

1-5 Examples

If R is a set of functions $f: R \# \rightarrow R \#$ ($R, +, \cdot$) is a ring

define (+ and \cdot) $(f + g)(a) = f(a) + g(a)$, $(f \cdot g)(a) = f(a) \cdot g(a)$. $\forall a \in R \#$

Solution: ① $\forall f, g \in R$. $(f + g)(a) = f(a) + g(a) \in R$. $\forall a \in R$ (close)

② $\forall f, g, h \in R$. $(f + g) + h)(a) = (f + g)(a) + h(a) = (f(a) + g(a)) + h(a) = f(a) + (g(a) + h(a)) = f(a) + ((g + h)(a))$ (associative)

③ $\text{Ker } f$ is the identity, hence $(f + \text{ker } f)(a) = f(a) + \text{ker } f(a) = f(a) + 0 = f(a)$. So $(\text{ker } f + f)(a) = f(a)$.

④ $\forall f \in R \exists -f \in R \ni (f + (-f))(a) = f(a) + (-f(a)) = f(a) - f(a)$ So $(-f + f)(a) = -f(a) + f(a) = 0$ (inverse)

⑤ $\forall f, g \in R$, $(f + g)(a) = f(a) + g(a) = g(a) + f(a) = (g + f)(a)$ (commutative) Thus $(R, +)$ is an abelian group.

⑥ $\forall f, g \in R$. $(f \cdot g)(a) = f(a) \cdot g(a) \in R$ (closed under)

⑦ $\forall f, g, h \in R. ((f \cdot g)(a)) \cdot h(a) = (f(a) \cdot g(a)) \cdot h(a) = f(a) \cdot (g(a) \cdot h(a)) = f(a) \cdot ((g \cdot h)(a))$
 (associative under \cdot) Hence (R, \cdot) is a semi-group.

⑧ $\forall f, g, h \in R. (f \cdot (g + h))(a) = f(a) \cdot (g + h)(a) = f(a) \cdot (g(a) + h(a)) = f(a) \cdot g(a) + f(a) \cdot h(a)$ (left distributive) $\delta ((g + h) \cdot f)(a) = ((g + h)(a)) \cdot f(a) = (g(a) + h(a)) \cdot f(a) = g(a) \cdot f(a) + h(a) \cdot f(a)$ (Right distributive). Therefore $(R, +, \cdot)$ is a ring.

⑨ $\forall f, g \in R. (f \cdot g)(a) = f(a) \cdot g(a) = g(a) \cdot f(a) = (g \cdot f)(a)$ (commutative)

⑩ $\forall f \in R \exists i \in R \ni (f \cdot i)(a) = f(a) \cdot i(a) = f(a) \cdot i = f(a)$ So $(i \cdot f)(a) = f(a)$.

[where $i(a) = 1 \forall a \in R \setminus \{0\}$] (identity)

Thus $(R, +, \cdot)$ is a commutative ring with identity.

