

② Let  $R$  be a commutative ring with identity, and let  $I$  and  $J$  be ideals in  $R$ . Recall that  $I+J = \{r+r' : r \in I, r' \in J\}$ , and  $IJ$  is the ideal generated by all products  $rr'$  with  $r \in I$  and  $r' \in J$ .

(a) Prove that if  $I+J = R$ , then  $IJ = I \cap J$ .

Pf: First we will show that  $IJ \subset I \cap J$ :

We know that  $IJ \subset I$  by defn. since  $I$  is an ideal and likewise  $IJ \subset J$  by defn. since  $J$  is an ideal. Since  $IJ \subset I$  and  $IJ \subset J$ , we have that  $IJ \subset I \cap J$ . ✓

Next we will show that  $I \cap J \subset IJ$ :

Let  $z \in I \cap J$ .

Since  $I+J = R$ , for  $x \in I, y \in J$ , we can write  $x+y = 1$ .

If we can show that  $z = z(x+y) \in IJ$ , then we are done.

$z \in I \cap J \Rightarrow z \in I$  and  $z \in J$ .

Observe that  $z(x+y) = zx + zy \in IJ$  since  $zy \in IJ$  ( $z \in I, y \in J$ ) and  $zx = xz \in IJ$  ( $x \in I, z \in J$ ).

$R$  is commutative

Therefore,  $I \cap J \subset IJ$ .

Thus, we conclude that if  $I+J = R$ , then  $IJ = I \cap J$ . □

(b) Assuming that  $I+J = R$ , show that for any  $c$  and  $b$  in  $R$  there exists some  $x \in R$  such that  $x \equiv a \pmod I$  and  $x \equiv b \pmod J$ .

(Recall that  $x \equiv a \pmod I$  if and only if  $x-a \in I$ .)

Pf: Since  $I+J = R$ ,  $\exists i \in I, j \in J$  s.t. we can write  $i+j = 1$ .

Let  $x = aj + bi \in R$ .

Observe that (since  $i+j = 1$ )

$$x \equiv aj + bi \equiv aj \pmod I \equiv aj + ai \pmod I \equiv a(i+j) \pmod I \equiv a \pmod I$$

$$x \equiv aj + bi \equiv bi \pmod J \equiv bi + bj \pmod J \equiv b(i+j) \pmod J \equiv b \pmod J$$

Therefore,  $x \equiv a \pmod I$  and  $x \equiv b \pmod J$ .

Thus, we conclude that for any  $a, b \in R \exists x \in R$  s.t.

$$x \equiv a \pmod I \text{ and } x \equiv b \pmod J. \quad \square$$

③ Let  $\varphi: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \text{Aut}(\mathbb{Z})$  by  $n \mapsto \varphi_n$ , where  $\varphi_n(a) = (-1)^n a$ . Define the semidirect product group  $G = \mathbb{Z} \rtimes_{\varphi} \mathbb{Z}$ .

(a) Write down the group law and the formula for inverses in  $G$ .

Pf:  $(a, b)(x, y) = (a + \varphi_b(x), b + y) = (a + (-1)^b x, b + y)$

For inverse: let  $(a + (-1)^b x, b + y) = (0, 0)$

$$\text{Then } a + (-1)^b x = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (-1)^b x = -a$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{-a}{(-1)^b} = \frac{a}{(-1)^{b-1}} = a(-1)^{1-b}$$

$$\text{and } b + y = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow y = -b$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \Rightarrow (-1)^{1-b}, -b \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow (a(-1)^{1-b}, -b)$$

$$\text{Check: } (a, b)(a(-1)^{1-b}, -b) = (a + \varphi_b(a(-1)^{1-b}), b - b)$$

$$= (a + (-1)^b a(-1)^{1-b}, 0)$$

$$= (a - a, 0)$$

$$= (0, 0)$$

The gp. law is  $(a, b)(x, y) = (a + (-1)^b x, b + y)$  and the inverse of

$$(a, b) \in G \text{ is } (a(-1)^{1-b}, -b). \quad \square$$

(b) Find the center of  $G$ .

Pf:  $Z(G) = \{x \in G : xg = gx \ \forall g \in G\} = \{x \in G : gxg^{-1} = x \ \forall g \in G\}$

Let  $(a, b), (x, y) \in G$ .

