

Algebra Definition Theorem List

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Chapter 1

Group Theory I

This corresponds to Aluffi Chapter II.

Proposition 1.1. Let G be a group, for all $a, g, h \in G$, if

$$ga = ha$$

then $g = h$.

Proposition 1.2. Let $g \in G$ have order n , then

$$n \mid |G|$$

Corollary 1.1. If g is an element of finite order, and let $N \in \mathbb{Z}$, then

$$g^N = e \iff N \text{ is a multiple of } |g|$$

Proposition 1.3. Let $g \in G$ be of finite order, then g^m also has finite order, for all $m \geq 0$, and

$$|g^m| = \frac{\text{lcm}(m, |g|)}{m} = \frac{|g|}{\gcd(m, |g|)}$$

Proposition 1.4. If $gh = hg$, then $|gh|$ divides $\text{lcm}(|g|, |h|)$.

Definition 1.1 (Dihedral Group). Let D_{2n} denote the group of symmetries of a n -sided polygon, consisting of n rotations and n reflections about lines through the origin and a vertex or a midpoint of a side.

Proposition 1.5. Let $m \in \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$, then

$$|m| = \frac{n}{\gcd(n, m)}$$

Corollary 1.2. The element $m \in \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$ generates $\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$ if and only if $\gcd(m, n) = 1$.

Definition 1.2 (Multiplicative $(\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z})^\times$). The multiplicative group of $\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$ is

$$(\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z})^\times = \{m \in \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z} : \gcd(m, n) = 1\}$$

Proposition 1.6. Let $\varphi : G \rightarrow H$ be a homomorphism, and let $g \in G$ be an element of finite order, then $|\varphi(g)|$ divides $|g|$.

For example, there is no nontrivial homomorphism from $\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$ to \mathbb{Z} .

Proposition 1.7. There is an isomorphism between D_6 and S_3 .

Proposition 1.8. Let $\varphi : G \rightarrow H$ be an isomorphism, for all $g \in G$, $|\varphi(g)| = |g|$, and G is commutative if and only if H is commutative.

Proposition 1.9. If H is commutative, then $\text{Hom}(G, H)$ is a group.

Definition 1.3. Let $A = \{1, \dots, n\}$, then the free abelian group on A is

$$\mathbb{Z} \oplus \dots \oplus \mathbb{Z} = \mathbb{Z}^{\oplus n}$$

Proposition 1.10. For every set A , the free abelian group A is

$$\mathbb{Z}^{\oplus A}$$

In other words, any element in the free abelian group of A can be written as

$$\sum_{a \in A} m_a j(a)$$

where $m_a \neq 0$ for only finitely many terms, and

$$j_a(m) = \begin{cases} 1, & m = a \\ 0, & m \neq a \end{cases}$$

Proposition 1.11. Let $\{H_\alpha\}$ be any family of subgroups of G , then

$$\bigcap_{\alpha} H_{\alpha}$$

is a subgroup of G .

Proposition 1.12. If $\varphi : G_1 \rightarrow G_2$ is a group homomorphism, then if $H_2 \subset G_2$ is a subgroup, then

$$\varphi^{-1}(H_2)$$

is a subgroup of G_1 .

Proposition 1.13. Let $H \subset \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$ be a subgroup, then H is generated by some m where m divides n .

Proposition 1.14. If $\varphi : G_1 \rightarrow G_2$ is a homomorphism, then $\ker(\varphi)$ is a normal subgroup.

Theorem 1.1. Let $\varphi : G_1 \rightarrow G_2$ be a surjective homomorphism, then

$$G_2 \cong \frac{G_1}{\ker \varphi}$$

Proposition 1.15. Let H_1, H_2 be normal subgroups of G_1, G_2 , then $H_1 \times H_2$ are normal subgroups of $G_1 \times G_2$, then

$$\frac{G_1 \times G_2}{H_1 \times H_2} \cong \frac{G_1}{H_1} \times \frac{G_2}{H_2}$$

For example,

$$\frac{S_3}{\mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}} \cong \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{2\mathbb{Z}}$$

Proposition 1.16. Let H be a normal subgroup of G , then every subgroup containing H can be identified with a subgroup K/H of G/H .

