

1. Prove that  $\mathbb{Q}[x]/\langle x^2 - 2 \rangle \simeq \mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{2}]$ .

**Define ring homomorphism:**  $f : \mathbb{Q}[x] \mapsto \mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{2}]$  by evaluation map  $f(g(x)) = g(\sqrt{2})$ . We have already proven in class that evaluation maps are homomorphic.

**Show  $\langle x^2 - 2 \rangle = \ker f$ :**

First show  $\langle x^2 - 2 \rangle \subseteq \ker f$ :

$$\begin{aligned} f(x^2 - 2) &= (\sqrt{2})^2 - 2 \\ &= 2 - 2 \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Hence shown  $x^2 - 2 \in \ker f$ ,  $\langle x^2 - 2 \rangle \subseteq \ker f$

Then show  $\ker f \subseteq \langle x^2 - 2 \rangle$ :

Given generic value in  $\ker f$ ,  $g(x)$ , show that it is in (divisible by)  $\langle x^2 - 2 \rangle$ .

$$\begin{aligned} g(x) \in \ker f &\Rightarrow g(x) = q(x) \cdot (x^2 - 2) + r(x) \text{ where } \deg(r) \leq 1 \\ &\Rightarrow r(x) = l_1x + l_2 \end{aligned}$$

Show that  $r$  is 0 if it is in the kernel.

$$f(r(x)) = l_1\sqrt{2} + l_2 = 0 \Rightarrow l_1 = l_2 = 0$$

This implication is true since otherwise  $l_2$  will need to be a multiple of  $\sqrt{2}$  which is not in  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Hence shown  $x^2 - 2 \mid \ker f$ ,  $\ker f \subseteq \langle x^2 - 2 \rangle$ .

Hence shown  $\ker f = \langle x^2 - 2 \rangle$ .

**$f$  is surjective:** Given any  $a + b\sqrt{2} \in \mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{2}]$ ,  $f(a + bx) = a + b\sqrt{2}$ .

By 1<sup>st</sup> isomorphism theorem,  $\mathbb{Q}[x]/\langle x^2 - 2 \rangle \simeq \mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{2}]$ .

2. Prove that  $\mathbb{Z}[i]/\langle 2 + i \rangle \simeq \mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z}$ .

**Define ring homomorphism:**  $f : \mathbb{Z}[i] \mapsto \mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z}$  by  $f(a + bi) = a - 2b$ .

$$\begin{aligned} f((a + bi) + (c + di)) &= f((a + c) + (b + d)i) \\ &= (a + c) - 2(b + d) \\ &= a - 2b + c - 2d \\ &= f(a + bi) + f(c + di) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f((a + bi) \cdot (c + di)) &\stackrel{?}{=} f(a + bi) \cdot f(c + di) \\ f((ac - bd) + (ad + bc)i) &\stackrel{?}{=} (a - 2b)(c - 2d) \\ (ac - bd) - 2(ad + bc) &= (ac - bd) - 2(ad + bc) \end{aligned}$$

**Show**  $\langle 2 + i \rangle = \ker f$ :

First show  $\langle 2 + i \rangle \subseteq \ker f$ :

$$\begin{aligned} f(2 + i) &= 2 - 2 \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Hence shown  $2 + i \in \ker f$ ,  $\langle 2 + i \rangle \subseteq \ker f$

Then show  $\ker f \subseteq \langle 2 + i \rangle$ :

Given generic element in  $\ker f$ ,  $a + bi$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{a + bi}{2 + i} = a' + b'i &= (q_1 + e_1) + (q_2 + e_2)i \text{ where } q \in \mathbb{Z}, |e| < \frac{1}{2} \\ &= (q_1 + q_2i) + (e_1 + e_2i) \\ a + bi &= (2 + i)(q_1 + q_2i) + (2 + i)(e_1 + e_2i) \end{aligned}$$

Let  $r = r_1 + r_2i = (2 + i)(e_1 + e_2i)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} |r|^2 &= |2 + i|^2 \cdot |e_1 + e_2i|^2 \\ &= 5 \cdot (e_1^2 + e_2^2) \leq 2.5 \\ |r|^2 &= r_1^2 + r_2^2 \leq 2.5 \Rightarrow |r_i| \leq 1 \end{aligned}$$

Since  $r \in \ker f$ ,  $f(r) = r_1 - 2r_2 + 5\mathbb{Z}$ .  $5 \mid r_1 - 2r_2$ , and  $r_i \in -1, 0, 1 \Rightarrow r_1 = r_2 = 0 \Rightarrow r = 0$ .

**$f$  is surjective:** Given any element in  $\mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z}$ ,  $a + 5\mathbb{Z}$ ,  $f(a + 0i) = a + 5\mathbb{Z}$ . Hence  $f$  is surjective.

