every element has an additive inverse:

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ b & c \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} d & 0 \\ e & f \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} ad & 0 \\ be + cf & cf \end{pmatrix} \in S$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ b & c \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} d & 0 \\ e & f \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a + d & 0 \\ b + e & c + f \end{pmatrix} \in S$$

- c. As established last quarter,  $S$  is a group under multiplication and a group under division, and therefore is closed under multiplication, and so satisfies the requirements to be a subring.
- d. We have  $S = M_2(\mathbb{R})$ , which has been established to be a ring. Therefore  $S$  is a subring.

**17.20** If  $aR = R$  then since  $1 \in R$  there must be  $1 \in aR$  which means there must be some  $a^{-1}$  such that  $aa^{-1} = 1$  which means  $a$  is a unit. For implication in the other direction, we have for any  $x \in R$ , assuming  $a$  is a unit with multiplicative inverse  $a^{-1}$ , we have  $a^{-1}x \in R$  and  $a(a^{-1}x) = x \in aR$ . Therefore every element of  $R$  is an element of  $aR$  and so  $R \subseteq aR$ , and since  $R$  is closed under multiplication, for any  $x \in R$ ,  $ax \in R$ , so  $aR \subseteq R$  and so it follows

$$R = aR$$

## A

- a. We have

$$a^2 = a \Rightarrow a^2 - a = 0 \Rightarrow a(a - 1) = 0$$

Since  $R$  is an integral domain,  $a(a - 1) = 0$  if and only if either  $a$  or  $a - 1$  is zero, and since the additive inverse is unique, that means  $a$  is either 1 or 0.

- b. The idempotents are 1, 5, and 6.

- c. For any  $(a, b) \in \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$  we have

$$(a, b)(a, b) = (a, b) \Rightarrow (a^2 - a, b^2 - b) = (0, 0) \Rightarrow a^2 - a = 0, b^2 - b = 0$$

And since  $\mathbb{Z}$  is an integral domain, from question Aa it means  $a, b \in \{0, 1\}$  and so the idempotents are  $(0, 0), (1, 1), (1, 0), (0, 1)$

**B** We can deduce the set of idempotents in  $S$  is a subset of the idempotents in  $R$  since  $s \in S \Rightarrow s \in R$  and the conditions in either set is the same:  $s^2 = s$ . As shown in problem Aa, the only idempotents in  $R$  are  $1_R$  and  $0_R$

Subrings of an integral domain is an integral domain as well so  $S$  also has the property that the idempotents in  $S$  are  $1_S$  and  $0_R$ . Therefore we have.

$$\{0_S, 1_S\} \subseteq \{0_R, 1_R\}$$

From basic group theory we know the identity of a subgroup is equal to the identity of the containing group. Therefore  $0_S = 0_R$  since 0 is the identity of the groups  $R, S$  over addition. So we have  $1_S \neq 0_S \Rightarrow 1_S \neq 0_R$ . The only other element in  $\{0_R, 0_S\}$  that  $1_S$  can be is  $1_R$

**C**  $U(R) = \{(1, 1), (-1, 1), (1, -1), (-1, -1)\}$  since the only units in  $\mathbb{Z}$  is 1 and  $-1$ .

**D** True:

Consider the subring

$$S = 5\mathbb{Z}_{25} = \{0, 5, 10, 15, 20\}$$

This is a subring since we have  $x|5 \Leftrightarrow x \in S$  and for any  $a, b \in S$ ,  $ab|5$  so  $ab \in S$ . We also have  $a + b|5$  so  $a + b \in S$ . Therefore  $S$  is closed under addition and multiplication and is finite, so it is a subring.  $S$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Z}_5$ , let  $\varphi : S \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_5$  with  $\varphi(5x) = x$ . We have

$$\varphi(5x)\varphi(5y) = xy = \varphi(5xy)$$

and

$$\varphi(5x) + \varphi(5y) = x + y = \varphi(5(x + y))$$

So  $\varphi$  is a homomorphism. We have  $\varphi(0) = 0, \varphi(5) = 1, \varphi(10) = 2, \varphi(15) = 3, \varphi(20) = 4$ , and so  $\varphi$  is a bijections so an isomorphism.

**E** The four ideals are  $R$ ,  $R_r = \{(0, x) : x \in \mathbb{R}\}$ ,  $R_l = \{(x, 0) : x \in \mathbb{R}\}$ ,  $\{(0, 0)\}$ . Since the idempotents of  $R$  are  $(0, 0), (1, 0), (0, 1), (1, 1)$  and we know that the multiplicative identity of a subring must be one of these terms. If the identity is  $(0, 0)$  we get the subring  $\{(0, 0)\}$  since every term in  $R$  multiplies with  $(0, 0)$  to  $(0, 0)$ . If the identity is  $(1, 1)$ , then for any  $(x, y) \in R$   $(1, 1)(x, y) = (x, y)(1, 1) = (x, y)$ , and so the subring would have to be  $R$  to satisfy the ideal property. If the identity is  $(1, 0)$  then for any  $(x, y) \in R$  we have  $(1, 0)(x, y) = (x, y)(1, 0) = (x, 0)$  therefore the group would be  $R_l$ , and by symmetry for the identity being  $(0, 1)$ , the group would be  $R_r$ .