

## Chapter 11: Rings

### 11.1: Definition of a Ring

- **Ring:** A *ring*  $R$  is a set with two laws of composition  $+$  and  $\times$ , called addition and multiplication, that satisfy these axioms:
  - (a) With the law of composition  $+$ ,  $R$  is an abelian group that we denote by  $R^+$ ; its identity is denoted by  $0$ .
  - (b) Multiplication is commutative and associative, and has an identity denoted by  $1$ .
  - (c) *Distributive law:* For all  $a, b$  and  $c$  in  $R$ ,  $(a + b)c = ac + bc$ .
- **Subring:** Subset which is closed under addition, subtraction, multiplication and which contains  $1$ .
- **Non-commutative Ring:** Satisfies all of the above axioms, except for the commutative law for multiplication.
- **Gauss integers:** The complex numbers of the form  $a + bi$  where  $a$  and  $b$  are integers form a subring of  $\mathbb{C}$  that we denote by  $\mathbb{Z}[i] = \{a + bi \mid b, b \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ . Its elements are points of a square lattice in the complex plane.
  - $\mathbb{Z}[\alpha]$  **subring:** Contains every complex number  $\beta = a_n\alpha^n + \cdots + a_1\alpha + a_0$  where  $a_i$  are in  $\mathbb{Z}$  and  $\alpha$  is a complex number.
    - \* Analogous to the ring of Gauss integers.
    - \* Subring generated by  $\alpha$
    - \* Usually not represented as a lattice in the complex plane
- A complex number  $\alpha$  is **algebraic** if it is a root of a (nonzero) polynomial with integer coefficients (i.e. if some expression of the form  $a_n\alpha^n + \cdots + a_1\alpha + a_0$  evaluates to  $0$ )
  - When  $\alpha$  is algebraic there will be many polynomial expressions that represent the same complex number.
- If there is no polynomial with integer coefficients having  $\alpha$  as a root,  $\alpha$  is **transcendental**
  - When  $\alpha$  is transcendental, two distinct polynomial expressions represent distinct complex numbers, and the elements of the ring  $\mathbb{Z}[\alpha]$  correspond bijectively to polynomials  $p(x)$  with integer coefficients.
- A polynomial in  $x$  with coefficients in a ring  $R$  is an expression of the form

$$a_n x^n + \cdots + a_1 x + a_0$$

with  $a_i$  in  $R$ .

- **Zero Ring:** A ring containing only the element 0.
  - A ring  $R$  in which the elements 1 and 0 are equal is the zero ring.
- **Unit:** A *unit* of a ring is an element that has a multiplicative inverse (if it exists, it is unique)
  - Units in the ring of integers are 1 and -1
  - Units in the ring of Gauss integers are  $\pm 1$  and  $\pm i$
  - Units in the ring  $\mathbb{R}[x]$  of real polynomials are the nonzero constant polynomials
  - The identity element 1 of a ring is always a unit

## 11.2: Polynomial Rings

- **Formal Polynomial:** A polynomial with coefficients in a ring  $R$  is a (finite) linear combination of powers of the variable:  $f(x) = a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \cdots + a_1 x + a_0$  where the coefficients  $a_i$  are elements of  $R$ .
  - The set of polynomials with coefficients in a ring  $R$  will be denoted  $R[x]$
  - Thus  $\mathbb{Z}[x]$  is the set of *integer polynomials*
- The *monomials*  $x^i$  are considered independent, so if  $\exists$  another polynomial with coefficients in  $R$ , then  $f(x) = g(x)$  only if  $a_i = b_i$  for all  $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots$
- **Degree:** The *degree* of a nonzero polynomial (denoted  $\deg f$ ) is the largest integer  $n$  such that the coefficient  $a_n$  of  $x_n$  is not zero
  - A polynomial of degree zero is called a *constant* polynomial
  - The zero polynomial is also a constant polynomial, but its degree will not be defined
- **Leading Coefficient:** The nonzero coefficient of highest degree of a polynomial
  - **Monic Polynomial:** Polynomial with a leading coefficient of 1
- A polynomial is determined by its vector of coefficients  $a_i$ :  $a = (a_0, a_1, \dots)$  where  $a_i$  are elements of  $R$ , all but a finite number zero.
- When  $R$  is a field, these infinite vectors form the vector space  $Z$  with the infinite basis  $e_i$ . The vector  $e_i$  corresponds to the monomial  $x_i$ , and the monomials form a basis of the space of all polynomials.

