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HW12 Key

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(1) Note that a finite integral domain is a field. Then it's sufficient to show that \mathbb{Z}_n has no zero-divisors iff n is prime.

\mathbb{Z}_n has no zero-divisors if and only if for $[a], [b] \in \mathbb{Z}_n$ we have $[ab] = [0] \iff [a] = [0]$ or $[b] = [0]$. Then we have $n|ab \iff n|a$ or $n|b$ for $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$. This holds only when n is prime.

(2) From assumption we have $x(xy - yx)y = 0$. The problem becomes very easy if R has no zero divisor. However, if R might have zero divisor we may not naively cancel x and y . We need some clever way to do this.

Use the assumption on $(1 - x)y$ we have

$$(1 + x)y(1 + x)y = (1 - x)^2y^2$$

Simplify we get $xyy = xy^2$, or $(xy - yx)y = 0$. Then substitute y with $(y + 1)$:

$$(y + 1)x(y + 1) = x(y + 1)^2$$

Simplify we get $yx = xy$.

(3) \Rightarrow If a is a unit then every $r \in R$ we have $r = r1 = raa^{-1} = a(ra^{-1}) \in aR$.
 \Leftarrow If $aR = R$ then $1 \in aR$. Then there exists $b \in R$ s.t. $1 = ab$.

(4)(a) $\frac{a_1}{b_1} \in S, \frac{a_2}{b_2} \in S$, then $\frac{a_1}{b_1} + \frac{a_2}{b_2} = \frac{a_1b_2 + a_2b_1}{b_1b_2}$ where b_1, b_2 are odds so b_1b_2 is odd, then $\frac{a_1}{b_1} + \frac{a_2}{b_2} \in S$.

Claim: $S_0 = \{\frac{a}{b} \in S : a \text{ is even}\}$ is the unique maximal ideal. Actually, every element in $S - S_0$ is unit. For $\frac{a}{b} \in S - S_0$, a is odd, so its inverse $\frac{b}{a} \in S$, then it is unit.

(5) Note that $\{0\}$ is the kernel of the identity map $id : R \rightarrow R$. The rest of proof follows from the fact that R/I is integral domain iff I is prime and is a field iff I is maximal.