

**Theorem:** Let  $R_1, R_2, \dots, R_n$  be rings

● Construct  $R_1 \times R_2 \times \dots \times R_n = \{(r_1, r_2, \dots, r_n) \mid r_1 \in R_1, r_2 \in R_2, \dots, r_n \in R_n\}$

define addition and multiplication as

$$(r_1, r_2, \dots, r_n) + (s_1, s_2, \dots, s_n) = (r_1 + s_1, r_2 + s_2, \dots, r_n + s_n) \quad \text{and}$$

$$(r_1, r_2, \dots, r_n) \cdot (s_1, s_2, \dots, s_n) = (r_1 s_1, r_2 s_2, \dots, r_n s_n)$$

Then  $R_1 \times R_2 \times \dots \times R_n$  is a ring.

**Example:**

$$\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_4 = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} (\bar{0}, \bar{0}), (\bar{0}, \bar{1}), (\bar{0}, \bar{2}), (\bar{0}, \bar{3}) \\ (\bar{1}, \bar{0}), (\bar{1}, \bar{1}), (\bar{1}, \bar{2}), (\bar{1}, \bar{3}) \end{array} \right\}$$

$$(\bar{1}, \bar{2}) + (\bar{1}, \bar{3}) = (\bar{1} + \bar{1}, \bar{2} + \bar{3}) = (\bar{0}, \bar{1})$$

$$(\bar{1}, \bar{2}) \cdot (\bar{1}, \bar{3}) = (\bar{1} \cdot \bar{1}, \bar{2} \cdot \bar{3}) = (\bar{1}, \bar{6}) = (\bar{1}, \bar{2})$$

●  $(\bar{0}, \bar{0}) + (\bar{a}, \bar{b}) = (\bar{a}, \bar{b}) = (\bar{a}, \bar{b}) + \underline{(\bar{0}, \bar{0})}$  ← additive identity

$(\bar{1}, \bar{1}) (\bar{a}, \bar{b}) = (\bar{a}, \bar{b}) = (\bar{a}, \bar{b}) \underline{(\bar{1}, \bar{1})}$  ← mult identity

**Def:** Let  $R$  be a ring. Let  $S \subseteq R$ .

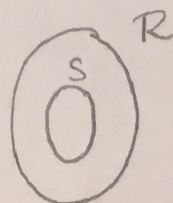
We say that  $S$  is a **subring** of  $R$  if  $S$  is a ring under the same operations as  $R$ .

**Def:** Let  $F$  be a field. Let  $E \subseteq F$  Then  $E$  is a **subfield** of  $F$  if  $E$  is a field under the same operations as  $F$ .

### Subring Criteria

Let  $R$  be a ring and  $S \subseteq R$ , then  $S$  is a subring of  $R$  iff the following holds:

1.  $0 \in S$
2.  $a - b \in S \quad \forall a, b \in S$
3.  $ab \in S \quad \forall a, b \in S$





Example:

Show that  $12\mathbb{Z} = \{12n \mid n \in \mathbb{Z}\} = \{\dots, -36, -24, -12, 0, 12, 24, 36, \dots\}$   
are a subring of  $\mathbb{Z} = \{\dots, -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$

Proof:

①  $0 = 12(0) \in 12\mathbb{Z}$

② Let  $a, b \in 12\mathbb{Z}$ , then  $a = 12x$  and  $b = 12y$   
where  $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$

so  $a - b = 12x - 12y = 12(x - y) \in 12\mathbb{Z}$

③ Let  $\alpha, \beta \in 12\mathbb{Z}$ , then  $\alpha = 12\theta$  and  $\beta = 12\omega$   
where  $\theta, \omega \in \mathbb{Z}$

so  $\alpha\beta = (12\theta)(12\omega) = 12(12\theta\omega) \in 12\mathbb{Z}$

Q.E.D.

Example:

consider the ring  $M_2(\mathbb{R}) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \mid a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$

Let  $L = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x & 0 \\ y & z \end{pmatrix} \mid x, y, z \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$

Let's show that  $L$  is a subring of  $M_2(\mathbb{R})$

Proof: ①  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in L$ , (set  $x = y = z = 0$ )

② and ③ Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ b & c \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $B = \begin{pmatrix} d & 0 \\ e & f \end{pmatrix}$  be elements of  $L$

$A - B = \begin{pmatrix} a - d & 0 \\ b - e & c - f \end{pmatrix} \in L$  and

$AB = \begin{pmatrix} ad & 0 \\ be & cf \end{pmatrix} \in L$   $\square$



## Integral Domains

Ex: In  $\mathbb{Z}_6$ ,  $\bar{2} \cdot \bar{3} = \bar{6} = \bar{0}$   
↑ not  $\bar{0}$     ↑ not  $\bar{0}$                     ↑ is  $\bar{0}$

