

1. Solution:

Step1: List all principal ideals of $\mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_4$.

$$\langle(0,0)\rangle = \{(0,0)\} = I_0$$

$$\langle(1,0)\rangle = \{(0,0), (1,0), (2,0)\} = I_1$$

$$\langle(2,0)\rangle = \{(0,0), (1,0), (2,0)\} = I_1$$

$$\langle(0,1)\rangle = \{(0,0), (0,1), (0,2), (0,3)\} = I_3$$

$$\langle(1,1)\rangle = \mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_4 = I_5$$

$$\langle(2,1)\rangle = \mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_4 = I_5$$

$$\langle(0,2)\rangle = \{(0,0), (0,2)\} = I_2$$

$$\langle(1,2)\rangle = \{(0,0), (1,0), (2,0), (0,2), (1,2), (2,2)\} = I_4$$

$$\langle(2,2)\rangle = \{(0,0), (1,0), (2,0), (0,2), (1,2), (2,2)\} = I_4$$

$$\langle(0,3)\rangle = \{(0,0), (0,1), (0,2), (0,3)\} = I_3$$

$$\langle(1,3)\rangle = \mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_4 = I_5$$

$$\langle(2,3)\rangle = \mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_4 = I_5$$

There are exactly 6 distinct principal ideals $I_0, I_1, I_2, I_3, I_4, I_5$

Step2: As $|\mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_4| = 12 < +\infty$, every nonzero ideal I of $\mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_4$

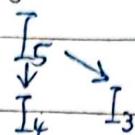
can be obtained by appending principal ideals, i.e., there exists

a sequence I_1, I_2, \dots, I_m of nonzero principal ideals, such that $I = \bigcap_{k=1}^m I_k$.

If we can prove that $I_0, I_1, I_2, I_3, I_4, I_5$ is closed under addition,

then every ideal is principal, and we've found every ideal of $\mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_4$.

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+	I_0	I_1	I_2	I_3	I_4	I_5
I_0	I_0	I_1	I_2	I_3	I_4	I_5
I_1	I_1	I_1	I_4	I_5	I_4	I_5
I_2	I_2	I_4	I_2	I_3	I_4	I_5
I_3	I_3	I_5	I_3	I_3	I_5	I_5
I_4	I_4	I_4	I_4	I_5	I_4	I_5
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Step 3: We test whether each I_k is prime.

\cdot	I_0	I_1	I_2	I_3	I_4	I_5	
I_0	I_0	I_0	I_0	I_0	I_0	I_0	
I_1	I_0	I_1	I_0	I_0	I_1	I_4	
I_2	I_0	I_0	I_0	I_0	I_2	I_0	I_2
I_3	I_0	I_0	I_0	I_2	I_3	I_2	I_3
I_4	I_0	I_1	I_0	I_0	I_2	I_1	I_4
I_5	I_0	I_1	I_2	I_3	I_4	I_5	

For the ideal $I_0 = \{(0,0)\}$, $I_0 \supseteq I_1 \cdot I_2$ but $I_0 \neq I_1$ and $I_0 \neq I_2$, so I_0 is not prime.

For the ideal $I_1 = \{(0,0), (1,0), (2,0)\}$,

$I_1 \supseteq I_2 \cdot I_3$ but $I_1 \neq I_2$ and $I_1 \neq I_3$, so I_1 is not prime.

For the ideal $I_2 = \{(0,0), (0,2)\}$,

$I_2 \supseteq I_1 \cdot I_3$ but $I_2 \neq I_1$ and $I_2 \neq I_3$, so I_2 is not prime.

For the ideal $I_3 = \{(0,0), (0,1), (0,2), (0,3)\}$,

$I_3 \neq \mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_4$, and $A_3 = \{I_k : I_3 \neq I_k\} = \{I_1, I_4, I_5\}$

is closed under multiplication, so I_3 is prime.

\cdot	I_1	I_4	I_5	
I_1	I_1	I_1	I_1	
I_4	I_1	I_1	I_4	
I_5	I_1	I_4	I_5	

For the ideal $I_4 = \{(0,0), (1,0), (2,0), (0,2), (1,2), (2,2)\}$,

$I_4 \neq \mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_4$, and $A_4 = \{I_k : I_4 \neq I_k\} = \{I_3, I_5\}$

is closed under multiplication, so I_4 is prime.