Proposition 1.17. Let H be a normal subgroup of G , and N be a subgroup of G containing H , then N/H is normal in G/H if and only if N is normal in G , in this case

$$\frac{G/H}{N/H} \cong \frac{G}{N}$$

Proposition 1.18. Let H, K be subgroups of G , and if H is normal, then HK is a subgroup of G and H is normal in HK . Moreover, $H \cap K$ is normal in K , and

$$\frac{HK}{H} \cong \frac{K}{H \cap K}$$

Proposition 1.19. Let H be a subgroup of G , then for all $g \in G$, the function

$$H \rightarrow gH, h \mapsto gh$$

is a bijection.

Theorem 1.2 (Lagrange). If G is a finite group, and $H \subset G$ is a subgroup, then

$$|G| = [G : H] \cdot |H|$$

In particular, $|H|$ divides $|G|$.

Theorem 1.3 (Fermat's Little Theorem). Let p be a prime integer, and a be any integer, then

$$a^p \equiv a \pmod{p}$$

Proposition 1.20. Any group G acts on itself by left/right multiplications, and acts on the cosets G/H :

$$\varphi : g \mapsto (aH \mapsto gaH)$$

Definition 1.4 (orbit). The orbit of $a \in A$ of a group action by G is

$$O(a) = \{g \cdot a : g \in G\}$$

The stabilizer of a is the following

$$\text{Stab}_G(a) = \{g \in G : g \cdot a = a\}$$

Proposition 1.21. The orbits of an action form a partition on the set A , and G acts transitively on each orbit.

Definition 1.5 (transitive action, faithful action). An action of G on A is transitive if for all $a, b \in A$, there exists $g \in G$ such that

$$g \cdot a = b$$

In other words, the orbit of any element $a \in A$ is the entire set.

An action is faithful if for any $g \in G$,

$$g \cdot a = a \text{ for all } a$$

implies that $g = e$.

Proposition 1.22. Every transitive action of G on a set A is isomorphic to multiplication of G on G/H , where $H = \text{Stab}(a)$ for any $a \in A$.

Proposition 1.23. If $O(a)$ is an orbit of the action of a finite group G , then $O(a)$ is a finite and $|O|$ divides $|G|$. Moreover,

$$|G| = |O(a)| \cdot |\text{Stab}_G(a)|$$

For example, there is no transitive action of S_3 on the set of 5 elements.

Chapter 2

Group Theory II

This corresponds to Aluffi Chapter IV.

Proposition 2.1 (class formula). Let S be a finite set, and G act on S , then

$$|S| = |Z| + \sum_{a \in A} [G : \text{Stab}(a)] = |Z| + \sum_{a \in A} |O_a|$$

where $Z = \{a \in S : g \cdot a = a \text{ for all } g\}$, i.e., the fixed elements, and $A \subset S$ contains exactly one element from each nontrivial orbit of the action.

In other words, $|S|$ is the sum of the number of trivial orbits and each nontrivial orbit.

Proposition 2.2. Let G be a p -group that acts on a finite set S , then let Z be fixed elements of this action, then

$$|S| \equiv |Z| \pmod{p}$$

Proposition 2.3. Let G be finite, and if $G/Z(G)$ is cyclic, then G is abelian.

Definition 2.1 (centralizer, conjugacy class). The centralizer $Z_G(g)$ where $g \in G$ is its stabilizer under conjugation:

$$Z_G(g) = \{h \in G : hgh^{-1} = g\}$$

The conjugacy class of $g \in G$ is the orbit $[g]$ of the conjugation action.

Proposition 2.4 (Class formula). Let G be finite, then

$$|G| = |Z(G)| + \sum_{a \in A} [a]$$

where A contains one representative for each nontrivial conjugacy class.

Corollary 2.1. Let G be a nontrivial p -group, then G has a nontrivial center.

Proposition 2.5. The only possibility for the class formula of a nonabelian group of order 6 is

$$6 = 1 + 2 + 3$$

The center must be trivial if G is nonabelian.

