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## RING THEORY-SEM-IV

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INTRODUCTION TO RINGS, SUBRINGS, IDEALS,  
HOMOMORPHISM, POLYNOMIAL RINGS

## UNIT-2: SUBRINGS AND IDEALS

**Subring:** Let  $(R; +, \cdot)$  be ring and  $S$  be a non-empty subset of  $R$ . If  $(S; +, \cdot)$  is ring w.r.to the two operation in  $R$  then we say that  $S$  is a subring of  $R$ .

**Ex:** 1.  $(\mathbb{Z}; +, \cdot)$   $(\mathbb{Q}; +, \cdot)$   $(\mathbb{R}; +, \cdot)$  are all subrings of  $(\mathbb{C}; +, \cdot)$

2. Let  $S = \{\frac{a}{2} / a \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  is not a subring of  $(\mathbb{Q}; +, \cdot)$  because  $\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} \in S \Rightarrow \frac{1}{4} \notin S$

$\therefore$  Multiplication is not a binary operation.

**Remark:** 1. Every ring has at least two subrings. They are  $S = \{0\}$  and  $S = R$  these are called trivial subrings. If any other than these subrings exist then it is called as non-trivial subrings.

**Theorem1:** Let  $S$  be a non-empty subset of a ring  $(R; +, \cdot)$  then

$S$  is a subring of  $R \Leftrightarrow$  (i)  $a \in S, b \in S \Rightarrow a - b \in S$  (ii)  $a \in S, b \in S \Rightarrow a \cdot b \in S \quad \forall a, b \in S$ .

**Proof: Necessary condition ( $\Rightarrow$ ):** Given that  $S$  is a subring

To prove that (i)  $a \in S, b \in S \Rightarrow a - b \in S$  (ii)  $a \in S, b \in S \Rightarrow a \cdot b \in S \quad \forall a, b \in S$

since  $S$  is a subring  $\Rightarrow S$  is a ring under the same operation of  $R$

Now (i)  $a \in S, b \in S \Rightarrow a \in S, -b \in S \Rightarrow a + (-b) \in S \Rightarrow a - b \in S$

(ii)  $a \in S, b \in S \Rightarrow a \cdot b \in S \quad \forall a, b \in S$

**Sufficient condition ( $\Leftarrow$ ):** Conversely given that  $S$  is a non-empty subset of a ring  $(R; +, \cdot)$  such that (i)  $a \in S, b \in S \Rightarrow a - b \in S$  (ii)  $a \in S, b \in S \Rightarrow a \cdot b \in S \quad \forall a, b \in S$

To prove that  $S$  is a subring

(i) Since  $S$  is non-empty. Let  $a \in S$

By (i)  $a \in S, a \in S \Rightarrow a - a \in S \Rightarrow 0 \in S$  so  $0$  is the zero element.

(ii) By (i)  $0 \in S, a \in S \Rightarrow 0 - a \in S \Rightarrow -a \in S \Rightarrow -a$  is additive inverse of ' $a$ '

(iii) Let  $a \in S, b \in S \Rightarrow a \in S, -b \in S \Rightarrow a - (-b) \in S \Rightarrow a + b \in S$  so ' $+$ ' is binary on  $S$

(iv) Since all the elements of  $S$  are in  $R$  ( $\subseteq R$ ) since the operation  $+$  is commutative, associative in  $R$ .  $\therefore$  The operation  $+$  is commutative, associative in  $S$

(v) By con (ii) ' $\cdot$ ' is binary operation in  $S$

(vi) Let  $a, b, c \in S \Rightarrow a, b, c \in R \Rightarrow (ab)c = a(bc) \Rightarrow ' $\cdot$ ' is associative in  $S$$

(vii) Let  $a, b, c \in S \Rightarrow a, b, c \in R \Rightarrow a.(b+c) = a.b + a.c$  and  $(b+c).a = b.a + c.a$   
 '·' is distributive under addition in S Hence  $(S; +, \cdot)$  is a ring

