

**Exercise 13.4**

Let  $c = a + bi$  be a complex number with real coefficients. We can represent complex numbers on the 2-dimensional Cartesian plane by the point  $(a, b)$ . Define the absolute value norm to be  $|c| = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$ , the Cartesian distance from the point  $(a, b)$  to the origin. In using this representation of complex numbers, we can write any complex number as the product of a real number  $r$  and a complex number  $c = a + bi$  such that the norm of  $|rc| = 1$ . The absolute value product  $|rc| = |r||c| = 1$ :

$$\begin{aligned} |r| &= \frac{1}{|c|} \\ |r| &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} \\ r &= \frac{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}{a^2 + b^2} \end{aligned}$$

Suppose the absolute value of  $c$  is 1. Then  $\sqrt{a^2 + b^2} = 1$ . Recall the trigonometric identity:  $\cos^2(\theta) + \sin^2(\theta) = 1$  where  $\theta$  is a real number. So,

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{\cos^2(\theta) + \sin^2(\theta)} &= \sqrt{1} = 1 \\ \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} &= \sqrt{\cos^2(\theta) + \sin^2(\theta)} \\ a^2 &= \cos^2(\theta) \text{ and } b^2 = \sin^2(\theta) \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$a = \cos(\theta) \text{ and } b = \sin(\theta)$$

Therefore,  $c = a + bi = \cos(\theta) + i\sin(\theta)$ . From the above results, we know that any complex number  $n$  can be written as the product of a real number  $r$  and a complex number. Then,  $n = rc = r(\cos(\theta) + i\sin(\theta))$ .

**Exercise 13.8:** Determine which of the elements in the set  $\mathbb{F}_p$  for  $p = 3, 5, 7, 11, 13$ , and 19 are squares. The elements that have squares have been boxed.

Let  $p = 3$

Element	Element Squared
0	0
<span style="border: 1px solid black;">1</span>	1
2	1

There is 1 square

Let  $p = 5$

Element	Element Squared
0	0
<span style="border: 1px solid black;">1</span>	1
2	4
3	4
<span style="border: 1px solid black;">4</span>	1

There are 2 squares

Let  $p = 7$

Element	Element Squared
0	0
<span style="border: 1px solid black;">1</span>	1
<span style="border: 1px solid black;">2</span>	4
3	2
<span style="border: 1px solid black;">4</span>	2
5	4
6	1

There are 3 squares

Let  $p = 11$

Element	Element Squared
0	0
1	1
2	4
3	9
4	5
5	3
6	3
7	5
8	9
9	4
10	1

There are 5 squares

Let  $p = 13$

Element	Element Squared
0	0
1	1
2	4
3	9
4	3
5	12
6	10
7	10
8	12
9	3
10	9
11	14
12	1

There are 6 squares

Let  $p = 19$

Element	Element Squared
0	0
1	1
2	4
3	9
4	16
5	6
6	17
7	11
8	7
9	5
10	5
11	7
12	11
13	17
14	6
15	16
16	9
17	4
18	1

There are 9 squares

**Exercise 13.12:** For each of the prime numbers  $p = 3, 5, 7, 11$ , and  $13$ , determine the orders of all the elements of  $\mathbb{F}_p$ .

Let  $p = 3$

Element	Order
1	1
2	2

There is 1 element of order  $p - 1 : \{2\}$

Let  $p = 5$

Element	Order
1	1
2	4
3	4
4	2

There are 2 elements of order  $p - 1 : \{2, 3\}$

Let  $p = 7$

Element	Order
1	1
2	3
3	6
4	3
5	6
6	2

There are 2 elements of order  $p - 1 : \{3, 5\}$

Let  $p = 11$

Element	Order
1	1
2	10
3	5
4	5
5	5
6	10
7	10
8	10
9	5
10	2

There are 4 elements of order  $p - 1 : \{2, 6, 7, 8\}$

Let  $p = 13$

Element	Order
1	1
2	12
3	3
4	6
5	4
6	12
7	12
8	4
9	3
10	6
11	12
12	2

There are 4 elements of order  $p - 1 : \{2, 6, 7, 11\}$

**Exercise 13.16**

Define  $K$  to be the set  $K = \{a + b\gamma \mid a, b \in \mathbb{F}_3, \gamma^2 = 2\}$ . Define addition and multiplication rules on  $K$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}(a + b\gamma) + (c + d\gamma) &= (a + c) + (b + d)\gamma \\ \text{and} \\ (a + b\gamma)(c + d\gamma) &= (ac + 2bd) + (ad + bc)\gamma\end{aligned}$$

