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example of using Eisenstein criterion

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For showing the <http://planetmath.org/IrreduciblePolynomial2irreducibility> of the polynomial

$$P(x) := x^5 + 5x + 11$$

one would need a prime number dividing its other coefficients except the first one, but there is no such prime. However, a suitable $x := y + a$ may change the situation. Since the binomial coefficients of $(y-1)^5$ except the first and the last one are divisible by 5 and $11 \equiv 1 \pmod{5}$, we try

$$x := y - 1.$$

Then

$$P(y-1) = y^5 - 5y^4 + 10y^3 - 10y^2 + 10y + 5.$$

Thus the prime 5 divides other coefficients except the first one and the square of 5 does not divide the constant term of this polynomial in y , whence the Eisenstein criterion says that $P(y-1)$ is irreducible (in the field \mathbb{Q} of its coefficients). Apparently, also $P(x)$ must be irreducible.

It would be easy also to see that $P(x)$ does not have <http://planetmath.org/RationalRootTheorem> zeroes.