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Q1. Define an ideal of a commutative ring. Give one example.

Ans. Let $(R, +, \cdot)$ be a commutative ring.
Let $S \subseteq R$ then S is called an ideal if
 S is a subgroup of R .

① $(S, +)$ is a subgroup of R
ie $a, b \in S \Rightarrow a - b \in S$, $\forall a, b \in S$.

② let $r \in R$, $s \in S$ then $rs \in S$ and $sr \in S$ $\forall r \in R$
Example $(\mathbb{Z}, +, \cdot)$ is a ring, $(\mathbb{Z}, +, \cdot)$ is an ideal of $(\mathbb{Z}, +, \cdot)$,
and $1 \in \mathbb{Z}$

Q2. If V is an ideal of a ring R with unity and $1 \in V$
then prove $V = R$

Ans. Let V be an ideal of a ring R .

Let $1 \in V$.

To prove $V = R$

clearly $V \subseteq R$ — ①

To prove $R \subseteq V$

Let $x \in R$, $1 \in V \Rightarrow x \cdot 1 \in V$ $\{V \text{ is an ideal of } R\}$

$\Rightarrow x \in R \Rightarrow x \in V$

$\Rightarrow R \subseteq V$ — ②

from ① and ② $R = V$.

Q3. For any given element a of a commutative ring R ,

let $Ra = \{xa \mid x \in R\}$

Prove Ra is an ideal of a ring R .

Ans. Let $(R, +, \cdot)$ be a commutative ring.

Let $a \in R$ then

— To prove $Ra = \{xa \mid x \in R\}$ is an ideal.

Let $a \in Ra \Rightarrow a = x_1 a$, $\forall x_1 \in R$

$b \in Ra \Rightarrow b = x_2 a$, $\forall x_2 \in R$

$\Rightarrow a - b = x_1 a - x_2 a = (x_1 - x_2)a \in Ra$

$\Rightarrow (a - b) \in Ra \Rightarrow (Ra, +)$ is a subgroup of R .

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Let $\alpha \in R$, $a \in Ra \Rightarrow \alpha = \pi_1 a$, $\pi_1 \in R$.

then $\alpha \alpha = \alpha(\pi_1 a) = (\alpha \pi_1)a \in Ra$

and $\alpha \alpha = (\pi_1 a) \alpha$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \pi_1(a\alpha) \quad \text{Associativity} \\ &= \pi_1(\alpha a) \quad \text{(Commutativity)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\alpha \alpha = (\pi_1 a) \alpha \in Ra \quad \text{(Associativity)}$$

i) $\alpha \alpha$ and $\alpha \alpha \in Ra$

ii) Ra is an ideal of a ring

Q4. Prove that a field has no proper ideals.

Soln. Let $(F, +, \cdot)$ be a field

To prove F has no proper ideals.

Let S be an ideal of a field R

then two cases can arise.

$$\textcircled{1} \quad S = \{0\} \quad \textcircled{2} \quad S \neq \{0\}$$

if $S = \{0\} \Rightarrow S$ is not proper ideal.

\(2\) if $S \neq \{0\}$

Let $0 \neq a \in S \Rightarrow \bar{a} \in F \Rightarrow \bar{a} \in F \quad [\because S \subseteq F]$

Let $a \neq a \in S \Rightarrow \bar{a} \in S \Rightarrow \bar{a} \in S \quad [\because S \text{ is an ideal}]$

Now, $a \bar{a} \in S, \bar{a} \in F \Rightarrow a \bar{a} \in F \Rightarrow 1 \in S \quad [\because \bar{a} \bar{a} = 1]$

Now,

$x \in F, 1 \in S \Rightarrow x \cdot 1 \in S \quad [x \in F]$
 $\Rightarrow x \in S \quad [\because S \text{ is an ideal}]$

$\Rightarrow x \in F \Rightarrow x \in S$

$\Rightarrow F \subseteq S$

But $S \subseteq F$

$\Rightarrow S = F$

$\Rightarrow S$ is not proper ideal

\Rightarrow if F has no proper ideals.

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Q5 A commutative ring with unity is a field if it has no proper ideals.

