

Some Examples Related to Subring →

Prove that the set of Matrices $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & c \end{bmatrix}$ is a Subring of the ring of 2×2 Matrices with integral domain.

Solution → Let R be the set of 2×2 Matrices with integral domain elements.

and R is a ring

Let S be the set of Matrices of type $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & c \end{bmatrix}$, where a, b, c are integers.

∴ S is a subset of R .

As $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \in S$ therefore $S \neq \emptyset$

Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & b_1 \\ 0 & c_1 \end{bmatrix}$ and $B = \begin{bmatrix} a_2 & b_2 \\ 0 & c_2 \end{bmatrix}$ be any two elements of M

$$A - B = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 - a_2 & b_1 - b_2 \\ 0 & c_1 - c_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{and } A \cdot B = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & b_1 \\ 0 & c_1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_2 & b_2 \\ 0 & c_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 a_2 & a_1 b_2 + b_1 c_2 \\ 0 & c_1 c_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Since the elements of $A - B$ and $A \cdot B$ are integers

So $A - B \in S$ and $A \cdot B \in S$

thus we have $A, B \in S \implies A - B \in S$ and $A \cdot B \in S$

Hence S is a subring of R .

Q If R is the ring of integers and S is a subset of R such that
$$S = \{ \dots, -3k, -2k, -k, 0, k, 2k, 3k, \dots \}$$
where k is a fixed integer, then show that S is a subring of R .

Solution \rightarrow As $0 \in S$ therefore $S \neq \emptyset$

Let $x = ak$ and $y = bk$ where $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$

$\therefore x - y = (a - b)k \in S$ as $a - b \in \mathbb{Z}$

and $x \cdot y = abk^2 = (abk)k \in S$ as $abk \in \mathbb{Z}$

thus if $x, y \in S \Rightarrow x - y \in S$ and $x \cdot y \in S$

Hence S is a subring of R .

Q Prove that the set of integers is a subring of ring of rational numbers.

Solution \rightarrow Let \mathbb{Z} be the set of integers and \mathbb{Q} be the ring of rationals.

$\therefore \mathbb{Z}$ is a subset of \mathbb{Q} .

$0 \in \mathbb{Z} \Rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \neq \emptyset$

Let a, b be any two elements of \mathbb{Z} .

$\therefore a - b \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $ab \in \mathbb{Z}$

Hence \mathbb{Z} is a subring of \mathbb{Q} .

Ideals \rightarrow

(1) Right ideal \rightarrow A non-Empty Subset S of a ring R is called a right ideal of R if
(i) S is a Subgroup of R with respect to addition
(ii) $s r \in S$ for all $s \in S$ and $r \in R$

(2) left ideal \rightarrow A non-Empty Subset S of a ring R is called a left ideal of R if
(i) S is a Subgroup of R with respect to addition
(ii) $r s \in S$ for all $s \in S$ and $r \in R$

(3) Ideal \rightarrow A non-Empty Subset S of a ring R is called an ideal of R if
(i) S is a Subgroup of R with respect to addition
(ii) $s \in S$ and $r \in R \Rightarrow sr \in S$ and $rs \in S$

OR

A non-Empty Subset S of a ring R is called an ideal of R if

(i) $a, b \in S \Rightarrow a - b \in S$

(ii) $a \in S$ and $r \in R \Rightarrow ar \in S$ and $ra \in S$

Note 1

1.) S is called a two sided or both sided ideal of R if it is both right and left ideal. In fact, if we say S is an ideal of R , it would mean, S is both sided ideal of R .

2.) In a commutative ring, every right ideal or left ideal is two sided.

3.) An ideal S of a ring R is a subring of R . But every subring of R is not an ideal. This is because of the stronger closure property for an ideal than the subring.

For a subring, the condition is that for all $r, s \in S \Rightarrow rs \in S$ whereas ideal requires a stronger condition i.e. for all $r \in R$, for all $s \in S \Rightarrow$
 $rs \in S$ and $sr \in S$

4.) In every ring R , the ideal $\{0\}$ and R are called trivial or improper ideals. Any ideal except these two is called a non-trivial ideal or a proper ideal.