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RING THEORY-SEM-IV

INTRODUCTION TO RINGS, SUBRINGS, IDEALS,
HOMOMORPHISM, POLYNOMIAL RINGS

UNIT-1: RINGS AND FIELDS

Ring: A system $(R; +, \cdot)$ where R is a non-empty set and $+, \cdot$ are two binary operations on R is a ring if it satisfies the following conditions. (i) $(R, +)$ is an abelian group. (ii) (R, \cdot) is a semi-group. (iii) Multiplication is distributive under addition. Here '0' is called additive identity.

Ex: 1. $(\mathbb{Z}; +, \cdot)$ $(\mathbb{Q}; +, \cdot)$ $(\mathbb{R}; +, \cdot)$ $(\mathbb{C}; +, \cdot)$ are all rings.

2. $\langle R = \{0,1,2,3,4,5\} +_6, \times_6 \rangle$ is a ring.

3. $\langle Z_6 = \{\bar{0}, \bar{1}, \bar{2}, \bar{3}, \bar{4}, \bar{5}\} \oplus \odot \rangle$ is a ring

4. $E =$ The set of even integer's $= \{2n / n \in \mathbb{Z}\} = \{\dots, -4, -2, 0, 2, 4 \dots\}$ form a ring.

5. $O =$ The set of all odd integers $= \{2n + 1 / n \in \mathbb{Z}\} = \{\dots, -3, -1, 1, 3 \dots\}$ is not a ring.

6. The set M of 2×2 matrices whose elements are integers. i.e. $M = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} / a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$ then $(M; +, \cdot)$ is a ring.

Commutative ring: A ring $(R; +, \cdot)$ is said to be commutative ring if $a \cdot b = b \cdot a \quad \forall a, b \in R$

Ring with unity: A ring $(R; +, \cdot)$ is said to be ring with unity if there exists '1' $\in R$ such that $a \cdot 1 = 1 \cdot a = a \quad \forall a \in R$. Here '1' is called unity element in R

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Ex: 1. $(\mathbb{Z}; +, \cdot)$ $(\mathbb{Q}; +, \cdot)$ $(\mathbb{R}; +, \cdot)$ $(\mathbb{C}; +, \cdot)$ are all commutative rings with unity.

2. $E =$ The set of even integer's $= \{2n / n \in \mathbb{Z}\} = \{\dots, -4, -2, 0, 2, 4 \dots\}$ form a commutative ring without unity.

Boolean ring: A ring $(R; +, \cdot)$ is said to be Boolean ring if $a \cdot a = a \quad \forall a \in R$

i. e. $a^2 = a \quad \forall a \in R$ (In a ring R every element is idempotent then R is said to be Boolean ring)

Cancellation laws hold in R : Let $(R; +, \cdot)$ be ring. For $a, b, c \in R$

(i) $a \neq 0 \quad ab = ac \implies b = c$ (*left cancellation law*) and

(ii) $a \neq 0 \quad ba = ca \implies b = c$ (*right cancellation law*) Then we say that Cancellation laws hold in R

Ring with zero divisors: A ring $(R; +, \cdot)$ is said to have zero divisors if there exists $a, b, \in R$ so that $a \neq 0, b \neq 0$ and $ab = 0$

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Ex: 1. The ring $\langle R = \{0,1,2,3,4,5\} +_6, \times_6 \rangle$ has zero divisors. Since $2,3 \in R$ and $2 \neq 0, 3 \neq 0$ and $2 \times_6 3 = 0$ also $3,4 \in R$ and $3 \neq 0, 4 \neq 0$ and $3 \times_6 4 = 0$

So the set of zero divisors of $R = \{2, 3, 4\}$

2. The ring $\langle R = \{0,1,2,3,4,5,6\} +_7, \times_7 \rangle$ has no zero divisors. Since $1,3 \in R \ni 1 \neq 0, 3 \neq 0$ and $1 \times_7 3 = 3 \neq 0$

Ring without zero divisors: A ring $(R; +, \cdot)$ is said to have no zero divisors if $\forall a, b \in R$ so and $ab = 0$ then either $a = 0$ or $b = 0$.