\cdot	I_3	I_5	
I_3	I_3	I_3	
I_5	I_3	I_5	



For the ideal $I_5 = \mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_4$, it is not prime.

Hence, we've obtained all prime ideals I_3, I_4 of $\mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_4$.

Step 4: We test whether each I_k is maximal.

For the ideal $I_0 = \{(0,0)\}$, there is an ideal I_1 such that $I_0 \subsetneq I_1 \subsetneq I_5$, so I_0 is not maximal.

For the ideal $I_1 = \{(0,0), (1,0), (2,0)\}$,

there is an ideal I_4 such that $I_1 \subsetneq I_4 \subsetneq I_5$, so I_1 is not maximal.

For the ideal $I_2 = \{(0,0), (0,2)\}$,

there is an ideal I_4 such that $I_2 \subsetneq I_4 \subsetneq I_5$, so I_2 is not maximal.

For the ideal $I_3 = \{(0,0), (0,1), (0,2), (0,3)\}$,

$B_3 = \{I_k : I_3 \subseteq I_k\} = \{I_3, I_5\}$ has cardinality 2, so I_3 is maximal.

For the ideal $I_4 = \{(0,0), (1,0), (2,0), (0,2), (1,2), (2,2)\}$,

$B_4 = \{I_k : I_4 \subseteq I_k\} = \{I_4, I_5\}$ has cardinality 2, so I_4 is maximal.

For the ideal $I_5 = \mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_4$, it is not maximal.

Hence, we've obtained all maximal ideals I_3, I_4 of $\mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_4$.

2. (a) Solution: We may divide our proof into eight parts.

Part 1: We prove that $A \Delta B = \{x \in S : x \in A \text{ or } x \in B\}$ is commutative.

$x \in A$	$x \in B$	$x \in A \text{ and } x \in B$	$x \in B \text{ or } x \in A$
T	T	F	\Leftrightarrow T
T	F	F	\Leftrightarrow T
F	T	F	\Leftrightarrow T
F	F	F	\Leftrightarrow F

$\forall A, B \in S, A \Delta B = \{x \in S : x \in A \text{ or } x \in B\} = \{x \in S : x \in B \text{ or } x \in A\} = B \Delta A$.



Part2: We prove that $A \Delta B = \{x \in S : x \in A \text{ xor } x \in B\}$ is associative.

$x \in A \wedge x \in B \wedge x \in C$	$x \in A \wedge x \in B \wedge x \in C$	$x \in A \wedge x \in B \wedge x \in C$	$x \in A \wedge x \in B \wedge x \in C$	$x \in A \wedge x \in B \wedge x \in C$	$x \in A \wedge x \in B \wedge x \in C$
T T T	F	IF	T	\Leftrightarrow	T
T T IF	IF	T	IF	\Leftrightarrow	IF
T IF T	T	T	IF	\Leftrightarrow	IF
T IF IF	T	IF	T	\Leftrightarrow	T
IF T T	T	IF	IF	\Leftrightarrow	IF
IF T IF	T	T	T	\Leftrightarrow	T
IF IF T	IF	T	T	\Leftrightarrow	T
IF IF IF	IF	IF	IF	\Leftrightarrow	IF

$\forall A, B, C \in \mathcal{P}(S), A \Delta (B \Delta C) = \{x \in S : x \in A \text{ xor } (x \in B \text{ xor } x \in C)\}$

$$= \{x \in S : (x \in A \text{ xor } x \in B) \text{ xor } x \in C\} = (A \Delta B) \Delta C$$

Part3: We prove that ϕ is a zero element

$x \in \phi$	$x \in A$	$x \notin \phi \wedge x \in A$	$x \in A \wedge x \notin \phi$
IF	T	\Leftrightarrow	T
IF	IF	\Leftrightarrow	IF

$\exists \phi \in \mathcal{P}(S), \forall A \in \mathcal{P}(S), A = \{x \in S : x \in A\}$

$$= \phi \Delta A = \{x \in S : x \notin \phi \wedge x \in A\}$$

$$= A \Delta \phi = \{x \in S : x \in A \text{ xor } x \in \phi\}.$$

Part4: We prove that every A has an additive inverse A'

$x \in A$	$x \in A$	$x \in A \wedge x \in A$	$x \in A \wedge x \in A$	$x \in \phi$
T	T	IF	\Leftrightarrow	IF
IF	IF	IF	\Leftrightarrow	IF

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$\forall A \in \wp(S), \exists A \in \wp(S), A \Delta A = \{x \in S : x \in A \text{ or } x \notin A\}$

$$= A \Delta A = \{x \in S : x \in A \text{ or } x \notin A\}$$

$$= \emptyset = \{x \in S : x \in \emptyset\}$$

Part 5: We prove that $A \cap B = \{x \in S : x \in A \text{ and } x \in B\}$ is commutative.

