

## HW2 Problem 1

- A monoid without identity is a set  $G$  with an operation  $\times: G \times G \rightarrow G$  such that: if  $a, b, c \in G$  then  $(ab)c = a(bc)$ .

For example, the empty set  $\emptyset$  is a monoid without identity. Also, the set  $\{x_1, x_2\}$  with

$$x_1 x_1 = x_1 x_2 = x_2 x_1 = x_2 x_2 = x_1$$

is a monoid without identity.

- A monoid is a set  $G$  with an operation  $\times: G \times G \rightarrow G$  such that:
  - (a) if  $a, b, c \in G$  then  $(ab)c = a(bc)$ ,
  - (b) there exists an element  $1 \in G$  such that if  $a \in G$  then  $1a = a1 = a$ .

For example, the set of natural numbers with addition is a monoid. Also, for a set  $X$ , the set of functions

$$\{f: X \rightarrow X\}$$

with function composition is a monoid.

- A group is a set  $G$  with an operation  $\times: G \times G \rightarrow G$  such that
  - (a) if  $a, b, c \in G$  then  $(ab)c = a(bc)$ ,
  - (b) there exists an identity element  $1 \in G$  such that if  $a \in G$  then  $1a = a1 = a$ .
  - (c) if  $a \in G$  there exists an element  $y^{-1} \in G$  such that  $yy^{-1} = y^{-1}y = 1$ .

For example, given a set  $X$ , the functions  $\{f: X \rightarrow X \mid f \text{ is bijective}\}$ ,

is a group with function composition. Also, the set of integers mod 5 is a group with addition

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• A ring without identity is a set  $R$  with two operations  $\times: R \times R \rightarrow R$  and  $+: R \times R \rightarrow R$  such that

(a)  $R$  with  $+$  is an abelian group

(b) If  $r, s \in R$  then  $r+s = s+r$

(c) If  $r, s, t \in R$  then  $(rs)t = r(st)$

(d) If  $r, s, t \in R$  then

$$r(s+t) = rs+rt$$

and

$$(r+s)t = rt+st.$$

For example, the set of even integers with addition and multiplication is a ring without identity.

• A ring is a ring without identity such that there is an element  $1 \in R$  such that if  $r \in R$  then  $rl = lr = r$ .

For example, the set of  $n \times n$  matrices with real entries is a ring.

• A field is a commutative ring  $\mathbb{F}$  such that if  $y \in \mathbb{F}$  and  $y \neq 0$  then there is an element  $y^{-1} \in \mathbb{F}$  with  $yy^{-1} = y^{-1}y = 1$ .

For example, the set of real numbers, with multiplication and addition, is a field.

• A division ring is a ring  $\mathbb{D}$  such that if  $y \in \mathbb{D}$  and  $y \neq 0$  then there is an element  $y^{-1} \in \mathbb{D}$  with  $yy^{-1} = y^{-1}y = 1$ .

For example, the quaternions are a division ring. Also, the set of invertible  $n \times n$  matrices with real entries is a division ring.

HW 2 Problem 2: Give an example of an operation on  $\mathbb{Z}$  that is not associative.

Define  $\star: \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  by

$$a \star b = ab + b$$

for all  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Then  $\star$  is not associative, since

$$(1 \star 2) \star 3 = 4 \star 3 = 15$$

but

$$1 \star (2 \star 3) = 1 \star 9 = 18.$$

HW 2 Problem 3: Let  $G$  be a group. Show that the identity element of  $G$  is unique.

Proof: Assume:  $G$  is a group.

To Show: identity elt of  $G$  is unique.

Assume:  $x, y \in G$  are identity elements of  $G$ .

To Show:  $x = y$ .

Consider  $xy \in G$ . Then

$$xy = x$$

since  $x$  is an identity element of  $G$ .

But

$$xy = y$$

since  $y$  is an identity element of  $G$ .

Thus  $x = y$ .

So, if  $G$  is a group, then its identity element is unique.

HW 2 Problem 4 Let  $G$  be a group. Show that the inverse of  $g$  is unique

Proof: Assume:  $G$  is a group.

To Show: the inverse of  $G$  is unique.

Assume:  $g \in G$ , and  $x, y \in G$  are both inverses of  $g$ .

To Show:  $x = y$ .

Note that

$$gx = gy = 1.$$

Thus

$$x(gx) = x(gy)$$

$$(xg)x = (xg)y$$

$$1x = 1y$$

$$x = y.$$

as desired. So the inverse of  $G$  is unique.

HW 2 Problem 5: Why isn't  $\{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$  a group?

