

Ex  $\mathbb{Z}$

abelian group under addition? ✓

closed under multiplication? ✓

$$a(b+c) = ab+ac \quad \checkmark$$

$$(a+b)c = ac+bc \quad \checkmark$$

$$a(bc) = (ab)c \quad \checkmark$$

$\mathbb{Z}$  is a commutative ring:  $ab=ba$  for all  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

It's also a ring with unity (multiplicative identity):  $1$

$$1n = n1 = n \quad \text{for all } n \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

Ex  $\mathbb{Z}_n = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1\}$

abelian group under addition mod  $n$

closed under multiplication mod  $n$

properties  
of  
modular  
arithmetic

$$a(b+c) = ab + ac \quad (a+b)c = ac + bc$$

$$a(bc) = (ab)c.$$

Commutative ring? yes.

Ring with unity? yes:  $1 = \text{unity}$

Ex  $5\mathbb{Z} = \{\dots, -20, -15, -10, -5, 0, 5, 10, 15, \dots\}$

↳ commutative ring without unity

$$4. M_2(\mathbb{Z}) = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \mid a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$$

$$\text{Addition: } \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} e & f \\ g & h \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a+e & b+f \\ c+g & d+h \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Multiplication: } \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} e & f \\ g & h \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} ae+bg & * \\ * & * \end{bmatrix}$$

↓  
matrix mult.

$m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$  b/c  $\mathbb{Z}$  ring

↳ Since  $\mathbb{Z}$  is closed under addition and multiplication,  $M_2(\mathbb{Z})$  is closed under matrix multiplication.

Commutative? No.

Note: 1 is mult. identity in  $\mathbb{Z}$

Unity? yes:  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

In fact,

5. If  $R$  is any ring, so is  $M_2(R)$ .

↳ closed under matrix multiplication for the same reason as above

↳ If  $R$  has unity, so does  $M_2(R)$ .