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Last class summary

Ring: + Abelian group  
x Associative distributive

Sometimes: "unity",  
"inverses" if exists,  
they are unique

Subring: A subset which is  
also a ring (same ops)  $\Rightarrow$  closed under  
 $\times, -$

Zero divisor:  $a \cdot b = 0$  but  $a \neq 0, b \neq 0$   
(in commutative rings)

Integral domain: commutative w/ unity &  
no zero-divisor  
( $ac = bc, c \neq 0 \Rightarrow a = b$ )

Field: +, x both make Abelian group

Claim "Cancellation lemma"

$$ac = bc \quad \& \quad c \neq 0 \\ \Rightarrow a = b$$

Proof:  $ac = bc \Rightarrow ac - bc = 0$   
 $0 = a - b \Rightarrow (a - b)c = 0$

Claim: A finite integral domain is always  
a field.

(in particular,  $\mathbb{Z}/p$  is a field)

(in particular,  $\mathbb{Z}/2$  is a field with  
2 elements).

+	0	1
0	0	1
1	1	0

x	0	1
0	0	0
1	0	1

$\mathbb{Z}/19$   $\Rightarrow$  a field with 19 elements.

do not under  $\mathbb{Z}/19$ ,

$$8^{-1} = 12 \text{ since } 8 \cdot 12 = 96 = 19 \cdot 5 + 1$$

Proof of Claim: finite

Assume  $D$  is an integral domain  
&  $a \neq 0 \in D$ .

Need to show that  $a$  is invertible.

Consider

$$\{a^1 = a, a^2 = a \cdot a, a^3 = a \cdot a \cdot a, a^4, a^5, \dots\} \subset D$$

There must be repetitions, i.e.:  $\exists i < j$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{s.t. } a^i = a^j &\Rightarrow 1 = a^{j-i} \\ &\Rightarrow \underbrace{a^{j-i-1}}_{a^{-1}} \cdot a = 1 \end{aligned}$$

Comment: if  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ , &  $a \in R$  (a general ring)

$$\text{set } na = \begin{cases} \underbrace{a+a+\dots+a}_n & n > 0 \\ -\underbrace{a-a-\dots-a}_n & n < 0 \\ 0 & n = 0 \end{cases}$$

Def:  $\text{char } R$  = "characteristic" is the least positive integer  $n$

s.t.  $\forall a \in R \quad na = 0$

if none, declare  $\text{char } R = 0$

Examples:

①  $\text{char } \mathbb{Z}/2 = 2 \quad 2a = a+a$

②  $\text{char } \mathbb{Z}/19 = 19$

③  $\text{char } \mathbb{Z} = 0 \quad \text{char } \mathbb{Q} = 0$

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Lemma: If  $R$  has a unity 1, then  
 $\text{char } R = \text{least positive integer } n$   
 s.t.  $n \cdot 1 = \underbrace{1 + \dots + 1}_n = 0$

Proof:  $n \cdot a = a + a + \dots + a$   
 $= (1 + 1 + \dots + 1) a$   
 $= (n \cdot 1) a$

So if  $n \cdot 1 = 0$  then  $n \cdot a = 0 \forall a$   
 $\Rightarrow \cancel{n \neq 0} \quad (n \cdot 1 = 0)$   
 $\Leftarrow \forall a \quad na = 0 \quad \square$ .

Cor:  $\text{char } \mathbb{Z}/n = n$

PF:  $\underbrace{1 + \dots + 1}_K = K \bmod n$

$\Rightarrow$  least  $K$  which is ~~indefin~~ invisible  
 by  $n \mid n$   
 $\Rightarrow \text{char } \mathbb{Z}/n = n$

Claim: If  $F$  is a field,  
 then  $\text{char } F = 0$  or a prime.

Proof: Assume  $\text{char } F > 0$

i.e. assume  $n \cdot 1 = 0$  for some  $n$ , yet  
 if  $0 < k < n$ , then  $k \cdot 1 \neq 0$ .