Ex: 1. $(\mathbb{Z}; +, \cdot)$ $(\mathbb{Q}; +, \cdot)$ $(\mathbb{R}; +, \cdot)$ $(\mathbb{C}; +, \cdot)$ are all have no zero divisors.

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Integral domain: A ring $(R; +, \cdot)$ is said to be an integral domain if (i) multiplication is commutative in R (ii) R has no zero divisors.

Note: (i) In a ring R , the additive identity is called zero element of R

(ii) In a ring R , the multiplicative identity is called unity element of R

Ex: 1. $(\mathbb{Z}; +, \cdot)$ $(\mathbb{Q}; +, \cdot)$ $(\mathbb{R}; +, \cdot)$ $(\mathbb{C}; +, \cdot)$ are all integral domain.

2. The ring $\langle R = \{0,1,2,3,4,5,6\} +_7, \times_7 \rangle$ is an I.D

Division ring (Skew field): A ring $(R; +, \cdot)$ with at least two elements is said to be division ring if (i) R has unity element (ii) every non-zero element of R is invertible under multiplication.

i.e. $\forall a \neq 0$ so $\exists b \in R \ni a \cdot b = b \cdot a = 1 \therefore b$ is called inverse of a in R

Ex: 1. $(\mathbb{Z}; +, \cdot)$ is not division ring. (ii) $(\mathbb{Q}; +, \cdot)$ $(\mathbb{R}; +, \cdot)$ $(\mathbb{C}; +, \cdot)$ are all division rings.

(iii) The ring $\langle R = \{0,1,2,3,4,5,6\} +_7, \times_7 \rangle$ is a division ring.

Field: A ring $(R; +, \cdot)$ with atleast two elements is said to be field if (i) Multiplication is commutative in R (ii) R has unity element in R (iii) every non-zero element of R is invertible under multiplication.

Ex: (i) $(\mathbb{Q}; +, \cdot)$ $(\mathbb{R}; +, \cdot)$ $(\mathbb{C}; +, \cdot)$ are all fields.

Theorem 1: If R is a Boolean ring then (i) $a + a = 0 \quad \forall a \in R$ (ii) $a + b = 0 \Rightarrow a = b$

(iii) R is commutative under multiplication (OR) If R is Boolean ring then show that R is a commutative ring.

Proof: (i) $a \in R \Rightarrow a + a \in R \quad [\because (R, +) \text{ is a group}]$

Since R is a Boolean ring so $(a + a)^2 = a + a$

$$(a + a)^2 = a + a \Rightarrow (a + a)(a + a) = (a + a)$$

$$\Rightarrow a(a + a) + a(a + a) = (a + a) \quad [\text{By R.D.L}]$$

$$\Rightarrow (a.a + a.a) + (a.a + a.a) = (a + a) \quad [\text{By L.D.L}]$$

$$\Rightarrow (a + a) + (a + a) = (a + a) \quad [\because a^2 = a \quad \forall a \in R]$$

$$\Rightarrow (a + a) + (a + a) = 0 + (a + a)$$

$$\Rightarrow (a + a) = 0 \quad [\text{By R.C.L of group } (R, +)]$$

(ii) $a + b = 0 \Rightarrow a + b = a + a \quad \text{By (i)}$

$$\Rightarrow b = a \quad [\text{By R.C.L of group } (R, +)]$$

$$\Rightarrow a = b$$

(iii) $a, b \in R \Rightarrow a + b \in R$ since R is a Boolean ring so $(a + b)^2 = a + b$