Def: Let  $R$  be a ring. Let  $x \in R$  with  $x \neq 0$   
 We say that  $x$  is a zero divisor if  $\exists y \in R$   
 with  $y \neq 0$  and  $xy = 0$   
 ( $y$  would be a zero divisor too)

Example:  $\mathbb{Z}_6 = \{\bar{0}, \bar{1}, \bar{2}, \bar{3}, \bar{4}, \bar{5}\}$

zero divisors	why?
$\bar{2}$	$\bar{2} \cdot \bar{3} = 0$
$\bar{3}$	
$\bar{4}$	$\bar{4} \cdot \bar{4} = 0$

not zero divisors	why?
$\bar{0}$	because its $\bar{0}$
$\bar{1}$	$\bar{1} \cdot \bar{1} = \bar{1} \neq \bar{0}$ $\bar{1} \cdot \bar{4} = \bar{4} \neq 0$ $\bar{1} \cdot \bar{2} = \bar{2} \neq 0$ $\bar{1} \cdot \bar{3} = \bar{3} \neq 0$ $\bar{1} \cdot \bar{3} = \bar{3} \neq 0$
$\bar{5}$	$\bar{5} \cdot \bar{1} = \bar{5} \neq 0$ $\bar{5} \cdot \bar{4} = \bar{20} = \bar{2} \neq 0$ $\bar{5} \cdot \bar{2} = \bar{10} = \bar{4} \neq 0$ $\bar{5} \cdot \bar{3} = \bar{15} = \bar{3} \neq 0$ $\bar{5} \cdot \bar{3} = \bar{15} = \bar{3} \neq 0$

Ex: what are the zero divisors of  $\mathbb{Z}$ ?

there are none!

can't have a  $\begin{pmatrix} \text{non} \\ \text{zero} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \text{non} \\ \text{zero} \end{pmatrix} = \text{zero}$



HW #1

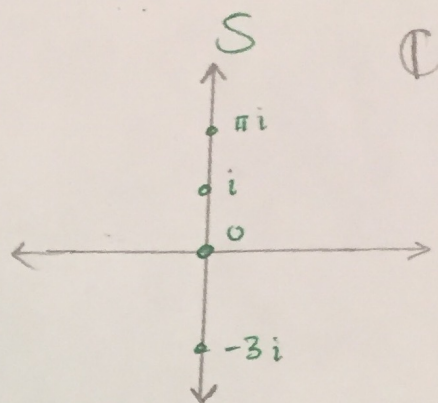
#1 (c)

$$\text{Let } S = \{ix \mid x \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

Is  $S$  a ring? No

-not closed under multiplication

$$\begin{array}{ccc} i & \cdot & i = -1 \\ \uparrow & & \uparrow \\ \text{in } S & & \text{in } S \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \uparrow \\ \text{not in } S \end{array}$$





**Def** Let  $R$  be a ring,  $x \in R$ ,  $x \neq 0$ ,  
 $x$  is a **zero divisor** iff  $\exists y \in R$ ,  $y \neq 0$   
 where  $xy = 0$   
 not 0  $\nearrow$   $\nwarrow$  Not 0

### Number Theory (4460)

**Thm:** Let  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $c \neq 0$   
 If  $c \mid ab$  and  $\gcd(c, a) = 1$  then  $c \mid b$   
 divides

**Ex:** In  $\mathbb{Z}_6$   
 zero divisors:  $\bar{2}, \bar{3}, \bar{4}$   
 not zero divisors:  $\bar{1}, \bar{5}$

**Theorem:** Let  $\bar{x} \in \mathbb{Z}_n$  where  $\bar{x} \neq \bar{0}$   
 Then  $\bar{x}$  is a zero divisor iff  $\gcd(x, n) > 1$

**Proof:**

$(\Rightarrow)$  Suppose  $\bar{x}$  is a zero divisor,  
 Then  $\exists \bar{y} \in \mathbb{Z}_n$  with  $\bar{y} \neq \bar{0}$  and  $\bar{x} \cdot \bar{y} = \bar{0}$   
 so  $xy = 0 \pmod{n}$ , Thus  $n \mid xy$

Suppose  $\gcd(x, n) = 1$ , Then,  $n \mid y$  by number theory  
 theorem. But this means  $\bar{y} = \bar{0}$ .  $(n \mid y \Rightarrow y = nk \Rightarrow \bar{y} = \bar{nk} = \bar{0k} = \bar{0})$   
 which isn't true. So  $\gcd(x, n) > 1$   $k \in \mathbb{Z}$

$(\Leftarrow)$  Now suppose the  $\gcd(x, n) > 1$   
 Let  $d = \gcd(x, n)$

**Note:**  $0 < \frac{n}{d} < n$ , since  $d > 1$

$\frac{n}{d} \in \mathbb{Z}$  since  $d \mid n$  by def. of gcd.

