

MA-5101

ALGEBRA-II

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§1. Introduction

- Writing assignments
- Presentations → definitely will happen
- Might do quizzes via (Zoom) polls
- Best $n/n+2$ or something.
(or $n/n+1$)

- What to recall from 419? → Rings, we'll start with defⁿ
↳ Should still be familiar
- ↳ Problem sets still should be sufficient
- ↳ Familiarity with Alg I also nice.

Won't define Integral Domains & Fields but will still use.
(Should be comfortable with 2nd half of Basic Alg.)

(same link should go on.)

maybe not UFDs
but PIDs

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$$\{\text{Subgroups of } \mathbb{Z}\} = \{n\mathbb{Z} : n \in \mathbb{Z}\}.$$

(precisely)

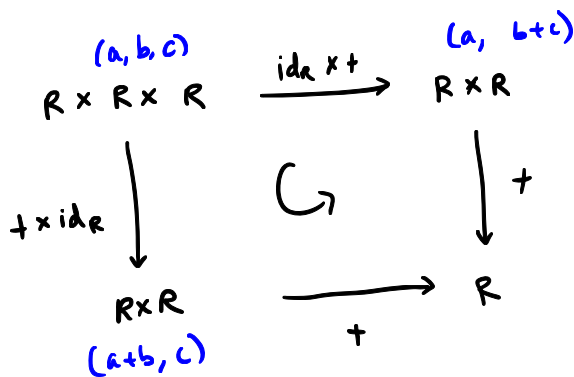
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LECTURE - 1

Defⁿ. $(R, +, *) \rightarrow$ a set R with binary operations $+$ and $*$ satisfying:

- (i) $+$ is commutative. $\forall a, b \in R: a + b = b + a$
 (ii) $+$ is associative. $\forall a, b, c \in R: a + (b + c) = (a + b) + c$

lets you add finitely many elements unambiguously



The diagram commutes

Existence of add. identity

(iii) $\exists 0 \in R: \forall a \in R: a + 0 = a = 0 + a$ (no need to write this, though.)

Existence of add. inv.

(iv) $\forall a \in R: \exists b \in R: a + b = 0$

(v) $*$ is associative. $\forall a, b, c \in R: a * (b * c) = (a * b) * c$

(vi) $*$ distributes over $+$.

$$\forall a, b, c \in R: a * (b + c) = a * b + a * c$$

$$(b + c) * a = b * a + c * a$$

Existence of $*$ id.

(vii) $\exists 1 \in R: \forall a \in R: 1 * a = a = a * 1.$



Shall always assume this in course!

Defⁿ. A ring $(R, +, *)$ is commutative if $*$ is commutative.

A ring in which every non-zero element has a multiplicative inverse is called a division ring.

Furthermore, a non-zero commutative ring is called a field if every non-zero element has a mult. inverse.

Examples / non-examples

1. $\{0\}$ is a ring. (The operations are forced.)

(any singleton, in fact.)

We call this the zero ring and simply denote it as 0 .

2. $\mathbb{N}, \mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}$ → standard operations

\mathbb{N} (no 0) → no inverses

\mathbb{Z} → ring, not field

$\mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}$ → a ring, in fact a field (in fact, commutative)

3. Let R be a ring. Then, $M_n(R)$ is a ring under the usual matrix operations.

↳ $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ is the mult. identity.

4. $R[x]$ → set of polynomials with coefficients in R

$R[[x]]$ → set of formal power series in R

N. Jacobson "Algebra" → Section called "Rings".

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LECTURE - 2

Let R be a ring.

Rings that can be constructed:

$R[x]$ → polynomials

$R[[x]]$ → power series

$A \neq \emptyset, \mathcal{F}(A, R) \rightarrow$ set of functions from A to R

$M_n(R) \rightarrow n \times n$ matrices with entries in R .

$$R[x] = \left\{ f \mid \exists n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}, a_0, \dots, a_n \in R \left(f = a_0 + \dots + a_n x^n \right) \right\}$$

where $a_0 + \dots + a_n x^n = a_0 + \dots + a_n x^n + 0 \cdot x^{n+1}$.

Moreover, two polynomials are equal if their like terms are equal.

Addition is term-wise.

Multiplication is the usual one: We define it this way to have $x^n \cdot x^m = x^{n+m}$ and distributivity.