**Theorem2: The intersection of two subrings of a ring R is a subring of R**

**Proof:** Let  $S_1, S_2$  be two subrings of a ring R. To prove that  $S_1 \cap S_2$  is subring of R

Since Every subring contains at least zero element of the ring. So  $0 \in S_1, 0 \in S_2 \Rightarrow 0 \in S_1 \cap S_2$

$\Rightarrow S_1 \cap S_2 \neq \phi$  and  $S_1 \cap S_2 \subseteq R$

Let  $a, b \in S_1 \cap S_2 \Rightarrow a, b \in S_1$  and  $a, b \in S_2$

Since  $a, b \in S_1$  and  $S_1$  is a subring of R  $\Rightarrow a - b \in S_1$  and  $a.b \in S_1 \rightarrow (1)$

Also  $a, b \in S_2$  and  $S_2$  is a subring of R  $\Rightarrow a - b \in S_2$  and  $a.b \in S_2 \rightarrow (2)$

From (1) and (2)  $a - b \in S_1 \cap S_2$  and  $ab \in S_1 \cap S_2$

$a, b \in S_1 \cap S_2 \Rightarrow a - b \in S_1 \cap S_2$  and  $ab \in S_1 \cap S_2$ . hence  $S_1 \cap S_2$  is subring of R

**Theorem3: If  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  are subrings of R then  $S_1 \cup S_2$  is subring of R  $\Leftrightarrow S_1 \subseteq S_2$  or  $S_2 \subseteq S_1$**

**Proof: Necessary condition ( $\Rightarrow$ ):** Given that  $S_1 \cup S_2$  is subring of R.

To prove that  $S_1 \subseteq S_2$  or  $S_2 \subseteq S_1$

If possible suppose that  $S_1 \not\subseteq S_2$  and  $S_2 \not\subseteq S_1$

Since  $S_1 \not\subseteq S_2 \Rightarrow \exists$  an element  $a \in S_1$  and  $a \notin S_2$

also  $S_2 \not\subseteq S_1 \Rightarrow \exists$  an element  $b \in S_2$  and  $b \notin S_1$

$\therefore a, b \in S_1 \cup S_2 \Rightarrow a + b \in S_1 \cup S_2 \Rightarrow a + b \in S_1$  or  $a + b \in S_2$

If  $a + b \in S_1$ : -

$a + b \in S_1, a \in S_1$  and  $S_1$  is a subring  $\Rightarrow a + b - a \in S_1 \Rightarrow b \in S_1$  which is absurd.

If  $a + b \in S_2$ : -

$a + b \in S_2, b \in S_2$  and  $S_2$  is a subring  $\Rightarrow a + b - b \in S_2 \Rightarrow a \in S_2$  which is absurd

$\therefore$  our supposition is a wrong. Hence  $S_1 \subseteq S_2$  or  $S_2 \subseteq S_1$

**Sufficient condition ( $\Leftarrow$ ):** Given  $S_1, S_2$  are the subrings of R such that  $S_1 \subseteq S_2$  or  $S_2 \subseteq S_1$

To prove that  $S_1 \cup S_2$  is subring of  $R$

$S_1 \subseteq S_2 \Rightarrow S_1 \cup S_2 = S_2 \Rightarrow S_1 \cup S_2$  is subring of  $R$  [since  $S_2$  is a subring of  $R$ ]

$S_2 \subseteq S_1 \Rightarrow S_1 \cup S_2 = S_1 \Rightarrow S_1 \cup S_2$  is subring of  $R$  [since  $S_1$  is a subring of  $R$ ]

### IDEALS

**Ideal:** Let  $(R; +, \cdot)$  be a ring. A non-empty subset  $I$  of  $R$  is called an ideal of  $R$ . if

(i)  $a \in I, b \in I \Rightarrow a - b \in I$       (ii)  $a \in I, r \in R \Rightarrow ar \in I$  (*Right ideal*),

