

## Unit - IV - Ring theory

Ring:- A non-empty set  $R$  satisfy abelian group under addition and closure, associative Property under multiplication and distributive laws under  $(+ \text{ and } \cdot)$  is called ring.

definition - Associative ring:-

A non empty set  $R$  is said to be an associative ring if in  $R$  there are defined two operations, denoted by  $+$  and  $\cdot$  respectively such that for all  $a, b, c$  in  $R$ ,

- (i)  $a+b$  is in  $R$  (closure)
- (ii)  $a+b = b+a$  (Commutative)
- (iii)  $(a+b)+c = a+(b+c)$  (associative)
- (iv) There is an element  $0$  in  $R$  such that  $a+0 = a$  (for every  $a$  in  $R$ ) (Identity)
- (v) There exists an element  $-a$  in  $R$  such that  $a+(-a) = 0$  (Inverse)
- (vi)  $a \cdot b$  is in  $R$  (closure)
- (vii)  $a \cdot (b \cdot c) = (a \cdot b) \cdot c$  (Associative)
- (viii)  $a \cdot (b+c) = a \cdot b + a \cdot c$  &  $(b+c) \cdot a = b \cdot a + c \cdot a$  (two distributive laws)

Non-associative:- A ring is said to be non-associative ring, when it does not satisfy the associative Property under multiplication.

Ring with Unit element:-

A ring  $R$  is said to be ring with Unit element when  $1 \in R$  such that  $a \cdot 1 = a = 1 \cdot a \quad \forall a \in R$ .

Commutative Ring:-

A ring which satisfies  $\forall a, b \in R$   
 $a \cdot b = b \cdot a$  (ie) Commutative Property under multiplication is said to be commutative ring.



Example: 3.1.1

$R$  is the set of integers, positive, negative, and 0;  
 $+$  is the usual addition and  $\cdot$  the usual multiplication of  
Integers.

Solution:-

- \*  $\forall a, b \in R \rightarrow a+b \in R$
- \*  $\forall a, b, c \in R \Rightarrow a+(b+c) = (a+b)+c$
- \*  $\exists 0 \in R, \forall a \in R \therefore a+0 = a = 0+a$
- \*  $\forall a \in R, \exists a^{-1} \in R \therefore a+a^{-1} = 0 = a^{-1}+a$
- \*  $\forall a, b \in R, a+b = b+a$
- \*  $\forall a, b \in R, a \cdot b \in R$
- \*  $\forall a, b, c \in R, a \cdot (b \cdot c) = (a \cdot b) \cdot c$
- \*  $\forall a \in R, \exists 1 \in R \therefore a \cdot 1 = a = 1 \cdot a$
- \*  $\forall a, b \in R, a \cdot b = b \cdot a$
- \*  $\forall a, b, c \in R, a \cdot (b+c) = a \cdot b + a \cdot c$  &  
 $(b+c) \cdot a = b \cdot a + c \cdot a$

Hence, the set  $R$  is a Commutative ring along with  
the Unit element.

$\therefore R$  is a Commutative ring with Unit element.

Example: 3.1.2:-

$R$  is the set of even integers under the usual operations  
of addition and multiplication.

Solution:-

- \*  $\forall a, b \in R, a+b \in R$
- \*  $\forall a, b, c \in R, a+(b+c) = (a+b)+c$
- \*  $\forall a \in R, \exists 0 \in R \therefore a+0 = a = 0+a$
- \*  $\forall a \in R, \exists a^{-1} \in R \therefore a+a^{-1} = 0 = a^{-1}+a$
- \*  $\forall a, b \in R, a+b = b+a$
- \*  $\forall a, b \in R, a \cdot b \in R$
- \*  $\forall a, b, c \in R, a \cdot (b \cdot c) = (a \cdot b) \cdot c$
- \*  $\forall a, b \in R, a \cdot b = b \cdot a$



$$* \forall a, b, c \in R, a \cdot (b+c) = (a \cdot b) + (a \cdot c) \text{ \& } \\ (b+c) \cdot a = (b \cdot a) + (c \cdot a)$$

Where set  $R$  does not contain the Unit element 1.  
Hence, the set  $R$  is a commutative ring with no unit element.  
 $\therefore R$  is a commutative ring with no unit element.

Example 3.1.3 :-  $R$  is the set of rational numbers under the usual addition and multiplication of rational numbers.

Solution:-

$$* \forall a, b \in R, a+b \in R$$

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

$$* \forall a \in R, \exists 0 \in R, \therefore a+0 = a = 0+a$$

$$* \forall a \in R, \exists a^{-1} \in R, \therefore a+a^{-1} = 0 = a^{-1}+a$$

$$* \forall a, b \in R, a+b = b+a$$

$$* \forall a, b \in R, a \cdot b \in R$$

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

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

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

$$* \forall a \in R, \exists 1 \in R, \therefore a \cdot 1 = a = 1 \cdot a$$

$$* \forall a \in R, \exists a^{-1} \in R, \therefore a \cdot a^{-1} = 1 = a^{-1} \cdot a$$

$$* \forall a, b \in R, a \cdot b = b \cdot a$$

Where  $R$  is a commutative ring with unit element.  
Note that the set  $R$  satisfies abelian group under both addition & multiplication. Hence,  $R$  is a field.