since  $0 < \frac{n}{d} < n$ , we know  $\overline{\frac{n}{d}} \neq \bar{0}$

in  $\mathbb{Z}_n$   $\bar{0} = \{\dots, -2n, -n, 0, n, 2n, \dots\}$

Ergo  $\bar{x} \cdot \left(\overline{\frac{n}{d}}\right) = \frac{\bar{x}n}{d} = \left(\overline{\frac{x}{d}}\right) \cdot \bar{n} = \left(\overline{\frac{x}{d}}\right) \cdot \bar{0} = \bar{0}$

$d \mid x$  since  $d = \gcd(x, n)$   
 so  $\frac{x}{d} \in \mathbb{Z}$

so  $\bar{x}$  is a zero divisor.  $\square$



Ex: Find the zero divisors of  $\mathbb{Z}_{12}$

$\bar{x}$	$\bar{1}$	$\bar{2}$	$\bar{3}$	$\bar{4}$	$\bar{5}$	$\bar{6}$	$\bar{7}$	$\bar{8}$	$\bar{9}$	$\bar{10}$	$\bar{11}$
$\gcd(x, 12)$	1	2	3	4	1	6	1	4	3	2	1

zero divisors:  $\bar{2}, \bar{3}, \bar{4}, \bar{6}, \bar{8}, \bar{9}, \bar{10}$

Ex: Find the zero divisors of  $\mathbb{Z}_7$

$\bar{x}$	$\bar{1}$	$\bar{2}$	$\bar{3}$	$\bar{4}$	$\bar{5}$	$\bar{6}$
$\gcd(x, 7)$	1	1	1	1	1	1

No zero divisors

Fact: If  $p$  is a prime then  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  has no zero divisors

Proof: Let  $\bar{x} \in \mathbb{Z}_p$  with  $\bar{x} \neq \bar{0}$

Then  $x \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ . That is,  $p$  does not divide  $x$ .

Since  $p$  is a prime,  $\gcd(x, p) = 1$  or  $p$

If  $\gcd(x, p) = p$ , then  $p \mid x$ . This isn't the case

so  $\gcd(x, p) = 1$

so  $\bar{x}$  is not a zero divisor!

2<sup>nd</sup> proof: (by contradiction)

Suppose  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  had a zero divisor

Then  $\exists \bar{x}, \bar{y} \in \mathbb{Z}_p$  with  $\bar{x} \neq \bar{0}$  and  $\bar{y} \neq \bar{0}$  and  $\bar{x} \cdot \bar{y} = \bar{0}$

Then  $xy \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$  so  $p \mid xy$  so either  $\underbrace{p \mid x \text{ or } p \mid y}$

then  $\bar{x} = \bar{0}$  or  $\bar{y} = \bar{0}$

contradiction !!!

$$x \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$$

or

$$y \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$$

### Number Theory

Let  $x, y, p \in \mathbb{Z}$

If  $p$  is prime

and  $p \mid xy$  then

$p \mid x$  or  $p \mid y$



Def: Let  $R$  be a ring

we say that  $R$  is an **integral domain** if

(1)  $R$  is commutative with identity  $1 \neq 0$

(2)  $R$  has NO zero divisors

\* commutative means:

$$ab = ba \\ \forall a, b \in R$$

\* another way to write (2): if  $a, b \in R$  and  $ab = 0$ , then either  $a = 0$  or  $b = 0$

### Examples of Integral Domains

$\mathbb{Z}_p$ ,  $p$  is a prime

$\mathbb{Z}$

$\mathbb{Q}$

$\mathbb{R}$

$\mathbb{C}$

\*  $\mathbb{Z}_6$  is not an integral domain since

$$\bar{2} \cdot \bar{3} = \bar{6} = \bar{0}$$

\*  $M_2(\mathbb{R})$  not an integral domain - not commutative  
- has zero divisors

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

**Theorem:**  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  is an integral domain iff  $n$  is prime

**Proof:** ( $\Leftarrow$ ) we've done this direction

( $\Rightarrow$ ) (contrapositive)

suppose  $n$  is not prime

Then  $n = ab$  with  $1 < a, b < n$

Then  $n$  doesn't divide  $a$  or  $b$ ,

so  $\bar{a} \neq \bar{0}$  and  $\bar{b} \neq \bar{0}$

but  $\bar{a} \cdot \bar{b} = \bar{n} = \bar{0}$

so  $\bar{a}$  and  $\bar{b}$  are zero divisors

so  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  is not an

Integral domain  $\square$

\*  $\bar{x} = \bar{0}$  iff  
 $x \equiv 0 \pmod{n}$   
iff  $n \mid x$