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# ABSTRACT ALGEBRA

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# 1 Groups

## 2 Section 13,14,15

**Def 2.1.** A subgroup  $N$  of  $G$  is called a normal subgroup, if a left coset of  $N$  is the same as the corresponding right coset of  $N$ .

i.e.  $gN = Ng$  for all  $g \in G$

We write  $N \triangleleft G$ .

**Theorem 2.2.** For any group homomorphism  $\phi : G \rightarrow G'$ :  $\ker \phi \triangleleft G$

**Proof 2.3.** 1.  $\ker \phi < G$ .

2. To show that it is a normal, we show  $g(\ker \phi) = (\ker \phi)g$

And we do it by  $\subseteq$  and  $\supseteq$  and we take any  $k \in \ker \phi$ .

$\subseteq$  :  $gk = (gkg^{-1})g$  Then to show  $\phi(gkg^{-1}) = e$ . The other side is similar.

**Theorem 2.4.** Assume  $H < G$  The following statements are equivalent:

1.  $H \triangleleft G$
2.  $g^{-1}Hg = H$  for all  $g \in G$
3.  $g^{-1}Hg \subseteq H$  for all  $g \in G$

**Def 2.5.**  $H \triangleleft G$ .  $S = \{gH \mid g \in G\}$  Define a binary operation on  $S$  s.t.  $(g_1H) * (g_2H) = (g_1g_2)H$

**Note.** Need to check it is well defined, that is to show take different representative of  $g_1$  and  $g_2$  we get the same result, which is to consider  $g_1H = g'_1H$ ,  $g_2H = g'_2H$

**Theorem 2.6.** The map:  $\pi : G \rightarrow S = \{gH \mid g \in G\}$ ,  $S$  is the quotient group that has  $H$  as the identity, is a group homomorphism where  $H \triangleleft G$ .

The kernel:  $\ker \pi = H$

**Theorem 2.7.** Fundamental theorem of group homomorphism.

Let  $\phi : G \rightarrow G'$  be a group homomorphism. Then:

1.  $\phi(G) < G'$
2.  $\ker\phi \triangleleft G$
3. The quotient group  $G/\ker\phi$  is isomorphic to  $\phi(G)$  via the map:  
 $\bar{\phi} : G/\ker\phi \rightarrow \phi(G)$   
 $g\ker\phi \mapsto \phi(g)$

**Def 2.8.** Automorphism and adj.

**Def 2.9.** A group is called simple if it has no proper nontrivial normal subgroup.

**Theorem 2.10.**  $A_n$ , when  $n \geq 5$  is simple.

**Def 2.11.** A maximal normal subgroup of a group  $G$  is a normal subgroup  $M$  not equal to  $G$  s.t. that there is no proper normal subgroup  $N$  of  $G$  properly contains  $M$ .

**Theorem 2.12.**  $M$  is a maximal normal subgroup of  $G \Leftrightarrow G/M$  is simple

### 3 Ring

#### 3.1 Section 18: Ring Fields

**Def 3.1.** A ring  $(R, +, \cdot)$  is a set  $R$  with two binary operations, addition and multiplication such that the following requirements hold:

1.  $(R, +)$  is an abelian group.
2.  $(R, \cdot)$  is associative.
3.  $+$  and  $\cdot$  satisfy left and right distributive law:  
for any  $a, b, c \in R$ :  
 $a \cdot (b + c) = (a \cdot b) + (a \cdot c)$   
 $(a + b) \cdot c = (a \cdot c) + (b \cdot c)$

**Example 3.2.**  $(0, +, \cdot)$  is a trivial ring

**Example 3.3.**  $(\mathbb{Z}/\mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{R}, +, \cdot)$  are standard ring structures.

**Example 3.4.**  $(n\mathbb{Z}, +, \cdot)$  is a ring and a subring of  $\mathbb{Z}$

**Example 3.5.**  $(\mathbb{Z}_n, +, \cdot)$  is a ring.

**Def 3.6.** A map  $\phi : R \rightarrow R'$  for rings  $R$  and  $R'$  is called a ring homomorphism if

- 1)  $\phi(a + b) = \phi(a) + \phi(b)$
  - 2)  $\phi(a \cdot b) = \phi(a) \cdot \phi(b)$  for all  $a, b \in R$
- (1) is equivalent to  $\phi : (R, +) \rightarrow (R', +')$  is a group homomorphism.  $\ker \phi$  is the kernel for such group homomorphism.

**Example 3.7.** Modulo map  $\phi : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_n$  is a ring homomorphism.

**Proof 3.8.**  $\phi$  is a group homomorphism.

$$\phi(ab) = \phi(a) \cdot \phi(b)$$

we can denote  $a = ln + \phi(a)$ ,  $b = mn + \phi(b)$  as elements in  $\mathbb{Z}_n$

$$a \cdot b = (ln + \phi(a)) \cdot (mn + \phi(b)) = ln(mn + \phi(b)) + \phi(a)mn + \phi(a) \cdot \phi(b) = \phi(a) \cdot \phi(b)$$

**Def 3.9.** A bijective ring homomorphism is called a ring isomorphism.

**Example 3.10.**  $(\mathbb{Z}, +) \cong (3\mathbb{Z}, +)$  is a group isomorphism but not a ring isomorphism.

**Def 3.11.** A ring  $(R, +, \cdot)$  is called commutative if  $(R, \cdot)$  is commutative. Unital or a ring with unity of  $(R, \cdot)$  has the identity for  $(R, \cdot)$

Rmk: Commutativity and unital property are preserved under ring isomorphism.

**Theorem 3.12.** Denote by 1 the unity of the unital ring R.  
Then R is trivial iff  $1 = 0$

**Example 3.13.**

- $\mathbb{Z}_n$  is commutative.
- $\mathbb{C}, \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{Z}$  are unital.
- $\mathbb{Z}_n$  is unital.
- $n\mathbb{Z}$  is not unital when  $n \geq 2$

**Example 3.14.** Show that  $\mathbb{Z}_{mn} \cong \mathbb{Z}_m \times \mathbb{Z}_n$  as rings when m and n are coprime.

**Proof 3.15.** The group isomorphisms can be shown by mapping generator to generator.  $\phi : 1 \mapsto (1, 1)$  And we show such it is a ring homomorphism too.

**Def 3.16.** Let R be a unital ring with  $1 \neq 0$ :

A multiplicative inverse of  $a \in R$  is an element  $b \in R$  so that  $a \cdot b = 1 = b \cdot a$

**Def 3.17.** Let R be a unital ring with  $1 \neq 0$ .

- An element  $u \in R$  is called a unit, if it has a multiplicative inverse.  
Denote by  $R^\times = \{u \in R \mid u \text{ is a unit}\}$
- If  $R^\times = R^*$  then R is a division ring.
- If R is commutative, it is called a field.

**Example 3.18.**  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  is commutative unital ring.  $\mathbb{Z}_n^\times = \{m \in \mathbb{Z}_n \mid \gcd(m, n) = 1\}$

## 3.2 Section 19: Integral Domains

**Def 3.19.** In a ring  $R$ , if  $a, b \in R^*$  satisfy  $a \cdot b = 0$  then  $a, b$  are called divisors of zero.

**Theorem 3.20.**  $\mathbb{Z}_n = \{0, 1, \dots, n-1\}$ ,  $m \in \mathbb{Z}_n$  is a divisor of zero iff  $m \neq 0$  and  $\gcd(m, n) \neq 1$

**Proof 3.21.** Denote by  $d = \gcd(m, n)$ .

$\Rightarrow$  If  $m$  is a divisor of zero, there must be a  $k \neq 0$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  that  $mk = 0$ .

If  $\gcd(m, n) = 1$ ,  $n \mid k$ , then  $k = 0$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_n$ . Contradiction. Thus  $\gcd(m, n) \neq 1$

$\Leftarrow$  Note that  $\frac{mn}{d} = \frac{m}{d} \cdot n$  in  $\mathbb{Z}$

there is  $[m][\frac{n}{d}] = [\frac{m}{d}n] = [0]$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_n$ .

If  $d \neq 1$ ,  $\frac{n}{d} \neq 0$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_n$ . We conclude must have  $m = 0$

**Def 3.22.** An integral domain is a commutative unital ring with  $1 \neq 0$  and containing no divisor of zero.

Cor: For any prime number  $p$ ,  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  is an integral domain.

**Example 3.23.** Show  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  is a field when  $p$  is a prime number.

**Proof 3.24.** We only need to show that every nonzero element in  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  is a unit.

