

# CS201A: Endsem Examination

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**Question 1. (10 marks)** Consider the following argument:

Let  $\mathbb{U}$  be the set of all sets. Define a partial ordering on  $\mathbb{U}$  by inclusion:  $A \leq B$  iff  $A \subseteq B$  for  $A, B \in \mathbb{U}$ . Consider a chain  $C$  of  $\mathbb{U}$  under this partial ordering:  $C : A_1 \leq A_2 \leq A_3 \leq \dots$ . Define  $B = \bigcup_{i \geq 1} A_i$ . Clearly,  $B \in \mathbb{U}$  and it is an upper bound of the chain  $C$ . Hence, Zorn's Lemma implies that  $\mathbb{U}$  has a maximal element, say  $M$ .

The argument is clearly wrong since  $M$  is not a maximal element:  $M \subset \{M, \{M\}\} \in \mathbb{U}$ . Identify which step in the argument is wrong and why.

**Solution 1.**

Let there be a set  $\mathbb{A}$  and  $R$  is partial order defined on  $\mathbb{A}$ . According to Zorn's Lemma, if every chain of  $(\mathbb{A}, R)$  has an upper bound, then  $(\mathbb{A}, R)$  has a maximal element.

Claim: The set of all sets,  $\mathbb{U}$ , does not exist.

*Proof.* Consider the power set of  $\mathbb{U}$  to be  $P$ . Let the cardinality of  $\mathbb{U}$  be  $\mathcal{N}_0$ .

- We know the cardinality of power set  $>$  cardinality of the set itself. Let cardinality of  $P$  be  $\mathcal{N}_1$ , therefore we have  $\mathcal{N}_1 > \mathcal{N}_0$ .
- Since every element of the power set  $P$  is also a set, it will be an element of  $\mathbb{U}$  which is the set of all sets. That is,  $Y \in \mathbb{U} \forall Y \in P \Rightarrow P \subseteq \mathbb{U}$ .
- But any subset of  $\mathbb{U}$  will have its cardinality  $\leq \mathcal{N}_0$ . Since  $P \subseteq \mathbb{U}$ , therefore  $\mathcal{N}_1 \leq \mathcal{N}_0$ .

We have obtained two inequalities:

$$\mathcal{N}_1 > \mathcal{N}_0$$

$$\mathcal{N}_1 \leq \mathcal{N}_0$$

Which is clearly a contradiction, hence such  $\mathbb{U}$  cannot exist. □

Therefore, the first step in the argument that is “Let  $\mathbb{U}$  be the set of all sets” is incorrect, as such a  $\mathbb{U}$  cannot exist.

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**Question 2. (20 marks)** Let  $(G, \cdot)$  be a finite group with the property that there exists only one element,  $a_2 \in G$  such that  $a_2 \neq e$  and  $a_2^2 = a_2 \cdot a_2 = e$ . Define a bipartite graph  $H = (G, G, E)$  as follows.

Edge  $(a, b) \in E$  if  $a \neq e$  and  $b = a^k$  for some  $1 < k \leq s$ , or  $a = e$  and  $b = a_2$ .

Here,  $s$  is the smallest number greater than zero such that  $a^s = e$ . Prove that the graph  $H$  has a perfect matching.

**Solution 2.** We intend to find a bijective function  $f : G \rightarrow G$ , if it exists, and convert it into a perfect matching in  $H$ . This is possible for the following reasons-

- Any perfect matching in  $H = (G, G, E)$  can easily be converted to a bijective function  $f$  by assigning  $f(a) = b$  if  $(a, b)$  is an edge in the perfect matching.  $f$  will be bijective because each  $a \in G$  has exactly one edge in the perfect matching of  $H = (G, G, E)$ , i.e.,  $a$  has a unique image in  $f$ . Further, each  $b \in G$  also has exactly one edge in the perfect matching of  $H = (G, G, E)$ , i.e.,  $b$  has a unique pre-image in  $f$ .
- Any bijective  $f$  can be converted to a perfect matching by drawing an edge  $(a, f(a))$ , given the constraint that  $(a, f(a)) \in E$ .

**Lemma 2.1:** For every element  $a \in G$ , the set  $S_a = \{a^r \mid r \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is finite.

