

1. Show that if  $p$  is a prime integer then  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  is a field.

Suppose  $d \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $p \in \mathbb{Z}_p$  then  $\exists! q, r \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $0 \leq r \leq d - 1$  such that  $a = p \times q + r$ .

2. Show that  $\mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{2}]$  is a field assuming that  $\mathbb{Q}$  and  $\mathbb{R}$  are fields.

$$\mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{2}] = \left\{ a + b\sqrt{2} \mid a, b \in \mathbb{Q} \right\} \quad (1)$$

(F 1)  $\forall a, b \in \mathbb{F}, a + b = b + a$  and  $a \times b = b \times a$

For the addition statement:

$$(a + b\sqrt{2}) + (c + d\sqrt{2}) \quad (2)$$

$$(a + c) + (b + d)\sqrt{2} \quad (3)$$

For the commuted addition:

$$(c + d\sqrt{2}) + (a + b\sqrt{2}) \quad (4)$$

$$(c + a) + (d + b)\sqrt{2} \quad (5)$$

Because  $a, c, d, b \in \mathbb{Q}$ , which is a field, expression 5 can be rewritten as:

$$(a + c) + (b + d)\sqrt{2} \quad (6)$$

which is the same as expression 3. Therefore  $\mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{2}]$  satisfies the additive part of axiom (F 1) because  $(a + c), (b + d) \in \mathbb{Q}$

For the multiplication statement from the axiom:

$$(a + b\sqrt{2}) \times (c + d\sqrt{2}) \quad (7)$$

$$(ac + 2bd) + (ad + bc)\sqrt{2} \quad (8)$$

For the commuted version:

$$(c + d\sqrt{2}) \times (a + b\sqrt{2}) \quad (9)$$

$$(ca + 2db) + (cb + da)\sqrt{2} \quad (10)$$

Because  $c, a, d, b \in \mathbb{Q}$ , which is a field, expression 10 can be rewritten as:

$$(a + b\sqrt{2}) \times (c + d\sqrt{2}) \quad (11)$$

which is the same as expression 7. Therefore  $\mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{2}]$  satisfies axiom (F 1) because  $(ac + 2bd), (ad + bc) \in \mathbb{Q}$

(F 2)  $\forall a, b, c \in \mathbb{F}, a + (b + c) = (a + b) + c$  and  $a \times (b \times c) = (a \times b) \times c$

For addition:

$$(a + b\sqrt{2}) + [(c + d\sqrt{2}) + (e + f\sqrt{2})] \quad (12)$$

$$(a + b\sqrt{2}) + ((c + e) + (d + f)\sqrt{2}) \quad (13)$$

$$(a + c + e) + (b + d + f)\sqrt{2} \quad (14)$$

$$[(ab\sqrt{2}) + (c + d\sqrt{2})] + (e + f\sqrt{2}) \quad (15)$$

$$((a + c) + (b + d)\sqrt{2}) + (e + f\sqrt{2}) \quad (16)$$

$$(a + c + e) + (b + d + f)\sqrt{2} \quad (17)$$

The equality of expressions 14 and 17 prove the associativity of addition for the set  $\mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{2}]$  as  $(a + c + e), (b + d + f) \in \mathbb{Q}$

For multiplication:

$$(a + b\sqrt{2}) [(c + d\sqrt{2})(e + f\sqrt{2})] \quad (18)$$

$$(a + b\sqrt{2})(ce + cf\sqrt{2} + ed\sqrt{2} + 2df) \quad (19)$$

$$(ace + 2(adf + bcf + bed)) + (acf + bce + aed)\sqrt{2} \quad (20)$$

$$[(a + b\sqrt{2})(c + d\sqrt{2})](e + f\sqrt{2}) \quad (21)$$

$$(ac + ad\sqrt{2} + bc\sqrt{2} + 2bd)(e + f\sqrt{2}) \quad (22)$$

$$(ace + 2(bde + adf + bcf)) + (acf + ade + bce) \sqrt{2} \quad (23)$$

Because  $a, b, c, d, e, f \in \mathbb{Q}$  by the law of associativity (for  $\mathbb{Q}$ ) expression 23 can be rewritten as:

$$(ace + 2(adf + bcf + bed)) + (acf + bce + aed) \sqrt{2} \quad (24)$$

which is the same as expression 20 therefore proving the associativity axiom for multiplication for  $\mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{2}]$  as  $(ace + 2(adf + bcf + bed)), (acf + bce + aed) \in \mathbb{Q}$