The above set is not a group since there is no binary operation specified.

HW2 Problem 6: Show that  $-(-5) = 5$ .

Proof: To Show:  $-(-5) = 5$ .

That is, we wish to show:

$$(a) (-5) + 5 = 0$$

$$(b) 5 + (-5) = 0$$

But (a) and (b) are true since  $-5$  is the additive inverse of  $5$ . Thus  $-(-5) = 5$ .

HW2 Problem 7: Show that  $1/(1/5) = 5$

Proof: To Show:  $1/(1/5) = 5$

That is, we wish to show:

$$(a) (1/5) 5 = 1$$

$$(b) 5 (1/5) = 1$$

But (a) and (b) are true since  $1/5$  is the multiplicative inverse of  $5$ . Thus  $1/(1/5) = 5$ .

HW2 Problem 8: Show that  $-1 \cdot 5 = -5$ .

Proof: To Show:  $-1 \cdot 5 = -5$

That is, we wish to show that  $-1 \cdot 5$  is the additive inverse of  $5$ . Since

$$-1 \cdot 5 + 5 = -1 \cdot 5 + 1 \cdot 5$$

$$= (-1 + 1)5$$

$$= 0 \cdot 5$$

$$= 0$$

(see problem 9)

and similarly,

$$5 + (-1 \cdot 5) = (1 \cdot 5) + (-1 \cdot 5)$$

$$= (1 + (-1))5$$

$$= 0 \cdot 5$$

$$= 0,$$

(see problem 9)

it follows that  $-1 \cdot 5 = -5$ .

HW 2 Problem 9 · Show that  $0 \cdot 5 = 0$

Proof : To Show :  $0 \cdot 5 = 0$

Note that

$$\begin{aligned}0 \cdot 5 + 5 &= 0 \cdot 5 + 1 \cdot 5 \\ &= (0 + 1) \cdot 5 \\ &= 1 \cdot 5 \\ &= 5\end{aligned}$$

so

$$\begin{aligned}0 \cdot 5 + 5 &= 5 \\ 0 \cdot 5 + 5 + (-5) &= 5 + (-5) \\ 0 \cdot 5 + 0 &= 0 \\ 0 \cdot 5 &= 0.\end{aligned}$$

So,  $0 \cdot 5 = 0$ .

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HW 2 Problem 16 Let  $C_n$  be the set of  $n^{\text{th}}$  roots of unity on  $\mathbb{C}$ . Show that  $C_n$  is a group.

First write

$$C_n = \{ e^{2\pi i k/n} \mid 0 \leq k \leq n-1 \}$$

$$= \{ \zeta^0, \zeta^1, \dots, \zeta^{n-1} \}, \text{ where } \zeta = e^{2\pi i/n}.$$

To show:  $C_n$  is a subgroup of  $GL_1(\mathbb{C})$

To show: (a) If  $g, h \in C_n$  then  $gh \in C_n$ .

(b)  $1 \in C_n$

(c) If  $g \in C_n$  then  $g^{-1} \in C_n$ .

(a) Assume  $g, h \in C_n$

To show:  $gh \in C_n$ .

To show:  $gh$  is an  $n^{\text{th}}$  root of 1.

To show:  $(gh)^n = 1$ .

$$(gh)^n = g^n h^n = 1 \cdot 1, \text{ since } g, h \in C_n \text{ and } g \text{ and } h \text{ are } n^{\text{th}} \text{ roots of } 1.$$

$\therefore gh \in C_n$ .

(b) To show:  $1$  is an  $n^{\text{th}}$  root of 1

To show:  $1^n = 1$ .

This is clear, since  $1 \cdot 1 \cdots 1 = 1$ .

(2)

(c) Assume  $g \in C_n$ .

To show:  $g^{-1} \in C_n$ .

To show:  $g^{-1}$  is a  $n$ th root of unity.

To show:  $(g^{-1})^n = 1$ .

$$(g^{-1})^n = g^{-n} = (g^n)^{-1} = 1^{-1} = 1, \text{ since } g \in C \text{ and } g^n = 1.$$

$\therefore g^{-1} \in C_n$ .

$\therefore C_n$  is a subgroup of  $GL(\mathbb{C})$ .  $\square$

HW2 Problem 17 Define  $M_n(\mathbb{C})$  and prove that it is a ring.

$M_n(\mathbb{C})$  is the set of  $n \times n$  matrices with entries in  $\mathbb{C}$  with <sup>operations</sup> matrix addition and matrix multiplication.

To show:  $M_n(\mathbb{C})$  is a ring.

