

Proposition

The kernel of any ring homomorphism

$\phi: R \rightarrow S$ is an ideal in R (i.e. $\ker(\phi)$ is an ideal in R).

Proof.

From groups we know the $\ker \phi$ is additive subgroup of R

Let $r \in R$, $a \in \ker(\phi)$ show $ar \in \ker(\phi)$ and $ra \in \ker(\phi)$

$$\phi(ar) = \phi(a) \cdot \phi(r) = 0 \cdot \phi(r) = 0 \quad \therefore ar \in \ker \phi$$

$$\phi(ra) = \phi(r) \phi(a) = \phi(r) \cdot 0 = 0 \quad \therefore ra \in \ker \phi.$$

$R/I =$ Quotient Ring for R a ring
 I an ideal

Theorem: Let I be an ideal of R

The factor R/I is a ring with multiplication given by

$$(r+I)(s+I) = rs + I.$$

[we already know R/I is an abelian group under addition
since an ideal I is also a normal subgroup.]

Proof:

Let $s+I, r+I \in R/I$ show that the mult. is well defined

Let $r' \in r+I$ $s' \in s+I$ Show $r's' \in rs+I$

$r' \in r+I \Rightarrow \exists a \in I$ s.t. $r' = r+a$

$s' \in s+I \Rightarrow \exists b \in I$ s.t. $s' = s+b$

$$r's' = (r+a)(s+a) = rs + \overbrace{as + ra + ab} \in I \quad \text{Since } a, b \in I$$

$$r's' \in rs + I$$

Distributivity say $r+I, s+I, w+I \in R/I$

Show

$$\begin{aligned} (r+I) \left((s+I) + (w+I) \right) &= (r+I) \left((s+w)+I \right) \\ &= r(s+w) + I \\ &= rs + rw + I \\ &= (rs+I) + (rw+I) \\ &= (r+I)(s+I) + (r+I)(w+I). \end{aligned}$$

Associativity similar



Theorem

Let I be an ideal of R . The map $\psi: R \rightarrow R/I$ defined by $\psi(r) = r+I$ is a ring homomorphism of R onto R/I and $\ker(\psi) = I$.

Proof: From Groups we know

$\psi: R \rightarrow R/I$ is a surjective group hom.

Show ψ is a ring hom. Let $r, s \in R$

$$\psi(r)\psi(s) = (r+I)(s+I) = rs+I = \psi(rs)$$

$\psi: R \rightarrow R/I$ is called the natural/canonical Ring hom. ■

Theorem (First iso. Theorem for rings)

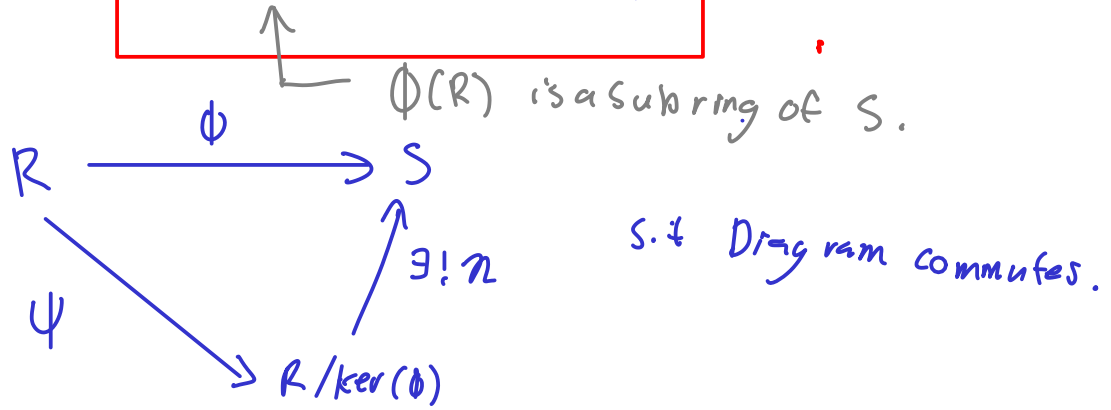
Let $\phi: R \rightarrow S$ be a ring homomorphism. Let $\psi: R \rightarrow R/\ker(\phi)$ be the canonical hom. then there exists a unique isomorphism

