

207. On Axiom Systems of Commutative Rings

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Recently G. R. Blakley gives an interesting axiom system of commutative rings (see G. R. Blakley [1]).

In this short Note, we give some new axioms of commutative rings and semirings that the addition and multiplication are commutative.

Theorem 1. *A set with two nullary operations, 0 and 1, with one unary operation, $-$, and with two binary operations, $+$ and juxtaposition such that*

- 1) $r + 0 = r,$
- 2) $r1 = r,$
- 3) $((-r) + r)a = 0,$
- 4) $((ay + bx) + cz)r = b(xr) + (a(yr) + z(cr))$

for every $a, b, c, r, x, y, z,$ is a commutative ring with unit element.

Remark. It is obvious that every commutative ring (with unit element) satisfies 1)–4).

Proof. The proof is divided into several steps.

- 5)
$$\begin{aligned} &(-r) + r \\ &= ((-r) + r)1 && \{2\} \\ &= 0. && \{3\} \end{aligned}$$
- 6)
$$\begin{aligned} &0a \\ &= ((-0) + 0)a && \{5\} \\ &= 0. && \{3\} \end{aligned}$$
- 7)
$$\begin{aligned} &a + b \\ &= ((a1 + b1) + 00)1 && \{2, 6\} \\ &= b(11) + (a(11) + 0(01)) && \{4\} \\ &= b + a. && \{2, 6, 1\} \end{aligned}$$
- 8)
$$\begin{aligned} &cz \\ &= ((00 + 00) + cz)1 && \{1, 7, 6, 2\} \\ &= 0(01) + (0(01) + z(c1)) && \{4\} \\ &= zc. && \{1, 7, 2\} \end{aligned}$$
- 9)
$$\begin{aligned} &(b + a) + c \\ &= (a + b) + c && \{7\} \\ &= ((a1 + b1) + c1)1 && \{2\} \\ &= b(11) + (a(11) + 1(c1)) && \{4\} \\ &= b + (a + c). && \{2\} \end{aligned}$$