To show: (a) If  $a, b, c \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$  then  $(a+b)+c = a+(b+c)$

(b) There exists an element  $0 \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$  such that if  $a \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$  then  $0+a = a+0 = a$ .

(c) If  $a \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$  there exists an element  $-a \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$  such that  $a+(-a) = (-a)+a = 0$ .



- (d) If  $a, b \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$  then  $a+b = b+a$ .
- (e) If  $a, b, c \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$  then  $(ab)c = a(bc)$ .
- (f) There exists an element  $1 \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$  such that if  $a \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$  then  $1 \cdot a = a \cdot 1 = a$ .
- (g) If  $a, b, c \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$  then  $(a+b)c = ac+bc$  and  $a(b+c) = ab+ac$ .

(a) Assume  $a, b, c \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$ .

To show:  $(a+b)+c = a+(b+c)$ .

To show:  $((a+b)+c)_{ij} = (a+(b+c))_{ij}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} ((a+b)+c)_{ij} &= (a+b)_{ij} + c_{ij} = (a_{ij} + b_{ij}) + c_{ij} \\ &= a_{ij} + (b_{ij} + c_{ij}) = a_{ij} + (b+c)_{ij} = (a+(b+c))_{ij}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore (a+b)+c = a+(b+c).$$

(e) Assume  $a, b, c \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$ .

To show:  $(ab)c = a(bc)$ .

To show:  $((ab)c)_{ij} = (a(bc))_{ij}$ .

$$((ab)c)_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^n (ab)_{ik} c_{kj} = \sum_{k=1}^n \left( \sum_{l=1}^n a_{il} b_{lk} \right) c_{kj}$$

$$= \sum_{l=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik} b_{kl} c_{lj} = \sum_{k=1}^n \sum_{l=1}^n a_{ik} b_{kl} c_{lj}$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik} \left( \sum_{l=1}^n b_{kl} c_{lj} \right) = \sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik} (bc)_{kj} = (a(bc))_{ij}$$

(f) To show: There exists an element  $1 \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$  such that if  $a \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$  then  $1 \cdot a = a \cdot 1 = a$ .

Let  $1$  be the matrix with entries

$$1_{ij} = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } i \neq j \\ 1, & \text{if } i = j \end{cases}$$

~~then~~ To show: If  $a \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$  then  $1 \cdot a = a$  and  $a \cdot 1 = a$ .

Assume  $a \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$

To show: (fa)  $1 \cdot a = a$

(fb)  $a \cdot 1 = a$ .

(fa) To show:  $(1 \cdot a)_{ij} = a_{ij}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} (1 \cdot a)_{ij} &= \sum_{k=1}^n 1_{ik} a_{kj} = 1_{ii} a_{ij} + 1_{i2} a_{2j} + \dots + 1_{in} a_{nj} \\ &= 0 + 0 + \dots + 1 \cdot a_{ij} + 0 + \dots + 0 = a_{ij} \end{aligned}$$

(fb) To show:  $(a \cdot 1)_{ij} = a_{ij}$ .

$$(a \cdot 1)_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik} 1_{kj} = a_{ij} \cdot 1_{jj} = a_{ij} \cdot 1 = a_{ij}$$

HW2 Problem 12

Let  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$  and let  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

$k \bmod n$  is the integer  $\bar{k}$  such that

$$k = ln + \bar{k}, \text{ with } l \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ and } 0 \leq \bar{k} < n.$$

$\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z} = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1\}$  with the operations determined by

$$\bar{a} + \bar{b} = \overline{a+b} \quad \text{and} \quad \bar{a}\bar{b} = \overline{ab}$$

for  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

To show:  $\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$  is a ring.

To show: (a)  $+$ :  $\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$  is well defined.

(b)  $\cdot$ :  $\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$  is well defined

(c) If  $\bar{a}, \bar{b}, \bar{c} \in \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$  then

$$(\bar{a} + \bar{b}) + \bar{c} = \bar{a} + (\bar{b} + \bar{c}).$$

(d) There is an element  $\bar{z} \in \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$  such that if  $\bar{a} \in \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$  then  $\bar{z} + \bar{a} = \bar{a} + \bar{z} = \bar{a}$ .

(e) If  $\bar{a} \in \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$  then there exists an element  $\bar{b} \in \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$  such that  $\bar{b} + \bar{a} = \bar{a} + \bar{b} = \bar{z}$ .

(f) If  $\bar{a}, \bar{b} \in \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$  then  $\bar{a} + \bar{b} = \bar{b} + \bar{a}$ .