Every element of R can be thought of as a polynomial.

$$R[[x]] = \left\{ f \mid \exists a_0, a_1, \dots \in R \left(f = a_0 + a_1 x + \dots \right) \right\}.$$

Equality is again term-wise.

Note that $f = 1 + x + x^2 + \dots$ is a pow. series.

Also, $1, x, x^2, \dots$ are pow series

However, f cannot be written as a sum of infinitely many pow series!

(Only finite sums are defined in rings!)

$$(a_0 + a_1x + \dots)(b_0 + b_1x + \dots) = c_0 + c_1x + \dots$$

$$\text{where } c_n = \sum_{i=0}^n a_i b_{n-i} \\ = a_0 b_n + a_1 b_{n-1} + \dots + a_{n-1} b_1 + a_n b_0.$$

$$\mathcal{F}(A, R) = \{f: A \rightarrow R\} \quad (A \neq \emptyset)$$

For $f, g \in \mathcal{F}(A, R)$, we define $f+g \in \mathcal{F}(A, R)$ and $f * g \in \mathcal{F}(A, R)$ as

$$(f+g)(a) = f(a) + g(a), \quad \forall a \in A$$

$$(f * g)(a) = f(a) * g(a).$$

$+$ and $*$ are from R .

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LECTURE - 3

Let R and S be rings. Then, $R \times S$ is a ring under component-wise operations.

$$(r, s) + (r', s') := (r+r', s+s'),$$

$$(r, s) \cdot (r', s') := (r \cdot r', s \cdot s').$$

Similarly, can define $R_1 \times \dots \times R_n$.

In particular, we can take $S = R$.

Example. $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$ is a ring.

Is this the "same" as \mathbb{C} ?

Defⁿ. ① Given rings R and S , a function $\varphi: R \rightarrow S$ is a ring homomorphism if

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \varphi(a+b) = \varphi(a) + \varphi(b) \quad \left. \vphantom{\varphi(a+b)} \right\} \forall a, b \in R$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \varphi(ab) = \varphi(a)\varphi(b)$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad \varphi(1) = 1$$

② If $\varphi: R \rightarrow S$ is a homomorphism (ring map), then S is called an R -algebra via φ .

③ Let $S \subset R$. We say that S is a subring of R if it is a ring under the same operations, and $1_S = 1_R$.

If $\varphi: S \rightarrow R$ is a 1-1 homomorphism, we often identify S with $\varphi(S)$ to consider S as a subring of R .

0 is not a subring of a non-zero ring R !

④ Let $I \subset R$. We say that I is an ideal in R if:

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \forall a, b \in I : a + b \in I$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad 0 \in I$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad \forall a \in I, \forall r \in R : ra \in I, ar \in I$$

$$\textcircled{4} \quad \forall a \in I : -a \in I$$

\hookrightarrow don't need since our rings have 1

mimics subspace defⁿ in vector space

\hookrightarrow also \rightarrow quotienting

Since $(R, +)$ is abelian group, $I \trianglelefteq R$, we also want

R/I to form a ring.

(Mimick $\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$.)

Consequence: If I is an ideal in R , then the quotient group R/I has a multiplicative structure induced from R .

That is, $\forall a, b \in R$
 $(a+I)(b+I) = (ab+I)$ is well defined
 elements of R/I

Furthermore, the natural map $\pi: R \rightarrow R/I$
 $a \mapsto a+I$
 is a ring homomorphism with $\ker \pi = I$.

Q: When is an ideal I a subring of R ?

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LECTURE - 4

Recall: Let A be a non-empty set. $F(A, R)$ is a ring under pointwise op.

$A = \mathbb{N}$, $R \rightarrow$ any ring; $F(A, R) \rightarrow$ sequences in R
 (natural subring: eventually 0)

$A = \mathbb{N}$, $R = \mathbb{R}$: $F(\mathbb{N}, \mathbb{Q})$ } natural subrings
 convergent seq. }
 bdd seq. }

$A = \mathbb{R}$, $R = \mathbb{R}$: $C(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow$ natural subrings
 $C^\infty(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow$

(we saw this closure properties in analysis.)

$A \rightarrow$ topological space, $R = \mathbb{R}$ or \mathbb{C} : $\mathcal{C}(A, R) \rightarrow$ cts functions from A to R .

If $A = R$, $\mathcal{F}(R) = \mathcal{F}(R, R)$.

