

Review of 561/562

(3) Structure of Rings...

A ring is an abstraction of

- (1) Integers } commutative
- (2) Polynomials } commutative
- (3) Matrices } NOT comm.

! In 561/562 all rings are comm. !

DEF: A (comm.) ring with 1 is a tuple $(R, +, \times, 0, 1, =)$ where

- $(R, +, 0, =)$ is abelian group
- $(R, \times, 1, =)$ is abelian semigroup
- $\forall a, b, c \in R$.

$$a \times (b + c) = a \times b + a \times c$$

A map $\varphi: R \rightarrow S$ is a ring hom if

- $\forall a, b \in R, \varphi(a+b) = \varphi(a) + \varphi(b)$
- $\forall a, b \in R, \varphi(ab) = \varphi(a)\varphi(b)$
- $\varphi(1_R) = 1_S$

Ex: Chinese Remainder Theorem.

$\forall a, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ write $[a]_n = a + n\mathbb{Z}$. Then
 $\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z} = \{ [0]_n, [1]_n, \dots, [n-1]_n \}$ is
a ring with $[a]_n + [b]_n := [a+b]_n$
 $[a]_n \times [b]_n := [ab]_n$

Thm: If $\gcd(m, n) = 1$, then we have

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{Z}/mn\mathbb{Z} & \cong & \mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z} \\ [a]_{mn} & \longmapsto & ([a]_m, [a]_n) \\ & \uparrow & \\ & \text{ring isomorphism.} & \end{array}$$

Proof: Exercise.

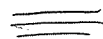
Hint: Since $\gcd(m, n) = 1 \exists x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$
with $xm + yn = 1$. Show that

$$[bxm + ayn]_{mn} \longmapsto ([a]_m, [b]_n) \quad \square$$

Cor: Consider groups of units to get

$$(\mathbb{Z}/mn\mathbb{Z})^\times \cong (\mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z})^\times \times (\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z})^\times$$

Cor: For m, n coprime, $\varphi(mn) = \varphi(m)\varphi(n)$.



DEF: Say $I \subseteq R$ is ideal if

- $\forall a, b \in I, a + b \in I$
- $\forall a \in I, r \in R, ar \in I$

Exercise: $I \subseteq R$ is ideal $\Leftrightarrow \exists$ ring hom
 $\varphi: R \rightarrow R'$ with $\ker \varphi = I$.

Hint: Given ideal $I \subseteq R$ consider the
additive group $R/I = \{a + I : a \in R\}$
with projection hom.

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi: R &\rightarrow R/I \\ a &\mapsto a + I \end{aligned}$$

Think: Maybe φ is a ring hom?

$$\varphi(ab) = (ab) + I \stackrel{?}{=} (a + I)(b + I)$$

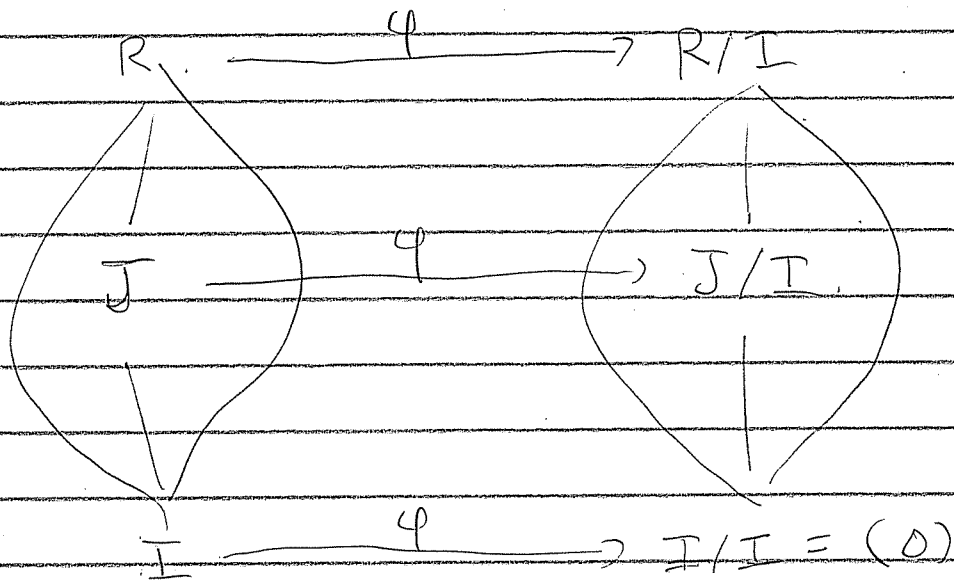
Yes. Since I is ideal this is well-defined. ///

DEF: $\forall a \in R \exists$ principal ideal $(a) \subseteq R$.

Thm: \mathbb{Z} is PID

Proof: Exercise.

Lattice Isom Thm: Given ideal $I \leq R$
 with projection $\varphi: R \rightarrow R/I$, get an
 isomorphism of lattices of ideals



DEF: Say R is a domain if $\forall a, b \in R$,
 $ab = 0 \Rightarrow a = 0$ OR $b = 0$.