Observe that  $K$  is closed under addition and multiplication because  $(a + c) \bmod 3$ ,  $(b + d) \bmod 3$ ,  $(ac + 2bd) \bmod 3$ , and  $(ad + bc) \bmod 3$  are all elements in  $\mathbb{F}_3$ . This means that  $K$  is a ring that contains the field  $\mathbb{F}_3$ . The following is a multiplication table of the 8 nonzero elements of  $K$ :

$\times$	1	2	$1+\gamma$	$1+2\gamma$	$2+\gamma$	$2+2\gamma$	$\gamma$	$2\gamma$
1	1	2	$1+\gamma$	$1+2\gamma$	$2+\gamma$	$2+2\gamma$	$\gamma$	$2\gamma$
2	2	1	$2+2\gamma$	$2+\gamma$	$1+2\gamma$	$1+\gamma$	$2\gamma$	$\gamma$
$1+\gamma$	$1+\gamma$	$2+2\gamma$	$2\gamma$	2	1	$\gamma$	$2+\gamma$	2
$1+2\gamma$	$1+2\gamma$	$2+\gamma$	2	$\gamma$	$2\gamma$	1	$1+\gamma$	$2+2\gamma$
$2+\gamma$	$2+\gamma$	$1+2\gamma$	1	$2\gamma$	$\gamma$	2	$2+2\gamma$	$1+\gamma$
$2+2\gamma$	$2+2\gamma$	$1+\gamma$	$\gamma$	1	2	$2\gamma$	$1+\gamma$	$2+\gamma$
$\gamma$	$\gamma$	$2\gamma$	$2+\gamma$	$1+\gamma$	$2+2\gamma$	$1+\gamma$	2	1
$2\gamma$	$2\gamma$	$\gamma$	2	$2+2\gamma$	$1+\gamma$	$2+\gamma$	1	2

Notice that every non-zero element has a multiplicative inverse such that  $(a + b\gamma)(a + b\gamma)^{-1} = 1$ . Therefore,  $K$  is a field. Observe that

$$\begin{aligned}(a + b\gamma)(a - b\gamma) &= a^2 - ab\gamma + ab\gamma - b^2\gamma^2 \\ &= a^2 - 2b^2 \\ &= a^2 + b^2 \bmod 3\end{aligned}$$

Consider the possible values for  $a^2 + b^2$  in  $\mathbb{F}_3$ :

$$\begin{aligned}(a, b) &= (0, 0), a^2 + b^2 = 0 \\ (a, b) &= (0, 1), a^2 + b^2 = 1 \\ (a, b) &= (0, 2), a^2 + b^2 = 4 = 1 \\ (a, b) &= (1, 0), a^2 + b^2 = 1 \\ (a, b) &= (2, 0), a^2 + b^2 = 4 = 1 \\ (a, b) &= (1, 1), a^2 + b^2 = 2 \\ (a, b) &= (1, 2), a^2 + b^2 = 5 = 2 \\ (a, b) &= (2, 1), a^2 + b^2 = 5 = 2 \\ (a, b) &= (2, 2), a^2 + b^2 = 8 = 2\end{aligned}$$

