

# Ideals, Varieties and Symbolic Computation

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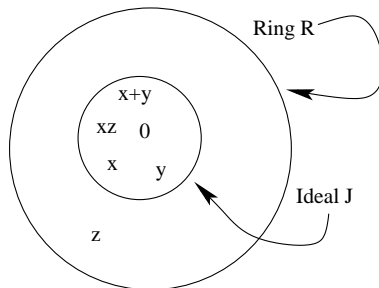
# Agenda:

- Wish to build a polynomial algebra model for hardware
- Modulo arithmetic model is versatile: can represent both *bit-level* and *word-level* constraints
- To build the algebraic/modulo arithmetic model:
  - Rings, Fields, Modulo arithmetic
  - Polynomials, Polynomial functions, Polynomial Rings
  - Ideals, Varieties, Symbolic Computing and Gröbner Bases
  - Decision procedures in verification

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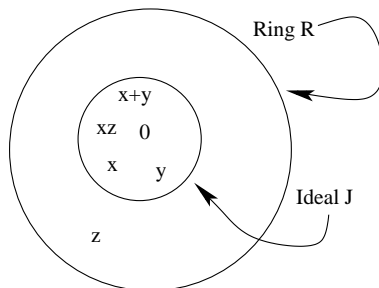
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- Examples of Ideals:  $R = \mathbb{Z}, J = 2\mathbb{Z}, 3\mathbb{Z}, \dots, n\mathbb{Z}$
- Ideals versus Subrings:  $\mathbb{Z} \subset \mathbb{Q}$ , but  $\mathbb{Z}$  not an ideal in  $\mathbb{Q}$
- $1 \in \text{Ring } R$ , but  $1$  need not be in ideal  $J$

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