

Problem 1 (8.5). Let $R = \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-5}]$. Show that $2, 3, 1 + \sqrt{-5}, 1 - \sqrt{-5}$ are irreducibles of R and no two of which are associate in R , and that $6 = 2 \cdot 3 = (1 + \sqrt{-5})(1 - \sqrt{-5})$ are two distinct factorizations of 6 into irreducibles in R . So R is not a UFD.

Proof. □

Problem 2 (9.1). Prove that every irreducible element of a UFD is a prime.

Proof. Let R be a UFD and $r \in R$ irreducible. Then consider $a, b \in R$ such that $r|ab$. This implies that $cr = ab$ for some $c \in R$. As R is a UFD take the factorization for both sides and we get $t_1 \cdots t_s r = p_1 \cdots p_n q_1 \cdots q_m$. As r is irreducible and factorizations are unique it must be that r is an associate of something on the right. Thus either $r|p_i$ or $r|q_j$ it then follows that $r|a$ or $r|b$ respectively which implies that r is in fact prime. □

Problem 3 (9.3). Give an example of a UFD which is not a PID.

Proof. Consider $\mathbb{Z}[x]$. This is a UFD because \mathbb{Z} is a UFD. However the ideal $\langle x^2 - 1, x \rangle$ cannot be generated by a single polynomial. Therefore $\mathbb{Z}[x]$ is a PID which is not a UFD. □

Problem 4 (9.4). 1. Determine whether the following polynomials are irreducible in the rings indicated and prove your assertions. For those that are reducible, determine their factorization into irreducibles.

- (a) $x^3 + x + 1$ in $\mathbb{Z}_3[x]$.
- (b) $x^4 + 1$ in $\mathbb{Z}_5[x]$.
- (c) $x^4 + 10x^2 + 1$ in $\mathbb{Z}[x]$.
- (d) $x^4 - 4x^3 + 6$ in $\mathbb{Z}[x]$.
- (e) $x^6 + 30x^5 - 15x^3 + 6x - 120$ in $\mathbb{Z}[x]$.
- (f) $x^2 + y^2 + xy + 1$ in $\mathbb{Q}[x, y]$.

2. Prove that the following polynomials are irreducible in $\mathbb{Z}[x]$.

- (a) $x^4 + 4x^3 + 6x^2 + 2x + 1$ (Substitute $x - 1$ for x).
- (b) $\frac{(x+2)^p - 2^p}{x}$ where p is an odd prime.
- (c) $\prod_{i=1}^n (x - i) - 1$, where $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$

3. Find all irreducible polynomials of degree ≤ 3 in $\mathbb{Z}_2[x]$, and the same for $\mathbb{Z}_3[x]$.

4. Prove that if n is composite number, then $\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} x^i$ is reducible over \mathbb{Z} .

Proof. 1. (a) $x^3 + x + 1 = (x + 2)(x^2 + x + 2)$

(b) $x^4 + 1 = (x^2 + 2)(x^2 + 3)$

(c) No roots, must be product of two irreducibles of deg 2. But $a + b = 10$ and $ab = 1$ which cannot occur. **Make this pretty.**

(d) Eisenstein $p = 2$

(e) Eisenstein $p = 3$

- (f) Consider $\mathbb{Z}[x, y]/(y - 1)$. Get $x^2 + x + 1$ root must be either ± 1 . Use Gauss's lemma.
2. (a) Sub $x - 1$ for x and that simplifies to $x^4 - 2x + 2$ by Eisenstein with $p = 2$ is irreducible and thus the rest of it is as well.
- (b)
- (c)

□

Problem 5 (9.5). Let R be a PID and $a, b \in R$. Prove that if a, b are relatively prime, then $(a) + (b) = R$, and a^i, b^j are relatively prime for all $i, j \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$.

Proof. Let R be a PID and $a, b \in R$ such that a and b are relatively prime. Then 1 is a gcd of a and b . However this means that there exists $\alpha, \beta \in R$ such that $\alpha a + \beta b = 1 \in (a) + (b)$ (Prop 8.11) implying that $(a) + (b) = R$.

Now we will show that a^i and b are relatively prime. We have the case where $i = 1$ by assumption. Next assume that we have $\alpha a^i + b = 1$. Then if we square both sides we get

$$\alpha^2 a^{2i} + \beta^2 b^2 + \alpha a^i \beta b + \beta b \alpha a^i \beta b = (\alpha^2 a^{i-1}) a^{i+1} + (\beta b + \alpha a^i \beta + \alpha a^i \beta) b = 1$$

which shows that a^{i+1} is relatively prime to b with the assumption that a^i is relatively prime to b . Therefore a^i is relatively prime to b where $i \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$. To get arbitrary powers of b just set $a := b$ and $b := a^i$ and repeat the process.

