

Ex  $\rightarrow$  How many errors can be corrected by  $(3,4)$  parity check code?

Sol<sup>n</sup>  $\rightarrow$  Since the distance between any two code words in  $(3,4)$  parity check code is two, so according to the minimum distance decoding criterion, it can correct zero errors, i.e. it can't correct any errors.

Group codes  $\rightarrow$

A class of block codes is known as group codes.

A subset  $G$  of  $A$  is called a group code if  $(G, \oplus)$  is a subgroup of  $(A, \oplus)$ , where  $A$  is the set of binary sequences of length  $n$ .

Now let us see how the distance of  $G$  is equal to the minimum weight of the nonzero words in  $G$ .

This result makes it much easier to compute the distance ~~of~~ of a group code since it is no longer necessary to compute the distance between every pair of distinct words in  $G$  exhaustively.

Suppose  $x$  is a non-zero word in  $G$ .

Since  $w(x) = d(x, 0)$

& since  $0$  is in  $G$ , we have

$$w(x) \geq \min_{y, z \in G} [d(y, z)] \quad (1)$$

On the other hand for any  $y, z \in G$

$$\text{since } d(y, z) = w(y \oplus z)$$

& since  $(y \oplus z) \in G$

we have

$$d(y, z) \geq \min_{\substack{x \in G \\ x \neq 0}} [w(x)] \quad (2)$$

From (1) we obtain

$$\min_{\substack{x \in G \\ x \neq 0}} [w(x)] \geq \min_{y, z \in G} [d(y, z)] \quad (3)$$

From (2) we obtain

$$\min_{y, z \in G} [d(y, z)] \geq \min_{\substack{x \in G \\ x \neq 0}} [w(x)] \quad (4)$$

Combining (3) & (4) we obtain

$$\min_{\substack{x \in G \\ x \neq 0}} [w(x)] = \min_{y, z \in G} [d(y, z)]$$

~~let  $G$~~

Let  $(G, \oplus)$  be a group code.

Let  $y$  be a received word.

Since  $d(x_i, y) = w(x_i \oplus y)$ ,  
the weights of the words in the coset  
 $G \oplus y$  are the distances between the  
codewords in  $G$  &  $y$ .

Let  $e$  denote the word of smallest  
weight in  $G \oplus y$ .

Let  $e = x_j \oplus y$  where  $x_j \in G$ .

According to minimum distance decoding  
criterion,  $e \oplus y = x_j$  is the transmitted  
codeword.

Since this argument is valid for all  $y$   
in the coset  $G \oplus y$ , our decoding  
procedure can be stated as:

- (1) Determine all cosets of  $G$ .
- (2) For each coset, pick the word  
of the smallest weight, which we shall  
refer to as the leader of the coset.
- (3) For a received word  $y$ ,  
 $e \oplus y$  is the transmitted word, where  
 $e$  is the leader of the coset containing  
 $y$ .

Ex<sup>n</sup> let code  $C = \{ 1100110, 0011010, 0001001 \}$ .

Find the error correction & error detection capabilities of the code  $C$ .

Sol<sup>n</sup> Since  $d_{\min}(C) = 3$ ,

we have  $t+1 = 3 \Rightarrow t=2$ .

Hence  $C$  can ~~correct~~ detect upto two errors.

And according to minimum distance decoding criterion. Code  $C$  can correct

upto  $2k+1=3$

$\Rightarrow k=1$  error.

Hence  $C$  can correct one error.

## Isomorphism of groups

A mapping  $f$  of  $G$  into  $G'$  is said to be an isomorphic mapping of  $G$  into  $G'$  if

(i)  $f$  is one-to-one

i.e. distinct elements in  $G$  have distinct  $f$ -images in  $G'$ .

(ii)  $f(ab) = f(a)f(b)$

$\forall a, b \in G$ .

i.e. the image of the product is the product of the images.

If  $f$  is an isomorphic mapping of a group  $G$  onto  $G'$ , then  $f$  is also called an isomorphism of  $G$  onto  $G'$ .

If  $G$  is isomorphic to the group  $G'$ , symbolically we write

$$G \cong G'$$

Note: (1) If  $G$  is isomorphic to  $G'$ , there may exist more than one isomorphism of  $G$  onto  $G'$ .