$x \in A$	$x \in B$	$x \in A \text{ and } x \in B$	$x \in B \text{ and } x \in A$
T	T	T	\Leftrightarrow T
T	F	F	\Leftrightarrow F
F	T	F	\Leftrightarrow F
F	F	F	\Leftrightarrow F

$\forall A, B \in \wp(S), A \cap B = \{x \in S : x \in A \text{ and } x \in B\} = \{x \in S : x \in B \text{ and } x \in A\} = B \cap A$.

Part 6: We prove that $A \cap B = \{x \in S : x \in A \text{ and } x \in B\}$ is associative.

$x \in A$	$x \in B$	$x \in C$	$x \in A \text{ and } x \in B$	$x \in B \text{ and } x \in C$	$x \in A \text{ and } (x \in B \text{ and } x \in C)$	$(x \in A \text{ and } x \in B) \text{ and } x \in C$
T	T	T	T	T	T	\Leftrightarrow T
T	T	F	T	F	F	\Leftrightarrow F
T	F	T	F	F	F	\Leftrightarrow F
T	F	F	F	F	F	\Leftrightarrow F
F	T	T	F	T	F	\Leftrightarrow F
F	T	F	F	F	F	\Leftrightarrow F
F	F	T	F	F	F	\Leftrightarrow F
F	F	F	F	F	F	\Leftrightarrow F

$\forall A, B, C \in \wp(S), A \cap (B \cap C) = \{x \in S : x \in A \text{ and } (x \in B \text{ and } x \in C)\}$

$$= \{x \in S : (x \in A \text{ and } x \in B) \text{ and } x \in C\} = (A \cap B) \cap C$$



Part 7: We prove that S is a unity.

$x \in S$	$x \in A$	$x \in S \text{ and } x \in A$	$x \in A \text{ and } x \in S$
T	T	\Leftrightarrow	T
T	F	\Leftrightarrow	F

$$\exists S \in \wp(S), \forall A \in \wp(S), A = \{x \in S : x \in A\}$$

$$= S \cap A = \{x \in S : x \in S \text{ and } x \in A\}$$

$$= A \cap S = \{x \in S : x \in A \text{ and } x \in S\}$$

Part 8: We prove that \wedge distributes over Δ on the left,

as \wedge is commutative, it automatically distributes over Δ on the right.

$x \in A$	$x \in B$	$x \in C$	$x \in B \Delta C$ or $x \in C$	$x \in A$ and $x \in B$	$x \in A$ and $x \in C$	$x \in A$ and $(x \in B \Delta C)$ (reflected)	$x \in A$ and $(x \in C \Delta B)$ (reflected)
T	T	T	IF	T	T	F	\Leftrightarrow IF
T	T	F	T	T	IF	T	\Leftrightarrow T
T	F	T	T	F	IF	T	\Leftrightarrow T
T	F	F	IF	IF	IF	F	\Leftrightarrow F
IF	T	T	IF	IF	IF	IF	\Leftrightarrow IF
IF	T	F	T	IF	IF	IF	\Leftrightarrow IF
IF	F	T	T	IF	IF	IF	\Leftrightarrow IF
IF	F	F	IF	IF	IF	IF	\Leftrightarrow IF

$$\forall A, B, C \in \wp(S), A \wedge (B \Delta C) = \{x \in S : x \in A \text{ and } (x \in B \Delta C)\}$$

$$= \{x \in S : (x \in A \text{ and } x \in B) \text{ xor } (x \in A \text{ and } x \in C)\} = (A \wedge B) \Delta (A \wedge C)$$

To conclude, $\wp(S)$ is a commutative ring with unity.