*Proof.* We have  $a \in G$ , and by closure property over multiplication we obtain

$$a^r \in G \forall r \in \mathbb{N}$$

$\therefore$  Every element of  $S_a$  is an element of  $G$ .  $\Rightarrow S_a \subseteq G$

Since  $G$  is finite,  $S_a$  has to be finite. □

**Lemma 2.2:** For each  $a \in G$ ,  $\exists 1 < x \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $a^x = e$ .

*Proof.* Consider the set  $S_a = \{a^r \mid r \in \mathbb{N}\}$ . By Lemma 2.1, we know  $S_a$  is finite. Let the cardinality of  $S_a$  be  $\mathcal{N}$ .

Consider any  $\mathcal{N} + 1$  distinct natural numbers. For each number  $n$  we obtain  $a^n$ . Clearly these will be  $\mathcal{N} + 1$  in number too. Taking these as pigeons, and elements of  $S_a$  as holes, by pigeon-hole principle, there are 2 distinct numbers, say  $i, j$  such that  $a^i = a^j$ . (Assume  $i > j$  without loss of generality)

Since  $G$  is a group, inverse of every element in  $G$  exists. Let the inverse of  $a^j$  be denoted by  $a^{-j}$ .

$$\therefore a^j \cdot a^{-j} = e$$

We have  $a^i = a^j$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\Rightarrow a^i \cdot a^{-j} = a^j \cdot a^{-j} && \text{(Multiply by } a^{-j} \text{ both sides)} \\
&\Rightarrow a^i \cdot a^{-j} = e \\
&\Rightarrow (a^{i-j} \cdot a^j) \cdot a^{-j} = e \\
&\Rightarrow a^{i-j} \cdot (a^j \cdot a^{-j}) = e \\
&\Rightarrow a^{i-j} \cdot e = e \\
&\Rightarrow a^{i-j} = e
\end{aligned}$$

$0 < (i - j) \in \mathbb{N}$ . We choose  $x = i - j$ , and we are done, as  $a^x = e$ .  $\square$

We choose the minimum of these numbers  $x$  for a given  $a$  and denote it by  $\mathcal{O}(a)$ . It is easy to see that  $\mathcal{O}(a)$  is equal to  $s$  mentioned in the question.

Observation 2.1 No element, other than  $a_2$  and  $e$ , is its own inverse. Follows from the uniqueness of  $e$  and  $a_2$ , such that  $a_2^2 = e$ .

Corollary 2.1 Each element  $a$  is distinct from its inverse  $a^{-1}$ , subject to the constraint that  $a \notin \{a_2, e\}$ . Or, in other words,

$$a \neq a^{-1} \forall a \in G \setminus \{e, a_2\}$$

Corollary 2.2 From *Lemma 2.2* and *Obs 2.1*, we obtain that  $\mathcal{O}(a) > 2 \forall a \in G \setminus \{e, a_2\}$ , as only  $\mathcal{O}(e) = 1$ , and only  $\mathcal{O}(a_2) = 2$ , but  $\mathcal{O}(a)$  exists and is finite  $\forall a \in G$ .

**Lemma 2.3:**  $(g, g^{-1}) \in E \forall g \in G \setminus \{e, a_2\}$

*Proof.* By *Lemma 2.2* and *Cor 2.2*, for each  $g \in G \setminus \{e, a_2\} \subseteq G$ , we have  $2 < \mathcal{O}(g) \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $e = g^{\mathcal{O}(g)}$ .

On multiplying both sides with  $g^{-1}$ , we get,

$$g^{\mathcal{O}(g)-1} = g^{-1}$$

$\therefore$  Choose  $b \leftarrow g^{-1}, a \leftarrow g, k \leftarrow (\mathcal{O}(g) - 1)$ . From *Cor 2.2*, it easy to see that,

$$1 < \mathcal{O}(g) - 1 = k < \mathcal{O}(g) = s$$

As all the conditions are satisfied, we get

$$(g, g^{-1}) = (a, b) \in E \forall g \in G \setminus \{e, a_2\}$$

$\square$

Corollary 2.3  $(a^{-1}, a) \in E \forall a \in G \setminus \{e, a_2\}$ . Follows from *Lemma 2.3* on choosing  $g \leftarrow a^{-1}$ .

We define the intended bijective mapping  $f$  as follows:

$$f(a) = \begin{cases} a_2 & \text{If } a = e & \because (e, a_2) \in E \\ e & \text{If } a = a_2 & \because e = a_2^{-1} \\ a^{-1} & \text{Otherwise} & \text{Follows from Lemma 2.3} \end{cases}$$

*Onto*: Let  $a$  be any element in the co-domain,  $G$ , of  $f$ . If  $a = e$ , then its pre-image is easily seen to be  $a_2$ , while if  $a = a_2$ , then its pre-image is seen to be  $e$ . Otherwise, its pre-image is simply  $a^{-1}$ .