Definition 2.2 (normalizer). Let $A \subset G$ be a subset. The normalizer $N_G(A)$ of A is

$$\text{Stab}_G(A) = \{g : gAg^{-1} = A\}$$

The centralizer of A is the subgroup $Z_G(A) \subset N_G(A)$ fixing each $a \in A$:

$$Z_G(A) = \{g : gag^{-1} = a \text{ for all } a \in A\}$$

If H is subgroup of G , every conjugate gHg^{-1} is also a subgroup of G , and all conjugate groups have the same order.

Proposition 2.6. H is a normal subgroup of G if and only if $N_G(H) = G$. More generally, the normalizer $N_G(H)$ for any subgroup H is the largest subgroup of G in which H is normal.

Proposition 2.7. Let $H \subset G$ be a subgroup, then the number of subgroups conjugate to H is equal to $[G : N_G(H)]$.

Corollary 2.2. If $[G : H]$ is finite, then the number of subgroups conjugate to H is finite, and

$$[G : H] = [G : N_G(H)] \cdot [N_G(H) : H]$$

In other words, the number of subgroups conjugate to H divides the index $[G : H]$.

Theorem 2.1 (Cauchy's Theorem). Let G be a finite group, and let p be a prime divisor of $|G|$, then G contains an element of order p .

Moreover, let N be the number of cyclic subgroups of order p , then

$$N \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$$

Definition 2.3 (simple). A group is simple if it is nontrivial and its only normal subgroups are $\{e\}$ and G (has no nontrivial proper subgroup).

Definition 2.4 (p -Sylow subgroups). Let p be prime, a p -Sylow subgroup of a finite group G is a subgroup of order p^r , where $|G| = p^r m$, $\gcd(p, m) = 1$.

Theorem 2.2 (Sylow I). Every finite group contains a p -Sylow subgroup for all prime p . If p^k divides $|G|$, then G has a subgroup of order p^k .

Theorem 2.3 (Sylow II). Let G be finite, and P is a p -Sylow subgroup, let $H \subset G$ be a p -group, then H is contained in a conjugate of P . If P_1, P_2 are both p -Sylow subgroups, then they are conjugates to each other.

Theorem 2.4 (Sylow III). Let $|G| = p^r m$, and $\gcd(p, m) = 1$, then the number of p -Sylow subgroups is

$$n_p \mid m$$

and

$$n_p \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$$

Proposition 2.8. Let G be a group of order mp^r , where p is prime and $1 < m < p$, then G is not simple.

Proposition 2.9. Let $p < q$ be primes, let G has order pq , if $p \nmid (q - 1)$, then G is cyclic.

Proposition 2.10. Let q be an odd prime, and G be a noncommutative group of order $2q$, then

$$G \cong D_{2q}$$

Definition 2.5 (commutator subgroup). Let G be a group, the commutator subgroup of G is the subgroup **generated** by all elements

$$ghg^{-1}h^{-1}$$

Proposition 2.11. Let $[G, G]$ be the commutator subgroup of G , then $[G, G]$ is normal in G , and the quotient, also called the abelianization of G ,

$$G^{\text{ab}} = \frac{G}{[G, G]}$$

is commutative.

If $\varphi : G \rightarrow H$, where H is commutative, then

$$[G, G] \subset \ker(\varphi)$$

Definition 2.6. A group G is solvable, if there exists a sequence such that

$$\{e\} = G_0 \subset \cdots \subset G_k = G$$

where G_i is normal in G_{i+1} , and G_{i+1}/G_i is abelian, or equivalently, cyclic.

Proposition 2.12. All p -groups are solvable!

Proposition 2.13. Let N be normal in G , then G is solvable if and only if $N, G/N$ are solvable.

Proposition 2.14. Disjoint cycles commute. For every $\sigma \in S_n$, σ can be written as disjoint nontrivial cycles, unique up to rearranging.

Proposition 2.15. Two elements in S_n are conjugate in S_n if and only if they have the same type. Hence the number of conjugacy classes is the number of partitions of n as a sum.

Proposition 2.16. Normal subgroups are unions of conjugacy classes.
One can use this fact to show that there is no normal subgroup of order 30 in S_5 .

