

# **ABSTRACT ALGEBRA**

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## **Unit V**

Important questions

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IMPORTANT QUESTIONS.

① Define.

(i) Maximal Ideal.

IS a maximal ideal in  $\mathbb{Z}$ .Let  $U$  be an ideal properly contain. $U$  contains an odd integer say,  $2n+1$ 

$$1 = (2n+1) - 2n \in U$$

$$U = \mathbb{Z}$$

Thus there is no proper ideal of  $\mathbb{Z}$  properly containing it is a Maximal ideal of  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

(ii) Prime Ideal.

Let  $p$  be any prime. The  $(p)$  isMaximal ideal in  $\mathbb{Z}$ .Let  $U$  be any ideal of  $\mathbb{Z}$  s.t.  $(p) \subseteq U$ Every ideal of  $\mathbb{Z}$  is a principal ideal

$$U = (n), \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$(p) \subseteq (n) \subseteq U \Rightarrow p \in U = (n)$$

$$p = nm \text{ for some integer } m$$

 $p$  is prime either  $n=1$  or  $n=p$ 

$$n=1 \quad \text{Then } U = \mathbb{Z}$$

$$n=p \quad \text{" } U = (p).$$

## (ii) Unique factorization domain.

Let  $R$  be commutative ring.  
Let  $a, b \in R$  and  $a \neq 0$ . We say that  $a$  divides  $b$  and write  $a|b$  if there exist an element  $c \in R$  such that  $b = ac$ . If  $a|b$  we say that  $a$  is a divisor or a factor of  $b$ .

### Example :-

In  $\mathbb{Z}$ ,  $2|6$  since  $6 = 2 \times 3$ . However in  $\mathbb{Z}$ ,  $2$  does not divide  $5$  since there is no element  $c \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $5 = 2c$ .

## (iv) Euclidean domain.

Let  $R$  be a commutative ring with zero-divisors.  $R$  is called an Euclidean domain if for every non-zero element is defined a non-negative integer  $d(a)$ .

### Example :-

For any two non-zero elements  $a, b \in R$ , there exist  $q, r \in R$  such that  $a = qb + r$  either  $r = 0$  or  $d(r) < d(b)$ .

## (V) Quotient Rings.

Let  $R$  be a ring. Let  $(I, +)$  be subgroup of  $(R, +)$ . Since addition is commutative in  $R$ ,  $I$  is a normal subgroup of  $(R, +)$ .

$R/I = (I + a/a \in R)$  is a group under the operation  $(I + a) + (I + b) = I + (a + b)$ .

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

⊙ Let  $R$  be a commutative ring with identity.

An ideal  $M$  of  $R$  is maximal iff  $R/M$  is a field.

Prf:

Let  $M$  be a maximal ideal in  $R$ .

Since  $R$  is a commutative ring with identity

$M \neq R$ ,  $R/M$  is also a commutative ring with identity.

Let  $M + a$  be a non-zero element in  $R/M$  so that  $a \notin M$ .

$M + a$  has a multiplicative inverse in  $R/M$ .

Let  $U = \{ra + m/r \in R \text{ and } m \in M\}$

$$(r_1, a + m_1) - (r_2, a + m_2) = (r_1 - r_2, a + (m_1 - m_2)) \in U$$

$$r(r_1, a + m_1) = (r r_1, a + r m_1) \in U.$$

$U$  is an ideal of  $R$

Let  $m \in M$ . Then  $m = 0a + m \in U$

$$\therefore M \subseteq U$$

$$a = 1a + 0 \in U \text{ and } a \notin M$$

$$M \neq U$$

$U$  is an ideal of  $R$  properly containing  $M$

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

$$U = R. \text{ Hence } 1 \in U$$

$$1 = ba + m \text{ for some } b \in R.$$

$$M + 1 = M + ba + m = M + ba$$

$$= (M + b)(M + a)$$

$M + b$  is the inverse of  $M + a$ .

$R/M$  is a field.

Let  $U$  be any ideal of  $R$  properly containing  $M$ .

There exist an element  $a \in U$  such that  $a \notin M$

$\therefore M + a$  is a non-zero element of  $R/M$

Since  $R/M$  is a field  $M + a$  has an inverse

$M + b$ .

$$\therefore (M + a)(M + b) = M + 1$$

$$M + ab = M + 1$$

$$1 - ab \in M$$

$$1 = (1-ab) + ab \in U$$

$$1 \in U$$

$U = R$ . Thus there is no proper ideal of  $R$  properly containing  $M$ .  $M$  is a maximal ideal in  $R$ .

