

Chapter two :- IDEALS

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Definition:-

Let $(R, +, \cdot)$ be a ring and S a subring of R :

1. S is called a right ideal of $R \Leftrightarrow a \cdot r \in S$
 $\forall a \in S; \forall r \in R \dots$
2. S is called a left ideal of $R \Leftrightarrow r \cdot a \in S$
 $\forall a \in S; \forall r \in R.$
3. S is called left and right ideals of R (or two sided ideals) $\Leftrightarrow a \cdot r \in S$ and $r \cdot a \in S, \forall a \in S; r \in R$

Remark:- In Comm. ring every left ideal is right ideal and conversely.

Example:- The subring $(\mathbb{Z}_e, +, \cdot)$ is an ideal of $(\mathbb{Z}, +, \cdot)$

* since if $a = 2n \in \mathbb{Z}_e$ and $r \in \mathbb{Z}$, then
 $r \cdot a = a \cdot r = (2n) \cdot r = 2(nr) \in \mathbb{Z}_e$

Theorem:- Let $(R, +, \cdot)$ be a ring, and let $\emptyset \neq S \subseteq R$. Then S is an ideal of R IFF:-

1. $a - b \in S \quad \forall a, b \in S.$
2. $a \cdot r \in S$ and $r \cdot a \in S. \quad \forall a \in S; r \in R$

Examples:-

① Consider $(\mathbb{R}, +, \cdot)$, $\emptyset \neq \mathbb{Z} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$

here we have $5 \in \mathbb{Z}$, $\frac{1}{3} \in \mathbb{R}$, but $5 \cdot \frac{1}{3} = \frac{5}{3} \notin \mathbb{Z}$
 $\therefore \mathbb{Z}$ is not an ideal of \mathbb{R}

② $\emptyset \neq \mathbb{Q} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ & $\frac{1}{2} \in \mathbb{Q}$, $\sqrt{3} \in \mathbb{R}$ but $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \notin \mathbb{Q}$

Then \mathbb{Q} is not ideal in \mathbb{R}

③ Find all ideals of $(\mathbb{Z}_6, +, \cdot)$.

$$I_1 = \{1\} = \mathbb{Z}_6, I_2 = \{0\}, I_3 = \{0, 2, 4\}, I_4 = \{0, 3\}$$

العوائق في $(\mathbb{Z}_n, +, \cdot)$ هي كل عناصر \mathbb{Z}_n التي تقسم n \Rightarrow العوائق هي $\{0, n\}$

Subring \Leftrightarrow كل العوائق في $(\mathbb{Z}_n, +, \cdot)$ هي Ideal في $(\mathbb{Z}_n, +, \cdot)$

Example:- Consider the ring $(M_2(\mathbb{Z}), +, \cdot)$ and let:

1. $S_1 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & b \end{pmatrix} : a, b \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$; Is S_1 left (right) ideal of $M_2(\mathbb{Z})$?
2. $S_2 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} : a, b \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$; Is S_2 left (right) ideal of $(M_2(\mathbb{Z}))$?
3. $S_3 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ b & 0 \end{pmatrix} : a, b \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$; Is S_3 left (right) ideal of $M_2(\mathbb{Z})$?

Solution:-

$$1. \quad \emptyset \neq S_1 \subseteq M_2(\mathbb{Z})$$

Let: $\begin{pmatrix} a_1 & 0 \\ 0 & b_1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} a_2 & 0 \\ 0 & b_2 \end{pmatrix} \in S_1 ; a_1, a_2, b_1, b_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$\therefore \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & 0 \\ 0 & b_1 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} a_2 & 0 \\ 0 & b_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 - a_2 & 0 \\ 0 & b_1 - b_2 \end{pmatrix} \in S_1 .$$

Let $\begin{pmatrix} x & y \\ t & w \end{pmatrix} \in M_2(\mathbb{Z}) ; x, y, t, w \in \mathbb{Z} .$

$$\therefore \begin{pmatrix} x & y \\ t & w \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & 0 \\ 0 & b_1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x a_1 & y b_1 \\ t a_1 & w b_1 \end{pmatrix} \notin S_1 .$$

$\therefore S_1$ is not left ideal.