There may be many one-one onto funct<sup>n</sup> from  $G$  to  $G'$ .

But if  $\exists$  at least one funct<sup>n</sup>  $f$  which is one-one, onto & also preserves compositions, then  $G$  will be isomorphic to  $G'$ .

(2) If the group  $G$  is finite, then  $G$  can be isomorphic to  $G'$  only if  $G'$  is also finite & the number of elements in  $G$  equal to the number of elements in  $G'$ . Otherwise there will exist no mapping  $f$  from  $G$  to  $G'$  which is one-one as well as onto.

Ex  $\rightarrow$  Show that the additive group of integers

$$G = \{ \dots -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3 \dots \}$$

is isomorphic to the additive group -

$$G' = \{ \dots -3m, -2m, -1m, 0, 1m, 2m, 3m \dots \}$$

where  $m$  is any fixed integer not equal to zero.

Sol  $\rightarrow$  If  $x \in G$ ,

then  $mx \in G'$

Let  $f: G \rightarrow G'$  be defined by

$$f(x) = mx \quad \forall x \in G$$

It is one-to-one.

As! Let  $x_1, x_2 \in G$  Then

$$f(x_1) = f(x_2)$$

$$\Rightarrow mx_1 = mx_2$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1 = x_2$$

$\therefore f$  is one-to-one.

Suppose  $y$  is any element of  $G'$ . Then obviously  $y/m \in G$

$$\text{Also } f(y/m) = m(y/m) = y$$

Thus  $y \in G'$ .

$$\Rightarrow \exists y/m \in G \text{ s.t. } f(y/m) = z.$$

$\therefore$  Each element of  $G'$  is the  $f$ -image of some element of  $G$ .

Hence  $f$  is onto.

Again if  $x_1$  &  $x_2$  are any two elements of  $G$ , then

$$f(x_1 + x_2) = m(x_1 + x_2)$$

$$= mx_1 + mx_2 \quad \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{By distributive} \\ \text{law of integers} \end{array} \right]$$

$$= f(x_1) + f(x_2)$$

Thus  $f$  preserves compositions in  $G$  &  $G'$ .  
Therefore  $f$  is an isomorphic mapping of  $G$  onto  $G'$ .

Hence  $G$  is isomorphic to  $G'$ .

## Homomorphism of groups

A mapping  $f$  from a group  $G$  onto group  $G'$  is said to be a homomorphism of  $G$  into  $G'$  if

$$f(ab) = f(a)f(b) \quad \forall a, b \in G.$$

## Normal subgroup $\rightarrow$

Let  $G$  be an abelian group,  
 $H$  be any subgroup of  $G$ .

If  $x$  is any element of  $G$ , then  
 $Hx$  is a right coset of  $H$  in  $G$   
&  $xH$  is a left coset of  $H$  in  $G$ .

Also  $G$  is abelian,

therefore  $Hx = xH \quad \forall x \in G$ .

A subgroup  $H$  of a group  $G$  is said to be a normal subgroup of  $G$  if for every  $x \in G$  & for every  $h \in H$ ,  
 $xhx^{-1} \in H$ .

$$\Rightarrow xHx^{-1} \subseteq H \quad \forall x \in G.$$

We have  $x \in G \Rightarrow x^{-1} \in G$

$\therefore H$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$

iff  $x^{-1}hx(x^{-1})^{-1}$

$$\text{i.e. } x^{-1}hx \in H \quad \forall x \in G, \quad \forall h \in H.$$

### Theorem-1 $\rightarrow$

A subgroup  $H$  of a group  $G$  is normal iff  $xHx^{-1} = H \quad \forall x \in G$ .

Pf  $\rightarrow$  only  $\Leftarrow$  part

Let  $H$  be a normal subgroup of  $G$ .