$$\text{Now } (a + b)^2 = a + b \Rightarrow (a + b)(a + b) = a + b$$

$$\Rightarrow a(a + b) + b(a + b) = a + b \quad [\text{By R.D.L}]$$

$$\Rightarrow (a.a + a.b) + (b.a + b.b) = a + b \quad [\text{By L.D.L}]$$

$$\Rightarrow (a + a.b) + (b.a + b) = a + b \quad [\because a^2 = a, b^2 = b, \forall a, b \in R]$$

$$\Rightarrow (a + b) + (a.b + b.a) = a + b \quad [+ \text{ is Ass and com in } R]$$

$$\Rightarrow (a + b) + (a.b + b.a) = (a + b) + 0$$

$$\Rightarrow ab + ba = 0 \quad [\text{By L.C.L of group } (R, +)]$$

$$\Rightarrow ab = ba \quad \text{By (ii)}$$

$\therefore R$ is commutative under multiplication

Theorem 2: A ring R has no zero divisors iff cancellation laws holds in R

Proof: Necessary condition :(\Rightarrow) we can assume that R has no zero divisors

To prove cancellation laws holds in R

(i) For $a, b, c \in R$ such that $a \neq 0$, $ab = ac$

$$a \neq 0, ab = ac \Rightarrow ab - ac = 0 \Rightarrow a(b - c) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow b - c = 0 \quad [\because a \neq 0 \text{ and } R \text{ has no zero divisors}]$$

$$\Rightarrow b = c \quad \therefore \text{left cancellation laws holds in } R$$

(ii) For $a, b, c \in R$ such that $a \neq 0$, $ba = ca$

$$a \neq 0, ba = ca \Rightarrow ba - ca = 0 \Rightarrow (b - c)a = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow b - c = 0 \quad [\because a \neq 0 \text{ and } R \text{ has no zero divisors}]$$

$$\Rightarrow b = c \quad \therefore \text{right cancellation laws holds in } R$$

Hence cancellation laws holds in R

Sufficient condition :(\Leftarrow) we can assume that cancellation laws hold in R

To prove that R has no zero divisors

If possible suppose R has zero divisors. i.e. $\exists a, b \in R$ so that $a \neq 0, b \neq 0$ and $ab = 0$

$$a \neq 0, \text{ and } ab = 0 \Rightarrow a \neq 0, \text{ and } ab = a \cdot 0 \Rightarrow b = 0$$

(By l.c.l) which is contradict to $b \neq 0$

$\therefore R$ has no zero divisors

Theorem 3: A division ring has no zero divisors

Proof: Let $(R; +, \cdot)$ be division ring. To prove that R has no zero divisors. i.e. $a, b \in R$ and $ab = 0 \Rightarrow a = 0$ or $b = 0$

(i) Let $a, b \in R$, $a \neq 0$, and $ab = 0$

since $a \neq 0$, R is a division ring

$$\Rightarrow \exists a^{-1} \in R \exists aa^{-1} = a^{-1}a = 1 \quad [\text{Every non zero element has multiplicative inverse}]$$

$$ab = 0 \Rightarrow a^{-1}(ab) = a^{-1}.0 \Rightarrow (a^{-1}a)b = 0 \Rightarrow 1.b = 0 \Rightarrow b = 0 \text{ [} R \text{ has unity element]}$$

(ii) Let $a, b \in R$, $b \neq 0$, and $ab = 0$

since $b \neq 0$, R is a division ring

$$\Rightarrow \exists b^{-1} \in R \ni bb^{-1} = b^{-1}b = 1 \text{ [Every non zero element has multiplicative inverse]}$$

$$ab = 0 \Rightarrow (ab)b^{-1} = 0.b^{-1} \Rightarrow a(bb^{-1}) = 0 \Rightarrow a.1 = 0 \Rightarrow a = 0 \text{ [} R \text{ has unity element]}$$

Hence $a, b \in R$ and $ab = 0 \Rightarrow a = 0$ or $b = 0 \therefore R$ has no zero divisors

Theorem 4: A field has no zero divisors

Proof: Let $(F; +, \cdot)$ be field.