Take  $a \in \mathbb{Z}_p, a \neq 0$

Consider the map  $\phi_a : \mathbb{Z}_p \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_p$

$$x \mapsto ax \text{ in } \mathbb{Z}_p$$

We claim that  $\phi_a$  is a bijection:

- $\phi_a$  is injective:  $\phi_a(x) = \phi_a(y)$

$$\text{Then } ax = ay \Rightarrow a(x - y) = 0$$

Since  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  is an integral domain and has no divisor of 0, then  $a \neq 0$

$$\text{Thus } x = y$$

- $\phi_a$  is a surjective map since  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  order is finite and injectivity implies surjectivity.

Then it is a bijective map.

Hence there is some  $x \in \mathbb{Z}_p$  that  $\phi_a(x) = 1$  which is  $ax = 1$  and shows that  $a$  is a unit.

**Theorem 3.25.** Every finite integral domain is a field.

**Example 3.26.**  $\mathbb{Z}$  is an example of integral domain, but not a field. Note it has infinite order.

**Theorem 3.27.** Every field is an integral domain.

**Proof 3.28.** That is to show for  $a, b \in F$ ,  $ab = 0$  either  $a = 0$  or  $b = 0$

If  $a \neq 0$  then  $a$  is a unit, thus  $a \cdot a' = 1 = a' \cdot a$ .

Then  $a'(ab) = a'0 = 0 = 1(b) = b$

**Def 3.29.** Let  $R$  be a ring. Define the characteristic of  $R$  as:

$\text{char}(R) = \min \{n \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \mid n \cdot a = 0 \text{ for all } a \in R\}$

Define  $\text{char}(R) = 0$  when such set is empty.

**Example 3.30.**  $\text{char}(\mathbb{Z}_n) = n$ ,  $\text{char}(\mathbb{Z}) = 0$

**Theorem 3.31.** For a unital ring  $R$ ,

$\text{char}(R) = \min \{n \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \mid n \cdot 1 = 0 \text{ for } 1 \text{ is unity} \in R\}$

**Proof 3.32.** Easy to check if  $\{n \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \mid n \cdot 1 = 0\} = \emptyset$  Then  $\{n \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \mid n \cdot a = 0\} = \emptyset$   
the  $\text{char}(R)$  does not exist  $= 0$ .

Other wise: denote  $m = \min\{n \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \mid n \cdot 1 = 0\}$  Want to show that  $ma = 0$  for all  $a \in R$ .

Since  $ma = a + a + \dots a$  (for  $m$  times)  $= a * 1 + a * 1 + \dots a * 1$  (for  $m$  times)  
 $= a(1 + 1 \dots 1) = a(m \cdot 1) = a \cdot 0 = 0$

**Note.** Direct product of two integral domain is not an integral domain.



### 3.3 Section 20: Fermat's Euler's theorems

**Theorem 3.33. Little Theorem of Fermat**

Let  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$   $p$  is a prime number.  $p \nmid a$ . Then  $a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$

**Cor:**  $a^p \equiv a \pmod{p}$

**Example 3.34.** what is  $8^{97}$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_{13}$  (order 12 Field)?

So  $[8]^{12} = [1]$

$97 \div 12 = 8 \text{ R } 1$

$$8^{97} = 8^{12 \cdot 8 + 1} = ([8]^{12})^8 \cdot [8] = [1]^8 \cdot [8]$$

**Using Cor:**  $8^{97} = 8^{12 \cdot 8 + 1} = ([8]^{12})^8 \cdot ([8]^1) = [1]^8 \cdot [8] = [1]^8 \cdot [8]$

$$[8] \equiv [-5] \pmod{13}$$

Thus:

$$\begin{aligned} [-5]^7 &= [-5] \cdot [-5]^6 = [-5] \cdot ([-5]^2)^3 = [-5] \cdot ([25] \equiv [-1])^3 \\ &= [-5] \cdot [-1] = 5 \pmod{13} \end{aligned}$$

**Example 3.35.** show that  $15 \mid (n^{33} - n)$  for all  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$

Proof: 15 is not prime.

But  $15 = 3 \cdot 5$

So it is enough to show that  $3 \mid (n^{33} - n)$  and  $5 \mid (n^{33} - n)$

We discuss by cases.

- If  $3 \nmid n$  Then  $n^{33} = (n^2)^{16} \cdot n = 1 \cdot n \pmod{3}$  (in  $\mathbb{Z}_3$ )

$$\text{Thus } 3 \mid (n^{33} - n = 0 \text{ in } \mathbb{Z}_3)$$

- If  $3 \mid n$  Then  $3 \mid n \cdot (n^{32} - 1)$

$$\text{Thus } 3 \mid (n^{33} - n)$$

Similarly we show  $5 \mid (n^{33} - n)$

- If  $5 \nmid n$  Then  $n^{33} = (n^4)^8 \cdot n = 1 \cdot n \pmod{5}$  (in  $\mathbb{Z}_5$ )

$$\text{Thus } 5 \mid (n^{33} - n = 0 \text{ in } \mathbb{Z}_5)$$

- If  $5 \mid n$  Then  $5 \mid n \cdot (n^{32} - 1)$

$$\text{Thus } 5 \mid (n^{33} - n)$$

**Note.**  $p_1 < p_2 < \dots < p_k$

let  $m = c(p_1 - 1)(p_2 - 1) \dots (p_k - 1) + 1$  where  $c$  is some constant.

$$\Rightarrow p_1 p_2 \dots p_k \mid n^m - n$$

**Def 3.36.** Euler's generalization:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{Z}_n^\times &= \{m \in \mathbb{Z}_n \mid m \text{ is a unit}\} \\ &= \{m \in \mathbb{Z}_n \mid \gcd(m, n) = 1\}\end{aligned}$$

**Proof 3.37.**  $\gcd(m, n) = 1 \Leftrightarrow m$  is not a divisor of zero (\*)

$\Rightarrow$  Assume we know  $\gcd(m, n) = 1$  and to show  $m$  is a unit.

Thus for such  $m$ , construct  $\phi_m : \mathbb{Z}_n \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_n$

$$a \mapsto ma$$

By previous proof, we know that such map is bijection for  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ . And basically we generalize it to take everything that is coprime with  $n$ . So we know that  $m$  must be a unit.

$\Leftarrow$  Assume we know it is a unit to show  $\gcd(m, n) = 1$

Conversely,  $m$  is a unit implies  $m$  is not a zero divisor, thus  $\gcd(m, n) = 1$

**Def 3.38.** Euler Phi-Function:  $\varphi(n) = \#\{m \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \mid m \leq n, \gcd(m, n) = 1\}$

**Theorem 3.39.** Any unital ring  $R$ ,  $R^\times = \{a \in R \mid a \text{ is a unit}\}$  is a group under multiplication.

Cor:  $\mathbb{Z}_n^\times$  is a group of order  $\varphi(n)$

**Proof 3.40.** closed: For  $a_1, a_2 \in R^\times$  and each have inverse  $a_1^{-1}$  and  $a_2^{-1}$ . Thus we know that  $a_1 a_2 a_2^{-1} a_1^{-1} = 1$ . Thus for  $a_1 a_2$  we have the inverse  $(a_1 a_2)^{-1} = a_2^{-1} a_1^{-1}$  thus it is closed.

Associative follows by multiplication. Identity is unity 1. Inverse follows immediate by definition of unit.

**Example 3.41.**  $\varphi(12) = 4$ . Which are the units of  $\mathbb{Z}_{12}^\times$  that are 1, 5, 7, 11.

**Theorem 3.42.** Euler's theorem: For any  $a \in \mathbb{Z}, n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  with  $\gcd(a, n) = 1$ .

There is  $a^{\varphi(n)} \equiv 1 \pmod n$

**Proof 3.43.**  $\gcd(a, n) = 1$  implies  $[a] \in \mathbb{Z}_n^\times$  which then  $|\mathbb{Z}_n^\times| = \varphi(n)$

Then  $a^{\varphi(n)} = 1$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  that is  $a^{\varphi(n)} \equiv 1 \pmod n$

**Example 3.44.** Any  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  with  $\gcd(n, 5) = 1$  then  $n^4 \equiv 1 \pmod{12}$

take  $n = 5$ ,  $5^4 = 625 = 52 \cdot 12 + 1$

**Note. Application to congruence equations**

Solve  $ax \equiv b \pmod{n}$

**Theorem 3.45.** If  $\gcd(a, n) = 1$ , then the equation has and only has one solution.

**Proof 3.46.** To show we have such a solution: since  $\gcd(a, n) = 1$ , we know that  $a \in \mathbb{Z}_n^\times$  which  $a$  is a unit.

Then we can find an inverse of  $a$  and then our  $x \equiv ba^{-1} \pmod{n}$ .

To show such solution is unique, assume now we have  $x_1, x_2 \equiv ba^{-1} \pmod{n}$ .

Thus  $ax_1 = ax_2$ .

If  $a$  is not a divisor of zero, then what we state is true that  $x_1 = x_2$ .