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(g) If  $\bar{a}, \bar{b}, \bar{c} \in \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$  then  $(\bar{a}\bar{b})\bar{c} = \bar{a}(\bar{b}\bar{c})$

(h) There exists an element  $e \in \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$  such that

$$\text{if } \bar{a} \in \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z} \text{ then } e\bar{a} = \bar{a}e = \bar{a}$$

(i) If  $\bar{a}, \bar{b}, \bar{c} \in \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$  then

$$(\bar{a} + \bar{b})\bar{c} = \bar{a}\bar{c} + \bar{b}\bar{c} \text{ and } \bar{c}(\bar{a} + \bar{b}) = \bar{c}\bar{a} + \bar{c}\bar{b}.$$

(a) To show:  $+: \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$  is well defined.

Let  $a_1, a_2, b_1, b_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $\bar{a}_1 = \bar{a}_2$  and  $\bar{b}_1 = \bar{b}_2$ .

To show:  $\bar{a}_1 + \bar{b}_1 = \bar{a}_2 + \bar{b}_2$

We know:  $a_1 = l_1n + r$  and  $a_2 = l_2n + r$

$$b_1 = k_1n + s \text{ and } b_2 = k_2n + s$$

with  $l_1, l_2, k_1, k_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $0 \leq r, s \leq n-1$ .

Then

$$\bar{a}_1 + \bar{b}_1 = \overline{a_1 + b_1} = \overline{l_1n + r + k_1n + s} = \bar{t},$$

if  $r + s = ln + t$  with  $l \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $0 \leq t \leq n-1$ .

Then

$$\bar{a}_2 + \bar{b}_2 = \overline{a_2 + b_2} = \overline{l_2n + r + k_2n + s} = \bar{t}.$$

$$\text{So } \bar{a}_1 + \bar{b}_1 = \bar{a}_2 + \bar{b}_2.$$

(b) To show:  $\because \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$  is well defined.

Let  $a_1, a_2, b_1, b_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $\bar{a}_1 = \bar{a}_2$  and  $\bar{b}_1 = \bar{b}_2$ .

To show:  $\bar{a}_1 \bar{b}_1 = \bar{a}_2 \bar{b}_2$

We know:  $a_1 = l_1 n + r$  and  $a_2 = l_2 n + r$

$b_1 = k_1 n + s$  and  $b_2 = k_2 n + s$

with  $l_1, l_2, k_1, k_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $0 \leq r, s \leq n-1$ .

Then

$$\bar{a}_1 \bar{b}_1 = \overline{a_1 b_1} = \overline{(l_1 n + r)(k_1 n + s)} = t,$$

if  $rs = l n + t$  with  $l \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $0 \leq t \leq n-1$ .

Then

$$\bar{a}_2 \bar{b}_2 = \overline{a_2 b_2} = \overline{(l_2 n + r)(k_2 n + s)} = t$$

$$\therefore \bar{a}_1 \bar{b}_1 = \bar{a}_2 \bar{b}_2.$$

(c) To show: If  $\bar{a}, \bar{b}, \bar{c} \in \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$  then  $(\bar{a} + \bar{b}) + \bar{c} = \bar{a} + (\bar{b} + \bar{c})$ .

Assume  $\bar{a}, \bar{b}, \bar{c} \in \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$ .

To show:  $(\bar{a} + \bar{b}) + \bar{c} = \bar{a} + (\bar{b} + \bar{c})$

$$(\bar{a} + \bar{b}) + \bar{c} = \overline{a + b} + \bar{c} = \overline{(a + b) + c}, \text{ and}$$

$$\bar{a} + (\bar{b} + \bar{c}) = \bar{a} + \overline{b + c} = \overline{a + (b + c)}$$

and  $\therefore$  by associativity of  $+$  in  $\mathbb{Z}$ ,

$$(\bar{a} + \bar{b}) + \bar{c} = \bar{a} + (\bar{b} + \bar{c}).$$

(d) To show: there exists an element  $z \in \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$  such that if  $\bar{a} \in \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$  then  $z + \bar{a} = \bar{a} + z = \bar{a}$ .

Let  $z = \bar{0}$ .

To show: If  $\bar{a} \in \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$  then  $z + \bar{a} = \bar{a} + z = \bar{a}$ .

Assume  $\bar{a} \in \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$

To show: (da)  $z + \bar{a} = \bar{a}$

(db)  $\bar{a} + z = \bar{a}$ .