Notice that the only time  $a^2 + b^2 = 0$  is when  $a = b = 0$ . Assume that  $a$  and  $b$  are not zero, so  $a^2 + b^2 \neq 0$ . Because  $a^2 + b^2$  is not zero and  $\mathbb{F}_3$  is a field,  $a^2 + b^2$  has an inverse, call it  $(a^2 + b^2)^{-1}$ . Now, we can perform the following operation:

$$\begin{aligned}
& (a + b\gamma)(a - b\gamma)/(a^2 + b^2) \\
& (a + b\gamma)(a - b\gamma)(a^2 + b^2)^{-1} \\
& (a + b\gamma)[a(a^2 + b^2)^{-1} - b\gamma(a^2 + b^2)^{-1}] \\
& (a^2 + ab\gamma)(a^2 + b^2)^{-1} - (ab\gamma + b^2\gamma^2)(a^2 + b^2)^{-1} \\
& (a^2 - 2b^2)(a^2 + b^2)^{-1} \\
& (a^2 + b^2)(a^2 + b^2)^{-1} = 1
\end{aligned}$$

Hence, for all elements of  $K$ ,  $a + b\gamma$ , its inverse exists so we have confirmed that  $K$  is a field. Notice that if  $f(x) = x^2 - 2$ ,  $f(\gamma) = \gamma^2 - 2 = 2 - 2 = 0$ , so  $f(x)$  has a root in  $K$  and factors as  $f(x) = (x + \gamma)(x - \gamma)$  in  $K[x]$ .

Since  $K$  is a field with 9 elements, we will rename it  $\mathbb{F}_9$  instead. By theorem 13.9 in the textbook,  $\mathbb{F}_9$  has a primitive root. Observe:

$$\begin{aligned}
(1 + \gamma)^1 &= 1 + \gamma \\
(1 + \gamma)^2 &= 2\gamma \\
(1 + \gamma)^3 &= 1 + 2\gamma \\
(1 + \gamma)^4 &= 2 \\
(1 + \gamma)^5 &= 2 + 2\gamma \\
(1 + \gamma)^6 &= \gamma \\
(1 + \gamma)^7 &= 2 + \gamma \\
(1 + \gamma)^8 &= 1
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $1 + \gamma$  is a primitive root because  $(1 + \gamma)^k = \mathbb{F}_9^\times$  for  $0 < k < 9$ .



**Exercise 13.20**

Let  $p$  be an odd prime and let  $\alpha$  be a primitive root in the field  $\mathbb{F}_p$  such that  $\mathbb{F}_p^\times = \{\alpha, \alpha^2, \alpha^3, \dots, \alpha^{p-1}\}$ , where  $\sqrt{\alpha}$  is not an element of  $\mathbb{F}_p$ . We will construct a new set  $\mathbb{F}_p[\sqrt{\alpha}] = \{a + b\sqrt{\alpha} | a, b \in \mathbb{F}_p, \sqrt{\alpha} \notin \mathbb{F}_p\}$ . Define addition and multiplication rules on  $\mathbb{F}_p[\sqrt{\alpha}]$  to be as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} (a + b\sqrt{\alpha}) + (c + d\sqrt{\alpha}) &= (a + c) + (b + d)\sqrt{\alpha} \\ \text{and} \\ (a + b\sqrt{\alpha})(c + d\sqrt{\alpha}) &= (ac + bd\alpha) + (ad + bc)\sqrt{\alpha} \end{aligned}$$

Observe that  $\mathbb{F}_p[\sqrt{\alpha}]$  is closed under addition and multiplication because  $(a + c) \bmod p$ ,  $(b + d) \bmod p$ ,  $(ac + bd\alpha) \bmod p$ , and  $(ad + bc) \bmod p$  are all elements in  $\mathbb{F}_p$ . This means that  $\mathbb{F}_p[\sqrt{\alpha}]$  is a ring that contains the field  $\mathbb{F}_p$  and where the square of  $\alpha$  exists. Because  $\mathbb{F}_p$  has  $p$  elements, for each element  $a + b\sqrt{\alpha}$  in  $\mathbb{F}_p[\sqrt{\alpha}]$ , there are  $p$  choices for  $a$  and  $p$  choices for  $b$ , so  $\mathbb{F}_p[\sqrt{\alpha}]$  has  $p^2$  elements, including the zero element.