$a$  indeed is not a divisor of zero in  $\mathbb{Z}_n$ , since  $\gcd(a, n) = 1$

**Example 3.47.** Solve  $3x \equiv 5 \pmod{10}$ .

$\gcd(3, 10) = 1$ .

We first find our 3 inverse in 10, which  $3^{-1} = 7$ . Thus  $x = 5 * 7 = 35 \equiv 5 \pmod{10}$

$x = 10n + 5$  for  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$

**Theorem 3.48.** If  $\gcd(a, n) = d$ , then the equation has solution iff  $d \mid b$ . And then there are  $d$  solutions in  $\mathbb{Z}_n$

**Proof 3.49.**

1) Show we have solution iff  $d \mid b$ .

$\Leftarrow$  Consider  $[\frac{a}{d}][x] = [\frac{b}{d}]$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_{\frac{n}{d}}$

$\gcd(\frac{a}{d}, \frac{n}{d}) = 1$

By previous thm:

we show there is a unique solution  $[x_0]$  s.t.  $\frac{a}{d}[x_0] - \frac{b}{d} = \frac{n}{d} \cdot l$  for  $l \in \mathbb{Z}$  And multiply both sides by  $d$  we get  $ax_0 - b = nl$

$\Rightarrow$  If  $[a][x] = [b]$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  has a solution, then  $ax - b = 0$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_n$ .

Then  $ax - b = nl$  for  $l \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Divide both side by  $d$ , we get  $\frac{a}{d} - \frac{b}{d} = l$

Since our  $l$  is an integer, we must conclude that  $\frac{b}{d}$  is an integer.

2) Assume  $d \mid b$  we want to show there are  $d$  solutions.

If  $[x_0]$  is a solution, then for any solution  $[x]$ ,  $[a][x_0] = [a][x]$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_n$

and so  $[\frac{a}{d}][x_0] = [\frac{a}{d}][x]$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_{\frac{n}{d}}$

This implies  $[x] = [x_0]$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_{\frac{n}{d}}$  which we then can write

$x = x_0 + \frac{n}{d} \cdot l$  for  $l \in \mathbb{Z}$

Thus  $[x]$  can take on :  $[x_0], [x_0 + 2 \cdot \frac{n}{d}] \cdots [x_0 + (d-1) \cdot \frac{n}{d}]$

**Example 3.50.** Solve  $15x \equiv 27 \pmod{18}$

$\gcd(15, 18) = 3 \mid 27$ . Thus there are 3 solutions in  $\mathbb{Z}_{18}$

Solve  $5x \equiv 9 \pmod{6}$

$x = 9 * 5 = 45 = 3 \pmod{6}$

In  $\mathbb{Z}_{18}$ ,  $x = 3$  or  $3 + 6 * 1 = 9$  or  $3 + 6 * 2 = 15$

### 3.4 Section 21: The Field of Fractions of Integral Domain

**Note.** Main Task: Any integral Domain  $D$  can be enlarged to a field  $F$  by including fractions of  $D$ . Just as the same ways as from  $\mathbb{Z}$  to  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

Construction from a given Integral Domain  $D$ .

- Step1: Consider an equivalence relation on  $D \times D^*$  denoted by  $S$  as  $(a,b) \sim (c,d)$  iff  $ad = bc$ .

Check this is an equivalence relation:

- 1) Reflexive:  $(a,b) \sim (b,c)$
- 2) Symmetric:  $(a,b) \sim (c,d) \Rightarrow (c,d) \sim (a,b)$
- 3) Transitive:  $(a,b) \sim (c,d), (c,d) \sim (e,f) \Rightarrow (a,b) \sim (e,f)$

Define  $F := D \times D^* / \sim$ . There is a natural inclusion map:  $D \rightarrow F$  as  $a \mapsto [(a, 1)]$  which is equivalence class of  $(a, 1)$ .

- Step2: Define  $+$  and  $\cdot$  on  $F$  and check they coincide with  $+$  and  $\cdot$  on  $D$ .

Define  $[(a,b) + (c,d)] = [(ad+bc), (bd)]$ ;  $[(a,b)][(c,d)] = [(ac,bd)]$ . Check they are well defined: To show our operations are well-defined, we take different representatives in  $S$  and applying this operation, we can get the same result.

**WTS:** Take  $(a_1, b_1) \in [(a, b)], (c_1, d_1) \in [(c, d)]$

We want to show  $(a_1d_1 + b_1c_1, b_1d_1) \in [(ad + bc, bd)]$

and  $(a_1c_1, b_1d_1) \in [(ac, bd)]$

This is true because  $(a_1, b_1) \sim (a, b)$  and  $a_1b = b_1a$  similarly for  $c_1d = d_1c$

Then times both side by  $b_1b$  and  $d_1d$ , we get  $a_1bd_1d = b_1ad_1d$  and  $c_1db_1b = d_1cb_1b$

Add them together,  $a_1bd_1d + c_1db_1b = b_1ad_1d + d_1cb_1b$

by axioms of integral domain such as commutative and distributive property, we get  $(a_1d_1 + b_1c_1)bd = b_1d_1(ad + bc)$ . Thus we show it is well-defined addition. We can show the same for multiplication.

Lastly, restricted on  $D$ , they are the original addition and multiplication.

by  $a + b \mapsto [(a, 1)] + [(b, 1)]$   $a \cdot b \mapsto [(a, 1)] \cdot [(b, 1)]$

Step3: Check  $(F, +, \cdot)$  is a field.

By check  $(F, +, \cdot)$  is a ring and it is commutative, unital and every nonzero element has multiplicative inverse.  $[(1, 1)]$  as the unit.

**Theorem 3.51.** Let  $D$  be an integral domain. Then  $\text{Frac}(D)$  is the smallest field that contains  $D$ .

i.e. Every field  $L$  that contains  $D$  should have a subfield  $F$  that  $F$  is ring isomorphic to  $\text{Frac}(D)$ .

**Proof 3.52.** Lets consider  $D \subseteq L$  and  $L$  is a field. Take any  $a, b \in D$  with  $b \neq 0$ , there must be  $ab^{-1} \in L$ .

We consider the map  $\phi : \text{Frac}(D) \rightarrow L, [(a, b)] \mapsto ab^{-1}$  This map is well-defined:  $[(a, b)] = [(a', b')] \Rightarrow ab^{-1} = a'b'^{-1}$  and is an injective ring homomorphism ( $\text{Frac}(D)$  with  $L$ ).

This  $F := \phi(\text{Frac}(D))$  is a subfield of  $L$  and contains  $D$ . It is isomorphism with  $\text{Frac}(D)$ .

**Example 3.53.**  $D = \{m + ni \mid m, n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  Gaussian integers.  $D \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ .  $\text{Frac}(D) = \{m + ni \mid m, n \in \mathbb{Q}\}$  that is also a field contains  $i$ .

take  $\frac{m+ni}{p+qi} = \frac{mp+nq+(np-mq)i}{p^2+q^2}$

### 3.5 Section 22: Rings of Polynomials

**Def 3.54.** Let  $R$  be a ring (coefficient ring):

$$R[x] = \{ a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \dots + a_nx^n \mid a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n \in R \}$$

Naturally  $R \rightarrow R[x]$  is injective that  $a \mapsto a \in R[x]$

**Note.**  $R[x]$  has a natural  $+$  and  $\cdot$  induced from  $(R, +, \cdot)$

$$f(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n a_k x^k$$

$$g(x) = \sum_{l=0}^m b_l x^l$$

$$f(x) + g(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\max\{n,m\}} (a_k + b_k) x^k$$

$$f(x) \cdot g(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{m+n} \left( \sum_{i=0}^k a_i b_{k-i} \right) x^k$$

**Theorem 3.55.**  $R[x]$  is a ring when  $R$  is a ring.

Moreover, if  $R$  is unital, then  $R[x]$  is unital. share unity 1.

If  $R$  is commutative, then  $R[x]$  is commutative.

**Proof 3.56.** on  $(R[x], +, \cdot)$

- $(R[x], +, \cdot)$  is an abelian group with 0 as identity. -  $(\sum a_k x^k) = \text{sum}(-a_k) x^k$
- $(R[x], +, \cdot)$  is associative.  
- unfinished????
- $(+, \cdot)$  has distributive law.

When  $R$  is commutative,  $R[x]$  is also commutative.

When  $R$  is unital, 1 is the unity of  $R[x]$ .

