

is an invertible.

Example:

1. $(\mathbb{Q}, +, \cdot)$, $(\mathbb{R}, +, \cdot)$, $(\mathbb{C}, +, \cdot)$ are fields.

2. $(\mathbb{Z}, +, \cdot)$, $(\mathbb{Z}_6, +, \cdot)$ is not a field.

3. direct sum of $(\mathbb{R}, +, \cdot)$ with $(\mathbb{R}, +, \cdot)$ is not a field.

Since all elements of the form $(a, 0)$ and $(0, b)$, $a \neq 0$, $b \neq 0$ are not invertible elements.

problems:

1. let $S = \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$, Define $\oplus$, $\boxtimes$

$$(a, b) \oplus (c, d) = (a+c, b+d)$$

$$(a, b) \boxtimes (c, d) = (ac - bd, ad + bc)$$

Show that $(S, \oplus, \boxtimes)$ is field.

2. IS $(\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{3}], +, \cdot)$ field?

let $x = 1 + 3\sqrt{3} \in \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{3}]$

$$\frac{1}{x} = \frac{1}{1+3\sqrt{3}} = \frac{1-3\sqrt{3}}{(1+3\sqrt{3})(1-3\sqrt{3})} = \frac{1-3\sqrt{3}}{-26} = \frac{-1}{26} + \frac{3}{26}\sqrt{3}$$

$\therefore \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{3}]$ is not field. $\notin \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{3}]$

Theorem: Every field is an integral domain. But the converse is not true in general for example

$(\mathbb{Z}, +, \cdot)$ is an integral domain but it is not field. (Class)

Theorem

Every finite integral domain is a field.

Proof:

Let $(R, +, \cdot)$ be a finite integral domain and let $R = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\}$ is a partition since R is comm. ring with unity 1.

Let a_k be a non-zero element of R ;

$$S = \{a_k a_1, a_k a_2, \dots, a_k a_k, \dots, a_k a_n\} \subseteq R$$

Now, if $a_k a_t = a_k a_s$, $t \neq s$

$$\Rightarrow a_t = a_s \quad (\text{Since } R \text{ is an integral domain})$$

Then S has exactly n elements and hence

$S \subseteq R$, also R has n elements. Then

$$S = R$$

$$1 \in R \Rightarrow 1 \in S. \text{ Thus } 1 \in S \Rightarrow 1 = a_k a_r$$

For some r , $1 \leq r \leq n$

$$\Rightarrow a_k \text{ is an invertible element; } a_k^{-1} = a_r$$

Therefore R is field.

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Definition

A division ring is a ring with identity in which every non-zero element has invertible.

Remark

Every field is a division ring, but the converse is not true, in general. For example:

Let $R = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} : a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$ with usual

addition and multiplication operations on matrices.

Then $(R, +, \cdot)$ is a ring with identity $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

Since, for example:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \neq \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

That is $(R, +, \cdot)$ is not Comm. ring, but

every element in R has inverse

Therefore, R is division ring but not field.

Definition

Let $(F, +, \cdot)$, $(K, +, \cdot)$ be two fields s.t. $F \subseteq K$. Then F is called a subfield of K .

Remark

Let $(F, +, \cdot)$ be a field and let $\emptyset \neq S \subseteq F$.

Then $(S, +, \cdot)$ is a subfield of $F \iff$

1. $a + b \in S \quad \forall a, b \in S$
2. $a \cdot b^{-1} \in S \quad \forall a, b \in S$

Example

$$(\mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{2}], +, \cdot) = \{a + b\sqrt{2} : a, b \in \mathbb{Q}\}$$

Then $(\mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{2}], +, \cdot)$ is a subfield of $\mathbb{R}$.

let $a+b\sqrt{2}, c+d\sqrt{2} \in \mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{2}]$. Then

$$1. (a+b\sqrt{2}) - (c+d\sqrt{2}) = (a-c) + (b-d)\sqrt{2} \in \mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{2}]$$

$$2. (a+b\sqrt{2}) \cdot (c+d\sqrt{2})^{-1} = (a+b\sqrt{2}) \cdot \frac{1}{c+d\sqrt{2}}$$

$$= \frac{a+b\sqrt{2}}{c+d\sqrt{2}} = \frac{a+b\sqrt{2}}{c+d\sqrt{2}} \cdot \frac{c-d\sqrt{2}}{c-d\sqrt{2}}$$

$$= \frac{ac+ad\sqrt{2}+cb\sqrt{2}-2bd}{c^2-2d^2} = \frac{(ac-2bd) + (ad+cb)\sqrt{2}}{c^2-2d^2}$$

$$= \frac{ac-2bd}{c^2-2d^2} + \frac{ad+cb}{c^2-2d^2} \sqrt{2} \in \mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{2}]$$

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Remark :

Let F be a field and let $\{S_\alpha\}$ be any collection of subfield of F . Then $\bigcap S_\alpha$ is a subfield of F .

Proof :

Since, $0 \in S_\alpha \quad \forall \alpha \Rightarrow \bigcap S_\alpha \neq \emptyset$

let $a, b \in \bigcap S_\alpha$

$\Rightarrow a, b \in S_\alpha \quad \forall \alpha$

But S_α is a subfield of $F \quad \forall \alpha$

$\therefore a-b \in S_\alpha, ab^{-1} \in S_\alpha \quad \forall \alpha$

$$a-b \in NS_{\alpha} \quad , \quad ab^{-1} \in NS_{\alpha}$$

NS_{α} is a subfield of F .

