

(Q2)

Theorem. Let $\mathbb{F} = \{a + b\sqrt{11} \mid a, b \in \mathbb{Q}\}$, where $+$, \cdot are defined by:

$$\begin{aligned}(a + b\sqrt{11}) + (c + d\sqrt{11}) &= (a + b) + (c + d)\sqrt{11} \\ (a + b)\sqrt{11} \cdot (c + d\sqrt{11}) &= (ac + 11bd) + (ad + bc)\sqrt{11}\end{aligned}$$

Applying the properties of \mathbb{Q} , \mathbb{F} is a field.

Proof. We prove \mathbb{F} is a field by verifying all the field axioms one by one.

Associativity

$$\begin{aligned}(a + b\sqrt{11}) + [(c + d\sqrt{11}) + (f + g\sqrt{11})] &= (a + b\sqrt{11}) + [(c + f) + (d + g)]\sqrt{11} \\ &= [a + (c + f)] + [b + (d + g)]\sqrt{11} \\ &= [(a + c) + f] + [(b + d) + g]\sqrt{11} \\ &= [(a + c) + (b + d)]\sqrt{11} + (f + g\sqrt{11}) \\ &= [(a + b\sqrt{11}) + (c + d\sqrt{11})] + (f + g\sqrt{11})\end{aligned}$$

Commutativity

$$\begin{aligned}(a + b\sqrt{11}) + (c + d\sqrt{11}) &= (a + c) + (b + d)\sqrt{11} \\ &= (c + a) + (d + b)\sqrt{11} \\ &= (c + d\sqrt{11}) + (a + b\sqrt{11})\end{aligned}$$

Distributivity

$$\begin{aligned}(a + b\sqrt{11}) \cdot [(c + d\sqrt{11}) + (f + g\sqrt{11})] &= (a + b\sqrt{11}) \cdot [(c + f) + (d + g)\sqrt{11}] \\ &= [a(c + f) + 11b(d + g)] + [a(d + g) + b(c + f)]\sqrt{11} \\ &= (ac + af + 11bd + 11bg) + (ad + ag + bc + bf)\sqrt{11} \\ &= [(ac + 11bd) + (af + 11bg)] + [(ad + bc) + (ag + bf)]\sqrt{11} \\ &= [(cd + 11bd) + (ad + bc)\sqrt{11}] + [(af + 11bg) + (ag + bf)\sqrt{11}] \\ &= (a + b\sqrt{11}) \cdot (c + d\sqrt{11}) + (a + b\sqrt{11}) \cdot (f + g\sqrt{11})\end{aligned}$$

Identities

Let the additive identity be $0 + 0\sqrt{11}$. Then

$$(a + b\sqrt{11}) + (0 + 0\sqrt{11}) = (a + 0) + (b + 0)\sqrt{11} = a + b\sqrt{11}$$

Let the multiplicative identity be $1 + 0\sqrt{11}$. Then

$$(a + b\sqrt{11}) \cdot (1 + 0\sqrt{11}) = (a + 0) + (0 + b)\sqrt{11} = a + b\sqrt{11}$$

Inverses

Let the additive inverse be $-a - b\sqrt{11}$. Then

$$(a + b\sqrt{11}) + (-a - b\sqrt{11}) = (a - a) + (b - b)\sqrt{11} = 0 + 0\sqrt{11}$$

Let the multiplicative inverse be $\left(\frac{a}{a^2 - 11b^2} - \frac{b}{a^2 - 11b^2}\sqrt{11}\right)$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(\frac{a}{a^2 - 11b^2} - \frac{b}{a^2 - 11b^2}\sqrt{11}\right) \cdot (a + b\sqrt{11}) \\ &= \left(\frac{a^2}{a^2 - 11b^2} - \frac{11b^2}{a^2 - 11b^2}\right) + \left(\frac{ab}{a^2 - 11b^2} - \frac{ab}{a^2 - 11b^2}\right)\sqrt{11} \\ &= 1 + 0\sqrt{11} \end{aligned}$$

Since all the field axioms have been verified, \mathbb{F} is a field. ■