(i) Let $a, b \in F$, $a \neq 0$, and $ab = 0$

$$\text{since } a \neq 0, F \text{ is a field} \Rightarrow \exists a^{-1} \in F \ni aa^{-1} = a^{-1}a = 1$$

$$a \neq 0, ab = 0 \Rightarrow a^{-1}(ab) = a^{-1}.0 \Rightarrow (a^{-1}a)b = 0 \Rightarrow 1.b = 0 \Rightarrow b = 0$$

Thus $a, b \in F$, $a \neq 0$, and $ab = 0 \Rightarrow b = 0$

(ii) Let $a, b \in F$, $b \neq 0$, and $ab = 0$

$$\text{since } b \neq 0, F \text{ is a field} \Rightarrow \exists b^{-1} \in F \ni bb^{-1} = b^{-1}b = 1$$

$$b \neq 0, ab = 0 \Rightarrow (ab)b^{-1} = 0.b^{-1} \Rightarrow a(bb^{-1}) = 0 \Rightarrow a.1 = 0 \Rightarrow a = 0$$

Hence $a, b \in F$ and $ab = 0 \Rightarrow a = 0$ or $b = 0 \therefore F$ has no zero divisors

Theorem5: Every field is an integral domain. Is the converse true?

Proof: To prove that every field is an integral domain. For this we have to show that a field F has no zero divisors.

(i) Let $a, b \in F$, $a \neq 0$, and $ab = 0$

$$\text{since } a \neq 0, F \text{ is a field} \Rightarrow \exists a^{-1} \in F \ni aa^{-1} = a^{-1}a = 1$$

$$a \neq 0, ab = 0 \Rightarrow a^{-1}(ab) = a^{-1}.0 \Rightarrow (a^{-1}a)b = 0 \Rightarrow 1.b = 0 \Rightarrow b = 0$$

Thus $a, b \in F$, $a \neq 0$, and $ab = 0 \Rightarrow b = 0$

(ii) Let $a, b \in F$, $b \neq 0$, and $ab = 0$

$$\text{since } b \neq 0, F \text{ is a field} \Rightarrow \exists b^{-1} \in F \ni bb^{-1} = b^{-1}b = 1$$

$$b \neq 0, \quad ab = 0 \Rightarrow (ab)b^{-1} = 0 \cdot b^{-1} \Rightarrow a(bb^{-1}) = 0 \Rightarrow a \cdot 1 = 0 \Rightarrow a = 0$$

Hence $a, b \in F$ and $ab = 0 \Rightarrow a = 0$ or $b = 0 \therefore F$ has no zero divisors

The converse of the theorem need not be true. i.e. An integral domain need not be field.

For example, the ring of integers $(\mathbb{Z}; +, \cdot)$ is an integral domain but it is not a field because

$4 \neq 0 \in \mathbb{Z}$ has no multiplicative inverse in \mathbb{Z} .

Theorem6: A finite integral domain is a field.

Proof: Let $(D; +, \cdot)$ be an integral domain with 'n' elements.

To prove that D is a field. We have to show that (i) D has a unity element (ii) every non zero element has multiplicative inverse.

Let $D = \{x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n\}$ and $a \neq 0 \in D$,

Consider the set $aD = \{ax_1, ax_2, ax_3, \dots, ax_n\}$

Let $p \in aD$ then $p = ax_r$ where $x_r \in D$ $1 \leq r \leq n$

Since $a \in D$, $x_r \in D$ and D is an integral domain $\Rightarrow ax_r \in D \Rightarrow p \in D \Rightarrow aD \subseteq D$

If possible, suppose $ax_i = ax_j$ for $1 \leq i, j \leq n$ and $i \neq j$

$$\Rightarrow a(x_i - x_j) = 0 \Rightarrow x_i - x_j = 0 \Rightarrow x_i = x_j \quad [\because a \neq 0 \text{ and } D \text{ has no zero divisors}]$$

Which is contradiction to D has 'n' distinct elements.