(b) Solution:

$$\text{On one hand, } 0 \cdot 1_{\mathcal{P}(S)} = 0_{\mathcal{P}(S)} = \emptyset$$

$$1 \cdot 1_{\mathcal{P}(S)} = 1_{\mathcal{P}(S)} = S$$

$$(-1) \cdot 1_{\mathcal{P}(S)} = -1_{\mathcal{P}(S)} = -S = S$$

On the other hand, for all $m \geq 0$:

$$(2m) \cdot 1_{\mathcal{P}(S)} = \emptyset \text{ and } [\pm (2m+1)] \cdot 1_{\mathcal{P}(S)} = S$$

$$\Rightarrow [\pm (2m+2)] \cdot 1_{\mathcal{P}(S)} = [\pm (2m+1)] \cdot 1_{\mathcal{P}(S)} \pm 1_{\mathcal{P}(S)}$$
$$= S \pm S = \emptyset$$

$$\text{and } [\pm (2m+3)] \cdot 1_{\mathcal{P}(S)} = [\pm (2m+2)] \cdot 1_{\mathcal{P}(S)} \pm 1_{\mathcal{P}(S)}$$
$$= \emptyset \pm S = S$$

$$\text{Hence, } \text{Ker}(\phi_{\mathcal{P}(S)}) = \{ m \in \mathbb{Z} : m \cdot 1_{\mathcal{P}(S)} = 0_{\mathcal{P}(S)} \}$$
$$= 2\mathbb{Z}, \text{Char}(\mathcal{P}(S)) = 2.$$

(c) Solution: It suffices to show the following:

$$\forall A \in \mathcal{P}(S), A \notin P \Rightarrow P + \langle A \rangle = \mathcal{P}(S)$$

Step1: Show that $A^c \in P$.

As P is prime in $\mathcal{P}(S)$, $P \ni \emptyset = A \cdot A^c \Rightarrow P \ni A \text{ or } P \ni A^c \Rightarrow P \ni A^c$

Step2: For all $B \in \mathcal{P}(S)$, show that $B = A^c \Delta (A \cap B) = A^c + (A \cdot B)$.

	$x \in A$	$x \notin A$	$x \in B$	$x \in A \text{ and } x \in B$	$x \notin A \text{ or } (x \in A \text{ and } x \in B)$	
	T	F	T	F	T	
	T	F	F	F	F	
	F	T	T	F	T	
	F	T	F	F	F	

$$\text{Hence, } B = \{ x \in S : x \in B \} = \{ x \in S : x \notin A \text{ or } (x \in A \text{ and } x \in B) \} = A^c + (A \cdot B)$$

Step3: As the arbitrary element $B = \bigcup_{P \in \mathcal{P}} \langle A \rangle \in P + \langle A \rangle$, we have $P + \langle A \rangle = \mathcal{P}(S)$



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3.(a) Solution: We may divide our proof into eight parts.

Part 1: $\forall \alpha \mapsto \phi(\alpha), \alpha \mapsto \psi(\alpha) \in \text{Map}(R, R)$,

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha \mapsto \phi(\alpha) + \alpha \mapsto \psi(\alpha) &= \alpha \mapsto \phi(\alpha) + \psi(\alpha) \\&= \alpha \mapsto \psi(\alpha) + \alpha \mapsto \phi(\alpha)\end{aligned}$$

Part 2: $\forall \alpha \mapsto \phi(\alpha), \alpha \mapsto \psi(\alpha), \alpha \mapsto \theta(\alpha) \in \text{Map}(R, R)$,

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha \mapsto \phi(\alpha) + [\alpha \mapsto \psi(\alpha) + \alpha \mapsto \theta(\alpha)] &= \alpha \mapsto \phi(\alpha) + \alpha \mapsto \psi(\alpha) + \theta(\alpha) \\&= \alpha \mapsto \phi(\alpha) + [\psi(\alpha) + \theta(\alpha)] \\&= \alpha \mapsto [\phi(\alpha) + \psi(\alpha)] + \theta(\alpha) \\&= \alpha \mapsto \phi(\alpha) + \psi(\alpha) + \alpha \mapsto \theta(\alpha) \\&= [\alpha \mapsto \phi(\alpha) + \alpha \mapsto \psi(\alpha)] + \alpha \mapsto \theta(\alpha)\end{aligned}$$

Part 3: $\exists \alpha \mapsto 0 \in \text{Map}(R, R); \forall \alpha \mapsto \phi(\alpha) \in \text{Map}(R, R)$,

