

Quiz Prep:

Ex: $R = \mathbb{Z}[X]$, $I = \{f(x) : 6 \mid f(0)\}$

T/F I is an ideal: yes $I = \text{Ker}(\varphi)$ where $\varphi: R \rightarrow R/I$

$$I = (6, X)$$

Since all $f(x) = 6b_0 + X(a_1 + a_2X + \dots + a_nX^{n-1})$

$$\text{so } I \subset 6 \cdot \mathbb{Z} + X \cdot \mathbb{Z}[X] = (6, X)$$

and $(6, X) \subset I$ since $6, X \in I$.

is I prime? $R/I \cong \mathbb{Z}/6\mathbb{Z} \leftarrow \underbrace{\text{not integral domain}}_{\Rightarrow \text{not prime.}}$

$$\mathbb{Z}[X] \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}/6\mathbb{Z}$$

$$f(X) \longmapsto f(0) \bmod 6$$

$$J = \{f(x) : f(0) \text{ is NOT divisible by } 3\}$$

not a subgroup. $1 \in J$ so if it were an ideal it would be $\mathbb{Z}[X]$.

$$f, g \in J \text{ if } f, g \in J.$$

$$I \cap R^{\times} \neq \emptyset \Rightarrow I = R \quad \text{if } I \subset R \text{ is an ideal.}$$

Prime & Maximal Ideals

$$I \neq R \quad \text{if } R/I \text{ is integral domain (field)}$$

(proper ideal)

I is prime (maximal)

Maximal: equiv $I \subset J \subset R \Rightarrow J = I \text{ or } R$.

Prime: equiv $ab \in I \Rightarrow a \in I \text{ or } b \in I$.

Prop: Maximal ideals exist.

Let R be a commutative ring ($1_R \in R, 1_R \neq 0_R$).

Let $J \neq R$ be a proper ideal. Then $\exists M \neq R$ a maximal ideal s.t. $J \subset M$.

Zorn's Lemma:

Every chain has an upper bound

the set has a maximal element

Setup We have a partially ordered set I

$\emptyset \neq I$ set w/ relation \leq s.t. $i \neq j$
 $(\forall i, j, k \in I) \quad i \leq j \text{ and } j \leq k \Rightarrow i \leq k$
 $i \leq j \text{ and } j \leq i \Rightarrow i = j$

\rightarrow Hypotheses: $\forall i_0 \leq i_1 \leq i_2 \leq \dots$ in I there is $j \in I$ s.t. $j \geq i_k \forall k$.

\rightarrow Conclusion: $\exists j \in I$ s.t. $j \not\leq k$ for any $k \in I \setminus \{j\}$.

Proof of Prop: \mathcal{I} = set of all proper ideals containing J ($J \in \mathcal{I}$ s.t. $\mathcal{I} \neq \emptyset$).

partial order = inclusion ($I_1 \leq I_2 \Leftrightarrow I_1 \subset I_2$).

ZL Hypothesis: Given $I_0 \subset I_1 \subset I_2 \subset \dots$ in \mathcal{I} .

Take $I = \bigcup_{n=0}^{\infty} I_n \supset J$. if I is not proper, $1_R \in I$ but

then 1_R came from some I_n , a contradiction.

I is an ideal since $x, y \in I \Rightarrow x, y \in I_m$ for some large enough m

and so $x+y, rx \in I_m \subset I \forall r \in R$.

ZL Conclusion: $\exists M \in \mathcal{I}$ s.t. $M \supset I \forall I \in \mathcal{I}$

Later we'll prove the same result for a class of rings (Noetherian rings) without using Zorn's Lemma.

Lemma: (1) any two maximal ideals are coprime

(2) if $f: R_1 \rightarrow R_2$ is a ring hom (on commutative rings) and $P_2 \neq R_2$ is a prime ideal,

then $P_1 = f^{-1}(P_2) \subsetneq R$ is also a prime ideal.
 \uparrow proper since $1_R \notin P_1$

Pf: (1) $M_1 + M_2$ is an ideal which contains both of them so $M_1 + M_2 = R$.

(2) $R_1 \xrightarrow{f} R_2 \xrightarrow{\pi} R_2/P_2 \Rightarrow f \circ \pi = \bar{f}$ is a ring hom.

$P_1 = \ker(\bar{f})$. and so $\xrightarrow{\text{by 1st iso thm}}$ we get an injective map $R_1/P_1 \xrightarrow{i} R_2/P_2$. \nwarrow mono injective

R_2/P_2 is an integral domain so R_1/P_1 is an integral domain too.

Subring of integral domain is integral domain. $\rightarrow (a, b \in R_1/P_1 \text{ s.t. } ab = 0 \Rightarrow i(ab) = 0 = i(a)i(b) \Rightarrow \text{one of } i(a) \text{ or } i(b) = 0.$
 but i is injective so only 0 goes to 0).

(2) alternative pf: T.S. $ab \in P_1 \Rightarrow a \in P_1 \text{ or } b \in P_1$

$ab \in P_1 \Rightarrow f(ab) = f(a)f(b) \in P_2 \Rightarrow f(a) \in P_2 \text{ or } f(b) \in P_2 \Rightarrow a \in P_1 \text{ or } b \in P_1$.

Optional: Geometrically:

"Comm rings = $\overset{(\text{cts})}{\downarrow}$ functions on spaces $\overset{(\text{top})}{\downarrow} X$ "

"Ideals = functions vanishing on a subset $Y \subseteq X$ "

$R = \mathbb{R}[x, y] = (\text{poly}) \text{ fns on (v. space) } \mathbb{R}^2$

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 $f(x, y) \longleftrightarrow (a, b) \mapsto f(a, b)$

$(y - x^2) \notin R \longleftrightarrow X_1 = \{(a, b) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : b = a^2\}$

$(y) \subsetneq R \longleftrightarrow X_2 = \{(a, b) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : b = 0\}$

$X_1 \cap X_2 = \{(0, 0)\}$

$(y, x^2) \longleftrightarrow X_1 \cup X_2$

