

**Definition 1.** Polynomial Ring  $\mathbf{R}[X]$  in  $x$  over the ring  $\mathbf{R}$  is defined as set of expressions, called polynomials in  $X$ , of the form

$$f(x) = a_0 + a_1x^1 + \cdots + a_mx^m$$

where  $a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n$ , the coefficients of  $p(x)$  are elements of  $\mathbf{R}$ , and  $x, x^2$  are symbols

**Definition 2.** Let  $F$  be a field. By the ring of polynomial in the indeterminate,  $x$ , written as  $\mathbf{R}[X]$ , we mean the set of all symbols  $f(x) = a_0 + a_1x^1 + \cdots + a_mx^m$ , where  $n$  can be any nonnegative integer and where the coefficient  $a_0, a_1 + \cdots + a_n$  are all in  $F$ . In order to make a ring out of  $\mathbf{F}[X]$ , we must be able to recognize when the two elements in it are equal, we must add and multiply element of  $\mathbf{F}[X]$  so that the axiom defining the ring hold true for  $\mathbf{F}[X]$ .

**Definition 3.** If  $f(x) = a_0 + a_1x^1 + \cdots + a_mx^m$  and  $g(x) = b_0 + b_1x^1 + \cdots + b_mx^m$  are in  $\mathbf{F}[X]$ , then  $f(x) = g(x)$  if and only if for every integer  $i \geq 0$ , such as  $a_i = b_i$

**Definition 4.** If  $f(x) = \sum_{i=0}^n a_ix^i$  and  $g(x) = \sum_{j=0}^m b_jx^j$ , then  $f(x) + g(x)$  is equal

$$\sum_{i=0}^n a_ix^i + \sum_{j=0}^m b_jx^j = \sum_{i=0}^k (a_i + b_i)x^i \quad \text{where } k = \max(n, m)$$

If  $f(x)$  or  $g(x)$  do not contain the term  $cx^t$ , then assume  $c = 0$ ,  $k \geq t \geq 0$

**Definition 5.** If  $f(x) = \sum_{i=0}^n a_ix^i$  and  $g(x) = \sum_{j=0}^m b_jx^j$ , then  $f(x)g(x)$  is equal

$$\sum_{i=0}^n a_ix^i \sum_{j=0}^m b_jx^j = \sum_{i=0}^n \left( \sum_{j=0}^m a_ib_jx^{i+j} \right)$$

The definition say nothing more than: multiply two polynomials by multiplying out two symbols formally, use the relation  $x^ix^j = x^{i+j}$  and collect terms

**Definition 6.** The degree of nonzero polynomial is defined as the maximus power of a term with nonzero coefficients.

**Definition 7.** If  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  are nonzero polynomials in  $\mathbf{F}[X]$ , then

$$\deg(f(x)g(x)) = \deg(f(x)) + \deg(g(x))$$

*Proof.* let  $f(x) = \sum_{i=0}^n a_ix^i, a_n \neq 0$  and  $g(x) = \sum_{j=0}^m b_jx^j, b_m \neq 0$  we have

$$\deg(f(x)) = n$$

$$\deg(g(x)) = m$$

let  $\alpha \in \{0 \dots n\}, \alpha \neq n$  and  $\beta \in \{0 \dots m\}, \beta \neq m$

$$\therefore \alpha < n \text{ and } \beta < m$$

$$\implies \alpha + \beta < n + m$$

From the defintion of multiplication of two polynomials

$$f(x)g(x) = \sum_{i=0}^n a_ix^i \sum_{j=0}^m b_jx^j = \sum_{i=0}^n \left( \sum_{j=0}^m a_ib_jx^{i+j} \right)$$

We need to show  $a_nb_m \neq 0$ , from the definition

$$\begin{aligned}
& a_n \neq 0 \\
& b_m \neq 0 \\
& \implies a_nb_m \neq 0 \quad \because F \text{ is an integral domain} \\
& \implies \text{the maximum power of term is } a_nb_mx^{n+m} \\
& \implies \deg(f(x)g(x)) = n + m = \deg(f(x)) + \deg(g(x))
\end{aligned}$$

