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Finally, check that  $\cdot$  distributes over  $+$  in  $\mathbb{H}$ .

E9) i)  $S \neq \emptyset$ , since  $\mathbf{0} \in S$ .

Also check that for  $A, B \in S$ ,  $A - B \in S$  and  $AB \in S$ .

Hence,  $S$  is a subring of  $\mathbb{M}_2(\mathbb{Z})$ .

ii)  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \in S$ . Hence  $S$  has identity, which is the same as that of  $\mathbb{M}_2(\mathbb{Z})$ .

E10) Since  $A$  is a subring of  $B$ ,  $A \neq \emptyset$  and  $\forall x, y \in A$ ,  $x - y \in A$  and  $xy \in A$ . Here the addition and multiplication are those defined on  $B$ . But these are the same as those defined on  $C$  since  $B$  is a subring of  $C$ . Thus,  $A$  is a subring of  $C$ .

E11) No, there are several counterexamples. For instance, take  $R = \mathbb{Z}$ , and the subset  $\{1\}$ . This is not a subring, since  $(\{1\}, +)$  is not a group. In fact, any finite subset of  $\mathbb{Z}$ , apart from  $\{0\}$ , will not be a subring of  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

E12)  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  are subrings of  $R_1$  and  $R_2$ , so that  $S_1 \neq \emptyset$  and  $S_2 \neq \emptyset$ .

$\therefore S_1 \times S_2 \neq \emptyset$ .

Now, let  $(a, b)$  and  $(a', b') \in S_1 \times S_2$ . Then  $a, a' \in S_1$  and  $b, b' \in S_2$ . As  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  are subrings,  $a - a', a \cdot a' \in S_1$  and  $b - b', b \cdot b' \in S_2$ .

(We are using  $+$  and  $\cdot$  for both  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  here, for convenience.)

Hence,  $(a, b) - (a', b') = (a - a', b - b') \in S_1 \times S_2$ , and

$(a, b) \cdot (a', b') = (a \cdot a', b \cdot b') \in S_1 \times S_2$ .

Thus,  $S_1 \times S_2$  is a subring of  $R_1 \times R_2$ .

E13)  $2\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{R}$ ,  $3\mathbb{Z} \times \{0\}$  are two among infinitely many examples.

E14) Note that the two sets are  $\overline{3}\mathbb{Z}_6$  and  $\overline{2}\mathbb{Z}_6$ . You know that they are subrings of  $\mathbb{Z}_6$ . Now, by elementwise multiplication you can check that  $rx \in \overline{3}\mathbb{Z}_6 \forall r \in \mathbb{Z}_6$  and  $x \in \overline{3}\mathbb{Z}_6$ .

(For instance,  $\overline{5} \cdot \overline{3} = \overline{15} = \overline{3} \in \overline{3}\mathbb{Z}_6$ .)

You can similarly see that  $rx \in \overline{2}\mathbb{Z}_6 \forall r \in \mathbb{Z}_6$ ,  $x \in \overline{2}\mathbb{Z}_6$ .

Thus,  $\overline{3}\mathbb{Z}_6$  and  $\overline{2}\mathbb{Z}_6$  are ideals of  $\mathbb{Z}_6$ .

E15) For example,  $S = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ b & 0 \end{bmatrix} \mid a, b \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$  is a subring of  $\mathbb{M}_2(\mathbb{Z})$ . However, it

is not an ideal of  $\mathbb{M}_2(\mathbb{Z})$  since, for example,  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \notin S$ .

E16)  $I_a \neq \emptyset$ , since  $0 \in I_a$ .

$$f, g \in I_a \Rightarrow (f - g)(a) = f(a) - g(a) = 0 \Rightarrow f - g \in I_a.$$

$$f \in I_a, g \in C[0, 1] \Rightarrow (fg)(a) = f(a)g(a) = 0 \cdot g(a) = 0 \Rightarrow fg \in I_a.$$

$\therefore I_a$  is an ideal of  $C[0, 1]$ .

You can check that if  $f \in J_a$ , then  $-f \notin J_a$ . Hence  $J_a$  is not even a subring of  $C[0, 1]$ , and hence certainly not an ideal of  $C[0, 1]$ .

E17)  $Ra$  is a subring of  $R$  (see Example 4).

Also, for  $r \in R$  and  $xa \in Ra$ ,

$$r(xa) = (rx)a \in Ra.$$

$\therefore Ra$  is a left ideal of  $R$ .

You can similarly show that  $aR$  is a right ideal of  $R$ .

