

Last time:

Let R be a ring and I an ideal. We defined the quotient ring R/I where the elements are the cosets of I in R and operators

$$\left. \begin{aligned} [a]_I + [b]_I &:= [a+b]_I \\ [a]_I \cdot [b]_I &:= [a \cdot b]_I \end{aligned} \right\} \text{well defined}$$

Thm: R/I defined this way is a ring.

Proof: (A1)

$$\begin{aligned} ([a]_I + [b]_I) + [c]_I & \stackrel{\text{def of addition in } R/I}{=} [a+b]_I + [c]_I \\ & = [(a+b)+c]_I \\ & \stackrel{R \text{ satisfies (A0)}}{=} [a+(b+c)]_I \end{aligned}$$

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Similar for (M1), (D), (A4) (Exercise!)

(A2) The zero element of R/I is $[0]_I$.

This is equal to the ideal I .

(A3) The negative of $[a]_I$ is $[-a]_I$

$$-[a]_I = [-a]_I.$$

(M2) If R has an identity 1 then R/I also has an identity $[1]_I$.

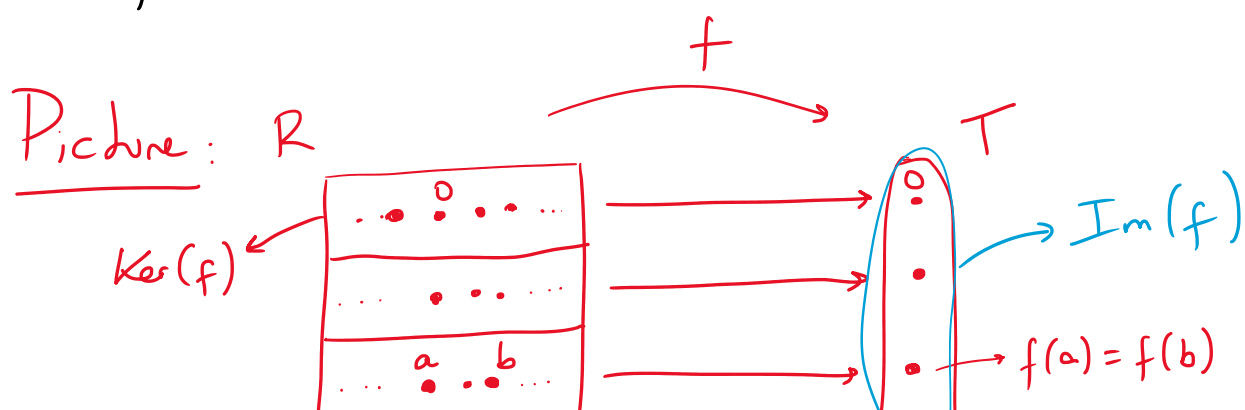
(M3) If R is a division ring then R/I is also a division ring.

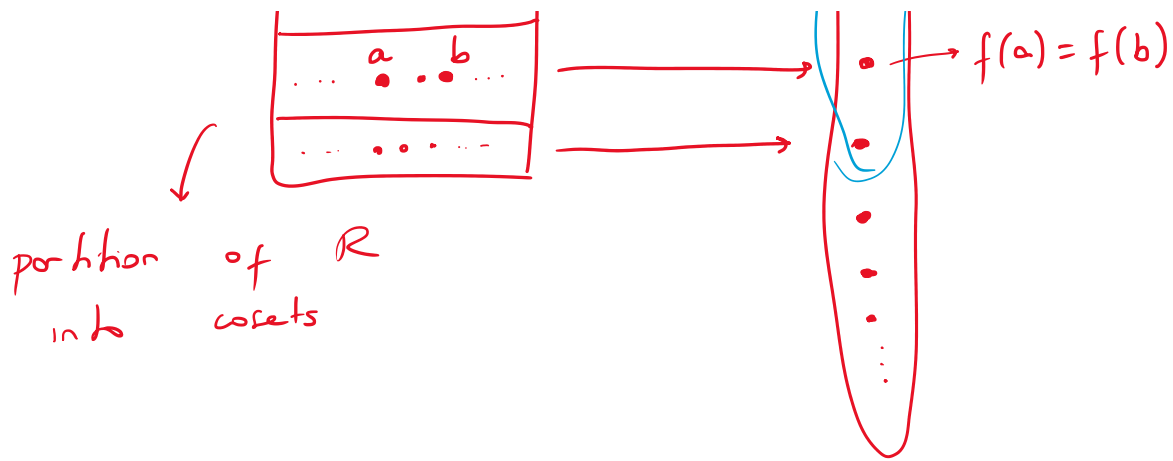
⚠ We saw an example where R did not have an identity but R/I did.