**Example 3.57.** Consider the polynomial ring  $\mathbb{Z}_2[x]$

$$x + 1 \in \mathbb{Z}_2[x]$$

1.  $x^2 + 1$  cannot be factorized into polynomials with lower degrees in  $R[x]$  but can be factorized in  $\mathbb{Z}_2[x]$
2.  $(x + 1) + (x + 1) = 0 * x + 0 = 0$  Thus  $\text{char}(\mathbb{Z}_2[x]) = 2 = \text{char}(\mathbb{Z}_2)$

**Theorem 3.58.** Let  $R$  be a ring. Then  $\text{char}(R[x]) = \text{char}(R)$ .  $R$  is a subring of  $R[x]$ .

**Proof 3.59.** If  $\text{char}(R) = n > 0$ , then for any  $\sum a_i x^i \in R[x]$   $n(\sum a_i x^i) = \sum (n a_i) x^i \in R[x] = 0$  So  $\text{char}(R[x]) \leq n$   
Because  $R$  is a subring of  $R[x]$ , so  $\text{char}(R[x]) \geq n$  Then we show  $\text{char}(R[x]) = \text{char}(R)$ .

**Theorem 3.60.** Let  $\phi : R \rightarrow R'$  be a ring homomorphism.

Show that  $\hat{\phi} : R[x] \rightarrow R'[x]$

$\hat{\phi} : (\sum a_i x^i) \rightarrow (\sum \phi(a_i) x^i)$  is a ring homomorphism.

Moreover, when  $\phi$  is injective,  $\hat{\phi}$  is also injective, same as surjective.

**Proof 3.61.** • Check  $\hat{\phi}(f(x) + g(x)) = \hat{\phi}(f(x)) + \hat{\phi}(g(x))$

• Check  $\hat{\phi}(f(x)g(x)) = \hat{\phi}(f(x))\hat{\phi}(g(x))$

**Theorem 3.62.** Let  $R$  be a ring, then the ring  $(R[x])[y]$  is isomorphic to the ring  $R[y][x]$ . The isomorphism class is denoted by  $R[x, y]$ .

**Def 3.63.** The evaluation homomorphism:

$E$  is a ring then  $\text{Map}(E, E)$  (map from  $E$  to  $E$ ) is a ring.

Take  $\alpha \in E$ ,  $e\hat{v}_\alpha : \text{Map}(E, E) \rightarrow E$  is a ring homomorphism.

Let  $F$  be a subring of  $E$ .

Construct  $\phi : F[x] \rightarrow \text{Map}(E, E)$

$f(x) = \sum a_i x^i$  is mapped to  $F : E \rightarrow E \equiv b \mapsto \sum a_i b^i$

**Note.** Important things to notice: Evaluation map is a ring homomorphism.

$\phi : F[x] \rightarrow F$  as  $\phi(p(x)) = p(a)$

Detailed proof below. but here is another proof that after group homomorphism we only need to check it is multiplicative on monomials:

*monomials original proof*



**Proof 3.64.** Lemma:

$\phi$  is a ring homomorphism if  $E$  is commutative.

Proof:

1) Group Homomorphism: Take  $\phi(f(x) + g(x))(\beta)$  and WTS it equals  $\phi(f(x)) + \phi(g(x))(\beta)$ .

$$f(x) = \sum a_i x^i \quad g(x) = \sum b_j x^j$$

$$\phi(f(x) + g(x))(\beta) = \phi(\sum (a_i + b_i) x^i) \text{ if we assume } i = \max(i, j).$$

$$\phi(\sum (a_i + b_i) x^i) = \sum (a_i + b_i) \beta^i = \sum a_i \beta^i + \sum b_i \beta^i = \phi(f(x)) + \phi(g(x))(\beta).$$

2) Ring Homomorphism: By similar argument,  $f(x)g(x) = \sum_k (\sum_{i+j=k} a_i b_j) x^k$

Evaluate  $x$  at  $\beta$  to get  $\phi$ .

$$\phi(f(x)g(x))(\beta) = \sum a_i b_j \beta^k, \quad \phi(f(x))(\beta) \phi(g(x))(\beta) = \sum a_i \beta^i \sum b_j \beta^j. \text{ Equals when it is commutative.}$$

**Theorem 3.65.** Let  $E$  be a field and let  $F$  be a subfield of it.

For any  $a \in E$  the map  $ev_a = e\hat{v}_a \circ \phi$

$e\hat{v}_a : F[x] \rightarrow E, \sum a_i x^i \mapsto \sum a_i \alpha^i$  is a ring homomorphism.

**Note.** Let  $F$  be a field. In general, the map  $\phi : F[x] \rightarrow Map(F, F)$  is not injective, when  $char(F) \neq 0$ .

Consider  $char(F) = p \Leftrightarrow \mathbb{Z}_p$ : Consider  $f(x) = x - x^p \in F_p[x]$

By FLT:  $f(a) = a - a^p = 0 \in F_p = \mathbb{Z}_p$  Then the kernel is not trivial, thus not injective.

**Example 3.66.** About field construction Consider  $\mathbb{Q} \subseteq \mathbb{R}, \pi \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$

$ev_\pi : \mathbb{Q}[x] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is an injective homomorphism. i.e.  $\pi$  is a transcendental number s.t.

$f(\pi) = 0$  iff all coefficients are zero,  $\ker(ev_\pi) = \emptyset$

$ev_\pi(\mathbb{Q}[x]) = \{\sum_{i=0}^n a_i \pi^i \mid a_i \in \mathbb{Q}, n \in \mathbb{Z}^+\}$  is a subring (subdomain) of  $\mathbb{R}$  which is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Q}[x]$

**Note.**  $\mathbb{Q} \subseteq \mathbb{Q}[x] \subseteq \text{Frac}(\mathbb{Q}[x]) \subseteq \mathbb{R}$

In general, Consider  $\alpha \in E \setminus F$  which  $\alpha \notin F$ .

For any evaluation map:  $ev_\alpha : F[x] \rightarrow E, F[x] \cong ev_\alpha(F(x)) \subseteq E$ .

The transcendental extensions being isomorphic to  $F[x]$  as follows: *proof on bijection, also going to do later*

Then  $F \subseteq F[x] \subseteq \text{Frac}(ev_\alpha F(x)) \subseteq E$ .

**Example 3.67.** Consider  $\mathbb{R} \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ .  $i \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{R}$ .  $ev_i : \mathbb{R}[x] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is not injective. (Because 1) we know that the evaluation map is homomorphism 2) the kernel is not empty)  $ev_i(x^2 + 1) = 0$  then  $i$  is an algebraic number over  $\mathbb{R}$ .

But  $ev_i$  is surjective since any  $a + bi \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$

$a + bi = ev_i(a + bx)$  by Fundamental theorem of ring homomorphism:  $\mathbb{R}[x]/\ker(ev_i) \cong \mathbb{C}$  (which is the image of  $ev_i$ , and is  $\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}_i$ )

$\ker(ev_i) := \{f(x) \in \mathbb{R}[x] \mid f(i) = 0\} = (x^2 + 1)$  the ideal generated by  $x^2 + 1$ . Such  $\mathbb{R}[x]/(x^2 + 1)$  is the algebraic construction of the complex field.

**Theorem 3.68.** If  $D$  is an integral domain, then  $D[x]$  is also an integral domain. For this case,  $\deg(f * g) = \deg(f) + \deg(g)$ ,  $f, g \neq 0, \in D[x]$

**Proof 3.69.**

**Example 3.70.** Let  $D$  be an integral domain. What is  $(D[x])^\times$  i.e. units of  $D[x]$ ?

Answer:  $(D[x])^\times = D^\times$ .  $f(x) * g(x) = 1 \Rightarrow \deg(f) + \deg(g) = 0 \Rightarrow \deg(f) = 0 = \deg(g)$  only constant terms.

e.g.  $(\mathbb{Z}[x])^\times = \{\pm 1\}$

**Note.** In general, for  $f, g \in \mathbb{R}[x]$ ,  $f \neq 0, g \neq 0$ :  $\deg(fg) \leq \deg(f) + \deg(g)$

i.e.  $\mathbb{Z}_6$   $\deg(3x(2x + 1)) = 1 < \deg(3x) + \deg(2x + 1)$  But when  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  it is an integral domain  $\deg(f * g) = \deg(f) + \deg(g)$ .

### 3.6 Section 23: Factorization of Polynomials over a Field

Let  $F$  be a field. Then  $F[x]$  is an integral domain.

**Theorem 3.71. Division Algorithm for  $F[x]$ :**  $F[x]$  satisfies division algorithm:

Given any  $f(x) = a_0 + a_1x + \dots + a_nx^n$ ,  $g(x) = a_0 + a_1x + \dots + a_nx^n$   
there exist unique  $q(x), r(x) \in F[x]$  s.t.  $f(x) = q(x)g(x) + r(x)$  with  $r(x) = 0$  or  $\deg(r(x)) < \deg(g(x)) = n$

**Proof 3.72.** We first show the existence:

If  $\deg f < \deg g$ , we write  $f(x) = g(x) * 0 + f(x)$  with  $q(x) = 0, r(x) = f(x)$  Then we discuss the cases:

$\deg f < \deg g$  then we are done by taking  $q(x) = 0, r(x) = f(x)$

Otherwise, we show by induction. Then show the uniqueness: Prove by contradiction:

Assume  $f(x) = q_1(x)g(x) + r_1(x) = q_2(x)g(x) + r_2(x)$

Then  $r_1(x) - r_2(x) = (q_2(x) - q_1(x))g(x)$ .

