

13.2 Let K be a field with additive identity 0 and multiplicative identity 1. Write 2 for the sum $1 + 1$ and 4 for 2×2 . Assume that $2 \neq 0$ in K , so that also $4 \neq 0$. In this exercise, we will mimic what was already done in exercise 10.1

1. Verify that for elements a, b of K , $(x + a)^2 = x^2 + 2ax + a^2$ and $x^2 + bx + \frac{b^2}{4}$ is the square of a first degree polynomial

$$(x + a)^2 = x^2 + 2ax + a^2. \text{ Done}$$

$$x^2 + bx + \frac{b^2}{4} = (x + \frac{b}{2})^2$$

So they are both squares of degree one polynomials

2. Show that solving the equation $x^2 + bx + c = 0$, where b, c are in K , is equivalent to solving an equation of the form $(x + \frac{b}{2})^2 = (x + \frac{b}{2})^2 = \frac{d}{4}$ for a suitable element d of K . Write out the element explicitly in terms of the coefficients b, c

$$(x^2 + bx + c = 0) \iff (x + \frac{b}{2})^2 - \frac{b^2}{4} + c = 0$$

$$(x + \frac{b}{2})^2 = \frac{b^2}{4} - c$$

$$\text{Then let } d = b^2 - 4c, \text{ then } \frac{d}{4} = \frac{b^2}{4} - c$$

$$\text{Then } (x^2 + bx + c = 0) \iff (x + \frac{b}{2})^2 = \frac{d}{4}$$

3. Deduce that if $d = 0$, then $x^2 + bx + c$ factors as $(x + \frac{b}{2})^2$, and the one and only solution to $x^2 + bx + c = 0$ is $x = -\frac{b}{2}$

$$\text{If } d = 0, \text{ then } (x + \frac{b}{2})^2 = 0$$

$$\text{Which means that } x = -\frac{b}{2} \text{ is a root}$$

$$\text{So the only solution to } x^2 + bx + c = 0 \text{ is } x = -\frac{b}{2}$$

Which means that it does have roots in K

Which means that it is reducible in K

4. Deduce that if d has no square root in K , then there is no solution to the equation $x^2 + bx + c = 0$, and therefore $x^2 + bx + c$ is irreducible in $K[x]$.

$$\text{If } d \text{ is not a square root in } K, \text{ then } (x + \frac{b}{2})^2 = \frac{d}{4} \text{ has no solution in the field.}$$

$$\text{Then } x^2 + bx + c = 0 \text{ has no solution}$$

Then $x^2 + bx + c = 0$ has no degree 1 factors in the field. Then it must be irreducible.

5. If d is nonzero and does have a squareroot, then there are two solutions to $x^2 + bx + c = 0$ in K . Write out these solutions explicitly in terms of b and c .

d nonzero, and has squareroots in K .

$$\text{So for } (x + \frac{b}{2})^2 = \frac{d}{4}$$

$$\text{We can write } x = \frac{\sqrt{d}}{2} - \frac{b}{2}$$

$$\text{And } x = -\frac{\sqrt{d}}{2} - \frac{b}{2}$$

So it has 2 degree one factors in K , and is reducible.

6. Conclude that the quadratic formula works for quadratic equations with coefficients in any field K in which $2 \neq 0$

This is true, with the work shown above, using coefficients b, c

13.5 We have proved that $\sqrt{2}$ is not rational. More generally, one can use the same argument to show that every positive integer n that is not the square of an integer has a square root \sqrt{n} that is irrational. Using this, state a criterion describing which polynomials $x^2 + bx + c$ in $\mathbb{Z}[x]$ have roots in $\mathbb{Q}[x]$, and which do not.