\hookrightarrow make it a ring \rightarrow does composition and addition make it a ring?

if not, modify, put restrictions on R or take subsets (don't modify operations)

Eg. ① $\mathcal{C}([0, 1], \mathbb{R})$

② $D^2 = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < 1\}$

$H(D^2) \rightarrow$ set of analytic functions on D^2 .

Think about what properties they have.

Def. let R be a ring, $a \in R$. We say that

- ① a is a unit if $\exists b \in R$ s.t. $ab = 1$ and $ba = 1$. $U(R)$
- ② a is a zero divisor if $\exists b \in R \setminus \{0\}$ s.t. $ab = 0$ or $ba = 0$. $Z(R)$

[Note that 0 is a zero divisor iff $R \neq 0$.
Also, 0 is a unit iff $R = 0$.]

• an element is never a zero div. as well as unit.

- ③ a is nilpotent if $\exists n \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. $a^n = 0$. $N(R)$

Assume $R \neq 0$. Are any of these subrings? Ideals?

can't be subrings, b/c $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \hookrightarrow 1 \notin Z(R), N(R) \\ 0 \in U(R) \rightarrow \text{not ideal either then} \end{array} \right.$

Q. Does the set of units form a group? Yes!
(under mult. of R)

Do $N(R)$ and $Z(R)$ form an ideal?

Not in general. Take $R = M_2(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow a = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, b = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$
 $a^2 = b^2 = 0$
 $(a+b)$ not nilp or zero div

Now, suppose $R \neq 0$ is commutative. Do they now form an ideal?

• $N(R)$: $0 \in N(R)$
 $a \in N(R), r \in R$. Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$ be s.t. $a^n = 0$.

$$(ra)^n = r^n a^n = 0.$$

$$\therefore ra \in N(R)$$

$a, b \in N(R)$: let $N = \max(n, m)$ s.t. $a^n = 0 = b^m$.

$$(a+b)^N = \sum \binom{N}{i} a^i b^{N-i} = \sum 0 = 0.$$

Thus, $a+b \in N(R)$.

This shows $N(R)$ is an ideal.

• $Z(R)$: $0 \in Z(R)$ [$R \neq 0$]

Let $a \in Z(R), r \in R$.

Suppose $a' \neq 0$ is such that $aa' = 0$.

$$\text{Then, } (ra)a' = r(aa') = r \cdot 0 = 0.$$

$$\Rightarrow ra \in Z(R). \quad (a' \neq 0)$$

Let $a, b \in Z(R)$. $a', b' \neq 0$ s.t. $aa' = 0 = bb'$.

$$(a+b)(a'b') = aa'b' + ba'b' \\ = 0 + bb'a = 0 + 0 = 0.$$

Hmm. But bb' could be 0. \therefore

ACTUALLY, take $R = \mathbb{Z}/6\mathbb{Z}$.

$2, 3 \in R$ are 0 div.

$2+3 = 5$ is not.

Thus, $Z(R)$ is not \downarrow an ideal even if R is comm.
necessarily

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LECTURE - 5

Recall: $Z(R) \cap U(R) = \emptyset$ (even if $R=0$)

If $R \neq 0$, then $N(R) \subset Z(R)$.

Q: Is $Z(R) \cup U(R) = R$? \rightarrow No. Take $R = \mathbb{Z}$.
 \hookrightarrow As an example where true: $R = \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$.

Subsets related to homomorphisms

Let $\varphi: R \rightarrow S$ be a ring map.

$\ker \varphi := \{ a \in R : \varphi(a) = 0 \} \subset R$.

$$\text{im } \varphi := \{ b \in S : \exists a \in R (\varphi(a) = b) \} \subset S$$

$$= \{ \varphi(a) : a \in R \}.$$

$\ker \varphi$ is an ideal of R .

[If subring, then $\ker \varphi = R$
AND $S = 0$]

$\text{im } \varphi$ is a subring of S .

[If ideal, then
 $\text{im } \varphi = S$,
that is, φ is onto.]

Let $I \subset R$. Then $\varphi(I) \subset S$.

Similarly, if $J \subset S$, then $\varphi^{-1}(J) \subset R$.

Ques. If I is an ideal in R , what can you conclude about $\varphi(I)$?

Ans. $\varphi(I) \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \text{ideal}$ in $\text{im}(\varphi)$? Yes!

