

4.1.16 Let  $b_0 + b_1x + \dots + b_kx^k \in R[x]$  be the inverse of  $1 + ax$ .

Then, we can say that the multiple of these two is  $1 \in R[x]$ .

$$(b_0 + b_1x + \dots + b_kx^k)(1 + ax) = b_0 + (b_1 + ab_0)x + \dots + (b_k + ab_{k-1})x^k + ab_kx^{k+1}$$

Thus, the coefficients are all zero except  $b_0$ . ( $\because$  equality of polynomials)

$$b_0 = 1, \quad b_i = (-1)^i a^i \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq k.$$

Last term,  $ab_kx^{k+1}$ , should also be zero.

$$\text{Thus, } ab_k = (-1)^k a^{k+1} = 0 \Rightarrow a^{k+1} = 0$$

4.1.22. Let  $f(x) = \sum_{i=0}^n a_i x^i$ ,  $a_i \in R$  and define  $\varphi(f(x)) = \sum_{i=0}^n a_i (kx)^i$ .

If we define  $\varphi$  as above,  $\varphi(r) = r$   $\forall r \in R$  and  $\varphi(x) = kx$ .

Let  $f(x) = a_0 + a_1x + \dots + a_nx^n$ ,  $g(x) = b_0 + b_1x + \dots + b_mx^m$ . w.l.o.g

$$(i) \varphi((f+g)(x)) = \varphi((a_0+b_0) + (a_1+b_1)x + \dots + (a_m+b_m)x^m + \overset{n \geq m}{a_{m+1}}x^{m+1} + \dots + a_nx^n)$$

$$= \varphi(a_0 + a_1x + \dots + a_nx^n + b_0 + b_1x + \dots + b_mx^m)$$

$$= a_0 + a_1(kx) + \dots + a_n(kx)^n + b_0 + b_1(kx) + \dots + b_m(kx)^m$$

$$= \varphi(f(x)) + \varphi(g(x))$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{(ii)} \quad \varphi(fg(x)) &= \varphi(a_0b_0 + (a_0b_1 + a_1b_0)x + \dots + a_nb_nx^{n+m}) \\
&= a_0b_0 + (a_0b_1 + a_1b_0)k(x) + \dots + a_nb_n(k(x))^{n+m} \\
&= (a_0 + a_1k(x) + \dots + a_n(k(x))^n) \cdot (b_0 + b_1k(x) + \dots + b_m(k(x))^m) \\
&= \varphi(f(x)) \cdot \varphi(g(x))
\end{aligned}$$

By (i) and (ii)  $\varphi$  is a homomorphism.

(iii) Consider  $\theta: R[x] \rightarrow R[x]$  which is another homomorphism

and  $\theta(r) = r$  for any  $r \in R$  and  $\theta(x) = k(x)$ . ... (\*)

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Then } \theta(f(x)) &= \theta(a_0 + a_1x + \dots + a_nx^n) \\
&= \theta(a_0) + \theta(a_1)\theta(x) + \dots + \theta(a_n)(\theta(x))^n \\
&= a_0 + a_1k(x) + \dots + a_n(k(x))^n \quad (\because \text{by } (*)) \\
&= \varphi(f(x))
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $\varphi$  is a unique homomorphism.

4.2.10. Let  $d(x)$  be the gcd of two polynomials.

The  $\deg(d(x))$  should be 1 or 0, since  $\mathbb{Q}[x]$  is an integral domain.

$$\deg(d(x)) \leq \deg(x+a+b) = 1$$

$$\deg(d(x)) \leq \deg(x^3 - 3abx + a^3 + b^3) = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 \leq \deg(d(x)) \leq 1$$

$$\text{Meanwhile, } x^3 - 3abx + a^3 + b^3 = (x+a+b)(x^2 - (a+b)x + a^2 - ab + b^2)$$

This means that  $x+a+b \mid x+a+b$  and  $x+a+b \mid x^3 - 3abx + a^3 + b^3$

$x+a+b$  is the monic polynomial with the highest degree, which means  $d(x) = x+a+b$ .