- **Addition of polynomials:**  $f(x) + g(x) = (a_0 + b_0) + (a_1 + b_1)x + \dots$  where  $(a_i + b_i)$  is addition in  $R$
- **Multiplication of polynomials:**  $f(x)g(x) = (a_0 + a_1x + \dots)(b_0 + b_1x + \dots)$  where  $a_i b_j$  are to be evaluated in the ring  $R$ .
- There is a unique commutative ring structure on the set of polynomials  $R[x]$  having these properties:
  - Additions of polynomials as defined above
  - Multiplication of polynomials as defined above
  - The ring  $R$  becomes a subring of  $R[x]$  when the elements of  $R$  are identified with the constant polynomials
- **Division with Remainder:** Let  $R$  be a ring,  $f$  is a monic polynomial, and  $g$  is any polynomial, both with coefficients in  $R$ . There are uniquely determined polynomials  $q$  and  $r$  in  $R[x]$  s.t.  $g(x) = f(x)q(x) + r(x)$  where  $r$  has degree  $\geq 0$  and  $\leq \deg f$ 
  - Division with remainder can be done whenever the leading coefficient of  $f$  is a unit
  - If  $g(x)$  is a polynomial in  $R[x]$  and  $\alpha$  is an element of  $R$ , the remainder of division of  $g(x)$  by  $x - \alpha$  is  $g(\alpha)$ . Thus  $x - \alpha$  divides  $g$  in  $R[x]$  iff  $g(\alpha) = 0$
- **Monomial:** a formal product of some variables  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  of the form

$$x_1^{i_1} x_2^{i_2} \dots x_n^{i_n}$$

where  $i_v$  are non-negative integers.

- **Degree:** the sum  $i_1 + \dots + i_n$ , sometimes called *total degree*
- **Multi-index:** an  $n$ -tuple that can be represented with vector notation e.g.  $i = (i_1, \dots, i_n)$ .
- A monomial can be written as  $x^i$  ( $= x_1^{i_1} x_2^{i_2} \dots x_n^{i_n}$ ) using multi-index form
- The monomial  $x^0$  is denoted by 1
- With multi-index notation, a polynomial  $f(x) = f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  can be written in exactly one way in the form

$$f(x) = \sum_i a_i x^i$$

where  $i$  runs through all multi-indices  $(i_1, \dots, i_n)$ , the coefficients  $a_i$  are in  $R$  and only finitely many of these coefficients are not 0.

- **Homogeneous Polynomial:** A polynomial in which all monomials with nonzero coefficients have degree  $d$

### 11.3: Homomorphisms and Ideals

- **Ring Homomorphism:** A *ring homomorphism*  $\phi : R \rightarrow R'$  is a map from one ring to another which is compatible with the laws of composition and which carries the unit element 1 of  $R$  to the unit element 1 of  $R'$  - a map such that for all  $a$  and  $b$  in  $R$ ,

$$\phi(a + b) = \phi(a) + \phi(b), \quad \phi(ab) = \phi(a)\phi(b), \quad \text{and} \quad \phi(1) = 1$$

- The map  $\phi : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_p$  that send an integer to its congruence class modulo  $p$  is a ring homomorphism.

- **Isomorphism:** An *isomorphism* of rings is a bijective homomorphism, denoted  $R \approx R'$
- Evaluation of real polynomials at a real number  $a$  defines a homomorphism

$$\mathbb{R}[x] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad \text{that sends} \quad p(x) \rightsquigarrow p(a)$$

