

1. Let R be a commutative ring with 1.
 - (a) Show that the following two conditions are equivalent:
 - (i) the non-units of R form an ideal,
 - (ii) R has a unique maximal ideal.
 - (b) Characterize the units of the following ring

$$S = \{a/b \mid a, b \in \mathbb{Z}, \gcd(a, b) = 1, b \text{ is odd}\},$$

and show that the nonunits form a unique maximal ideal.

2. Let R be a commutative ring with 1, and $D \subseteq R$ a multiplicatively closed subset containing no zero divisors. Consider the following set and equivalence relation \sim :

$$R \times D = \{(r, d) \mid r \in R, d \in D\}, \quad (r_1, d_1) \sim (r_2, d_2) \Leftrightarrow r_1 d_2 = r_2 d_1.$$

- (a) Show that \sim is an equivalence relation.
- (b) Let r/d denote the equivalence class containing (r, d) , and the set of equivalence classes by $D^{-1}R$. Define addition and subtraction as follows:

$$\frac{r_1}{d_1} + \frac{r_2}{d_2} := \frac{r_1 d_2 + r_2 d_1}{d_1 d_2} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{r_1}{d_1} \times \frac{r_2}{d_2} := \frac{r_1 r_2}{d_1 d_2}.$$

Show that these operations are well-defined.

- (c) Show that the additive and multiplicative identities are $0/d$ and d/d , for any $d \in D$, and that the multiplicative inverse of r/d , if it exists, is $(r/d)^{-1} = d/r$.
- (d) If $d \in D$, show that $\{rd/d \mid r \in R\}$ is a subring of $D^{-1}R$ and that

$$R \longrightarrow D^{-1}R, \quad r \longmapsto rd/d$$

is an injective homomorphism, thereby identifying R with a subring of $D^{-1}R$.

- (e) Under this identification, show that every $d \in D$ gets mapped to a unit in $D^{-1}R$.
- (f) Show how the ring S from the previous problem arises as ring $D^{-1}R$ of fractions, for some D and R .

3. Let D be a multiplicatively closed subset of a commutative ring R , and $f: R \hookrightarrow S$ an embedding to a commutative ring with 1, such that $f(d)$ is a unit, for every $d \in D$. Show that there is a unique ring homomorphism $h: D^{-1}R \hookrightarrow S$ such that $h \circ \iota = f$.