Now assume by contrary, that  $n$  isn't  
 a prime, i.e.  $n = k \cdot l$  with  $k, l < n$ ,  
 then  $0 = n \cdot 1 = \underbrace{1 + \dots + 1}_{n=K+l} = \underbrace{\underbrace{(1 + \dots + 1)}_K + \underbrace{(1 + \dots + 1)}_{l \cdot K}}_{l} + \dots + \underbrace{(1 + \dots + 1)}_K$   
 $= l \cdot (k \cdot 1)$

but  $k < n$  so  $k \cdot 1 \neq 0$  and  $l < n$  so  
 $l \cdot (k \cdot 1) \neq 0 \Rightarrow \Leftarrow$  so  $n$  is prime.

## Quotient rings

"generalization of  $\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/n = \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$ "  
 "forgetting multiples of  $n$ "  
 "forgetting  $n\mathbb{Z}$ "

Definition: A subring  $A$  of a ring  $R$  is called "an ideal" if  $\forall a \in A \quad \forall r \in R$   
 $a \cdot r \in A$  and  $r \cdot a \in A$

Example:  $6\mathbb{Z}$  is an ideal in  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 5 \cdot 18 & = & 90 \\ \cancel{5} \quad \cancel{18} & & \cancel{90} \\ \mathbb{Z} & 6\mathbb{Z} & 6\mathbb{Z} \end{array}$$

$R = \mathbb{Z}[x] = \{7x^3 - 3x^2 + 2x - 20\}$   
 $\mathbb{Z} \subset \mathbb{Z}[x]$  a subring but  
 not an ideal, indeed

$$7 \cdot x^3 \notin \mathbb{Z}$$

yet {polynomials with constant term  $\geq 0$ }  
 $= \{7x^3 + 2x^2 - 7x + 0\}$   
 $= x \cdot \mathbb{Z}[x]$

if  $p \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$  &  $q \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$

then  $p = x \cdot f$  for some  $f$

$$p \cdot q = x \cdot f \cdot q = x \cdot (f \cdot q) \in x \cdot \mathbb{Z}[x]$$

so  $x \mathbb{Z}[x]$  is indeed an ideal.

$A_3 = \{\text{polynomials with } \cancel{\text{even}} \text{ constant term}\}$

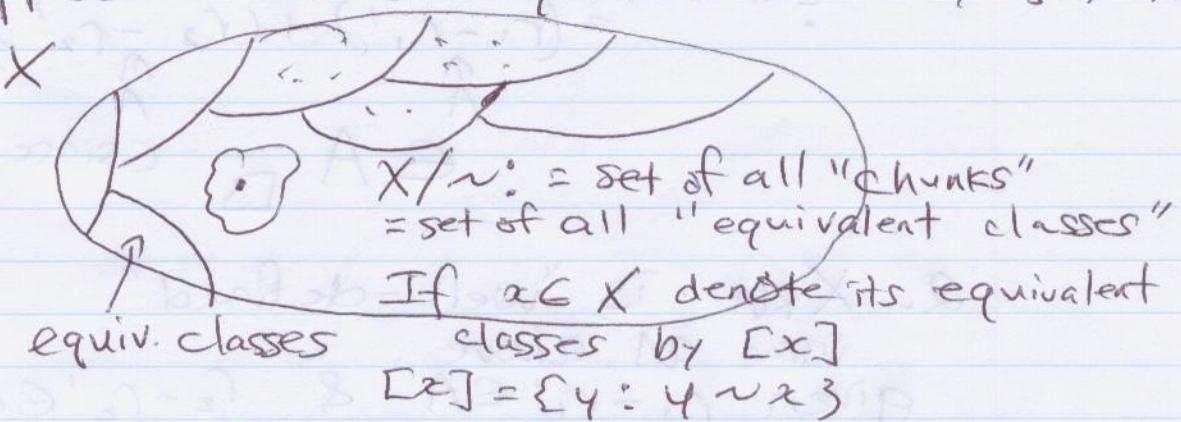
Ex:  $A_3$  is an ideal.

