

## ***Solution for HW4***

*Problem 1:*

$$a.b = a.c \Rightarrow b.a.b = b.a.c \text{ (we know } b.a = 1) \Rightarrow b = c$$

*Problem 2:*

(i)  $a.0 = 0$  for all  $a$  in  $R$ .

$$a.b = a.(b + 0) \text{ (Additive identity)}$$

$$= (a.b) + (a.0) \text{ (Distributivity of multiplication over addition)}$$

$$\Rightarrow a.0 = 0$$

(ii)  $(-a)(-b) = ab$  for all  $a, b$  in  $R$ .

$$(-a).(b + -b) = (-a).(b) + (-a).(-b) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (-a).(b) \text{ is negative of } (-a).(-b)$$

$$\Rightarrow (-a).(-b) = -(-a).b = a.b \text{ (we proved that } -(-a) = a)$$

(iii)  $(na)b = a(nb) = n(ab)$  for all  $n$  in  $N$ , and  $a, b$  in  $R$ .

$$(na)b = \underbrace{((a + a + \dots + a) + a)}_n b = \underbrace{(a + \dots + a)}_{n-1} b + ab = \dots = \underbrace{ab + \dots + ab}_n = n(ab)$$

Same method is applied for  $a(nb) = n(ab)$

*Problem 3:*

$$a \neq 0, \text{ If } ar = as \Rightarrow r = s$$

Since  $a$  is a nonzero element of field  $F$ ,  $a$  has an inverse:

$$ar = as \Rightarrow a^{-1}ar = a^{-1}as \Rightarrow r = s.$$

*Problem 4:*

All axioms hold for  $N$  except negative element.

*Problem 5:*

$$m \text{ is odd, so } m = 2n + 1$$

$$[2]_m \cdot [x]_m \equiv [1]_m \Rightarrow 2x \equiv 1 \pmod{m} \Rightarrow 2x = m + 1 = 2n + 2 \Rightarrow x = n + 1$$

*Problem 6:*

$$\{[1]_{21}, [2]_{21}, [4]_{21}, [5]_{21}, [8]_{21}, [10]_{21}, [11]_{21}, [13]_{21}, [16]_{21}, [17]_{21}, [19]_{21}, [20]_{21}\}$$

For all  $a, b$  in the set of all units, since  $(a, m) = 1$  and  $(b, m) = 1$  so  $(ab, m) = 1 \Rightarrow ab$  is a unit.

*Problem 7:*

Since  $S$  is a subring of  $R$ , so if  $S$  has some zero divisors, then they are zero divisors for  $R$  too, while we know  $R$  has no zero divisor.

*Problem 8:*

Since  $a$  is a zero divisor in  $R$ , so  $\exists b \in R, b \neq 0$  s.t  $ab = 0$ . So  $x = \{0, b\}$

*Problem 9:*

$[a]_m$  is a zero divisor, so  $(a, m) > 1 \Rightarrow a$  is not a unit. So  $a$  has no inverse.

*Problem 10:*

$$[2]_{16} : [8]_{16}$$

$$[4]_{16} : [4]_{16}, [8]_{16}, [12]_{16}$$

$$[6]_{16} : [8]_{16}$$

$$[8]_{16} : [2]_{16}, [4]_{16}, [6]_{16}, [10]_{16}, [12]_{16}, [14]_{16}$$

$$[10]_{16} : [8]_{16}$$

$$[14]_{16} : [8]_{16}$$