Exercise: Given ideal $I \leq R$, prove:

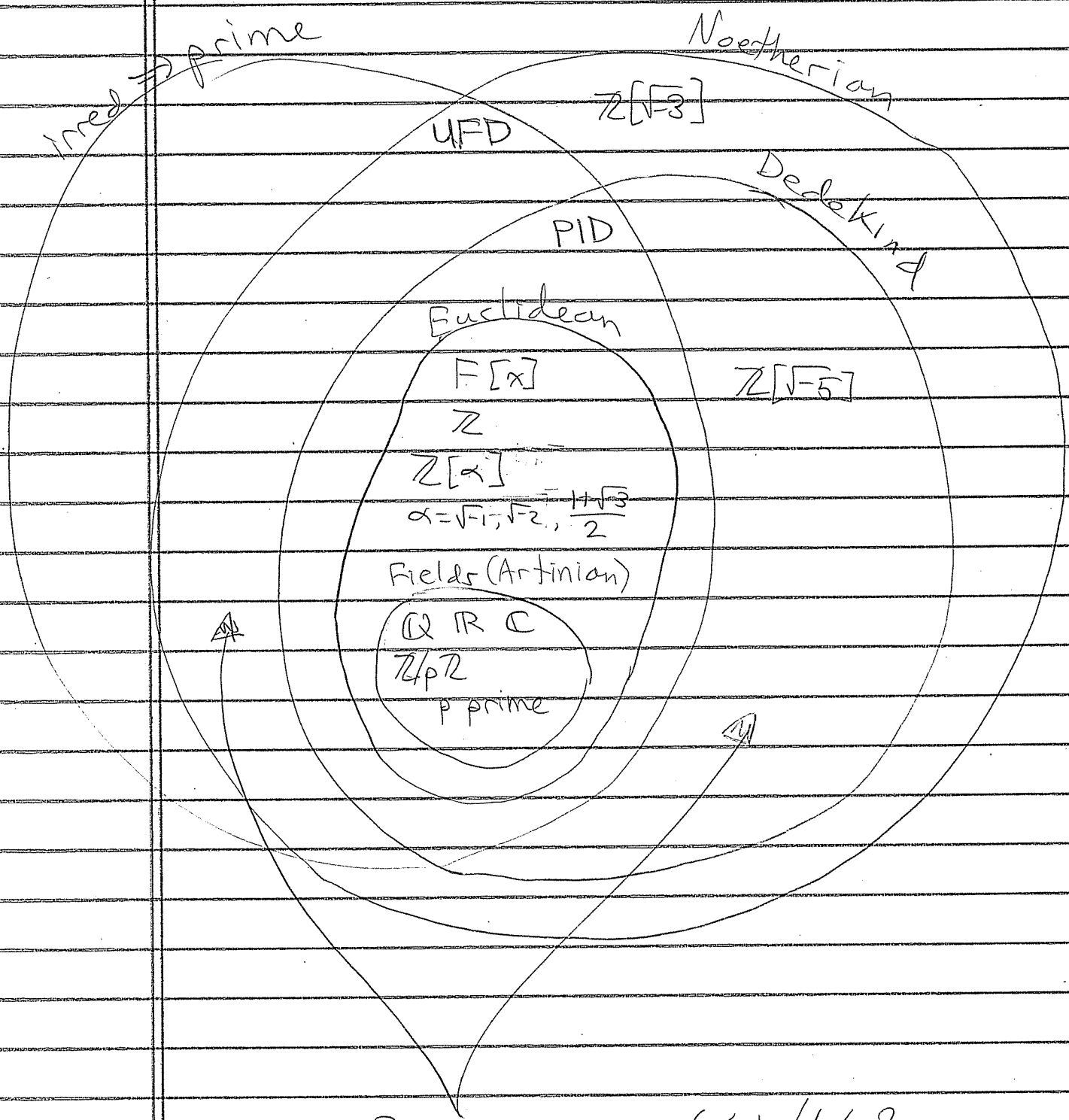
R/I domain $\Leftrightarrow I$ prime

R/I field $\Leftrightarrow I$ maximal.

Exercise: "domain" = "subring of field"

Exercise: Euclidean \Rightarrow PID \Rightarrow UFD
 (See 562 Exam 1 Review.)

Domain of Domains



For more see 661/662

Appendix: $F[x]$ (F field)

• Euclidean with norm = deg \implies PID.
(long division)

• Given fields $F \subseteq K$, $\alpha \in K$, $\exists!$ ring hom $\varphi_\alpha: F[x] \rightarrow K$ defined by $\varphi_\alpha(x) := \alpha$.

Notation:

- $\varphi_\alpha(F[x]) = "f(\alpha)"$ (evaluation)

- $\ker \varphi_\alpha = (0)$ means α transcendental / F

- $\ker \varphi_\alpha \neq (0)$ means α algebraic / F

α alg. $\stackrel{\text{PID}}{\implies} \ker \varphi_\alpha = (m_\alpha(x))$ for monic $m_\alpha(x) \in F[x]$ called minpoly of α / F .

Exercise: $m_\alpha(x)$ irred/prime over F .

• α trans. $\implies F[x] \cong \text{im } \varphi_\alpha = F[\alpha]$

• α alg. $\implies F[x]/(m_\alpha(x)) \cong \text{im } \varphi_\alpha = F(\alpha)$

• if $\deg(m_\alpha(x)) = n$ then $F(\alpha)$ is vector space over F with basis $1, \alpha, \alpha^2, \dots, \alpha^{n-1}$

$\implies [F(\alpha): F] = \dim_F F(\alpha) = \deg(m_\alpha(x)).$