Since $2 \neq 0$ and $4 \neq 0$ in both $\mathbb{Z}[x]$ and $\mathbb{Q}[x]$, we can apply the quadratic formula to check if a polynomial in $\mathbb{Z}[x]$ has roots in \mathbb{Z}

Applying the quadratic formula, we have $x = \pm\sqrt{d} - \frac{b}{2}$

This is $x = -\frac{b}{2} \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4c}$

So $x^2 + bx + c = 0$ has solutions in $\mathbb{Q}[x]$ only when $\sqrt{b^2 - 4c}$ is in \mathbb{Q}

So the polynomials in $\mathbb{Z}[x]$ in the form $x^2 + bx + c$ that have roots in $\mathbb{Q}[x]$ satisfy $b^2 \geq 4c$

13.8 Determine which elements in the set $\{[1], [2], \dots, [p-1]\}$ of nonzero elements \mathbb{F}_p are squares for each of the following values of $p : 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 19$

For \mathbb{F}_3 : 1 has square roots 1 and 2
For \mathbb{F}_5 : 1 has square roots 1 and 4
For \mathbb{F}_5 : 4 has square roots 2 and 3
For \mathbb{F}_7 : 1 has square roots 1 and 6
For \mathbb{F}_7 : 2 has square roots 3 and 4
For \mathbb{F}_7 : 4 has square roots 2 and 5
For \mathbb{F}_{11} : 1 has square roots 1 and 10
For \mathbb{F}_{11} : 3 has square roots 5 and 6
For \mathbb{F}_{11} : 4 has square roots 2 and 9
For \mathbb{F}_{11} : 5 has square roots 4 and 7
For \mathbb{F}_{11} : 9 has square roots 3 and 8
For \mathbb{F}_{13} : 1 has square roots 1 and 12
For \mathbb{F}_{13} : 3 has square roots 4 and 9
For \mathbb{F}_{13} : 4 has square roots 2 and 11
For \mathbb{F}_{13} : 9 has square roots 3 and 10
For \mathbb{F}_{13} : 10 has square roots 6 and 7
For \mathbb{F}_{13} : 12 has square roots 5 and 8
For \mathbb{F}_{19} : 1 has square roots 1 and 18
For \mathbb{F}_{19} : 4 has square roots 2 and 17
For \mathbb{F}_{19} : 5 has square roots 9 and 10
For \mathbb{F}_{19} : 6 has square roots 5 and 14
For \mathbb{F}_{19} : 7 has square roots 8 and 11
For \mathbb{F}_{19} : 9 has square roots 3 and 16
For \mathbb{F}_{19} : 11 has square roots 7 and 12
For \mathbb{F}_{19} : 16 has square roots 4 and 15
For \mathbb{F}_{19} : 17 has square roots 6 and 13

13.11 Theorem 13.7: Suppose p is a prime number satisfying $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$. Then $[-1]$ is a square in \mathbb{F}_p

Prove Theorem 13.7, as follows.

1. Since p is odd, $p - 1$ is even, so $\frac{p-1}{2}$ is an integer. Show that it satisfies the relation $p - \frac{p-1}{2} = \frac{p-1}{2} + 1$

p is odd, so it is in the form $2k + 1, k \in \mathbb{Z}$

So LHS, $2k + 1 - \frac{2k+1-1}{2} = 2k + 1 - k = k + 1$

And RHS, $\frac{2k+1-1}{2} + 1 = k + 1$

So they are equal

Then, observe that therefore, we can rewrite $1 \times 2 \times 3 \times \dots \times (p - 1)$ as the product of $1 \times 2 \times 3 \times \dots \times \frac{p-1}{2}$

and $(p - 1) \times (p - 2) \times (p - 3) \times \dots \times (p - \frac{p-1}{2})$

Done. (This is just multiplying the first half of numbers, not including middle numbers, by the second half of numbers with middle.)

2. Notice that for each integer i , we have that $p - i \equiv -i \pmod{p}$. Deduce that $1 \times 2 \times 3 \times \dots \times (p - 1) \equiv (1 \times 2 \times 3 \times \dots \times \frac{p-1}{2})((-1) \times -2 \times -3 \times \dots \times \frac{-p-1}{2}) \pmod{p}$

Yes, since we know that $1 * 2 * 3 \dots (p - 1) = (1 * 2 * 3 \dots \frac{p-1}{2})((p - 1)(p - 2) \dots (p - \frac{p-1}{2}))$

And we know the latter half is congruent to $(-1 * -2 * -3 \dots - \frac{p-1}{2})$

Then the entire thing is congruent to $(1 \times 2 \times 3 \times \dots \times \frac{p-1}{2})((-1) \times -2 \times -3 \times \dots \times \frac{-p-1}{2}) \pmod{p}$

3. Combining this last congruence with the congruence of Wilson's theorem, deduce that

$$(-1)^{\frac{p-1}{2}}(1 \times 2 \times 3 \times \dots \times \frac{p-1}{2})^2 \equiv -1 \pmod{p}.$$

Wilson's theorem tells us that if p is an odd prime number, then $1 \times 2 \times \dots \times (p - 1) \equiv -1 \pmod{p}$.