Example 3.14 :-  $R$  is the set of Integers mod 7 under the addition and multiplication mod 7. that is the elements of  $R$  are the seven symbols.  $\bar{0}, \bar{1}, \bar{2}, \bar{3}, \bar{4}, \bar{5}, \bar{6}$ .

Solution:-



$$* \forall a, b \in R, a+b \in R. \text{ [eg: } \overline{4} + \overline{5} = \overline{2} \text{]} \Rightarrow \overline{4} + \overline{5} = \overline{9} \Rightarrow 9 - 7 = 2$$

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

$$* \forall a \in R, \exists 0 \in R \because a+0 = a = 0+a$$

$$* \forall a \in R, \exists \bar{a}^{-1} \in R \because a + \bar{a}^{-1} = 0 = \bar{a}^{-1} + a \text{ [} \overline{2} + \overline{5} = \overline{1} + \overline{6} = \overline{3} + \overline{4} = \overline{0} \text{]}$$

$$* \forall a, b \in R, a+b = b+a$$

$$* \forall a, b \in R, a \cdot b \in R \text{ [eg: } \overline{4} \cdot \overline{3} = \overline{5} \text{]} \Rightarrow 4 \cdot 3 = 12 \div 7 = 5$$

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

$$* \forall a \in R, \exists 1 \in R \because a \cdot 1 = a = 1 \cdot a$$

$$* \forall a \in R, \exists \bar{a}^{-1} \in R \because a \cdot \bar{a}^{-1} = 1 = \bar{a}^{-1} \cdot a$$

$$\text{[} \overline{2} \cdot \overline{4} = \overline{5} \cdot \overline{3} = \overline{1} \cdot \overline{1} = \overline{6} \cdot \overline{6} = \overline{1} \text{]}$$

$$* \forall a, b \in R, a \cdot b = b \cdot a$$

$$* \forall a, b, c \in R, a \cdot (b+c) = a \cdot b + a \cdot c \text{ and } (b+c) \cdot a = b \cdot a + c \cdot a$$

$$\text{eg: } \left[ \begin{array}{l} \overline{2} \cdot (\overline{4} + \overline{5}) = \overline{2} \cdot \overline{2} = \overline{4} \\ \overline{2} \cdot \overline{4} + \overline{2} \cdot \overline{5} = \overline{1} + \overline{3} = \overline{4} \end{array} \right]$$

Hence R is a Commutative Ring.

With unit element. Note that R satisfies abelian group under addition and multiplication, Hence R is a field where the number of elements in R is finite,  
 $\therefore$  R is a finite field.

Example 3.15 R is the set of integers mod 6 under addition and Multiplication mod 6. if we denote the elements in R by  $\overline{0}, \overline{1}, \overline{2}, \overline{3}, \overline{4}, \overline{5}$

$$\overline{2} \cdot \overline{3} = \overline{0}, \text{ yet } \overline{2} \neq \overline{0}, \overline{3} \neq \overline{0}. \text{ Thus it is}$$

Possible in a ring R.  $a \cdot b = 0$ , with neither  $a=0$  nor  $b=0$ .

this R is Commutative Ring.



Example  
3.16

$R$  will be the set of all symbols.

$$\alpha_{11}e_{11} + \alpha_{12}e_{12} + \alpha_{21}e_{21} + \alpha_{22}e_{22} = \sum_{i,j=1}^2 \alpha_{ij}e_{ij}$$

Where all the  $\alpha_{ij}$  are rational numbers.

$$\sum_{i,j=1}^2 \alpha_{ij}e_{ij} = \sum_{i,j=1}^2 \beta_{ij}e_{ij}$$

$\alpha_{ij}$  and only  $\beta_{ij}$  for all  $i, j = 1, 2$   $\alpha_{ij} = \beta_{ij}$

$$\sum_{i,j=1}^2 \alpha_{ij}e_{ij} + \sum_{i,j=1}^2 \beta_{ij}e_{ij} = \sum_{i,j=1}^2 (\alpha_{ij} + \beta_{ij})e_{ij}$$

$$\left( \sum_{i,j=1}^2 \alpha_{ij}e_{ij} \right) \cdot \left( \sum_{i,j=1}^2 \beta_{ij}e_{ij} \right) = \sum_{i,j=1}^2 \gamma_{ij}e_{ij}$$