$\ker \phi$ is an ideal
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$$\eta: R/\ker \phi \rightarrow \phi(R) \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \phi = \eta \circ \psi$$

In particular

$$\phi(R) \cong R/\ker(\phi)$$



Proof: Let $K = \ker \phi$. By the 1st iso. theorem for Groups \exists a unique (well defined) group hom.

$$\eta: R/K \rightarrow \phi(R) \quad \left(\begin{array}{l} \text{for add. groups} \\ R/K, R, S \end{array} \right)$$

$$r+K \mapsto \phi(r)$$

we need to show this extends to a ring hom.

$$\begin{aligned} \eta((r+K)(s+K)) &= \eta(rs+K) \\ &= \phi(rs) \\ &= \phi(r)\phi(s) \\ &= \eta(r+K)\eta(s+K) \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore \eta$ is a ring hom. and is unique \therefore we are done \square

Theorem (Second Iso. Theorem)

Let I be a subring of a ring R and J to be an ideal of R . Then $I \cap J$ is an ideal of I and

$$I/(I \cap J) \cong (I+J)/J$$

\leftarrow internal direct product i.e.
 $a+b \cong a$
 $a \in I$
 $b \in J$

Proof:

• $I+J$ is a subring of R .

we know $I+J$ is an abelian subgroup.

Let $a, a' \in I$, $b, b' \in J$

$$(a+b)(a'+b') = \underbrace{aa'}_{\in I} + \underbrace{ba' + ab' + bb'}_{\in I+J}$$

$\in J$ since J is an ideal

• Show J is an ideal of $I+J$

$c \in J$

Let $a \in I$, $b \in J$ for any $a+b \in I+J$ show $(a+b)c \in J$

$$(a+b)c = \underbrace{ac}_{\in J} + \underbrace{bc}_{\in J}$$

$$c(a+b) \in J$$

$$c(a+b) = \underbrace{ca}_{\in J} + \underbrace{cb}_{\in J}$$

$\therefore J$ is an ideal of $I+J$.

Now define

$$\phi: I \rightarrow (I+J)/J$$

$$a \mapsto a+J \quad (a \in I)$$

Show ϕ is a hom. of rings. Let $a_1, a_2 \in I$

$$\begin{aligned}\phi(a_1 + a_2) &= a_1 + a_2 + \mathcal{J} = (a_1 + \mathcal{J}) + (a_2 + \mathcal{J}) \\ &= \phi(a_1) + \phi(a_2)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\phi(a_1 a_2) &= (a_1 a_2 + \mathcal{J}) = (a_1 + \mathcal{J})(a_2 + \mathcal{J}) \\ &= \phi(a_1) \phi(a_2)\end{aligned}$$

(well defined follows since $\psi: R \rightarrow R/\mathcal{J}$ is well defined)

ϕ is onto since $\forall a \in I, b \in \mathcal{J}$
 $\in (I + \mathcal{J})/\mathcal{J}$
 $a + b + \mathcal{J}$
 $= a + \mathcal{J} = \phi(a)$

$$\begin{aligned}\ker(\phi) &= \{ a \in I \mid \phi(a) = 0 + \mathcal{J} \} \\ &= \{ a \in I \mid a \in \mathcal{J} \} \\ &= I \cap \mathcal{J} \quad \therefore I \cap \mathcal{J} \text{ is an ideal}\end{aligned}$$

$\therefore \phi: I \rightarrow (I + \mathcal{J})/\mathcal{J}$ is an onto ring hom.

$$\phi(I) \cong I / \ker(\phi) = I / (I \cap \mathcal{J})$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \parallel \\ (I + \mathcal{J})/\mathcal{J} &= \end{aligned}$$

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