

## HW 5 #2

Prove that  $S$  is an ideal of  $\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$

$$S = \{(2a, 3b) \mid a, b \in \mathbb{Z}\} = \{(0,0), (2,0), (4,0), \dots\}$$

Proof:

\* Set  $a=b=0$  to see that  $(0,0) \in S$

\* Let  $x, y \in S$ . Then  $x = (2a, 3b)$  and  $y = (2c, 3d)$   
where  $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$\text{and } x - y = (2(a-c), 3(b-d)) \in S$$

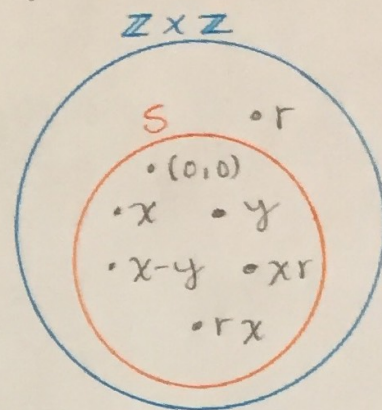
$\underbrace{\hspace{2em}}_{\text{in } \mathbb{Z}} \quad \underbrace{\hspace{2em}}_{\text{in } \mathbb{Z}}$

\* Pick  $r \in \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$

Then  $r = (\alpha, \beta)$  where  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$\text{and } rx = (\alpha \cdot 2a, \beta \cdot 3b) \\ = (2\alpha a, 3\beta b) \in S$$

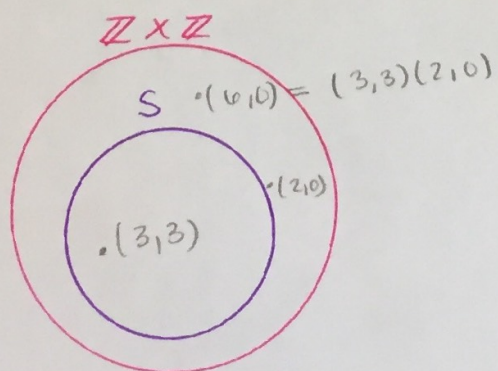
$$\text{and } xr = (2a \cdot \alpha, 3b \cdot \beta) \in S \quad \square$$



2(a) Is  $S = \{(a, a) \mid a \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  an ideal of  $\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$ ?

$$S = \{(0,0), (1,1), (2,2), \dots\}$$

•  $S$  is a subgroup of  $\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$ , that is  $(0,0) \in S$  and  
if  $x, y \in S$ , then  $x - y \in S$



But given  $(3,3) \in S$  and  $(2,0) \in \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$ , we have  
 $(3,3)(2,0) = (6,0) \notin S$   
 $S$  is not an ideal  
of  $\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$ .

## Recall

$R$  com. ring with  $1 \neq 0$ .  $P$  is an ideal of  $R$

$P$  is **Prime** if

- $P \neq R$
- For all  $a, b \in R$ : If  $ab \in P$ , then  $a \in P$  or  $b \in P$

Where is this coming from?

In  $\mathbb{Z}$

• If  $p$  is prime and  $p \mid ab$ , then  $p \mid a$  or  $p \mid b$

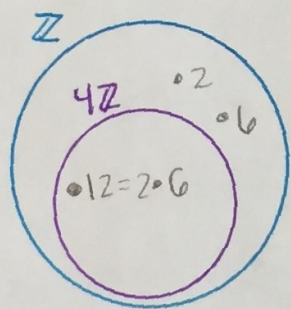
•  $I = n\mathbb{Z}$  is an ideal of  $\mathbb{Z}$

$R \in n\mathbb{Z}$  iff  $n \mid R$

• Suppose  $p$  is prime

Let  $ab \in p\mathbb{Z}$ . Then  $p \mid ab$  so  $p \mid a$  or  $p \mid b$  so  
 $a \in p\mathbb{Z}$  or  $b \in p\mathbb{Z}$ .