$$\gamma_{ij} = \sum_{v=1}^2 \alpha_{iv} \beta_{vj} = \alpha_{i1} \beta_{1j} + \alpha_{i2} \beta_{2j}$$

$$e_{ij} \cdot e_{kl} = 0 \text{ for } j \neq k$$

$$e_{ij} \cdot e_{jl} = e_{il}$$

$$a = e_{11} - e_{21} + e_{22} \quad b = e_{22} + 3e_{12}$$

$$a \cdot b = (e_{11} - e_{21} + e_{22}) \cdot (e_{22} + 3e_{12})$$

$$= e_{11} \cdot e_{22} + 3(e_{11} \cdot e_{12}) - e_{21} \cdot e_{22} - 3(e_{21} \cdot e_{12}) + e_{22} \cdot e_{22} + 3(e_{22} \cdot e_{12})$$

$$= 0 + 3e_{12} - 0 - 3e_{22} + 1e_{22} + 0$$

$$= 3e_{12} - 2e_{22}$$

$$e_{11} \cdot e_{12} = e_{12} \quad e_{12} \cdot e_{11} = 0$$

$$a \cdot b \neq b \cdot a \quad e_{11} \cdot e_{12} \neq e_{12} \cdot e_{11}$$

$R$  is not commutative

$\therefore R$  is non commutative ring



## Some Special Classes of Rings:-

### Definition - Zero-divisor:-

if  $R$  is a commutative ring, then  $a \neq 0, \in R$  said to be a zero-divisor if there exists  $a, b \in R, b \neq 0$  such that  $ab = 0$ .

Integral domain:- A commutative ring is an integral domain if it has no zero-divisors.

The ring of integers is an example of an integral domain.

### Division ring:-

A ring is said to be a division ring if its non-zero elements form a group under multiplication.

### Field:-

- \* A field is a commutative division ring.
- \* A ring which forms an abelian group under multiplication is called field.

### Lemma: 3.2.1:-

if  $R$  is a ring, then for all  $a, b \in R$ .

$$1) a \cdot 0 = 0 \cdot a = 0$$

$$2) a(-b) = (-a)(b) = -(ab)$$

$$3) (-a)(-b) = ab$$

if in addition,  $R$  has a unit element, then

$$4) (-1)a = -a$$

$$5) (-1)(-1) = 1$$

Proof:- Given  $R$  is a ring and  $\forall a, b \in R$

$$1) a \cdot 0 = 0 \cdot a = 0$$

We know that  $a \in R$ ,

$$a \cdot 0 = a(0+0) = a \cdot 0 + a \cdot 0 = 0 + 0 \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$$

$$0 \cdot a = (0+0)a = 0a + 0a = 0 + 0 = 0 \rightarrow \textcircled{2}$$

(Right distributive law)  
(Left distributive law)



From ① & ② We get  $a0 = 0a = 0$

$$2) a(-b) = (-a)(b) = -ab$$

We know that  $a + (-a) = 0$

$$\therefore ab + (-ab) = 0 \rightarrow \textcircled{3}$$

It is enough to prove  $ab + a(-b) = 0$

$$\therefore a[b + (-b)] = a(0) = 0 \quad (\because a0 = 0) \rightarrow \textcircled{4}$$

$$\text{Why } ab + (-a)b = [a + (-a)]b$$

$$= 0(b) = 0 \rightarrow \textcircled{5} \quad (\because 0a = 0)$$

From ③, ④, ⑤ We get,

$$a(-b) = (-a)b = -ab$$

$$3) (-a)(-b) = ab$$

We know that  $a(-b) = -ab$

$$(-a)(-b) = -[a(-b)]$$

$$= -[-ab]$$

$$\therefore (-a)(-b) = ab \text{ Hence Proved}$$

$$4) (-1)a = -a$$

$$1 \in \mathbb{R}, \text{ then } (-1)a = -a \quad [\because (-a)b = -ab]$$

Hence Proved.

$$5) (-1)(-1) = 1$$

We know that  $(-a)(-b) = ab$

$$\text{Let } a=1, b=1$$

$$\text{Thus, } (-1)(-1) = (1)(1) = 1$$

Hence,  $(-1)(-1) = 1$ . Hence Proved.

The Pigeonhole Principle:-

if "n" objects are distributed over m places, and if  $n > m$ , then some place receives at least two objects.



Lemma: 3.2.2: A finite Integral domain is a field.

Solution: Proof:

Let  $D$  be a finite integral domain.

We have to Prove that,  $D$  is a field.