$ra \in I$  (*left ideal*)

**Ex:** The set of even integers is an ideal of the ring of integers.

**Remark:** 1. Every ideal  $I$  of  $R$  is subring of  $R$  but a subring need not be an ideal. For example the  $(\mathbb{Z}; +, \cdot)$  is a subring of  $(\mathbb{R}; +, \cdot)$  but  $\mathbb{Z}$  is not an ideal of  $\mathbb{R}$  because  $1 \in \mathbb{Z}, \frac{3}{4} \in \mathbb{R}$

$\Rightarrow 1 \cdot \frac{3}{4} = \frac{3}{4} \notin \mathbb{Z} \quad \therefore \mathbb{Z}$  is not an ideal of  $\mathbb{R}$

2.  $I = \{0\}$  is called as null ideal of  $R$  and  $I = R$  is called as unit ideal of  $R$ .

These two ideals are called trivial ideals of  $R$  and any other than these ideals exist then it is called as non – trivial ideals.

**Theorem1: The intersection of two ideals of a ring  $R$  is an ideal of  $R$**

**Proof:** Let  $I_1, I_2$  be two ideals of a ring  $R$ . To prove that  $I_1 \cap I_2$  is ideal of  $R$

Since every ideal contains at least zero element of the ring. So  $0 \in I_1, 0 \in I_2 \Rightarrow 0 \in I_1 \cap I_2$

$\Rightarrow I_1 \cap I_2 \neq \phi$  and  $I_1 \cap I_2 \subseteq R$

(i) Let  $a, b \in I_1 \cap I_2 \Rightarrow a, b \in I_1$  and  $a, b \in I_2$

Since  $a, b \in I_1$  and  $I_1$  is an ideal of  $R \Rightarrow a - b \in I_1$

Also  $a, b \in I_2$  and  $I_2$  is an ideal of  $R \Rightarrow a - b \in I_2$

$\therefore a - b \in I_1 \cap I_2$

(ii) Let  $a \in I_1 \cap I_2$ , and  $r \in R$  then  $a \in I_1$ , and  $a \in I_2$

Now  $a \in I_1, r \in R$  and  $I_1$  is an ideal of  $R \Rightarrow ar, ra \in I_1 \rightarrow (1)$

$a \in I_2, r \in R$  and  $I_2$  is an ideal of  $R \Rightarrow ar, ra \in I_2 \rightarrow (2)$

From (1) and (2)  $ar, ra \in I_1 \cap I_2$

Thus  $a \in I_1 \cap I_2$ , and  $r \in R$  then  $ar, ra \in I_1 \cap I_2$  Hence  $I_1 \cap I_2$  is ideal of  $R$

**Theorem3: If  $I_1$  and  $I_2$  are ideals of  $R$  then  $I_1 \cup I_2$  is an ideal of  $R \Leftrightarrow I_1 \subseteq I_2$  or  $I_2 \subseteq I_1$**

**Proof: Necessary condition ( $\Rightarrow$ ):** Given that  $I_1 \cup I_2$  is an ideal of  $R$ .

To prove that  $I_1 \subseteq I_2$  or  $I_2 \subseteq I_1$

If possible suppose that  $I_1 \not\subseteq I_2$  and  $I_2 \not\subseteq I_1$

Since  $I_1 \not\subseteq I_2 \Rightarrow \exists$  an element  $a \in I_1$  and  $a \notin I_2$

also  $I_2 \not\subseteq I_1 \Rightarrow \exists$  an element  $b \in I_2$  and  $b \notin I_1$

$\therefore a, b \in I_1 \cup I_2 \Rightarrow a - b \in I_1 \cup I_2 \Rightarrow a - b \in I_1$  or  $a - b \in I_2$

If  $a - b \in I_1$ : -

$a \in I_1, a - b \in I_1$ , and  $I_1$  is a ideal  $\Rightarrow a - (a - b) \in I_1 \Rightarrow b \in I_1$  which is absurd.