Isomorphism theorems:

Proposition: Let $f: R \rightarrow T$ be a homomorphism of rings. Then

$$f(a) = f(b) \iff [a]_{\text{Ker}(f)} = [b]_{\text{Ker}(f)}.$$





Proof:

$$f(a) = f(b) \Leftrightarrow f(a) - f(b) = 0_T$$

$$\Leftrightarrow f(a - b) = 0_T$$

$$\Leftrightarrow a - b \in \text{Ker}(f)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow a \sim_{\text{Ker}(f)} b$$

$$\Leftrightarrow [a]_{\text{Ker}(f)} = [b]_{\text{Ker}(f)} \quad \square$$

First Isomorphism Theorem:

Let $f: R \rightarrow T$ be a ring homomorphism.

Then there is an isomorphism

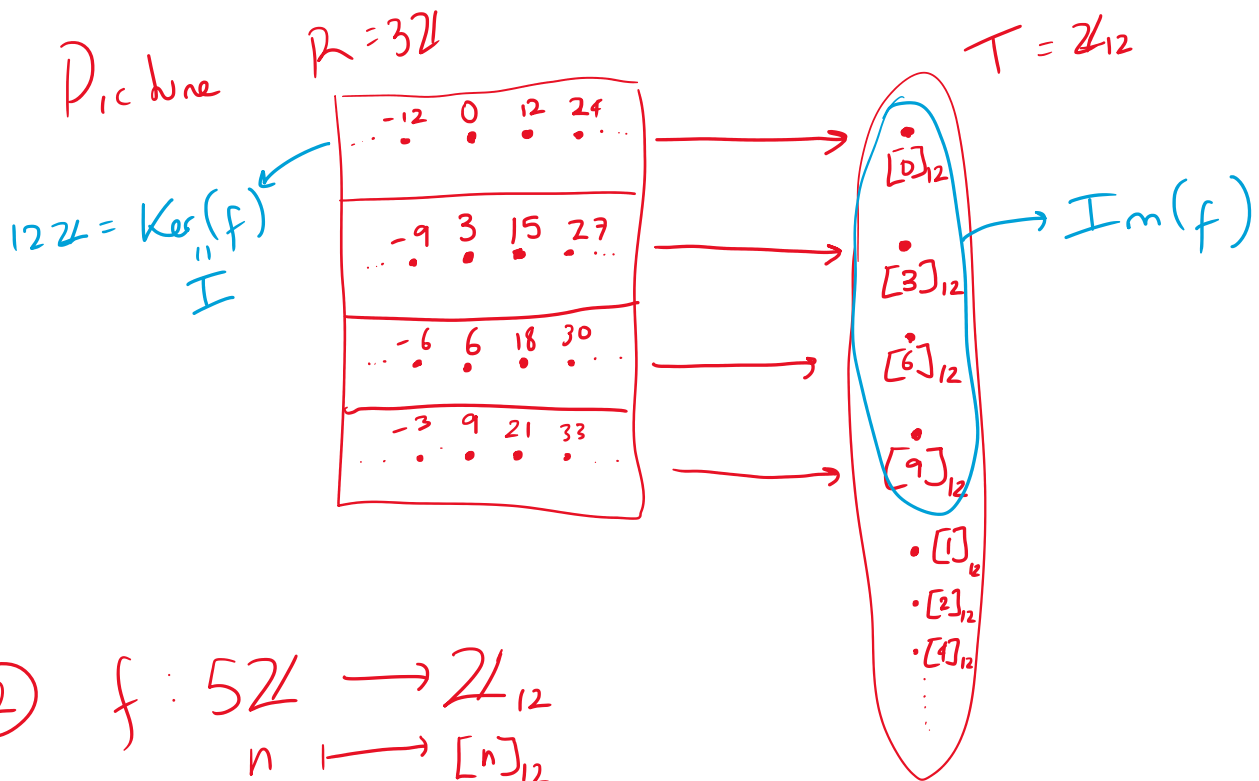
$$R / \text{Ker}(f) \cong \text{Im}(f)$$