Therefore if a, b are relatively prime then $(a) + (b) = R$ and a^i, b^j are relatively prime for $i, j \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$. □

Problem 6 (9.6). 1. Let F be a finite field of order q and $f(x)$ a polynomial of degree n . Prove that the quotient ring $F[x]/(f(x))$ has q^n elements.

2. Show that $f(x) = x^3 + x + 1$ is irreducible in $\mathbb{Z}_2[x]$ and that $K = \mathbb{Z}_2/(f(x))$ is a field. Find a generator of the cyclic group K^\times .

Proof. 1. We proceed by induction. Suppose that $\deg f = 0$. Then $(f) = F[x]$ implies that $F[x]/(f) \cong F[x]/F[x] = \{0\}$ which shows that the order is one.

Now assume that if $\deg g \leq n$ then $F[x]/(g)$ is of order $q^{\deg g}$. Then suppose that $\deg f = n + 1$. In the case where f is reducible by Proposition 9.23 we have

$$f = f_1^{n_1} \cdots f_k^{n_k}$$

where $\sum n_i = n + 1$ and $n_i \leq n$ and that $F[x]/(f) \cong F[x]/(f_1^{n_1} \times \cdots \times f_k^{n_k})$. The order of $F[x]/(f_i^{n_i})$ is q^{n_i} by our inductive hypothesis which implies that $|F[x]/(f)| = q^{n_1} \cdots q^{n_k} = q^{n+1}$.

However if f is irreducible, then $F[x]/(f)$ is the $n + 1$ th degree field extension and which the field with q^{n+1} elements.

Therefore if $\deg f = n$ then the order of $F[x]/(f)$ is q^n where F is the field with q elements. □

Problem 7 (G4). Let $G = GL(2, \mathbb{F}_p)$ be the group of invertible 2×2 matrices with entries in the finite field \mathbb{F}_p , where p is prime.

1. Show that G has order $(p^2 - 1)(p^2 - p)$.

2. Show that for $p = 2$ the group G is isomorphic to the symmetric group S_3 .

Proof.

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Problem 8 (G5). Let G be the group of units of the ring $\mathbb{Z}/247\mathbb{Z}$.

1. Determine the order of G .

2. Determine the structure of G (as in the classification theorem for finitely generated abelian groups). (Hint: Use the Chinese Remainder Theorem).

Proof. 1.

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(1, 1), (2, 36), (3, 18), (4, 18), (5, 36), (6, 36), (7, 12), (8, 12), (9, 9), (10, 18), (11, 12), (12, 6),
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 (242, 36), (243, 18), (244, 18), (245, 36), (246, 2)

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Problem 9 (G8). List all abelian groups of order 8 up to isomorphism. Identify which groups on your list is isomorphic to each of the following groups of order 8. Justify your answer.

1. $(\mathbb{Z}/15\mathbb{Z})^*$ = the group of units of the ring $\mathbb{Z}/15\mathbb{Z}$.
2. The roots of the equation $z^8 - 1 = 0$ in \mathbb{C} .
3. \mathbb{F}_8^+ = the additive group of the field \mathbb{F}_8 with eight elements.

Proof.

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Problem 10 (R4). Let \mathbb{F} be a field and let $R = \mathbb{F}[X, Y]$ be the ring of polynomials in X and Y with coefficients from \mathbb{F} .

1. Show that $M = \langle X + 1, Y - 2 \rangle$ is a maximal ideal of R .
2. Show that $P = \langle X + Y + 1 \rangle$ is a prime ideal of R .
3. Is P a maximal ideal of R . Justify your answer.

Proof.

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Problem 11 (R6). Let R be a commutative ring with identity and let I and J be ideals of R .

1. Define

$$(I : J) = \{r \in R \mid rx \in I, \forall x \in J\}$$

Show that $(I : J)$ is an ideal of R containing I .

2. Show that if P is a prime ideal of R and $x \notin P$, then $(P : \langle x \rangle) = P$, where $\langle x \rangle$ denotes the principal ideal generated by x .

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Proof.

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Problem 12 (R7). Let R be a commutative ring with identity, and let I and J be ideals of R .

1. Define what is meant by the sum $I + J$ and the product IJ of the ideals I and J .
2. If I and J are distinct maximal ideals, show that $I + J = R$ and $I \cap J = IJ$.

Proof.

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