

RIDDLE ALONG

$$1 = \sqrt{1} = \sqrt{(-1)(-1)} = \sqrt{-1} \cdot \sqrt{-1} = i \cdot i = i^2 = -1$$

$$R_1: \forall a, b \in \mathbb{R}, a+b = b+a \quad \& \quad ab = ba \quad (\text{Commutative law})$$

$$R_2: \forall a, b, c \in \mathbb{R} \quad (a+b)+c = a+(b+c) \quad (\text{Associative law})$$

$$R_3: \forall a \in \mathbb{R}, a+0 = a \quad \& \quad a \cdot 1 = a \quad (\text{additive unit \& multiplicative unit, respectively})$$

$$R_4: \forall a \in \mathbb{R}, \exists b \in \mathbb{R} \text{ s.t. } a+b = 0 \quad \& \quad \forall a \in \mathbb{R}, a \neq 0 \Rightarrow \exists b \text{ s.t. } ab = 1 \quad \left. \vphantom{\forall a \in \mathbb{R}} \right\} (\text{Existence of inverses.})$$

$$R_5: \forall a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}, (a+b)c = a+bc \quad (\text{Distributive Law}).$$

Ex. $(a+b)(a-b) = a^2 - b^2$, why is this not another property (i.e. not R_6):
Answers because it follows from $R_1 - R_5$ (i.e. would be redundant).

Ex.: True for $\mathbb{R}$, but does not follow from $R_1 - R_5$:

$$\forall a, \exists x \text{ s.t. } a = x^2 \text{ or } -a = x^2. \quad (\text{what } -a = x^2 \text{ would not be true for } \mathbb{R})$$

^{equivalent to $a+x^2=0$}

This property would not work for rational numbers, therefore it is impossible that it follows from $R_1 - R_5$ because it would have to satisfy all number systems that satisfy $R_1 - R_5$ and it doesn't (i.e. $\mathbb{Q}$.)

Defn

A "Field" is a set, F , along w/ a pair of binary operations $+, \cdot: F \times F \rightarrow F$ and along with a pair $0, 1 \in F$ s.t. $0 \neq 1$ and s.t. $F_1 - F_5$ hold.

$$F_1: \forall a, b \in F \quad a+b = b+a, \quad ab = ba$$

$$F_2: \forall a, b, c \in F \quad (a+b)+c = a+(b+c)$$

$$F_3: \forall a \in F \quad a+0 = a, \quad a \cdot 1 = a$$

$$F_4 \forall a \exists b \quad a+b=0$$

$$\forall a, a \neq 0 \exists b \in F \quad ab=1$$

$$F_5 \forall a, b, c \in F \quad (a+b)c = ac+bc$$

Examples of Fields

1. $\mathbb{R}$.

2. $\mathbb{Q}$

3. $\mathbb{C}$ "complex numbers"

4. $F_2 = \{0, 1\}$ (also written sometimes as $\mathbb{Z}/2$)

Proposition F_2 is a Field.

Check F_5

a	b	c	$(a+b)c$	$ac+bc$
0	0	0		
0	0	1		
0	1	0		
0	1	1	$(0+1)(1)=1$	$(0 \cdot 1) + (1 \cdot 1) = 1$ ✓

all possibilities

from looking up in table

F_2 : Alternative defⁿ of $+$ defined in the table.

+	0	1
0	0	1
1	1	0

cannot be 1 because 1 must have an additive inverse

x	0	1
0	0	0
1	0	1

It turns out every $\neq$ in F_2 has sq. root i.e. $0 \cdot 0 = 0$
 $1 \cdot 1 = 1$

But $1+1=0$ & $1+1=2$ so $1+1=2$ holds in $\mathbb{R}$ but not in F_2 .

(F_2) ($\mathbb{R}$)

- we could have used "EVEN" & "ODD" in F_2 when if
 Remainder 0 it's EVEN & when Remainder 1 it's ODD.