

## Zero Divisors:-

Ring  $(R, +, \cdot)$  is CR

Let  $(R, +, \cdot)$  is commutative ring. A non zero element  $a \in R$  is said to be zero divisor if  $\exists$  non zero element  $b \in R$  s.t.

$$a \cdot b = 0,$$

the ring  $(R, +, \cdot)$  has zero divisors.

$$\boxed{a \neq 0, b \neq 0, \Rightarrow ab = 0}$$

Ex (1)  $\mathbb{Z}_8$  has zero divisor.

$$1 \neq 0, 1 \in \mathbb{Z}_8, 2 \neq 0, 2 \in \mathbb{Z}_8$$

$$(1 \neq 0, 2 \neq 0) \quad 1, 2 \in \mathbb{Z}_8 \Rightarrow 1 \times 2 = 2 \pmod{8} \neq 0$$

$\therefore \mathbb{Z}_8$  has zero divisors.

Ex (2)  $\boxed{R = \mathbb{Q} \times \mathbb{Q}[i]}$  has zero divisors

think like this  $\begin{cases} x = (1, 0) \neq 0 & x \in \mathbb{Q} \times \mathbb{Q}[i] \\ y = (0, 1) \neq 0 & y \in \mathbb{Q} \times \mathbb{Q}[i] \\ x \cdot y = (1, 0)(0, 1) = (0, 0) \end{cases}$

$\therefore \mathbb{Q} \times \mathbb{Q}[i]$  has zero divisors.

Q  $R = \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{Q}$  also has zero divisors.

$$\text{take } \begin{cases} (1, 0, 0) \in R \\ (0, 1, 0) \in R \\ (0, 0, 1) \in R \end{cases} \quad \text{but } (1, 0, 0)(0, 1, 0) = 0$$

so  $\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{Q}$  has zero divisors.

(note)

$\boxed{\text{If } n=p \text{ then } \mathbb{Z}_p \text{ has no zero divisors}}$

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$\boxed{\mathbb{Z}/\mathbb{Z}[i] / \mathbb{Q} / \mathbb{Q}[i] / \mathbb{R} / \mathbb{C} / \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}) / \mathbb{Z}(\sqrt{2}) / \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})(\sqrt{3}) / \mathbb{Q}(w) \text{ has no zero divisors.}}$

e.g.  $\mathbb{Z}_5, \mathbb{Z}_7, \mathbb{Z}_{11}$  has no zero divisors.

Q  $(\mathbb{Z}_5[i], +, \cdot)$  has zero divisors?

$$\mathbb{Z}_5[i] = \{a+ib \mid a, b \in \mathbb{Z}_5\}$$

$$2+i \neq 0, 2+i \in \mathbb{Z}_5(i)$$

$$2+4i \neq 0, 2+4i \in \mathbb{Z}_5(i)$$

$$(2+i)(2+4i) = 4+2i+8i-4 = 10i \pmod{5} = 0$$

$\therefore \mathbb{Z}_5[i]$  has zero divisors.

note TRICK If  $4 \nmid p-3$  then  $\mathbb{Z}_p[i]$  has no zero divisors

•  $\mathbb{Z}_n[i]$  has ~~no~~ zero-divisors when  $n \neq p$

•  $n=p$   $\begin{cases} 4 \nmid p-3 \rightarrow \text{no zero divisors} \\ 4 \mid p-3 \rightarrow \text{zero divisors} \end{cases}$

e.g.  $\mathbb{Z}_{13}[i]$  has zero divisors.

$\because n=13=p, 4 \nmid p-3? 4 \nmid 10$

$\Rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_{13}[i]$  has zero divisors.

Units

Let  $(R, +, \cdot)$  is ring. An element  $a \in R$  is said to be unit of  $R$  if  $\exists$  element  $b \in R$  s.t.  $a \cdot b = \text{unity in } R$

Set of all units of  $R$  is denoted by  $U(R)$  and defined by  $U(R) = \{a \in R; \exists a^{-1} \text{ exist in } R \text{ w.r.t multiplication}\}$

e.g.

$$U(\mathbb{Z}) = \{1, -1\}$$

$$U(\mathbb{R}) = \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$$

★ Let  $R$  be a finite non-zero commutative ring with unity then any non zero element of  $R$  is either zero divisor or unit element of  $R$ .



note If  $R$  is <sup>(not)</sup> finite commutative ring with unity then about result need not be true.