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*Proof.* By induction

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**Definition 8.** If  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  are nonzero elements in  $\mathbf{F}[X]$ , then  $\deg(f(x)) \leq \deg(f(x)g(x))$

*Proof.* from above proof, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\deg(f(x)) + \deg(g(x)) &= \deg(f(x)g(x)) \\
\deg(f(x)) &= \deg(f(x)g(x)) - \deg(g(x)) \\
&\because \deg(g(x)) \geq 0 \\
&\therefore \deg(f(x)) \leq \deg(f(x)g(x))
\end{aligned}$$

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**Lemma 1.** Given  $F$  is an integral domain, prove  $f(x)g(x) = 0 \Leftrightarrow f(x) = 0$  or  $g(x) = 0$

*Proof.* Proof by contradiction

Assume  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  are nonzero polynomials

From the definition of multiplication of two polynomials

$$f(x)g(x) = \sum_{i=0}^n a_i x^i \sum_{j=0}^m b_j x^j = \sum_{i=0}^n \left( \sum_{j=0}^m a_i b_j x^{i+j} \right) \quad a_n \neq 0, b_m \neq 0$$

The leading term is  $a_nb_mx^{n+m}$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \implies a_nb_m \neq 0 \quad \because F \text{ is an integral domain} \\
& \implies f(x)g(x) \neq 0, \text{ therefore, that contradicts our assumption} \\
& \implies f(x) = 0 \text{ or } g(x) = 0
\end{aligned}$$

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*Proof.* Proof by the degree of polynomial, need to prove  $F$  is an integral domain for the formula

$$\begin{aligned}
\deg(f(x)g(x)) &= \deg(f(x)) + \deg(g(x)) \\
\deg(f(x)g(x)) &= \deg(0) = -\infty \\
&\therefore \deg(f(x)) = -\infty \text{ or } \deg(g(x)) = -\infty \\
&\implies f(x) = 0 \text{ or } g(x) = 0
\end{aligned}$$

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**Lemma 2.** *Division Algorithm*

Let  $f(x) = a_0 + a_1x^1 + \cdots + a_mx^m$ , there exists  $g(x)$  and  $r(x)$  such that

$$f(x) = h(x)g(x) + r(x) \quad \text{where } r(x) = 0 \text{ or } \deg(r(x)) < \deg(g(x)), a_m \neq 0, b_n \neq 0$$

*Proof.* If  $\deg(f(x)) < \deg(g(x))$ , then we have

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= 0 \cdot g(x) + r(x) \\ \therefore f(x) &= r(x) \\ \therefore \deg(r(x)) &< \deg(g(x)) \end{aligned}$$

If  $\deg(f(x)) \geq \deg(g(x))$

Let

$$\begin{aligned} f_1(x) &= f(x) - \frac{a_mx^m}{b_nx^n}g(x) \\ f_1(x) &= f(x) - \frac{a_mx^m}{b_nx^n}(b_0 + b_1x + \cdots + b_{n-1}x^{n-1} + b_nx^n) \\ f_1(x) &= f(x) - \frac{a_mx^m}{b_nx^n}(b_0 + b_1x + \cdots + b_{n-1}x^{n-1}) - a_mx^m \\ &\implies \deg(f_1(x)) \leq m - 1 \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

Use induction on the degree of  $f_1(x)$ , e.g.  $m - 1$ , and assume the follow hold

$$\begin{aligned} f_1(x) &= h(x)g(x) + r(x) \text{ such as } r(x) = 0 \text{ or } \deg(r(x)) < \deg(g(x)) \\ f(x) - \frac{a_mx^m}{b_nx^n}g(x) &= h(x)g(x) + r(x) \quad \text{from (1), (2)} \\ f(x) &= (h(x) + \frac{a_mx^m}{b_nx^n})g(x) + r(x) \\ &\implies r(x) = 0 \text{ or } \deg(r(x)) < \deg(g(x)) \text{ for } \deg(f(x)) = m \\ \therefore \text{The Division Algorithm is true} \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

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**Definition 9.** *Principal Idea is the ideal that generated by single element from  $\mathbf{R}$ .*

*Let  $a \in \mathbf{I}$  and  $r \in \mathbf{R}$ , if  $ar$  or  $ra \in \mathbf{I}$ , then  $ar$  or  $ra$  is principal idea.*

