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Let  $B$  be a ring where  $x = x^2$  for all  $x$ . Some immediate consequences are:

$B$  is commutative:

Every element is its own additive inverse:

$$x + x = (x + x)^2 = x^2 + x^2 + x^2 + x^2 = x + x + x + x$$

$$0 = x + x$$

Multiplication is commutative:

$$x + y = (x + y)^2 = x^2 + xy + yx + y^2 = x + xy + yx + y$$

$$0 = xy + yx$$

$$xy = -yx = yx$$

Where the last identity follows from our previous result.

Now, define the following binary relation:  $x \leq y$  iff  $xy = x$ . We get:

$$xx = x, \text{ so } x \leq x$$

$$xy = x, yz = y \rightarrow xz = x(yz) = (xy)z = yz = x, \text{ so } x \leq y, y \leq z \rightarrow x \leq z$$

$$xy = x, yx = y \rightarrow x = xy = yx = y, \text{ so } x \leq y, y \leq x \rightarrow x = y$$

So, this is a reflexive partial order. Furthermore,

$$0x = 0, x1 = x \rightarrow 0 \leq x, x \leq 1$$

So we have greatest and least elements. We also have least upper bounds and greatest upper bounds:

If  $c \leq x, c \leq y$ , then  $c \leq xy \leq x, y$ : By definition,  $cx = c, cy = c$ . Then,

$$cxy = cy = c \rightarrow c \leq xy$$

$$x(xy) = xy \rightarrow xy \leq x$$

$$y(xy) = (xy)y = xy \rightarrow xy \leq y$$

If  $x \leq c, y \leq c$ ,  $x, y \leq x + xy + y \leq c$ : By definition,  $xc = x, yc = y$ . Then,

$$(x + y + xy)c = xc + yc + xyc = x + y + xy \rightarrow x + y + xy \leq c$$

$$(x + y + xy)x = x + yx + yx = x \rightarrow x \leq x + y + xy$$

$$(x + y + xy)y = xy + y + xy = y \rightarrow y \leq x + y + xy$$

Denoting the operations  $x \frown y = xy, x \smile y = x + y + xy$ , these operations

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