If  $q_2(x) - q_1(x) \neq 0$ ,  $\deg(\text{RHS}) = \deg(q_2(x) - q_1(x)) + \deg(g(x)) \geq \deg(g(x)) = n$   
 $\deg(\text{LHS}) < n$ . Contradiction.

**Example 3.73.**  $f(x) = x^4 - 3x^3 + 2x^3 + 4x - 1$ ,  $g(x) = x^2 - 2x + 3$  in  $F_5[x]$ . we can use long division to get  $q(x) = x^2 - x - 3$ ,  $r(x) = x + 3$ .

**Theorem 3.74. cor1:** For any  $f(x) \in F[x]$  where  $F$  is a field, an element  $a \in F$  is a zero of  $f(x)$  i.e.  $f(a) = 0$  iff  $f(x) = (x - a)g(x)$  for some  $g(x) \in F[x]$

**cor2:** Assume  $f(x) \in F[x]$ ,  $f(x) \neq 0$  and  $\deg(f) = n$ . Then  $f$  has at most  $n$  zeros in  $F$ .

**Proof 3.75.** 1. Cor1:

$\Leftarrow$  obvious.

$\Rightarrow$  To show that if  $a$  is a zero of  $f(x)$  then we have  $f(x) = (x - a)g(x)$ , we notice that by division algorithm, our  $f(x) = q(x)g(x) + r(x)$  thus WTS  $r(x) = 0$ . Here, our  $g(x) = (x - a)$ , then we conclude that  $\deg r < 1, \deg r = 0$ . Thus  $r(x)$  is a constant polynomial, denoted by  $r$ .

When  $a$  is a zero of  $f(x)$ ,  $f(a) = (a - a)q(a) + r$  thus  $r = 0$

2. Cor2: Using induction.

**Example 3.76.** Use the above cor2: we can show that any finite subgroup of  $(F^*, \cdot)$  is cyclic where  $F$  is a field. In particular, for any finite field,  $(F^*, \cdot)$  is cyclic.

**Def 3.77.** A non-constant polynomial  $f(x) \in F[x]$  is called irreducible over  $F$  if  $f(x)$  can NOT be written as  $g(x)h(x)$  with  $g, h \in F[x]$ ,  $\deg(g) < \deg(f)$ ,  $\deg(h) < \deg(f)$  otherwise  $f$  is called reducible over  $F$ .

**Example 3.78.**  $x^2 + 1$  is irreducible over  $\mathbb{R}$ , but reducible over  $\mathbb{C}$ .

**Example 3.79.**  $x^2 - 2$  is irreducible over  $\mathbb{Q}$ , but reducible over  $\mathbb{R}$ .

**Note.**  $f(x) \in F[x]$  and non-constant,  $f$  is irreducible over  $F \Leftrightarrow$  When  $f(x) = g(x)h(x)$  for  $g, h \in F[x]$  then must be  $g$  or  $h$  is a unit (a constant). (**A unit in  $F[x]$  is nonzero constant polynomial in  $F[x]$ , which are units in  $F$** )

**Theorem 3.80.** For any  $f(x) \in F[x]$  with  $\deg(f) = 2$  or  $3$ ,  $f$  is irreducible over  $F$  iff  $f$  has no zero in  $F$ .

**Note.** For degree 2 or 3: If  $f(x)$  has a root in  $F$ , it can be factored into linear factors (degree 1), proving it's reducible. If  $f(x)$  has no root in  $F$ , it can't be factored into lower degree polynomials, so it's irreducible.

For higher degrees (4 or more): The absence of a root in  $F$  doesn't guarantee irreducibility. A polynomial of degree 4 or higher might not have roots in  $F$  but could still be factored into irreducible polynomials of lower degree (greater than 1), making it reducible.

**Proof 3.81.** We show that "f is reducible over  $F$  iff  $f$  has zero in  $F$ ." basically expand the above idea.

**Theorem 3.82.** Check whether it is irreducible over  $\mathbb{Q}$  is the same as check whether it is irreducible over  $\mathbb{Z}$

**Theorem 3.83.** Eisenstein Criterion:

Let  $p \in \mathbb{Z}$  that is a prime number.  $f(x) = a_n x^n + \dots + a_1 x + a_0$  which  $a_n \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ ,  $a_i \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$  for  $i < n$ , and  $a_0 \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p^2}$ . Then  $f(x)$  is irreducible over  $\mathbb{Q}$

**Proof 3.84.** Basic Idea: We WTS that it is irreducible over  $\mathbb{Z}$ . And we write  $f(x) = (b_r x^r + \dots + b_0)(c_s x^s + \dots + c_0)$ . Then we want to follow the criterion in the theorem and try to figure out a contradiction.

**Note.** Cor: For any prime number  $p$ :

$1 + x + x^2 + \dots + x^{p-1} =: \Phi_p(x)$  is irreducible over  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

**Theorem 3.85.**  $F[x]$  is UFD = Unique factorization Domain.

Any non-constant  $f(x) \in F[x]$  can be factored in  $F[x]$  into a product of irreducible polynomials. The way is unique except for order and for unit factors in  $F$ .

### 3.7 Section 26: Fundamental theorem of ring homomorphism

**Def 3.86.** A map:  $\phi: R \rightarrow R'$  for rings  $R, R'$  is a ring homomorphism, if:

$$\phi(a + b) = \phi(a) + \phi(b)$$

$$\phi(ab) = \phi(a)\phi(b)$$

**Theorem 3.87.** For a ring homomorphism:  $\phi: R \rightarrow R'$

1. For any subring  $S$  of  $R$ ,  $\phi(S)$  is a subring of  $R'$ .
2. For any subring  $S'$  of  $R'$ ,  $\phi^{-1}(S')$  is a subring of  $R$ .
3.  $\phi(1)$  is the unity of  $\phi(R)$  if  $1$  is the unity of  $R$ .

**Note.** It is possible that  $\phi: R \rightarrow R'$  is ring homomorphism,  $R$  is unital but  $R'$  is not.

e.g.  $R = \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $R' = \mathbb{Z} \times 3\mathbb{Z}$ .

$$\phi: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \times 3\mathbb{Z}$$

**Def 3.88.** Let  $\phi: R \rightarrow R'$  be a ring homomorphism. s.t.  $\ker \phi = \phi^{-1}(0)$

**Example 3.89.** The modulo  $n$  map:  $\phi: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_n$  is a ring homomorphism with  $\ker(\phi) = n\mathbb{Z}$

**Def 3.90.** Let  $R$  be a ring. An additive subgroup  $I$  of  $R$  is called an ideal of  $R$  if:  
 $aI \subseteq I, Ia \subseteq I$  for all  $a \in R$

**Note.** (1) An ideal is a subring of  $R$  since for any  $a, b \in I$ :  $ab \in aI \subseteq I$

(2)  $\{0\}$  is always an ideal called trivial ideal of  $R$ .

**Theorem 3.91.** Let  $\phi: R \rightarrow R'$  be a ring homomorphism. Then the kernel is an ideal of  $R$ .

**Proof 3.92.** Kernel is a subgroup shown before. Now we check for any  $r \in R$ , we take  $k \in \ker(\phi)$ . WTS  $rk \in \ker(\phi)$ .  $\phi(rk) = \phi(r)\phi(k) = 0$  Thus  $rk \in \ker(\phi)$ .

**Note.** Group  $\leftrightarrow$  Ring, Normal subgroup  $\leftrightarrow$  ideal, Quotient Group  $\leftrightarrow$  Quotient Ring.

**Theorem 3.93.** Let  $R$  be a ring and  $I$  be an ideal of it. Then the quotient group  $R/I$  of  $(R, +)$  has a natural ring structure induced from the ring  $R$ .

The quotient map  $\phi : R \rightarrow R/I$  is a surjective ring homomorphism with  $\ker(\phi) = I$ .

**Proof 3.94.**

Notice binary operations on  $R/I$ :  $(a+I)(b+I) = ab+I$  and  $(a+I)+(b+I) = (a+b)+I$

1. We check if multiplication is well defined on  $R/I$ . Just as the construction in quotient groups, we define:

$(a+I)(b+I) = ab+I$  we check by different representation of  $a$  and  $b$ , which  $a+I = a'+I, b+I = b'+I$  ....details unfinished for next week Then we checked it is a ring.