In particular, $\varphi(I)$ is an ideal in S if φ is onto.

Eg. If I is an ideal in R , then the natural map
 $\pi: R \rightarrow R/I$ is onto.

Thus, if $J \subset R$ is an ideal, $\pi(J)$ is an ideal in R/I .

Ques. What does $\pi(J)$ look like?

$$\pi(J) = \{ a + I \in R/I : a \in J \} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{J+I}{I}$$

(just notation for now)

Q. Let $J \subset S$ be an ideal. What can we say about $\varphi^{-1}(J)$?

Ans. $\varphi^{-1}(J)$ is an ideal in R .

In particular, if K is an ideal in R/I , then $\pi^{-1}(K)$ is an ideal in R .

$$J = \pi^{-1}(K) = \{ a \in R : a + I \in K \}.$$

Moreover, $\pi(J) = K$. ($\because \pi$ is onto.)

$$\text{I.e., } K = \frac{J + I}{I}.$$

In particular, J contains $\pi^{-1}(\{0\}) = \ker \pi$.

In this case: $\ker \pi = I \subset J$.

Thus, $J + I = J$ and hence

$$K = \frac{J + I}{I} = J/I.$$

Thus, every ideal of R looks like J/I where J is an ideal of R containing I .

Thm. The ideals in R/I are in 1-1 correspondence with ideals in R containing I .

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{ideals in} \\ R/I \end{array} \right\} \longleftrightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{ideals in } R \\ \text{containing } I \end{array} \right\}$$

$$K \longmapsto \pi^{-1}(K)$$

$$J/I = \pi(J) \longleftarrow J$$

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LECTURE - 6

Recap: Let $I, J \subset R$ be ideals with $I \subset J$.

If $\pi: R \rightarrow R/I$ is the natural map, then

$\pi(J) = \{a + I : a \in J\}$. This is denoted by J/I .

Q. What happens if $I \not\subset J$? Then, $\pi(J) = \pi(J+I)$.

Moreover, $I \subset J+I$. Hence, $\pi(J) = (J+I)/I$.

[If $I \subset J$, then $J+I = J$.]

few constructions:

Def. Let I, J be ideals in R . Then,

① (sum)
$$I + J := \{a \in R \mid \exists i \in I, \exists j \in J : a = i + j\}$$
$$= \{i + j \mid i \in I, j \in J\},$$

② (intersection) $I \cap J,$

$IJ = \{a \in R \mid \exists i \in I, \exists j \in I : a = ij\}$

would want this **X**

*construct example s.t. this is not an ideal

(product) ③ $IJ := \{ a_1 b_1 + \dots + a_n b_n \mid a_i \in I, b_i \in J, n \in \mathbb{N} \}$
 $= \{ a \in R \mid \exists n \in \mathbb{N}, \exists a_1, \dots, a_n \in I, \exists b_1, \dots, b_n \in J, a = a_1 b_1 + \dots + a_n b_n \}$

④ $I:J := \{ a \in R \mid aJ \subset I \}$

are ideals of R .

Example. $R = \mathbb{Z}, I = 6\mathbb{Z}, J = 3\mathbb{Z}$.

Find $I:J$.

$I:J = 2\mathbb{Z}$.

This is sort of divisibility.

Defⁿ. (Radical) $I \subset R$ ideal.

⑤ $\sqrt{I} = \{ a \in R \mid \exists n \in \mathbb{N} (a^n \in I) \}$.

Is this an ideal?

Ex. $R = \mathbb{Z}$.

$I = 8\mathbb{Z}$

$\sqrt{I} = ?$

$\sqrt{I} = 2\mathbb{Z}$.

Observation. $\sqrt{0} = N(R) \rightarrow$ also called nilradical of R

Thus, we don't expect \sqrt{I} to be ideal if R non-comm. However, if R is commutative, then \sqrt{I} does form an ideal. (Similar proof as earlier for $N(R)$)

Remark. The first four ideals are ideals always.
 \sqrt{I} is ideal if R is commutative.
Can't expect anything in non-commutative.

⑥ Let $a \in R$. Let $I \subset R$ be an ideal s.t. $a \in I$.