Now for the (right):-

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_1 & 0 \\ 0 & b_1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x & y \\ t & w \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 x & a_1 y \\ b_1 t & b_1 w \end{pmatrix} \notin S_1 .$$

$\therefore S_1$ is not right ideal.

$$2. \quad \emptyset \neq S_2 \subseteq M_2(\mathbb{Z})$$

Let $\begin{pmatrix} a_1 & b_1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} a_2 & b_2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in S_2 ; a_1, a_2, b_1, b_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$\therefore \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & b_1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} a_2 & b_2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 - a_2 & b_1 - b_2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in S_2$$

and Let $\begin{pmatrix} x & y \\ t & w \end{pmatrix} \in M_2(\mathbb{Z})$; $x, y, t, w \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$\therefore \begin{pmatrix} x & y \\ t & w \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & b_1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x a_1 & x b_1 \\ t a_1 & t b_1 \end{pmatrix} \notin S_2$$

$\therefore S_2$ is not left ideal.

Now for the (right) :-

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_1 & b_1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x & y \\ t & w \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 x + b_1 t & a_1 y + b_1 w \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in S_2$$

$\therefore S_2$ is a right ideal of $M_2(\mathbb{Z})$

3. For S_3 is H.W.

Example:- let $R = (\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}, \oplus, \odot)$

And let:- $S_1 = \{(a, b); a \in \mathbb{Z}, b \in \mathbb{Z}\}$

$S_2 = \{(a, b); a \in \mathbb{Z}, b \in \mathbb{Z}_e\}$

$S_3 = \{(a, b); a \in \mathbb{Z}_e, b \in \mathbb{Z}_e\}$

$S_4 = \{(a, 0); a \in \mathbb{Z}\}$.

Is S_1, S_2, S_3, S_4 an ideal of R .

Note:- Definition: Direct sum of Rings.

Let $(R, +, \odot)$ and $(R', +', \odot')$ be any two rings

Let $X = R \times R' = \{(a, b); a \in R, b \in R'\}$ we define \oplus, \odot on X by

$$(a, b) \oplus (c, d) = (a + c, b + d)$$

$$(a, b) \odot (c, d) = (a \cdot c, b \cdot d)$$

Then (X, \oplus, \odot) is a ring.

Solution :- ② $\emptyset \neq S_2 \subseteq R$

Let $(a_1, b_1), (a_2, b_2) \in S_2$; $a_1, a_2 \in \mathbb{Z}, b_1, b_2 \in \mathbb{Z}_e$

$$\therefore (a_1, b_1) - (a_2, b_2) = (a_1 - a_2, b_1 - b_2) \in S_2$$

Since $a_1, a_2 \in \mathbb{Z} \Rightarrow a_1 - a_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$

$b_1, b_2 \in \mathbb{Z}_e \Rightarrow b_1 - b_2 \in \mathbb{Z}_e$

Let $(x, y) \in R = \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$

$$(x, y) \odot (a_1, b_1) = (xa_1, yb_1) \in S_2$$

Since $x \in \mathbb{Z}, a_1 \in \mathbb{Z} \Rightarrow xa_1 \in \mathbb{Z}$

$y \in \mathbb{Z}, b_1 \in \mathbb{Z}_e \Rightarrow yb_1 \in \mathbb{Z}_e$

and we have $(a_1, b_1) \odot (x, y) = (a_1x, b_1y) \in S_2$.

$\therefore S_2$ is an ideal (Left, Right) of $R = \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$.

Solution: ④ $\emptyset \neq S_4 \subseteq R$

Let $(a_1, 0), (a_2, 0) \in S_4 \Rightarrow a_1, a_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$\Rightarrow (a_1, 0) - (a_2, 0) = (a_1 - a_2, 0) \in S_4$$

Since $a_1, a_2 \in \mathbb{Z} \Rightarrow a_1 - a_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$

Let $(x, y) \in R = \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$

$$\therefore (x, y) \odot (a_1, 0) = (xa_1, 0) \in S_4$$

Since $x, a_1 \in \mathbb{Z} \Rightarrow xa_1 \in \mathbb{Z}$

and we have $(a_1, 0) \odot (x, y) = (a_1x, 0) \in S_4$

$\because a_1, x \in \mathbb{Z} \Rightarrow a_1x \in \mathbb{Z}$

$\therefore S_4$ is an ideal (Left, Right) of $R = \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$

1 and 3 is a H.W.