2. Then we check the quotient map  $\phi : R \rightarrow R/I$  is a ring homomorphism. We know it is a group homomorphism and surjective by construction, then we know that: By our construction:  $\phi(ab) = ab+I = (a+I)(b+I) = \phi(a)\phi(b)$  with kernel  $= I$ .

**Theorem 3.95.** Fundamental theorem of ring homomorphism:

Let  $\phi : R \rightarrow R'$  be a ring homomorphism with kernel  $k$ .

Then (1)  $\phi(k)$  is a subring of  $R'$

(2)  $K$  is an ideal of  $R$ .

(3) The quotient ring  $R/k$  is ring isomorphic to  $\phi[R]$  via the map:

$$\bar{\phi} : R/k \rightarrow \phi(R)$$

$$\bar{\phi} : a + I \mapsto \phi(a)$$

**Proof 3.96.** We did that  $\phi(R)$  is a subring of  $R'$  and the quotient map  $\pi : R \rightarrow R/I$  is a surjective ring homomorphism with kernel  $= I$ .

Now we want to show that  $\hat{\phi} : R/I \rightarrow \phi(R)$  which is  $a + I \mapsto \phi(a)$  is a ring isomorphism.

We check that  $\hat{\phi}$  is well defined: Idea: Consider different representative  $a' + k = a + k$  but  $\hat{\phi}(a' + I) = \hat{\phi}(a + I)$

Then we already know that  $\hat{\phi}$  is a group isomorphism. Only need to check it is a ring homomorphism.

**Example 3.97.** Definition for nilradical:

$N := \{a \in R \mid a^n = 0 \text{ for some } n \in \mathbb{Z}^+\}$  is an ideal of  $R$ .

**Example 3.98.** Definition for radical:

$\sqrt{N} := \{a \in R \mid a^n \in N \text{ for some } n \in \mathbb{Z}^+\}$  is an ideal of  $R$ .

**Example 3.99.** What is the nilradical of  $R/N$  for an ideal  $N$  in a commutative ring  $R$ ?

Consider  $(a + N)^n = a^n + N = 0 + N$

Thus  $a^n \in N, a \in \sqrt{N}$  that  $a + N$  is in the nilradical of  $R/N$ .



### 3.8 Section 27: Prime and Maximal ideals

**Note.** Some difference between Normal subgroup and Ideal:

Ideal has the property that  $Ia \subseteq I$  while normal subgroup only is that  $gh = hg$

If we are considering  $\mathbb{Z}$ , we get normal subgroup by addition, but get ideal by considering closure under multiplication with ring elements.

**Ideal is ring.** closed under addition, and closed under multiplication with Ring Elements.

Although **the quotient ring is a ring.**

**Def 3.100.** A **maximal ideal** of a ring  $R$  is an ideal  $M$  different from  $R$  such that there is no proper ideal  $N$  of  $R$  properly containing  $M$ .

**Def 3.101.** An ideal  $N \neq R$  in a commutative ring  $R$  is a **prime ideal** if  $ab \in N$  implies that either  $a \in N$  or  $b \in N$  for  $a, b \in R$ .

Note that  $\{0\}$  is a prime ideal in  $\mathbb{Z}$ , and indeed, in any integral domain.

**Note.** All nontrivial ring has 2 ideals: itself and  $\{0\}$ .

Also, for a unital ring, if an ideal  $I$  contains a unit, then  $I = R$ .

We can show that by proof:  $a \in R$  write  $a = u(u^{-1}a) \in I(u^{-1}a) \subseteq R$

**Example 3.102.** When  $n$  is prime,  $\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z} \cong \mathbb{Z}_n$  is a field.

When  $n$  is not prime,  $\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z} \cong \mathbb{Z}_n$  is not an integral domain.

$(n)$  is maximal ideal and prime ideal when  $n$  is prime.

**Theorem 3.103.** A field contains no proper nontrivial ideals.

**Proof 3.104.** Any improper nontrivial ideal in a field must contain unit element, and then is the field itself.

**Theorem 3.105.** If  $I, J$  are two ideals of ring  $R$ , then  $I \cap J$  and  $I + J = \{a + b \mid a \in I, b \in J\}$  are ideals of  $R$ .

**Theorem 3.106.** Let  $R$  be a commutative unital ring, and  $I$  is an ideal of  $R$ .

- $I$  is a prime ideal  $\Leftrightarrow R/I$  is an integral domain.
- $I$  is a maximal ideal  $\Leftrightarrow R/I$  is a field.

Cor: A maximal ideal in a commutative unital ring must be a prime ideal since a field must be an integral domain.

**Proof 3.107.** 1) " $\Rightarrow$ "  $I$  is a prime ideal: we want to show that  $R/I$  is an integral domain. Only need to show that  $R/I$  has no divisor of zero. Consider element in  $R/I$  which  $(a + I)(b + I) = 0 + I \Rightarrow (ab) + I$ . By how we take coset:  $ab \in I$ . Since  $I$  is a prime ideal, thus either  $a \in I$  or  $b \in I \Rightarrow a + I \in I$  or  $b + I \in I$ . Thus it is an integral domain.

1) " $\Leftarrow$ " If  $R/I$  is an integral domain, then  $(a + I)(b + I) = 0 + I \Rightarrow$  either  $a + I = I \Rightarrow a \in I$  or  $b + I = I \Rightarrow b \in I$ . Consider  $ab \in I$  thus we either have  $a \in I$  or  $b \in I$ .

2) " $\Rightarrow$ "  $I$  is a maximal ideal, to show that  $R/I$  is a field, we show any  $a + I$  is a unit. Consider element  $a \notin I$ , and the any  $(a) := \{ax \mid x \in R\}$  is an ideal. By previous theorem,  $I + (a)$  is an ideal in  $R$ . We know that  $I \subset I + (a)$  but  $I$  is the maximal ideal, thus  $I + (a) = R$ . Thus  $I + (a)$  contains unity 1. Then we consider  $(a + I)(x + I) = ax + I = I + (a)$  which contains 1. So there exists  $x \in R$  s.t.  $(a + I)(x + I) = 1$  and  $a + I$  is a unit.

2) " $\Leftarrow$ " If  $R/I$  is a field, we want to show that  $I$  is the maximal ideal.  $a + I \in R/I$  is a unit, thus  $(a + I)(x + I) = 1 = ax + I$  for some  $x \in R$ . We claim that  $(a) = ax$  is the smallest ideal we can get, thus anything strictly bigger than  $I$  must contain unity, and thus  $= R$ . Then we show that  $I$  is the maximal ideal.

**Note.** If  $I_1$  is an ideal of  $A$ ,  $I_2$  is an ideal of  $B$ , then  $I_1 \times I_2$  is an ideal of  $A \times B$

**Theorem 3.108.** If  $R$  is a ring with unity and  $N$  is an ideal of  $R$  containing a unit, then  $N = R$ .

**Proof 3.109.** If  $1 \in I$  then  $I = R$  since  $r1 = r$  for all  $r \in R$ . If  $N$  contains a unit element, then  $r * u \in I$  that  $u$  is the unit element in ideal. If we take  $r = u^{-1}$ , then  $1 \in I$ , then  $N = R$ .

**Ideal Structure of  $F[x]$ :**

**Def 3.110.** If  $R$  is a commutative ring with unity and  $a \in R$ , the ideal  $\{ra \mid r \in R\}$  of all multiples of  $a$  is the **principal ideal generated by  $a$**  and denoted by  $\langle a \rangle$ .  
An ideal  $N$  of  $R$  is a **principal ideal** if  $N = \langle a \rangle$  for some  $a \in R$ .

**Def 3.111.** An integral domain  $D$  is called a principal ideal domain (PID) if every ideal of  $D$  is a principal ideal.

**Theorem 3.112.**  $F[x]$  with  $F$  is a field is a PID.

? In fact, any integral domain with division algorithm is a PID.

$\mathbb{Z}$  is a PID.

**Proof 3.113.** To show that  $F[x]$  is a PID, we show all ideals are principal.

Take  $I \in F[x]$  that is the ideal.

We want to show that all  $f(x) \in I$  is generated by some polynomial  $p(x)$ .

Thus we take  $p(x)$  to be the polynomial with min degree.

If  $I = 0$ , then  $I = \langle 0 \rangle$ . We consider when  $p(x)$  has degree 0, then  $p(x)$  is a unit, and by previous theorem, if our ideal contains unit, then  $I = F[x]$ , it is true that all  $f(x) \in I$ .

Now, take  $p(x)$  to be the polynomial that at least have a degree 1. Because our  $F[x]$  has division algorithm, we can show that  $f(x) = q(x)p(x) + r(x)$  which  $r(x)$  has degree  $< 1$  or  $r(x) = 0$ . Thus our job is to show that  $r(x) = 0$  then we are done.