4.3.12.  $(x^2+2)(x^2-2)$  in  $\mathbb{Q}[x]$ .

If  $x^2-2$  is reducible in  $\mathbb{Q}[x]$ , then it should be factorized with two polynomials with degree 1 since  $\mathbb{Q}[x]$  is a field.

But this doesn't happen because it doesn't have any roots in  $\mathbb{Q}$  thus does not have linear factor by factor thm. Same situation happens for  $x^2+2$ .

$$(x^2+2)(x+\sqrt{2})(x-\sqrt{2}) \text{ in } \mathbb{R}[x].$$

By factor thm,  $x^2+2$  does not have linear factors. Thus,  $x^2+2$  is irreducible in  $\mathbb{R}[x]$ .

$$(x+\sqrt{2}i)(x-\sqrt{2}i)(x+\sqrt{2})(x-\sqrt{2}) \text{ in } \mathbb{C}[x].$$

These 4 factors are irreducible since  $\mathbb{C}[x]$  is a field and every polynomial of degree 1 is irreducible.

4.3.22. (a) Let  $f(x) = x^3 + a$  then

$$f(0) = 0 + a = a$$

$$f(1) = 1 + a = a + 1$$

$$f(2) = 8 + a = a + 2$$

The number of elements in  $\mathbb{Z}_3$  is 3 and  $a, a+1, a+2 \in \mathbb{Z}_3$  which are distinct.

Therefore, one of  $a, a+1, a+2$  must be zero and by factor thm,  $x^3 + a$  has a linear factor, which means  $x^3 + a$  is reducible.

We can use factor thm since  $\mathbb{Z}_3$  is a commutative ring with  $1_{\mathbb{Z}_3}$ .

(a) Let  $f(x) = x^5 + a$  then

$$f(0) = 0 + a = a \quad f(3) = 243 + a = a + 3$$

$$f(1) = 1 + a = a + 1 \quad f(4) = 1024 + a = a + 4$$

$$f(2) = 32 + a = a + 2$$

The number of elements in  $\mathbb{Z}_5$  is 5 and  $a, a+1, a+2, a+3, a+4 \in \mathbb{Z}_5$  which are distinct. Therefore, one of  $a, a+1, a+2, a+3, a+4$  must be zero and by factor thm,  $x^5 + a$  has a linear factor, which means  $x^5 + a$  is reducible

We can use factor thm since  $\mathbb{Z}_5$  is a commutative ring with  $1_R$

4.4.8. (b) Let  $a$  be root of  $x^2 - 7$ . We know that  $a = \pm\sqrt{7}$  but  $\pm\sqrt{7} \notin \mathbb{Q}$ , thus by factor thm,  $x^2 - 7$  is irreducible in  $\mathbb{Q}[x]$ .

$$(d) \text{ Let } f(x) = 2x^3 + x^2 + 2x + 2 \text{ then } \begin{array}{lll} f(0) = 2 & f(2) = 1 & f(4) = 4 \\ f(1) = 2 & f(3) = 1 & \end{array}$$

$\forall a \in \mathbb{Z}_5, f(a) \neq 0$ , which means there is no linear factor by factor thm, thus irreducible in  $\mathbb{Z}_5$ .

(f) Let  $g(x) = x^4 + x^2 + 1$  then  $g(1) = 0$ . Thus  $x-1 = x+2 \mid x^4 + x^2 + 1$ .

This means that  $x^4 + x^2 + 1$  is reducible in  $\mathbb{Z}_3$ .

4.4.10. We need to find  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $0 \leq a < p$  such that  $a^2 + 1 = 0 \pmod{p}$ .

Thus  $a^2 + 1 = np$  for  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ . We need to find only one  $p$ , let's think of a situation that  $n=1$ . Then  $p = a^2 + 1$ . We can consider that if  $a=4$ ,  $p=17$ , the equation holds.

