

Ex. Show that the set  $M_2(\mathbb{Z})$  of  $2 \times 2$  matrices with integer entries is a noncommutative ring with ~~an~~ unity.  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Sol<sup>n</sup>:  $M_2(\mathbb{Z}) = \{ A \mid A \text{ is a } 2 \times 2 \text{ matrix with integer entries} \}$ .

Let  $A, B, C$  be any three elements of  $M_2(\mathbb{Z})$ .  
So all of  $A, B, C$  are  $2 \times 2$  matrices with integer entries.

(i) We know matrix addition is commutative  
 $\therefore A + B = B + A$ , for all  $A, B \in M_2(\mathbb{Z})$

(ii) We know matrix addition is associative  
 $\therefore (A + B) + C = A + (B + C)$ , for all  $A, B, C \in M_2(\mathbb{Z})$

(iii)  $0 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \in M_2(\mathbb{Z})$  and for any  $A \in M_2(\mathbb{Z})$   
 $A + 0 = A$

(iv) For  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \in M_2(\mathbb{Z})$ ,  $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$-A = \begin{bmatrix} -a & -b \\ -c & -d \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } A + (-A) = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -a & -b \\ -c & -d \end{bmatrix} \\ = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = 0.$$

(v) We know matrix multiplication is associative  
 $\therefore A(BC) = (AB)C$ , for all  $A, B, C \in M_2(\mathbb{Z})$

(vi) We know matrix multiplication is distributive  
 $\therefore A(B+C) = AB + AC$  and  $(B+C)A = BA + CA$   
for all  $A, B, C \in M_2(\mathbb{Z})$

$\therefore M_2(\mathbb{Z})$  is a ring with respect to matrix addition and multiplication.

Since matrix multiplication is not commutative so

$M_2(\mathbb{Z})$  is not commutative ring.

Also,  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \in M_2(\mathbb{Z})$  and for  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \in M_2(\mathbb{Z})$

$a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$A \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} = A$$

$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  is unity of the ring  $M_2(\mathbb{Z})$

with unity

Hence  $M_2(\mathbb{Z})$  is a noncommutative ring

$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . #

Ex. Show that the set  $2\mathbb{Z}$  of even integers under ordinary addition and multiplication is a commutative ring without unity.

Ex. Let  $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{2}] = \{a + b\sqrt{2} \mid a, b \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ . Prove that  $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{2}]$  is a ring under the ordinary addition and multiplication of real numbers.

Soln. For  $x = a + b\sqrt{2}$ ,  $y = c + d\sqrt{2}$ ,  $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

$$x + y = (a + b\sqrt{2}) + (c + d\sqrt{2}) = (a + c) + (b + d)\sqrt{2} \in \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{2}]$$

Since  $a + c \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $b + d \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

$$\text{Also } xy = (a + b\sqrt{2})(c + d\sqrt{2})$$

$$= ac + ad\sqrt{2} + bc\sqrt{2} + 2bd$$

$$= (ac + 2bd) + (ad + bc)\sqrt{2} \in \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{2}]$$

Since  $ac + 2bd \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $ad + bc \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

$\therefore$  addition and multiplication are binary operations on  $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{2}]$ .

(i) For  $x = a + b\sqrt{2}$ ,  $y = c + d\sqrt{2} \in \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{2}]$

$$x + y = (a + c) + (b + d)\sqrt{2}$$

$$= (c + a) + (d + b)\sqrt{2}$$

$$= (c + d) + (a + b)\sqrt{2} = y + x$$

(ii) Let  $x = a + b\sqrt{2}$ ,  $y = c + d\sqrt{2}$ ,  $z = e + f\sqrt{2}$

where  $a, b, c, d, e, f \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$(x + y) + z =$$

$$x + (y + z) =$$

(iii)  $\Rightarrow 0 = 0 + 0\sqrt{2} \in \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{2}]$  and if  $x = a + b\sqrt{2}$   
 $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$  is any element of  $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{2}]$ , then

$$x + 0 = (a + b\sqrt{2}) + (0 + 0\sqrt{2}) = (a + 0) + (b + 0)\sqrt{2}$$

$$= a + b\sqrt{2} = x$$

(iv) For  $x = a + b\sqrt{2}$ ,  $-x = (-a) + (-b)\sqrt{2}$

$$\text{and } x + (-x) = (a + b\sqrt{2}) + \{(-a) + (-b)\sqrt{2}\}$$

$$= a + (-a) + \{b + (-b)\}\sqrt{2}$$

$$= 0 + 0\sqrt{2} = 0$$

(v) For  $x = a + b\sqrt{2}$ ,  $y = c + d\sqrt{2}$ ,  $z = e + f\sqrt{2}$

$$x(yz) =$$

$$(xy)z =$$

(vi)  $x(y+z) =$

$$(y+z)x =$$