If  $a - b \in I_2$ : -

$a - b \in I_2, b \in I_2$  and  $I_2$  is an ideal of  $R \Rightarrow a - b + b \in I_2 \Rightarrow a \in I_2$  which is absurd

$\therefore$  our supposition is a wrong. Hence  $I_1 \subseteq I_2$  or  $I_2 \subseteq I_1$

**Sufficient condition ( $\Leftarrow$ ):** Given  $I_1, I_2$  are the ideals of  $R$  such that  $I_1 \subseteq I_2$  or  $I_2 \subseteq I_1$

To prove that  $I_1 \cup I_2$  is an ideal of  $R$

$I_1 \subseteq I_2 \Rightarrow I_1 \cup I_2 = I_2 \Rightarrow I_1 \cup I_2$  is an ideal of  $R$  [since  $I_2$  is an ideal of  $R$ ]

$I_2 \subseteq I_1 \Rightarrow I_1 \cup I_2 = I_1 \Rightarrow I_1 \cup I_2$  is an ideal of  $R$  [since  $I_1$  is an ideal of  $R$ ]

**Theorem: 3 If  $I_1$  and  $I_2$  are ideals of  $R$  then  $I_1 + I_2$  is an ideal of  $R$**

**Proof:** Given  $I_1$  and  $I_2$  are ideals of  $R$ . To prove that  $I_1 + I_2$  is an ideal of  $R$

Since every ideal contains at least zero element of the ring.

(i) So  $0 \in I_1, 0 \in I_2 \Rightarrow 0 + 0 = 0 \in I_1 + I_2 \Rightarrow I_1 + I_2 \neq \phi$

(ii) Let  $x \in I_1 + I_2$  then  $x = x_1 + x_2$  where  $x_1 \in I_1$  and  $x_2 \in I_2$

$x_1 \in I_1 \Rightarrow x_1 \in R (\because I_1 \subseteq R)$ , also  $x_2 \in I_2 \Rightarrow x_2 \in R (\because I_2 \subseteq R)$ ,

$\therefore x_1 + x_2 \in R$  Thus  $I_1 + I_2 \subseteq R$

(iii) Let  $x, y \in I_1 + I_2$  then  $x = x_1 + x_2, y = y_1 + y_2$  where  $x_1, y_1 \in I_1$  and  $x_2, y_2 \in I_2$

Now  $-y = (x_1 + x_2) - (y_1 + y_2) = (x_1 - y_1) + (x_2 - y_2) \in I_1 + I_2$  [ $\because x_1 - y_1 \in I_1$  and  $x_2 - y_2 \in I_2$ ]

(iv) Let  $x \in I_1 + I_2$  and  $r \in R$  then  $x = x_1 + x_2$  where  $x_1 \in I_1$  and  $x_2 \in I_2$

Now  $rx = r(x_1 + x_2) = rx_1 + rx_2 \in I_1 + I_2$  [ $\because rx_1 \in I_1$  and  $rx_2 \in I_2$ ]

Also  $xr = (x_1 + x_2)r = x_1r + x_2r \in I_1 + I_2$  [ $\because x_1r \in I_1$  and  $x_2r \in I_2$ ]

$\therefore x \in I_1 + I_2, r \in R \Rightarrow rx, xr \in I_1 + I_2$

Thus  $I_1 + I_2$  is an ideal of  $R$

**Theorem:4** If  $I$  is an ideal of a ring  $R$  with unity and  $1 \in I$  then  $I = R$

**Proof:** Since  $I$  is an ideal of a ring  $R$  with unity. By the definition of an ideal of  $I \subseteq R \rightarrow (1)$

Let  $x$  be any element of  $R$

$\therefore x \in R \Rightarrow x.1 \in R \Rightarrow x.1 \in I$  [ $\because 1 \in I, x \in R$  and  $I$  is an ideal of  $R \Rightarrow x.1 \in I$ ]