Definition 2.7 (Even permutation). Let $\sigma \in S_n$, then σ is even if

$$\prod_{i < j} (x_{\sigma(i)} - x_{\sigma(j)}) = \prod_{i < j} (x_i - x_j)$$

Definition 2.8. The alternating group A_n consists of even permutations of $\sigma \in S_n$, and

$$[S_n : A_n] = 2$$

Proposition 2.17. Let $\sigma \in A_n$, where $n \geq 2$, then the conjugacy class of σ in S_n splits into two conjugacy classes in A_n precisely if the type of σ consists of distinct odd numbers.
For example, the 5-cycle of S_5 splits into 2 conjugacy classes in A_5 .

Proposition 2.18. The group A_5 is a simple noncommutative group of order 60

Proof. Any nontrivial normal subgroup consists of nontrivial conjugacy classes and $\{e\}$, the conjugacy classes of A_5 has the following size:

$$1, 15, 20, 12, 12$$

Thus any subgroup of G , i.e., order that divides 60 cannot be written as a sum of the numbers above. \square

Proposition 2.19. The alternating group is generated by 3-cycles.

Proposition 2.20. Let $n \geq 5$, if a normal subgroup of A_n contains a 3-cycle, then it contains all 3-cycles.

Proof. It suffices to note that the 3 cycles form a conjugacy class that doesn't split from S_n to A_n . \square

Theorem 2.5. The alternating group is simple for $n \geq 5$.
As a corollary, S_n is not solvable for $n \geq 5$.

Proposition 2.21. Let N, H be normal subgroups of G , then

$$[N, H] \subset N \cap H$$

where $[N, H]$ is the commutator of N, H .

Proposition 2.22. Let N, H be normal subgroups, and $N \cap H = \{e\}$, then N, H commute with each other.

Theorem 2.6. Let N, H be normal subgroups of G , such that $N \cap H = \{e\}$, then

$$NH \cong N \times H$$

Definition 2.9 (Short exact sequence). A short exact sequence of groups is a sequence:

$$1 \longrightarrow N \xrightarrow{\varphi} G \xrightarrow{\psi} H \longrightarrow 1$$

where ψ surjective and φ is injective, and N is normal in G which induces an isomorphism $G/N \cong H$.

A SES splits if H is identified with a subgroup of G such that

$$N \cap H = \{e\}$$

Definition 2.10 (semidirect product). Let N be a normal subgroup, and let $\theta : H \rightarrow \text{Aut}(N)$, then define an operator \cdot_θ as

$$(n_1, h_1) \cdot_\theta (n_2, h_2) = (n_1 \theta(h_1)(n_2), h_1 h_2)$$

The semidirect product of $N \rtimes_\theta H$ is the group $N \times H$ with operator \cdot_θ .

Theorem 2.7. Let N, H be groups, and $\theta : H \rightarrow \text{Aut}(N)$, let $G = N \rtimes_\theta H$, then

1. G contains isomorphic copies of N, H .
2. The natural projection $G \rightarrow H$ is surjective, with kernel N , thus N is normal in G and the sequence

$$1 \longrightarrow N \longrightarrow N \rtimes_\theta H \longrightarrow H \longrightarrow 1$$

is split exact.

3. $N \cap H = \{e\}$.
4. $G = NH$.
5. The homomorphism is conjugation:

$$\theta(h)(n) = hnh^{-1}$$

Proposition 2.23. Let N, H be subgroups, and N is normal, suppose that $N \cap H = \{e\}$, and $G = NH$, then let $\theta : H \rightarrow \text{Aut}(N)$ be

$$\theta(h)n = hnh^{-1}$$

Then

$$G \cong N \rtimes_\theta H$$

Proposition 2.24. Let G be abelian, let H, K be subgroups such that $|H|, |K|$ are relatively prime, then

$$H + K \cong H \oplus K$$

Proof. Lagrange. □

Proposition 2.25. Every finite abelian group is a direct sum of its nontrivial Sylow subgroups.

Proposition 2.26. Let p be prime, and $r \geq 1$, let G be a noncyclic abelian group of order p^{r+1} , then let $g \in G$ be an element of order p^r , then there exists an element $h \in G$ such that $h \notin \langle g \rangle$, such that $|h| = p$.

If G is finite and abelian, then G is a direct sum of cyclic groups, which may be assumed to be cyclic p -groups.