So aD has 'n' distinct elements, D has 'n' distinct elements and $aD \subseteq D$ so $\therefore aD = D$

For $a \neq 0 \in D$, since $aD = D \Rightarrow a \in aD \Rightarrow a = ax_e$ for some $x_e \in D$

Since D is commutative $\therefore a = ax_e = x_e a$

We now prove that x_e is the unity element. Let $y \in D$ $\therefore y \in aD \Rightarrow y = ax_k$ for some $x_k \in D$

$$x_e y = x_e(ax_k) = (x_e a)x_k = ax_k = y \quad \text{Since } D \text{ is commutative} \quad y = x_e y = y x_e$$

$\therefore x_e (= 1)$ is the unity element.

$\therefore 1 \in D$, we have $1 \in aD \Rightarrow 1 = ax_l$ for some $x_l \in D$

$\therefore a \neq 0 \in D \exists x_l \in D \exists ax_l = x_l a = 1$ [Since D is commutative]

\Rightarrow Every non zero element has multiplicative inverse. Hence D is a field.

Problems:

1. Show that $R = \{a + b\sqrt{2}/a, b \in \mathbb{Q}\} = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})$ form a field under usual addition and multiplication.

Sol: $R = \{a + b\sqrt{2}/a, b \in \mathbb{Q}\} = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})$. Let $x, y, z \in R$ so that $x = a_1 + b_1\sqrt{2}$,

$$y = a_2 + b_2\sqrt{2} \quad z = a_3 + b_3\sqrt{2}, \quad \text{where } a_1, b_1, a_2, b_2, a_3, b_3 \in \mathbb{Q}$$

I: $(R, +)$ is an abelian group

(i) Closure property: $x + y = (a_1 + a_2) + (b_1 + b_2)\sqrt{2} = a + b\sqrt{2} \in R$

$$\text{where } a = a_1 + a_2 \in \mathbb{Q} \quad \text{and} \quad b = b_1 + b_2 \in \mathbb{Q}$$

(ii) Commutative property:

$$x + y = (a_1 + a_2) + (b_1 + b_2)\sqrt{2} = (a_2 + a_1) + (b_2 + b_1)\sqrt{2} = y + x$$

(iii) Associative property: $(x + y) + z = [(a_1 + a_2) + a_3] + [(b_1 + b_2) + b_3]\sqrt{2}$

$$= [a_1 + (a_2 + a_3)] + [b_1 + (b_2 + b_3)]\sqrt{2} = x + (y + z)$$

(iv) Clearly $0 = 0 + 0\sqrt{2}$ is the additive identity

(v) Clearly $(-a) + (-b)\sqrt{2}$ is the inverse of $a + b\sqrt{2}$

II: (R, \cdot) is semi group

(vi) $xy = (a_1a_2 + 2b_1b_2) + (a_1b_2 + a_2b_1)\sqrt{2} \in \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})$ also $xy = yx \quad \forall x, y \in \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})$

(vii) $(xy)z = [(a_1a_2 + 2b_1b_2) + (a_1b_2 + a_2b_1)\sqrt{2}] \cdot (a_3 + b_3\sqrt{2})$

$$= (a_1a_2a_3 + 2b_1b_2a_3 + 2a_1b_2b_3 + 2a_2b_1b_3) + \sqrt{2}(a_1b_2a_3 + a_2b_1a_3 + a_1a_2b_3 + 2b_1b_2b_3)$$

similarly we can prove that $x(yz) = (a_1a_2a_3 + 2b_1b_2a_3 + 2a_1b_2b_3 + 2a_2b_1b_3)$

$$+ \sqrt{2}(a_1b_2a_3 + a_2b_1a_3 + a_1a_2b_3 + 2b_1b_2b_3) \quad \therefore (xy)z = x(yz)$$