Remarks :-

1. Let $(R, +, \cdot)$ be a ring with unity 1, I be an ideal of R. If $1 \in I$, then $I = R$.

Proof:- $I \subseteq R$ (by def. of ideal).

and $\forall r \in R \Rightarrow r = r \cdot 1$ (1 is the identity of R)

but $r \in R, 1 \in I \Rightarrow r \cdot 1 \in I$ (I is an ideal)

$\therefore r \in I \Rightarrow R \subseteq I$, Thus $R = I$.

2. Let R be a ring with unity 1 and I is an ideal of R $a \in R$. If a is an invertible element and $a \in I$, then $I = R$.

Proof:- let $a \in I$ and a is an invertible element.

Then $\exists a^{-1} \in R$ s.t. $a \cdot a^{-1} = 1$.

Therefore $1 = a \cdot a^{-1} \in I$ (I is an ideal of R)

$\Rightarrow 1 \in I$ (by using no. 1)

Theorem:- let $(R, +, \cdot)$ be a ring and let I, J be two ideals of R. Then $(I \cap J, +, \cdot)$ is an ideal of R

Proof: $\emptyset \neq I \cap J \subseteq R$ (since $a \in I, b \in J \Rightarrow a - b \in I \cap J$).

let $a, b \in I \cap J, r \in R$

$\therefore a, b \in I \cap J \Rightarrow a \in I \wedge b \in I, a \in J \wedge b \in J$

$\therefore a - b \in I \wedge a - b \in J$

and $a \cdot r \in I \wedge r \cdot a \in I$ (since I is an ideal of R)

$a \cdot r \in J \wedge r \cdot a \in J$ (since J is an ideal of R)

Thus $a - b \in I \cap J$ and $a \cdot r \in I \cap J, r \cdot a \in I \cap J$.

$\therefore I \cap J$ is an ideal of R.

Remark:- The union of two ideals of ring R is not necessarily an ideal of R , for example:

$(\mathbb{Z}_6, +, \cdot)$, (2) and (3) are ideals of \mathbb{Z}_6

But $(2) \cup (3) = \{0, 2, 3, 4\}$ not ideal of \mathbb{Z}_6

Since $4, 3 \in (2) \cup (3) \Rightarrow 4 - 3 \notin (2) \cup (3)$.

Definition:- Let R be a comm-ring with unity and $a \in R$.
 let $I = \{r.a : r \in R\}$. Then I is an ideal of R and
 this ideal is called a principle ideal generated by a and
 denoted by (a) , $\text{id}(a)$, $\langle a \rangle$.

Example: ① Consider the ring $(\mathbb{Z}_9, +, \cdot)$

$$\text{id}(2) = \{r \cdot 2 : r \in \mathbb{Z}\} = \{0, \pm 2, \pm 4, \dots\}$$

$$\text{id}(-2) = \{r \cdot (-2) : r \in \mathbb{Z}\} = \{0, \mp 2, \mp 4, \dots\}$$

$$\therefore \text{id}(a) = \text{id}(-a) \quad (\text{why?})$$

$$\text{and } \text{id}(1) = \mathbb{Z}, \text{id}(0) = \{0\}$$

② Consider the ring $(\mathbb{Z}_6, +, \cdot)$

$$\text{id}(1) = \{r \cdot 1, r \in \mathbb{Z}\} = \mathbb{Z}_6$$

$$\text{id}(0) = \{0\}$$

$$\text{id}(2) = \{r \cdot 2 : r \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

$$= \{0 \cdot 2, 1 \cdot 2, 2 \cdot 2, 3 \cdot 2, 4 \cdot 2, 5 \cdot 2\}$$

$$= \{0, 2, 4, 0, 2, 4\} = \{0, 2, 4\}$$

Some Operations on ideals:-

Definition: Let $(R, +, \cdot)$ be a ring and I, J be two ideals of R . Define $I+J = \{x+y : x \in I \wedge y \in J\}$. Then we have $I+J = \{x+y : x \in I \wedge y \in J\}$ is called the sum of I and J .