And the second half of the factors $-1 \times -2 \times -3 \dots \times \frac{-p-1}{2}$ can be rewritten as $(-1)^{\frac{p-1}{2}}(1 \times 2 \times \dots \times \frac{p-1}{2})$

$$\text{So } (1 * 2 * 3 \dots (p - 1) = [(1 * 2 * 3 \dots \frac{p-1}{2})][(-1)^{\frac{p-1}{2}}(1 * 2 * 3 \dots \frac{p-1}{2})]$$

And by Wilson's theorem,

$$(1 * 2 * 3 \dots (p - 1) = [(1 * 2 * 3 \dots \frac{p-1}{2})][(-1)^{\frac{p-1}{2}}(1 * 2 * 3 \dots \frac{p-1}{2})] \equiv -1 \pmod{p}$$

4. Conclude that if $\frac{p-1}{2}$ is even, then -1 is congruent to the square of an integer modulo p

So if $\frac{p-1}{2}$ is even, then the product $(1 * 2 * 3 \dots * \frac{p-1}{2})^2 \equiv -1 \pmod{p}$.

So -1 is congruent to the square of an integer modulo p

5. Notice that $\frac{p-1}{2}$ is even precisely when 4 divides $p-1$, which means $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$. Therefore, you have proved that if $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$, then -1 is congruent to the square of an integer modulo p

If $\frac{p-1}{2}$ is even, it takes the form $\frac{p-1}{2} = 2k$

Then $p-1 = 4k$, so it is divisible by 4

So $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$.

6. Pass to \mathbb{F}_p and conclude that if $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$, then $[-1]$ is a square in \mathbb{F}_p

Yes, because we perform the same calculations in \mathbb{F}_p , using mod p for an odd prime p .

13.14 Start with the field \mathbb{Q} of rational numbers. The number 2 does not have a square root in \mathbb{Q} . Therefore, we invent a square root of 2, that is, a symbol γ with the property that $\gamma^2 = 2$. (We can think of γ as the real number $\sqrt{2}$, but let us work instead with γ as a new, abstract, entity, just as we have used i before when we wanted to work with a square root of -1). Now we need to create a field that contains all \mathbb{Q} , and γ as well. Since we need closure under addition, multiplication, and additive and multiplicative inverses, we will need at least the set K consisting of all expressions $a + b\gamma$, where a, b are rational numbers. Let us see whether the set K is sufficiently large. We define addition in K by the rule $(a + b\gamma) + (c + d\gamma) = (a + c) + (b + d)\gamma$

and multiplication by $(a + b\gamma)(c + d\gamma) = ac + ad\gamma + bc\gamma + bd\gamma^2 = (ac + 2bd) + (ad + bc)\gamma$

Notice that we have used the fact that $\gamma^2 = 2$ to rewrite $bd\gamma^2$ as $2bd$, a rational number. It should be easy to see that K is a ring, that is, that it is closed under addition, multiplication, and additive inverses.

1. Check that K is a ring. Do not write out a proof of this. But we want a field, and the question now is whether we have to include additional elements to guarantee that every nonzero element in K has a multiplicative inverse.

Yes, since it is closed under addition and multiplication, and additive inverses.

