

x is an idempotent element if $x^2 = x$
 Let R be an integral domain. Show that
 R has exactly two idempotent elements.

proof: If R is an integral domain then it
 has an identity $1 \neq 0$ element.

And $0^2 = 0$ and $1^2 = 1$

so 0 and 1 are idempotents.

- why are these the only 2 elements?

Suppose $x \in R$ and $x^2 = x$

so $x^2 - x = 0$

thus $x(x-1) = 0$

since R is an integral
 domain either
 $x=0$ or $x-1=0$
 so $x=0$ or $x=1$

□

- Let R be a ring with additive
 identity 0 and multiplicative identity
 1 , if $1=0$ then $R = \{0\}$

Proof:

Let $x \in R$, then

$x = 1 \cdot x = 0 \cdot x = 0$

So, $P = \{0\}$ □

$\mathbb{Z}_6 \leftarrow$ not an integral
 domain

$\bar{0}^2 = \bar{0}$ $\bar{3}^2 = \bar{2}\bar{3} = \bar{1}$

$\bar{1}^2 = \bar{1}$

$\bar{2}^2 = \bar{4}$

$\bar{3}^2 = \bar{9} = \bar{3}$

$\bar{4}^2 = \bar{16} = \bar{4}$

Idempotents

$\bar{0}, \bar{1}, \bar{3}, \bar{4}$

HW 1 #3

Let R and S be commutative rings with identity elements 1_R and 1_S

Then $(x, y) \in R \times S$ is a unit iff x is a unit of R and y is a unit of S .

proof:

(\iff) Let $(x, y) \in R \times S$
 $(x, y) \in R \times S$ is a unit iff $\exists (r, s) \in R \times S$

where $(x, y)(r, s) = \underline{(1_R, 1_S)}$
mult. identity of $R \times S$

iff $(xr, ys) = (1_R, 1_S)$ for some $r \in R$ and $s \in S$

iff $xr = 1_R$ and $ys = 1_S$ for some $r \in R$ and $s \in S$

iff x is a unit in R and y is a unit in S

Theorem:

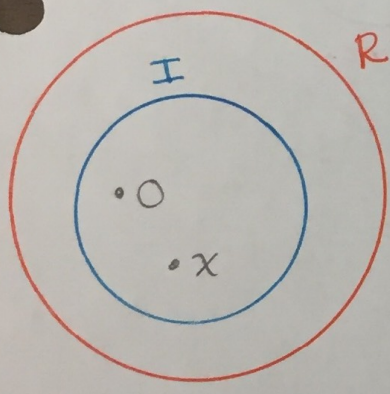
Let R be a commutative ring with identity $1 \neq 0$. R is a field iff the only ideals of R is $\{0\}$ and R .

Proof: (\Leftarrow) suppose that R has only two ideals: $\{0\}$ and R .

To show R is a field we need to show that every non-zero element has a multiplicative inverse.

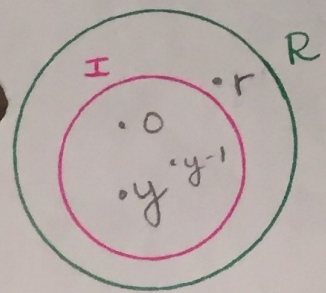
Let $x \in R$ with $x \neq 0$

consider the ideal $I = \langle x \rangle = Rx = \{rx \mid r \in R\}$



Since $x \neq 0$, I is an ideal with at least two elements 0 and x . so, $I \neq \{0\}$. Thus, $I = R$ so, $1 \in I$
 Thus, $1 = rx$ for some $r \in R$
 so x has a multiplicative inverse
 Therefore, R is a field.

(\Rightarrow) Let R be a field. Suppose I is an ideal of R and $I \neq \{0\}$. we must show $I = R$



Since $I \neq \{0\} \exists y \in I$ with $y \neq 0$

note: $y^{-1} \in I$
 since $y^{-1} = \underbrace{y^{-1}y}_{\in R} \underbrace{y}_{\in I}$

since R is a field y^{-1} exists in R

and $\underbrace{y^{-1}}_{\text{in } R} \underbrace{y}_{\text{in } I} = 1 \in I$ since I is an ideal

Let $r \in R$, then $r = \underbrace{r}_{\text{in } R} \cdot \underbrace{1}_{\text{in } I} \in I$

since I is an ideal

so, $R = I$ \square

Example: In the homework you show that every ideal of \mathbb{Z}_n is principal. More specifically if I is an ideal of \mathbb{Z}_n then $\exists \bar{k} \in \mathbb{Z}_n$ where

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \langle \bar{k} \rangle = \{ \bar{x} \cdot \bar{k} \mid \bar{x} \in \mathbb{Z}_n \} \\ &= \{ \bar{0} \cdot \bar{k}, \bar{1} \cdot \bar{k}, \bar{2} \cdot \bar{k}, \dots, (\bar{n}-1) \cdot \bar{k} \} \\ &= \{ \bar{0}, \bar{k}, \bar{k} + \bar{k}, \bar{k} + \bar{k} + \bar{k}, \dots, \underbrace{\bar{k} + \bar{k} + \dots + \bar{k}}_{n-1 \text{ times}} \} \end{aligned}$$

This is the subgroup generated by \bar{k}

For \mathbb{Z}_n , the ideals are just the cyclic group. (which are all the subgroups since \mathbb{Z}_n is cyclic.)

