

④ Prove that \mathbb{Z}_8 is not a homomorphic image of \mathbb{Z}_{15} .

If \mathbb{Z}_8 is a homomorphic image of \mathbb{Z}_{15} ,

then $\phi(\mathbb{Z}_8)$ is a subgroup of \mathbb{Z}_{15} for some mapping $\phi: \mathbb{Z}_8 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_{15}$.

For a non trivial homomorphism $|\phi(\mathbb{Z}_8)| = 8$. Also $|\mathbb{Z}_{15}| = 15$.

But $8 \nmid 15 \Rightarrow \phi(\mathbb{Z}_8) \not\leq \mathbb{Z}_{15}$ [By Lagrange Theorem of groups]

Thus, \mathbb{Z}_8 is not a homomorphic image of \mathbb{Z}_{15} .

20 Find all solutions of the equation $x^2 + x - 6 = 0$ in the ring \mathbb{Z}_{14} by factoring
 $x^2 + x - 6 = (x+3)(x-2) = 0$ (given) \therefore roots = $\bar{2}, \bar{4}, \bar{9}, \bar{11} \pmod{14}$

21 Find all solutions of the equation $x^3 - 2x^2 - 3x = 0$ in the ring \mathbb{Z}_{12}
 $x^3 - 2x^2 - 3x = x(x+1)(x-3) = 0$ (given) \therefore roots = $0, 3, 5, 8, 9, 11 \pmod{12}$