III: Distributive laws

$$x \cdot (y + z) = (a_1 + b_1\sqrt{2}) \cdot [(a_2 + a_3) + (b_2 + b_3)\sqrt{2}] = [a_1a_2 + a_1a_3 + 2(b_1b_2 + b_1b_3)$$

$$+ \sqrt{2}(a_2b_1 + a_3b_1 + a_1b_2 + a_1b_3)$$

$$xy + xz = [(a_1a_2 + 2b_1b_2) + (a_1b_2 + a_2b_1)\sqrt{2}] + (a_1a_3 + 2b_1b_3) + (a_1b_3 + a_3b_1)\sqrt{2}$$

$\therefore x(y + z) = xy + xz$ also we can prove $(y + z).x = yx + zx$

IV: unity element: Let $1 = 1 + 0\sqrt{2}$ then for any $x = a + b\sqrt{2}$

we have $x.1 = 1.x = x \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})$

V: Inverse property: Let $a + b\sqrt{2} \neq 0 \in \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})$ then $\frac{1}{a+b\sqrt{2}} = \frac{a-b\sqrt{2}}{a^2-2b^2} = \frac{a}{a^2-2b^2} + \sqrt{2}\left(-\frac{b}{a^2-2b^2}\right)$

Now $(a + b\sqrt{2})\left(\frac{1}{a+b\sqrt{2}}\right) = (a + b\sqrt{2})\left[\frac{a}{a^2-2b^2} + \sqrt{2}\left(-\frac{b}{a^2-2b^2}\right)\right] = 1$

\therefore Every non zero element has multiplicative inverse

So $(\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}), +, \cdot)$ is a field.

2. Give an example of division ring which is a not a field

Sol: Consider the set $M = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a + ib & c + id \\ -c + id & a - ib \end{bmatrix} / a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$ of 2×2 matrices whose elements are complex numbers.

We know that $(M; +, \cdot)$ is a ring under matrices addition and multiplication.

$$(i) \begin{bmatrix} a_1 + ib_1 & c_1 + id_1 \\ -c_1 + id_1 & a_1 - ib_1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} a_2 + ib_2 & c_2 + id_2 \\ -c_2 + id_2 & a_2 - ib_2 \end{bmatrix} \\ = \begin{bmatrix} (a_1 + a_2) + i(b_1 + b_2) & (c_1 + c_2) + i(d_1 + d_2) \\ (-c_1 - c_2) + i(d_1 + d_2) & (a_1 + a_2) - i(b_1 + b_2) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} p + iq & r + is \\ -r + is & p - iq \end{bmatrix} \in M$$

where $p = (a_1 + a_2)$, $q = (b_1 + b_2)$, $r = (c_1 + c_2)$, $s = (d_1 + d_2) \in \mathbb{R}$

\therefore '+' is binary operation on M

(ii) We know that matrices addition is commutative and associative.

$$(iii) \text{ Clearly } 0 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 + i0 & 0 + i0 \\ -0 + i0 & 0 - i0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(iv) \text{ Let } A \in M \text{ where } A = \begin{bmatrix} a + ib & c + id \\ -c + id & a - ib \end{bmatrix} \text{ then } -A = \begin{bmatrix} -(a + ib) & -(c + id) \\ -(-c + id) & -(a - ib) \end{bmatrix} \in M$$

We have $A + (-A) = (-A) + A = 0$

$$(v) \text{ Clearly } A.B = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 + ib_1 & c_1 + id_1 \\ -c_1 + id_1 & a_1 - ib_1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} a_2 + ib_2 & c_2 + id_2 \\ -c_2 + id_2 & a_2 - ib_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a + ib & c + id \\ -c + id & a - ib \end{bmatrix} \in M$$

