

2/21 HW

HW #1, #8

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

Let  $R^\times$  be the units of  $R$

Prove that  $R^\times$  is a group under mult.

Proof: "If  $a, b \in R^\times$ , then  $ab \in R^\times$ " ← need to prove

closure let  $a, b \in R^\times$  so  $a^{-1}, b^{-1}$  exist

I claim that  $ab \in R^\times$ , that is  $ab$  is a unit

Note that:  $(ab)(b^{-1}a^{-1}) = 1$

$(b^{-1}a^{-1})(ab) = 1$

so  $b^{-1}a^{-1}$  is the inverse of  $ab$ . So  $ab$  is a unit, thus  $ab \in R^\times$

$R = \mathbb{Z}_8$

$\mathbb{Z}_8^\times = \{1, 3, 5, 7\}$

Associativity

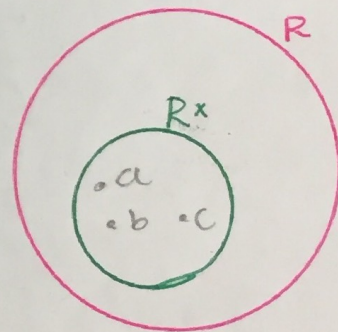
Let  $a, b, c \in R^\times$

Then  $a, b, c \in R$  and since  $R$  is associative

$a \cdot (b \cdot c) = (a \cdot b) \cdot c$

(alternative)

since  $R^\times \subseteq R$  and  $R$  has the associative property since  $R$  is a ring so does  $R^\times$



identity

$1$  is a unit so  $1 \in R^\times$

inverse

Let  $a \in R^\times$ . Then  $a^{-1} \in R$  exists

and  $a^{-1}$  is a unit too!!! so,  $a^{-1} \in R^\times$

↑ (since  $aa^{-1} = 1 = a^{-1}a$ )

□

Test # 1 is on  
HW #1-3

HW # 3 #6(c)

Let  $R$  be an integral domain  
Then the units of  $R[x]$  are  $R^\times$

units of  $\mathbb{Z}_7[x]$

$$\mathbb{Z}_7[x] = \{ \bar{0}, \bar{1}, \bar{2}, \bar{3}, \bar{4}, \bar{5}, \bar{6}, x, x+3, 5x^2+\bar{2}, \bar{2}x+\bar{6}, \dots \}$$

$$\mathbb{Z}_7^\times = \{ \bar{1}, \bar{2}, \bar{3}, \bar{4}, \bar{5}, \bar{6} \}$$

$$(\mathbb{Z}_7[x])^\times = \{ \bar{1}, \bar{2}, \bar{3}, \bar{4}, \bar{5}, \bar{6} \}$$

$\mathbb{Z}_8$  is not an  
integral domain  
since  
 $\bar{2} \cdot \bar{4} = \bar{0}$

Proof: Let  $f, g \in R[x]$  with  $f \neq 0, g \neq 0$

Suppose  $fg = 1$  in  $R[x]$ , ie  $f$  and  $g$  are units in  $R[x]$

By part (a),

$$\underbrace{\deg(f)}_{\geq 0} + \underbrace{\deg(g)}_{\geq 0} = \deg(fg) = \deg(1) = 0$$

$$\text{So } \deg(f) = \deg(g) = 0$$

That is  $f, g \in R$

since  $fg = 1, f, g \in R^\times \quad \square$

\* Doesn't work in  $\mathbb{Z}_8[x]$

$$(\bar{1} + \bar{7}x)(\bar{1} + \bar{4}x) =$$

$$\bar{1} + \underbrace{\bar{8}x}_{\bar{0}} + \underbrace{\bar{16}x^2}_{\bar{0}} = \bar{1}$$

$\bar{1} + \bar{4}x$  is a unit in  $\mathbb{Z}_8[x]$

$\mathbb{Z}_8$  is not an integral domain

# Ideals of Rings

● Ideal generalizes normal subgroups.

Def: Let  $R$  be a ring, Let  $I \subseteq R$ . We say that  $I$  is an ideal of  $R$  if.