Examples: $R = 3\mathbb{Z}$ $T = \mathbb{Z}_{12}$

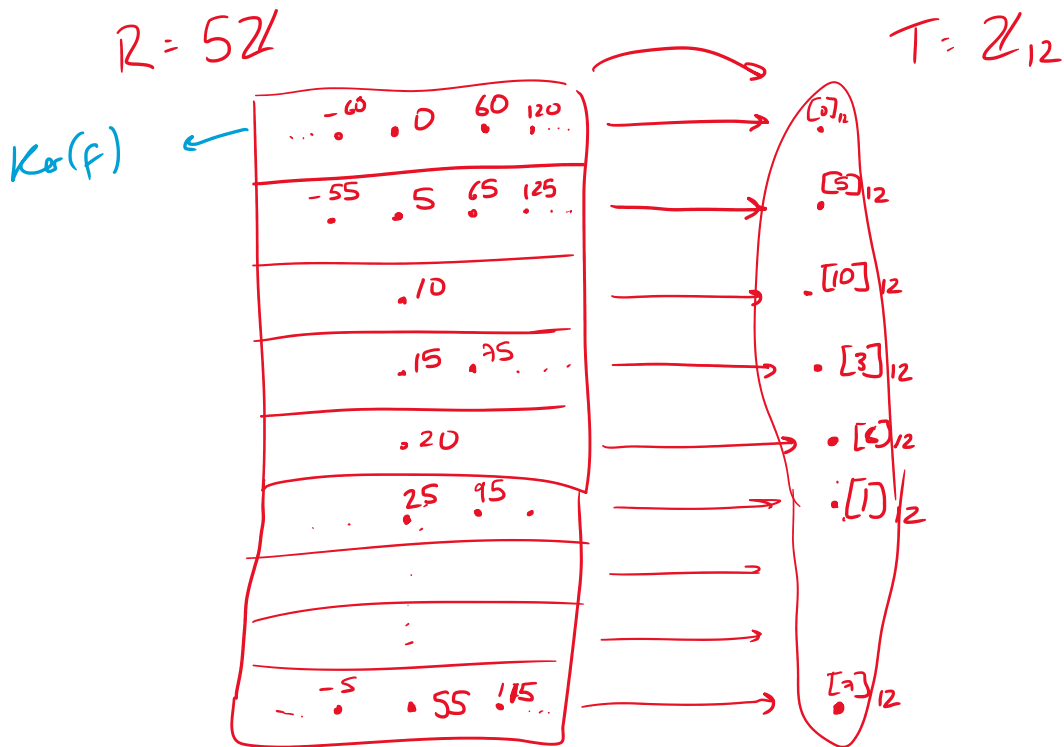
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$f(n) = [n]_{12}$



② $f: 5\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_{12}$
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The first isomorphism theorem says

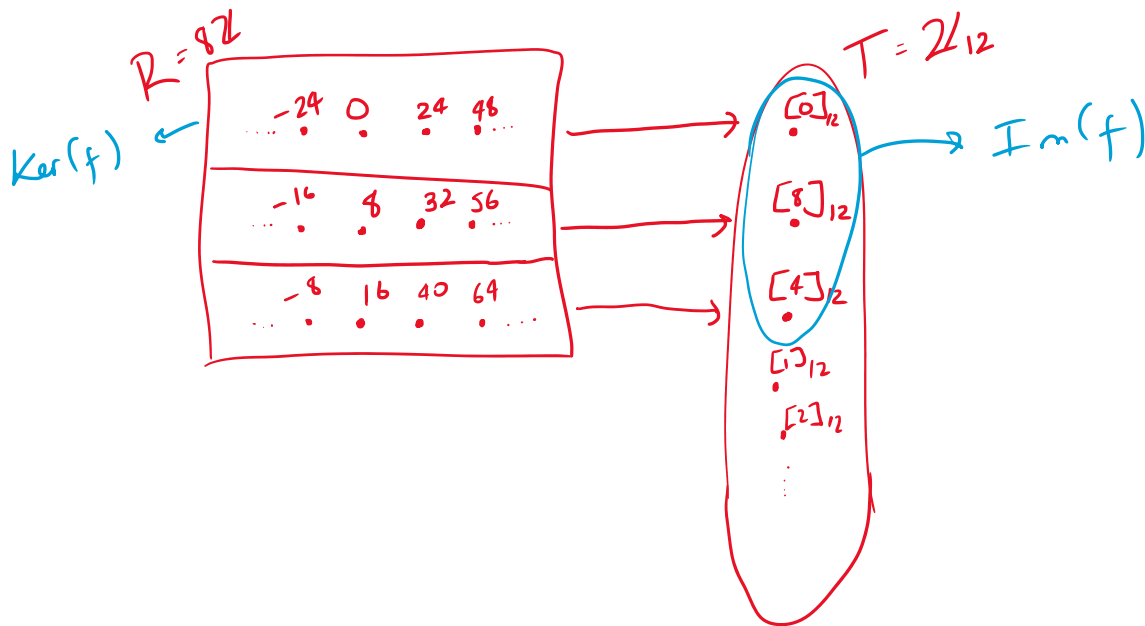
$$5\mathbb{Z}/60\mathbb{Z} \cong \mathbb{Z}_{12}$$