2. Compute $(a + b\gamma)(a - b\gamma)$. Show that you get $a^2 - 2b^2$, a rational number

Expanding, we get $a^2 + a\gamma b - a\gamma b - b^2\gamma^2$

And since $\gamma^2 = 2$, we have $a^2 - 2b^2$

3. Show that $a^2 - 2b^2$ cannot be 0 unless $a = b = 0$ (hint, suppose $a^2 - 2b^2 = 0$, but $b \neq 0$. Solve $a^2 - 2b^2 = 0$, for $\frac{a}{b}$)

Suppose that $a^2 - 2b^2 = 0$ and $b \neq 0$

Then $a^2 = 2b^2$

Then $a = \gamma b$

Then $\frac{a}{b} = \gamma$

But a, b are rational, they cannot be equal to γ , contradiction

4. Assume that a, b are not both 0. Since $a^2 - 2b^2 \neq 0$, you can divide the product $(a + b\gamma)(a - b\gamma)$ by $a^2 - 2b^2$. Deduce that $a + b\gamma$ has a multiplicative inverse in K (What is it?) and that K is a field

Since $a^2 - 2b^2 = (a + b\gamma)(a - b\gamma) \neq 0$

Since non zero, we can divide

we get $\frac{(a+b\gamma)(a-b\gamma)}{a^2-2b^2} = 1$

So $a + b\gamma$ has inverse $\frac{a-b\gamma}{a^2-2b^2}$

Since $a^2 - 2b^2$ is a rational number, this is $\frac{a}{a^2-2b^2} - \frac{b\gamma}{a^2-2b^2}$, which is an element in the ring

So K is a field.

So by constructing a ring K containing a square root γ of 2, we get multiplicative inverses "for free".

5. Conclude that $x^2 - 2$ has roots $\gamma, -\gamma$ in K and that $x^2 - 2$ factors in $K[x]$ as $(x - \gamma)(x + \gamma)$

Yes, this is true because $(x - \gamma), (x + \gamma) \in K[x]$, and has roots $\gamma, -\gamma$, and $(x - \gamma)(x + \gamma) = x^2 - x\gamma + x\gamma - \gamma^2 = x^2 - 2$

- 13.17 Start with the field \mathbb{F}_5 . Form the set K consisting of all expressions $a + b\gamma$, where a, b are chosen from \mathbb{F}_5 , and γ is some new formal symbol introduced to serve as a square root of 2. That is $\gamma^2 = 2$. Define addition multiplication in K by the following rules.

$$(a + b\gamma) + (c + d\gamma) = (a + c) + (b + d)\gamma$$

$$\text{and multiplication by } (a + b\gamma)(c + d\gamma) = ac + ad\gamma + bc\gamma + bd\gamma^2 = (ac + 2bd) + (ad + bc)\gamma$$

1. Check that K is a ring.

Show that it is closed under addition

For $a + b\gamma$ and $c + d\gamma$, we have the sum $(a + c) + (b + d)\gamma$

We know $a + c \equiv e \pmod{5}$ and $b + d \equiv f \pmod{5}$

Then the sum is $e + f\gamma$, which is in K

Show that it is closed under multiplication

For $a + b\gamma, c + d\gamma$, product is $(ac + 2bd) + (ad + bc)\gamma$

We know $ac + 2bd \equiv e \pmod{5}$ and $ad + bc \equiv f \pmod{5}$

Then the product $e + f\gamma$ is an element in K .

2. Observe that there are twenty five elements in K

Yes, there are 5 choices for a , and 5 choices for b , for choices 0, 1, 2, 3, 4

3. Compute $(a + b\gamma)(a - b\gamma)$ and show that you get $a^2 - 2b^2$, which is the same as $a^2 + 3b^2$, an element in \mathbb{F}_5

$$(a + b\gamma)(a - b\gamma) = a^2 - ab\gamma + ab\gamma - b^2\gamma^2 = a^2 - 2b^2 = a^2 + 3b^2 \text{ in } \mathbb{F}_5$$

4. Show that $a^2 + 3b^2$ cannot be 0 unless $a = b = 0$

Assume that $a^2 + 3b^2 = 0$, and $b \neq 0$

$$\text{Then } a^2 = -3b^2 = 2b^2$$

$$\text{Then } \frac{a^2}{b^2} = 2$$

$$\text{Then } \frac{a}{b} = \pm\gamma$$

But a, b both rational, while γ is irrational, impossible. contradiction.