Theorem 2.8. Let G be finite nontrivial abelian group, then there exists prime integers p_1, \dots, p_r , and positive integers $n_{i(j)}$ such that

$$G = \bigoplus_{i,j} \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{p_i^{n_{i(j)}} \mathbb{Z}}$$

There exists positive integers $1 < d_1 \mid \dots \mid d_s$ such that $|G| = d_1 \dots d_s$, and

$$G \cong \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{d_1 \mathbb{Z}} \oplus \dots \oplus \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{d_s \mathbb{Z}}$$

Theorem 2.9. Let F be a field, and G be a finite subgroup of the multiplicative group (F^\times, \cdot) , then G is cyclic.

Chapter 3

Ring Theory

This corresponds to Aluffi Chapter III.

Definition 3.1 (zero-divisor). An element $a \in R$ is a (left) zero-divisor if there exists $b \neq 0$ such that

$$ab = 0$$

Proposition 3.1. In a ring R , $a \in R$ is not a left zero-divisor if and only if the left multiplication by a is injective.

Definition 3.2 (integral domain). An ID is a nonzero commutative ring such that for all $a, b \in R$,

$$ab = 0$$

implies $a = 0$ or $b = 0$. In other words, IDs are commutative rings without zero divisors.

Proposition 3.2. In a ring R :

1. u is left unit iff the left multiplication by u is surjective.
2. If u is a left unit, then the right multiplication by u is injective, i.e., u is not a right zero-divisor.

Definition 3.3 (division ring). A division ring is a ring in which every nonzero element is a unit.

A field is a nonzero commutative ring in which every nonzero element is a unit.

Proposition 3.3. Assume R is a finite commutative ring, then R is an integral domain if and only if R is a field.

Proposition 3.4. $\text{End}_{\text{Ab}}(\mathbb{Z}) \cong \mathbb{Z}$

Theorem 3.1. Let I be a two-sided ideal of a ring R . Then for every ring homomorphism $\varphi : R \rightarrow S$ such that $I \subset \ker \varphi$ there exists a unique ring homomorphism $\tilde{\varphi} : R/I \rightarrow S$ so that the diagram commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} R & \xrightarrow{\varphi} & S \\ \pi \downarrow & \nearrow \tilde{\varphi} & \\ R/I & & \end{array}$$

Theorem 3.2. Let $\varphi : R \rightarrow S$ be a surjective ring homomorphism, then

$$S \cong \frac{R}{\ker(\varphi)}$$

Proposition 3.5. Let I be an ideal of a ring R , and let J be an ideal of R containing I , then J/I is an ideal of R/I , and

$$\frac{R/I}{J/I} = \frac{R}{J}$$

Definition 3.4 (Noetherian). A commutative ring R is Noetherian if every ideal of R is finitely generated. An ideal I is finitely generated if $I = (a_1, \dots, a_n)$, i.e., every element in I can be written as

$$r_1 a_1 + \dots + r_n a_n$$

for some $r_1, \dots, r_n \in R$.

Definition 3.5. I is a prime ideal if R/I is an integral domain, and is a maximal ideal if R/I is a field.

Proposition 3.6. Let I be an ideal of commutative R , if R/I is finite, then I is prime if and only if maximal.

Proposition 3.7. Let R be a PID, a nonzero ideal I is prime if and only if it is maximal.

Definition 3.6 (module). A R -module M is an abelian group with a ring action, satisfying:

1. $r(m + n) = rm + rn$
2. $(r + s)m = rm + sm$
3. $(rs)m = r(sm)$
4. $1m = m$.

Definition 3.7. An R -algebra is a ring with a ring R action.

Theorem 3.3. Suppose $\varphi : M \rightarrow M'$ be a surjective R -module homomorphism, then

$$M' \cong \frac{M}{\ker \varphi}$$

Proposition 3.8. Let N be a submodule of an R -module M , and let P be a submodule of M containing N . Then P/N is a submodule of M/N , and

$$\frac{M/N}{P/N} \cong \frac{M}{P}$$

Proposition 3.9. Let N, P be submodules, then $N + P$ is a submodule of M , and $N \cap P$ is a submodule of P , and

$$\frac{N + P}{N} \cong \frac{P}{N \cap P}$$

Proposition 3.10. Let R be a PID, and F be a finitely generated free module over R , and let $M \subset F$ be a submodule, then M is free.