•  $\langle 4 \rangle = 4\mathbb{Z}$  is not prime



Ex:  $R = \mathbb{C}$ ,  $I = \{0\}$ ,  $I$  is a prime ideal

**Proof:** Suppose  $a, b \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $ab \in I$

so  $ab = 0$ , since we are in  $\mathbb{C}$ , either  $a = 0$  or  $b = 0$   
so either  $a \in I$  or  $b \in I$ .

**Theorem:** Let  $R$  be a commutative ring with identity  $1 \neq 0$ .  
 Let  $P$  be an ideal of  $R$  with  $P \neq R$ .  
 Then  $P$  is a prime ideal iff  $R/P$  is an integral domain.

**Proof:** In HW 6 #5 you will show that  $R/P$  is a commutative ring with additive identity  $0+P$  and multiplicative identity  $1+P$ . And  $1+P \neq 0+P$

$a+I = b+I$   
 iff  
 $a \in b+I$

why?

If  $1+P = 0+P$  then  
 $1 \in \underbrace{0+P}_P$

so,  $1 \in P$ . Given  $r \in R$  since  $P$  is an ideal  $r = \underbrace{r}_{\text{in } R} \cdot \underbrace{1}_{\text{in } P} \in P$

so  $P=R$ , but  $P \neq R$

$P$  is a prime ideal iff  
 $R/P$  is an integral domain

**Proof**

( $\Rightarrow$ ) Suppose  $P$  is a prime ideal

Let  $a, b \in R$  with  $(a+P)(b+P) = 0+P$

so,  $ab+P = 0+P$

thus  $ab \in 0+P = P$ , since  $P$  is prime either  $a \in P$  or  $b \in P$

thus  $a+P = 0+P$  or  $b+P = 0+P$ . so,  $R/P$  is an integral domain.

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Suppose  $R/P$  is an integral domain

Let  $a, b \in R$  with  $ab \in P$ . Then  $ab+P = \underbrace{0+P}_P$

so  $(a+P)(b+P) = 0+P$

since  $R/P$  is an integral domain either  $a+P = 0+P$  or

$b+P = 0+P$ , therefore  $P$  is prime  $\square$

## Corollary

Let  $I$  be an ideal of  $\mathbb{Z}$

$I$  is prime iff  $I = \{0\}$  or  $I = p\mathbb{Z}$  where  $p$  is prime

Proof

$I = \mathbb{Z}$  is not a prime ideal of  $\mathbb{Z}$  since its the whole ring.

$I = \{0\}$  is a prime ideal since if  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $ab \in \{0\}$ , then  $ab = 0$ , either  $a = 0$  or  $b = 0$  so  $a \in \{0\}$  or  $b \in \{0\}$ .

Ideals of  $\mathbb{Z}$

$\{0\} \leftarrow$  prime  
 $\mathbb{Z}$   
 $2\mathbb{Z} \leftarrow$  Prime  
 $3\mathbb{Z} \leftarrow$  Prime  
 $4\mathbb{Z}$   
 $5\mathbb{Z} \leftarrow$  Prime  
 $6\mathbb{Z}$   
 $7\mathbb{Z} \leftarrow$  Prime  
 $8\mathbb{Z}$   
 $\vdots$

What if  $I = n\mathbb{Z}$  with  $n \geq 2$ ?

Well  $\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z} \cong \mathbb{Z}_n$  which is an integral domain iff  $n$  is prime

so by the previous theorem,  $n\mathbb{Z}$  is  $\hat{a}$  prime  $\hat{a}$  ideal iff  $n$  is prime  $\square$

1<sup>st</sup> iso. thm.

$$\pi_n : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_n$$

$$\ker(\pi_n) = n\mathbb{Z}$$

$$\mathbb{Z}/\ker(\pi_n) \cong \text{im}(\pi_n)$$

$$\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z} \cong \mathbb{Z}_n$$

HW5 #10

$R = \mathbb{Z}_4 \times \mathbb{Z}_4$

$I = \{(\bar{0}, \bar{0}), (\bar{2}, \bar{0}), (\bar{0}, \bar{2}), (\bar{2}, \bar{2})\}$