Find all the ideals of \mathbb{Z}_{12}

(Recall from 4550, $\langle -\bar{k} \rangle = \langle \bar{k} \rangle$)

$$\langle \bar{0} \rangle = \{ \bar{0} \}$$

$$\langle \bar{11} \rangle = \langle \bar{1} \rangle = \mathbb{Z}_{12}$$

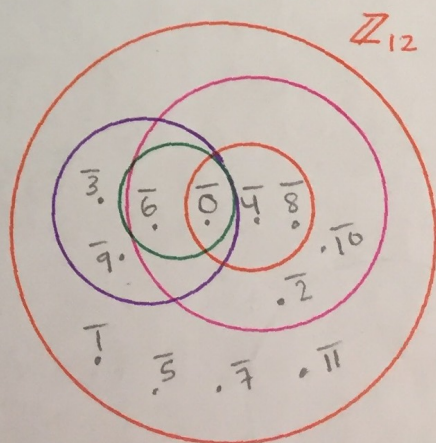
$$\langle \bar{10} \rangle = \langle \bar{2} \rangle = \{ \bar{0}, \bar{2}, \bar{4}, \bar{6}, \bar{8}, \bar{10} \}$$

$$\langle \bar{9} \rangle = \langle \bar{3} \rangle = \{ \bar{0}, \bar{3}, \bar{6}, \bar{9} \}$$

$$\langle \bar{8} \rangle = \langle \bar{4} \rangle = \{ \bar{0}, \bar{4}, \bar{8} \}$$

$$\langle \bar{7} \rangle = \langle \bar{5} \rangle = \mathbb{Z}_{12}$$

$$\langle \bar{6} \rangle = \{ \bar{0}, \bar{6} \}$$



3/2 HW

HW #1, #3

(3) (b) Find units of $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_3$ = $\{(\bar{0}, \bar{0}), (\bar{0}, \bar{1}), (\bar{0}, \bar{2}), (\bar{1}, \bar{0}), (\bar{1}, \bar{1}), (\bar{1}, \bar{2})\}$

additive identity
↓

mult. identity
↓

from theorem last time

units of $\mathbb{Z}_2 = \bar{1}$

units of $\mathbb{Z}_3 = \bar{1}, \bar{2}$

units of $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_3$ are $(\bar{1}, \bar{1}), (\bar{1}, \bar{2})$

$$(\bar{1}, \bar{2}) \cdot (\bar{1}, \bar{2}) = (\bar{1}, \bar{4}) = (\bar{1}, \bar{1})$$

$$(\bar{1}, \bar{2})^{-1} = (\bar{1}, \bar{2}) \text{ \& its its own inverse.}$$

Is this an integral domain?

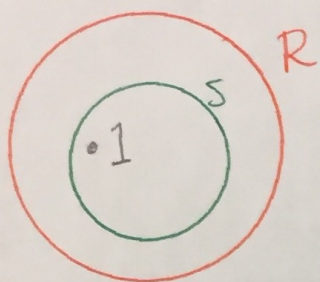
$$(\bar{0}, \bar{1}) \cdot (\bar{1}, \bar{0}) = (\bar{0}, \bar{0})$$

↑ ↑
not $(\bar{0}, \bar{0})$

-NO! not an integral domain

HW #2

④ (a) Let R be an integral domain and S be a subring of R with $1 \in S$. Prove S is an integral domain.



Proof: Since $S \subseteq R$ and R is commutative we have that S is commutative. Since $1 \in S$, we know that S is a commutative

ring with 1 . S has no zero divisors because if say $x, y \in S$ with $x \neq 0$, $y \neq 0$ and $xy = 0$, then R would have zero divisors which it does not. So, S has no zero divisors and is an integral domain. \square

To show something is NOT an integral domain:

- not commutative
- no mult. identity
- has zero divisors

HW #2

① (e) is \mathbb{Z}_{106} an integral domain?

