

:Definitions 1-10

An element  $x$  in a ring  $R$  is called a right zero divisor if there exists a non-zero element  $y \in R$  such that  $y \cdot x = 0$

Also, we can similarly define left zero divisor if  $x \cdot y = 0$

An element is called a zero divisor if it is both right and left zero divisor

:Definition : 11 -1

A ring  $(R, +, \cdot)$  called divisors of Zero if there exists two non-zero elements  $a, b \in R$

That  $a \cdot b = 0$

Examples:  $(\mathbb{Z}_4, +_4, \cdot_4)$   $2 \in \mathbb{Z}_4$  and  $2 \cdot_4 2 = 0$   $(\mathbb{Z}_6, +_6, \cdot_6)$ ,  $2, 3 \in \mathbb{Z}_6$

$0 = 3 \cdot 2 \implies$

:Proposition

A ring  $(R, +, \cdot)$  is without zero divisors if and only if the cancellation law hold

:Proof 11

Let  $(R, +, \cdot)$  is a ring without zero divisors. and  
let  $a, b, c \in R$

such that  $a \neq 0$  and  $a \cdot b = a \cdot c \implies a \cdot b - a \cdot c = 0$   
 $\implies a \cdot (b - c) = 0$

$b - c = 0$  ( because  $a \neq 0$  ) . Thus  $b = c \implies$

;Conversely

let  $a, b \in R$  and  $a \neq 0$  to , such that  $a \cdot b = 0$

$a \cdot b = a \cdot 0 \implies b = 0$  (By cancellation law)  $\implies$

And by same way we can show that if  $b \neq 0 \implies$   
. we get  $a = 0$

. Thus  $(R, +, \cdot)$  is a ring without zero divisors

### Corollary .1.13

let  $(R, +, \cdot)$  be a ring with identity and without  
.zero divisors

If  $a^2 = a$  , where  $a \in R$  , then either  $a = 0$  or  $a = 1$

:Proof

Suppose  $a \neq 0$   $a^2 = a \implies a^2 - a = 0 \implies a(a - 1) = 0$

. Since  $a \neq 0$  , then  $a - 1 = 0$

. Hence  $a = 1$  And if  $a \neq 1$ , then  $a - 1 \neq 0$

. Thus  $a = 0$

:Definition :1-14

A ring  $(R, *, \circ)$  is called an integral domain if  $R$  is a commutative ring with identity and without zero divisors

Definition: A commutative ring with :1.15

. identity

is called a field if each non zero  $(\cdot, +, F)$  element has an inverse under multiplication  
. (invertible)

Note : each field has no zero divisors 1-16:

. Examples  $(\mathbb{Q}^*, +, \cdot)$  and  $(\mathbb{R}^*, +, \cdot)$  are Fields