Soln Let $(R, +, \cdot)$ be a commutative ring with unity.

Let R has no proper ideals.

To prove $(R, +, \cdot)$ is a field

We know if ~~at P there is a~~ $a \in R$

$Ra = \{na \mid n \in R\}$ is an ideal of R

Since let $d \in Ra \Rightarrow d = na$
 $\Rightarrow d = a$ if $n=1 \in R$

$\Rightarrow a \in Ra \quad \& \quad 0 \notin a \in R$

Now, $0 \in Ra \Rightarrow Ra \neq \{0\}$ [if R has no proper ideals]

ii) $Ra = R$ [if R has no proper ideals]

\Rightarrow Elements of R are multiple of a

let $R = \{a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, \dots\}$

Since $1 \in R \Rightarrow \exists n_i \in R$ for some i

such that $n_i a = 1$

$$\Rightarrow a^i = n_i$$

\Rightarrow multiplicative inverse of a is n_i

$\Rightarrow (R, +, \cdot)$ is a field. proved.

Q6 Define Principal ideal. Give example of it.

Ans An ideal S of a ring R is said to be principal ideal if there exist an element a of S

such that any ideal T containing a contains S .

Note: Any ideal generated by its element is called

principal ideal.

e.g. $(1, t, t^2)$ is a ring, ~~then~~ $3 = 2 \cdot 5 + 1 \in \mathbb{Z}_3$ is principal ideal.

$$S = \{5a \mid a \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

$$S = \{0, \pm 5, \pm 10, \pm 15, \dots\}$$

$\Rightarrow S = (5)$ is principal ideal
since S is generated by its element namely 5 ,
and $5 \in S$.

Theorem. Prove that the ring of integers is a principal ideal ring.

ring of integers

Proof. Let $R = (\mathbb{Z}, +, \cdot)$ be a ring of integers
Now I will be principal ideal of every ideal
of I is a principal ideal.

Let S be an ideal of \mathbb{Z}

then two cases arise:

case (1) $S = (0)$ case (2) $S \neq (0)$
 $S = (0) \Rightarrow S$ is a principal ideal generated
by 0 element and $0 \in S$.

case (2) let $S \neq (0)$

let $0 \neq a \in S \Rightarrow -a \in S'$

let $S^+ = \text{set of all positive numbers}$
let \Rightarrow if least positive number say $s \in S^+$
 $\Rightarrow s \in S \quad [\because S^+ \subseteq S]$ (by well ordering principle)

let $n \in \mathbb{Z}, s \in S \Rightarrow$ by division algorithm
 $\Rightarrow q \in \mathbb{Z}, r \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that
 $0 \leq r < s$

$n = sq + r$ where $0 \leq r < s$ [S is an ideal of \mathbb{Z}]

Now $s \in S, q \in \mathbb{Z} \Rightarrow sq \in S \quad [\because (S, +) \text{ is a subgroup}]$
 $\Rightarrow -sq \in S$ [$-s \in S$]
 $\Rightarrow n - sq \in S \Rightarrow r \in S \quad [\because n - sq = r]$

Now, $r \in S \quad 0 < r < s$ [S is least]

$\Rightarrow r$ must be zero [\because elements of S are multiple of s]
 $\Rightarrow n = sr \Rightarrow S = (s)$ [$\because S$ is generated by its element $s \in S$]
 $\Rightarrow S$ is principal ideal.

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ii $(\mathbb{F}, +, \cdot)$ is a principal ideal
[$\forall S$ was arbitrary].

Theorem, Prove that a polynomial domain $F[x]$ over a field F is a principal ideal ring.

Proof. Let $\{F(x), +, \cdot\}$ be a polynomial domain over a field F .

To prove $F(x)$ is a principal ideal ring

We shall prove its every ideal is a principal ideal.

Let S be an ideal of $F(x)$
then two cases arise (1) $S = \{0\}$ (2) $S \neq \{0\}$

Case (1) If $S = \{0\}$ i.e. S is generated by zero polynomial
 $\Rightarrow S$ is a principal ideal

Case (2) If $S \neq \{0\}$ \Rightarrow f non-zero polynomial say $f(x) \in S$

Let $\deg f(x)$ is lowest

Let $f(x) \in S$, let $g(x) \in S$ then by division

algorithm if $q(x) \in F(x)$ and $r(x) \in F(x)$

such that $f(x) = g(x)q(x) + r(x)$ where either $r(x) = 0$
or $\deg r(x) < \deg g(x)$.