- **Substitution Principle:** Let  $\phi : R \rightarrow R'$  be a ring homomorphism, and let  $R[x]$  be the ring of polynomials with coefficients in  $R$ .
  - (a) Let  $\alpha$  be an element of  $R'$ . There is a unique homomorphism  $\Phi : R[x] \rightarrow R'$  that agrees with the map  $\phi$  on constant polynomials, and that send  $x \rightsquigarrow \alpha$
  - (b) Given elements  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n$  of  $R'$ , there is a unique homomorphism  $\Phi : R[x_1, \dots, x_n] \rightarrow R'$ , from the polynomial ring in  $n$  variables to  $R'$ , that agrees with  $\phi$  on constant polynomials and that send  $x_v \rightsquigarrow \alpha_v$ , for  $v = 1, \dots, n$ .
- Let  $R$  be any ring, and let  $P$  be the polynomial ring  $R[x]$ . One can use the substitution principle to construct an isomorphism

$$R[x, y] \rightarrow P[y] = (R[x])[y]$$

This statement is a formalization of the procedure of collecting terms of like degree in  $y$  in a polynomial  $f(x, y)$ . For example:

$$x^4y + x^3 - 3x^2y + y^2 + 2 = y^2 + (x^4 - 3x^2)y + (x^3 + 2)$$

- Let  $x = (x_1, \dots, x_m)$  and  $y = (y_1, \dots, y_n)$  denote sets of variables. There is a unique isomorphism  $R[x, y] \rightarrow R[x][y]$ , which is the identity on  $R$  and sends the variables to themselves.
- Let  $f(x, y)$  and  $g(x, y)$  be polynomials in two variables, elements of  $R[x, y]$ . Suppose that  $f$  is a monic polynomial of degree  $m$  (grouped by  $y$ ). There are uniquely determined polynomials  $q(x, y)$  and  $r(x, y)$  such that  $g = fq + r$  and  $0 \leq r(x, y) < m$

- There is exactly one homomorphism  $\phi : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow R$ , defined for  $n \geq 0$  where  $\phi(n) = 1 + \cdots + 1$  (for  $n$  terms) and  $\phi(-n) = -\phi(n)$

- **Kernel:** The *kernel* of  $\phi$  is the set of elements  $R$  that map to zero:

$$\ker\phi = \{s \in R \mid \phi(s) = 0\}$$

- If  $s$  is in  $\ker\phi$ , then for every element  $r$  of  $R$ ,  $rs$  is in  $\ker\phi$

- **Ideal:** An *ideal*  $I$  of a ring  $R$  is a nonempty subset of  $R$  with these properties:

- (a)  $I$  is closed under addition, and
- (b) If  $s$  is in  $I$  and  $r$  is in  $R$ , then  $rs$  is in  $I$

- **Principal Ideal:** The ideal formed by multiples of a particular element  $a$ , also defined as:

$$(a) = aR = Ra = \{ra \mid r \in R\}$$

- **Unit Ideal:** The ring  $R$  is the principal ideal  $(1)$ , and is called the *unit ideal*
- **Zero Ideal:** The principal ideal  $(0)$
- **Proper Ideal:** An ideal that is neither the unit or zero ideal

- The kernel of a ring homomorphism is an ideal
- An ideal is not a subring unless the ideal  $I$  is equal to the whole ring  $R$
- The ideal *generated by a set of elements*  $\{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$  of a ring  $R$  is the smallest ideal that contains those elements. This ideal is often denoted as  $(a_1, \dots, a_n)$ :

$$(a_1, \dots, a_n) = \{r_1a_1 + \cdots + r_na_n \mid r_i \in R\}$$

- The only ideals of a field are the zero ideal and the unit ideal
- A ring that has exactly two ideals is a field
- Every homomorphism  $\phi : F \rightarrow R$  from a field  $F$  to a nonzero ring  $R$  is injective
- The ideals in the ring of integers are the subgroups of  $\mathbb{Z}^+$ , and they are principal ideals
- Every ideal in the ring  $F[x]$  of polynomials in one variable  $x$  over a field  $F$  is a principal ideal. A nonzero ideal  $I$  in  $F[x]$  is generated by the unique monic polynomial of lower degree that it contains.
- Let  $f$  be a monic integer polynomial, and let  $g$  be another integer polynomial. If  $f \mid g$  in  $\mathbb{Q}[x]$ ,  $f \mid g$  in  $\mathbb{Z}[x]$

