

1. Tutorial Series 1: Remainders

Exercise 1.1: Consider the ring of polynomials $\mathbb{Z}[X]$ with indeterminate X .

Question 1.1.1: Show that $\mathbb{Z}[X]/(X) \cong \mathbb{Z}$.

Take the map $\varphi : \mathbb{Z}[X] \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ such that $\varphi(a_0 + a_1X + \dots + a_nX^n) = a_0$, φ is a ring homomorphism with $\text{Ker } \varphi = (X)$ and $\text{Im } \varphi = \mathbb{Z}$ then by the first isomorphism theorem $\mathbb{Z}[X]/(X) \cong \mathbb{Z}$.

Question 1.1.2: Show that $(2) + (x)$ is not generated by a singleton.

Suppose there exists $P \in \mathbb{Z}[X]$ such that $(P) = (2) + (X)$, since $2 \in (2) + (X)$ then $2 \in (P)$ so $2 = PQ$ with $Q \in \mathbb{Z}[X]$ but that means that $\deg(P) + \deg(Q) = 0 \Rightarrow \deg P = 0$ so $P = p \in \mathbb{Z}$, since $2 \in (p)$ then $p \mid 2 \Rightarrow p = \pm 1$ or $p = \pm 2$ which are both impossible since $1 \in \mathbb{Z}[X] \setminus ((2) + (X))$ and $2 + X \in (2) + (X) \setminus (2)$.

Question 1.1.3: Deduce that $\mathbb{Z}[X]$ is not a PID.

- From 1.1.1 we have that $\mathbb{Z}[X]$ is a PID and X is irreducible then (X) is a maximal ideal so $\mathbb{Z}[X]/(X)$ is a field but $\mathbb{Z}[X]/(X) \cong \mathbb{Z}$ which means that \mathbb{Z} is a field, contradiction.
- From 1.1.2 we have that $(2) + (x)$ is an ideal of $\mathbb{Z}[X]$ but it is not a principle ideal.

Question 1.1.4: Is $\mathbb{Z}[X]$ a Euclidean domain ?

$\mathbb{Z}[X]$ is not a Euclidean domain since it is not a PID.

Exercise 1.2: