

Irreducible polynomial



Prop. (Eisenstein test)

$(R, +, \cdot)$ u-f-d $F = \text{Frac}(R)$ $f(x) \in R[x]$ $\deg(f) \geq 0$
 $f(x) = a_n x^n + \dots + a_0$

if \exists p prime $\in R$ s.t.

$p \mid a_n$ & $p \nmid a_{n-1} \dots p \mid a_0$ & $p^2 \nmid a_0$

$\Rightarrow f(x)$ irreducible on $F[x]$

furthermore, if $\text{cont}(f) = 1$, $f(x)$ irreducible on $R[x]$

Proof. If $f(x)$ irreducible on $F[x]$

\exists $g(x), h(x) \in F[x]$, s.t.

$$g(x) = b_0 + \dots + b_m x^m$$

$$h(x) = c_0 + \dots + c_l x^l$$

$$f(x) = g(x) \cdot h(x)$$

suppose $p \mid b_0$ $p \nmid c_0$ $p \mid b_k$ for $0 \leq k < l \leq n-1$
 when $k=l$

$$p \mid a_l = b_0 c_l + \dots + b_l c_0$$

$$\text{thus } p \mid b_l c_0 \Rightarrow p \mid b_l$$

$$\text{because } p \nmid a_n, a_n = b_m c_n + \dots + b_n c_m$$

$$\text{thus } p \nmid b_n \text{ thus } m=n$$

$$h(x) = c \in F \setminus \{0\}$$

$$f(x) = c g(x)$$

however, c is a unit of F and $F[x]$

thus $f(x)$ irreducible on $F[x]$ contradiction

$$\text{example } f(x) = x^3 + 20x^2 - 6x + 2$$

$R = \mathbb{Z}$ $p=2$, $f(x)$ irreducible on $\mathbb{Q}[x] = \text{Frac}(\mathbb{Z})$
 $\Rightarrow f(x)$ irreducible on $\mathbb{Z}[x]$