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha \mapsto 0 + \alpha \mapsto \phi(\alpha) &= \alpha \mapsto 0 + \phi(\alpha) = \alpha \mapsto \phi(\alpha) \\&\alpha \mapsto \phi(\alpha) + \alpha \mapsto 0 = \alpha \mapsto \phi(\alpha) + 0 = \alpha \mapsto \phi(\alpha)\end{aligned}$$

Part 4: $\forall \alpha \mapsto \phi(\alpha) \in \text{Map}(R, R), \exists \alpha \mapsto [-\phi(\alpha)] \in \text{Map}(R, R)$,

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha \mapsto [-\phi(\alpha)] + \alpha \mapsto \phi(\alpha) &= \alpha \mapsto [-\phi(\alpha)] + \phi(\alpha) = \alpha \mapsto 0 \\&\alpha \mapsto \phi(\alpha) + \alpha \mapsto [-\phi(\alpha)] = \alpha \mapsto \phi(\alpha) + [-\phi(\alpha)] = \alpha \mapsto 0\end{aligned}$$

Part 5: $\forall \alpha \mapsto \phi(\alpha), \alpha \mapsto \psi(\alpha) \in \text{Map}(R, R)$,

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha \mapsto \phi(\alpha) \cdot \alpha \mapsto \psi(\alpha) &= \alpha \mapsto \phi(\alpha) \cdot \psi(\alpha) \\&= \alpha \mapsto \psi(\alpha) \cdot \phi(\alpha) \\&= \alpha \mapsto \psi(\alpha) \cdot \alpha \mapsto \phi(\alpha)\end{aligned}$$



Part 6: $\forall \alpha \mapsto \phi(\alpha), \alpha \mapsto \psi(\alpha), \alpha \mapsto \theta(\alpha) \in \text{Map}(R, R)$,

$$\alpha \mapsto \phi(\alpha) \cdot [\alpha \mapsto \psi(\alpha) \cdot \alpha \mapsto \theta(\alpha)]$$

$$= \alpha \mapsto \phi(\alpha) \cdot \alpha \mapsto \psi(\alpha) \cdot \theta(\alpha)$$

$$= \alpha \mapsto \phi(\alpha) \cdot [\psi(\alpha) \cdot \theta(\alpha)]$$

$$= \alpha \mapsto [\phi(\alpha) \cdot \psi(\alpha)] \cdot \theta(\alpha)$$

$$= \alpha \mapsto \phi(\alpha) \cdot \psi(\alpha) \cdot \alpha \mapsto \theta(\alpha)$$

$$= [\alpha \mapsto \phi(\alpha) \cdot \alpha \mapsto \psi(\alpha)] \cdot \alpha \mapsto \theta(\alpha)$$

Part 7: $\exists \alpha \mapsto 1 \in \text{Map}(R, R), \forall \alpha \mapsto \phi(\alpha) \in \text{Map}(R, R)$,

$$\alpha \mapsto 1 \cdot \alpha \mapsto \phi(\alpha) = \alpha \mapsto 1 \cdot \phi(\alpha) = \alpha \mapsto \phi(\alpha)$$

$$\alpha \mapsto \phi(\alpha) \cdot \alpha \mapsto 1 = \alpha \mapsto \phi(\alpha) \cdot 1 = \alpha \mapsto \phi(\alpha)$$

Part 8: $\forall \alpha \mapsto \phi(\alpha), \alpha \mapsto \psi(\alpha), \alpha \mapsto \theta(\alpha) \in \text{Map}(R, R)$,

$$\alpha \mapsto \phi(\alpha) \cdot [\alpha \mapsto \psi(\alpha) + \alpha \mapsto \theta(\alpha)]$$

$$= \alpha \mapsto \phi(\alpha) \cdot \alpha \mapsto \psi(\alpha) + \alpha \mapsto \theta(\alpha)$$

$$= \alpha \mapsto \phi(\alpha) \cdot [\psi(\alpha) + \theta(\alpha)]$$

$$= \alpha \mapsto [\phi(\alpha) \cdot \psi(\alpha)] + [\phi(\alpha) \cdot \theta(\alpha)]$$

$$= \alpha \mapsto \phi(\alpha) \cdot \psi(\alpha) + \alpha \mapsto \phi(\alpha) \cdot \theta(\alpha)$$

$$= [\alpha \mapsto \phi(\alpha) \cdot \alpha \mapsto \psi(\alpha)] + [\alpha \mapsto \phi(\alpha) \cdot \alpha \mapsto \theta(\alpha)]$$

As \cdot is commutative, it automatically distributes over $+$ on the right.