*For example,  $2\mathbf{Z}$  is principal ideal of  $\mathbf{Z}$*

**Theorem 1.** *Fermat Little Theorem:  $a, p \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $p$  is prime and  $\gcd(a, p) = 1$*

$$a^p \equiv a \pmod{p}$$

*Proof.* 1. Use induction and Binomial Theorem:

base case:  $a = 1$

$$1^p \equiv 1 \pmod{p} \quad \text{Obviously, it is true}$$

try to show  $a = 2$

$$2^p \equiv 2 \pmod{p}$$

from Binomial Theorem

$$\begin{aligned} (1+1)^p &= \sum_{k=0}^p \binom{p}{k} = \binom{p}{0} + \binom{p}{1} + \dots + \binom{p}{p-1} + \binom{p}{p} \\ (1+1)^p \pmod{p} &\equiv \binom{p}{0} + \binom{p}{1} + \dots + \binom{p}{p-1} + \binom{p}{p} \pmod{p} \\ (1+1)^p \pmod{p} &\equiv \binom{p}{0} + \binom{p}{p} \pmod{p} \\ 2^p \pmod{p} &\equiv 2 \pmod{p} \\ 2^p &\equiv 2 \pmod{p} \\ \therefore \text{it hold for } a = 2 \end{aligned}$$

let assume:

$$\begin{aligned} a^p &\equiv a \pmod{p} \tag{1} \\ (a+1)^p &= \sum_{k=0}^p \binom{p}{k} a^k \quad \text{from Binomial Theorem} \\ (a+1)^p &= \sum_{k=0}^p \frac{p!}{(p-k)!k!} a^k \\ (a+1)^p &= a^0 + \frac{p!}{(p-1)!1!} a^1 + \dots + \frac{p!}{(p-(p-1))!(p-1)!} a^{p-1} + a^p \\ \gcd(p, (p-k)!) &= 1 \text{ and } \gcd(p, k!) = 1 \quad \text{if } 1 \leq k \leq p-1 \\ (a+1)^p \pmod{p} &\equiv a^0 + \frac{p!}{(p-1)!1!} a^1 + \dots + \frac{p!}{(p-(p-1))!(p-1)!} a^{p-1} + a^p \pmod{p} \\ (a+1)^p \pmod{p} &\equiv a^0 + a^p \pmod{p} \quad (\text{All other terms contain the factor of } p) \\ (a+1)^p \pmod{p} &\equiv 1 + a^p \pmod{p} \\ (a+1)^p &\equiv 1 + a^p \pmod{p} \tag{2} \\ \left. \begin{array}{l} (1) \\ (2) \end{array} \right\} &\implies (a+1)^p = (a+1) \pmod{p} \\ \therefore a^p &\equiv a \pmod{p} \quad \forall a \in \mathbb{Z}, \gcd(a, p) = 1 \end{aligned}$$

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*Proof.* let  $S = \{1, 2, \dots, p-1\}$  then  $a \cdot S = \{a, a2, \dots, a(p-1)\}$   
 In  $a \cdot S$ , none of them is divisible by  $p \quad \because \gcd(a, p) = 1$   
 It is sufficient to show all of them in  $a \cdot S$  are distinct.

Assume  $ai \equiv aj \pmod p$  where  $i \neq j, \quad 1 \leq i, j \leq p-1$

But  $i \equiv j \pmod p$  cancel both side by  $a$

That contracts our assumption  $i \neq j$

$\implies$  the permutation of  $S \equiv a \cdot S \pmod p$

$\implies a \cdot S \pmod p \equiv S \pmod p$

$\implies a^{p-1} 1 \cdot 2 \cdot \dots (p-1) \pmod p \equiv 1 \cdot 2 \cdot \dots p-1 \pmod p$

$\implies a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod p$

$\implies a^p \equiv a \pmod p$

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**Note 1.** let  $S = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}, a = 2, p = 5$

$a \cdot S = \{2, 4, 6, 8\} \pmod 5$

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$a \cdot S$  is just a different arrange of  $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$  as long as  $\gcd(a, p) = 1$