(vi) We know that matrices multiplication is associative

(vii) We know that matrices multiplication is distributive under addition

(viii) Clearly $\begin{bmatrix} 1 + i0 & 0 + i0 \\ -0 + i0 & 1 - i0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ is the unity element

(ix) Let $A \neq 0 \in M \ni A = \begin{bmatrix} a + ib & c + id \\ -c + id & a - ib \end{bmatrix}$ where $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\det A = (a + ib)(a - ib) - (c + id)(-c + id) = a^2 + b^2 - (-c^2 - d^2)$$

$$= a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2 \neq 0$$

Every $A \neq 0 \in M$ is a non-singular matrices and hence invertible

M is a division ring but not field because matrix multiplication is not a commutative.

3. Show that the set $z[i] = \{a + ib/a, b \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ of Gaussian integers is an integral domain under usual addition and multiplication. Is it a field?

Sol: $z[i] = \{a + ib/a, b \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ Let $x, y, z \in z[i]$

so that $x = a_1 + ib_1, y = a_2 + ib_2, z = a_3 + ib_3$ where $a_1, a_2, a_3, b_1, b_2, b_3 \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$\text{Now } x + y = (a_1 + ib_1) + (a_2 + ib_2) = (a_1 + a_2) + i(b_1 + b_2) = p + iq \in z[i]$$

$$\text{where } p = (a_1 + a_2) \in \mathbb{Z}, \quad q = (b_1 + b_2) \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$\therefore '+'$ is binary operation on $z[i]$

$$xy = (a_1 + ib_1) \cdot (a_2 + ib_2) = (a_1a_2 - b_1b_2) + i((a_1b_2 + b_1a_2)) = c + id \in z[i]$$

$$\text{where } c = (a_1a_2 - b_1b_2), \quad d = (a_1b_2 + b_1a_2) \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$\therefore '\cdot'$ is binary operation on $z[i]$

Since the elements of $z[i]$ are also complex numbers. We have that

(i) Addition and multiplication are commutative in $z[i]$

(ii) Addition and multiplication are associative in $z[i]$

(iii) Multiplication is distributive under addition in $z[i]$

(iv) Clearly the zero elements $0 + i(0)$, the unity element $1 + i(0)$

(v) For every $x = a + ib \in z[i]$,

we have $-x = -(a + ib)$ so that $x + (-x) = [a + (-a) + i[b + (-b)]] = 0 + i(0)$

$\therefore (z[i]; +, \cdot)$ is a commutative ring with unity.

For $x, y \in z[i]$ and $xy = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0$ or $y = 0$ since x, y are complex numbers

$\therefore (z[i]; +, \cdot)$ is an integral domain with unity.

Let $a = 3 + 4i \neq 0 \in z[i]$ we have $b = \frac{3}{25} + i\left(-\frac{4}{25}\right)$ so that $a \cdot b = (3 + 4i) \left[\frac{3}{25} + i\left(-\frac{4}{25}\right) \right]$

$$= \frac{9}{25} + \frac{16}{25} + i\left(\frac{12}{25} - \frac{12}{25}\right) = 1 + i(0), \quad \text{but } \frac{3}{25} + i\left(-\frac{4}{25}\right) \notin z[i] \text{ as } \frac{3}{25}, -\frac{4}{25} \notin \mathbb{Z}$$

\therefore Every non zero element in \mathbb{Z} is not a invertible and hence $z[i]$ is not field.

Characteristic of ring : The characteristic of a ring R is defined as the least positive integer p such that $pa = 0 \forall a \in R$. In case such a positive integer does not exist then we say that the characteristic of R is zero or infinite.

Ex: 1. $R = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, \}$ is a ring under $+_6, \times_6$. So the cha of $R = 6$.

2. The char of a ring $(\mathbb{Z}; +, \cdot)$ is zero. Since \exists does not exist a positive integer

such that $na = 0 \forall a \in \mathbb{Z}$

Theorem 1: If R is a non-zero ring such that $a^2 = a \forall a \in R$ then char of R is 2.