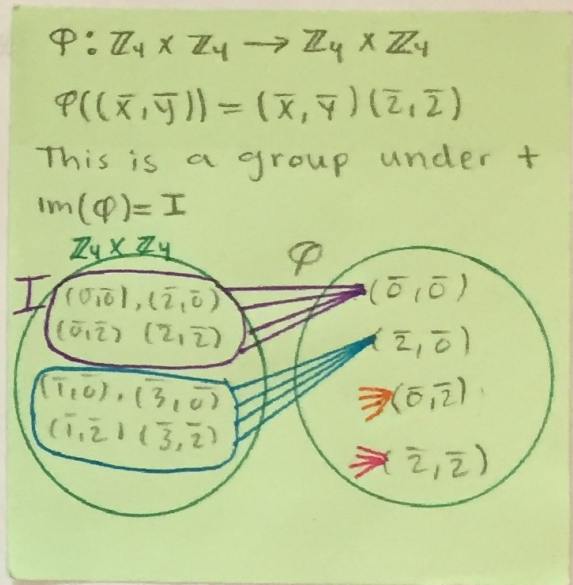
Show  $I$  is principal

$\{(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) | (\bar{x}, \bar{y}) \in \mathbb{Z}_4 \times \mathbb{Z}_4\}$

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

$= \{(\bar{0}, \bar{0}), (\bar{2}, \bar{0}), (\bar{0}, \bar{0}), (\bar{2}, \bar{0}), (\bar{0}, \bar{2}), (\bar{2}, \bar{2}), (\bar{0}, \bar{2}), (\bar{2}, \bar{2}), (\bar{0}, \bar{0}), (\bar{2}, \bar{0}), (\bar{0}, \bar{0}), (\bar{2}, \bar{0}), (\bar{0}, \bar{2}), (\bar{2}, \bar{2}), (\bar{0}, \bar{2}), (\bar{2}, \bar{2}), (\bar{0}, \bar{2}), (\bar{2}, \bar{2})\} = I$

$R$  is a comm ring w/1  
 $I$  is an ideal  
 -  $I$  is principal means  $a \in R$  where  
 $I = \langle a \rangle = \{ra | r \in R\} = Ra$



#3 show that  $I = \{(\bar{0}, \bar{0}), (\bar{0}, \bar{1}), (\bar{0}, \bar{2})\}$  is an ideal of  $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_3$

Method 1

You could do this:

- $(\bar{0}, \bar{0}) \in I$
- if  $x, y \in I$  then  $x - y \in I$
- if  $x \in I$  and  $r \in \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_3$ , then  $rx, xr \in I$

Method 2

We can do this by showing that  $I$  is principal and this is an ideal. You can show that  $I = \langle (\bar{0}, \bar{1}) \rangle$

$\langle (\bar{0}, \bar{1}) \rangle = \{(\bar{0}, \bar{0}), (\bar{0}, \bar{1}), (\bar{0}, \bar{2}), (\bar{0}, \bar{0}), (\bar{0}, \bar{1}), (\bar{0}, \bar{2}), (\bar{0}, \bar{0}), (\bar{0}, \bar{1}), (\bar{0}, \bar{2}), (\bar{0}, \bar{0}), (\bar{0}, \bar{1}), (\bar{0}, \bar{2})\} = I$

Method 3

$\varphi: \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_3 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_2$   
 $\varphi((\bar{x}, \bar{y})) = \bar{x}$   $\varphi$  is a ring hom.  
 $\ker(\varphi) = I$ , so  $I$  is an ideal since  $\ker(\varphi)$  is an ideal.

Given  $(\bar{x}, \bar{y}), (\bar{a}, \bar{b}) \in \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_3$  we have  
 $\varphi((\bar{x}, \bar{y}) + (\bar{a}, \bar{b})) = \varphi(\bar{x} + \bar{a}, \bar{y} + \bar{b}) = \bar{x} + \bar{a} = \varphi((\bar{x}, \bar{y})) + \varphi((\bar{a}, \bar{b}))$   
 $\varphi((\bar{x}, \bar{y})(\bar{a}, \bar{b})) = \varphi(\bar{x}\bar{a}, \bar{y}\bar{b}) = \bar{x}\bar{a} = \varphi((\bar{x}, \bar{y}))\varphi((\bar{a}, \bar{b}))$