Declare " $r_1 \sim_A r_2$ ",  $r_1, r_2 \in R$   
 (Given  $R$ -a ring,  $A \subset R$  an ideal)  
 $\Leftrightarrow r_1 - r_2 \in A$ .

Claim  $\sim_A$  is an "equiv. relation"

- 1.  $r \sim r$
  - 2.  $r_1 \sim r_2 \Rightarrow r_2 \sim r_1$
  - 3.  $r_1 \sim r_2, r_2 \sim r_3 \Rightarrow r_1 \sim r_3$
- }  $A$  is closed under  $-$   
 }  $A$  contains  $0$

Suppose  $\sim$  is an equiv. rel. on any set  $X$



If  $A \subset R$  is an ideal, denote  $R/A$  by  $R/A$

$$R/A = \{[r] : r \in R\}$$

$$[r] = \{r' : r' - r \in A\}$$

$$= r + A$$

$$r' - r \in A$$

$$r' - r = a \in A$$

$$r' = r + a$$

$$r' \in r + A$$

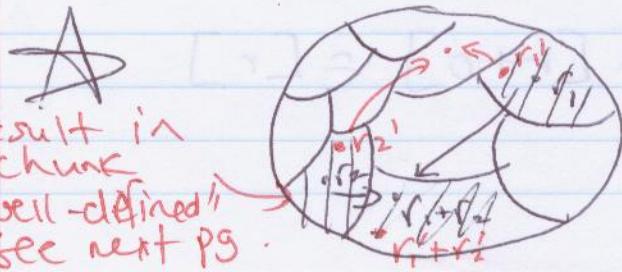
Theorem: If  $A \subset R$  is an ideal in a ring  
 then  $R/A$  is a ring under

$$1. 0_{RA} = [0] = A$$

$$2. +_{RA} : [r_1] + [r_2] := [r_1 + r_2]$$

$$(r_1 + A) + (r_2 + A) := (r_1 + r_2) + A$$

but two red dots in same  
 dots may result in  
 different "chunk"  
 Same applies for  $\times_{RA}$



may result in  
 this chunk  
 iff "well-defined"  
 see next pg.

$$3. X_{RIA} : [r_1] \cdot [r_2] := [r_1 \cdot r_2]$$

Proof: 1.  $+_{RIA}$  is "well-defined"

If  $[r_1] = [r_1']$  &  $[r_2] = [r_2']$

then  $[r_1 + r_2] = [r_1' + r_2']$

Proof:  $[r_1] = [r_1'] \Leftrightarrow r_1 \sim r_1'$

$$\Leftrightarrow r_1 - r_1' \in A$$

$$\therefore [r_2 - r_2'] \in A$$

IS  $r_1 + r_2 \sim r_1' + r_2'$  ?

$$A \ni r_1 + r_2 - (r_1' + r_2')$$

$$= (r_1 - r_1') + (r_2 - r_2')$$

A

A

$\in A$

B

(since  $A$  is subring)

2.  $X_{RIA}$  is "well-defined"

same as above . . .

given  $r_1 - r_1' \in A$  &  $r_2 - r_2' \in A$

study,  $r_1 r_2 - r_1' r_2' = r_1' r_2'$

$$r_1 r_2 - r_1' r_2' = r_1 (r_2 - r_2') + (r_1 - r_1') r_2'$$

$$\underbrace{r_1}_{\in A} \underbrace{r_2}_{\in A}$$

$$\underbrace{r_1'}_{\in A} \underbrace{r_2'}_{\in A}$$

def'n of an ideal

$$\underbrace{A}_{\in A}$$

$$\underbrace{A}_{\in A}$$

$$[r_1] + [r_2] = [r_2] + [r_1] \\ = [r_1 + r_2] = = [r_2 + r_1]$$

□

$$-[r] := [-r]$$

$$[r] + [0] = [r+0] = [r]$$

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Examples b i.  $A = \{0\}$   $R/\{0\} = R$ 

$$r_1 - r_2 \in \{0\} \rightarrow r_1 - r_2 = 0 \Rightarrow r_1 = r_2$$

$$2. A = R \quad R/R = \{0\}$$

$$r_1 - r_2 \in \{0\} \Rightarrow r_1 - r_2 \in R$$

3.  $n\mathbb{Z}$   $\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$  is a ring

$$r_1 \sim r_2 \Leftrightarrow r_1 - r_2 \in n\mathbb{Z}$$

$r_1 - r_2$  is a multiple of  $n$

$$(r_1 \bmod n) = (r_2 \bmod n)$$

$$\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z} = \{[0], [1], [2], \dots, [n-1]\} = \mathbb{Z}/n$$