- **Greatest Common Divisor:** Let  $R$  denote the polynomial ring  $F[x]$  in one variable over a field  $F$ , and let  $f$  and  $g$  be elements of  $R$ , not both zero. Their *greatest common divisor*  $d(x)$  is the unique monic polynomial that generates the ideal  $(f, g)$ . It has these properties:
  - (a)  $Rd = Rf + Rg$
  - (b)  $d$  divides  $f$  and  $g$
  - (c) If a polynomial  $e = e(x)$  divides both  $f$  and  $g$ , it also divides  $d$
  - (d) There are polynomials  $p$  and  $q$  such that  $d = pf + qg$
- **Characteristic:** The non-negative integer  $n$  that generates the kernel of the homomorphism  $\phi : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow R$ 
  1. If  $n = 0$ , this means that no positive multiple of 1 in  $R$  is equal to zero. Otherwise  $n$  is the smallest positive integer s.t. " $n$  times 1" is zero in  $R$

## 11.4: Quotient Rings

- Let  $I$  be an ideal of a ring  $R$ . There is a unique ring structure on the set  $\bar{R}$  ( $R/I$ ) of additive cosets of  $I$  such that the map  $\pi : R \rightarrow \bar{R}$  that send  $a \rightsquigarrow \bar{a} = [a + I]$  (the coset generated with the subgroup  $I$ ) is a ring homomorphism. The kernel of  $\pi$  is  $I$ .
  - **Canonical Map:**  $\pi$
  - **Quotient Ring:**  $\bar{R}$
  - **Residue:** The image  $\bar{a}$  of  $a$
- **Mapping Property of Quotient Rings:** Let  $f : R \rightarrow R'$  be a ring homomorphism with kernel  $K$  and let  $I$  be another ideal. Let  $\pi : R \rightarrow \bar{R}$  be the canonical map from  $R$  to  $\bar{R} = R/I$ 
  - (a) If  $I \subset K$ , there is a unique homomorphism  $\bar{f} : \bar{R} \rightarrow R'$  such that  $\bar{f}\pi = f : R \rightarrow R'$ .
  - (b) **First Isomorphism Theorem:** If  $f$  is onto and  $I = K$ ,  $\bar{f}$  is an isomorphism.
- **Correspondence Theorem:** Let  $\phi : R \rightarrow \mathcal{R}$  be an onto ring homomorphism with kernel  $K$ . There is a bijective correspondence between the set of all ideals of  $\mathcal{R}$  and the set of ideals of  $R$  that contain  $K$ . It is defined as follows:
  - If  $I$  is an ideal of  $R$  and of  $K \subset I$ , the corresponding ideal of  $\mathcal{R}$  is  $\phi(I)$
  - If  $\mathcal{I}$  is an ideal of  $\mathcal{R}$ , the corresponding ideal of  $R$  is  $\phi^{-1}(\mathcal{I})$
- Of the ideal  $I$  of  $R$  corresponds to the ideal  $\mathcal{I}$  of  $\mathcal{R}$ , the quotient rings  $R/I$  and  $\mathcal{R}/\mathcal{I}$  are naturally isomorphic.

- The image of a subgroup is a subgroup
- We reinterpret the quotient ring construction when the ideal is principal ( $I = (a)$ ). In this situation,  $\bar{R} = R/I$  as the "killing" of  $a$  by imposing the relation  $a = 0$  on  $R$ 
  - Imposing the relation  $a = 0$  on  $R$  forces us to set  $b = b + ra$  for all  $b, r$  in  $R$
  - Two elements  $b$  and  $b'$  of  $R$  have the same image in  $\bar{R}$  iff  $b'$  had the form  $b + r_1a_1 + \cdots + r_na_n$  for some  $r_i \in R$

## 11.5: Adjoining Elements

- **Ring Extension:** A ring that contains another ring as a subring
- **Adjoining an Element to a Ring:** We want to adjoin an element  $\alpha$  to a ring  $R$  and we want  $\alpha$  to satisfy the polynomial relation  $f(x) = 0$ , where

$$f(x) = a_nx^n + a_{n-1}x^{n-1} + \cdots + a_1x + a_0 \quad \text{with } a_i \in R$$

The solution is  $R' = R[x]/(f)$  where  $(f)$  is the principal ideal of  $R[x]$  generated by  $f$ .

