

MAT240: \mathbb{Z}_k FIELD AXIOMSSET F WITH AT LEAST TWO DISTINCT ELEMENTS

0 AND 1 AND TWO OPERATIONS ON THEM:

 $+: F \times F \rightarrow F, \cdot: F \times F \rightarrow F$ SUCH THAT $\forall a, b, c \in F$:

	\oplus	\odot
F_1	$a \oplus b = b \oplus a$	$a \odot b = b \odot a$
F_2	$(a \oplus b) \oplus c = a \oplus (b \oplus c)$	$a(bc) = (ab)c$
F_3	$a \oplus 0 = a$	$a \cdot 1 = a$
F_4	$\forall a \exists b: a \oplus b = 0$	$\forall a, a \neq 0 \exists b = ab = 1$
F_5	$a(b \oplus c) = ab \oplus ac$	

EXISTENCE
OF A
NEUTRAL
ELEMENTEXISTENCE
OF AN
INVERSE
ELEMENT

$$\mathbb{Z}_k = \{0, 1, \dots, k-1\} \sim \mathbb{Z}_k = \{[0], [1], \dots, [k-1]\}$$

WHERE $[a] \forall a \in \mathbb{Z} : [a] = [a'] \Leftrightarrow \exists n \in \mathbb{Z} : a' - a = nk$

PROPERTIES OF $[]$ \therefore

$$[a] + [b] = [a+b]$$

$$[a][b] = [ab]$$

EXAMPLE \therefore FOR \mathbb{Z}_{11}

$$[5][6] = [30] = [8]$$

\therefore \mathbb{Z}_{23}

$$[21][37] = [10]$$

\therefore LAST DIGIT OF $(819)^{31}$
IS 1, SINCE 31 IS ODD

\therefore $99^{1007} = [99]$

THEOREMS

1. \mathbb{Z}_p IS A FIELD IFF $p \in \mathbb{P}$
2. IF $k = l \cdot m$ WITH $1 < l < k$, THEN $[l] \in \mathbb{Z}_k$ HAS NO MULTIPLICATIVE INVERSE.
3. IF $q \in \mathbb{N}$, THERE EXISTS A FINITE FIELD WITH q ELEMENTS IFF $q = p^m$, $m \in \mathbb{N}$, $p \in \mathbb{P}$

THEOREM 2

UNIQUENESS OF A NEUTRAL ELEMENT

$$(i) \text{ IF } 0' \in F : a + 0' = a \quad \exists a \in F$$

$$\Rightarrow 0' = 0$$

$$(ii) \text{ IF } 1' \in F \text{ WITH } a \cdot 1' = a \quad \exists a \in F, a \neq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 1' = 1$$

PROOF

$$(i) \text{ IF } a + 0' = a, \text{ THEN } a + 0' = a = a + 0.$$

$$\Rightarrow 2. \quad 0' + a = 0 + a \text{ BY F1}$$

EXERCISE: (ii) SIMILAR.

THEOREM 3

UNIQUENESS OF THE INVERSE ELEMENT

$$(i) \forall a \in F \exists ! b \in F : a + b = 0$$

$$(ii) \forall a \in F \exists ! b \in F : ab = 1$$

PROOF

$$(i) \text{ SUPPOSE } \exists b, b' \in F : a + b = 0 \wedge a + b' = 0$$

BY CANCELLATION THEOREM, $b' = b$

(ii) SIMILAR.



EXAMPLES OF FIELDS

$$\mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{Z}_p$$

$$\{a + \sqrt{2}b \in \mathbb{R} : a, b \in \mathbb{Q}\}$$

with $+$ and \cdot .

THEOREM: CANCELLATION PROPERTY

Let F be a field.

$$(i) \forall a, b, c \in F: a + b = c + b \Rightarrow a = c$$

$$(ii) \forall a, b, c \in F, b \neq 0: a \cdot b = c \cdot b \Rightarrow a = c$$

PROOF

$$(i) \text{ Suppose } a + b = c + b.$$

$$\text{By } F_4, \exists d \in F: b + d = 0$$

$$\text{Thus } (a + b) + d = (c + b) + d$$

$$\Rightarrow a + (b + d) = c + (b + d) \quad | \text{ by } F_2$$

$$\Rightarrow a + 0 = c + 0 \quad \text{by choice of } d$$

$$\Rightarrow a = c \quad \text{by } F_3$$

$$(ii) \text{ EXERCISE.}$$

DEFINITION:

THEOREM 3

- (i) FOR $a \in F$, DENOTE BY $-a \in F$ THE UNIQUE ELEMENT SUCH THAT
 $a + (-a) = 0$.

FOR $a, b \in F$, DEFINE $a - b := a + (-b)$.

- (ii) FOR $a \in F$, $a \neq 0$ DENOTE BY $a^{-1} \in F$ THE UNIQUE ELEMENT SUCH THAT $a \cdot a^{-1} = 1$.
FOR $a, b \in F$, $b \neq 0$ DEFINE
 $\frac{a}{b} = a \cdot b^{-1}$

EXAMPLE:

$$\frac{[2]}{[4]} = [4] \quad \text{IN } \mathbb{Z}_7$$

THEOREM 4

FOR $a \in F$, $a \cdot 0 = 0$

PROOF

1. $a \cdot 0 = a \cdot (0 + 0)$ BY F_3 .

2. $= a \cdot 0 + a \cdot 0$ BY F_5 .

3. BUT ALSO $a \cdot 0 = a \cdot 0 + 0$ BY F_3

2 & 3. $\Rightarrow a \cdot 0 + a \cdot 0 = a \cdot 0 + 0$

$\Rightarrow a \cdot 0 = 0$ BY CANCELLATION THM.

THEOREM 5:

FOR $a, b \in F$:

$$a \cdot b = 0 \Rightarrow a = 0 \vee b = 0.$$

? PROVE:

$$-(-a) = a$$