

Integral Domain \rightarrow

A commutative ring with unity without any divisor of zero is called integral domain.

Ring + Commutative + Unity + No zero divisor.

Ex Set of integers under usual addition & multiplication is an integral domain i.e. $(\mathbb{Z}, +, \cdot)$ is integral domain.

Ex Set of all real number under usual addition & multiplication is integral domain i.e. $(\mathbb{R}, +, \cdot)$ is I.D.

Ex Let $R = \{a + b\sqrt{2} \mid a, b \in \mathbb{R}\}$ under usual addition & multiplication is an integral domain.

Field \rightarrow

A commutative ring with unity in which each non-zero element has multiplicative inverse.

Ring + Commutative + Unity + Non-zero element has multiplicative inv.

Ex Set of integers under usual addition & multiplication is not a field because $\exists 2 \in \mathbb{Z}$ whose multiplicative inverse $\frac{1}{2} \notin \mathbb{Z}$ ($2 \neq 0$)

Ex Set of real ~~no~~ number under usual addition and multiplication is a field. i.e. $(\mathbb{R}, +, \cdot)$ is a field.

Ex Set of rational numbers under usual addition & multiplication is a field.

Ex Set of complex numbers under addition & multiplication of complex numbers is a field.

Division Ring (skew-field)

A ring with unity in which non-zero elements have multiplicative inverse is called skew field.

Ex $\det A = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ -b & a \end{pmatrix} \mid a, b \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$

Clearly A is a ring under addition and multiplication of matrices.

Also putting $a=1, b=0$ we get a matrix $I = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \in A$ which is multiplicative identity.

$$\therefore \det X \in A \quad (X \neq 0)$$

$$\text{i.e. } X = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ -b & a \end{pmatrix}$$

$$|X| = a^2 + b^2 \neq 0$$

$$X^{-1} = \frac{1}{|X|} \begin{pmatrix} a & -b \\ b & a \end{pmatrix}$$

Hence each non-zero element has a multiplicative inverse in A .