Notice that  $f(x), p(x) \in I$ , thus  $q(x)p(x) \in I$ ,  $f(x) - q(x)p(x) = r(x) \in I$ . We define  $p(x)$  to have the minimum degree and  $\deg p(x) \geq 1$  so  $r(x)$  can only be 0.

**Example 3.114.** Consider the ideal  $I = (x) + (3) := x, 3, x + 3, 2x + 3, \dots$

$I$  is a principle ideal in  $Q[x]$ , which  $Q[x]$  is PID, but not a principle ideal in  $Z[x]$ .

Consider  $(2x + 3)/(x + 3) \notin Z[x]$  but  $\in Q[x]$  which the latter has division algorithm.

**Theorem 3.115.** In a PID, any nontrivial prime ideal is a maximal ideal.

**Proof 3.116.** Consider  $P = (p) \in D$  that  $D$  is a PID, and  $P$  is a prime ideal. WTS  $P$  is a maximal ideal.

Take ideal  $I = (q)$  that  $P \subset I \subseteq D$ . We want to show that  $I = D$ .

Consider that take  $p \in P$ ,  $p \in I = (q)$  thus  $p \in (q)$ . we can write  $p = a \cdot q$  for some  $a \in D$ . Then notice that  $P$  is a prime ideal. Thus if  $p = aq \in P$ , either have  $a \in P$  or  $q \in P$ . If  $q \in P$ , then  $I$  is not strictly larger than  $P$ , contradict our assumption, thus  $a \in P = (p)$ . We can write  $a = bp$ ,  $b \in D$ .

Then:  $p = a \cdot q = bp \cdot q \Rightarrow 1 = bq$ . Thus we can show that  $q \in (q) = I$  is a unit, thus  $I = D$ .

**Example 3.117.** Consider  $F[x]$  which  $F$  is a field, then  $F[x]$  has division algorithm  $\Rightarrow F[x]$  is PID.  $\Rightarrow$  In  $F[x]$  non prime ideal is maximal ideal.

When  $f(x) \neq 0$ ,  $(f(x))$  is maximal  $\Leftrightarrow f(x)$  is irreducible.

**Proof 3.118.** When  $f(x) \neq 0$ : 1) WTS that when  $(f(x))$  is maximal  $\Rightarrow f(x)$  is irreducible.

Assume by contradiction, we can factorize  $f(x) = p(x)q(x)$

s.t.  $\deg p(x)$  and  $\deg q(x) < \deg f(x)$ .

Thus since all maximal ideals are prime ideal,  $p(x) \in (f(x))$  or  $q(x) \in (f(x))$ . Then we either  $p(x)$  or  $q(x)$  will have  $f(x)$  as a factor, that then has degree  $\geq$  degree of  $f(x)$ .

Thus, it is not possible to have  $f(x) = p(x)q(x)$  s.t.  $\deg p(x)$  and  $\deg q(x) < \deg f(x)$ .

2) WTS that when  $f(x)$  is irreducible  $\Rightarrow (f(x))$  is maximal ideal. We want to show that assume we have ideal  $N$  that  $(f(x)) \subset N \subset F[x]$ . Then by that  $F[x]$  is PID, we know  $N$  can be written as  $N = (g(x))$ . Since  $(f(x)) \subset N = (g(x)) \Rightarrow$ , for  $f(x) \in (f(x))$ ,  $f(x) \in (g(x)) \Rightarrow$ ,  $f(x) = q(x)g(x)$ , but since we know that  $f(x)$  is irreducible, either  $q(x)$  or  $g(x)$  has degree 0, we know that  $g(x)$  has a degree 0  $\Rightarrow g(x)$  is a unit. Thus  $(g(x)) = N = F[x]$ .

Otherwise,  $q(x)$  has degree 0 and a unit.  $(f(x)) = F[x]$ . Still contradiction. Thus  $(f(x))$  is maximal if it is irreducible.

**Theorem 3.119.** A PID is a UFD.

Let  $p(x)$  be an irreducible polynomial in  $F[x]$ . If  $p(x)$  divides  $r(x)s(x)$  for  $r(x), s(x) \in F[x]$ , then either  $p(x)$  divides  $r(x)$  or  $p(x)$  divides  $s(x)$ .

**Proof 3.120.** Suppose  $p(x)$  divides  $r(x)s(x)$ , Then  $r(x)s(x) \in \langle p(x) \rangle$ , which is maximal. Then  $\langle p(x) \rangle$  is prime ideal. Hence  $r(x)s(x) \in \langle p(x) \rangle \Rightarrow$  implies  $r(x) \in \langle p(x) \rangle$  or  $s(x) \in \langle p(x) \rangle$  giving  $p(x)$  divides  $r(x)$  and also  $s(x)$ .

### 3.9 Section 29: Extension Fields

**Note.** Consider to find the zero of  $f(x) = x^2 + 1 \in \mathbb{R}[x]$  then we extend to complex field.

**Def 3.121.** A field extension if a pair of fields  $F \subseteq E$  so that the operations of  $F$  are the restriction of the operations of  $E$ , i.e.  $F$  is a subfield of  $E$ .  $E$  is called an extension of  $F$ .

**Theorem 3.122.** Kronecker's theorem: Let  $F$  be a field.  $f(x) \in F[x]$ ,  $f(x)$  is not constant polynomial. Then there must be an extension field  $E$  of  $F$  and an  $\alpha \in E$  such that  $f(\alpha) = 0$ .

**Proof 3.123.** We can explicitly construct such an extension  $E$  as follows:

$f(x) = p_1(x)p_2(x)p_3(x)\dots p_n(x)$  each  $p_i$  is irreducible, as  $f(x) \in F[x]$ .  $(p_1(x))$  is the maximal ideal  $\Rightarrow F[x]/(p_1(x)) =: E$  is a field.

**(1)  $E$  is an extension field of  $F$ :** construct  $\phi : F \rightarrow E$ ,  $a \mapsto a + (p_1(x))$  We want to show such map is an injective map, thus it make sense to have  $F \subseteq E$ . To show such map is injective, we can either directly show  $\phi(a) = \phi(b) \Rightarrow a = b$  or show that it is a homomorphism then kernel is empty.

We can directly show that  $\phi(a) = \phi(b) \Rightarrow a = b$  by considering

$$\phi(a) = a + (p_i(x)) = b + (p_i(x)) = \phi(b) \Rightarrow a - b \in (p_i(x))$$

Thus we know that  $a - b$  is a multiple of  $(p_i(x))$ , but the latter has a degree  $\geq 1$  by construction.  $a - b \in F$  either  $a - b$  is a constant polynomial of degree 0, or is the zero polynomial. But if it has degree 0, it will contradict the fact that  $(p_i(x))$  at least has degree 1 and it can only be the zero polynomial. Thus  $a = b$ .

If we want do the other way: we know that is it a homomorphism considering

$Map : F \rightarrow F[x] \rightarrow F[x]/(p_i(x))$ . It is the composition of two homomorphisms, the first is homomorphism by the evaluation map is injective homomorphism, the second is true by the quotient map is a surjective homomorphism. Then now we consider the kernel of such map:  $ker(\phi) = \{a \in F \mid a + (p_1(x)) = 0 + (p_1(x))\}$  Following the previous argument,  $a \in (p_1(x))$  thus  $a = 0$  Thus  $\phi$  is injective.

**Proof 3.124.** Continue.

(2)  $f(x) \in F[x] \subseteq E[x] = F[x]/(f(x))$  has zero for  $f(x)$  in  $E$ . Consider any  $f(x) = p(x)$  in the following arguments: Let us set  $\alpha = x + (p(x))$  is a solution as well as an element in the quotient field.

Thus consider the evaluation homomorphism  $\phi_a : F[x] \rightarrow E$ . If  $p(x) = a_0 + a_1x + \dots + a_nx^n$  where  $a_i \in F$  then we have:

$$\phi_a(p(x)) = p(\alpha) = a_0 + a_1(x + (p(x))) + \dots + a_n(x + (p(x)))^n \text{ in } E = F[x]/(p(x)).$$

We take our  $x$  as the representative of the coset  $\alpha = x + (p(x))$ .

For example  $a_1(x + (p(x))) = a_1x + (p(x))$  therefore:

$$\begin{aligned} p(\alpha) &= a_0 + a_1(x + (p(x))) + \dots + a_n(x + (p(x)))^n = (a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \dots + a_nx^n) + (p(x)) \\ &= p(x) + (p(x)) = (p(x)) = 0 \text{ in } E = F[x]/(p(x)) \end{aligned}$$

Thus we can conclude that  $p(\alpha) = 0$  and it has zero in  $E$ .