Counter  $\mathbb{R} = \mathbb{Z}$

e.g.  $2 \in \mathbb{Z}$ , 2 is not zero divisor.

2 is not unit element

it happens because  $\mathbb{R} = \mathbb{Z}$  is not finite CRU

note

There exist ring  $R$  s.t.  $R$  has neither zero divisor nor unit element in  $R$ .

EX:  $R = 2\mathbb{Z}$  is CR,  $2\mathbb{Z} = \{0, \pm 2, \pm 4, \pm 6, \dots\}$   
 $R$  has no zero divisor, and no unit.

L-02 - INTEGRAL DOMAIN

ID  $\Rightarrow$  CRU

INTEGRAL DOMAIN

A commutative ring with unity (CRU) is said to be integral domain if it has no zero-divisor.

i.e.  $a \neq 0, b \neq 0, a, b \in R \Rightarrow ab \neq 0$

In integral domain, product of two non zero elements is never zero. if product is zero then either of the element is zero.

if  $ab = 0 \Rightarrow$  either  $a = 0$  or  $b = 0$

- EX:  $\mathbb{Z}$   
 $\mathbb{Q}$   
 $\mathbb{C}$   
 $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})$   
 $\mathbb{Q}[i]$   
 $\mathbb{Z}[i]$  etc

here if  $a \cdot b = 0 \Rightarrow a = 0$  or  $b = 0$

$\rightarrow$  all are ID  
 all are CRU

Q  $\mathbb{Z}_6$  is integral domain?  $\rightarrow$  NO

$9 \times 2 = 0$  but neither  $9 = 0$  nor  $2 = 0$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_6$   
 so  $\mathbb{Z}_6$  is not an integral domain.

Ex ③  $R = \mathbb{Z}_3[i]$  is an integral domain? yes

$$\mathbb{Z}_3[i] = \{a+ib; a, b \in \mathbb{Z}_3\}$$

$\therefore \mathbb{Z}_3[i] \rightarrow \text{CRU}$  and  $ab=0 \Rightarrow a=0 \text{ or } b=0$

$\Rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_3[i]$  is an integral domain.

My work: let  $a_1+ib_1 \neq 0, a_2+ib_2 \neq 0$   
then T.S.T.  $(a_1+ib_1)(a_2+ib_2) \neq 0$

by Result  
 $n=3 = \text{prime}$   
 $4 \nmid p-3$  so no zero divisors  
 $\Rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_3[i]$  is integral domain.

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$\mathbb{Q} \times \{0\}$

← good counter  
can be thought in  
situations.

Ques Show that  $\mathbb{Q} \times \{0\}$  is an integral domain.

Soln  $\mathbb{Q} \times \{0\} = \{(a, 0); a \in \mathbb{Q}\}$

$\mathbb{Q} \times \{0\} \rightarrow \text{ID}$   
 $\downarrow$   
 $\text{CRU}$

Let  $x = (a, 0) \in \mathbb{Q} \times \{0\}$   
 $y = (b, 0) \in \mathbb{Q} \times \{0\}$

Let  $xy = 0$ , T.S.T.  $x=0$  or  $y=0$

total  $xy = 0$

$\Rightarrow (a, 0)(b, 0) = 0 \Rightarrow (ab, 0) = 0 \Rightarrow ab = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow a=0 \text{ or } b=0$

$\therefore (a, 0) = 0 \text{ or } (b, 0) = 0$

$\Rightarrow x = 0 \text{ or } y = 0$

$\mathbb{Q} \times \{0\}$  is integral domain.

smly

- $\mathbb{R} \times \{0\}$
- $\mathbb{C} \times \{0\}$
- $\mathbb{Z} \times \{0\}$
- $\mathbb{Z}[i] \times \{0\}$
- $\mathbb{Z} \times \{0\} \times \{0\}$

are integral domain  $\Rightarrow$  CRU also

note

If  $(R_1, R_2)$  both integral domain then  $R_1 \times R_2$   
 never be integral domain

$R_1 = \mathbb{R} = \text{ID} \Rightarrow R_1 \times R_2 \text{ not ID}$