

## Chapter Three

### The homomorphism

Def:- Let  $(R, +, \cdot)$  and  $(\hat{R}, \hat{+}, \hat{\cdot})$  be two rings  
a function  $f: R \rightarrow \hat{R}$  is said to be a ring

homomorphism iff :-

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \textcircled{1} f(a+b) = f(a) + \hat{f}(b) \\ \textcircled{2} f(a \cdot b) = f(a) \cdot \hat{f}(b) \end{array} \right\} \forall a, b \in R$$

if  $f$  is homomorphism from  $R$  to  $\hat{R}$  Then we  
say  $R$  is homomorphic to  $\hat{R}$

EX:- Let  $(\mathbb{Z}; +, \cdot)$  and  $(\mathbb{Z}_n, +_n, \cdot_n)$  be two  
rings and  $f: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_n$  defined by  $f(a) = [a]$   
Show that  $f$  is homo.

Soln:- Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$1) f(a+b) = [a+b] = [a] +_n [b]$$

$$2) f(a \cdot b) = [a \cdot b] = [a] \cdot_n [b]$$

$\therefore f$  is homom

EX:- Let  ~~$(\mathbb{Z}, +, \cdot)$~~   $(\mathbb{Z}, +, \cdot)$  and  $(\mathbb{Z}_e, +, \cdot)$  be two rings we define  $f: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_e$  by  $f(a) = 2a$ .  
It's  $f$  homo.

Soln:- Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$1) f(a+b) = 2(a+b) = 2a + 2b = f(a) + f(b)$$

$$2) f(a \cdot b) = 2(a \cdot b) \neq (2a) \cdot (2b) = f(a) \cdot f(b)$$

$\therefore f$  not homo.

EX:- Let  $(R, +, \cdot)$  be any ring with identity for every invertible element  $a \in R^*$ , the function

$$f_a: R \rightarrow R \text{ given by } f_a(x) = ax \cdot a^{-1}$$

Show that  $f_a$  is homomorphism.

Soln:- Let  $x, y \in R$

$$1) f_a(x+y) = a(x+y)a^{-1} = axa^{-1} + aya^{-1} = f_a(x) + f_a(y)$$

$$2) f_a(x \cdot y) = a(x \cdot y)a^{-1} = ax \cdot (a^{-1}a)y a^{-1} = (axa^{-1})(aya^{-1}) = f_a(x) \cdot f_a(y)$$

$\therefore f$  is homo.

EX 1 - Let  $(R, +, \cdot)$  be any ring with identity

The map  $g: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow R$  where  $(\mathbb{Z}, +, \cdot)$  is a ring and  $g$  defined by  $g(n) = n \cdot 1$ . Show that  $g$  is homo.

Soln: Let  $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$\textcircled{1} g(m+n) = (m+n) \cdot 1 = n \cdot 1 + m \cdot 1 = g(n) + g(m)$$

$$\textcircled{2} g(n \cdot m) = (n \cdot m) \cdot 1 = (m \cdot n) \cdot 1 = (m \cdot 1) \cdot (n \cdot 1) = g(m) \cdot g(n)$$

$\therefore g$  is homomorphism.

EX 1 - Show that the map  $f: (\mathbb{Z}_4, +_4, \cdot_4) \rightarrow (\mathbb{Z}_2, +_2, \cdot_2)$

defined by  $f(0) = f(2) = 0$   
 $f(1) = f(3) = 1$

Soln:  
 $f(0+2) = f(2) = 0 = 0+0 = f(0) + f(2)$   
 $f(0+1) = f(1) = 1 = 0+1 = f(0) + f(1)$   
 $f(0+3) = f(3) = 1 = 0+1 = f(0) + f(3)$   
 $f(1+1) = f(2) = 0 = 0+0 = f(1) + f(1)$

Theorem (3.1): - Let  $f$  be a homomorphism from the ring  $(R, +, \cdot)$  into the ring  $(R', +', \cdot')$ . Then

