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# RINGS

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Units in  $\mathbb{Z}/6\mathbb{Z}$  are  $[1], [5]$  so  $\mathbb{Z}/6\mathbb{Z}^*$

**Definition 1.1.** Let  $R$  be a ring. If  $R^* = R \setminus \{0\}$  Then  $R$  is a field. In other words,  $R$  is a field if every non zero element in  $R$  has a multiplicative inverse.

**Definition 1.2.** If  $K \subseteq L$  are fields and  $K$  is a subring of  $L$ , then  $K$  is a subfield of  $L$  and  $L$  is an extension field of  $K$ .

example:  $\mathbb{Q}$  is a subfield of  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $\mathbb{R}$  is an extension field of  $\mathbb{Q}$

Ex.  $\mathbb{R}$  is a subfield of  $\mathbb{C}$  and  $\mathbb{C}$  is an extension field of  $\mathbb{R}$

**Definition 1.3.** A Domain is a ring  $R$  with no zero divisors.

non ex:  $\mathbb{Z}/6\mathbb{Z}$  is not a domain.

**Proposition 1.1** (3.1.3). Let  $R$  be a domain and  $a, x, y \in R$  if  $a \neq 0$  and  $ax = ay$  then  $x = y$

*Proof.* if  $ax = ay$  then  $ax + (-ay) = 0$  and  $a(x + (-y)) = 0$  since  $R$  is a domain and  $a \neq 0$   $x = y$  □

**Proposition 1.2** (3.1.4). Let  $F$  be a field then  $F$  is a domain

*Proof.* suppose  $x, y \in F, x \neq 0$  and  $xy = 0$  want to show  $y = 0$

Since  $x \neq 0$ ,  $\exists x^{-1} \in F$  since  $F$  is a field. Then  $0 = x^{-1} \times 0 = x^{-1} - 1\}(xy) = (x^{-1} - 1)x)y = y$

□

Ex: define  $\mathbb{Q}(i) = \{a + bi | a, b \in \mathbb{Q}\} \subseteq \mathbb{C}$

Q: Is  $\mathbb{Q}(i)$  a field ? Need to show that every nonzero element has a multiplicative inverse.