Then  $xHx^{-1} \subseteq H \quad \forall x \in G$

Also  $x \in G \Rightarrow x^{-1} \in G$

Therefore we have

$$x^{-1}H(x^{-1})^{-1} \subseteq H \quad \forall x \in G,$$

$$\Rightarrow x^{-1}Hx \subseteq H \quad \forall x \in G$$

$$\Rightarrow x(x^{-1}Hx)x^{-1} \subseteq xHx^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow H \subseteq xHx^{-1} \quad \forall x \in G. \quad \underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{(1)}$$

$\Leftarrow$  part

Let  $xHx^{-1} = H \quad \forall x \in G$ .

Then  $xHx^{-1} \subseteq H \quad \forall x \in G$ .

Therefore  $H$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$ .

### Theorem-2 $\rightarrow$

A subgroup  $H$  of a group  $G$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$  iff each left coset of  $H$  in  $G$  is a right coset of  $H$  in  $G$ .

$1 \Rightarrow$   
Then let  $H$  be a normal subgroup of  $G$

$$\begin{aligned} & xHx^{-1} = H \quad \forall x \in G \\ \Rightarrow & (xHx^{-1})x = Hx \quad \forall x \in G \\ \Rightarrow & xH = Hx \quad \forall x \in G \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow$  Each left coset  $xH$  is the right coset  $Hx$

Conversely suppose that each left coset of  $H$  in  $G$  is a right coset of  $H$  in  $G$ .  
Let  $x$  be any element of  $G$ .

Then  $xH = Hy$  for some  $y \in G$ .  
Since  $e \in H$ ,  $\therefore xe = x \in xH$   
 $\therefore x \in Hy$  [ $\because Hy = Hx$ ]

But  $x \in Hy \Rightarrow Hx = Hy$   
 $\therefore Hx = xH$  [ $\because Hy = xH$ ]

Thus we have

$$\begin{aligned} & xH = Hx \quad \forall x \in G \\ \Rightarrow & xHx^{-1} = Hx^{-1} \quad \forall x \in G \\ \Rightarrow & xHx^{-1} = H \quad \forall x \in G \\ \Rightarrow & H \text{ is a normal subgroup of } G \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $H$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$

$$\Leftrightarrow xH = Hx \quad \forall x \in G.$$

### Theorem-3 $\rightarrow$

A subgroup  $H$  of a group  $G$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$  iff the product of two right cosets of  $H$  in  $G$  is again a right coset of  $H$  in  $G$ .

Pf  $\rightarrow$  Let  $H$  be a normal subgroup of a group  $G$ .

Let  $a, b \in G$

Then  $Ha$  &  $Hb$  are two right cosets of  $H$  in  $G$ .

$$\text{We have } (Ha)(Hb) = H(aH)b \\ = H(Ha)b$$

$$= HHab = Hab$$

$$[\because H \text{ is normal } \Rightarrow Ha = aH]$$

$$[\because HH = H]$$

Since  $a \in G, b \in G \Rightarrow ab \in G$ ,  
therefore  $Hab$  is also a right coset of  $H$  in  $G$ .

Thus the product of the right cosets  $Ha$  &  $Hb$  is the right coset  $Hab$ .

### Converse

Let  $H$  be a subgroup of  $G$  such that the product of two right cosets of  $H$  in  $G$  is again a right coset of  $H$  in  $G$ .

Let  $x \in G$

Then  $x^{-1} \in G$ .

Therefore

$Hx$  &  $Hx^{-1}$  are two right cosets of  $H$  in  $G$ .

Consequently, by hypothesis  $HxHx^{-1}$  is also a right coset of  $H$  in  $G$ .

Since  $e \in H$ ,

therefore  $exex^{-1} = e$  is an element of the right coset  $HxHx^{-1}$ .

But  $H$  itself is a right coset of  $H$  in  $G$  &  $e \in H$ .

Also if two right cosets have one element

common they must be identical.

Therefore we must have

$$HxHx^{-1} = H \quad \forall x \in G$$

$$\Rightarrow h_1 x h_1^{-1} \in H \quad \forall x \in G \text{ & } \forall h_1, h_1^{-1} \in H$$

$$\Rightarrow \dots h_1^{-1} (h_1 x h_1^{-1}) \in h_1^{-1} H$$

$$\forall x \in G \text{ & } \forall h_1, h_1^{-1} \in H$$

$$\Rightarrow \dots x h_1^{-1} \in H \quad \forall x \in G \text{ & } \forall h_1 \in H$$

$$\left[ \because h_1^{-1} H = H \text{ as } h_1^{-1} \in H \text{ since } h_1 \in H \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow H \text{ is a normal subgroup of } G.$$

EX  $\rightarrow$  Show that every subgroup of an abelian group is normal.