E18) You can check that any element of the ideal generated by  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  is of

$$\text{the form } \sum_{i=1}^n \begin{bmatrix} a_i r_i & a_i \delta_i \\ c_i r_i & c_i \delta_i \end{bmatrix}, a_i, c_i, r_i, \delta_i \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

However, any element of  $M_2(\mathbb{Z})$   $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  is of the form  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & a \\ 0 & c \end{bmatrix}$ , for  $a, c \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

So, for example,  $\begin{bmatrix} 6 & 10 \\ -3 & -5 \end{bmatrix}$  is in the ideal, but not in the left ideal,

generated by  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Thus, the two sets are not equal.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{E19) } \bar{3}\mathbb{Z}_{10} &= \{\bar{3}x \mid x \in \mathbb{Z}_{10}\} = \{\bar{0}, \bar{3}, \bar{6}, \bar{9}, \bar{12}, \bar{15}, \bar{18}, \bar{21}, \bar{24}, \bar{27}\} \\ &= \{\bar{0}, \bar{3}, \bar{6}, \bar{9}, \bar{2}, \bar{5}, \bar{8}, \bar{1}, \bar{4}, \bar{7}\} \\ &= \mathbb{Z}_{10}. \\ \bar{5}\mathbb{Z}_{10} &= \{\bar{0}, \bar{5}\}. \end{aligned}$$

E20) i) Since  $\bar{6}^2 = \bar{36} = \bar{0}$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_9$ ,  $\bar{6}$  is nilpotent in  $\mathbb{Z}_9$ .

ii) Let  $N = \{a \in R \mid a^n = 0 \text{ for some positive integer } n\}$ . Then  $0 \in N$ .

Also, if  $a, b \in N$ , then  $a^n = 0$  and  $b^m = 0$  for some positive integers  $m$  and  $n$ .

$$\text{Now, } (a - b)^{m+n} = \sum_{r=0}^{m+n} \binom{m+n}{r} a^r (-b)^{m+n-r} \text{ (since } R \text{ is commutative).}$$

For each  $r = 0, 1, \dots, m+n$ , either  $r \geq n$  or  $m+n-r \geq m$ , and

hence, either  $a^r = 0$  or  $b^{m+n-r} = 0$ . Thus, each term  $a^r b^{m+n-r} = 0$ . So  $(a - b)^{m+n} = 0$ .

Thus,  $a - b \in N$  whenever  $a, b \in N$ .

Finally, if  $a \in N, a^n = 0$  for some positive integer  $n$ , and hence, for any  $r \in R, (ar)^n = a^n r^n = 0$ , i.e.,  $ar \in N$ .

So,  $N$  is an ideal of  $R$ .

E21)  $\forall x \in \mathbb{Z}, x^n = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0$ . Hence, the nil radical of  $\mathbb{Z} = \{0\}$ . Similarly, the nil radical of  $\mathbb{R}$  is  $\{0\}$ .

Let the nil radical of  $\mathbb{Z}_8$  be  $N$ . Then  $\bar{0} \in N$ .

$\bar{1} \notin N$  since  $\bar{1}^n = \bar{1} \neq \bar{0}$  for all  $n$ .

$\bar{2}^3 = \bar{0} \Rightarrow \bar{2} \in N$ .

$\bar{3}^n \neq \bar{0} \forall n. \therefore \bar{3} \notin N$ .

Similarly, you can check that  $\bar{4}, \bar{6} \in N$  and  $\bar{5}, \bar{7} \notin N$ .

$\therefore N = \{\bar{0}, \bar{2}, \bar{4}, \bar{6}\} = \langle \bar{2} \rangle$ .

For any  $A \in \wp(X), A^n = A \cap A \cap \dots \cap A = A \forall n$ .

Thus,  $A^n = \emptyset$  iff  $A = \emptyset$ . Thus, the nil radical of  $\wp(X)$  is  $\{\emptyset\}$ .

E22) i) For any  $a \in I$  and  $b \in J, ab \in I$  and  $ab \in J$ .

Thus,  $ab \in I \cap J$ . Since  $I \cap J$  is an ideal, any finite sum of such elements will also be in  $I \cap J$ . Thus,  $IJ \subseteq I \cap J$ .

Next, by definition  $I \cap J \subseteq I$  and  $I \cap J \subseteq J$ .

Also,  $I \subseteq I + J, J \subseteq I + J$ .

ii) Let  $A$  be an ideal of  $R$  containing  $I$  as well as  $J$ . Then certainly  $I + J \subseteq A$ . Thus, (ii) is proved.

iii) Let  $B$  be an ideal of  $R$  such that  $B \subseteq I$  and  $B \subseteq J$ . Then certainly,  $B \subseteq I \cap J$ . Thus, (iii) is proved.

iv) We want to show that  $I \cap J \subseteq IJ$ .

Let  $x \in I \cap J$ . Then  $x \in I$  and  $x \in J$ .

Since  $1 \in R = I + J, 1 = i + j$ , for some  $i \in I$  and  $j \in J$ .

$\therefore x = x \cdot 1 = xi + xj = ix + xj \in IJ$ .