Assume  $(x, y) \in Z(G)$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} (a, b)(x, y) = (a + (-1)^b x, b + y) \\ (x, y)(a, b) = (x + (-1)^y a, y + b) \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} x = a \\ y \equiv b \pmod 2 \end{array} \quad \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{Needs to be} \\ \text{cleaned up, a lot!} \end{array} \right)$$

$$(a + (-1)^b x, b + y) = (x + (-1)^y a, y + b)$$

We want to find  $x, y$  s.t. this holds  $\forall a, b$

$$a + (-1)^b x = x + (-1)^y a$$

$$(a, b)(x, y)(a, b)^{-1} = (a + (-1)^b x + a(-1)^{y+1}, y)$$

$$\text{Set } (x, y) = (a + (-1)^b x + a(-1)^{y+1}, y)$$

$$\Rightarrow x = a + (-1)^b x + a(-1)^{y+1} \Rightarrow x - (-1)^b x = a + a(-1)^{y+1}$$

$$x(1 + (-1)^{b+1}) = a(1 + (-1)^{y+1})$$

$$\text{if } a = 0, \text{ then } x(1 + (-1)^{b+1}) = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0$$

$$\text{if } (x, y) \in Z(G) \text{ then } (a=0, b=1) \text{ commutes}$$

$$\text{w/ } (x, y) \Rightarrow 2x = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0$$

$$\text{if } y \text{ is even then } (0, y) \in Z(G).$$

$$Z(G) = \{(0, 2k) : k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

④ In a commutative ring  $R$ , an ideal  $Q$  is called primary if whenever any  $a$  and  $b$  in  $R$  satisfy  $ab \in Q$  and  $a \notin Q$ , we have  $b^n \in Q$  for some integer  $n \geq 1$ . (Equivalently, if  $ab = 0 \pmod Q$  and  $a \neq 0 \pmod Q$ , we have  $b^n = 0 \pmod Q$  for some integer  $n \geq 1$ . That is, in the ring  $R/Q$  any zero divisor is nilpotent.) Show that the nonzero primary ideals in a PID are the ideals of the form  $(p^n)$  where  $p$  is a prime element and  $n$  is a positive integer. You may use that a PID is a UFD.

Pf: We want to show that  $P = (p^n)$ , where  $P$  is a nonzero primary ideal in a PID  $R$ .

Since  $R$  is a PID, all nonzero primary ideals must be principal.

Let  $P = (\alpha)$ .

We WTS  $\alpha = p^n$  for some  $p$  prime,  $n \geq 1$ .

Let  $q$  be a prime factor of  $\alpha$ ,  $q | \alpha$ .

Then we can write  $\alpha = q \cdot \alpha'$ , where  $\alpha' \in R$ .

$\alpha' | \alpha$ , so  $\alpha' \notin P \Rightarrow q^n \in P$ ,  $n \geq 1$  by defn. of a primary ideal.

$$q^n \in P \Rightarrow \alpha | q^n.$$

Since PID  $\Rightarrow$  UFD, the only factors of  $q^n$  are  $1, q, q^2, \dots, q^n$ .

Therefore,  $\alpha = q^k$  for  $1 \leq k \leq n$ .

$$\alpha = (\text{unit} \cdot q^k) = (q^k). \quad \square$$

⑤ In  $\mathbb{R}^3$  a line-plane pair is a pair of subspaces  $(V_1, V_2)$  where  $V_1 \subset V_2$ ,  $\dim V_1 = 1$ , and  $\dim V_2 = 2$ . The standard line-plane pair in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  is  $(\mathbb{R}e_1, \mathbb{R}e_1 + \mathbb{R}e_2)$  where  $e_1 = (1, 0, 0)$  and  $e_2 = (0, 1, 0)$ . Let  $\mathcal{S}$  be the set of all line-plane pairs in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

(a) The group  $GL(3, \mathbb{R})$  of invertible  $3 \times 3$  real matrices acts on  $\mathcal{S}$  by

$A \cdot (V_1, V_2) = (A(V_1), A(V_2))$ , where  $A \in GL(3, \mathbb{R})$  and  $(V_1, V_2) \in \mathcal{S}$ . Prove that the stabilizer subgroup of the standard line-plane pair is the group of invertible upper-triangular matrices in  $GL(3, \mathbb{R})$  (with arbitrary nonzero entries on the diagonal).