Sol<sup>n</sup>  $\rightarrow$  Let  $G$  is an abelian group  
&  $H$  be a subgroup of  $G$ .

Let  $x \in G$  &  $h \in H$   
we have  $xhx^{-1} = xx^{-1}h$  [ $\because G$  is abelian  
 $\Rightarrow x^{-1}h = hx^{-1}$ ]  
 $= eh = h \in H$

Thus  $x \in G$ ,  $h \in H$   
 $\Rightarrow xhx^{-1} \in H$ .

Hence  $H$  is normal in  $G$ .

# RINGS

Suppose  $R$  is a non-empty set equipped with two binary operations called addition & multiplication & denoted by '+' & '·' respectively i.e.  $\forall a, b \in R$

we have  $a+b \in R$

&  $a \cdot b \in R$

Then this algebraic structure  $(R, +, \cdot)$  is called a Ring, if the following postulates are satisfied.

(1) Addition is associative

$$\text{i.e. } (a+b)+c = a+(b+c)$$

$$\forall a, b \in R$$

(2) Addition is commutative.

$$\text{i.e. } a+b = b+a \quad \forall a, b \in R$$

(3)  $\exists$  an element denoted by  $0$  in  $R$  such that

$$0+a = a \quad \forall a \in R$$
$$= a+0$$

(4) To each element  $a \in R$

$\exists$  an element  $-a \in R$

$$\text{s.t. } (-a)+a = 0 = a+(-a)$$

(5) Multiplication is associative.

$$\text{i.e. } a \cdot (b \cdot c) = (a \cdot b) \cdot c$$

$$\forall a, b, c \in R.$$

(6) Multiplication is distributive w.r.t. addition

i.e.  $\forall a, b, c \in R$

$$a \cdot (b+c) = a \cdot b + a \cdot c \quad \text{[Right distributive law]}$$

$$\& (a+b) \cdot c = a \cdot c + b \cdot c \quad \text{[left distributive law]}$$

Ring with unity  $\rightarrow$

If on a ring, there exist an element denoted by 1 such that  $1 \cdot a = a = a \cdot 1 \quad \forall a \in R$ ,

then  $R$  is called a ring with unit element. The element  $1 \in R$  is called the unit element of the ring.

Commutative ring  $\rightarrow$

If in a ring  $R$ , the multiplication composition is also commutative

i.e. if we have  $a \cdot b = b \cdot a \quad \forall a, b \in R$ , then  $R$  is called a commutative ring.

Elementary properties of a Ring.

Theorem  $\rightarrow$  If  $R$  is a ring and  $a, b, c \in R$

(i)  $a \cdot 0 = 0 \cdot a = 0$

Pf  $\rightarrow a \cdot 0 = a(0+0) = a \cdot 0 + a \cdot 0$

Now applying Right Cancellation law we have

$$\Rightarrow 0 = a \cdot 0$$

Similarly, we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 \cdot a &= (0+0) \cdot a \\ &= 0 \cdot a + 0 \cdot a \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \Rightarrow 0 = 0 \cdot a \quad \left[ \text{Applying left cancellation law} \right]$$

Hence  $0 \cdot 0 = 0 \cdot a = 0$ .

$$(ii) \quad a(-b) = -(ab) = (-a)b$$

Pf  $\rightarrow$  we have  $a \cdot 0 = 0$

$$\Rightarrow a(-b + b) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a(-b) + a \cdot b = 0 \quad \left[ \text{Using left distributive law} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow a(-b) = -ab \quad \left[ \text{since in a ring } a+b=0 \Rightarrow a=-b \right]$$

Similarly we have

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

$$\Rightarrow (-a)b + ab = 0 \quad \left[ \text{Right distributive law} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow (-a)b = -ab.$$

$$(iii) \quad (-a)(-b) = ab$$

Pf  $\rightarrow$  We have

$$(-a)(-b) = -[(-a)b] \quad \left[ \text{Using (ii)} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \cancel{(-a)b} = -(-ab)$$

$$= ab$$

Since  $R$  is a group.