Thus,  $I \cap J \subseteq IJ$ .

E23) Check that  $1 + I$  is the identity of  $R/I$ , where  $1$  is the identity of  $R$ .

E24) Since  $1 \in I$ , you know that  $I = R$ .

$\therefore R/I = \{\bar{0}\}$ .

E25) Let  $x + N \in R/N$  be a nilpotent element.

Then  $(x + N)^n = N$  for some positive integer  $n$ .

$\Rightarrow x^n \in N$  for some positive integer  $n$ .

$\Rightarrow (x^n)^m = 0$  for some positive integer  $m$ .

$\Rightarrow x^{nm} = 0$  for some positive integer  $nm$ .

$\Rightarrow x \in N$

$\Rightarrow x + N = 0 + N$ , the zero element of  $R/N$ .

Thus,  $R/N$  has no non-zero nilpotent elements.

E26) For  $x, y \in S$ ,

$i(x + y) = x + y = i(x) + i(y)$ , and  
 $i(xy) = xy = i(x)i(y)$   
 $\therefore i$  is a homomorphism.  
 $\text{Ker } i = \{x \in S \mid i(x) = 0\} = \{0\}$ .  
 $\text{Im } i = \{i(x) \mid x \in S\} = S$ .

E27)  $f : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow 2\mathbb{Z} : f(x) = 2x$  is a group homomorphism.  
 However,  $f(2 \cdot 3) = f(6) = 12$ , and  $f(2) \cdot f(3) = 4 \cdot 6 = 24$ .  
 Thus,  $f(2 \cdot 3) \neq f(2)f(3)$ .  
 $\therefore f$  is not a ring homomorphism.

E28) For any  $x, y \in R_1$ ,  $f(x + y) = 0 = 0 + 0 = f(x) + f(y)$ , and  
 $f(xy) = 0 = 0 \cdot 0 = f(x) \cdot f(y)$ .  $\therefore f$  is a homomorphism.  
 $\text{Ker } f = \{x \in R_1 \mid f(x) = 0\} = R_1$ .  
 $\text{Im } f = \{0\}$ .

E29) Since  $\text{Im } f \neq M_2(\mathbb{Z})$  (e.g.,  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \notin \text{Im } f$ ),  $f$  is not surjective, and hence  
 not an isomorphism.

E30) For any  $(a, b), (c, d) \in A \times B$ ,  
 $\pi((a, b) + (c, d)) = \pi(a + c, b + d) = a + c = \pi(a, b) + \pi(c, d)$ ,  
 $\pi((a, b)(c, d)) = \pi(ac, bd) = ac = \pi(a, b)\pi(c, d)$ .  
 Thus,  $\pi$  is a ring homomorphism.  
 $\text{Ker } \pi = \{(a, b) \in A \times B \mid a = 0\} = \{0\} \times B$ .  
 $\text{Im } \pi = \{\pi(a, b) \mid (a, b) \in A \times B\} = \{a \mid (a, b) \in A \times B\} = A$ .

E31) For  $f, g \in C[0, 1]$ ,  
 $\phi(f + g) = ((f + g)(0), (f + g)(1))$   
 $= (f(0), f(1)) + (g(0), g(1))$   
 $= \phi(f) + \phi(g)$ , and  
 $\phi(fg) = (fg(0), fg(1)) = (f(0), g(0))(f(1), g(1))$   
 $= \phi(f)\phi(g)$ .  
 $\therefore \phi$  is a homomorphism.  
 $\phi$  is not an isomorphism, because, for example,  
 $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : f(x) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{4} - \left(x - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2}$  is in  $\text{Ker } \phi$  and  $f \neq \mathbf{0}$ .

E32) For any  $r \in R_2 \exists s \in R_1$  such that  $r = f(s)$ . Now,  
 $r = f(s) = f(s \cdot 1) = f(s) \cdot f(1) = rf(1)$ . Similarly,  $r = f(1) \cdot r \forall r \in R_2$ .  
 Hence  $f(1)$  is the identity of  $R_2$ .

E33) We will prove (ii). The proof of (i) is similar.  
 Firstly, since  $T \neq \emptyset, f^{-1}(T) \neq \emptyset$ .  
 Next,  $a, b \in f^{-1}(T)$ .  
 $\Rightarrow f(a), f(b) \in T$



$\Rightarrow f(a) - f(b) \in T$  and  $f(a)f(b) \in T$   
 $\Rightarrow f(a - b) \in T$  and  $f(ab) \in T$   
 $\Rightarrow a - b \in f^{-1}(T)$  and  $ab \in f^{-1}(T)$   
 $\Rightarrow f^{-1}(T)$  is a subring of  $R_1$ .