- 1)  $f(0) = \overset{\circ}{0}$ , where  $\overset{\circ}{0}$  is the zero element of  $(R', +', \cdot')$
- 2)  $f(-a) = -f(a)$ ,  $\forall a \in R$

Proof :-  $0 = 0 + 0$

$$f(0) = f(0 + 0)$$

$$\Rightarrow f(0) = f(0) + f(0) \quad [f \text{ is homo.}]$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{f(0) - f(0)} = f(0) + f(0) - \underline{f(0)}$$

$$\overset{\circ}{0} = f(0) + \overset{\circ}{0}$$

$$\overset{\circ}{0} = f(0)$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad a - a = 0$$

$$f(a - a) = f(0)$$

$$f(a) + f(-a) = \overset{\circ}{0} \quad [f \text{ is homo. by } \textcircled{1}]$$

$$\underline{-f(a) + f(a) + f(-a)} = \overset{\circ}{0} - f(a)$$

$$\overset{\circ}{0} + f(-a) = -f(a)$$

$$f(-a) = -f(a)$$

Theorem 3.3 :- If  $f$  is a homomorphism from ring  $(R, +, \cdot)$  onto ring  $(R', +', \cdot')$  if  $S$  is a subring of  $R$  then  $f(S)$  is a subring of  $R'$ .

Proof :-  $f(S) = \{f(b) \mid b \in S\}$

① Let  $x, y \in f(S) \Rightarrow \exists a, b \in S$ , s.t.  $x = f(a)$   
 $y = f(b)$

$$x - y = f(a) - f(b) = f(a - b)$$

$\therefore S$  is subring in  $R$  and  $a, b \in S \Rightarrow a - b \in S$

$$\Rightarrow f(a - b) \in f(S) \Rightarrow x - y \in f(S)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{② } x \cdot y &= f(a) \cdot f(b) \\ &= f(a \cdot b) \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore S$  is subring in  $R$ ,  $a, b \in S \Rightarrow ab \in S$

$$\Rightarrow f(ab) \in f(S)$$

$$\Rightarrow x \cdot y \in f(S)$$

$\therefore (f(S), +', \cdot')$  is subring of  $R'$

Theorem (3.2) :- Let  $f$  be a homomorphism from the ring  $(R, +, \cdot)$  with identity  $1$  onto the ring  $(R', +', \cdot')$

with identity  $1'$  Then :-

- 1)  $f(1) = 1'$
- 2)  $f(a^{-1}) = f(a)^{-1}$ ,  $\forall$  invertible element  $a \in R$

Proof :- ①  $f(a) = 1' f(a)$

$$f(1 \cdot a) = 1' \cdot f(a)$$

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by cancellation law we get

$$f(1) = 1'$$

②  $a \cdot a^{-1} = 1$

$$f(a \cdot a^{-1}) = f(1)$$

$$f(a) \cdot f(a^{-1}) = 1' \quad [f \text{ is homo- } f \text{ by 1}]$$

$$\underline{f(a)^{-1}} f(a) \cdot f(a^{-1}) = \underline{f(a)^{-1}} \cdot 1'$$

$$1' \cdot f(a^{-1}) = f(a)^{-1}$$

$$f(a^{-1}) = f(a)^{-1}$$

Theorem 3.4  $\therefore$  IF  $f: (R, +, \cdot) \rightarrow (R', +', \cdot')$  is homo-  
and  $S'$  is subring of  $R'$  Then  $f^{-1}(S')$  is subring of  $R$ .

Proof  $\therefore$  let  $a, b \in f^{-1}(S') \Rightarrow f(a), f(b) \in S'$

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

$\therefore S'$  is subring of  $R'$  Then  $f(a) - f(b) \in S'$

$$\therefore f(a-b) \in S' \Rightarrow a-b \in f^{-1}(S')$$

$\therefore f^{-1}(S')$  is a subring of  $R$ .