$$(iv) a(b-c) = ab-ac$$

Pf  $\rightarrow$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \cancel{ab-a} \quad a(b-c) &= a[b+(-c)] \\ &= ab+a(-c) \quad [\text{left dist. law}] \\ &= ab+[-(ac)] \\ &= ab-ac. \end{aligned}$$

$$(v) (b-a)c = \cancel{bc} - ac$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Pf} \rightarrow (b-a)c &= [b+(-a)]c \\ &= bc+(-a)c \quad [\text{Right dist. law}] \\ &= bc+(-ac) \\ &= bc-ac \end{aligned}$$

Note  $\rightarrow$  The set  $R$  consisting of a single element  $0$  with two binary operations defined by  $0+0=0$  &  $0 \cdot 0=0$  is a ring.

This ring is called the null ring or the zero ring.

Ex  $\rightarrow$  Show that the set  $I$  of all integers is a ring with respect to addition & multiplication of integers as the two ring composition.

Pf  $\rightarrow$

In the set  $I$  of integers for  
we observe that  $a, b, c \in I$

$$(1) (a+b)+c = a+(b+c)$$

$$(2) a+b = b+a \quad \forall a, b \in I$$

$$(3) \exists 0 \in I \text{ s.t. } a+0 = 0+a = a \quad \forall a \in I$$

$$(4) \text{ To each element } a \in I \\ \exists \text{ an element } -a \in I \\ \text{s.t. } (-a)+a = a+(-a) = 0$$

$$(5) a(bc) = (ab)c \quad \forall a, b, c \in I$$

$$(6) a \cdot (b+c) = a \cdot b + a \cdot c \\ \& (b+c) \cdot a = b \cdot a + c \cdot a$$

$$\forall a, b, c \in I$$

Hence  $I$  is a ring.

This ring is called the ring of integers.

Note  $\rightarrow$  Similarly, we can show the following

(1) The set  $2\mathbb{Z}$  of all even integers is a commutative ring without unity, the addition & multiplication of integers being the two ring compositions.

(2) The set  $\mathbb{Q}$  of all rational numbers is a commutative ring with unity.

the addition & multiplication of rational numbers being the two ring compositions.

(3) The set  $\mathbb{R}$  of all real numbers is a commutative ring with unity, the addition & multiplication of real numbers being the two ring compositions.

(4) The set  $\mathbb{C}$  of all complex numbers is a commutative ring with unity, the addition & multiplication of complex numbers being the two ring compositions.

Example  $\rightarrow$

The set  $M$  of all  $n \times n$  matrices with their elements as real numbers is a non-commutative ring with unity, with respect to addition & multiplication of matrices as the two ring compositions.

Sol  $\rightarrow$

We know that the sum & the product of two  $n \times n$  matrices with their elements as real numbers are again  $n \times n$  matrices with their elements as real numbers. Therefore  $M$  is closed w.r.t. addition & multiplication of matrices.

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Further we can observe that

$$(i) A + (B+C) = (A+B) + C$$

$$\forall A, B, C \in M,$$

Since the addition of matrices is commutative.

$$(ii) A+B = B+A \quad \forall A, B \in M$$

Since the addition of matrices is commutative.

(iii)  $\forall$   $O$  is the null matrix of the type  $n \times n$ , then  $O \in M$  & we have

$$O + A = A \quad \forall A \in M$$

(iv) To each matrix  $A \in M$   $\exists$   $-A \in M$  such that

$$-A + A = O \quad (\text{null matrix})$$

$$(v) (AB)C = A(BC) \quad \forall A, B, C \in M$$

Since multiplication of matrices is associative.

$$(vi) A(B+C) = AB + AC$$

$$\& (B+C)A = BA + CA \quad \forall A, B, C \in M$$

Since matrix multiplication is distributive w.r.t. matrix addition.

Hence  $M$  is a ring with respect to the given composition.

Since multiplication of matrices is not in general commutative, therefore the ring is non-commutative ring.