$\therefore$  Each element in the co-domain,  $G$ , has a pre-image, thus  $f$  is *onto*.

*One-One*: Let  $a \in G \setminus \{e, a_2\}$ . Then  $f$  maps  $a$  to its inverse  $a^{-1}$  which cannot be in  $\{e, a_2\}$  as  $e$ , and  $a_2$  are their own inverses, and we know that inverse of any element in a group is unique.

If  $a = e$ , then  $f$  maps it to  $a_2 (\neq e)$  which is not in  $G \setminus \{e, a_2\}$ , else, if  $a = a_2$ , then  $f$  maps it to  $e (\neq a_2)$  which is again, not in  $G \setminus \{e, a_2\}$ .

Hence,  $f$  is *one-one*.

So, there is at least one bijective mapping  $f$  from  $G$  to  $G$  which “*respects*” the edge set  $E$ . This bijective mapping can be converted to a perfect matching as shown here.

### Alternate

Using *Lemma 2.3* and uniqueness of inverses, and using the fact that  $\{(e, a_2), (a_2, e)\} \subseteq E$ , we can take any  $U \subseteq G$ , then we are guaranteed that  $|N(U)| \geq |U|$ ,  $N(U)$  being the neighbor set of  $U$ , because each element in  $U$  will have an edge with at least its (unique) inverse, except for  $e$  and  $a_2$ , for which, the candidate edges have been swapped.

Hence, we can invoke the theorem that

A bipartite graph  $G = (V_1, V_2, E)$  has a perfect matching if and only if  $|V_1| = |V_2|$ , and for every  $U \subseteq V_1$ ,  $|N(U)| \geq |U|$ .

By taking,  $V_1 \leftarrow G$ ,  $V_2 \leftarrow G$ , so  $|V_1| = |V_2|$  follows trivially, and  $|N(U)| \geq |U|$  follows for reasons mentioned above.

Hence,  $H = (G, G, E)$  has a perfect matching.

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**Question 3. (5+5+5+10+5 marks)** Let  $R$  be a ring and  $a \in R$ .

Define  $(a) = \{b \cdot a \mid b \in R\}$ .

- Prove that  $(a)$  is an ideal of  $R$ .

Let polynomial  $C(x, y) = (x^2 + y^2 - 1) \cdot x$ . The curve  $C(x, y) = 0$  is a unit circle plus y-axis on the plane.  $(C) = \{Q(x, y) \cdot C(x, y) \mid Q(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}[x, y]\}$  is an ideal of the ring  $\mathbb{R}[x, y]$ , the ring of polynomials in two variables with coefficients in  $\mathbb{R}$ .

Define  $R = \mathbb{R}[x, y]/(C)$ . For any point  $P \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$  on the plane, define  $R_P = \{\frac{f}{g} \mid f, g \in R \text{ and } g(P) \neq 0\}$  and  $I_P = \{\frac{f}{g} \mid f, g \in R \text{ and } g(P) \neq 0 \text{ and } f(P) = 0\}$ . Prove that

- $R_P$  is a ring.
- $I_P$  is a maximal ideal of  $R_P$ .
- For point  $P = (1, 0)$ ,  $I_P = (y)$ .
- For point  $P = (0, 1)$ ,  $(x) \subseteq I_P$ .

It can be shown that  $I_P \neq (x)$ . Therefore, ring  $R_P$  contains information about whether curve  $C$  is *degenerate* at point  $P$ .

### Solution 3.

- $(a) := \{b \cdot a \mid b \in R\}$  is an ideal of  $R$ .

Let  $(R, \cdot, +)$  be the ring with  $+$  as the addition operation and  $\cdot$  as the multiplication operation.