$\Rightarrow x \in I \quad \therefore R \subseteq I \rightarrow (2)$

From (1) & (2)  $I = R$

**Theorem5:** A field has no proper ideals (OR) Every ideal of a field  $F$  has only  $\{0\}$  and  $F$  itself

**Proof:** Let  $I$  be an ideal of a ring  $F$  such that  $I \neq \{0\}$

Now we prove that  $I = F$  By the definition of an ideal of  $I \subseteq F \rightarrow (1)$

Let  $a \in I$  so that  $a \neq 0$ .

let  $a \neq 0 \in F$  and  $F$  is a field  $\Rightarrow \exists a^{-1} \in F \ni aa^{-1} = a^{-1}a = 1$

$\therefore a \in I, a^{-1} \in F$ , and  $I$  is an ideal  $\Rightarrow aa^{-1} \in I \Rightarrow 1 \in I$

Let  $x$  be any element of  $F$

$\therefore x \in F \Rightarrow x.1 \in F \Rightarrow x.1 \in I$  [ $\because 1 \in I, x \in F$  and  $I$  is an ideal of  $F \Rightarrow x.1 \in I$ ]

$$\Rightarrow x \in I \quad \therefore F \subseteq I \rightarrow (2)$$

From (1) & (2)  $I = F$

$\therefore$  A field  $F$  has no proper ideals

### Problems

**1. Show that  $S = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & c \end{bmatrix} / a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$  is a Sub ring of the ring of  $2 \times 2$**

**matrices whose elements are integers.**

**Sol:** Let  $R = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} / a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$  be the ring under addition and multiplications

of matrices. Clearly  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  is the zero element of  $R$ .

$$\text{Given } S = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & c \end{bmatrix} / a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$$

To prove that  $S$  is Sub ring of  $R$

(i) Clearly  $S \neq \emptyset$  and  $S \subseteq R$

(ii) Let  $A, B \in S$  so that  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & b_1 \\ 0 & c_1 \end{bmatrix}$ ;  $B = \begin{bmatrix} a_2 & b_2 \\ 0 & c_2 \end{bmatrix}$  where  $a_1, b_1, c_1, a_2, b_2, c_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$

Now  $A - B = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 - a_2 & b_1 - b_2 \\ 0 & c_1 - c_2 \end{bmatrix} \in S$  since  $a_1 - a_2, b_1 - b_2, c_1 - c_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$

Also  $AB = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & b_1 \\ 0 & c_1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_2 & b_2 \\ 0 & c_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 a_2 & a_1 b_2 + b_1 c_2 \\ 0 & c_1 c_2 \end{bmatrix} \in S$  since  $a_1 a_2, a_1 b_2 + b_1 c_2, c_1 c_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$

$\therefore A, B \in S \Rightarrow A - B \in S$ ;  $A \cdot B \in S \Rightarrow S$  is Sub ring of  $R$

**2. Show that  $I = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} / a, b \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$  is a right ideal but not left**

**ideal of the ring of  $2 \times 2$  matrices whose elements are integers.**

(OR)

**Show that  $I = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ a & b \end{bmatrix} / a, b \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$  is a right ideal but not left**

**ideal of the ring of  $2 \times 2$  matrices whose elements are integers**

**Sol:** Given  $I = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} / a, b \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$

Let  $R$  be the set of all  $2 \times 2$  matrices whose elements are integers.

$\therefore (R, +, \cdot)$  is ring under addition and multiplications of matrices.

(i) Clearly  $I \neq \emptyset$  ( $\because \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \in I$ ) and  $I \subseteq R$ .

