

Algebra I Lecture 14: Ring homomorphisms / quotients.

Def: R, S rings:

A ring hom is a $f \circ \varphi: R \rightarrow S$ s.t.

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

$$\varphi(ab) = \varphi(a) \cdot \varphi(b).$$

(respects both $+$ and \cdot).

$$\ker(\varphi) = \{r \in R \mid \varphi(r) = 0\}$$

(i.e., $\ker(\varphi) = \ker(\varphi)$ as a hom of additive grps).

A ring isomorphism is a bijective ring hom. (respects set structure too...)

Lemma: $\varphi: R \rightarrow S$ hom.

1). $\text{im}(\varphi)$ is a subring of S

2). $\ker(\varphi)$ is a subring of R
(show closed under $-, \cdot$).

Pf: 1). $\exists s_1, s_2 \in \text{im}(\varphi)$, say $s_i = \varphi(r_i)$.

Then $\varphi(r_1 - r_2) = s_1 - s_2 \in \text{im}(\varphi)$
 $\varphi(r_1 \cdot r_2) = s_1 \cdot s_2 \in \text{im}(\varphi) \Rightarrow \text{im}(\varphi)$ closed under $-, \cdot$ ✓

2). If $\varphi(r_1) = \varphi(r_2) = 0$, then

$$\varphi(r_1 + r_2) =$$

$$\varphi(r_1 - r_2) = 0 - 0 = 0$$

$$\varphi(r_1 \cdot r_2) = 0 \cdot 0 = 0$$

$\Rightarrow \ker(\varphi)$ closed under $-, \cdot$ ✓

Extra structure:

Moreover, if $a \in \ker(\varphi)$, and $r \in R$, then
(1) $ar, ra \in \ker(\varphi)$ too!

$$\left(\begin{aligned} \text{as } \psi(r \cdot 0) &= r \cdot 0 = 0 \\ \psi(0 \cdot r) &= 0 \cdot r = 0 \end{aligned} \right).$$

Subrings with this added structure are called ideals.

Defⁿ: A left ideal of R is a subring $I \subseteq R$ which is closed under left mult^s by elts. of R :
 $\forall r \in R, \forall i \in I, ri \in I$.

An (two-sided ideal) is a subring closed under mult^s by elts of R on the ~~left~~ left and right.

Quotient ring:

If I is an ideal of R ,
 define equivalence classes $a \sim b$
 $a \sim b \Leftrightarrow a - b \in I$.

Classes: $r + I$.

Then the set of classes is R/I .

Prop: R/I is a ring under

$$(a+I) + (b+I) = (a+b) + I$$

$$(a+I) \cdot (b+I) = (a \cdot b) + I$$

Pf: Main pt. (as with ~~grp~~ quotient ~~grp~~, we well-definedness).

If. $x_1 + I = x_2 + I,$

$y_1 + I = y_2 + I$

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Then $x_1 - x_2 \in I$ (these are cosets in $(R, +)$)
 $y_1 - y_2 \in I$.

\Rightarrow
 (I is an ideal)
 $(x_1 - x_2)y_1 \in I$
 $x_2(y_1 - y_2) \in I$

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

$(I, +)$ is a gp $\Rightarrow x_1 y_1 - x_2 y_2 \in I$

$\Rightarrow (x_1, y_1) + I = (x_2, y_2) + I$

Addition: $x \notin I$ Under the same hypotheses, $(x_1 + I = x_2 + I$
 $x_2 y_1 + I = y_0 + I)$

want $(x_1 + y_1) + I = (x_2 + y_2) + I$

well-defined if $(R/I, +) \cong (R, +)$

as we saw before

This is true as $(R, +)$ is abelian for any ring.

Ring properties of R/I :

As $(R/I, +) \cong (R, +)$

$(R/I, +)$ is a gp. by gp. theory

Closure under \cdot is clear.

Associativity ~~under~~ \cdot :

$(x + I)((y + I)(z + I))$
 $= (x + I)(yz + I) = xyz + I$

$= (xy + I)(z + I) = ((x + I)(y + I))(z + I)$

Distributive prop: $(x + I)(y + I) + (z + I) = (x + I)(y + I + z + I)$
 $= (x + I)(y + z + I) = (x + I)(y + z) + I = x(y + z) + I = xy + xz + I = (xy + I) + (xz + I)$

As expected, the rest follow "for free" from some props of R .

Converse: R/I ring $\Rightarrow I$ an ideal: Exercise.

Natural map:

$$\pi: R \rightarrow R/I$$

$$r \mapsto r+I$$

Clearly surjective.

ring hom: $r \cdot s \mapsto rs+I = (r+I)(s+I)$

$r+s \mapsto (r+s)+I = (r+I)+(s+I)$

by above def \Rightarrow R/I ring.

$\ker(\pi) = \{ r \in R \mid r+I = I \}$

$= I$.

} Pause.

Thus, (as expected) I is an ideal \Leftrightarrow it is the kernel of a ring hom.

