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Algebra. Group. Rings.

Q.1. Define Ring with an example?

Soln: Definition of Ring:  $\rightarrow$

A non-empty

set  $R$  with two binary operations addition and multiplication denoted by  $+$  and  $\cdot$  respectively is called a ring, if it satisfies the following postulates:

- I  $a+b \in R, \forall a, b \in R$ , [closure law for addition]
- II  $(a+b)+c = a+(b+c), \forall a, b, c \in R$  [associative law for addition]
- III  $R$  has an identity, to be denoted by  $0$ , with respect to addition,

i.e.  $a+0=0+a=a, \forall a \in R$

- IV For every  $a \in R$  there exists an element  $x \in R$  such that  $a+x=x+a=0$  [additive inverse]

- V  $a+b=b+a, \forall a, b \in R$ , [commutative law for addition]

- VI  $a \cdot b \in R, \forall a, b \in R$  [closure law for multiplication]

- VII  $(a \cdot b) \cdot c = a \cdot (b \cdot c), \forall a, b, c \in R$  [associative law for multiplication]

- VIII  $a \cdot (b+c) = a \cdot b + a \cdot c$   
 $(b+c) \cdot a = b \cdot a + c \cdot a$   $\forall a, b, c \in R$  [distributive laws]

For example: The set of real numbers is a ring with ordinary addition and multiplication.

The set of all even integers is a

Commutative ring.

Q.2. To prove that for all  $a, b, c$  in a ring  $R$

- (i)  $a0 = 0a = 0$  (ii)  $a(-b) = -(ab) = (-a)b$   
 (iii)  $(-a)(-b) = ab$  (iv)  ~~$a(-b) = -ab$~~   ~~$(-a)b = -ab$~~   ~~$(-a)(-b) = ab$~~

Proof: (i)  $a0 = a(0+0)$  [ $\because 0+0=0$ ]  
 $= a0 + a0$  [By left distributive law]  
 $0 + a0 = a0 + a0$  [By the property of identity]  
 $\therefore 0 + a0 = a0, a0 \in R$   
 $\Rightarrow 0 = a0$  [By right cancellation law]  
 $\because R$  is a group

Similarly,  $0a = (0+0)a$  [ $\because 0+0=0$ ]  
 $= 0a + 0a$  [By right distributive law]  
 $\Rightarrow 0a + 0 = 0a + 0a$  [By the property of identity]  
 $\Rightarrow 0 = 0a$  [By left cancellation law]  
 Hence,  $a0 = 0a = 0$  proved

(ii)  $a0 = 0$  [from (i)]

~~(i)~~  $\Rightarrow a[(-b)+b] = 0$  [By the property of inverse in  $R$ ]  
 $\Rightarrow a(-b) + ab = 0$  [By left distributive law]  
 $\Rightarrow a(-b) = -(ab)$  [ $\because a+b=0 \Rightarrow a=-b$ ]  
 Similarly,  $0b = 0$  [by (i)]

$\Rightarrow [(-a)+a]b = 0$  [By the property of inverse in  $R$ ]  
 $\Rightarrow (-a)b + ab = 0$  [By right distributive law]  
 $\Rightarrow (-a)b = -(ab)$  [ $\because a+b=0 \Rightarrow a=-b$ ]

Hence,  $(-a)b = -(ab) = a(-b)$

(iii)  $(-a)(-b) = (ab)$  proved  
 Since, we have,  $a(-b) = -(ab)$   
 $\therefore (-a)(-b) = -[(-a)b]$  [ $\because (-a)b = -(ab)$ ]  
 $= -[-(ab)]$   
 $= ab$   
 Hence,  $(-a)(-b) = (ab)$  proved