Now, $g(x) \in S, q(x) \in F(x) \Rightarrow g(x)q(x) \in S$ [$\because S$ is an ideal]

$\Rightarrow -g(x)q(x) \in S$ [$\because S$ is a subgroup]

Now, $f(x) \in S, -g(x)q(x) \in S$

$\Rightarrow [f(x) - g(x)q(x)] \in S$ [$\because r(x) = f(x) - g(x)q(x)$]

$\Rightarrow r(x) \in S$

How $r(x) < g(x)$ & $\deg g(x)$ is lowest.

$\Rightarrow r(x)$ must be zero polynomial

$\Rightarrow -f(x) = g(x)q(x)$

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\Rightarrow Elements of S will be multiple of $g(x)$

i.e. $s = (g(x))$ and $g(x) \in S$

$\Rightarrow S$ will be a principal ideal

2. S is arbitrary

ii Every ideal of $F(x)$ is principal ideal

$\Rightarrow [F(x), +, \cdot]$ is a principal ideal ring.

Theorem, Let F be a field and $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ be any

two polynomials in $F(x)$, not both of which are zero.

Then $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ have a greatest common divisor

$d(x)$ which can be expressed in the form

$d(x) = m(x)f(x) + n(x)g(x)$, where $m(x), n(x) \in F(x)$.

Proof. Let $[F(x), +, \cdot]$ be a polynomial domain over the field F .

Let $0 \neq f(x), 0 \neq g(x) \in F(x)$
then to prove $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ have greatest common divisor $d(x)$ such that

$d(x) = m(x)f(x) + n(x)g(x)$, where $m(x), n(x) \in F(x)$

Suppose we claim

$$S = \{s(x)f(x) + t(x)g(x) \mid s(x), t(x) \in F(x)\}$$

is an ideal of $F(x)$

Now we shall prove S is an ideal of $F(x)$

Let $\alpha(x) \in S, \beta(x) \in S \Rightarrow \alpha(x) = s_1(x)f(x) + t_1(x)g(x)$

and $\beta(x) = s_2(x)f(x) + t_2(x)g(x)$

where $s_1(x), s_2(x), t_1(x), t_2(x) \in F(x)$

$$\therefore (\alpha(x) - \beta(x)) = [s_1(x) - s_2(x)]f(x) + [t_1(x) - t_2(x)]g(x)$$

$$\Rightarrow (\alpha(x) - \beta(x)) \in S \text{ as } [s_1(x) - s_2(x)], [t_1(x) - t_2(x)] \in F(x).$$

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Let $c(x) | g(x) \Rightarrow c(x) | n(x)g(x)$ — (5)

$$(4) \text{ 2(5)} \Rightarrow c(x) | [m(x)f(x) + n(x)g(x)]$$

$$\Rightarrow c(x) | d(x) \quad \text{[} \because d(x) = m(x)f(x) + n(x)g(x) \text{]} \quad (6)$$

i.e. $d(x)$ is a g.c.d of $f(x)$ and $g(x)$
such that

$$d(x) = m(x)f(x) + n(x)g(x), \text{ proved.}$$

Theorem. Let $f(x)$, $g(x)$ and $h(x) \in F[x]$, polynomial domain over field F . If $f(x) | g(x), h(x)$

and g.c.d of $f(x)$, $g(x)$, is 1 then $f(x) | h(x)$

Proof. Let $\{F[x], +, \cdot\}$ be a polynomial domain over F

let $f(x), g(x), h(x) \in F[x]$

let g.c.d of $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ is 1

then $\exists m(x), n(x) \in F[x]$ such that

$$1 = m(x)f(x) + n(x)g(x) \quad (1)$$

Also given $f(x) | g(x), h(x)$

$\Rightarrow \exists k_1(x) \in F[x]$ such that

$$g(x)h(x) = f(x)k_1(x) \quad (2)$$

Multiplying ~~(1)~~ (1) by $h(x)$, we get

$$h(x) = m(x)f(x)h(x) + n(x)g(x)h(x)$$

$$\Rightarrow h(x) = m(x)f(x)h(x) + n(x).f(x)k_1(x) \quad [\text{by (2)}]$$

$$\Rightarrow h(x) = f(x)[m(x)h(x) + n(x)k_1(x)]$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) | h(x), \text{ proved.}$$