- Let  $a_0 \in (a)$ . Then  $a_0 = b \cdot a$  for some  $b \in R$ . As  $\cdot$  has closure in  $R$ ,  $a_0 = b \cdot a \in R$ . Hence,  $a_0 \in R \forall a_0 \in (a) \Rightarrow (a) \subseteq R$ .
- Let  $a_1, a_2 \in (a)$ .  $\therefore a_1 = b_1 \cdot a$  and  $a_2 = b_2 \cdot a$  for some  $b_1, b_2 \in R$ .  $a_1 + a_2 \in R$ -

$$\begin{aligned} a_1 + a_2 &= b_1 \cdot a + b_2 \cdot a \\ &= (b_1 + b_2) \cdot a && \{\text{From Distributivity of } \cdot \text{ over } + \text{ in } R \\ &= (b) \cdot a && \{\text{From Closure property of } + \text{ in } R \\ &= b \cdot a \in (a) \end{aligned}$$

- Let  $c \in R$  and  $a_0 \in (a)$ .  $\therefore a_0 = d \cdot a$  for some  $d \in R$ .  $c \cdot a_0 \in (a)$ -

$$\begin{aligned} c \cdot a_0 &= c \cdot (d \cdot a) \\ &= (c \cdot d) \cdot a && \{\text{From Associativity of } \cdot \text{ in } R \\ &= (b) \cdot a && \{\text{From Closure of } \cdot \text{ in } R \\ &= b \cdot a \in (a) \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $(a)$  is an ideal of  $R$ .

Throughout the rest of the discussion, we restrict any point to be only from the set

$$S = \{P \mid C(P) = 0\}$$

We also use  $[f]$  to denote the equivalence class of  $f \in \mathbb{R}[x, y]$  under  $R$ ,  $+$  to denote the addition operation on  $R$  and  $\cdot$  to denote the multiplication operation on  $R$ .

**Lemma 3.1** (Evaluating Equivalence Classes at Points). For a fixed  $[f] \in \mathbb{R}[x, y]/(C)$ , and any polynomial  $f \in [f]$ , the value of  $f(P)$  remains constant.

*Proof.* Any  $f \in [f]$  can be represented as

$$f = f_0 + C \cdot h$$

where  $f_0$  is the residue polynomial modulo  $C$  and  $h$  is any polynomial in  $\mathbb{R}[x, y]$ .

For any point  $P \in S$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} f(P) &= f_0(P) + C(P) \cdot h(P) \\ &= f_0(P) + Q(P) \cdot 0 \\ &= f_0(P) \end{aligned}$$

Hence, we can define  $[f](P) = f_0(P)$  □

Note This allows us to refer to any equivalence class  $[f]$  by its “*residue*” polynomial  $f_0$  (residue with respect to  $C$ ).

- $R_P := \{\frac{f}{g} \mid f, g \in R \text{ and } g(P) \neq 0\}$  is a ring,  $P \in S$

Addition on  $R_P$ :

*Closure:* Let  $r_1 = \frac{[f_1]}{[g_1]}$ ,  $r_2 = \frac{[f_2]}{[g_2]} \in R_P$ . Then,

$$r_1 + r_2 = \frac{[f_1]}{[g_1]} + \frac{[f_2]}{[g_2]} = \frac{[f_1] \cdot [g_2] + [f_2] \cdot [g_1]}{[g_1] \cdot [g_2]} = \frac{[f_1 \cdot g_2] + [f_2 \cdot g_1]}{[g_1 \cdot g_2]} = \frac{[f_1 \cdot g_2 + f_2 \cdot g_1]}{[g_1 \cdot g_2]}$$

Now,  $[g_1](P) \neq 0$ , and  $[g_2](P) \neq 0 \Rightarrow [g_1 \cdot g_2](P) \neq 0$ , and of course,  $([f_1] \cdot [g_2] + [f_2] \cdot [g_1]) \in R$  and  $[g_1 \cdot g_2] \in R$  by closure of addition and multiplication on  $R$ .

Thus  $r_1 + r_2 \in R_P$ .

*Associative:* Let  $r_1 = \frac{[f_1]}{[g_1]}$ ,  $r_2 = \frac{[f_2]}{[g_2]}$ ,  $r_3 = \frac{[f_3]}{[g_3]} \in R_P$ . Then,