Remark: $I+J$ is an ideal of a ring $(R, +, \cdot)$, where I, J are ideals of R .

Proof:- Since $I+J \subseteq R$ (by Def^b of ideal)

and $I+J \neq \emptyset$, since $0=0+0 \in I+J$

Now, Let x_1+y_1 and $x_2+y_2 \in I+J$

s.t. $x_1, x_2 \in I$ and $y_1, y_2 \in J$

$$(x_1+y_1) - (x_2+y_2) = (x_1-x_2) + (y_1-y_2) \in I+J$$

Since, $x_1, x_2 \in I \Rightarrow (x_1-x_2) \in I$ $\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{if } I, J \text{ are} \\ \text{two ideals of } R \end{array} \right\}$
 $y_1, y_2 \in J \Rightarrow (y_1-y_2) \in J$

Let $r \in R$, $r \cdot (x_1+y_1) = rx_1 + ry_1 \in I+J$

$x_1 \in I \Rightarrow rx_1 \in I$ $\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{if } I \wedge J \\ \text{are two ideals of } R \end{array} \right\}$
 $y_1 \in J \Rightarrow ry_1 \in J$

Similarly: $(x_1+y_1) \cdot r \in I+J$

Then $I+J$ is an ideal of R .

Remark:- Let $(R, +, \cdot)$ be a commutative ring and $a, b \in R$
 Then $\text{id}(a, b) = \text{id}(a) + \text{id}(b)$.

Example:- ① In $(\mathbb{Z}, +, \cdot)$

$$\begin{aligned} * \quad & \text{id}(3) + \text{id}(4) = \text{id}(3, 4) = \text{id}(1) = \mathbb{Z} \\ * \quad & \text{id}(2) + \text{id}(4) = \text{id}(2, 4) = \text{id}(2) = \mathbb{Z}_e \end{aligned}$$

② Consider $(\mathbb{Z}_{12}, +, \cdot)$ ring.

$$\text{let } I = \text{id}(2), J = \text{id}(3), K = \text{id}(4), L = \text{id}(6)$$

then:

$$\begin{aligned} * \quad & K+L = \text{id}(4) + \text{id}(6) = \{0, 4, 8\} + \{0, 6\} \\ & = \{0+0, 0+6, 4+0, 4+6, 8+0, 8+6\} \\ & = \{0, 6, 4, 10, 8, 2\} = \text{id}(2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{and } L+L = \text{id}(6) + \text{id}(6) = \{0, 6\} + \{0, 6\} = \{0, 6\} = L$$

$$J+L = \{0, 3, 6, 9\}$$

$$I+L = \{0, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10\} = \text{id}(2)$$

Remark:- Let R be a ring, I be an ideal of R

$$\text{Then } I+I = I$$

Proof:- It's clear that $I \subseteq I+I$.

Now to prove $I+I \subseteq I$:

For all $x+y \in I+I$; $x \in I \wedge y \in I$

$\therefore x+y \in I$ (I is an ideal of R)

Thus $I+I \subseteq I$, and then $I+I = I$

Definition:- Let $(R, +, \cdot)$ be a ring, I, J be two ideals of R . Let $I \cdot J = \left\{ \sum_{\text{f.sum}} a_i b_i : a_i \in I, b_i \in J \right\}$

then $I \cdot J$ called the product of I and J .