- We let  $\alpha$  denote the residue  $\bar{x}$  of  $x$  in  $R'$ . Then because the map  $\pi : R[x] \rightarrow R[x]/(f)$  is a homomorphism,

$$\pi(f(x)) = \overline{f(x)} = \bar{a}_n\alpha^n + \cdots + \bar{a}_0 = 0$$

Where  $\bar{a}_i$  is the image in  $R'$  of the constant polynomial  $a_i$ . So  $\alpha$  satisfies the relation  $f(\alpha) = 0$

- Let  $R$  be a ring, and let  $f(x)$  be a monic polynomial of positive degree  $n$  with coefficients in  $R$ . Let  $R[\alpha]$  denote the ring  $R[x]/(f)$  obtained by adjoining an element satisfying the relation  $f(\alpha) = 0$ :
  - (a) The set  $(1, \alpha, \dots, \alpha^{n-1})$  is a *basis* of  $R[\alpha]$  over  $R$ : every element of  $R[\alpha]$  can be written uniquely as a linear combination of this basis, with coefficients in  $R$ .
  - (b) Addition of two linear combination is vector addition
  - (c) Multiplication of linear combinations is as follows: Let  $\beta_1$  and  $\beta_2$  be elements of  $R[\alpha]$ , and let  $g_1(x)$  and  $g_2(x)$  be polynomials s.t.  $\beta_1 = g_1(\alpha)$  and  $\beta_2 = g_2(\alpha)$ . One divides the product polynomial  $g_1g_2$  by  $f$ , say  $g_1g_2 = fq + r$ , where the remainder  $0 \leq r(x) < n$ . Then  $\beta_1\beta_2 = r(\alpha)$ .
- Let  $f$  be a *monic* polynomial of degree  $n$  in a polynomial ring  $R[x]$ . Every nonzero element of  $(f)$  has degree of at least  $n$ .

- The kernel of  $\psi$  (homomorphism that takes  $R \rightarrow R'$  by restricting the canonical map  $\pi$  to just the constant polynomials in  $R[x]$ ) is the set of constant polynomials in the ideal:

$$\ker \psi = R \cap (f)$$

$\ker \psi$  will likely be zero because  $f$  will have positive degree, and we would need to make a polynomial multiple of  $f$  have degree zero.

## 11.6: Product Rings

- **Product Ring:** Let  $R$  and  $R'$  be rings.
  - (a) The product set  $R \times R'$  is a ring called the *product ring*, with component-wise addition and multiplication.
  - (b) The additive and multiplicative identities are  $(0, 0)$  and  $(1, 1)$ .
  - (c) The projections  $\pi : R \times R' \rightarrow R$  and  $\pi' : R \times R' \rightarrow R'$  defined by  $\pi(x, x') = x$  and  $\pi'(x, x') = x'$  are ring homomorphisms. The kernels are the ideals  $\{0\} \times R'$  and  $R \times \{0\}$  of  $R \times R'$ .
  - (d) The kernel of  $\pi'$  is a ring with multiplicative identity  $e = (1, 0)$ . It is not a subring of  $R \times R'$  unless  $R'$  is the zero ring. The same holds for the kernel of  $\pi$ , but the identity is  $(0, 1)$ .
- To see if a ring is isomorphic to a product ring, you must find the elements that would be  $(0, 1)$  and  $(1, 0)$ . These elements are idempotent.
- **Idempotent:** An element  $e$  is *idempotent* if  $e^2 = e$
- Let  $e$  be an idempotent element of the ring  $S$ .
  - (a) The element  $e' = 1 - e$  is also idempotent,  $e + e' = 1$  and  $ee' = 0$
  - (b) The principal ideal  $eS$  is a ring with identity element  $e$  and multiplication by  $e$  defines a ring homomorphism  $S \rightarrow eS$
  - (c) The ideal  $eS$  is not a subring of  $S$  unless  $e$  is the unit element 1 of  $S$  and  $e' = 0$
  - (d) The ring  $S$  is isomorphic to the product ring  $eS \times e'S$

## 11.7: Fractions

- **Integral Domain:** A ring  $R$  that is not the zero ring, and if  $a$  and  $b$  are elements of  $R$  whose product  $ab$  is zero, then  $a = 0$  or  $b = 0$ 
  - Any subring of a field is a domain, and if  $R$  is a domain, the polynomial ring  $R[x]$  is also a domain.