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Theorem. If $f(x)$ is an irreducible polynomial in $F(x)$ for a field F and $f(x) \mid g(x)h(x)$, where $g(x), h(x) \in F(x)$, then $f(x)$ divides at least one of $g(x)$ or $h(x)$.

Proof. Let $\{F(x), +, \cdot\}$ be a polynomial domain over field F .

Let $f(x)$ be irreducible polynomial in $F(x)$

Let $f(x) \mid g(x)h(x)$

Then two cases. arise

$$\textcircled{1} [f(x), g(x)] = 1 \Rightarrow f(x) \mid h(x)$$

$$\textcircled{2} [f(x), h(x)] = 1 \Rightarrow f(x) \mid g(x), \text{ proved.}$$

Theorem. State and prove Unique factorization Theorem

Statement. Let $\{F(x), +, \cdot\}$ be a polynomial domain over

field F . Let $0 \neq f(x) \in F(x)$, then either $f(x)$ is unit or $f(x) = a p_1(x) p_2(x) \cdots p_m(x)$ where each $p_i(x)$, $1 \leq i \leq m$ is an irreducible polynomial in $F(x)$, and $a \in F$ is the leading coefficient of $f(x)$.

Also the above representation is unique except for the order.

Proof. Let $\{F(x), +, \cdot\}$ be a polynomial domain over a field F .

Let $0 \neq f(x) \in F(x)$, then to prove

(1) Either $f(x)$ is unit or

(2) $f(x) = a p_1(x) p_2(x) \cdots p_m(x)$

where each $p_i(x)$ is irreducible polynomial and this representation is unique

We shall prove this theorem by mathematical induction

(1) If $f(x)$ is unit we have nothing to prove

(2) If $\deg f(x)$ is one

i.e. let $f(x) = ax+b$

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$$\Rightarrow f(x) = a[x + \bar{a}^{-1}b]$$

$f(x) = a f_1(x)$ where a is leading coefficient
 \Rightarrow theorem is true in this case.

Now, Suppose the theorem is true for all polynomials each of whose degree is less than degree of $f(x)$. Then we shall prove it will be also true for $f(x)$.

(i) If $f(x)$ is irreducible we are nothing to prove

(ii) If $f(x)$ is not irreducible

$$\Rightarrow \exists g(x) \in f(x), h(x) \in f(x) \text{ such that}$$

$$f(x) = g(x)h(x) \text{ where neither } g(x) \text{ is unit nor } h(x) \text{ is unit and } \deg g(x) < \deg f(x) \\ \deg h(x) < \deg f(x)$$

i) $\deg g(x) < \deg f(x)$

$$\Rightarrow g(x) = c \alpha_1(x) \alpha_2(x) \dots \alpha_s(x) \text{ where each } \alpha_i(x) \text{ is prime} \\ c \text{ is leading coefficient}$$

Also

$$h(x) = d \beta_1(x) \beta_2(x) \dots \beta_t(x) \text{ by assumption} \\ \text{where each } \beta_j(x) \text{ is prime and } d \text{ is leading coefficient}$$

$$\Rightarrow g(x)h(x) = cd \alpha_1(x) \alpha_2(x) \dots \alpha_s(x) \beta_1(x) \dots \beta_t(x)$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) = cd \alpha_1(x) \alpha_2(x) \dots \alpha_s(x) \beta_1(x) \dots \beta_t(x)$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) = a \alpha_1(x) \alpha_2(x) \dots \alpha_s(x) \beta_1(x) \dots \beta_t(x)$$

so theorem is proved

[where $a = cd$]