5. Assume that a, b are not both 0. Since $a^2 + 3b^2 \neq 0$, you can divide the product $(a + b\gamma)(a - b\gamma)$ by $a^2 + 3b^2$

Deduce that $a + b\gamma$ has a multiplicative inverse and conclude that K is a field

$$(a + b\gamma)(a - b\gamma) = a^2 + 3b^2$$

Since $a^2 + 3b^2 \neq 0$, we can divide

$$(a + b\gamma) \frac{a - b\gamma}{a^2 + 3b^2} = 1$$

So $a + b\gamma$ has multiplicative inverse $\frac{a - b\gamma}{a^2 + 3b^2}$

So K is a field.

6. Calculate $(2\gamma)^2$ and observe that in building a field extension of \mathbb{F}_5 that contains a square root of 2, you have also constructed an extension that contains a square root

of 3. You have constructed a field extension of \mathbb{F}_5 with 25 elements that contains a squareroot for every element of \mathbb{F}_5 . Call this new field \mathbb{F}_{25}

$$(2\gamma)^2 = 4\gamma^2 = 8 = 3$$

So 2γ is the square root of 3.

7. Recall that we found earlier that the quadratic equation $x^2 + 2x + 3 = 0$ has no solution in \mathbb{F}_5 . Show that it has solutions in K . Use these solutions to factor $x^3 + 2x + 3$ in $K[x]$ as a product of degree one polynomials

We know by quadratic formula that if $d = b^2 - 4c$ is nonzero and does have a squareroot, then there are two solutions to $x^2 + bx + c = 0$

Let $b = 2, c = 3$

Then $d = b^2 - 4c$

$$d = 4 - 12 = -8 = 2 \in K$$

$$\text{Then } x = \frac{-2}{2} \pm \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

And we know $\sqrt{2} \in K$ is $\pm\gamma$

So roots of $x^2 + 2x + 3$ are $x = -1 \pm \frac{\gamma}{2}$

In $K[x]$, so dividing by 2 is the same as multiplying by its multiplicative inverse, 3

So $x = -1 \pm 3\gamma$

$(x - [-1 + 3\gamma])(x - [-1 - 3\gamma]) = x^2 + 2x - 17 = x^2 + 2x + 3$ in $K[x]$, and has roots $-1 \pm 3\gamma \in K$

8. Show that the field \mathbb{F}_{25} has a primitive root by writing down the powers $(1 + 2\gamma)^i$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, 24$

$$(1 + 2\gamma)^1 = 1 + 2\gamma$$

$$(1 + 2\gamma)^2 = 4 + 4\gamma$$

$$(1 + 2\gamma)^3 = 0 + 2\gamma$$

$$(1 + 2\gamma)^4 = 3 + 2\gamma$$

$$(1 + 2\gamma)^5 = 1 + 3\gamma$$

$$(1 + 2\gamma)^6 = 3 + 0\gamma$$

$$(1 + 2\gamma)^7 = 3 + 1\gamma$$

$$(1 + 2\gamma)^8 = 2 + 2\gamma$$

$$(1 + 2\gamma)^9 = 0 + 1\gamma$$

$$(1 + 2\gamma)^{10} = 4 + 1\gamma$$

$$(1 + 2\gamma)^{11} = 3 + 4\gamma$$

$$(1 + 2\gamma)^{12} = 4 + 0\gamma$$

$$(1 + 2\gamma)^{13} = 4 + 3\gamma$$

$$(1 + 2\gamma)^{14} = 1 + 1\gamma$$

$$(1 + 2\gamma)^{15} = 0 + 3\gamma$$

$$(1 + 2\gamma)^{16} = 2 + 3\gamma$$

$$(1 + 2\gamma)^{17} = 4 + 2\gamma$$

$$(1 + 2\gamma)^{18} = 2 + 0\gamma$$

$$(1 + 2\gamma)^{19} = 2 + 4\gamma$$

$$\begin{aligned}
(1 + 2\gamma)^{20} &= 3 + 3\gamma \\
(1 + 2\gamma)^{21} &= 0 + 4\gamma \\
(1 + 2\gamma)^{22} &= 1 + 4\gamma \\
(1 + 2\gamma)^{23} &= 2 + 1\gamma \\
(1 + 2\gamma)^{24} &= 1 + 0\gamma
\end{aligned}$$

Since $(1 + 2\gamma)^1, (1 + 2\gamma)^2, \dots, (1 + 2\gamma)^{24}$ form a complete list of the nonzero elements in K , then $(1 + 2\gamma)$ is a primitive root of K .