Definition 3.8. Let R be an integral domain, the rank of M is the maximal number of linearly independent elements of M .

Chapter 4

Irreducibility and Factorization

This corresponds to Aluffi Chapter V.

Proposition 4.1. Let R be commutative, and M be an R -module, then the following are equivalent:

1. M is Noetherian: every submodule of M is finitely generated.
2. Every ascending chain of submodules of M stabilizes.
3. Every nonempty family of submodules has a maximal element with respect to inclusion.

Proposition 4.2. Let R be a Noetherian ring, and let J be an ideal of the polynomial ring $R[x_1, \dots, x_n]$, then the ring

$$\frac{R[x_1, \dots, x_n]}{J}$$

is Noetherian.

Proposition 4.3 (Hilbert's basis theorem). If R is Noetherian, then $R[x]$ is also Noetherian.

Definition 4.1 (prime, irreducible elements). Let R be an integral domain, an element $a \in R$ is prime if the ideal (a) is prime, i.e., a is not a unit and $a \mid bc$ implies $a \mid b$ or $a \mid c$. ($a \mid b$ if $b \in (a)$.)

An element $a \in R$ is irreducible if a is not a unit and

$$a = bc$$

implies b is a unit or c is a unit. Equivalently, a is Irreducible if $(a) \subset (b)$ implies $(b) = (a)$ or $(b) = 1$.

Proposition 4.4. Let R be an integral domain, and let $a \in R$ be a nonzero prime element, then a is irreducible.

Proposition 4.5. Let R be an integral domain, and let r be a nonzero, nonunit element of R . Assume that every ascending chain of principal ideals,

$$(r) \subset (r_1) \subset \dots$$

stabilizes. Then r has a factorization into irreducibles.

Corollary 4.1. Let R be a Noetherian ring, then factorizations exist in R .
A non-Noetherian ring but factorization still exists:

$$\mathbb{Z}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$$

Proposition 4.6. Let R be a UFD, and $a, b, c \in R$ be nonzero, then

$$(a) \subset (b)$$

iff the multiset of irreducible factors of b is contained in that of a . Moreover, the irreducible factors of bc are the collection of irreducible factors of b and c .

Proposition 4.7. Let R be a UFD, let a, b be nonzero elements, then a, b have a greatest common divisor, i.e., the smallest ideal (d) such that $(a, b) \subset (d)$.

Proposition 4.8. In UFD, a is irreducible implies a is prime.

Theorem 4.1. An integral domain R is a UFD if and only if

1. The acc holds for principal ideals in R .
2. Every irreducible element of R is prime.

Proposition 4.9. If R is a PID, then it is a UFD. (Hence irreducibles are primes).
($\mathbb{Z}[x]$ is not a PID).

Definition 4.2 (Euclidean domain). A Euclidean valuation on an integral domain R is an valuation: for all $a \in R$, and all nonzero $b \in R$, there exists q, r such that

$$a = qb + r$$

with either $r = 0$ or $v(r) < v(b)$. An integral domain is a ED if it admits a Euclidean valuation.

Proposition 4.10. ED is also PID.

Definition 4.3 (Field of fractions). Let R be an integral domain, then the field of fractions is

$$K(R) = \left\{ \frac{a}{r} : a, r \in R, r \neq 0 \right\}$$

Definition 4.4. The field of rational functions with coefficients in R is the field of fractions of the ring $R[x]$, denoted as $R(x)$.

Theorem 4.2. Let R be a UFD, then $R[x]$ is also a UFD.

Proposition 4.11. Let R be a UFD, and K be its field of fractions, let $f \in R[x]$ be a nonconstant, irreducible polynomial, then f is irreducible as an element in $K[x]$.

Definition 4.5. Let R be a commutative ring, let $f \in R[x]$, then f is primitive if for all principal prime ideals p ,

$$f \notin pR[x]$$

where $p[x]$ is an ideal of $R[x]$ of polynomials with coefficients from p .

Proposition 4.12. Let R be a UFD, f is primitive if and only if $\gcd(a_0, \dots, a_d) = 1$.