**Example 3.125.** Take our  $F = \mathbb{R}$ . Let  $f(x) = x^2 + 1$  which has no zero over  $\mathbb{R}$  and is thus irreducible over  $\mathbb{R}$ , and  $(f(x))$  is a maximal ideal in  $\mathbb{R}$ .

WTS that if we take:  $\mathbb{R}/(f(x))$ , then this is a zero for  $f(x)$  in quotient field that is:

$$\alpha = x + (f(x)) = x + (x^2 + 1)$$

Then consider the evaluation of  $f(x)$  in  $E$  at  $\alpha$ , consider  $I = x^2 + 1$ :

$$\begin{aligned} f(\alpha) &= a^2 + 1 \in F \Rightarrow (x + I)^2 + 1 \in E \\ &= (x + I)^2 + 1 = (x^2 + I) + 1 = (x^2 + 1) + I = 0 + I \end{aligned}$$

**Example 3.126.**  $F = \mathbb{Q}$ ,  $f(x) = x^4 - 5x^2 + 6 = (x^2 - 2)(x^2 - 3)$

Then  $E1 := \mathbb{Q}[x]/(x^2 - 2)$ ,  $E2 := \mathbb{Q}[x]/(x^2 - 3)$

**Def 3.127.** Let  $F \subseteq E$  be a field extension. An element  $\alpha \in E$  is called algebraic over  $F$ , if there is some  $f(x) \in F[x]$  s.t.  $f(\alpha) = 0$ . Otherwise,  $\alpha$  is called transcendental over  $F$ .

**Example 3.128.** 1)  $\mathbb{R} \subseteq \mathbb{C}$   $i$  is algebraic over  $\mathbb{R}$ .

2)  $\mathbb{Q} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$   $\sqrt{3}$  is algebraic over  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

3)  $\pi, e$  are transcendental over  $\mathbb{Q}$  but they are algebraic over  $\mathbb{R}$  like  $(x - \pi) \in \mathbb{R}[x]$ .

**Theorem 3.129.** Let  $F \subseteq E$  be a field extension,  $\alpha \in E$  is algebraic over  $F$ .

Then  $\ker(eV_\alpha) = \{f(x) \in F[x] \mid eV_\alpha(f) = 0\}$  (Note that this counts for **ALL**  $f(x)$  that take  $\alpha$  as a zero) is a principal ideal of  $F[x]$ , which is generated by some irreducible polynomial  $p(x) \in F[x]$  with degree  $\geq 1$ . This degree is independent of the choices of generators of  $\ker(eV_\alpha)$  and is defined as the degree of  $\alpha$  over  $F$ , written as  $\deg(\alpha; F)$

**Proof 3.130.** There is a few things to note.

1) Consider the evaluation map:  $eV_\alpha : F[x] \rightarrow E$  this is a ring homomorphism. And thus kernel is an ideal lives in  $F[x]$ . Since it is a PID, we know the kernel is a principle ideal.

2) It is generated by irreducible polynomial  $p(x)$  with degree  $\geq 1$  because when we show all ideals are principle in proving it is PID, we take our  $p(x)$  to be the ideal with min degree. And if  $p(x)$  is reducible, then there exists other polynomial with degree less than  $\deg p(x)$ . Here just consider  $\ker(eV_\alpha) = I$ , and all polynomials  $f(\alpha) = 0 \in I$ , thus  $f(x) = p(x)q(x) = (p(x))$  s.t. it is irreducible.

3) Degree is independent of the choice of generator because of the same reason, as it is the minimal degree.

4) An example of this would be consider  $\alpha = \sqrt{1 + \sqrt{3}}$  that is algebraic over  $\mathbb{Q}$  with  $f(x) = x^4 - 2x^3 - 2 \in \mathbb{Q}[x]$ ,  $f(\alpha) = 0$  in  $E$ . And our polynomial has degree 4, so  $p(x) = x^4 - 2x^3 - 2$  but there are other polynomials can be in  $\ker(eV_\alpha)$  such as  $2(x^4 - 2x^3 - 2)$  or anything  $(x^4 - 2x^3 - 2)$ .

**Example 3.131.** Consider:

$(x^2 - 2) \in \mathbb{Q}[x]$  is irreducible.  $(x^2 - 2) = \ker(eV_{\sqrt{2}})$ ,  $\deg(\sqrt{2}, \mathbb{Q}) = 2$ .  $\deg(\sqrt{2}, \mathbb{R}) = 1$

Let  $F \subseteq E$  be a field extension.  $\alpha \in E$  :

Two cases:

(1)  $\alpha$  is transcendental over  $F$ .

(1)  $\alpha$  is algebraic over  $F$ .

Consider the ring homomorphism:  $eV_\alpha : F[x] \rightarrow E$ .

Case (1)  $\Leftrightarrow eV_\alpha$  is injective. In this case,  $eV_\alpha$

**Def 3.132.** A extension field  $E$  of a field  $F$  is a simple extension of  $F$  if  $E = F(\alpha)$  for some  $\alpha \in E$ .



**Theorem 3.133.** Let  $E$  be a simple extension  $F(\alpha)$  of a field  $F$ , and let  $\alpha$  be algebraic over  $F$ . Let the degree  $\text{irr}(\alpha, F)$  be  $n \geq 1$ , then every element  $\beta$  of  $E = F(\alpha)$  can be uniquely expressed in the form:

$$\beta = b_0 + b_1\alpha + \dots + b_{n-1}\alpha^{n-1} \text{ where } b_i \text{ are in } F.$$

**Proof 3.134.** For the usual evaluation homomorphism  $\phi_\alpha$ , every element of  $F(\alpha) = \phi_\alpha[F[x]]$  is of the form  $\phi_\alpha(f(x)) = f(\alpha)$ , a form polynomial in  $\alpha$  with coefficients in  $F$ .

$$\text{Let } \text{irr}(\alpha, F) = p(x) = x^n + a_{n-1}x^{n-1} + \dots + a_0$$

Then  $p(\alpha) = 0$ , so

$$\alpha^n = -a_{n-1}\alpha^{n-1} - \dots - a_0. \text{ This equation in } F(\alpha) \text{ can be used to express every monomial } \alpha^m \text{ for } m \geq n \text{ in terms of powers of } \alpha \text{ that are less than } n. \text{ For example, } \alpha^{n+1} = \alpha\alpha^n = -a_{n-1}\alpha^n - a_{n-2}\alpha^{n-1} - \dots - a_0\alpha = -a_{n-1}(-a_{n-1}\alpha^{n-1} - \dots - a_0) - a_{n-2}\alpha^{n-1} - \dots - a_0\alpha$$

**Unique Representation:** Now, consider any element  $\beta$  in  $F(\alpha)$ . Since  $\beta$  is in  $F(\alpha)$ , it can be written as a polynomial in  $\alpha$  with coefficients in  $F$ . Let's say

$$\beta = c_0 + c_1\alpha + c_2\alpha^2 + \dots + c_m\alpha^m.$$

If  $m < n$ , we are already in the desired form. However, if  $m \geq n$ , we use the relation

$$\alpha^n = -a_{n-1}\alpha^{n-1} - \dots - a_0$$

to express  $\alpha^m$  (for  $m \geq n$ ) in terms of powers of  $\alpha$  that are less than  $n$ .

By repeatedly applying this process, any power of  $\alpha$  greater than or equal to  $n$  is reduced to a linear combination of  $1, \alpha, \alpha^2, \dots, \alpha^{n-1}$ . Hence, every element  $\beta$  in  $E = F(\alpha)$  can be uniquely expressed as

$$\beta = b_0 + b_1\alpha + \dots + b_{n-1}\alpha^{n-1},$$

where each  $b_i$  is in  $F$ .

**Example 3.135.** An example of this is consider  $p(x) = x^2 + x + 1 \in \mathbb{Z}_2[x]$  is irreducible over  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ . By this theorem, we can say that  $\mathbb{Z}_2(\alpha)$  has an elements  $0 + 0\alpha, 0 + 1\alpha, 1 + 0\alpha, 1 + 1\alpha$ .

**Also WTS the extension**  $\mathbb{R}[x]/\langle x^2+1 \rangle \simeq \mathbb{C}$  Consider  $\mathbb{R}(\alpha) = \mathbb{R}[x]/\langle x^2+1 \rangle$  by this theorem, we can know that all elements in  $\mathbb{R}(\alpha)$  are in the form of  $a + b\alpha$ . And  $\alpha = x + \langle x^2 + 1 \rangle$  by construction,  $\alpha^2 + 1 = 0$ , we see that  $\alpha$  plays the role of  $i \in \mathbb{C}$  and that  $(a + b\alpha) = (a + bi) \in \mathbb{C}$