

Homework

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Exercise 4-1

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Beacuse f and g are nonzero polynomials, we have

$$\begin{aligned}f(x) &= a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \cdots + a_nx^n \\g(x) &= b_0 + b_1x + b_2x^2 + \cdots + b_mx^m,\end{aligned}$$

where $a_n \neq 0$ and $b_m \neq 0$. So $\deg(f) = n$ and $\deg(g) = m$.

The coefficient of x^r item of $f(x)g(x)$ is

$$c_r = \sum_{i=0}^r a_i b_{r-i}.$$

When $r = n + m$, c_r is a_nb_m , which is not 0 beacuse R is an integral domain and $a_n \neq 0, b_m \neq 0$. So $\deg(fg) \geq \deg(f) + \deg(g)$.

When $r > n + m$, c_r is 0 beacuse one of a_i and b_{r-i} is 0. So $\deg(fg) \leq \deg(f) + \deg(g)$.

Then when $f(x) \neq 0$ and $g(x) \neq 0$, we have $\deg(fg) = \deg(f) + \deg(g)$.

When R is not an integral domain, the conclusion doesn't hold. For example, when R is Z_4 , $f(x) = g(x) = 2$, $\deg(f) = \deg(g) = 0$ and $\deg(fg) = -\infty$.

Exercise 4-3

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(4)

Beacuse $x^3 + 1 = (x + 1)(x^2 - x + 1) = (x + 1)(x^2 + x + 1)$, thus $\beta \mid \alpha$.

(6)

If $\alpha = \beta\gamma$, we replace x with $2 \in Z_5[x]$, we can get $\alpha(x = 2) = 0$. But we replace x directly in α we can get $\alpha(x = 2) = 2 \neq 0$. So $\beta \nmid \alpha$.

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Let $R = \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-3}]$ and $a = 4, b = 2(1 + \sqrt{-3})$. We can get that all the divisors of a are $\{1, 2, 1 + \sqrt{-3}, 1 - \sqrt{-3}, -1, -2, -1 - \sqrt{-3}, -1 + \sqrt{-3}\}$ and all the divisors of b are $\{1, 2, 1 + \sqrt{-3}, -1, -2, -1 - \sqrt{-3}\}$. Both 2 and $1 + \sqrt{-3}$ are maximal common divisors, but they don't correlate with each other. So a and b have no greatest common divisor. (The method to get the divisor of a or b is to reduce $\frac{a}{r+s\sqrt{-3}}$ in \mathbb{C} field where $r, s \in \mathbb{Z}$, then we can get the restrictions on r and s and know all the divisors).

Exercise 4-4

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(1)

- \Rightarrow : If d is a unit, we have $dd^{-1} = 1$, then

$$\sigma(1) = \sigma(dd^{-1}) \geq \sigma(d) \geq \sigma(d \cdot 1) \geq \sigma(1),$$

so $\sigma(1) = \sigma(d)$.

- \Leftarrow : If $\sigma(1) = \sigma(d)$, because D is an Euclidean Domain, we have

$$1 = dc + r,$$

where $\sigma(r) < \sigma(d)$ or $r = 0$. Because $\sigma(r) \geq \sigma(1) = \sigma(d)$, r must be 0. Then we have $dc = 1$, which means d is a unit.

(2)

For all $d \in D$, we have $\sigma(d) = n = \sigma(1)$, by (1), then d is a unit. Then every element of D has a multiplicative inverse, thus Euclidean Domain D is a field.

(3)

If $a = 0$, then $a = b = 0$.

If $a \neq 0$, we have $b = ac$ where c is a unit, then $b \neq 0$. Then we have $\sigma(b) = \sigma(ac) \geq \sigma(a)$. Similarly, $\sigma(a) \geq \sigma(b)$, so $\sigma(a) = \sigma(b)$.

In conclusion, $a \sim b \Rightarrow a = b = 0$ or $\sigma(a) = \sigma(b)$.

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(1)

By the Correspondence Theorem For Rings, any ideal of D/I has the form J/I , where J is an ideal of D containing I . Because D is a PID, $J = (a)$ where

$a \in D$. Then $J/I = (a)/I = (a + I)$, which means all the ideals of D/I are principal.

D/I is an integral domain iff I is a prime ideal of D , but it's not necessary. For example, let D be \mathbb{Z} and I be (6) , then D/I is not an integral beacuse $(2 + I)(3 + I) = I$ where $(2 + I) \neq I$ and $3 + I \neq I$.

(2)

Similar with (1), any ideal of D/I has the form that J/I , where J is an ideal of D containing I . Beacuse D is a PID, we can assume $I = (a)$ and $J = (b)$. Beacuse we have $I \subseteq J$, then $b \mid a$. Beacuse D is also a UFD, then a has finite divisor that don't correlate with each other. Then there are finite number of b that don't correlate with each other, which means there are finite ideals of D/I .