Definition 4.6. Let R be a UFD. The content of a nonzero polynomial $f \in R[x]$ denoted by

$$\text{cont}(f) = \gcd(a_0, \dots, a_n)$$

The principal ideal generated by $(\text{cont} f)$ is uniquely determined by f .

Proposition 4.13 (Gauss's lemma). Let R be a UFD. Let $f, g \in R[x]$, then

$$(\text{cont}(fg)) = (\text{cont}(f))(\text{cont}(g))$$

Proposition 4.14. Let R be a UFD, and K be its field of fractions. Let $f \in R[x]$ be nonconstant, then f is irreducible in $R[x]$ if and only if it is irreducible in $K[x]$ and $\gcd(a_0, \dots, a_n) = 1$

Proposition 4.15. Let k be field, $f \in k[x]$ of degree 2 or 3 is irreducible iff it has a root in k .

Proposition 4.16. Let R be a UFD, K its field of fractions. Let

$$f(x) = a_0 + \dots + a_n x^n \in R[x]$$

let $c = \frac{p}{q} \in K$ be a root of f , then $p \mid a_0$ and $q \mid a_n$. (Note p/q is written in the minimal form).

Proposition 4.17. Let k be a field, $f(t) \in k[t]$, be irreducible, then

$$F = \frac{k[t]}{(f(t))}$$

is a field.

Definition 4.7. A field is algebraically closed if all the irreducible polynomials in $k[x]$ have degree 1.

Proposition 4.18. Every polynomial $f \in R[x]$ of degree ≥ 3 is reducible.

Proposition 4.19. Let $f \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$ be a polynomial such $\gcd(a_0, \dots, a_n) = 1$ then let p be a prime integer. Assume $f \pmod p$ has the same degree as f and is irreducible over $\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$, then f is irreducible over \mathbb{Z} .

Proposition 4.20 (Generalized Eisenstein). Let R be a commutative ring, let p be a prime ideal in R , let $f \in R[x]$, assume that

1. $a_n \notin p$.
2. $a_i \in p$.
3. $a_0 \notin p^2$.

then f is not the product of polynomials with degree strictly less than $\deg(f)$.

Theorem 4.3 (CRT). Let I_1, \dots, I_k be ideals of R such that $I_i + I_j = (1)$ for all $i \neq j$. Then

$$\frac{R}{I_1 \cap \dots \cap I_k} \cong \frac{R}{I_1} \times \dots \times \frac{R}{I_k}$$

(It uses if $I_i + I_j = (1)$, then $I_1 \dots I_k = I_1 \cap \dots \cap I_k$).

Corollary 4.2. Let R be a PID, and let a_1, \dots, a_k be elements such that $\gcd(a_i, a_j) = 1$, let $a = a_1 \dots a_k$, then

$$\frac{R}{(a)} \cong \frac{R}{(a_1)} \times \dots \times \frac{R}{(a_k)}$$

Proposition 4.21. A positive integer prime $p \in \mathbb{Z}$ splits in $\mathbb{Z}[i]$ iff it is the sum of two squares in \mathbb{Z} .

Proof. Use norm. □

Theorem 4.4 (Fermat). A positive odd prime $p \in \mathbb{Z}$ is a sum of two squares iff $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$.

Chapter 5

Linear Algebra I

This corresponds to Aluffi Chapter VI.

Proposition 5.1. Any ring morphism from a field to a nonzero ring is injective.

Definition 5.1 (finite field extension). A field extension $k \subset F$ is finite, of degree n , if F has finite dimension $\dim F = n$ as a vector space over k .

Definition 5.2 (simple extension). A field extension $k \subset F$ is simple if there exists an element $\alpha \in F$ such that $F = k(\alpha)$.

For example, the extension $\frac{K[t]}{(f(t))} = K(\alpha)$ for some $f(\alpha) = 0$.

Proposition 5.2. Let $k \subset k(\alpha)$ be a simple extension, then consider the evaluation map

$$\varepsilon : f(t) \mapsto f(\alpha)$$

Then ε is not injective iff $k(\alpha)$ is a finite extension, i.e., there exists a monic irreducible polynomial p such that

$$k(\alpha) = \frac{k[t]}{(p(t))}$$

Definition 5.3. Let $k \subset F$ be an extension, then the group of automorphisms of this extension, denoted $\text{Aut}_k(F)$ is the group of automorphisms $\varphi : F \rightarrow F$ that fixes k .