(i) Enough to Prove that,

(i) Exist an element  $1 \in D$  such that  $a \cdot 1 = 1 \cdot a = a, \forall a \in D$

(ii) For every element  $a \neq 0 \in D$ , exist an element  $b \in D$  such that  $ab = 1$

Let  $x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n$  be the elements of  $D$  and

Let  $a \neq 0 \in D$

Since  $D$  is commutative and finite,

$\therefore ax_1, ax_2, ax_3, \dots, ax_n \in D$

We have to claim that  $ax_1, ax_2, \dots, ax_n$  are all distinct elements

Suppose,  $ax_i = ax_j$  for  $i \neq j$

$$ax_i - ax_j = 0$$

$$a(x_i - x_j) = 0$$

Since  $a \neq 0, \therefore x_i - x_j = 0$

$$x_i = x_j, \text{ for } i \neq j$$

Which is a contradiction

$\therefore ax_1, ax_2, ax_3, \dots, ax_n$  all are distinct elements.

$\therefore D$  has exactly  $n$  elements

Then for every  $y \in D$  can be written as

$$y = ax_i \text{ for some } x_i \in D.$$

Since  $a \in D$ , and  $D$  is commutative,

$$\therefore a = a x_{i_0} = x_{i_0} a$$

$\Rightarrow x_{i_0}$  act as a Unit element for every element of  $D$ .

Where  $y \in D, y = ax_i$  for some  $x_i \in D$



$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } x_{i0} y &= x_{i0} (ax_i) \\ &= (x_{i0} a) x_i \quad (\because y = ax_i) \\ &= (a x_{i0}) x_i \end{aligned}$$

$$x_{i0} y = ax_i = y$$

Thus  $x_{i0}$  is a Unit element of  $D$ .

$\therefore x_{i0} = 1 \in D$  is a Unit element, Now  $1 \in D$ ,

$\therefore$  There exist  $a, b \in D$ .

Such that

$$1 = ab$$

Hence  $D$  is a field.

Corollary: if  $p$  is a Prime number then  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ , the ring of Integers mod  $p$ , is a field.

Proof: Given  $p$  is a Prime number.  
W.K.T "every finite Integral domain is a field"

Since  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ , the ring of Integers mod  $p$  is finite.

(i) enough to Prove that  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  is an integral domain.

Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}_p$

We have to claim that  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  has no zero divisors.

if  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}_p$  and  $ab \equiv 0$

$\Rightarrow p$  must divide  $ab$  (i.e)  $\frac{ab}{p}$

Since  $p$  is a Prime number,

We get  $\frac{a}{p}$  (or)  $\frac{b}{p}$

(i.e) either  $a \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$  (or)  $b \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$

$\rightarrow$  either  $a \equiv 0$  (or)  $b \equiv 0$

$\therefore \mathbb{Z}_p$  has no zero divisor.

$\therefore \mathbb{Z}_p$  is an Integral domain

By Using ① We get,

$\mathbb{Z}_p$  is field,



Definition:- Characteristic "0":-

An integral domain  $D$  is said to be of characteristic 0 if the relation  $ma = 0$  where  $a \neq 0$ , is in  $D$ , and where  $m$  is an integer. if  $m = 0$ .

finite characteristic:-

An Integral domain  $D$  is said to be of finite characteristic if there exists a positive integer " $m$ " such that  $ma = 0$  for all  $a \in D$ .

### 3.3. Homomorphisms

Definition A mapping  $\phi$  from the ring  $R$  into the ring  $R'$  is said to be a homomorphism if,

$$1. \phi(a+b) = \phi(a) + \phi(b)$$

$$2. \phi(ab) = \phi(a)\phi(b) \text{ for all } a, b \in R.$$

Lemma: 3.3.1 if  $\phi$  is a homomorphism of  $R$  into  $R'$  then

$$1. \phi(0) = 0. \quad 2. \phi(-a) = -\phi(a) \text{ for every } a \in R.$$

(i) Consider  $\phi(a) = \phi(a+0) \rightarrow *$

$$\phi(a+0) = \phi(a) + \phi(0) \quad [ \because \phi \text{ is homomorphism} ]$$

$$\cancel{\phi(a)} = \phi(a) + \phi(0) \quad [ \text{by using left cancellation law} ]$$

$$\phi(a) = \phi(a) + \phi(0) \rightarrow$$

$$\boxed{0 = \phi(0)}$$

(ii) Consider  $\phi(0) = \phi[(a) + (-a)] \rightarrow *$

$$\phi[(a) + (-a)] = \phi(a) + \phi(-a) \quad [ \phi \text{ is homomorphism} ]$$

$$\cancel{\phi[(a) + (-a)]} =$$

$$\phi(0) = \phi(a) + \phi(-a)$$

$$\boxed{\phi(0) = 0}$$

$$0 = \phi(a) + \phi(-a)$$



Definition:- Kernel of  $\phi$ :-

if  $\phi$  is a homomorphism of  $R$  into  $R'$  then the Kernel of  $\phi$ ,  $I(\phi)$ , is the set of all elements  $a \in R$  such that  $\phi(a) = 0$ , the zero element of  $R'$

$$K\phi = \{a \in R / \phi(a) = 0\}$$

isomorphism:- A homomorphism of  $R$  into  $R'$  is said to be an isomorphism if it is a one to one mapping.

isomorphic:- Two rings are said to be isomorphic if there is an isomorphism of one onto the other.