E34) Consider the inclusion  $i : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : i(x) = x$ . You know that  $2\mathbb{Z}$  is an ideal of  $\mathbb{Z}$ . But is  $i(2\mathbb{Z})$  (i.e.,  $2\mathbb{Z}$ ) an ideal of  $\mathbb{R}$ ? No. For example,

$$2 \in 2\mathbb{Z}, \frac{1}{4} \in \mathbb{R}, \text{ but } (2)\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) = \frac{1}{2} \notin 2\mathbb{Z}.$$

E35) Here we will prove (i), and leave (ii) to you.

Firstly, since  $I$  is a subring of  $R_1$ ,  $f(I)$  is a subring of  $R_2$ .

Secondly, take any  $f(x) \in f(I)$  and  $r \in R_2$ . Since  $f$  is surjective,  $\exists s \in R_1$  such that  $f(s) = r$ .

Then  $rf(x) = f(s)f(x) = f(sx) \in f(I)$ , since  $sx \in I$ .

Similarly,  $f(x)r \in f(I)$ .

Thus,  $f(I)$  is an ideal of  $R_2$ .

E36) Example 11:  $\mathbb{Z}_6 / \{\bar{0}, \bar{3}\} \simeq \mathbb{Z}_3$ , that is,  $\mathbb{Z}_6 / \langle \bar{3} \rangle \simeq \mathbb{Z}_3$ .

Example 12:  $\text{Ker } \phi = \{f \in C[0,1] \mid f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 0\}$ . Also,  $\text{Im } \phi = \mathbb{R}$ .

$$\text{So } C[0,1] / \text{Ker } \phi \simeq \mathbb{R}.$$

Example 13:  $\text{Ker } f = \{0\}$ ,  $\text{Im } f = \{nI \mid n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ . So, FTH says that

$$\mathbb{Z} \simeq \{nI \mid n \in \mathbb{Z}\}.$$

Example 14:  $\wp(X) / \text{Ker } f \simeq \wp(Y)$ .

E37) Define  $\pi : \mathbb{C}^5 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^2 : \pi(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4, z_5) = (z_1, z_2)$ .

Then  $\pi$  is well-defined.

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Also } \pi[(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4, z_5) + (w_1, w_2, w_3, w_4, w_5)] \\ &= \pi[(z_1 + w_1), (z_2 + w_2), (z_3 + w_3), (z_4 + w_4), (z_5 + w_5)] \\ &= (z_1 + w_1, z_2 + w_2) = (z_1, z_2) + (w_1, w_2) \\ &= \pi(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4, z_5) + \pi(w_1, w_2, w_3, w_4, w_5). \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, check that  $\pi(\mathbf{z} \cdot \mathbf{w}) = \pi(\mathbf{z}) \cdot \pi(\mathbf{w})$ , where  $\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{C}^5$ .

For any  $(z_1, z_2) \in \mathbb{C}^2$ ,  $\pi(z_1, z_2, 0, 0, 0) = (z_1, z_2)$ . Hence  $\text{Im } \pi = \mathbb{C}^2$ .

$$\text{Ker } \pi = \{(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4, z_5) \in \mathbb{C}^5 \mid z_1 = 0 = z_2\} = \{(0, 0, z_3, z_4, z_5) \in \mathbb{C}^5\}.$$

So, by FTH,  $\mathbb{C}^5 / \text{Ker } \pi \simeq \mathbb{C}^2 \dots (1)$

Now define  $f : \text{Ker } \pi \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^3 : f(0, 0, z_3, z_4, z_5) = (z_3, z_4, z_5)$ .

Then  $f$  is an isomorphism. Hence  $\text{Ker } \pi \simeq \mathbb{C}^3 \dots (2)$

Thus, by (1) and (2) we get

$$\mathbb{C}^5 / \mathbb{C}^3 \simeq \mathbb{C}^2.$$

E38) Since  $I$  is an ideal of  $R$  and  $I \subseteq S + I$ , it is an ideal of  $S + I$ .

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Thus,  $(S + I)/I$  is a well-defined ring.

Define  $f : S \rightarrow (S + I)/I : f(x) = x + I$ .

Then, you can check that  $f$  is well-defined,  $f(x + y) = f(x) + f(y)$ , and  $f(xy) = f(x)f(y) \forall x, y \in S$ .

Further, check that  $f$  is surjective and  $\text{Ker } f = S \cap I$ .

Thus, the FTH tells us that  $S/(S \cap I) \cong (S + I)/I$ .

E39) Define  $f : R/J \rightarrow R/I : f(r + J) = r + I$ .

You should check that  $f$  is well-defined,  $f$  is a ring homomorphism,  $f$  is surjective and  $\text{Ker } f = I/J$ .

Thus,  $I/J$  is an ideal of  $R/J$ , and by the FTH, we see that  $(R/J)/(I/J) \cong R/I$ .