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \overline{2} \cdot \overline{53} = \overline{106} = \overline{0} \\ \uparrow \quad \uparrow \qquad \qquad \uparrow \\ \text{not zero} \qquad \qquad \text{zero} \end{array}$$

No since \mathbb{Z}_{106} has zero divisors

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

Theorem: \mathbb{Z}_n is a field iff n is prime

② (a) $n\mathbb{Z} = \{\dots, -3n, -2n, -n, 0, n, 2n, 3n, \dots\}$

if $n=1$, $n\mathbb{Z} = \mathbb{Z}$ is an integral domain.

if $n \geq 2$, $1 \in n\mathbb{Z}$ so it is not an integral domain.

HW 1

⑥ Let R be a ring and $a \in R$

$$\text{Let } I_a = \{x \in R \mid ax = 0\}$$

Prove that I_a is a subring of R .

Ex: $R = \mathbb{Z}_6$

$$a = 2$$

$$I_2 = \{\bar{x} \in \mathbb{Z}_6 \mid \bar{2} \cdot \bar{x} = \bar{0}\}$$

$$I_2 = \{\bar{0}, \bar{3}\}$$

$$x = \bar{0} \rightarrow \bar{2} \cdot \bar{0} = \bar{0}$$

$$x = \bar{1} \rightarrow \bar{2} \cdot \bar{1} = \bar{2}$$

$$x = \bar{2} \rightarrow \bar{2} \cdot \bar{2} = \bar{4}$$

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

$$x = \bar{4} \rightarrow \bar{2} \cdot \bar{4} = \bar{8} = \bar{2}$$

$$x = \bar{5} \rightarrow \bar{2} \cdot \bar{5} = \bar{10} = \bar{4}$$

proof:

(1) Note that $a \cdot 0 = 0$, so $0 \in I_a$

(2)/(3) Let $y, z \in I_a$

$$\text{Then } ay = 0 \text{ and } az = 0$$

$$\text{so } a(y-z) = ay - az = 0 - 0 = 0$$

$$\text{so } y-z \in I_a$$

$$\text{and } a(yz) = (ay) \cdot z = 0 \cdot z = 0$$

$$\text{so } yz \in I_a \quad \square$$

Ex: $R = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & b \end{pmatrix} \mid a, b \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$ R is a subring of $M_2(\mathbb{R})$.

(1) $a = b = 0$ then $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in R$

(2)/(3) Let $C, D \in R$ then $C = \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & b \end{pmatrix}$ & $D = \begin{pmatrix} c & 0 \\ 0 & d \end{pmatrix}$

where $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}$ so

$$C-D = \begin{pmatrix} a-c & 0 \\ 0 & b-d \end{pmatrix} \in R \text{ and } CD = \begin{pmatrix} ac & 0 \\ 0 & bd \end{pmatrix} \in R$$

\square

If we know

- $0 \in R$

- $x, y \in R$ then $x - y \in R$

- Let $z \in R$

then $0 - z \in R$

- Let $a, b \in R$

then $\underbrace{a - (-b)}_{a+b} \in R$

• Is $R = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & b \end{pmatrix} \mid a, b \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$ commutative?

Let $C, D \in R$, then $C = \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & b \end{pmatrix}$, $D = \begin{pmatrix} c & 0 \\ 0 & d \end{pmatrix}$,

$a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}$ and

$$CD = \begin{pmatrix} ac & 0 \\ 0 & bd \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} ca & 0 \\ 0 & db \end{pmatrix} = DC$$

Yes, it is commutative

• Does R have an identity?

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \in R \quad \text{yes}$$

• Does R have zero divisors?

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

\uparrow in R \uparrow in R \uparrow additive identity

so R is not an integral domain

What's the difference between Field and integral dom.

Field

commutative ring R
with $1 \neq 0$, every non-zero
 $x \in R$ has a mult. inverse
(i.e. is a unit)

Integral
domain

commutative Ring R
with $1 \neq 0$, every
non-zero x is NOT
a zero divisor

Field \rightarrow integral domain

finite integral domain \rightarrow field

Integral domain $\not\rightarrow$ Field.

Ex: \mathbb{Z} is an integral domain that is not a
field. for ex, $3 \in \mathbb{Z}$ but 3 has no mult.
inverse since $\frac{1}{3} \notin \mathbb{Z}$

units of \mathbb{Z} are $\{1, -1\}$

units - units of $R \times S$

- unit of \mathbb{Z}_n (\mathbb{Z}_n^\times)

- Hw $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}) \leftarrow$ field

- $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in M_2(\mathbb{R})$ is a unit iff $ad - bc \neq 0$
determinant

- units of \mathbb{Z} are $\{1, -1\}$

- units of $R[x]$ are units of R (R is an
integ. dom)

\mathbb{Z}_4 is
not an
int.
domain

$\mathbb{Z}_4[x]$

$$(\bar{1} + \bar{2}x)(\bar{1} + \bar{2}x) = \bar{1}$$

$\bar{1} + \bar{2}x$ is a unit