$$\begin{aligned} (r_1 + r_2) + r_3 &= \left( \frac{[f_1]}{[g_1]} + \frac{[f_2]}{[g_2]} \right) + \frac{[f_3]}{[g_3]} = \frac{[f_1] \cdot [g_2] + [f_2] \cdot [g_1]}{[g_1] \cdot [g_2]} + \frac{[f_3]}{[g_3]} \\ &= \frac{[f_1] \cdot [g_2] \cdot [g_3] + [f_2] \cdot [g_1] \cdot [g_3] + [f_3] \cdot [g_1] \cdot [g_2]}{[g_1] \cdot [g_2] \cdot [g_3]} \\ r_1 + (r_2 + r_3) &= \frac{[f_1]}{[g_1]} + \left( \frac{[f_2]}{[g_2]} + \frac{[f_3]}{[g_3]} \right) = \frac{[f_1]}{[g_1]} + \frac{[f_2] \cdot [g_3] + [f_3] \cdot [g_2]}{[g_2] \cdot [g_3]} \\ &= \frac{[f_1] \cdot [g_2] \cdot [g_3] + [f_2] \cdot [g_3] \cdot [g_1] + [f_3] \cdot [g_2] \cdot [g_1]}{[g_1] \cdot [g_2] \cdot [g_3]} \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $(r_1 + r_2) + r_3 = r_1 + (r_2 + r_3)$  follows from commutativity of multiplication in  $R$ .

*Commutative:* Let  $r_1 = \frac{[f_1]}{[g_1]}$ ,  $r_2 = \frac{[f_2]}{[g_2]} \in R_P$ . Then,

$$\begin{aligned} r_1 + r_2 &= \frac{[f_1]}{[g_1]} + \frac{[f_2]}{[g_2]} = \frac{[f_1] \cdot [g_2] + [f_2] \cdot [g_1]}{[g_1] \cdot [g_2]} = \frac{[f_1 \cdot g_2] + [f_2 \cdot g_1]}{[g_1 \cdot g_2]} = \frac{[f_1 \cdot g_2 + f_2 \cdot g_1]}{[g_1 \cdot g_2]} \\ r_2 + r_1 &= \frac{[f_2]}{[g_2]} + \frac{[f_1]}{[g_1]} = \frac{[f_2] \cdot [g_1] + [f_1] \cdot [g_2]}{[g_2] \cdot [g_1]} = \frac{[f_2 \cdot g_1] + [f_1 \cdot g_2]}{[g_2 \cdot g_1]} = \frac{[f_2 \cdot g_1 + f_1 \cdot g_2]}{[g_2 \cdot g_1]} \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $r_1 + r_2 = r_2 + r_1$  follows from commutativity of addition and multiplication in  $R$ .

*Identity:*  $\frac{[0]}{[1]}$  serves as the identity element of addition over  $R_P$ , as, for any  $\frac{[f]}{[g]} \in R_P$ , we have

$$\frac{[f]}{[g]} + \frac{[0]}{[1]} = \frac{[f] \cdot [1] + [g] \cdot [0]}{[g] \cdot [1]} = \frac{[f \cdot 1] + [g \cdot 0]}{[g \cdot 1]} = \frac{[f] + [0]}{[g]} = \frac{[f]}{[g]}$$

Most of the simplifications follow from  $[0]$  being the identity of addition and  $[1]$  being the identity of multiplication, except for  $[g] \cdot [0] = [0]$ , which follows from,

$$[g](P) \cdot [0](P) = g_0(P) \cdot 0(P) = g_0(P) \cdot 0 = 0 \in [0]$$

where  $g_0 \in [g]$  and  $0$  is the zero polynomial.

*Inverse:* Let  $a = \frac{[f]}{[g]} \in R_P$ , then, it is easy to see that  $b = \frac{[-f]}{[g]} \in R_P$ , is the inverse of  $a$ . More formally, we evaluate,

$$a + b = \frac{[f]}{[g]} + \frac{[-f]}{[g]} = \frac{f_0}{g_0} + \frac{-f_0}{g_0} = \frac{f_0 - f_0}{g_0} = \frac{0}{g_0} = 0 = \frac{[0]}{[1]}$$

Hence, every element has a unique inverse associated to it in  $R_P$ .

#### Multiplication on $R_P$

*Closure:* Let  $r_1 = \frac{[f_1]}{[g_1]}$ ,  $r_2 = \frac{[f_2]}{[g_2]} \in R_P$ . Then,

$$r_1 \cdot r_2 = \frac{[f_1]}{[g_1]} \cdot \frac{[f_2]}{[g_2]} = \frac{[f_1] \cdot [f_2]}{[g_1] \cdot [g_2]} = \frac{[f_1 \cdot f_2]}{[g_1 \cdot g_2]}$$

Again,  $[f_1 \cdot f_2], [g_1 \cdot g_2] \in R$  by closure of multiplication over  $R$ , and  $[g_1](P) \neq 0$  and  $[g_2](P) \neq 0 \Rightarrow [g_1 \cdot g_2](P) \neq 0$ . Thus,  $r_1 \cdot r_2 \in R_P$ .