In this case,  $x^2 + 1 = (x+4)(x+13)$

4.4.26. (a) Note that  $\mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{2}] \neq \emptyset$  since  $0 \in \mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{2}]$  ( $\because$  for the case that  $r_i = 0 \forall_i$ )

Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{2}]$

Let  $a = a_0 + a_1\sqrt{2} + \dots + a_n(\sqrt{2})^n$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

$b = b_0 + b_1\sqrt{2} + \dots + b_m(\sqrt{2})^m$  for some  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ .

w.l.o.g  $n \geq m$ .

Claim 1:  $a - b \in \mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{2}]$

$$a - b = (a_0 - b_0) + (a_1 - b_1)\sqrt{2} + \dots + (a_m - b_m)(\sqrt{2})^m + a_{m+1}(\sqrt{2})^{m+1} + \dots + a_n(\sqrt{2})^n \in \mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{2}].$$

Claim 2:  $ab \in \mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{2}]$

$$ab = a_0b_0 + (a_1b_0 + a_0b_1)\sqrt{2} + \dots + a_nb_m(\sqrt{2})^{n+m} \in \mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{2}]$$

By Claim 1, 2,  $\mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{2}]$  is a subring of  $\mathbb{R}$

$$(b) \text{ Let } f(x) = a_0 + a_1x + \dots + a_nx^n \quad (a_i \in \mathbb{Q}, n \in \mathbb{N})$$

$$g(x) = b_0 + b_1x + \dots + b_mx^m \quad (b_i \in \mathbb{Q}, m \in \mathbb{N})$$

w.l.o.g.  $n \geq m$ .

$$(i) \theta((f+g)(x)) = \theta((a_0+b_0) + (a_1+b_1)x + \dots + (a_m+b_m)x^m + a_{m+1}x^{m+1} + \dots + a_nx^n)$$

$$= (a_0+b_0) + (a_1+b_1)\sqrt{2} + \dots + (a_m+b_m)(\sqrt{2})^m + a_{m+1}(\sqrt{2})^{m+1} + \dots + a_n(\sqrt{2})^n$$

$$= a_0 + a_1\sqrt{2} + \dots + a_n(\sqrt{2})^n + b_0 + b_1\sqrt{2} + \dots + b_m(\sqrt{2})^m$$

$$= f(\sqrt{2}) + g(\sqrt{2})$$

$$= \theta(f(x)) + \theta(g(x))$$

$$(ii) \theta((f \cdot g)(x)) = \theta(a_0b_0 + (a_1b_0 + a_0b_1)x + (a_2b_0 + a_1b_1 + a_0b_2)x^2 + \dots + a_nb_nx^{n+m})$$

$$= a_0b_0 + (a_1b_0 + a_0b_1)\sqrt{2} + (a_2b_0 + a_1b_1 + a_0b_2)(\sqrt{2})^2 + \dots + a_nb_n(\sqrt{2})^{n+m}$$

$$= (a_0 + a_1\sqrt{2} + \dots + a_n(\sqrt{2})^n) \cdot (b_0 + b_1\sqrt{2} + \dots + b_m(\sqrt{2})^m)$$

$$= f(\sqrt{2}) \cdot g(\sqrt{2})$$

$$= \theta(f(x)) \cdot \theta(g(x))$$

$$(iii) \text{ Let } c \in \mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{2}] \text{ then we can say that } c = \sum_{i=0}^n c_i(\sqrt{2})^i \quad (b_i, c_i \in \mathbb{Q})$$

$$\text{Then we always have } f(x) = \sum_{i=0}^n c_i x^i \text{ s.t. } \varphi(f(x)) = c.$$

This means  $\theta$  is surjective.

(iv) Consider  $f(x) = x^2$ ,  $g(x) = \frac{1}{2}x^4$ .

$$\theta(f(x)) = f(\sqrt{2}) = 2 = g(\sqrt{2}) = \theta(g(x)) \quad \text{but}$$

$f(x) \neq g(x)$ . Thus,  $\theta$  is not injective.

By (i), (ii), (iii), and (iv),  $\theta$  is a surjective homomorphism but not an isomorphism.