To conclude, $\text{Map}(R, R)$ is a commutative ring with unity.



(b)(ii) Solution: We may divide our solution into three parts.

Part 1: F (The polynomial with degree 0 and constant term 1)

= (The function on R with constant image 1), so F preserves unity.

Part 2: For all $\sum_{k \in K} a_k t^k, \sum_{l \in L} b_l t^l \in R[t]$,

$$F\left(\sum_{k \in K} a_k t^k + \sum_{l \in L} b_l t^l\right) = F\left(\sum_{s \in K \cup L} (a_s + b_s) t^s\right)$$

$$= \alpha \mapsto \sum_{s \in K \cup L} (a_s + b_s) \alpha^s = \alpha \mapsto \sum_{k \in K} a_k \alpha^k + \alpha \mapsto \sum_{l \in L} b_l \alpha^l$$

$$= F\left(\sum_{k \in K} a_k t^k\right) + F\left(\sum_{l \in L} b_l t^l\right), \text{ so } F \text{ preserves addition.}$$

Part 3: For all $\sum_{k \in K} a_k t^k, \sum_{l \in L} b_l t^l \in R[t]$,

$$F\left(\sum_{k \in K} a_k t^k \cdot \sum_{l \in L} b_l t^l\right) = F\left(\sum_{(k, l) \in K \times L} a_k b_l t^{k+l}\right)$$

$$= \alpha \mapsto \sum_{(k, l) \in K \times L} a_k b_l \alpha^{k+l} = \alpha \mapsto \sum_{k \in K} a_k \alpha^k \cdot \alpha \mapsto \sum_{l \in L} b_l \alpha^l$$

$$= F\left(\sum_{k \in K} a_k t^k\right) \cdot F\left(\sum_{l \in L} b_l t^l\right), \text{ so } F \text{ preserves multiplication.}$$

To conclude, F is a ring homomorphism.

(iii) Solution: Assume that $R = \{x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_n\}$, where $x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_n$ are pairwise distinct elements. As R is a field, the

finite product $(x_k - x_0)(x_k - x_1)(x_k - x_2) \cdots (x_k - x_{k-1})(x_k - x_{k+1}) \cdots (x_k - x_n)$ is nonzero, thus invertible. Hence, the following polynomial is well-defined.



$$f(x) = \frac{(x-x_1)(x-x_2)\cdots(x-x_n)}{(x_0-x_1)(x_0-x_2)\cdots(x_0-x_n)} f_R(x_0) + \frac{(x-x_0)(x-x_2)\cdots(x-x_n)}{(x_1-x_0)(x_1-x_2)\cdots(x_1-x_n)} f_R(x_1)$$

$$+ \cdots + \frac{(x-x_0)(x-x_1)(x-x_2)\cdots(x-x_{n-1})}{(x_n-x_0)(x_n-x_1)(x_n-x_2)\cdots(x_n-x_{n-1})} f_R(x_n) \in R[x]$$

No matter which $f_R \in \text{Map}(R, R)$ we choose, such $f(x)$ is always well-defined. Note further that for all $x_k \in R$:

[The evaluation of $f(x)$ at $x=x_k$]

$$= \frac{(x_k-x_1)(x_k-x_2)\cdots(x_k-x_n)}{(x_0-x_1)(x_0-x_2)\cdots(x_0-x_k)\cdots(x_0-x_n)} f_R(x_0)$$

$$+ \frac{(x_k-x_0)(x_k-x_2)\cdots(x_k-x_{k-1})\cancel{(x_k-x_k)}\cdots(x_k-x_n)}{(x_1-x_0)(x_1-x_2)\cdots(x_1-x_k)\cdots(x_1-x_n)} f_R(x_1)$$

$$+ \cdots + \frac{\cancel{(x_k-x_0)(x_k-x_1)(x_k-x_2)\cdots(x_k-x_{k-1})(x_k-x_{k+1})\cdots(x_k-x_n)}}{(x_k-x_0)(x_k-x_1)(x_k-x_2)\cdots(x_k-x_{k-1})(x_k-x_{k+1})\cdots(x_k-x_n)} f_R(x_k)$$

$$+ \cdots + \frac{(x_k-x_0)(x_k-x_1)(x_k-x_2)\cdots(x_k-x_{k-1})\cancel{(x_k-x_k)}\cdots(x_k-x_n)}{(x_n-x_0)(x_n-x_1)(x_n-x_2)\cdots(x_n-x_{k-1})(x_n-x_k)\cdots(x_n-x_n)} f_R(x_n)$$

$$= 0 f_R(x_0) + 0 f_R(x_1) + \cdots + 1 f_R(x_k) + \cdots + 0 f_R(x_n) = f_R(x_k)$$

This implies $F(f(x)) = f_R(x)$, F is surjective.