Uniqueness. Suppose $f(x)$ has two different representations namely

$$f(x) = a_1 \beta_1(x) \beta_2(x) \dots \beta_m(x) \quad (1)$$

$$f(x) = a_2 q_1(x) q_2(x) \dots q_n(x) \quad (2)$$

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(1) 2 (2) \Rightarrow

$$p_1(x) p_2(x) \cdots p_m(x) = q_1(x) q_2(x) \cdots q_n(x) \quad (3)$$

Suppose

$$p_1 | p_1(x) p_2(x) \cdots p_m(x)$$

$$\Rightarrow p_1 | q_1(x) q_2(x) \cdots q_n(x) \quad \text{from (3)}$$

$$\text{Let } p_1 | q_1(x) \Rightarrow q_1(x) = u_1 p_1(x) \quad (4)$$

\Rightarrow (4) \Rightarrow

$$\cancel{p_1} | u_1 p_1(x) q_2(x) q_3(x) \cdots q_n(x)$$

$$\text{but } q_1(x) = u_1 p_1(x) \text{ in (3)}$$

$$\cancel{p_1(x)} p_2(x) \cdots p_m(x) = u_1 \cancel{p_1(x)} q_2(x) \cdots q_n(x) \quad (5)$$

Again $p_2(x) | p_2(x) p_3(x) \cdots p_m(x)$

$$\Rightarrow p_2(x) | u_1 q_2(x) q_3(x) \cdots q_n(x) \quad \text{by (5)}$$

$$\text{Let } p_2(x) | q_2(x) \Rightarrow q_2(x) = u_2 p_2(x) \quad (6)$$

i (5) 2 (6) \Rightarrow

$$\cancel{p_2(x)} p_3(x) \cdots p_m(x) = u_1 u_2 \cancel{p_2(x)} q_3(x) \cdots q_n(x)$$

$$\Rightarrow p_3(x) p_4(x) \cdots p_m(x) = u_1 u_2 q_3(x) \cdots q_n(x)$$

After m steps (if $m \geq n$), we have

$$1 = u_1 u_2 \cdots u_m q_{m+1} q_{m+2} \cdots q_n(x)$$

which is not possible

$$\Rightarrow n \leq m \quad (7) \quad [! : m \neq n]$$

Interchanging the role of m & n , we have

$$(1) 2 (8) \Rightarrow m \leq n \quad (8)$$

i.e. representation is unique. Hence the theorem

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Let $s(x), f(x)$

$s(x) \in S$ then $s(x) = s_1(x)f(x) + t_1(x)g(x)$, $s_1(x), t_1(x) \in F(x)$

Now

$$\begin{aligned}s(x)s(x) &= s(x)[s_1(x)f(x) + t_1(x)g(x)] \\ &= [s(x)s_1(x)]f(x) + [s(x)t_1(x)]g(x)\end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow s(x)s(x) \in S$ as $s(x)s_1(x), s(x)t_1(x) \in F(x)$.

i) S is an ideal of $F(x)$

Now since every ideal is ~~a~~ principal ideal of $F(x)$

ii) S is a ~~principal~~ ideal $\Rightarrow \exists d(x) \in S$ such that ~~principal~~

$$d(x) = m(x)$$

every element of S is a multiple of $d(x)$.

Since $d(x) \in S \Rightarrow \exists m(x) \in F(x), n(x) \in F(x)$ such that

$$d(x) = m(x)f(x) + n(x)g(x)$$

Now put $s(x) = 1, t(x) = 0 \rightarrow$

$$(1) \Rightarrow s(x)f(x) + t(x)g(x) \in S$$

$$\Rightarrow [1 \cdot f(x) + 0 \cdot g(x)] \in S$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) \in S$$

$\Rightarrow f(x)$ is a multiple of $d(x) \Rightarrow d(x) | f(x)$

Again (1) \Rightarrow $[0 \cdot f(x) + 1 \cdot g(x)] \in S$ $\left\{ \text{Take } \frac{s(x)}{t(x)} = 0 \right\}$

$\Rightarrow g(x) \in S \Rightarrow g(x)$ is a multiple of $d(x)$

Let $c(x) \in F(x)$ such that $d(x) | g(x)$

$c(x) | g(x) \Rightarrow c(x) | m(x), f(x)$

