

## Review

integers  $\mathbb{Z} = \{0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \dots\}$

rationals  $\mathbb{Q} = \left\{ \frac{a}{b} \mid a, b \in \mathbb{Z}, b \neq 0 \right\}$

real numbers  $\mathbb{R}$ : number line.

complex numbers  $\mathbb{C} = \{a+bi \mid a, b \in \mathbb{R}, i^2 = -1\}$

\*  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  is the set of integers mod n

$\mathbb{Z}_n$  Let  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $n \geq 2$ ,

Given,  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$  we write  $\underbrace{a \equiv b \pmod{n}}$  if  $n \mid (a-b)$   
 "a congruent to  
 b modulo n" ↑  
divides

Example:  $n=4$   $a=3, b=11$

$$3-11 = -8 = 4(-2) \text{ so } 3 \equiv 11 \pmod{4}$$

The distance between 3 and 11 is a multiple of 4.

$$3 \not\equiv 9 \pmod{4}$$

$3-9 = -6 \leftarrow 4 \text{ does not divide } -6$



Let  $x \in \mathbb{Z}$ , let  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $n \geq 2$

Def The equivalence class of  $x \pmod{n}$  is

$$\bar{x} = \{y \in \mathbb{Z} \mid x \equiv y \pmod{n}\}$$

$$\mathbb{Z}_n = \{\bar{x} \mid x \in \mathbb{Z}\} = \{\bar{0}, \bar{1}, \bar{2}, \dots, \bar{n-1}\}$$

Example: ( $n=4$ )

$$\bar{0} = \{\dots, -8, -4, 0, 4, 8, \dots\}$$

$$\bar{1} = \{\dots, -7, -3, 1, 5, 9, \dots\}$$

$$\bar{2} = \{\dots, -6, -2, 2, 6, \dots\}$$

$$\bar{3} = \{\dots, -5, -1, 3, 7, \dots\}$$

\*  $\bar{a} = \bar{b}$  iff  
 $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$

$$\mathbb{Z}_4 = \{\bar{0}, \bar{1}, \bar{2}, \bar{3}\}$$

## Adding / Multiplying in $\mathbb{Z}_n$

Recall the following operations are well-defined on  $\mathbb{Z}_n$

Given  $\bar{a}, \bar{b} \in \mathbb{Z}_n$

Define  $\bar{a} + \bar{b} = \overline{a+b}$

$\bar{a} \cdot \bar{b} = \overline{ab}$

Example: ( $n=4$ )

$$\mathbb{Z}_4 = \{\bar{0}, \bar{1}, \bar{2}, \bar{3}\}$$

$$\bullet \bar{3} \cdot \bar{2} = \bar{6} = \bar{2} \quad \bullet \bar{3} \cdot \bar{3} = \bar{9} = \bar{1}$$

$$\bullet \bar{3} + \bar{2} = \bar{5} = \bar{1} \quad \bullet \bar{2} \cdot \bar{2} = \bar{4} = \bar{0}$$

## Rings and Fields

Def ① A Ring  $R$  is a set with binary operations  $+$  and  $\circ$  satisfying:

(i)  $R$  is an abelian group under  $+$

(ii)  $R$  is closed under  $\circ$   $\Leftrightarrow$  if  $a, b \in R$ , then  $a \circ b \in R$

(iii)  $a \circ (b + c) = (a \circ b) + c$   $\forall a, b, c \in R$  (associativity)

(iv)  $\forall a, b, c \in R$  we have  $a \circ (b + c) = a \circ b + a \circ c$   
 $(a + b) \circ c = a \circ c + b \circ c$  (distributive)

elaborate on (i)

• If  $a, b \in R$ , then  $a + b \in R$

• If  $a, b, c \in R$ , then  $(a + b) + c = a + (b + c)$

•  $\exists$  an element  $0$  (additive identity) where  $0 + a = a + 0 = a \quad \forall a \in R$

• For every  $a \in R \exists -a$  (additive inverse of  $a$ )  
where  $a + (-a) = (-a) + a = 0$

• For every  $a, b \in R$  we have  $a + b = b + a$

② A ring is called commutative if  $a \circ b = b \circ a$   
 $\forall a, b \in R$

(2)

- ③ A ring  $R$  is said to have an identity (or contain a 1) if there is an element  $1 \in R$  with

$$1 \cdot a = a \cdot 1 = a$$

for all  $a \in R$ .

- ④ Let  $R$  be a ring with identity  $1 \neq 0$ .

Let  $x \in R$ . We say that  $y$  is a multiplicative inverse of  $x$  if

$$x \cdot y = y \cdot x = 1. \text{ If } x \text{ has a multiplicative inverse then we call } x \text{ a unit of } R.$$

$F$  is a field

- ⑤ ~~Definition of a field~~

if

(i)  $F$  is a ring

(ii)  $F$  is commutative with identity  $1 \neq 0$ .

(iii) every  $a \in F$  with  $a \neq 0$  has

a multiplicative inverse.

Notation: We will write  $xy$  instead of  $x \cdot y$ .

**Ex:**  $\mathbb{Z} = \{\pm 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \dots\}$

- abelian under +
  - closure under •
  - associative under •
  - distributive
- $\mathbb{Z}$  is a ring
- $\mathbb{Z}$  is commutative ( $ab = ba$ )
- $\mathbb{Z}$  has an identity 1

Ring axioms

units of  $\mathbb{Z}$   
1 and -1  
1 is its own mult. inverse  
-1 is its own mult. inverse

for ex. 2 is not a unit since you can't solve  
 $2 \cdot x = 1, x \in \mathbb{Z}$

$\mathbb{Z}$  is not a field, since  $\exists$  non-zero elements without a multiplicative inverse.

note

$\mathbb{Z}$  is a commutative ring with identity

$\left. \begin{array}{l} \mathbb{R} \\ \mathbb{Q} \\ \mathbb{C} \end{array} \right\}$  fields

$\boxed{\begin{array}{l} \mathbb{R} \text{ has a 1} \\ \mathbb{R} \text{ has an identity} \\ \mathbb{R} \text{ has unity} \end{array}}$

Question What about  $\mathbb{Z}_4 = \{\bar{0}, \bar{1}, \bar{2}, \bar{3}\}$ ?

