

Rings

A non-empty set R , together with two binary composition $+$ and \cdot is said to form a Ring if the following axioms are satisfied:

- (i) $a + (b + c) = (a + b) + c \quad \forall a, b, c \in R$
- (ii) $a + b = b + a \quad \forall a, b \in R$
- (iii) \exists some element 0 (called zero) in R s.t. $a + 0 = 0 + a = a \quad \forall a \in R$
- (iv) for each $a \in R$ \exists an element $(-a) \in R$ s.t. $a + (-a) = (-a) + a = 0$
- (v) $a \cdot (b \cdot c) = ~~a \cdot b \cdot c~~ (a \cdot b) \cdot c \quad \forall a, b, c \in R$
- (vi) $a \cdot (b + c) = a \cdot b + a \cdot c$
 $(b + c) \cdot a = b \cdot a + c \cdot a \quad \forall a, b, c \in R.$

Commutative Ring - A ring R is called a commutative Ring if $ab = ba \quad \forall a, b \in R$.
 Again if \exists an element $e \in R$ s.t.
 $ae = ea = a \quad \forall a \in R.$

R is a ring with unity. Unity is generally denoted by 1 . (It is also called unit element or multiplicative identity.)