To show that every element of  $\mathbb{F}_p[\alpha]$  has a square, we will begin by proving that  $\mathbb{F}_p[\alpha]$  is a field. Observe that

$$\begin{aligned} (a + b\sqrt{\alpha})(a - b\sqrt{\alpha}) &= a^2 - ab\sqrt{\alpha} + ba\sqrt{\alpha} + \alpha b^2 \\ &= a^2 - \alpha b^2 \end{aligned}$$

**Lemma:** If  $a + b\sqrt{\alpha} \neq 0$ , then  $a^2 - \alpha b^2 \neq 0$ .

Proof: Suppose instead that  $a^2 - \alpha b^2 = 0$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} a^2 &= \alpha b^2 \\ a^2(b^{-1})^2 &= \alpha \\ (ab^{-1})^2 &= \alpha \\ ab^{-1} &= \sqrt{\alpha} \end{aligned}$$

This implies  $\sqrt{\alpha} \in \mathbb{F}_p$  since  $ab^{-1}$  exists in the field  $\mathbb{F}_p$ . Then, this is a contradiction because  $\sqrt{\alpha} \notin \mathbb{F}_p$ . Therefore, by proof of contradiction, if  $a + b\sqrt{\alpha} \neq 0$ , then  $a^2 - \alpha b^2 \neq 0$ .  $\square$

Now, given  $a + b\sqrt{\alpha} \neq 0$ , we know that  $a^2 - \alpha b^2 \neq 0$ . Recall that

$$(a + b\sqrt{\alpha})(a - b\sqrt{\alpha}) = a^2 - \alpha b^2$$

We can divide the product  $(a + b\sqrt{\alpha})(a - b\sqrt{\alpha})$  by  $a^2 - \alpha b^2$  because  $a^2 - \alpha b^2 \neq 0$  so its inverse exists in  $\mathbb{F}_p$ . The inverse of  $a^2 - \alpha b^2$  will be given by  $(a^2 - \alpha b^2)^{-1}$ . Hence:

$$\begin{aligned}
& (a + b\sqrt{\alpha})(a - b\sqrt{\alpha})/(a^2 - \alpha b^2) \\
& (a + b\sqrt{\alpha})(a - b\sqrt{\alpha})(a^2 - \alpha b^2)^{-1} \\
& (a + b\sqrt{\alpha})[a(a^2 - \alpha b^2)^{-1} - \alpha b^2(a^2 - \alpha b^2)^{-1}] \\
& (a^2 + ab\sqrt{\alpha})(a^2 - \alpha b^2)^{-1} - (ab\sqrt{\alpha} + \alpha b^2)(a^2 - \alpha b^2)^{-1} \\
& (a^2 + ab\sqrt{\alpha} - ab\sqrt{\alpha} + \alpha b^2)(a^2 - \alpha b^2)^{-1} \\
& (a^2 - \alpha b^2)(a^2 - \alpha b^2)^{-1} = 1
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, for all non-zero elements in  $\mathbb{F}_p[\sqrt{\alpha}]$ ,  $a + b\sqrt{\alpha}$ , the inverse exists so  $\mathbb{F}_p[\sqrt{\alpha}]$  is a field.

In conclusion, we began with a field  $\mathbb{F}_p$  which has a primitive root  $\alpha$  such that  $\mathbb{F}_p^\times = \{\alpha, \alpha^2, \alpha^3, \dots, \alpha^{p-1}\}$ , but,  $\sqrt{\alpha}$  did not exist in  $\mathbb{F}_p$ . Then, we created a new field  $\mathbb{F}_p[\sqrt{\alpha}]$  where the square of  $\alpha$  existed. Since  $\alpha$  is a primitive root, for all  $k \in \mathbb{F}_p^\times$ , there exists an integer  $m \leq p-1$  such that  $\alpha^m = k$  and thus  $\sqrt{k} = \sqrt{\alpha^m} = (\sqrt{\alpha})^m$  which we have proven exists. This means that every non zero element of  $\mathbb{F}_p$  has a square. Therefore, for all numbers  $b, c \in \mathbb{F}_p$ , the polynomial  $f(x) = x^2 + bx + c$  has roots in  $\mathbb{F}_p[\sqrt{\alpha}]$  because its discriminant  $\sqrt{b^2 - 4c}$  exists.  $\square$