Ring ✓

additive ident.      multip. ident.

commutative  $\bar{a} \cdot \bar{b} = \bar{a}\bar{b} = \bar{b}\bar{a} = \bar{b} \cdot \bar{a}$

✓ has a  $\bar{1} \in \mathbb{Z}_4$

units

$$\begin{array}{c|c|c} \bar{1} \cdot \bar{1} = \bar{1} & \bar{3} \cdot \bar{3} = \bar{9} = \bar{1} & \bar{2} \cdot \bar{1} = \bar{2} \neq \bar{1} \\ \bar{1} \text{ is a unit} & \bar{3} \text{ is a unit} & \bar{2} \cdot \bar{2} = \bar{4} = \bar{0} \neq \bar{1} \\ & & \bar{2} \cdot \bar{3} = \bar{6} = \bar{2} \neq \bar{1} \end{array}$$

$\bar{2}$  has no mult inverse

so  $\bar{2}$  is not a unit

$\mathbb{Z}_4$  is not a field, it is a commutative ring w/  $\bar{1}$

only units:  $\bar{1}, \bar{3}$

$$\mathbb{Z}_3 = \{\bar{0}, \bar{1}, \bar{2}\}$$

$\mathbb{Z}_3$  is a commutative ring with  $\bar{1}$ .

units of  $\mathbb{Z}_3$

$$\begin{array}{c|c|c} \bar{1} \cdot \bar{1} = \bar{1} & \bar{2} \cdot \bar{2} = \bar{4} = \bar{1} & \text{units are } \bar{1} \text{ and } \bar{2} \\ \uparrow \text{unit} & \uparrow \text{unit} & \therefore \mathbb{Z}_3 \text{ is a field} \end{array}$$

note:

We will later see that  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  is a field iff  $n$  is prime.

$$\text{Ex: } M_2(\mathbb{R}) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \mid a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

$M(2, \mathbb{R})$

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} e & f \\ g & h \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} ae+bg & af+bh \\ ce+dg & cf+dh \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} e & f \\ g & h \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} ae+bg & af+bh \\ ce+dg & cf+dh \end{pmatrix}$$

Ring ✓ additive identity is  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\text{additive inverse } -\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -a & -b \\ -c & -d \end{pmatrix}$$

check commutativity

$$AB = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad AB \neq BA \text{ in this case}$$

$$BA = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad M_2(\mathbb{R}) \text{ is not commutative}$$

$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  is a mult. identity.

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$$

units:  $GL(2, \mathbb{R}) = GL_2(\mathbb{R}) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \mid \underbrace{ad-bc}_{\det \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}} \neq 0 \right\}$

↑  
general linear  
group

Prop: Let  $R$  be a ring then:

$$\textcircled{1} \quad 0a = a0 = 0 \quad \forall a \in R$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad (-a)b = a(-b) = -(ab) \quad \forall a, b \in R$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad (-a)(-b) = ab \quad \forall a, b \in R$$

\textcircled{4} If  $R$  has identity  $1 \neq 0$ , then the identity is unique.

$$\textcircled{5} \quad -a = (-1)a \quad \forall a \in R$$

\textcircled{6} If  $R$  is a ring with a  $1 \neq 0$  and  $x$  is a unit, then the mult inverse of  $x$  is unique and we denote it by  $x^{-1}$ .

Proof: \textcircled{1} Let  $a \in R$  then

$$0a = (0+0)a = 0a + 0a$$

$$\text{so, } \underbrace{-(0a)}_0 + \underbrace{(0a)}_0 = \underbrace{-(0a)}_0 + \underbrace{0a}_0 + 0a$$

Then  $0 = 0a$ , something for  $a0 = 0$

\textcircled{2} Lets show that  $(-a)b$  is the additive identity of  $ab$ . so,

$$(-a)b = -ab, \text{ we have that}$$

$$(-a)b + ab = (-a+a)b$$

$$= 0b \stackrel{\textcircled{1}}{=} 0, \text{ similarly, } a(-b) = -(ab)$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad \text{By (2), } (-a)(-b) \stackrel{\textcircled{2}}{=} -((a(-b))) \stackrel{\textcircled{3}}{=} -(-(ab)) = ab$$

\textcircled{4} Suppose that  $1$  and  $\underline{1}$  are both identities for  $R$

$$\text{then } 1 \stackrel{\textcircled{1}}{=} \underline{1} \stackrel{\textcircled{2}}{=} 1$$

since  $\underline{1}$   
is an identity  
of  $R$

since  $1$   
is an identity of  $R$

⑤ Let  $a \in R$ . Then  $-a = (-a)(1) = a(-1)$

⑥ Let  $x$  be a unit in  $R$

Suppose  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  are both mult. inverses of  $x$   
then  $y_1x = xy_1 = 1$  and  $y_2x = xy_2 = 1$

$$\text{so } y_1x = 1 = y_2x$$

$$\text{then, } (y_1x)y_1 = (y_2x)y_1, \text{ so } y_1 \cdot 1 = y_2 \cdot 1$$

$$\text{Hence } y_1 = y_2 \quad \square$$

so there's only 1 mult. inverse