

Quotient Rings

Let R be a ring and I be an ideal of R . Then, since R is an abelian group under $+$, we know that I is a normal subgroup of R under $+$.

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In an abelian group every subgroup is normal

Just like in 4550, we denote the set of the left cosets as R/I and given $x \in R$ the left cosets of x is $x+I = \{x+i \mid i \in I\}$

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 $x+I$

Example: $R = \mathbb{Z} = \{\dots, -4, -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\}$

$I = 4\mathbb{Z} = \{\dots, -8, -4, 0, 4, 8, \dots\}$

Left Cosets $0+I = \{\dots, -8, -4, 0, 4, 8, \dots\}$

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

$2+I = \{\dots, -6, -2, 2, 6, 10, \dots\} = -2+I$

$3+I = \{\dots, -5, -1, 3, 7, 11, \dots\} = -125+I$

$R/I = \mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z} = \{0+I, 1+I, 2+I, 3+I\}$

Recall: $a+I = b+I$

iff

$a-b \in I$

iff

$a \in b+I$

Ex: $(-125) - (3) = -128 = 4(-32) \in I$

so, $-125+I = 3+I$

$$\begin{aligned} -125+I &= 3 + \boxed{\overset{I}{(-128)} + I} \\ &= 3+I \end{aligned}$$

in I

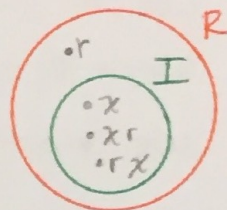
Theorem: Let R be a ring and I be an ideal of R .
Then the set of left cosets

$$R/I = \{r+I \mid r \in R\}$$

is a ring with well-defined operations

$$(a+I) + (b+I) = (a+b) + I$$

$$(a+I)(b+I) = ab + I \quad \text{for any } a, b \in R$$



Note: The additive identity of R/I is $0+I$.

The additive inverse of $a+I$ is $(-a)+I$.

Example: $\mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z} = \{ \underbrace{0+I}_{\text{additive identity}}, \underbrace{1+I}_{\text{mult. identity}}, 2+I, 3+I \}$

$$I = 4\mathbb{Z}$$

$$[0+I][3+I] = [0+3] + I = 3+I$$

$$[3+I][3+I] = [3+3] + I = 6+I = 2+I$$

$$\uparrow$$

$$6-2=4 \in I = 4\mathbb{Z}$$

$$[2+I][2+I] = [2 \cdot 2] + I = 4+I = 0+I$$

$$\uparrow$$

$$4-0=4 \in I$$

$$[3+I][(-5)+I] = [3 \cdot (-5)] + I = -15+I = 1+I$$

$$\uparrow$$

$$-15-1=-16 \in I$$

or

$$-15+I = -15+I+16 = 1+I$$

$$\uparrow$$

$$16 \in I$$

Additive Inverse of $3+I$

is $1+I$ because $(1+I)+(3+I) = 4+I = 0+I$

Example $R = \mathbb{Z}_4 \times \mathbb{Z}_4 = \{ \overset{\text{additive identity}}{\circlearrowleft} (\bar{0}, \bar{0}), (\bar{0}, \bar{1}), (\bar{0}, \bar{2}), (\bar{0}, \bar{3}), (\bar{1}, \bar{0}), \overset{\text{multiplicative identity}}{\circlearrowright} (\bar{1}, \bar{1}), (\bar{1}, \bar{2}), (\bar{1}, \bar{3}), (\bar{2}, \bar{0}), (\bar{2}, \bar{1}), (\bar{2}, \bar{2}), (\bar{2}, \bar{3}), (\bar{3}, \bar{0}), (\bar{3}, \bar{1}), (\bar{3}, \bar{2}), (\bar{3}, \bar{3}) \}$

$I = \{ (\bar{0}, \bar{0}), (\bar{0}, \bar{2}), (\bar{2}, \bar{0}), (\bar{2}, \bar{2}) \}$ is an ideal of $\mathbb{Z}_4 \times \mathbb{Z}_4$