Finally if  $I$  be the unit matrix of type  $n \times n$ , then  $I \in M$  & we have  $IA = A = AI$   
 $\forall A \in M$ .

Therefore the matrix  $I$  is the multiplicative identity.

Thus the ring is with unity & the matrix  $I$  is the unit element of the ring.

Zero-divisor def<sup>n</sup>  $\rightarrow$

A non-zero element of a ring  $R$  is called a zero divisor or divisor of zero if  $\exists$  an element  $b \neq 0 \in R$  such that either  $ab = 0$  or  $ba = 0$ .

Ex.  $\rightarrow$  Suppose  $M$  is a ring of all  $2 \times 2$  matrices with their elements as integers, the addition & multiplication of matrices being the two ring compositions, then  $M$  is a ring with zero divisors.

Integral Domain

A ring is called an integral domain if it is

- (i) commutative,
- (ii) has unit element,
- (iii) is without zero divisors.

Field  $\rightarrow$  A ring  $R$  with at least two elements is called a field if it is

- (i) commutative,
- (ii) has unity, (iii) is such that each non-zero element possesses multiplicative inverse.

For example, the ring of rational numbers  $(\mathbb{Q}, +, \cdot)$  is a field since it is a commutative ring with unity & each non-zero element is invertible.

The rings of real numbers & complex numbers are also examples of fields.

### Division Ring or Skew Field $\rightarrow$

A ring  $R$  with at least two elements is called a division ring or a skew field if it has

- (i) unity,
- (ii) is such that each non-zero element possesses multiplicative inverse.

Thus a commutative division ring is a field.

### Theorem $\rightarrow$

Every field is an integral domain.   
 Pr Since a field  $F$  is a commutative ring with unity, therefore in order to show that every field is an integral domain we should show that a field has no zero divisors.

Let  $a, b \in F$  with  $a \neq 0$  s.t.  $ab=0$

$$ab=0 \Rightarrow a^{-1}(ab) = a^{-1} \cdot 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (a^{-1}a)b = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 \cdot b = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow b = 0$$

Similarly let  $ab=0 \Rightarrow (ab)b^{-1} = 0b^{-1}$   
  $\Rightarrow a(bb^{-1}) = 0$   
  $\Rightarrow a \cdot 1 = 0 \Rightarrow a = 0$

[ $b \neq 0$ ]

Thus in a field  $ab=0 \Rightarrow a=0$  or  $b=0$ .

Therefore a field has no zero divisors.

Therefore every field is an integral domain.

But the converse is not true, i.e. every integral domain is not a field.

For example the ring of integers is an integral domain & it is not a field.

The only invertible elements of the ring of integers are 1 & -1.

Note  $\Rightarrow$  For a field unity & zero are distinct elements. i.e.  $1 \neq 0$

Let  ~~$a \neq 0$~~   $a \in F$  (Field)  $a \neq 0$ .

Then  $a^{-1}$  exists.

For  $a^{-1}=0 \Rightarrow a a^{-1} = a \cdot 0$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a \cdot 1 = a \cdot 0 \Rightarrow a = 0$$

which is a contradiction.

Now a field has no zero divisors.

Therefore  $1 = a^{-1}a \neq 0$ .

\* The non-zero elements of a field forms an abelian group with respect to multiplication.

Theorem  $\Rightarrow$

A skew field (Sew field) has no zero divisors.

Pf  $\Rightarrow$  Let  $D$  be a skew field.

Then  $D$  is a ring with unit element & each non-zero element of  $D$  possesses multiplicative inverse.

Let  $a, b \in D$  with  $a \neq 0$   
such that  $ab = 0$

Since  $a \neq 0$ ,  $a^{-1}$  exists & we have

$$ab = 0 \Rightarrow a^{-1}(ab) = a^{-1} \cdot 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (a^{-1}a)b = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 1b = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow b = 0$$

Similarly, let  $ab = 0$  with  $b \neq 0$

Since  $b \neq 0$ ,  $b^{-1}$  exists & we have

$$ab = 0 \Rightarrow (ab)b^{-1} = 0b^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow a(bb^{-1}) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a \cdot 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a = 0$$

Therefore a skew field has no zero divisors.