(iii) Solution: We wish to show that F has a trivial kernel.

For all $\sum_{k=0}^n a_k x^k \in R[x]$, assume that $F(\sum_{k=0}^n a_k x^k) = \alpha \mapsto 0$.

Take $n+1$ distinct elements x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n from the infinite field R .

Evaluate $\sum_{k=0}^n a_k x^k$ at x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n respectively, and we get a linear system:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} a_0 + a_1 x_0 + a_2 x_0^2 + \cdots + a_n x_0^n = 0 \\ a_0 + a_1 x_1 + a_2 x_1^2 + \cdots + a_n x_1^n = 0 \\ a_0 + a_1 x_2 + a_2 x_2^2 + \cdots + a_n x_2^n = 0 \\ \vdots \quad \vdots \quad \vdots \quad \vdots \\ a_0 + a_1 x_n + a_2 x_n^2 + \cdots + a_n x_n^n = 0 \end{array} \right.$$



As the following coefficient determinant is nonzero:

$$\text{Det} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x_0 & x_0^2 & \cdots & x_0^n \\ 1 & x_1 & x_1^2 & \cdots & x_1^n \\ 1 & x_2 & x_2^2 & \cdots & x_2^n \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & & \vdots \\ 1 & x_n & x_n^2 & \cdots & x_n^n \end{pmatrix} = \prod_{0 \leq i < j \leq n} (x_j - x_i) \neq 0$$

The above-mentioned linear system only has the trivial solution $a_0 = a_1 = a_2 = \dots = a_n = 0$

This implies $\sum_{k=0}^n a_k x^k = 0$, $\text{Ker}(F) = \{0\}$, F is injective.

4. Proof: Assume to the contrary that a field $|F|$ is finite.

According to Lemma 9.5.3, $|F|$ is a field $\Rightarrow |F|$ is the zero field or $\text{Char}(|F|) = p$ is prime.

If $|F|$ is the zero field, then every polynomial in $|F[t]|$ is the zero polynomial.

It doesn't make sense to discuss whether $|F|$ is algebraically closed or not.

If $\text{Char}(|F|) = p$ is prime, then $|F|$ contains at least two elements and $|F|^k \neq 0$.

Now $\prod_{\substack{\text{All Element } x \in F}} (t - x)$ is well-defined, nonconstant and has no root in $|F|$,

thus $|F|$ is not algebraically closed. Hence, we are done.

5. Solution:

For the polynomial $t^2 + 1$ in $\mathbb{Q}[t]$, it has no root in \mathbb{Q} , thus irreducible in $\mathbb{Q}[t]$. Now theorem 11.2(b) suggests that $\mathbb{Q}[t]/\langle t^2 + 1 \rangle$ is a field.

For the polynomial $t^2 + 1$ in $\mathbb{Z}_3[t]$, the following table suggests that $t^2 + 1$ has no root in \mathbb{Z}_3 :

The congruence class of t to	The evaluation of $t^2 + 1$
0	1
1	2
2	$5 \equiv 2$



Hence, $t^2 + 1$ is irreducible in $\mathbb{Z}_3[t]$. Now theorem 11.2.16 suggests that $\mathbb{Z}_3[t]/\langle t^2 + 1 \rangle$ is a field.

For the polynomial $t^3 + 1$ in $\mathbb{Z}_5[t]$, note that $t^3 + 1 = t^2 - 4 = (t+2)(t-2)$ is reducible.

Now theorem 11.2.16 suggests that $\mathbb{Z}_5[t]/\langle t^3 + 1 \rangle$ is not a field.

For the polynomial $t^3 + t^2 + 1$ in $\mathbb{Z}_2[t]$, the following table suggests that $t^3 + t^2 + 1$ has no root in \mathbb{Z}_2 .