For instance, $5\mathbb{Z}/60\mathbb{Z}$ does have an

identity, $[25]_{60\mathbb{Z}}$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad f: 8\mathbb{Z} \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}_{12}$$

$$n \longmapsto [n]_{12}$$



First isomorphism theorem:

$$8\mathbb{Z}/24\mathbb{Z} \cong \{ [0]_{12}, [4]_{12}, [8]_{12} \}$$

$$\left(= 4\mathbb{Z}/12\mathbb{Z} \right)$$

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By the first proposition, there is a bijection

$$\varphi: R/\text{Ker}(f) \longrightarrow \text{Im}(f)$$

sending $\varphi([a]_{\text{Ker}(f)}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} f(a)$

We just need to show that it is a homomorphism.

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi([a]_{\text{Ker}} + [b]_{\text{Ker}}) &\stackrel{\text{addition in } R/I}{=} \varphi([a+b]_{\text{Ker}}) \\ &\stackrel{\text{def of } \varphi}{=} f(a+b) \\ &\stackrel{\varphi \text{ is homomorphism}}{=} f(a) + f(b) \\ &\stackrel{\text{def of } \varphi}{=} \varphi([a]_{\text{Ker}}) + \varphi([b]_{\text{Ker}}) \end{aligned}$$

Same argument to show that $\varphi([a]_{\text{Ker}} \cdot [b]_{\text{Ker}}) = \varphi([a]_{\text{Ker}}) \cdot \varphi([b]_{\text{Ker}})$.

Example: $R = \mathcal{P}(\{a, b, c, d\})$

$$T = \mathcal{P}(\{a, b\})$$

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$$f(S) = S \cap \{a, b\}.$$

Claim: This is a homomorphism.

$$f(S_1 + S_2) \stackrel{?}{=} f(S_1) + f(S_2)$$

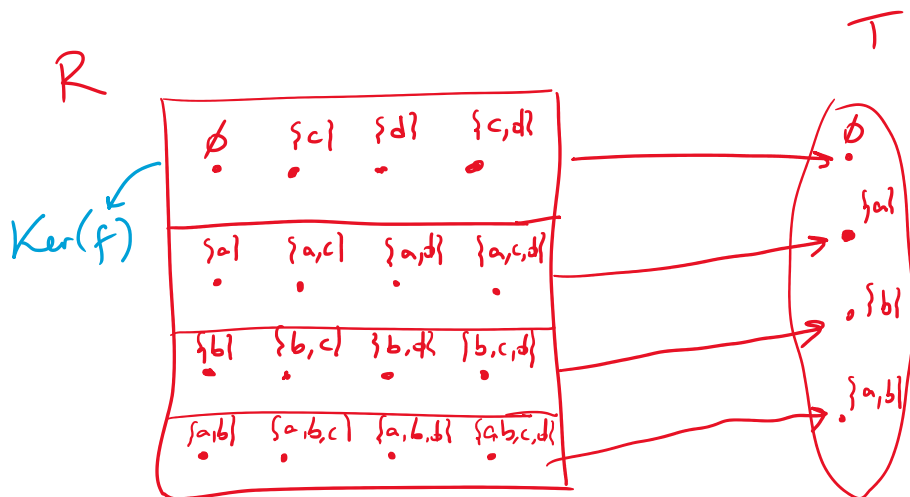
$$(S_1 \Delta S_2) \cap \{a, b\} \stackrel{?}{=} (S_1 \cap \{a, b\}) \Delta (S_2 \cap \{a, b\}). \quad \checkmark$$

True (by distributivity of \cap over Δ).

$$f(S_1 \cdot S_2) \stackrel{?}{=} f(S_1) \cdot f(S_2)$$

$$(S_1 \cap S_2) \cap \{a, b\} \stackrel{?}{=} (S_1 \cap \{a, b\}) \cap (S_2 \cap \{a, b\})$$

True as $a \cdot a = a$.



First isomorphism theorem:

$$\mathcal{P}(\{a, b, c, d\}) / \mathcal{P}(\{c, d\}) \cong \mathcal{P}(\{a, b\})$$