Theorem  $\Rightarrow$  A finite commutative ring without zero divisors is a field.

OR Every finite integral domain is a field.

Pr  $\Rightarrow$  Let  $D$  be a finite commutative ring without zero divisors having  $n$  elements  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$ .

In order to prove  $D$  is a field we must have  $1 \in D$  s.t.

$$1 \cdot a = a \quad \forall a \in D.$$

Also we should show that for every element  $a \neq 0 \in D$   $\exists$  an element  $b \in D$  s.t.  $ba = 1$ .

Let  $a \neq 0 \in D$ .

Consider the  $n$  products

$$aa_1, aa_2, \dots, aa_n$$

All these are elements of  $D$ .

Also they are all distinct.

For suppose that  $aa_i = aa_j$  for  $i \neq j$ .

$$\text{Then } a(a_i - a_j) = 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Since  $D$  is without zero divisors &

$a \neq 0$  therefore from (1)

$$a_i - a_j = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a_i = a_j, \text{ contradicting } i \neq j.$$

$\therefore aa_1, aa_2, \dots, aa_n$  are all the  $n$  distinct elements of  $D$  placed in some order.

So one of these elements will be equal to  $a$ .

Thus  $\exists$  an element, say  $c \in D$  s.t.

$$ac = a = ca \quad \left[ \because D \text{ is commutative} \right]$$

We shall show that this element  $c$  is the multiplicative identity of  $D$ .

Let  $y \in D$

Then for some  $x \in D$ ,

$$\text{we shall have } ax = y = xa$$

$$\text{Now } cy = c(ax) \quad \left[ \because ax = y \right]$$

$$= (ca)x$$

$$= ax$$

$$= y$$

$$= yc$$

$$\left[ \because ca = a \right]$$

$$\left[ \because ax = y \right]$$

Thus  $cy = y = yc \quad \forall y \in D$ .  
 $\therefore c$  is the unit element of the ring  $D$   
& let us denote it by 1.

Now  $1 \in D$

& out of  $n$  products  
 $aa_1, aa_2, \dots, aa_n$ , one will be equal  
to 1.

Thus  $\exists$  an element say  $b \in D$   
such that  
 $ab = 1 = ba$

$\therefore b$  is the multiplicative inverse of  
the non-zero element  $a \in D$

Thus every non-zero element of  $D$   
is invertible.

Hence  $D$  is a field.

Subrings  $\rightarrow$

Let  $R$  be a ring. A non-empty subset  
 $S$  of the set  $R$  is said to be a subring  
of  $R$  if  $S$  is closed with respect  
to the operations of addition &  
multiplication on  $R$  &  $S$  itself is a  
ring for these operations.

If  $S$  is a subring of a ring  $R$ ,  
it is obvious that  $S$  is a subgroup  
of the additive group of  $R$ .

$\rightarrow$  i.e. (i)  $a+b \in S$  for  $a, b \in S$

(ii)  $-a \in S$  for  $a \in S$

(iii)  $a \cdot b \in S$  for  $a, b \in S$

If  $R$  is any ring then  $\{0\}$  &  $R$  itself are always subrings of  $R$ .

These are known as improper subrings of  $R$ .

Other subrings of any, of  $R$  are called proper subrings of  $R$ .

If  $A$  is a ring &  $B_i$  is an arbitrary collection of subrings of  $A$ , then  $B_i$  is a subring of  $A$ .

If  $A$  is a ring &  $B$  is a subset of  $A$  then, the intersection of all subrings of  $A$  that contains  $B$ , is a subring of  $A$ , it is called the subring generated by  $B$ .

Example:  $\rightarrow$

let  $R \rightarrow$  set of all real numbers

$Q \rightarrow$  set of all rational numbers.

As  $Q \subseteq R$  &  $R$  is a ring.

w.r.t.  $+$  &  $\cdot$ .

$Q$  is closed under operation  $+$ .

For every element  $q \in Q$ ,

$$-q \in Q.$$

$Q$  is also closed under multiplication

i.e. for  $a, b \in Q \Rightarrow a \cdot b \in Q$ .

Hence  $Q$  is a subring of  $R$ .