The congruence class of t	The evaluation of $t^3 + t^2 + 1$
0	1
1	3 $\equiv 1$

Hence, $t^3 + t^2 + 1$ is irreducible in $\mathbb{Z}_2[t]$. Now theorem 11.2.16 suggests that $\mathbb{Z}_2[t]/\langle t^3 + t^2 + 1 \rangle$ is a field.

6. Proof: For the polynomial $t^3 + 4t + 1$ in $\mathbb{Z}_5[t]$, the following table suggests that $t^3 + 4t + 1$ has no root in \mathbb{Z}_5 .

The congruence class of t	The evaluation of $t^3 + 4t + 1$
0	1
1	6 $\equiv 1$
2	13 $\equiv 3$
3	22 $\equiv 2$
4	33 $\equiv 3$

Hence, $t^3 + 4t + 1$ is irreducible in \mathbb{Z}_5 .

Now theorem 11.2.16 suggests that $\mathbb{Z}_5[t]/\langle t^3 + 4t + 1 \rangle$ is a field.

Regard the field $\mathbb{Z}_5[t]/\langle t^3 + 4t + 1 \rangle = F_{25}$ as a vector space over \mathbb{Z}_5 .

The Division Algorithm in $\mathbb{Z}_5[t]$ suggests that:

(1) Every $f(t) + \langle t^3 + 4t + 1 \rangle$ is equal to some $a_1t + a_0 + \langle t^3 + 4t + 1 \rangle$

(2) For all $a_1t + a_0 + \langle t^3 + 4t + 1 \rangle$, $a_1t + a_0 + \langle t^3 + 4t + 1 \rangle = \langle t^3 + 4t + 1 \rangle$

$$\Rightarrow a_1t + a_0 \in \langle t^3 + 4t + 1 \rangle \Rightarrow t^3 + 4t + 1 \mid a_1t + a_0 \Rightarrow a_1 = a_0 = 0.$$

Hence, $(t, 1)$ is a basis of the vector space F_{25} , $\dim F_{25} = 1$, $\mathbb{Z}_5^2 = 5^2 = 25$



Now let's proceed to prove that $t^2 + 4t + 1$ has a root in $\mathbb{F}_{25} = \mathbb{Z}_5[t]/\langle t^2 + 4t + 1 \rangle$

Take the coset $\tilde{c} = t + \langle t^2 + 4t + 1 \rangle$,

$$\text{we have } \tilde{c}^2 = t^2 + \langle t^2 + 4t + 1 \rangle = (t^2 + 4t + 1 - 4t - 1) + \langle t^2 + 4t + 1 \rangle$$

$$= [t^2 + 4t + 1 + \langle t^2 + 4t + 1 \rangle] - 4[t + \langle t^2 + 4t + 1 \rangle] - [1 + \langle t^2 + 4t + 1 \rangle]$$

$$= \tilde{0} - 4\tilde{c} - \tilde{1}, \quad \tilde{c}^2 + 4\tilde{c} + \tilde{1} = \tilde{0}$$

Hence, the evaluation of $t^2 + 4t + 1$ at $t = \tilde{c}$ is $\tilde{0}$, $t^2 + 4t + 1$ has a root in \mathbb{F}_{25} .

7. Solution:

Define G as the multiplicative group \mathbb{F}_q^\times ,

and X as the multiplicative group \mathbb{F}_q^\times , but we treat it as a set.

G acts on X by left multiplication.

Now $\prod_{\text{All elements } x \in X} x = \prod_{\text{All elements } x \in X} (g * x)$ The left translation map $g: X \rightarrow g * X$ is bijective

$$= \prod_{\substack{\text{All } x \in \mathbb{F}_q^\times}} (gx) \quad \mathbb{F}_q^\times \text{ is Abelian} \quad \prod_{\substack{\text{All } x \in \mathbb{F}_q^\times}} g \prod_{\substack{\text{All } x \in \mathbb{F}_q^\times}}$$

$$= g^{\prod_{\substack{\text{All } x \in \mathbb{F}_q^\times}} |x|}, \quad e = g^{\prod_{\substack{\text{All } x \in \mathbb{F}_q^\times}} |x|} = g^{q-1}$$

As the identity element $e \in \mathbb{F}_q^\times$ is the unity 1,

we end up with an analogous version of Fermat's Little Theorem:

$$\forall g \in \mathbb{F}_q^\times, \quad g^{q-1} = 1$$