### 3.4. ideals and Quotient Rings:-

Definition:- ideal of  $R$ :-

A Non empty subset  $U$  of  $R$  is said to be a ideal of  $R$ , if

- (i)  $U$  is a subgroup of  $R$  Under Addition.
- (ii) For every  $u \in U$  and  $r \in R$ , both  $ur$  and  $ru$  are in  $U$ .

Lemma: 3.4.1 if  $U$  is an ideal of the ring  $R$ , then  $R/U$  is a ring, and is a homomorphic image of  $R$

Proof: Given  $U$  is an ideal of the ring  $R$ ,

Let  $R/U$  be the set of all distinct Coset of  $U$  in  $R$ .

Since  $U$  is an ideal of  $R$ ,

$U$  is a Subgroup of  $R$  Under addition.

$$\text{Let } R/U = \{a+U / a \in R\}$$

Where we have to prove,  $R/U$  is a ring.

$R/U$  defines addition, and Multiplication as

$$(a+U) + (b+U) = (a+b) + U$$

$$(a+U)(b+U) = (ab) + U \quad \forall a+U, b+U \in R/U$$



We have to claim "+" is well defined.

Suppose,  $a+U = a'+U$  and  $b+U = b'+U$

$$a - a' \in U \quad \text{and} \quad b - b' \in U$$

$$a - a' \in U_1 \quad \text{and} \quad b - b' \in U_2$$

$$a = a' + U_1 \quad \& \quad b = b' + U_2$$

$$(i) \quad (a+U) + (b+U) = [(a'+U_1)+U] + [(b'+U_2)+U]$$

$$= [(a'+U)+U] + [(b'+U)+U]$$

$$(a+U) + (b+U) = (a'+U) + (b'+U)$$

$\therefore$  We get "+" is well defined.

Now, we claim Multiplication is well defined.

$$a+U = a'+U, \quad b+U = b'+U$$

$$a - a' \in U \quad b - b' \in U$$

$$a = a' + U_1, \quad b = b' + U_2$$

$$\text{Now } (a'+U_1)(b'+U_2) = [a'b' + a'U_2 + b'U_1 + U_1U_2]$$

$$\text{Now, } ab+U = a'b'+U$$

$$\Rightarrow (a+U)(b+U) = (a'+U)(b'+U)$$

$\therefore$  Multiplication is well defined.

We have to claim  $R/U$  is an abelian group under the operation addition and closure, associative, under "•" and distributive law.

(i) Closure Property under "+"

$$a+U, b+U \in R/U$$

$$\text{Where } (a+U) + (b+U) = (a+b)+U \in R/U$$

$\therefore$  Closure Property is true under "+"



(ii) Associative under "+"

$$\begin{aligned}(a+U) + [(b+U) + (c+U)] &= (a+U) + [(b+c)+U] \\ &= [a+(b+c)]+U \\ &= [(a+b)+c]+U\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore (a+U) + [(b+U) + (c+U)] = [(a+U) + (b+U)] + (c+U)$$

(iii) Commutative under "+"

$$\begin{aligned}(a+U) + (b+U) &= (a+b)+U \\ &= (b+a)+U\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore (a+U) + (b+U) = (b+U) + (a+U)$$

Hence, Commutative is true.

(iv) Identity under "+"

$$\text{Let } U = a+U \in R/U$$

$$\text{if } a+U \in R/U$$

$$\Rightarrow (0+U) + (a+U) = (0+a)+U \quad | \quad (a+U)(0+U) = (a+0)+U \\ = a+U \quad | \quad = a+U$$

$$\begin{aligned}\Rightarrow (a+U) + (0+U) &= (0+U) + (a+U) \\ &= a+U\end{aligned}$$

$\therefore$  Identity is true.

$$\therefore \cancel{(a+U) + (0+U)} = \cancel{(0+U) + (a+U)}$$

(v) Inverse under "+"

$$\text{Let } a+U \in R/U$$

$$\text{Then, } [(-a)+U] + (a+U) = [(-a)+a]+U \\ = 0+U$$

$$[a+U] + [(-a)+U] = [a+(-a)]+U \\ = 0+U$$

$$\therefore [(-a)+U] + (a+U) = (a+U) + [(-a)+U] = 0+U$$

Inverse is true.