Proof: Let $a \in R$, $a \in R$, and R is a group $\Rightarrow a + a \in R$

since $a^2 = a \forall a \in R$

$$\therefore (a + a)^2 = a + a \Rightarrow (a + a)(a + a) = a + a$$

$$\Rightarrow a(a + a) + a(a + a) = a + a \text{ [by R.D.L]}$$

$$\Rightarrow (a \cdot a + a \cdot a) + (a \cdot a + a \cdot a) = (a + a) \text{ [by L.D.L]}$$

$$\Rightarrow (a + a) + (a + a) = (a + a) \text{ [since } a^2 = a \text{]}$$

$$\Rightarrow (a + a) + (a + a) = (a + a) + 0 \text{ (by l.cl of a group } (R, +)\text{)}$$

$$\Rightarrow (a + a) = 0 \Rightarrow 2a = 0$$

Further $a \neq 0$ $1 \cdot a = a \neq 0 \Rightarrow 1 \cdot a \neq 0$ [If $1 \cdot a = 0 \forall a \in R$ then $R = \{0\}$]

$\therefore 2$ is the least positive integer such that $2 \cdot a = 0 \forall a \in R$

Theorem2: If char of R is 2 and a, b such that a and b are commute then

$$(a + b)^2 = a^2 + b^2 = (a - b)^2$$

Proof: $a, b \in R \Rightarrow a + b \in R$

$$\therefore (a + b)^2 = (a + b)(a + b) = (a + b)a + (a + b).b$$

$$= a^2 + ba + ab + b^2 = a^2 + ab + ab + b^2$$

$$= a^2 + 2ab + b^2 \quad [\text{since } a, b \in R \Rightarrow ab \in R \text{ and char of } R = 2 \text{ so } 2ab = 0]$$

$$= a^2 + b^2$$

$$\therefore (a + b)^2 = a^2 + b^2$$

$$(a - b)^2 = a^2 - 2ab + b^2 = a^2 + b^2$$

Theorem3: The characteristic of an integral domain is either a prime number or a zero.

Proof: Let $(R; +, \cdot)$ be an integral domain and $a \neq 0 \in R$

Case (i): If $o(a) = 0$ a is consider as an element of the group $(R; +)$

$\therefore \text{char of } R = 0$ [\because If any element of a ring R is order zero, regarded as a member of the additive group of R the char of R is zero]

Case (ii): If $o(a) =$ is finite, Let $o(a) = p$ where p is the positive integer

By known theorem; The char of an integral domain is the order of any non-zero element of R , regarded as a member of additive group $(R; +)$.

$\therefore \text{char of } R = p$ To prove that P is prime

If possible, suppose P is not a prime.

$$\therefore p = p_1 p_2 \quad \text{where } p_1 \neq 1, p_2 \neq 1 \text{ and } p_1 < p \text{ also } p_2 < p$$

Since R has no zero divisors, the product of any non-zero elements cannot be zero.

$$\therefore a \neq 0 \Rightarrow a.a \neq 0 \Rightarrow a^2 \neq 0 \in R$$

$$\therefore o(a^2) = p \Rightarrow p \text{ is the least positive integer such that } pa^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (p_1 p_2) a^2 = 0 \Rightarrow (p_1 a)(p_2 a) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow p_1 a = 0 \text{ or } p_2 a = 0 \quad (\text{since } R \text{ has no zero divisors})$$

This is a contradiction [$\because o(a) = p$ and $p_1 < p, p_2 < p \Rightarrow pa = 0$ but $p_1a \neq 0, p_2a \neq 0$]

\therefore Our supposition is wrong so P is a prime.

Hence the char of R is either a prime or a zero.

Theorem4: The characteristic of a field/ division ring is either a prime number or a zero

Proof: we know that every field is an integral domain. And write the proof of above theorem.