*Associative:* Let  $r_1 = \frac{[f_1]}{[g_1]}$ ,  $r_2 = \frac{[f_2]}{[g_2]}$ ,  $r_3 = \frac{[f_3]}{[g_3]} \in R_P$ . Then,

$$\begin{aligned} (r_1 \cdot r_2) \cdot r_3 &= \left( \frac{[f_1]}{[g_1]} \cdot \frac{[f_2]}{[g_2]} \right) \cdot \frac{[f_3]}{[g_3]} = \left( \frac{[f_1] \cdot [f_2]}{[g_1] \cdot [g_2]} \right) \cdot \frac{[f_3]}{[g_3]} = \frac{[f_1] \cdot [f_2] \cdot [f_3]}{[g_1] \cdot [g_2] \cdot [g_3]} \\ r_1 \cdot (r_2 \cdot r_3) &= \frac{[f_1]}{[g_1]} \cdot \left( \frac{[f_2]}{[g_2]} \cdot \frac{[f_3]}{[g_3]} \right) = \frac{[f_1]}{[g_1]} \cdot \left( \frac{[f_2] \cdot [f_3]}{[g_2] \cdot [g_3]} \right) = \frac{[f_1] \cdot [f_2] \cdot [f_3]}{[g_1] \cdot [g_2] \cdot [g_3]} \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $(r_1 \cdot r_2) \cdot r_3 = r_1 \cdot (r_2 \cdot r_3)$  is a direct consequence of associativity of multiplication over  $R$ .

*Identity:*  $\frac{[1]}{[1]}$  serves as the identity of multiplication over  $R_P$ , as for any  $\frac{[f]}{[g]} \in R_P$ , we have

$$\frac{[f]}{[g]} \cdot \frac{[1]}{[1]} = \frac{[f] \cdot [1]}{[g] \cdot [1]} = \frac{[f \cdot 1]}{[g \cdot 1]} = \frac{[f]}{[g]}$$

Follows from  $[1]$  being the identity of in  $R$ .

*Distributive:* Let  $r_1 = \frac{[f_1]}{[g_1]}$ ,  $r_2 = \frac{[f_2]}{[g_2]}$ ,  $r_3 = \frac{[f_3]}{[g_3]} \in R_P$ . Then,

$$\begin{aligned} r_1 \cdot (r_2 + r_3) &= \frac{[f_1]}{[g_1]} \cdot \left( \frac{[f_2]}{[g_2]} + \frac{[f_3]}{[g_3]} \right) = \frac{[f_1]}{[g_1]} \cdot \left( \frac{[f_2] \cdot [g_3] + [f_3] \cdot [g_2]}{[g_2] \cdot [g_3]} \right) \\ &= \frac{[f_1] \cdot ([f_2] \cdot [g_3] + [f_3] \cdot [g_2])}{[g_1] \cdot [g_2] \cdot [g_3]} \\ &= \frac{[f_1] \cdot [f_2] \cdot [g_3] + [f_1] \cdot [f_3] \cdot [g_2]}{[g_1] \cdot [g_2] \cdot [g_3]} \\ r_1 \cdot r_2 + r_1 \cdot r_3 &= \frac{[f_1]}{[g_1]} \cdot \frac{[f_2]}{[g_2]} + \frac{[f_1]}{[g_1]} \cdot \frac{[f_3]}{[g_3]} = \frac{[f_1] \cdot [f_2]}{[g_1] \cdot [g_2]} + \frac{[f_1] \cdot [f_3]}{[g_1] \cdot [g_3]} \\ &= \frac{[f_1] \cdot [f_2] \cdot [g_3]}{[g_1] \cdot [g_2] \cdot [g_3]} + \frac{[f_1] \cdot [f_3] \cdot [g_2]}{[g_1] \cdot [g_2] \cdot [g_3]} \\ &= \frac{[f_1] \cdot [f_2] \cdot [g_3] + [f_1] \cdot [f_3] \cdot [g_2]}{[g_1] \cdot [g_2] \cdot [g_3]} \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $r_1 \cdot (r_2 + r_3) = r_1 \cdot r_2 + r_1 \cdot r_3$ .