For Fun:  $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_3 / I \cong \text{im}(\varphi) = \mathbb{Z}_2$

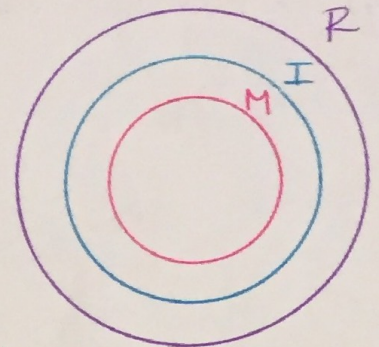
Def: Let  $M$  be an ideal of a ring  $R$ . We say that  $M$  is a maximal ideal if

(1)  $M \neq R$

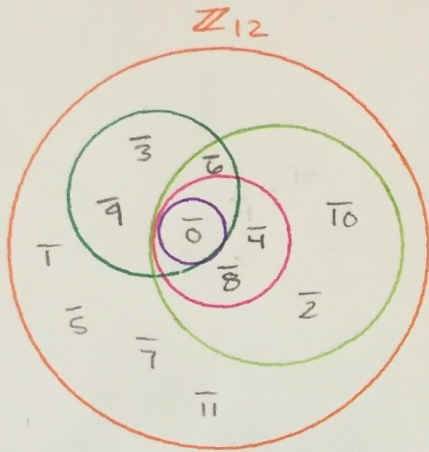
(2) The only ideals that contains  $M$  are  $M$  and  $R$ .

(2) can be rephrased as:

If  $I$  is an ideal of  $R$  with  $M \subseteq I \subseteq R$ , then either  $I = M$  or  $I = R$



Example: Here is a picture of all the ideals of  $\mathbb{Z}_{12}$  \*  $M$  is maximal iff  $R/M$  is a field.



Maximal

$\{0, \bar{3}, \bar{6}, \bar{9}\}$

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

Not Maximal

$\{0\}$

$\{0, \bar{4}, \bar{8}\}$

$\mathbb{Z}_{12}$

Ex: Is  $4\mathbb{Z}$  a maximal ideal of  $\mathbb{Z}$ ?



$\bigcirc = 4\mathbb{Z}$

$\bigcirc = 2\mathbb{Z}$

No,  $4\mathbb{Z} \subseteq 2\mathbb{Z}$

$8\mathbb{Z} \subseteq I \subseteq \mathbb{Z}$

$16\mathbb{Z} \subseteq 8\mathbb{Z}$   
not max

$8\mathbb{Z} \subseteq 4\mathbb{Z} \subseteq 2\mathbb{Z}$   
not max not max

ideals of  $\mathbb{Z}$

$0\mathbb{Z} = \{0\}$   $2\mathbb{Z}$

$3\mathbb{Z}$

$4\mathbb{Z}$

$5\mathbb{Z}$

$6\mathbb{Z}$

$\vdots$

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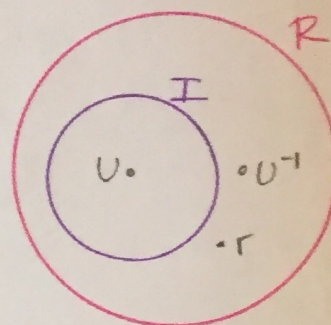
Theorem: Let  $R$  be a commutative ring with identity  $1 \neq 0$ .  
Let  $I$  be an ideal of  $R$ . If  $I$  contains a unit, then  $I = R$

proof:

Let  $u$  be a unit where  $u \in I$   
Since  $u$  is a unit,  $u^{-1}$  exists in  $R$   
Let's show that  $R \subseteq I$  and thus  $I = R$  because we already know that  $I \subseteq R$ .

let  $r \in R$ , then

$$r = r u^{-1} \cdot u \in I \quad \text{since } I \text{ is an ideal so } R \subseteq I \quad \square$$



Note  $1 \in I$  since  
 $1 = u \cdot u^{-1} \in I$   
     $\uparrow$        $\uparrow$   
    in I   in R