So \mathbb{F}_{25} has primitive roots.

13.20 Let p be an odd prime number and let a be a primitive root of \mathbb{F}_p . Recall that this means that the elements a, a^2, \dots, a^{p-1} form a complete list of the nonzero elements of \mathbb{F}_p . Recall also that a^i is a square in \mathbb{F}_p , if i is even, and a^i is not a square if i is odd.

1. Perform the construction of Exercise 13.18 on \mathbb{F}_p and a to obtain a new field $\mathbb{F}_p[\sqrt{a}]$ containing \mathbb{F}_p in which a has a square root γ . Show that $\mathbb{F}_p[\sqrt{a}]$ has p^2 elements.

An element in $\mathbb{F}_p[\sqrt{a}]$ in the form $x + y\sqrt{a}$, $x, y \in \mathbb{F}_p$

For $x, y \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, p-1\}$, then there are p choices for x , and p choices for y , for a total of p^2 choices possible.

Then there must be p^2 elements in $\mathbb{F}_p[\sqrt{a}]$

2. Show that every element of \mathbb{F}_p has a square root in $\mathbb{F}_p[\sqrt{a}]$. Thus in building a field with lots of square roots of a , we have succeeded in building a field with lots of square roots. Deduce that every polynomial $x^2 + bx + c$ in $\mathbb{F}_p[x]$ has a root in $\mathbb{F}_p[\sqrt{a}]$

Let z be an arbitrary element of \mathbb{F}_p

Show that z has a root in \mathbb{F}_p

Know that a is a primitive root in \mathbb{F}_p , then $a^m = z$ for some m

Know that $\sqrt{a}^2 = a$

Then $(\sqrt{a})^{2m} = z$

14.2 Let K be the collection of polynomial-like expressions in γ just introduced, with $\gamma^n = 2$

1. Show that for an arbitrary positive integer m one can write $\gamma^m = 2^q \gamma^r$ for unique nonnegative integers q, r with $r < n$ (Hint: use the division theorem for integers to write $m = nq + r$).

Let $\gamma^n = 2$

Then we know there exists nonnegative integers $q, r, r < n$ such that $m = nq + r$

Then $\gamma^m = \gamma^{nq+r}$

This is just $\gamma^{nq} \gamma^r$

Then $\gamma^m = 2^q \gamma^r$

2. Suppose $a_0 + a_1\gamma + a_2\gamma^2 + \dots + a_{n-1}\gamma^{n-1}$ and $b_0 + b_1\gamma + b_2\gamma^2 + \dots + b_{n-1}\gamma^{n-1}$ are two elements of K . Using the result of part 1, show that you can define a multiplication rule for these two elements by treating them first as ordinary polynomials in γ and multiplying, then replacing the higher powers of γ by terms involving exponents less than n , so that the result is another element of K , a polynomial expression in γ of degree less than n .

Multiply the two elements, treating them as ordinary polynomials in γ

This is $a_0b_0 + a_0b_1\gamma + \dots + (a_{n-1}b_{n-1})(\gamma^{2n-2})$

Then we can group the like terms

But we know by part 1 that for each power of each degree term of γ we can rewrite as $2^q \gamma^r, q, r \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}, r < n$

Then the result is $a_0b_0 + \dots + a_{n-1}b_{n-1}2\gamma^{n-2}$

Then the product of the elements is another element in K

3. Is K a field? Do not try to give a complete answer. Instead, think about the issue along the lines discussed in the previous exercise and show that the question can be reduced to the problem of solving a family of n linear equations in n unknowns

Similar to exercise 14.1, if we expand the left side, we get n equations for n unknowns. If we can solve the equations, then there exists an inverse.

Then K is a field.