Remark:- $IJ \subseteq I$ and $IJ \subseteq J$

Proof: To Prove that $IJ \subseteq I$

Let $x \in IJ \Rightarrow x = \sum_{\text{f.sum}} a_i b_i, a_i \in I, b_i \in J$

$\therefore x = a_1 b_1 + a_2 b_2 + a_3 b_3 + \dots + a_n b_n$, for some $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

but $a_i \in I \quad \forall i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$

$\Rightarrow a_i b_i \in I \quad \forall i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$

$\Rightarrow x \in I \quad (\text{since } + \text{ is closed on } I)$

$\Rightarrow IJ \subseteq I$

by same way we have: $IJ \subseteq J$.

Example:- Consider $(\mathbb{Z}_6, +, \cdot)$, let $I = \{0, 2, 4\}$, $J = \{0, 3\}$

Then $a_i \cdot b_i = 0 \quad \forall a_i \in I \text{ and } b_i \in J$

$\therefore I \cdot J = \{0\}$

Definition:- Let $(R, +, \cdot)$ be a comm. ring with unity 1
 Then $(R, +, \cdot)$ is called Field $\Leftrightarrow \forall a \in R, a \neq 0$, we
 have a is an invertible element.

Example:-

- 1- $(\mathbb{Q}, +, \cdot)$, $(\mathbb{R}, +, \cdot)$, $(\mathbb{C}, +, \cdot)$ are fields.
- 2- $(\mathbb{Z}, +, \cdot)$, $(\mathbb{Z}_e, +, \cdot)$ is not field.
- 3- direct sum of $(\mathbb{R}, +, \cdot)$ with $(\mathbb{R}, +, \cdot)$ is not a field.
 = since all elements of the form $(a, 0)$ and $(0, b)$ $a \neq 0, b \neq 0$ are not invertible elements.

Example:- Is $(\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{3}], +, \cdot)$ field?

Solution:- (The ring $(\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{3}], +, \cdot)$ it has element of the form $a + b\sqrt{3}$, such that $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$)

Now let $x = 1 + 3\sqrt{3} \in \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{3}]$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{x} = \frac{1}{1+3\sqrt{3}} = \frac{1-3\sqrt{3}}{(1+3\sqrt{3})(1-3\sqrt{3})} = \frac{1-3\sqrt{3}}{-26}$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{x} = \frac{-1}{26} + \frac{3}{26}\sqrt{3} \notin \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{3}]$$

$\therefore \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{3}]$ is not field.

Definition:- Let $(F, +, \cdot)$, $(K, +, \cdot)$ be two fields s.t $F \subseteq K$, Then F is called a subfield of K .

Remark:- Let $(F, +, \cdot)$ be a field and let $\emptyset \neq S \subseteq F$. Then $(S, +, \cdot)$ is a subfield of F if & :-

$$1) \quad a - b \in S \quad \forall a, b \in S$$

$$2) \quad a \cdot b^{-1} \in S \quad \forall a, b \in S$$

Example:- $\mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{2}] = \{a + b\sqrt{2} : a, b \in \mathbb{Q}\}$

Then $(\mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{2}], +, \cdot)$ is a subfield of \mathbb{R} .

Soln:- Let $a+b\sqrt{2}, c+d\sqrt{2} \in \mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{2}]$, Then

$$1. \quad (a+b\sqrt{2}) - (c+d\sqrt{2}) = (a-c) + (b-d)\sqrt{2} \in \mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{2}]$$

$$2. \quad (a+b\sqrt{2}) \cdot (c+d\sqrt{2})^1 = (a+b\sqrt{2}) \cdot \frac{1}{(c+d\sqrt{2})} = \frac{(a+b\sqrt{2})}{(c+d\sqrt{2})}$$

$$= \frac{(a+b\sqrt{2})}{(c+d\sqrt{2})} \cdot \frac{c-d\sqrt{2}}{c-d\sqrt{2}}$$

$$= \frac{ac+ad\sqrt{2} + cb\sqrt{2} - 2bd}{c^2 - 2d^2} = \frac{(ac-2bd) + (ad+cb)\sqrt{2}}{c^2 - 2d^2}$$

$$= \frac{ac-2bd}{c^2 - 2d^2} + \frac{ad+cb}{c^2 - 2d^2} \sqrt{2} \in \mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{2}]$$

$\therefore \mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{2}]$ is subfield of \mathbb{R}