(vi) Closure under " $\cdot$ "

$$a+U, b+U \in R/U$$

$$\text{Where } (a+U) \cdot (b+U) = (ab)+U \in R/U$$

$\therefore$  closure is true under " $\cdot$ "

(vii) Associative under " $\cdot$ "

$$(a+U) \cdot [(b+U)(c+U)] = a+U [(b \cdot c)+U]$$

$$= [a(bc)]+U$$

$$= [(ab)+c]+U$$

$$= (ab+U) \cdot (c+U)$$

$$\therefore (a+U) [(b+U)(c+U)] = [(a+U)(b+U)](c+U)$$

(viii) Distributive Law:

$$(a+U) [(b+U)+(c+U)] = (a+U) [(b+c)+U]$$

$$= [a(b+c)]+U$$

$$= [ab+ac]+U$$

$$= [ab+U] + [ac+U]$$

$$\therefore (a+U) [(b+U)+(c+U)] = (a+U)(b+U) + (a+U)(c+U)$$

$\therefore$  Distributive Law is true.

Hence,  $R/U$  is a ring.

Now, We have to Prove

$R/U$  is a homomorphic image of  $R$ .

Let  $\phi: R \rightarrow R/U$  defined by  $\phi(a) = a+U$ .

Claim that  $\phi$  is onto.

Let  $a+U \in R/U$  where  $a \in R$ .

$\therefore$  For every element  $a+U \in R/U$ , there exist an element



$a \in R$ , such that

$$\phi(a) = a + U$$

$\therefore \phi$  is onto.

Now claim  $\phi$  is homomorphism.

(i) to Prove.

$$(i) \phi(a+b) = \phi(a) + \phi(b).$$

$$(ii) \phi(ab) = \phi(a)\phi(b) \quad \forall a, b \in R.$$

$$\phi(a+b) = [U + (a+b)]$$

$$= (U+a) + (U+b)$$

$$= \phi(a) + \phi(b)$$

$$\therefore \phi(a+b) = \phi(a) + \phi(b).$$

$$\phi(ab) = (ab) + U$$

$$= (a+U)(b+U)$$

$$\phi(ab) = \phi(a)\phi(b)$$

$\therefore \phi$  is homomorphism.

We get  $R/U$  is a homomorphic image, of  $R$ ,

Hence Proved.

### 3.5 More ideals and Quotient Rings:-

#### Maximal ideal:-

An ideal  $M \neq R$  in a ring  $R$  is said to be Maximal ideal of  $R$ , if whenever  $U$  is an ideal of  $R$ , such that  $M \subset U \subset R$ , then either  $R = U$ , (or)  $M = U$ .

Lemma: 3.5.1 Let  $R$  be a commutative ring with unit element whose only ideals are  $(0)$  and  $R$  itself. Then  $R$  is a field.



Proof:- Given,  $R$  is a Commutative ring. With Unit element and, Ideal  $(0)$  and  $R$  are Ideals of  $R$ .

We have to Prove,  $R$  is a field.

We know that,

"A finite Integral domain is a field, A Commutative division ring is field".

Enough to Prove that every Non-Zero element in  $R$  has a multiplicative inverse in  $R$ .

(ie) to Prove,

for any  $a \neq 0 \in R$ , there exists an element  $b \neq 0 \in R$

Such that  $a \cdot b = 1$

Consider the set  $Ra = \{xa \mid x \in R\}$  we have to claim that

$Ra$  is non-empty.

Since  $0 \in R$ . We get,

$$0 = 0a \in Ra.$$

$\therefore Ra$  is non-empty.

Now, claim that  $Ra$  is an subgroup of  $R$ .

Under addition,

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

Let  $u \in Ra$  and  $v \in Ra$ .

Then  $u + v \in Ra$ .

if  $u, v \in Ra$  then  $u = r_1 a$ ,  $v = r_2 a$  for some  $r_1, r_2 \in R$ .

$$u + v = r_1 a + r_2 a = (r_1 + r_2) a \in Ra$$

$\therefore Ra$  is an subgroup of  $R$  Under addition

Where  $ru = ur$



$\therefore Ra$  is an ideal of  $R$ .

Given the only ideals of  $R$  are ideal  $(0)$  and  $R$

$\therefore$  We get  $Ra = \text{ideal } (0)$  (or)

$$Ra = R$$

$\therefore Ra \neq \text{ideal } (0)$  [Since  $Ra$  is non-empty]

$$\therefore Ra = R$$

In particular  $1 \in R$ ,

for  $a \neq 0 \in R$ , there exist  $b \neq 0 \in R$ , such that

$$1 = ba$$

Since  $R$  is a Commutative Ring.

$$\therefore ab = ba = 1$$

$\Rightarrow$  every non-zero element in  $R$  has multiplicative inverse

$\therefore$  We get  $R$  is a field.

Hence Proved.

Theorem: 3.5.1 If  $R$  is a Commutative Ring with Unit element and  $M$  is an ideal of  $R$  then  $M$  is maximal ideal of  $R$  if and only if  $R/M$  is a field.

Proof: Given  $R$  is a Commutative Ring with Unit element and  $M$  is an ideal of  $R$ .

To Prove,  $M$  is an maximal ideal of  $R$ ,

assume that  $R/M$  is a field.