③ Let  $R$  be any commutative ring with identity. Let  $P$  be an ideal of  $R$ . Then  $P$  is a prime ideal  $\Leftrightarrow R/P$  is an integral domain.

Prf:

Let  $P$  be a prime ideal

$R$  is commutative ring with identity  $R/P$  is commutative ring with identity

$$(P+a)(P+b) = P+0$$

$$\Rightarrow P+ab = P$$

$$\Rightarrow ab \in P$$

$$\Rightarrow a \in P \text{ or } b \in P$$

$$\Rightarrow P+a = P \text{ or } P+b = P$$

$R/P$  has no zero divisors

$\therefore R/P$  is integral domain

$P$  is a prime ideal of  $R$

Let  $ab \in P$ . Then  $P+ab = P$

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

$$\therefore P+a = P \text{ or } P+b = P$$

$$\therefore a \in P \text{ or } b \in P$$

$\therefore P$  is a prime ideal of  $R$ .

### (4) Fundamental theorem of Homomorphism.

Let  $f: G \rightarrow G'$  be an epimorphism

Let  $K$  be the kernel of  $f$ .  $G/K \cong G'$ .

Part:

Define  $\phi: G/K \rightarrow G'$  by  $\phi(ka) = f(a)$ .

Step (i).  $\phi$  is well defined.

Let  $kb = ka$ . Then  $b \in ka$ .

Hence  $b = ka$  where  $k \in K$ .

$$f(b) = f(ka) = f(k)f(a) = e'f(a) = f(a)$$

$$\therefore \phi(kb) = f(b) = f(a) = \phi(ka)$$

$$\text{Hence } \phi(ka) = \phi(kb).$$

Step (ii)  $\phi$  is 1-1

$$\phi(ka) = \phi(kb) \Rightarrow f(a) = f(b)$$

$$\Rightarrow f(a)[f(b)]^{-1} = e'$$

$$\Rightarrow f(ab^{-1}) = e'$$

$$\Rightarrow ab^{-1} \in K$$

$$\Rightarrow a \in kb$$

$$\Rightarrow ka = kb$$

Step (iii)  $\phi$  is onto

Let  $a' \in G_1$

$f$  is onto, there exists  $a \in G$  s.t.

$$f(a) = a'$$

$$\text{Hence } \phi(ka) = f(a) = a'$$

Step (iv)  $\phi$  is homomorphism

$$\phi(ka kb) = \phi(kab) = f(ab) = f(a) f(b)$$

$$= \phi(ka) \phi(kb)$$

$\phi$  is an isomorphism from  $G/k$

onto  $G_1$

$$\therefore G/k \cong G_1$$

⑤ Any Euclidean domain  $R$  is a U.F.D

Prf:

First we shall p.t any element  $a$  in  $R$  is either a unit or can be expressed as the product of a finite number of prime element of  $R$ .

induction on  $d(a)$

If  $d(a) = d(1)$  then  $a$  is a unit in  $R$ .

assertion is true.



Assume that, the resultant is true for all  $x \in R$ .  
 s.t.  $d(x) < d(a)$ , and prove that the result is true  
 for  $a$ .

If  $a$  is prime there is nothing to prove.

If not,  $a = bc$  where neither  $b$  or  $c$  is a unit in  $R$ .

$$\therefore d(b) < d(a) \text{ \& } d(c) < d(a)$$

The product of a finite of prime elements.

Let  $a = p_1 p_2 \dots p_r = q_1 q_2 \dots q_s$  where  $p_i$ 's &  
 $q_i$ 's are prime elements of  $R$ .

$$\therefore p_i \mid q_1 q_2 \dots q_s.$$

$p_i \mid q_i$  for some  $i$ . assume that  $p_i \mid q_1$ .

Since  $p_i$  &  $q_1$  are both prime elements of  $R$ ,  
 $p_i \approx q_1$ .

$$\therefore q_1 = u_1 p_i \text{ where } u_1 \text{ is a unit in } R.$$

$$\therefore p_1 p_2 \dots p_r = u_1 q_2 q_3 \dots q_s$$

If  $r < s$ .  $r$  times the left side becomes 1  
 and the right side contains a impossible.

$$r \geq s.$$

$$s \geq r \text{ and hence } r = s.$$

$p_i$  is an associate of some  $q_i$ . Hence them

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