- **Zero Divisor:** An element  $a$  of a ring that is nonzero and there is another nonzero element  $b$  such that  $ab = 0$
- **Cancellation Law:** If  $ab = ac$  and  $a \neq 0$  then  $b = c$ 
  - Integral domains satisfy this law
- Let  $F$  be the set of equivalence classes of fractions of elements of an integral domain  $R$ 
  - (a)  $F$  is a field, called the *fraction field* of  $R$
  - (b)  $R$  embeds as a subring of  $F$  by the rule  $a \rightsquigarrow a/1$
  - (c) If  $R$  is embedded as a subring of another field  $\mathcal{F}$ , the rule  $a/b = ab^{-1}$  embeds  $F$  into  $\mathcal{F}$  too (*mapping property*)
- **Mapping Property:** Say the embedding of  $R$  into  $\mathcal{F}$  is given by the injective ring homomorphism  $\phi : R \rightarrow \mathcal{F}$ . The mapping property states that the rule  $\Phi(a/b) = \phi(a)\phi(b)^{-1}$  extends  $\phi$  to an injective homomorphism  $\Phi : F \rightarrow \mathcal{F}$
- **Rational Function:** A fraction of polynomials
- **Field of Rational Function in  $x$ :** Fractional field of the polynomial ring  $K[x]$  where  $K$  is a field and coefficients are in  $K$ . This field is usually denoted  $K(x)$ :

$$K(x) = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{equivalence classes of fractions } f/g, \text{ where } f \text{ and } g \\ \text{are polynomials, and } g \text{ is not the zero polynomial} \end{array} \right\}$$

## 11.8: Maximal Ideals

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## Chapter 11 Exercises

**Problem 11.1.1:** Prove that  $7 + \sqrt[3]{2}$  and  $\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{-5}$  are algebraic numbers

*Proof.* We need to show that they are roots of a nonzero polynomial with integer coefficients. We can show that  $(7 + \sqrt[3]{2})^3 - 21(7 + \sqrt[3]{2})^2 + 147(7 + \sqrt[3]{2}) - 345 = 0$ . This means it can be represented as the root of a polynomial, namely,  $x^3 - 21x^2 + 147x - 345$ . For  $\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{-5}$ , let  $x = \sqrt{3} + \sqrt{-5}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} x^2 &= (\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{-5})(\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{-5}) \\ x^2 &= 3 + 2\sqrt{-15} - 5 \\ x^2 &= 2\sqrt{-15} - 2 \\ x^2 + 2 &= 2\sqrt{-15} \\ (x^2 + 2)^2 &= -60 \\ (x^2 + 2)^2 + 60 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

This means that  $\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{-5}$  can be represented as the root of a polynomial. □

**Problem 11.1.3:** Let  $\mathbb{Q}[\alpha, \beta]$  denote the smallest subring of  $\mathbb{C}$  containing the rational numbers  $\mathbb{Q}$  and the elements  $\alpha = \sqrt{2}$  and  $\beta = \sqrt{2}$ . Let  $\gamma = \alpha + \beta$ . Is  $\mathbb{Q}[\alpha, \beta] = \mathbb{Q}[\gamma]$ ? Is  $\mathbb{Z}[\alpha, \beta] = \mathbb{Z}[\gamma]$ ?

*Proof.*  $\mathbb{Q}[\alpha, \beta] = \mathbb{Q}[\gamma]$ . To show this, we need to show that  $\mathbb{Q}[\alpha, \beta] \subseteq \mathbb{Q}[\gamma]$  and  $\mathbb{Q}[\gamma] \subseteq \mathbb{Q}[\alpha, \beta]$ . By definition of a subring, we know that  $(\alpha + \beta) \in \mathbb{Q}[\alpha, \beta]$ , so we know that  $\mathbb{Q}[\gamma] \subseteq \mathbb{Q}[\alpha, \beta]$ . Now we need to show that  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are in  $\mathbb{Q}[\gamma]$ . Since  $\gamma = \alpha + \beta$ , we know that  $\gamma^3 = 11\alpha + 9\beta$  is also in  $\mathbb{Q}[\gamma]$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma^3 - 9\gamma &= 2\alpha \\ \frac{1}{2}[\gamma^3 - 9\gamma] &= \alpha \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\frac{1}{2}$  is in  $\mathbb{Q}$ , we know that  $\alpha$  is in  $\mathbb{Q}[\gamma]$ . A similar argument can be made to show that  $\beta$  is in  $\mathbb{Q}[\gamma]$ . Since we have shown that  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are in  $\mathbb{Q}[\gamma]$ , we know that  $\mathbb{Q}[\gamma] \subseteq \mathbb{Q}[\alpha, \beta]$ ,  $\therefore \mathbb{Q}[\alpha, \beta] = \mathbb{Q}[\gamma]$ .