Since  $R/M$  is a field its only ideals are ideal  $(0)$  and itself.

By the theorem,



"There is a one to one Corresponding between the set of ideals of  $R/M$  and the set of ideals of  $R$  which contain  $M$ "

We get, The ideal  $R$  of  $R$  corresponds to the ideal  $(0)$  of  $R/M$   
Where as, the ideal  $M$  of  $R$  corresponds to the ideal  $R/M$  of  $R/M$  in this one-to-one mapping.

Thus, there is no ideal between  $M$  and  $R$ .

$\therefore M$  is a maximal ideal of  $R$ .

Conversely,

Assume that  $M$  is a maximal ideal of  $R$

To Prove,  $R/M$  is a field.

Enough to Prove that  $R/M$  has no proper ideals.

Since  $M$  is a maximal ideal of  $R$

$\therefore$  The only ideals of  $R/M$  are ideal  $(0)$  and  $R/M$ .

(i)  $R/M$  has no proper ideals

Since  $R$  is a Commutative Ring with Unit element.

By the theorem,

"Let  $R$  be a Commutative Ring with Unit element whose only ideals are  $R$  itself, then  $R$  is a field."

We get.  $R/M$  is a field.

Example: 3.5.1

Let  $R$  be the ring of integers and  $U$  be an ideal of  $R$ .

Then prime number is maximal ideal of  $R$ .

Proof: Given  $R$  is a ring of Integers  
and  $U$  be an ideal of  $R$ .



$P$  is a Prime number, then  $\mathcal{P} = (p)$  is maximal ideal of  $R$   
if  $U$  is an ideal of  $R$  and  $U \supset \mathcal{P}$  then  $U = (n_0)$  for some  
integer  $n_0$ .

Since  $\mathcal{P} \subset U$ ,  $p = mn_0$  for some integer  $m$ .

$p$  is a Prime number

$$\Rightarrow n_0 = 1 \text{ (or) } n_0 = p$$

then  $1 \in U$ . Hence  $r \cdot 1 = r \in U$  for all  $r \in R$ . When

$U = R$  follows.

Thus  $n_0$  is ideal other than  $R$  (or)  $\mathcal{P}$  itself.

$\therefore \mathcal{P}$  is maximal ideal.

On the other hand,

$M = (n_0)$  is a maximal ideal of  $R$ . We have to claim that  
 $n_0$  must be a Prime number.

for if  $n_0 = ab$  where  $a, b$  are positive integers.

then  $U = [a] \supset M$ . Hence  $U = R$  (or)  $U = M$ .

if  $U = R$  then  $a = 1$ .

if  $U = M$ , then  $a \in M$  and so  $a = rn_0$  for some

integer  $r$ .

Since every element of  $M$  is a multiple of  $n_0$ .

$$\text{But then } n_0 = ab = rn_0b.$$

From which we get  $rb = 1$

$$\therefore b = 1 \text{ and } a = n_0$$

Thus  $n_0$  is a Prime number.

Example: 3.5.2: - let  $R$  be the ring of all the real-valued  
continuous functions on the closed unit interval.

Solution:-

[closed interval  $[0, 1]$ ]



$$\text{Let } M = \{ f(x) \in R \mid f(1/2) = 0 \}$$

$M$  is certainly an ideal of  $R$ . Moreover, it is a maximal ideal of  $R$ , for if the ideal  $U$  contains  $M$  and  $U \neq M$ , then

there is a function  $g(x) \in U$ ,  $h(x) \notin M$ . Since  $g(x) \notin M$ ,  $g(1/2) = \alpha$

Now,  $h(x) = g(x) - \alpha$  is such that  $h(1/2) = g(1/2) - \alpha = 0$

So that  $h(x) \in M \subset U$ . But  $g(x)$  is also in  $U$ .

$$\therefore \alpha = g(x) - h(x) \in U.$$

$$1 = \alpha \alpha^{-1} \in U.$$

$$t(x) \in R,$$

$$t(x) = 1 t(x) \in U,$$

in consequence of which  $U = R$ .

$M$  is therefore a maximal ideal of  $R$ .

Wly if  $\alpha$  is a real number  $0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$ ,

then,  $M_\alpha = \{ f(x) \in R \mid f(\alpha) = 0 \}$  is a maximal

ideal of  $R$ . [It can be shown that every maximal ideal is

of this form]. Thus here the maximal ideals correspond to

the points on the Unit Interval.

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[Corollary]

Lemma: 3.3.3 The homomorphism  $\phi$  of  $R$  into  $R'$  is an isomorphism if and only if  $I(\phi) = (0)$

Proof:- Given  $\phi: R \rightarrow R'$  is a homomorphism with Kernel  $K\phi$ .

Assume that  $\phi$  is an isomorphism.

