

Chapter three

Ideals

:Definition :3-1

Anon-empty subset I of a ring $(R, +, \cdot)$ is called an ideal of R

$a, b \in I$ implies $a - b \in I \forall$ ①

$\forall a \in I$ and $r \in R$ imply $a \cdot r \in I$ and $r \cdot a \in I$ ②

:Definition :3-1

Anon-empty subset I of a ring $(R, +, \cdot)$ is called a right (left) ideal if

$\forall a, b \in I$ implies $a - b \in I$ ①

$\forall a \in I$ and $r \in R$ imply $a \cdot r \in I$ ($r \cdot a \in I$) ②

; Clearly

a right ideal or left ideal is a subring of R and

. every ideal is both right and left, so an ideal

.is sometimes called a two-sided ideal

Trivially, in a commutative ring every right ideal or left ideal is two-sided. In every ring R

and R are ideals called trivial ideals (0)

:Examples: 3-3 .

is ideal in a ring $(\mathbb{Z}, +, \cdot)$ $(3, +, \cdot)$ $(12, +, \cdot)$ (3) (12) (3) (12) So it's a subring

In general $(a) = \{ na : n \in \mathbb{Z} \}$. $(a, +, \cdot)$ is an ideal in a ring $(\mathbb{Z}, +, \cdot)$

Because $na - ma = (n - m)a \in (a)$ and in $(ma) = (mn)a \in (a)$ where $n, m \in \mathbb{Z}$

for example $(2) = \mathbb{Z}e$ i.e. $(2, +, \cdot)$ or $(\mathbb{Z}e, +, \cdot)$ is an ideal of $(\mathbb{Z}, +, \cdot)$

let $(R, +, \cdot)$ be a ring and $I = \{ f \in R : f(I) = 0 \}$ $(f - g)(I) = f(I) - g(I) = 0 - 0 = 0 \forall h \in R, f, g \in I$

$h(I) \cdot f(I) = h(I) \cdot 0 = 0 = (I)(h \cdot f)$

Thus $(I, +, \cdot)$ is an ideal of a ring $(R, +, \cdot)$

Definition: A ring $(R, +, \cdot)$ is called a simple ring if it has no proper ideal of it

(or it has only the trivial ideals)