

14.6 Prove Theorem 14.1: Let  $F$  be a field and let  $m(x)$  be a polynomial in  $F[x]$  of positive degree  $n$ . Every polynomial  $a(x)$  in  $F[x]$  is congruent modulo  $m(x)$  to exactly one polynomial of degree less than  $n$

14.10 Give a description of all the polynomials in each of the following congruence classes.

1. The congruence class of  $x^5 + 3$  in  $\mathbb{R}[x]$  modulo  $x$
2. The congruence class of  $x^3 + x^2 + 1$  in  $\mathbb{F}_2[x]$  modulo  $x + 1$

14.13 Let  $F$  be a field and let  $m(x)$  be a polynomial of positive degree in  $F[x]$ . Consider two polynomials  $a(x), b(x)$  in  $F[x]$

1. Suppose  $e(x)$  is a polynomial in the congruence class  $[a(x)]_{m(x)}$  and  $f(x)$  is a polynomial in the congruence class  $[b(x)]_{m(x)}$ . Show that

$$[e(x) + f(x)]_{m(x)} = [a(x) + b(x)]_{m(x)}$$

$$\text{and } [e(x)f(x)]_{m(x)} = [a(x)b(x)]_{m(x)}$$

2. Define addition and multiplication for the set of congruence classes of  $F[x]$  modulo  $m(x)$  by setting the sum of congruence classes  $[a(x)]_{m(x)} + [b(x)]_{m(x)}$  equal to the congruence class

$$[a(x) + b(x)]_{m(x)}$$

$$\text{and product } [a(x)]_{m(x)}[b(x)]_{m(x)} = [a(x)b(x)]_{m(x)}$$

3. Show that with respect to these rules of addition and multiplication,  $[0]_{m(x)}$  is an additive identity and  $[1]_{m(x)}$  is a multiplicative identity. Show further that the collection of congruence classes modulo  $m(x)$  forms a ring.

We can write  $F[x]_{m(x)}$  for the new ring we constructed, the ring of congruence classes of polynomials in  $F[x]$  modulo  $m(x)$

14.15 Assume that  $m(x)$  is a polynomial of positive degree in  $F[x]$ .

1. Show that in  $F[x]_{m(x)}$ , the collection of congruence classes of degree-zero polynomials (constants) is closed under addition and multiplication. Thus, this collection forms a ring inside  $F[x]_{m(x)}$
2. Identify this ring with  $F$
3. Explain how this exercise generalizes part 3 of the previous exercise.

14.18 Prove Theorem 14.7 by imitating the proof of theorem 14.6

Theorem 14.7: Let  $F$  be a field, let  $a(x), b(x)$  be polynomials in  $F[x]$  with greatest common divisor  $d(x)$ , and let  $e(x)$  be a polynomial in  $F[x]$ . Then the equation  $a(x)U + b(x)V = e(x)$  has a polynomial solution if and only if  $d(x)$  divides  $e(x)$ . In particular, the equation  $a(x)U + b(x)V = 1$  has a polynomial solution if and only if  $a(x), b(x)$  are relatively prime

14.21 Prove theorem 14.8 (Hint: interpret 14.7 as terms of congruences)

Theorem 14.8: Let  $F$  be a field. Let  $a(x), m(x)$  be polynomials of  $F[x]$  with  $m(x)$  of positive degree. The congruence  $a(x)U \equiv 1 \pmod{m(x)}$  is solvable if and only if  $\gcd(a(x), m(x)) = 1$

14.24 Let  $F$  be a field and suppose  $m(x)$  is an irreducible polynomial in  $F[x]$ . Show that  $F[x]_{m(x)}$  is a field.

15.2 Prove Theorem 15.2 using theorem 15.1

Theorem 15.2: Let  $R$  be the ring of integers or the ring of polynomials over a field. Suppose  $r$  is an element of  $R$  that is not zero or a unit.

1. If  $r = ab$  is a nontrivial factorization of  $r$ , then  $N(a) < N(r)$  and  $N(b) < N(r)$ .
2. Either  $r$  is irreducible or  $r$  is a product of irreducible elements



15.5 We have observed that a ring satisfying the conclusions of theorem 15.1 should satisfy the conclusion of theorem 15.2. Verify this for the rings  $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-m}]$  by proving theorem 15.5 using theorem 15.3.

Theorem 15.5: Let  $m$  be a square free integer, let  $R$  be the ring  $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-m}]$ , and suppose  $r$  is an element of  $R$  that is not zero or a unit.

1. If  $r = ab$  is a nontrivial factorization of  $r$ , then  $N(a) < N(r)$  and  $N(b) < N(r)$ .
2. Either  $r$  is irreducible or  $r$  is a product of irreducible elements

15.8 Use the division theorem for  $\mathbb{Z}[i]$  to prove theorem 15.10 below.

Theorem 15.10:  $\mathbb{Z}[i]$  is a Euclidean ring.