

Theorem 3.5 : If  $f: (R, +, \cdot) \rightarrow (R', +, \cdot)$  is a ring homomorphism then  $f(R)$  is a subring of  $R'$ .

~~Proof~~

Theorem 3.6 :- If  $f: (R, +, \cdot) \rightarrow (R', +, \cdot)$  be a ring homomorphism and

- ①  $I$  is an ideal of  $R$  then  $f(I)$  is an ideal of  $R'$  where  $f$  is onto.
- ② If  $I'$  is an ideal of  $R'$  then  $f^{-1}(I')$  is an ideal of  $R$ .

Proof : ① By Theorem 3.3  $\Rightarrow f(I)$  is a subring

Let  $a \in f(I) \Rightarrow \exists x \in I$  s.t

$a = f(x)$ ,  $r \in R' \Rightarrow \exists y \in R$  s.t  ~~$f(y) = r$~~

$f(y) = r$ , since  $f$  is onto.

$$a \cdot r = f(x) \cdot f(y) = f(x \cdot y)$$

$\because x \in I, y \in R$ , and  $I$  is an ideal  $\Rightarrow xy \in I$

$$\Rightarrow f(xy) \in f(I)$$

$$\Rightarrow a \cdot r \in f(I)$$

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$\because x \in I, y \in R$  and  $I$  is an ideal  $\Rightarrow yx \in I$

$$\Rightarrow f(yx) \in f(I)$$

$$\forall a \in f(I)$$

$\therefore (f(I), +, \cdot)$  is an ideal of  $(R, +, \cdot)$

$$\textcircled{2} f^{-1}(I') = \{a \in f^{-1}(I') : f(a) \in I'\}$$

let  $a \in f^{-1}(I'), b \in R$

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

$\because a \in f^{-1}(I') \Rightarrow f(a) \in I', b \in R \Rightarrow f(b) \in R$

and  $I'$  is an ideal  $\Rightarrow f(a) \cdot f(b) \in I'$

$$\therefore a \cdot b \in f^{-1}(I')$$

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

$\because a \in f^{-1}(I') \Rightarrow f(a) \in I'$  and  $f(b) \in R$  and

$I'$  is an ideal of  $R \Rightarrow f(b) \cdot f(a) \in I'$

$$\Rightarrow b \cdot a \in f^{-1}(I')$$

$\therefore (f^{-1}(I'), +, \cdot)$  is an ideal of  $R$ .

Theorem 3.7: Every onto homomorphism Image of

① a commutative ring is a commutative ring.

② a ring with identity is a ring with identity.

Proof: Let  $f: (R, +, \cdot) \rightarrow (R', +', \cdot')$  be a homomorphism from a ring  $(R, +, \cdot)$  onto a ring  $(R', +', \cdot')$

① Let  $(R, +, \cdot)$  be a comm-ring.

T.p  $(R', +', \cdot')$  is a comm-ring.

Let  $a, b \in R'$

$\because f$  is onto

$\therefore \exists x, y \in R$  s.t.  $a = f(x), b = f(y)$

$$a \cdot b = f(x) \cdot f(y)$$

$$= f(x \cdot y) = f(y \cdot x) \quad \{\text{since } R \text{ is comm.}\}$$

$$= f(y) \cdot f(x) \quad \{f \text{ is hom.}\}$$

$$= b \cdot a$$

$\therefore R'$  is a comm-ring.

② Let  $R$  be a ring with identity  $1$  and  $a \in R'$  since  $f$  is onto therefore  $\exists x \in R$  s.t.  $f(x) = a$

$$\therefore x \cdot 1 = 1 \cdot x = x$$

$$f(x \cdot 1) = f(1 \cdot x) = f(x)$$

$$f(x) \cdot f(1) = f(1) \cdot f(x) = f(x) \quad [f \text{ is homomorphism}]$$

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

$\therefore f(1)$  is the identity element of  $R'$ .

Def:- Let  $f$  be a homomorphism of a ring  $(R, +, \cdot)$  into a ring  $(R', +, \cdot)$ . Then the kernel of  $f$  is defined as

$$\text{Ker } f = \{ a \in R : f(a) = 0 \}, \text{ where } 0 \text{ denotes the zero of } R'.$$

EX:- Let  $f(\mathbb{Z}, +, \cdot) \rightarrow (\mathbb{Z}_n, +_n, \cdot_n)$  be homomorphism s.t  $f(a) = [a]$  find  $\text{Ker} \cdot f$ .

Soln:-  $\text{Ker} \cdot f = \{a \in \mathbb{Z} : f(a) = [0]\}$   
 $= \{a \in \mathbb{Z} : a \equiv 0 \pmod{n}\}$   
 $= \{a \in \mathbb{Z} : a = kn, k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$   
 $= \{0, \pm n, \pm 2n, \pm 3n, \dots\}$

EX:- Let  $(R, +, \cdot)$  be a ring with identity  
 a homomorphism  $f_a : (R, +, \cdot) \rightarrow (R, *, \cdot)$   $a \in R^*$   
 find  $\text{Ker} \cdot f_a$

Soln:-  $\text{Ker} \cdot f_a = \{x \in R : f_a(x) = a^*\}$   
 $= \{x \in R : axa^{-1} = a^*\}$   
 $= \{x \in R : 1 * x * a^{-1} = 0 \cdot a\}$   
 $= \{x \in R : x \cdot 1 = 0\}$   
 $= \{x \in R : x = 0\}$   
 $= \{0\}$

Ex: Let  $f: (\mathbb{Z}_4, +_4, \cdot_4) \rightarrow (\mathbb{Z}_2, +_2, \cdot_2)$  be  
a homomorphism defined by:-

$$f(0) = f(2) = 0$$

$$f(1) = f(3) = 1$$

find the  $\text{Ker} \cdot f$ .

Soln: -  $\text{Ker} \cdot f = \{x \in \mathbb{Z}_4 : f(x) = 0\}$   
 $= \{x \in \mathbb{Z}_4 : f(0) = f(2) = 0\}$   
 $= \{0, 2\}$  .