- left coset:
- $\rightarrow (\bar{0}, \bar{0}) + I = \{ (\bar{0}, \bar{0}), (\bar{0}, \bar{2}), (\bar{2}, \bar{0}), (\bar{2}, \bar{2}) \}$
 - $\rightarrow (\bar{0}, \bar{1}) + I = \{ (\bar{0}, \bar{1}), (\bar{0}, \bar{3}), (\bar{2}, \bar{1}), \overset{\text{additive identity}}{\circlearrowleft} (\bar{2}, \bar{3}) \} = (\bar{2}, \bar{3}) + I$
 - $\rightarrow (\bar{1}, \bar{0}) + I = \{ (\bar{1}, \bar{0}), (\bar{1}, \bar{2}), (\bar{3}, \bar{0}), (\bar{3}, \bar{2}) \}$
 - $\rightarrow (\bar{1}, \bar{1}) + I = \{ (\bar{1}, \bar{1}), (\bar{1}, \bar{3}), (\bar{3}, \bar{1}), (\bar{3}, \bar{3}) \}$

$R/I = \{ \underbrace{(\bar{0}, \bar{0}) + I}_{\text{additive identity}}, (\bar{1}, \bar{0}) + I, (\bar{0}, \bar{1}) + I, \underbrace{(\bar{1}, \bar{1}) + I}_{\text{multiplicative identity}} \}$

$[(\bar{1}, \bar{1}) + I] + [(\bar{1}, \bar{1}) + I] = (\bar{2}, \bar{2}) + I = (\bar{0}, \bar{0}) + I$

Example: $R = 2\mathbb{Z} = \{ \dots, -8, -6, -4, -2, \overset{\text{additive identity}}{\downarrow} 0, 2, 4, 6, 8, \dots \}$ } There is no mult. identity in $2\mathbb{Z}$

$I = 4\mathbb{Z} = \{ \dots, -8, -4, 0, 4, 8, \dots \}$

- left cosets:
- $0 + 4\mathbb{Z} = \{ \dots, -8, -4, 0, 4, 8, \dots \}$
 - $2 + 4\mathbb{Z} = \{ \dots, -6, -2, 2, 6, 10, \dots \}$

$R/I = 2\mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z} = \{ \underbrace{0 + 4\mathbb{Z}}_{\text{additive identity}}, 2 + 4\mathbb{Z} \}$

Let's make a principal ideal in $\mathbb{Z}_4 \times \mathbb{Z}_4$

$$R = \mathbb{Z}_4 \times \mathbb{Z}_4 = \{(\bar{0}, \bar{0}), (\bar{0}, \bar{1}), (\bar{0}, \bar{2}), (\bar{0}, \bar{3}), (\bar{1}, \bar{0}), (\bar{1}, \bar{1}), (\bar{1}, \bar{2}), (\bar{1}, \bar{3}), (\bar{2}, \bar{0}), (\bar{2}, \bar{1}), (\bar{2}, \bar{2}), (\bar{2}, \bar{3}), (\bar{3}, \bar{0}), (\bar{3}, \bar{1}), (\bar{3}, \bar{2}), (\bar{3}, \bar{3})\}$$

Let's choose $(\bar{2}, \bar{3})$

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

Ideal generated

by $(\bar{2}, \bar{3})$

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

Principal ideal of

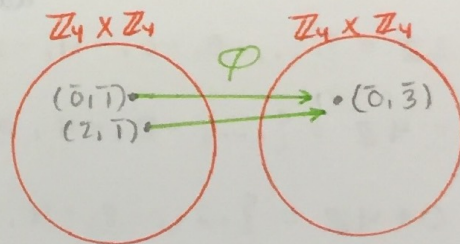
$\mathbb{Z}_4 \times \mathbb{Z}_4$

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

$$\varphi: \mathbb{Z}_4 \times \mathbb{Z}_4 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_4 \times \mathbb{Z}_4$$

$$\varphi(\bar{a}, \bar{b}) = (\bar{a}, \bar{b})(\bar{2}, \bar{3})$$

φ is a group homomorphism under +



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

$$\langle 4 \rangle = (2\mathbb{Z}) \cdot 4$$

$$\langle 4 \rangle = \{\dots, -24, -16, -8, 0, 8, 16, 24, \dots\}$$

↑ principal ideal of $2\mathbb{Z}$