Corollary 5.1. Let $k \subset k(\alpha)$, and $p(x)$ be the minimal polynomial over k , then

$$|\text{Aut}_k(k(\alpha))| = \text{number of distinct roots of } p \text{ in } k(\alpha)$$

and

$$|\text{Aut}_k(k(\alpha))| \leq [k(\alpha) : k]$$

with equality if and only if $p(x)$ factors over $k(\alpha)$ as a product of distinct linear factors.

Proposition 5.3. Let $k \subset F$ be finite, then it is also an algebraic extension, where for any $\alpha \in F$,

$$[k(\alpha) : k] \leq [F : k]$$

Proposition 5.4. Let $k \subset E \subset F$ be field extensions, then $k \subset F$ is finite iff both E/k and F/E are finite, in this case

$$[F : k] = [F : E][E : k]$$

Corollary 5.2. Let $k \subset F$ be finite, and E be an intermediate field, then both $[E : k], [F : E]$ divide $[F : k]$.

Definition 5.4. A field ext $k \subset F$ is finitely generated if there exists $\{\alpha_i\} \subset F$ such that

$$F = k(\alpha_1) \dots (\alpha_n)$$

Proposition 5.5. Let $k \subset k(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)$ be finitely generated, then $k \subset F$ is algebraic implies that $k \subset F$ is finite.

Corollary 5.3. Let $k \subset F$ be a field extension, then

$$E = \{\alpha \in F : \alpha \text{ is algebraic over } k\}$$

is a field extension over k .

Corollary 5.4. Let $k \subset E \subset F$, then $k \subset F$ is algebraic iff both $k \subset E$ and $E \subset F$ are algebraic.

Definition 5.5. Let $f(x) \in k[x]$ be a polynomial of degree d , the splitting field of f over k

$$F = k(\alpha_1) \dots (\alpha_d)$$

generated by all roots of f , i.e., such that f splits into linear factors over F .

Proposition 5.6. Splitting field of f is unique up to isomorphisms, and

$$[F : k] \leq (\deg(f))!$$

Definition 5.6. A field extension $k \subset F$ is normal if every irred polynomial f has a root in F iff f splits into product of linear factors over F .

Proposition 5.7 (normal). A field extension $k \subset F$ is **finite and normal** iff F is the splitting field of some polynomial $f \in k[x]$.

Definition 5.7. Let k be a field, $f \in k[x]$ is separable if it has no multiple factors over its splitting field.

Proposition 5.8. Let $f \in k[x]$, then f is separable iff f, f' are relatively prime. If it is inseparable, then $f' = 0$.

Definition 5.8. Let k be a field of characteristic p , the map from $k \rightarrow k$ such that $x \mapsto x^p$ is a homomorphism (Frobenius).

A field is perfect if $\text{char}(k) = 0$ or the Frobenius map is surjective.

Proposition 5.9. k is perfect iff irred polynomial in $k[x]$ are separable.

Corollary 5.5. Finite fields are perfect, i.e., irred polynomials are separable.

5.1 Finite fields

Definition 5.9. Let F be a finite field of characteristic p , then F is an extension of \mathbb{F}_p , i.e.,

$$F = \mathbb{F}_{p^d}$$

for some $d \in \mathbb{Z}^+$.

Theorem 5.1. The polynomial

$$x^{p^d} - x$$

is separable over \mathbb{F}_p , and the splitting field of $x^{p^d} - x$ over \mathbb{F}_p is a field with p^d elements.

Conversely, let F be a field with p^d elements, then F is the splitting field of

$$x^{p^d} - x$$

over \mathbb{F}_p .

Corollary 5.6. For every p^d for some d , there exists only one finite field of order p^d up to isomorphisms. This is the Galois field of order p^d .

Corollary 5.7. $\mathbb{F}_{p^d} \subset \mathbb{F}_{p^e}$ iff $d \mid e$.

Chapter 6

Linear Algebra II

This corresponds to Aluffi Chapter VIII.

Chapter 7

Field Theory

This corresponds to Aluffi Chapter VII.

Chapter 8

Representation Theory of Finite Groups

Chapter 9

Semisimple Algebra