(ii) Let  $A, B \in I$  so that  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & b_1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ;  $B = \begin{bmatrix} a_2 & b_2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  where  $a_1, b_1, a_2, b_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$

Now  $A - B = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 - a_2 & b_1 - b_2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \in I$  since  $a_1 - a_2, b_1 - b_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$

Let  $X = \begin{bmatrix} l & m \\ n & p \end{bmatrix} \in R$  where  $l, m, n, p \in \mathbb{Z}$

Now  $AX = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & b_1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} l & m \\ n & p \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 l + b_1 n & a_1 m + b_1 p \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \in I$

since  $a_1 l + b_1 n, a_1 m + b_1 p \in \mathbb{Z}$

$\therefore I$  is a right ideal of  $R$

but we have  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \in I$  and  $X = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \in R$

$\therefore XA = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \notin I$

$\therefore I$  is not a left ideal of  $R$

**3. Show that  $I = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ b & 0 \end{bmatrix} / a, b \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$  is a left ideal but not right**

**ideal of the ring of  $2 \times 2$  matrices whose elements are integers.**

**(OR)**

**Show that  $I = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 & a \\ 0 & b \end{bmatrix} / a, b \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$  is a left ideal but not right**

**ideal of the ring of  $2 \times 2$  matrices whose elements are integers**

**Sol:** Given  $I = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ b & 0 \end{bmatrix} / a, b \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$

Let  $R$  be the set of all  $2 \times 2$  matrices whose elements are integers.

$\therefore (R, +, \cdot)$  is ring under addition and multiplications of matrices.

(i) Clearly  $I \neq \emptyset$  ( $\because \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \in I$ ) and  $I \subseteq R$ .

(ii) Let  $A, B \in I$  so that  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & 0 \\ b_1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ;  $B = \begin{bmatrix} a_2 & 0 \\ b_2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  where  $a_1, b_1, a_2, b_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$

Now  $A - B = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 - a_2 & 0 \\ b_1 - b_2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \in I$  since  $a_1 - a_2, b_1 - b_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$

Let  $X = \begin{bmatrix} l & m \\ n & p \end{bmatrix} \in R$  where  $l, m, n, p \in \mathbb{Z}$

Now  $XA = \begin{bmatrix} l & m \\ n & p \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & 0 \\ b_1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 l + m b_1 & 0 \\ a_1 n + b_1 p & 0 \end{bmatrix} \in I$

since  $a_1 l + m b_1, a_1 n + b_1 p \in \mathbb{Z}$

$\therefore I$  is a left ideal of  $R$

but we have  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \in I$  and  $X = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \in R$

$\therefore AX = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \notin I$

$\therefore I$  is not a right ideal of  $R$

**4. Show that  $S = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & b \end{bmatrix} / a, b \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$  is a Sub ring of the ring of**

**$2 \times 2$  matrices whose elements are integers but which neither left ideal nor right ideal .**

**(OR)**

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$\therefore (R, +, \cdot)$  is ring under addition and multiplications of matrices.

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(ii) Let  $A, B \in I$  so that  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & 0 \\ 0 & b_1 \end{bmatrix}$ ;  $B = \begin{bmatrix} a_2 & 0 \\ 0 & b_2 \end{bmatrix}$  where  $a_1, b_1, a_2, b_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$

Now  $A - B = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & 0 \\ 0 & b_1 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} a_2 & 0 \\ 0 & b_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 - a_2 & 0 \\ 0 & b_1 - b_2 \end{bmatrix} \in S$  since  $a_1 - a_2, b_1 - b_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$

Also  $AB = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 a_2 & 0 \\ 0 & b_1 b_2 \end{bmatrix} \in S$  since  $a_1 a_2, b_1 b_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$

$\therefore A, B \in S \Rightarrow A - B \in S$ ;  $A \cdot B \in S \Rightarrow S$  is Sub ring of  $R$

But for  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \in S$ ,  $X = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \in R$

Now  $XA = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \notin S$

$\therefore S$  is not a left ideal of  $R$

Also  $AX = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \notin S$

$\therefore S$  is not a right ideal of  $R$ .

Hence  $S$  is neither left ideal nor right ideal