- $I_P = \{ \frac{f}{g} \mid f, g \in R \text{ and } g(P) \neq 0 \text{ and } f(P) = 0 \}$  is a maximal ideal of  $R_P$ .  
We first show that  $I_P$  is an ideal of  $R_P$ .

– Let  $k = \frac{[f_1]}{[g_1]}$ ,  $h = \frac{[f_2]}{[g_2]} \in I_P$ , then,

$$k + h = \frac{[f_1]}{[g_1]} + \frac{[f_2]}{[g_2]} = \frac{[f_1] \cdot [g_2] + [f_2] \cdot [g_1]}{[g_1] \cdot [g_2]} = \frac{[f_1 \cdot g_2 + f_2 \cdot g_1]}{[g_1 \cdot g_2]} = \frac{[f]}{[g]} \in I_P$$

Clearly,  $[g](P) \neq 0$ . Further  $[f](P) = 0$ , because,

$$\begin{aligned} [f](P) &= [f_1 \cdot g_2 + f_2 \cdot g_1](P) = [f_1](P) \cdot [g_2](P) + [f_2](P) \cdot [g_1](P) \\ &= 0 \cdot [g_2](P) + 0 \cdot [g_1](P) = 0 + 0 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, for any  $k, h \in I_P$ , we have  $k + h \in I_P$

– Let  $a = \frac{[f_a]}{[g_a]} \in R_P$ , and  $h = \frac{[f_h]}{[g_h]} \in I_P$ , then,

$$a \cdot h = \frac{[f_a]}{[g_a]} \cdot \frac{[f_h]}{[g_h]} = \frac{[f_a] \cdot [f_h]}{[g_a] \cdot [g_h]} = \frac{[f_a \cdot f_h]}{[g_a \cdot g_h]} = \frac{[f]}{[g]} \in I_P$$

Clearly,  $[g](P) \neq 0$ . Further  $[f](P) = 0$ , because,

$$[f](P) = [f_a \cdot f_h](P) = [f_a](P) \cdot [f_h](P) = [f_a](P) \cdot 0 = 0$$

Hence, for any  $a \in R_P$  and  $h \in I_P$ , we obtain  $a \cdot h \in I_P$ .



Thus,  $I_P$  is an ideal of  $R_P$ . Further, to show that  $I_P$  is a maximal ideal of  $R_P$ , we assume towards contradiction that  $\exists J$ , an ideal of  $R_P$ , such that  $I_P \subset J \subset R_P$ .

We intend to show that  $\frac{[1]}{[1]} \in J$ .

As  $I_P \subset J$ , and  $[f](P) = 0 \forall \frac{[f]}{[g]} \in I_P$ , there must be  $\frac{[f_c]}{[g_c]} \in J$ , such that  $[f_c](P) \neq 0$ .

Also,  $[g_c](P) \neq 0 \because \frac{[f_c]}{[g_c]} \in J \subset R_P$ .

Clearly,  $\frac{[g_c]}{[f_c]} \in R_P \because [f_c](P) \neq 0$ . We choose,  $a_c = \frac{[g_c]}{[f_c]} \in R_P$ , and  $h_c = \frac{[f_c]}{[g_c]} \in J$ , and observe their product,

$$a_c \cdot h_c = \frac{[g_c]}{[f_c]} \cdot \frac{[f_c]}{[g_c]} = \frac{g_{c0}(P)}{f_{c0}(P)} \cdot \frac{f_{c0}(P)}{g_{c0}(P)} = 1 = \frac{1}{1}$$

$\because J$  is an ideal,  $\therefore a_c \cdot h_c = \frac{[1]}{[1]} \in J$ . But, the existence of identity of multiplication in  $J \Rightarrow J = R_P$ . A contradiction!

Thus,  $I_P$  is indeed, a maximal ideal of  $R_P$ .

- For  $P = (1, 0)$ ,  $I_p = (y)$ .

**Lemma 3.2.**  $(y) \subseteq I_p$

*Proof.* For any  $a \in (y)$ , let  $a = \frac{[y] \cdot [f]}{[g]}$ , where  $\frac{[f]}{[g]} \in R_p$ .