- (1)  $I$  is a subgroup of  $R$  under  $+$
- (2) For every  $r \in R$  and  $x \in I$  we have that  $rx \in I$  and  $xr \in I$

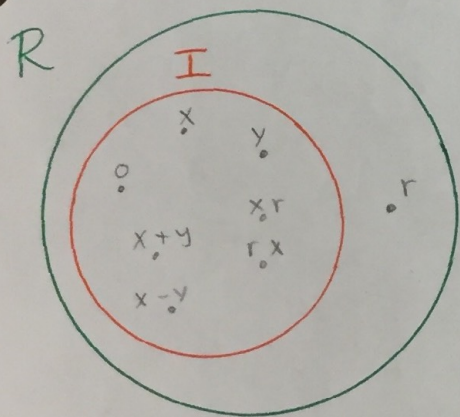
comment on (1)  
 $R$  is an abelian group under  $+$  (ring axiom)  
 So  $I$  is a normal subgroup under  $+$

(another way for (2))

For every  $r \in R$

$rI \subseteq I$  and  $Ir \subseteq I$

where  $rI = \{rx \mid x \in I\}$      $Ir = \{xr \mid x \in I\}$



From 4SS0  
 a subgroup of an abelian group is a normal subgroup

## Example:

Let  $n \geq 1$ . Let  $n\mathbb{Z} = \{nk \mid k \in \mathbb{Z}\} = \{\dots, -3n, -2n, -n, 0, n, 2n, 3n, \dots\}$

Then  $n\mathbb{Z}$  is an ideal of  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

### Proof:

(1)  $0 = n \cdot 0 \in n\mathbb{Z}$

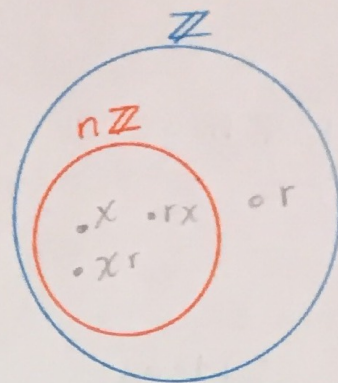
given  $x = nk$  and  $y = nl$  where  $k, l \in \mathbb{Z}$

then  $x - y = n(k - l) \in n\mathbb{Z}$

}  $n\mathbb{Z}$  is a subgroup of  $\mathbb{Z}$

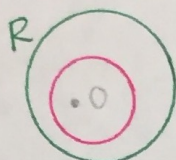
(2) Let  $x \in n\mathbb{Z}$  and  $r \in \mathbb{Z}$   
 so  $x = nk$  where  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$

Then  $rx = n(rk) \in n\mathbb{Z}$   
 and  $xr = n(rk) \in n\mathbb{Z}$



Note:

Let  $R$  be a ring



$R$  has at least these ideals:

(1)  $\{0\}$  ← the trivial ideal  
 or the zero ideal

(2)  $R$  ← The entire ring

From 4550

a subgroup

$N \leq G, +$

(1)  $N \leq G$

(2)  $g + N = N + g$

$\forall g \in G$

Tuesday's 3:03pm Theorem about the ideals of  $\mathbb{Z}$

Let  $I$  be an ideal of  $\mathbb{Z}$ , Then  $I = n\mathbb{Z}$  where  $n \geq 0$

All the ideals of  $\mathbb{Z}$ :

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

$$1\mathbb{Z} = \mathbb{Z}$$

$$2\mathbb{Z} = \{\dots, -6, -4, -2, 0, 2, 4, 6, \dots\}$$

$$3\mathbb{Z} = \{\dots, -9, -6, -3, 0, 3, 6, 9, \dots\}$$

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Proof:

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

By Math 4550, since  $I$  is a subgroup of  $\mathbb{Z}$  and  $\mathbb{Z}$  is cyclic,  $I$  must be cyclic, so  $I = n\mathbb{Z}$  where  $n \geq 0$ .

when  $n = 0$ ,  $I = \{0\}$  is an ideal of  $\mathbb{Z}$

when  $n \geq 1$ , we just proved that  $I = n\mathbb{Z}$  is an ideal.

so that's all the ideals of  $\mathbb{Z}$  ★

Def: Let  $R$  be commutative ring with identity  $1 \neq 0$

(1) Let  $a \in R$ . The ideal generated by  $a$  is

$$\langle a \rangle = Ra = aR = \{ra \mid r \in R\} \quad \leftarrow \text{in HW you prove this is an ideal}$$

(2) Given an ideal  $I$  of  $R$  we say that

$I$  is a **principal ideal** if  $\exists a \in R$  with  $I = \langle a \rangle$

(3) If  $R$  is an integral domain and every ideal of  $R$  is principal then we call  $R$  a **principal ideal domain** or **PID**

Ex:  $2\mathbb{Z} = \{2r \mid r \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  is a principal ideal of  $\mathbb{Z}$   
you can write it as  $\langle 2 \rangle$

Ex:  $\mathbb{Z}$  is a PID because

(1)  $\mathbb{Z}$  is an integral domain

(2) every ideal of  $\mathbb{Z}$  is of the form  $n\mathbb{Z} = \langle n \rangle$   
where  $n \geq 0$ , that is, every ideal of  $\mathbb{Z}$  is a principal ideal (we proved this last time)

Ex: In hw you will show that every ideal of  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  is principal. So,  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  is a PID if  $p$  is prime (need prime to get an integral domain.)