R is an ideal containing a

Then, $\forall r, s \in R$ ($ras \in I$).

$$a \in \{ras \mid s, r \in R\} \subset I.$$

In fact, for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $r_1, \dots, r_n \in R$, $s_1, \dots, s_n \in R$,

$$r_1 a s_1 + \dots + r_n a s_n \in I.$$

Moreover, $\{r_1 a s_1 + \dots + r_n a s_n \mid n \geq 1, r_i \in R, s_i \in R\}$ is actually an ideal.

⌊ This is the smallest ideal of R containing a . ⌋

Notation: $\langle a \rangle \rightarrow$ ideal generated by a .

If R is commutative, then $\langle a \rangle = \{ ra : r \in R \}$, also denoted Ra .

Let $a_1, a_2 \in R$. What is $\langle a_1, a_2 \rangle$? (Nothing about commutativity.)

$$\langle a_1, a_2 \rangle = \langle a_1 \rangle + \langle a_2 \rangle.$$

More generally, if $a_1, \dots, a_n \in R$, then

$$\langle a_1, \dots, a_n \rangle = \langle a_1 \rangle + \dots + \langle a_n \rangle.$$

If R is commutative, then

$$a \in \langle a_1, \dots, a_n \rangle \Leftrightarrow \exists r_1, \dots, r_n \in R \ (r_1 a_1 + \dots + r_n a_n = a)$$

(Resembles linear span from linear algebra.)

We say I is finitely generated if

$$\exists a_1, \dots, a_n \in R \text{ s.t. } I = \langle a_1, \dots, a_n \rangle.$$

and I is cyclic (or principal) if $\exists a \in R$ s.t. $I = \langle a \rangle$.

Some special classes of ideals: $0 \neq R$ commutative

Q1 When is R a field? $U(R) = R \setminus \{0\}$. (works even if $R=0$.)

I is maximal if $I \neq R$ & $I \subsetneq J \Rightarrow I = J$.
bideal

Q2. When is R a domain? $Z(R) = \{0\}$.

I is a prime ideal if $ab \in I \Rightarrow a \in I$ or $b \in I$

Q3. When is R reduced? $N(R) = \{0\}$.

I is radical if $I = \sqrt{I}$.

(Then R/I becomes reduced.)

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LECTURE - 7

• We'll pretty much stick commutative rings.

Especially when dealing with $M_n(R)$, $R[x]$, $R[[x]]$, prime or radical ideals,
 R is assumed to be commutative.

• Let $a \in R$. Do you think $1-a$ is a unit?

Well, $1 + a + a^2 + \dots$ seems like a nice candidate.

If $a \in N(R)$, then the above sum will make sense and will be correct.

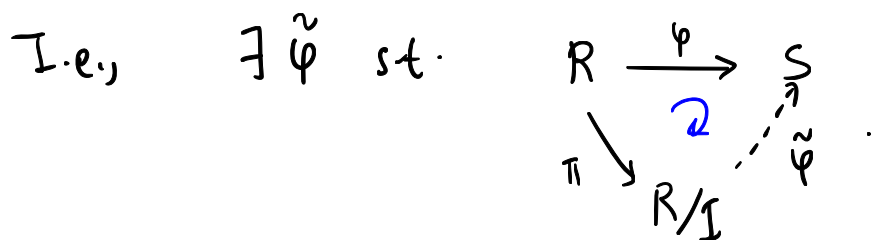
If R is comm., then $\forall r \in R, \forall a \in N(R), 1+ra \in U(R)$.

• If $\varphi: R \rightarrow S$ is a ring map, then $R/\ker \varphi \cong \varphi(R)$.

In fact, the map $\tilde{\varphi}: R/\ker \varphi \rightarrow S$
 $\bar{a} \mapsto \varphi(a)$

is a well-defined one-one homo. and onto its image,
giving the isomorphism.

Let $I \subset R$, $\varphi: R \rightarrow S$ ring map. Does φ factor through R/I ?



Works if $0 \subset I \subset \ker \varphi$.

"Same" proof as of first iso. theorem.

• R comm

$$I = \langle a_1, \dots, a_n \rangle, \quad J = \langle b_1, \dots, b_m \rangle$$

$$IJ \subset I \cap J \subset I + J$$

$$\langle a_i b_j \mid 1 \leq i \leq n, 1 \leq j \leq m \rangle$$

equality almost impossible $\langle a_1, \dots, a_n, b_1, \dots, b_m \rangle$.

this shows why
 $I + J = I \cap J$
 is possible iff
 $I = J$.