Now, looking at the numerator,  $[y \cdot f](P) = [y](P) \cdot [f](P) = 0$ , as  $[y](P)$  is trivially 0. The denominator,  $[g](P) \neq 0$ , by definition of  $R_p$ .

$$\therefore a \in I_p$$

$$\Rightarrow (y) \subseteq I_p$$

□

**Lemma 3.3.**  $[x - 1] \in (y)$ , where  $[x - 1] \in R$ .

*Proof.* We need  $[x - 1] = [y] \cdot r$  for some  $r \in R$ . Let  $r = \frac{[f]}{[g]}$

$$\begin{aligned} [x - 1] \cdot [g] &= [y] \cdot [f] \\ [(x - 1) \cdot g] &= [y \cdot f] \\ [(x - 1) \cdot g] - [y \cdot f] &= [(x - 1) \cdot g - y \cdot f] = 0 \\ \therefore (x - 1) \cdot g - y \cdot f &= a \in (C) \\ \Rightarrow (x - 1) \cdot g - y \cdot f &= a = C \cdot h \quad \text{where } h \in \mathbb{R}[x, y] \\ (x - 1)g - yf &= h((x - 1)x(x + 1) + xy^2) \\ (x - 1)(g + hx(x + 1)) &= y(f + xy) \end{aligned}$$

We, rather arbitrarily, set  $h = 1$ . Now, inspecting the factors, we set:

$$\begin{aligned} f + xy &= x - 1 \\ f &= x - xy - 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} g + x(x + 1) &= y \\ g &= y - x^2 - x \end{aligned}$$

Additionally, the only constraint we have is that  $[g](P) \neq 0$ . Indeed,  $[g](P) = -2$  in our case.

$$\therefore [x - 1] = [y] \cdot \frac{[x - xy - 1]}{[y - x^2 - x]} \Rightarrow [x - 1] \in (y)$$

Hence proved.  $\square$

**Lemma 3.4.** For any  $f \in \mathbb{R}[x, y]$ , if  $f(1, 0) = 0$ , then  $f$  can be expressed as a linear combination of  $(x - 1)$  and  $y$ .

*Proof.* We can separate out the terms in  $f$  into the two sets - one which only contains powers of  $x$ , and the other terms. Note that the constant term is also to be considered in the first set. A  $y$  can be factored out from the terms in the second set. We rewrite  $f$  as follows

$$f(x, y) = q(x) + yh(x, y)$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} f(1, 0) &= q(1) + 0 \cdot h(1, 0) \\ q(1) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

By remainder theorem,  $(x - 1)$  is a factor of  $q(x)$ . We write  $q(x) = (x - 1)q'(x)$ .

$$\therefore f(x, y) = (x - 1)q'(x) + yh(x, y)$$

Hence proved.  $\square$

Finally, for any  $r \in I_p$ , let  $r = \frac{[f]}{[g]}$

$$r = \frac{[(x - 1)q' + yh]}{[g]} \quad (\text{From lemma 3.4})$$

$$r = \frac{[x - 1][q']}{[g]} + \frac{[y][h]}{[g]}$$

Since,  $[x - 1] \in (y)$  (lemma 3.3) and  $\frac{[q']}{[g]} \in R_p$ ,  $\frac{[x - 1][q']}{[g]} \in (y)$  as  $(y)$  is an ideal

Let  $y_1 = \frac{[x - 1][q']}{[g]} \in (y)$  and  $y_2 = \frac{[y][h]}{[g]} \in (y)$

$$r = y_1 + y_2$$

$$r \in (y) \quad (\text{Since } (y) \text{ is an ideal})$$

This implies  $I_p \subseteq (y)$ , but from lemma 3.2, we get

$$I_p = (y)$$

Hence proved.

- For point  $P = (0, 1)$ ,  $(x) \subseteq I_P$ .

It is easy to see that  $(x)(P) = 0$  simply because  $x(P) = 0$ . More formally, let  $a = [x] \cdot \frac{[f]}{[g]} \in (x)$  where  $\frac{[f]}{[g]} \in R_P$ . We re-write  $[x]$  as  $\frac{[x]}{[1]}$ , since,  $[1]$  is the identity of multiplication. Then, we have,

$$a = \frac{[x]}{[1]} \cdot \frac{[f]}{[g]} = \frac{[x] \cdot [f]}{[1] \cdot [g]} = \frac{[x \cdot f]}{[g]}$$

We claim that  $a \in I_P$  because,  $[g](P) \neq 0$ , as  $\frac{[f]}{[g]} \in R_P$ , and

$$[x \cdot f](P) = [x](P) \cdot [f](P) = 0 \cdot [f](P) = 0$$

Hence,  $a \in I_P \forall a \in (x) \Rightarrow (x) \subseteq I_P$ .

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