Ex: In  $R = \mathbb{Z}_3[x]$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \langle x+1 \rangle &= \{(x+1)f(x) \mid f(x) \in \mathbb{Z}_3[x]\} \\ &= \{(x+1) \cdot 0, (x+1) \cdot 1, (x+1) \cdot 2, (x+1)(x), (x+1)(x+1), \\ &\quad (x+1)(x+2), (x+1)(2x), \dots, (x+1)(x^{100} + 2x + 1) \dots\} \end{aligned}$$

$F[x]$

$$\langle x+1 \rangle \neq \langle x \rangle + \langle 1 \rangle$$

## Division Algorithm for $F[x]$

Let  $F$  be a field

Let  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  be in  $F[x]$ , with  $g(x)$  not the zero polynomial.

Then there exists unique  $q(x)$  and  $r(x)$  from  $F[x]$  where  $f(x) = g(x)q(x) + r(x)$

and either  $r(x) = 0$  or  $\deg(r(x)) < \deg(g(x))$

Ex: Divide  $\overset{g(x)}{\bar{2}x + \bar{1}}$  into  $\overset{f(x)}{x^3 + x + \bar{1}}$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_3[x]$   
 $\mathbb{Z}_3$  is a field

$$\begin{array}{r} \bar{2}x + \bar{1} \overline{) x^3 + x + \bar{1}} \\ \underline{-(x^3 + \bar{2}x^2)} \\ x^2 + x + \bar{1} \\ \underline{-(x^2 + \bar{2}x)} \\ \bar{2}x + \bar{1} \\ \underline{-(\bar{2}x + \bar{1})} \\ \bar{0} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \bar{2}x^2 + \bar{2}x + \bar{1} \quad q(x) \\ \rightarrow \bar{2} \cdot \bar{2} = \bar{4} = \bar{1} \\ \rightarrow -\bar{2}x^2 = x^2 \\ \quad \quad \quad -\bar{2} = 1 \end{array}$$

$$x^3 + x + \bar{1} = (\bar{2}x + \bar{1})(\bar{2}x^2 + \bar{2}x + \bar{1}) + \bar{0}$$
$$f(x) = g(x) \cdot q(x) + r(x)$$

## Big Theorem Thursday

Let  $F$  be a field, then  $F[x]$  is a PID

Proof: We already know that  $F[x]$  is an integral domain because  $F$  is an integral domain. Let  $I$  be an ideal of  $F[x]$

We need to show that  $I$  is principal.

If  $I = \{0\}$ , then  $I = \langle 0 \rangle$ . So  $I$  is principal.

● Suppose  $I \neq \{0\}$

So  $I$  contains at least one non-zero element.

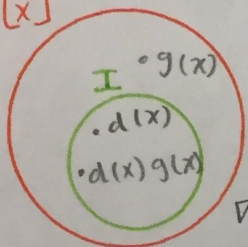
Let  $d(x)$  be a non-zero polynomial with minimal degree from  $I$ .

That is,  $d(x) \in I$  and

$$\deg(d(x)) \leq \deg(f(x)) \quad \forall f(x) \in I - \{0\}$$

(\*)

$F[x]$



claim:  $I = \langle d(x) \rangle$

proof of claim: ( $\langle d(x) \rangle \subseteq I$ )

Note that  $\langle d(x) \rangle = \{d(x)g(x) \mid g(x) \in F[x]\}$

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{If } g(x) \in F[x] \text{ and } d(x) \in I \text{ then} \\ d(x)g(x) \in I \text{ because } I \text{ is an ideal} \\ \text{so, } \langle d(x) \rangle \subseteq I \end{array} \right.$

( $I \subseteq \langle d(x) \rangle$ ), Let  $f(x) \in I$

By the division algorithm there exists  $q(x), r(x) \in F[x]$  where  $f(x) = d(x)q(x) + r(x)$

where either  $r(x) = 0$  or  $\deg(r(x)) < \deg(d(x))$

Note that  $r(x) = \underbrace{f(x)}_{\text{in } I} - \underbrace{d(x)}_{\text{in } I} \underbrace{q(x)}_{\text{in } F[x]} \in I$

By (\*) and the fact that  $r(x) \in I$  we cannot have that  $\deg(r(x)) < \deg(d(x))$ . So  $r(x) = 0$

Thus  $f(x) = d(x)q(x) \in \langle d(x) \rangle$

so  $I \subseteq \langle d(x) \rangle$ .  $\square$