Pf:  $A \cdot (\mathbb{R}e_1, \mathbb{R}e_1 + \mathbb{R}e_2) = (A(\mathbb{R}e_1), A(\mathbb{R}e_1 + \mathbb{R}e_2))$ .

Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{pmatrix} \in GL(3, \mathbb{R})$ .

$$A(\mathbb{R}e_1) = \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \mathbb{R} = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ d \\ g \end{pmatrix} \mathbb{R}$$

$$\text{In order for this to be in the stabilizer, we need } \begin{pmatrix} a \\ d \\ g \end{pmatrix} \mathbb{R} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \mathbb{R}$$

$$\Rightarrow d = g = 0.$$

$$A(\mathbb{R}e_1 + \mathbb{R}e_2) = \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{pmatrix} \left( \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \mathbb{R} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \mathbb{R} \right) = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ d \\ g \end{pmatrix} \mathbb{R} + \begin{pmatrix} b \\ e \\ h \end{pmatrix} \mathbb{R}$$

$$\text{In order for this to be in the stabilizer, we need } \begin{pmatrix} a \\ d \\ g \end{pmatrix} \mathbb{R} + \begin{pmatrix} b \\ e \\ h \end{pmatrix} \mathbb{R} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \mathbb{R} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \mathbb{R}$$

$$\Rightarrow d = g = 0 \text{ from before, and } b = h = 0.$$

Therefore,  $A = \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 & c \\ 0 & e & f \\ 0 & 0 & i \end{pmatrix} \in GL(3, \mathbb{R})$ , and  $A$  is upper-triangular.

The stabilizer subgp. of the standard line-plane pair is the group

$$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 & c \\ 0 & e & f \\ 0 & 0 & i \end{pmatrix} \in GL(3, \mathbb{R}) \right\} \text{ of invertible upper-triangular matrices in}$$

$GL(3, \mathbb{R})$  (w/ arbitrary non-zero entries on the diagonal). □

(b) Prove that the  $GL(3, \mathbb{R})$ -action on  $\mathcal{S}$  is transitive.

Pf: Transitive means only one orbit.

We want to show that the standard line-plane pair can be transformed to any line-plane pair.

Pick any plane and a vector in it (an arbitrary line-plane pair).

Pick  $M \in GL(3, \mathbb{R})$ .

Show that  $M \cdot \begin{matrix} \text{Standard} \\ \text{LPP} \end{matrix} = \begin{matrix} \text{arb. chosen} \\ \text{LPP} \end{matrix}$ .

The standard LPP is in every orbit and the orbits are supposed to be either the same or disjoint.

Therefore, there is only one orbit. □

⑥ Give examples as requested, with brief justification.

(a) A maximal ideal in  $\mathbb{C}[x, y]$  which contains the ideal  $(xy, x^2 - 1)$ .

Pf:  $(xy, x^2 - 1) = (xy, (x+1)(x-1))$

A maximal ideal in  $\mathbb{C}[x, y]$  which contains the ideal  $(xy, x^2 - 1)$  is the ideal  $(y, x+1)$ .

It is clear that  $(xy, x^2 - 1) \subset (y, x+1)$ .

$$\text{Observe that } \mathbb{C}[x, y] / (y, x+1) \cong (\mathbb{C}[x, y] / (y)) / (x+1)$$

$$\cong \mathbb{C}[x] / (x+1)$$

$$\cong \mathbb{C} = \text{field.}$$

Therefore, since  $\mathbb{C}[x, y] / (y, x+1)$  is a field, we have that the ideal  $(y, x+1)$  is maximal. □

(b) A ring  $R$  and ideals  $I$  and  $J$  in  $R$  such that  $IJ \neq I \cap J$ .

Pf: Let  $R = 2\mathbb{Z}$ ,  $I = 6\mathbb{Z}$  and  $J = 8\mathbb{Z}$ .

$$I \cap J = 6\mathbb{Z} \cap 8\mathbb{Z} = 24\mathbb{Z}$$

$$\text{but } IJ = 6\mathbb{Z} \cdot 8\mathbb{Z} = 48\mathbb{Z}$$

$$IJ \neq I \cap J \quad (24\mathbb{Z} \neq 48\mathbb{Z}). \quad \square$$