We have to prove  $I(\phi) = 0$

Let  $x \in I(\phi)$

$$\phi(x) = 0$$

Since  $\phi$  is an <sup>mo</sup>homomorphism.

$$\phi(e) = 0.$$

$$\text{We get } \phi(x) = 0 = \phi(e)$$

$$\text{Thus } \phi(x) = \phi(e).$$

Since  $\phi$  is an isomorphism we get  $\phi$  is one to one.

$$\therefore \phi(x) = \phi(e) \Rightarrow x = e.$$

$$\therefore \text{We get } I(\phi) = 0.$$

Conversely, Assume that  $I(\phi) = (0)$

We have to prove  $\phi$  is an isomorphism

(i.e) to prove  $\phi$  is homomorphism,

$\phi$  is one to one.

Given  $\phi$  is homomorphism,

We have to claim  $\phi$  is one to one.

Let  $x, y \in G$ .

We have to prove,  $\phi(x) = \phi(y) \Rightarrow x = y$ .

$$\phi(x) = \phi(y)$$

$$\phi(x) - \phi(y) = 0$$

$$\phi(x - y) = 0$$

$$(x - y) \in I(\phi)$$



$$x - y = I(\phi) = 0$$

$$x - y = 0$$

$$x = y$$

$$\therefore \phi(x) = \phi(y) \Rightarrow x = y$$

Thus, we get  $\phi$  is one to one and,  $\phi$  is isomorphism.

Hence,  $\phi \cong R \rightarrow R'$  is an isomorphism of  $R$  into  $R'$  if and only

$$\text{if } I(\phi) = 0$$

Hence Proved.

Lemma: 3.3.2 If  $\phi$  is a homomorphism of  $R$  into  $R'$  with Kernel

$I(\phi)$ , then 1.  $I(\phi)$  is a subgroup of  $R$  under addition.

2. If  $a \in I(\phi)$  and  $r \in R$ , then both  $ar$  and  $ra$  are

in  $I(\phi)$ .

Proof: (i) Given,  $\phi$  is a homomorphism of  $R$  into  $R'$

$I(\phi)$  is a kernel of  $\phi$ .

To prove,  $I(\phi)$  is subgroup of  $R$ .

Let  $I(\phi) = \{x \in R \mid \phi(x) = \bar{0}\}$  where  $\bar{0}$  is identity

element of  $R'$

We have to claim,  $I(\phi)$  is non empty.

Since we have  $\phi(0) = \bar{0}$

We get  $0 \in I(\phi)$ .

Hence  $I(\phi)$  is non empty.

We have to claim:  $I(\phi)$  is a subgroup of  $R$

Let  $x, y \in I(\phi)$

$\phi(x) = 0$   
where  $\bar{0}$  is



$$\phi(x) = \bar{0}, \quad \phi(y) = \bar{0}$$

Where  $\bar{0}$  is identity element of  $R'$

$$\begin{aligned}\phi(x+y) &= \phi(x) + \phi(y) \\ &= \bar{0} + \bar{0} \\ &= \bar{0} \quad [\phi \text{ is a homomorphism}]\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\phi(x+y) &= \bar{0} \\ x+y &\in I(\phi)\end{aligned}$$

We know that,  $\phi(-x) = -\phi(x)$ .

$$\text{if } x \in I(\phi) \quad \phi(x) = \bar{0}$$

$$\phi(-x) = -(\bar{0}) = \bar{0}, \quad x^{-1} \in I(\phi)$$

We know that,

A non empty subset  $H$  of the group  $G$  is a subgroup of  $G$ , if and only if

$$(i) \quad a, b \in H \Rightarrow ab \in H$$

$$(ii) \quad a \in H \Rightarrow a^{-1} \in H$$

$\therefore I(\phi)$  is a subgroup of  $R$ .

$$(ii) \quad a \in I(\phi), \tau \in R.$$

$$\text{then } \phi(a) = 0.$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{So that, } \phi(a\tau) &= \phi(a) \cdot \phi(\tau) \\ &= 0 \cdot \phi(\tau)\end{aligned}$$

$$\phi(a\tau) = 0.$$

$$\phi(a\tau) = \phi(\tau a) = 0.$$

$$\therefore a\tau, \tau a \in I(\phi)$$

$$\left[ \{I(\phi) = \{a \in R / \phi(a) = 0\}\} \right]$$



Example: 3.3.1

Let  $R$  and  $R'$  be two arbitrary rings and define  $\phi(a) = 0$  for all  $a \in R$ . Trivially  $\phi$  is a homomorphism, and  $I(\phi) = R$ ,  $\phi$  is called the Zero-homomorphism.

Example: 3.3.2 Let  $R$  be a ring  $R' = R$  and define  $\phi(x) = x$  for every  $x \in R$ . Clearly  $\phi$  is a homomorphism and  $I(\phi)$  consists only of  $0$ .