Let  $R$  be a ring & commutative, and let

$$a \in R. \text{ Define } aR = \{a \cdot r : r \in R\}$$

Claim  $\langle a \rangle$  is an ideal:

$$\text{pf: } a r_1 + a r_2 = a(r_1 + r_2)$$

$\Rightarrow \langle a \rangle$  is closed under addition

$$2. (a \cdot r_1) \cdot r_2 = a(r_1 \cdot r_2)$$

$\begin{matrix} \nearrow \\ A \end{matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} \nearrow \\ R \end{matrix}$  associativity

$$r_2 \cdot (a \cdot r_1) = a \cdot (r_1 \cdot r_2)$$

$\therefore R/\langle a \rangle$  is always a ring!

Examples 1.  $R/\langle 1 \rangle = R/R = \{0\}$ 

$$2. R/\langle 0 \rangle = R/\{0\} = R$$

$$3. \mathbb{Z}/\langle 7 \rangle = \mathbb{Z}/7\mathbb{Z}$$

4.  $R = \mathbb{Z}[x]$  polynomials by variable  $x$ .

$$A = \langle x \rangle = \{xf : f \in R\}$$

= (polynomials) with zero constant term

$$R/\langle x \rangle = \{[p]\}$$

equivalence classes  
of polynomials

Claim: Any  $p \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$  is equivalent to a constant and constants are never equivalent to each other

$$\text{So, } R/\langle x \rangle = \mathbb{Z}$$

$$x^2 + 19 \sim 19 \quad \text{indeed } x^2 + 19 - 19 = x^2 \in \langle x \rangle$$

real #  $\rightarrow \mathbb{R}[x] / \langle x^2 + 1 \rangle \cong \mathbb{C}$  complex #.

Claim: 1. any  $f \in \mathbb{R}[x]$  is equivalent to a linear function  $\forall f \exists a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  s.t.  $f \sim ax+b$

2.  $ax+b \sim cx+d \Leftrightarrow a=c, b=d$

Pf of 2:  $ax+b \sim cx+d \Rightarrow (ax+b) - (cx+d) \in A$   
 $\Leftrightarrow (a-c)x + (b-d) \in A = \text{multiples of } 1+x^2$   
 $\Leftrightarrow (a-c)x + (b-d) = 0 \Leftrightarrow a-c=0=b-d$

Pf of 1:  $x^2 \sim -1 \quad x^2 - (-1) = x^2 + 1 \in A$   
 $x^2 f \sim -f \quad x^2 f - (-f) = x^2 f + f = (x^2 + 1)f \in A$

$$\underbrace{28x^4 - 3x^3 + \pi x^2 - ex + 2}_{(28x^2 - 3x + \pi)x^2 - ex + 2} \sim -28x^2 + 3x - \pi \cdot -ex + 2 \sim 28x^2 + 3x - \pi - ex + 2 \quad \text{linear}$$

$$\mathbb{R}[x] / \langle 1+x^2 \rangle = \{[a+bx] \} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{* understand it} \\ \text{* as a set,} \\ \text{NOT a ring} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} [a+bx] \cdot [c+dx] &= [(a+bx)(c+dx)] \\ &= [ac + (bc+ad)x + bd x^2] \rightsquigarrow \underline{x^2 f \sim f} \\ &= [ac + \cancel{(bc+ad)} + (bc+ad)x - bd] \\ &= [ac - bd + (bc+ad)x] \end{aligned}$$

$$\star (a+bi)(c+di) = (ac-bd) + (bc+ad)i$$