1st Iso. Thm:

If $\psi: R \rightarrow S$ ring hom, then

$$R/\ker(\psi) \cong \text{im}(\psi)$$

Pf: Map: $\psi: R/\ker(\psi) \rightarrow \text{im}(\psi)$

$r+\ker(\psi) \mapsto \psi(r)$.

well-defined: If $r+\ker(\psi) = r'+\ker(\psi)$,

then $r-r' \in \ker(\psi)$

$$\Rightarrow \psi(r-r') = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \psi(r) = \psi(r')$$

hom:

$$\psi(r_1+I + r_2+I) = \psi(r_1+r_2+I) = \psi(r_1+r_2) = \psi(r_1) + \psi(r_2)$$

$$\psi(r_1 \cdot r_2 + I) = \psi(r_1 \cdot r_2 + I) = \psi(r_1 \cdot r_2)$$

$$= \psi(r_1) \cdot \psi(r_2) = \psi(r_1+I) \cdot \psi(r_2+I)$$

Isomorphism:

surjective is clear:

$$\varphi(r) \longleftarrow r + I.$$

injective:

$$\forall (r \notin I) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \varphi(r) = 0 \Leftrightarrow r \in I \\ \Leftrightarrow r + I = I = \overset{id.}{0} \text{ in } R/I$$

(Could also save a few steps using $1 \notin I$)

th^{is} for ggs. ...
but easy enough).

Examples:

- $\{0\}, \{0, 1\}$ are always ideals.
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 trivial ideal

A proper ideal is one which $\neq R$.

- Ideals of \mathbb{Z} : $\{n \in \mathbb{Z} \mid n \geq 0\}$. (Pause).

$$\pi: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{natural projection.} \\ \text{(reduction mod } n) \end{array}$$

- If I is an ideal containing a unit^u, then

$$uv = 1 \text{ for some } v.$$

$$\Rightarrow uv = 1 \in I$$

$$\Rightarrow r \cdot 1 = r \in I \quad \forall r \in I.$$

In particular, in a field, F ,

the only ideals are $\{0\}, F$.

This means that every ring hom

non-trivial ring hom $\varphi: F \rightarrow S$ is injective.

(then = nothing or all)

$R \xrightarrow{\text{eval}_a} R[x] \xrightarrow{\text{eval}_a} R$
 $f \mapsto f(a)$ is surjective
 with kernel

$$I_a = \{f \in R[x] \mid f(a) = 0\}$$

Thus, $R[x]/I \cong R$.

Ex: R comm. ring, $0 \neq 1$.

$G = \{g_1, \dots, g_n\}$ finite gp. under.

Group ring: $RG = \{a_1 g_1 + \dots + a_n g_n \mid a_1, \dots, a_n \in R\}$.
 (\mathcal{L} of G with coeffs. in R). formal sums.

Addition: $(a_1 g_1 + \dots + a_n g_n) + (b_1 g_1 + \dots + b_n g_n)$
 $= (a_1 + b_1) g_1 + \dots + (a_n + b_n) g_n$

Multiplication; use: $(a g_i)(b g_j) = (ab)(g_i g_j)$
extend linearly.

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$RG \xrightarrow{\pi} R$

$\sum a_i g_i \mapsto \sum a_i$ augmentation hom.

ker = augmentation ideal = $\{ \sum a_i g_i \mid \sum a_i = 0 \}$

$RG / \text{ker}(\pi) \cong R$.

Ex of one-sided ideal: in non-comm. ring. $M_n(R)$.

$L = \{ A = (a_{ij}) \in M_n(R) \mid a_{ij} = 0 \text{ if } j \neq 1 \}$.

$\forall B \in M_n(R)$, $A \in L$, then $BA \stackrel{\mathcal{L}}{=} 0$.

However, may not have $AB \stackrel{\mathcal{L}}{=} 0$.

R comm. ring
 $0 \neq 1$
 $n \geq 2$.

ex: $n=2$: $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} * & 0 \\ * & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} * & 0 \\ * & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$\begin{pmatrix} * & 0 \\ * & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} * & * \\ * & * \end{pmatrix}$

So L is a Left ideal not a right ideal.

To Prove.

ex: $x^2 + 1 = 5z^2$ has no non-zero integer solutions.

pf: Look at $\mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}$. (natural reduction map).
 Look at primitive solutions (no common factor)
 \square 's are $0, 1 \pmod{4}$.

$0, 1 + 0, 1 \equiv 0, 3 \pmod{4} \Rightarrow$ ~~$0, 0, 0$~~
 \Rightarrow all $0 \pmod{4}$

Contradicts primitive!
 (infinite descent!)

2nd Isomthm (rings): $A \subseteq B$ subring, B ideal.

Then $A+B$ is a subring, $A \cap B$ is an ideal, and

$(A+B)/B \cong A/(A \cap B)$.

3rd isomthm: I, J ideals with $I \subseteq J$.

Then J/I is an ideal of R/I , and

$(R/I)/(J/I) \cong R/J$.

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4th isomthm: I ideal of R . There are one-to-one correspondences

$\{\text{subrings of } R/I\} \longleftrightarrow \{\text{subrings } S \text{ of } R \text{ containing } I\}$

$\{\text{ideals of } R/I\} \longleftrightarrow \{\text{ideals of } R \text{ containing } I\}$

given by $A \rightarrow \bar{A} = A/I$
 $\pi^{-1}(\bar{A}) \leftarrow \bar{A}$

To prove these, use the 3rd thm for gps.

and then check multiplicative
 to here (E-2.).

Defn: I, J ideals of R .

1). $I+J = \{a+b \mid a \in I, b \in J\} =$ smallest ideal containing both I and J .

2). $IJ = \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^k a_i b_i \mid a_i \in I, b_i \in J \right\} =$ smallest ideal containing $\{ab \mid a \in I, b \in J\}$.

3). $I^n = \{$ all finite sums of elts of the form $a_1 \cdots a_n$, with $a_i \in I \forall i \}$

"ideal generated by"