$\mathbb{Z}[\alpha, \beta] \neq \mathbb{Z}[\gamma]$ , but I don't know how to prove it. My intuition is that the difference between the two coefficients in a  $x\alpha + y\beta$  term will never be 1, and we aren't able to use fractions, so we'll never be able to get  $\alpha$  or  $\beta$  on its own. □

**Problem 11.1.6:** Decide whether or not  $S$  is a subring of  $R$ , when

- (a)  $S$  is the set of all rational numbers  $a/b$ , where  $b$  is not divisible by 2, and  $R = \mathbb{Q}$

*Proof.*  $S$  is closed under multiplication because if we multiply  $\frac{a}{b} \frac{c}{d}$ , we get  $\frac{ac}{bd}$ , and we know there is no 3 to factor out of the denominator by definition.  $S$  is closed under addition because  $\frac{a}{b} + \frac{c}{d} = \frac{ad+cb}{bd}$ , where again, a 3 cannot be factored out of the denominator. A similar argument can be made for subtraction (since the denominator is the same).  $S$  obviously contains 1 ( $\frac{1}{1}$ ), so  $S$  is a subring of  $\mathbb{Q}$ .  $\square$

- (b)  $S$  is the set of functions which are linear combinations with integer coefficients of the functions  $1, \cos nt, \sin nt, n \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $R$  is the set of all real valued functions of  $t$ .

*Proof.*  $S$  is not a subring of  $R$  because it is not closed under multiplication.  $\sin(x)\cos(x) = \frac{1}{2}\sin(2x)$ . Since you can't write this as a linear combination of the other functions, you know that it is not in  $R$  and  $S$  is not closed under multiplication.  $\square$

### Problem 11.1.7

(a) *Proof.*  $\square$

(b) *Proof.*  $\square$

### Problem 11.1.8

*Proof.*  $\square$

### Problem 11.2.2

*Proof.*  $\square$

### Problem 11.3.1

*Proof.*  $\square$

### Problem 11.3.2

*Proof.*  $\square$

### Problem 11.3.3

*Proof.*  $\square$

### Problem 11.3.5

*Proof.*  $\square$

### Problem 11.3.6

*Proof.*  $\square$

### Problem 11.3.7

*Proof.* ☐

**Problem 11.3.8**

*Proof.* ☐

**Problem 11.3.9**

*Proof.* ☐

**Problem 11.4.1**

*Proof.* ☐

**Problem 11.4.2**

*Proof.* ☐

**Problem 11.5.1**

*Proof.* ☐

**Problem 11.5.2**

*Proof.* ☐

**Problem 11.5.3**

*Proof.* ☐

**Problem 11.5.6**

*Proof.* ☐

**Problem 11.5.7**

*Proof.* ☐

**Problem 11.6.2**

*Proof.* ☐

**Problem 11.6.2**

*Proof.* ☐

**Problem 11.6.8**

*Proof.* ☐

**Problem 11.7.1**

*Proof.* ☐

**Problem 11.7.2***Proof.***Problem 11.7.5***Proof.***Problem 11.8.1***Proof.***Problem 11.8.2***Proof.***Problem 11.8.4***Proof.***Problem 11.9.1***Proof.***Problem 11.9.2***Proof.***Problem 11.9.3***Proof.***Problem 11.9.4***Proof.***Problem 11.9.5***Proof.***Problem 11.9.6***Proof.***Problem 11.9.9***Proof.***Problem 11.9.10***Proof.***Problem 11.9.11**

*Proof.*

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**Problem 11.9.12**

*Proof.*

□

**Problem 11.9.12**

*Proof.*

□

**Problem 11.M.1**

*Proof.*

□

**Problem 11.M.2**

*Proof.*

□

**Problem 11.M.3**

*Proof.*

□

**Problem 11.M.5**

*Proof.*

□

**Problem 11.M.6**

*Proof.*

□