(da)  $z + \bar{a} = \bar{0} + \bar{a} = \overline{0+a} = \bar{a}$ ,

since 0 is the identity in  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

(db)  $\bar{a} + z = \bar{a} + \bar{0} = \overline{a+0} = \bar{a}$ ,

since 0 is the identity in  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

(e) To show: If  $\bar{a} \in \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$  then there exists an element  $b \in \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$  such that  $b + \bar{a} = \bar{a} + b = z$ .

Assume  $\bar{a} \in \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$

To show: There exists  $b \in \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$  such that  $b + \bar{a} = \bar{a} + b = z$ .

Let  $b = \bar{-a}$ .

To show: (ea)  $b + \bar{a} = z$

(eb)  $\bar{a} + b = z$

(ea)  $b + \bar{a} = \bar{-a} + \bar{a} = \overline{(-a)+a} = \bar{0} = z$ ,

since  $-a$  is the inverse of  $a$  in  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

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$$(eb) \quad \bar{a} + \bar{b} = \overline{a + b} = \overline{a + (-a)} = \overline{0} = \bar{0}$$

since  $-a$  is the inverse of  $a$  in  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

(f) To show: If  $\bar{a}, \bar{b} \in \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$  then  $\bar{a} + \bar{b} = \bar{b} + \bar{a}$ .

Assume  $\bar{a}, \bar{b} \in \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$ .

To show:  $\bar{a} + \bar{b} = \bar{b} + \bar{a}$ .

$$\bar{a} + \bar{b} = \overline{a + b} = \overline{b + a} = \bar{b} + \bar{a},$$

by commutativity in  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

(g) To show: If  $\bar{a}, \bar{b}, \bar{c} \in \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$  then  $(\bar{a}\bar{b})\bar{c} = \bar{a}(\bar{b}\bar{c})$

Assume  $\bar{a}, \bar{b}, \bar{c} \in \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$

To show:  $(\bar{a}\bar{b})\bar{c} = \bar{a}(\bar{b}\bar{c})$

$$(\bar{a}\bar{b})\bar{c} = \overline{ab \cdot c} = \overline{(ab)c} = \overline{a(bc)} = \bar{a} \bar{bc} = \bar{a}(\bar{b}\bar{c}),$$

by associativity of multiplication in  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

(h) <sup>To show:</sup> There exists an element  $e \in \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$  such that if  $\bar{a} \in \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$  then  $e\bar{a} = \bar{a}e = \bar{a}$ .

Let

$$e = \bar{1}.$$

To show: If  $\bar{a} \in \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$  then  $e\bar{a} = \bar{a}e = \bar{a}$ .

Assume  $\bar{a} \in \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$

To show: (a)  $e\bar{a} = \bar{a}$

(b)  $\bar{a}e = \bar{a}$ .

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$$(ka) e\bar{a} = \bar{a} = \overline{1 \cdot a} = \overline{1} \cdot \bar{a},$$

since  $1$  is the identity in  $\mathcal{R}$

$$(kb) \bar{a}e = \bar{a} = \overline{a \cdot 1} = \bar{a} \cdot \bar{1} = \bar{a},$$

since  $1$  is the identity in  $\mathcal{R}$ .

(i) To show: If  $\bar{a}, \bar{b}, \bar{c} \in \mathcal{R}/\mathcal{I}$  then

$$(\bar{a} + \bar{b})\bar{c} = \bar{a}\bar{c} + \bar{b}\bar{c} \text{ and } \bar{c}(\bar{a} + \bar{b}) = \bar{c}\bar{a} + \bar{c}\bar{b}.$$

Assume  $\bar{a}, \bar{b}, \bar{c} \in \mathcal{R}/\mathcal{I}$ .

To show: (ia)  $(\bar{a} + \bar{b})\bar{c} = \bar{a}\bar{c} + \bar{b}\bar{c}$

(ib)  $\bar{c}(\bar{a} + \bar{b}) = \bar{c}\bar{a} + \bar{c}\bar{b}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(ia) } (\bar{a} + \bar{b})\bar{c} &= \overline{(a+b)c} \\ &= \overline{ac+bc} = \bar{a}\bar{c} + \bar{b}\bar{c} = \bar{a}\bar{c} + \bar{b}\bar{c}, \end{aligned}$$

by distributivity in  $\mathcal{R}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(ib) } \bar{c}(\bar{a} + \bar{b}) &= \overline{c(a+b)} = \overline{ca+cb} \\ &= \bar{c}\bar{a} + \bar{c}\bar{b} = \bar{c}\bar{a} + \bar{c}\bar{b}. \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore \mathcal{R}/\mathcal{I}$  is a ring.