(F 3)  $\exists 0 \in \mathbb{F}$  such that  $0 + a = a + 0 = a$ ,  $\forall a \in \mathbb{F}$  and  $\exists 1 \in \mathbb{F}$  such that  $1 \times a = a \times 1 = a$ ,  $\forall a \in \mathbb{F}$

For the additive identity:

$$(a + b\sqrt{2}) + (0 + 0\sqrt{2}) = a + b\sqrt{2} \quad (25)$$

Therefore  $(0 + 0\sqrt{2}) \in \mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{2}]$  is the additive identity because  $0 \in \mathbb{Q}$

For the multiplicative identity:

$$(a + b\sqrt{2}) + (1 + 0\sqrt{2}) = a + b\sqrt{2} \quad (26)$$

Therefore  $(1 + 0\sqrt{2}) \in \mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{2}]$  is multiplicative identity because  $0, 1 \in \mathbb{Q}$

(F 4)  $\forall a \in \mathbb{F} \exists b \in \mathbb{F}$  such that  $a + b = b + a = 0$  and  $\forall a \in \mathbb{F} \exists b \in \mathbb{F}$  such that  $a \times b = b \times a = 0$

For the additive inverse:

$$(a + b\sqrt{2}) + ((-a) + (-b)\sqrt{2}) = 0 \quad (27)$$

Therefore  $((-a) + (-b)\sqrt{2}) \in \mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{2}]$  is the additive inverse of  $(a + b\sqrt{2})$  because  $(-a), (-b) \in \mathbb{Q}$ .

For the multiplicative inverse:

$$(a + b\sqrt{2}) \times \frac{1}{a + b\sqrt{2}} \quad (28)$$

$$(a + b\sqrt{2}) \times \frac{a - b\sqrt{2}}{a^2 + b^2\sqrt{2}} \quad (29)$$

$$(a + b\sqrt{2}) \times \left[ \frac{a}{a^2 + 2b^2} + \left( \frac{-b}{a^2 + 2b^2} \right) \sqrt{2} \right] = 1 \quad (30)$$

Therefore  $\left[ \frac{a}{a^2 + 2b^2} + \left( \frac{-b}{a^2 + 2b^2} \right) \sqrt{2} \right] \in \mathbb{Q} [\sqrt{2}]$  is the multiplicative inverse because  $\left( \frac{a}{a^2 + 2b^2} \right), \left( \frac{-b}{a^2 + 2b^2} \right) \in \mathbb{Q}$  and  $\mathbb{Q} [\sqrt{2}]$  satisfies the axiom.

$$(F \ 5) \ \forall a, b, c \in \mathbb{F}, \ a \times (b + c) = a \times b + a \times c$$

$$(a + b\sqrt{2}) \times \left[ (c + d\sqrt{2}) + (e + f\sqrt{2}) \right] \quad (31)$$

$$ac + ad\sqrt{2} + ae + af\sqrt{2} + bc\sqrt{2} + 2bd + eb\sqrt{2} + 2bf \quad (32)$$

$$(ac + ae + 2bd + 2bf) + (ad + af + bc + eb) \sqrt{2} \quad (33)$$

$$(a + b\sqrt{2}) (c + d\sqrt{2}) + (a + b\sqrt{2}) (e + f\sqrt{2}) \quad (34)$$

$$ac + ad\sqrt{2} + bc\sqrt{2} + 2bd + ae + af\sqrt{2} + be\sqrt{2} + 2bf \quad (35)$$

$$(ac + ae + 2bd + 2bf) + (ad + af + bc + eb) \sqrt{2} \quad (36)$$

Therefore  $\mathbb{Q} [\sqrt{2}]$  satisfies the axiom. Furthermore  $\mathbb{Q} [\sqrt{2}]$  is a field.