By 1<sup>st</sup> isomorphism theorem,  $\mathbb{Z}[i]/\langle 2 + i \rangle \simeq \mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z}$

3. Suppose  $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}^{\geq 2}$  and  $\gcd(m, n) = 1$ . Prove that

$$\mathbb{Z}/mn\mathbb{Z} \simeq \mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$$

**Ring homomorphism:**

$$\begin{aligned} f : \mathbb{Z} &\mapsto \mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z} \\ f(z) &= (z + m\mathbb{Z}, z + n\mathbb{Z}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(z + z) &= (2z + m\mathbb{Z}, 2z + n\mathbb{Z}) \\ &= (z + m\mathbb{Z}, z + n\mathbb{Z}) + (z + m\mathbb{Z}, z + n\mathbb{Z}) \\ &= f(z) + f(z) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(zz) &= (zz + m\mathbb{Z}, zz + n\mathbb{Z}) \\ &= (z + m\mathbb{Z}, z + n\mathbb{Z})(z + m\mathbb{Z}, z + n\mathbb{Z}) \\ &= f(z)f(z) \end{aligned}$$

**Show**  $\ker f = mn\mathbb{Z}$

First show  $mn\mathbb{Z} \subseteq \ker f$ :

$$\begin{aligned} f(mnz) &= (mnz + m\mathbb{Z}, mnz + n\mathbb{Z}) \\ &= (0, 0) \end{aligned}$$

Then show  $\ker f \subseteq mn\mathbb{Z}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} f(z) &= (0, 0) \\ (z + m\mathbb{Z}, z + n\mathbb{Z}) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

This implies  $m \mid z, n \mid z$ . Since  $\gcd(m, n) = 1$ , this implies  $z \in mn\mathbb{Z}$ .  
Hence shown  $\ker f = mn\mathbb{Z}$ .

4. Prove that  $\mathbb{Z}[x]/n\mathbb{Z}[x] \simeq \mathbb{Z}_n[x]$ .

$$\begin{aligned} f : \mathbb{Z}[x] &\mapsto \mathbb{Z}_n[x] \\ f\left(\sum_{i=0}^n a_i x^i\right) &= \sum_{i=0}^n a_i x^i + n\mathbb{Z} \end{aligned}$$

$f$  is clearly surjective and homomorphic since it sends every element to their corresponding elements mod  $n$  (multiplication and addition maps with mod  $n$  applied before or after does not matter).

**Show  $\ker f = n\mathbb{Z}[x]$ :** Showing subsets for both directions.  
First show  $n\mathbb{Z}[x] \subseteq \ker f$ :

$$f(na_ix^i) = na_ix^i + 5\mathbb{Z} \stackrel{n}{\equiv} 0$$

Then show  $\ker f \subseteq n\mathbb{Z}[x]$ . Since  $f$  maps  $g$  to  $g$  where all coefficients are remainders divided by  $n$ ,  $g(x) \in \ker f$  implies that the coefficients of  $g(x)$  must be  $0 \pmod n$ . This implies that the coefficients of the kernel of  $f$  is in  $n\mathbb{Z}$ . This means that the kernel of  $f$  is in  $n\mathbb{Z}[x]$ .

**Show that  $f$  is surjective:** This is true by the definition of  $f$ :

$$\begin{aligned} f\left(\sum_{i=0}^n a_ix^i\right) &= \sum_{i=0}^n a_ix^i + n\mathbb{Z} \\ \sum_{i=0}^n a_ix^i + n\mathbb{Z} &= \mathbb{Z}_n[x] \end{aligned}$$

By 1<sup>st</sup> isomorphism theorem,  $\mathbb{Z}[x]/n\mathbb{Z}[x] \simeq \mathbb{Z}_n[x]$ .

5. Prove that  $\mathbb{Q}[x]/\langle x^2 - 2x + 6 \rangle \simeq \{c_0 + c_1A \mid c_0, c_1 \in \mathbb{Q}\}$ , where  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -6 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_A : \mathbb{Q}[x] &\mapsto M_2(\mathbb{Q}) \\ \phi_A\left(\sum_{i=0}^n a_ix^i\right) &= \sum_{i=0}^n a_iA^i \end{aligned}$$

**Show  $\langle x^2 - 2x + 6 \rangle = \ker \phi_A$ :**

First show that  $\langle x^2 - 2x + 6 \rangle \subseteq \ker \phi_A$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_A(x^2 - 2x + 6) &= A^2 - 2A + 6 \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} -6 & -12 \\ 2 & -2 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -12 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 0 \\ 0 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Then show that  $\ker \phi_A \subseteq \langle x^2 - 2x + 6 \rangle$ :

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) \in \ker \phi_A &\Rightarrow f(x) = p(x)(x^2 - 2x + 6) + r(x) \text{ where } \deg(r) \leq 1 \\ &\Rightarrow r(x) = l_1x + l_2 \\ &\Rightarrow l_1A + l_2 = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow A = l_2l_1^{-1} \text{ However, } l \text{ might not be invertable} \\ &\Rightarrow l_1 = l_2 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

**Show that  $\phi_A$  is surjective:** Show  $Im \phi_A = \{c_0 + c_1A \mid c_0, c_1 \in \mathbb{Q}\}$

Show  $\sum_{i=0}^n a_i x^i \subseteq \{c_0 + c_1A \mid c_0, c_1 \in \mathbb{Q}\}$

Since  $\phi_A(x^2 - 2x + 6) = A^2 - 2A + 6 = 0 \Rightarrow A^2 = 2A - 6$ , therefore we can reduce degree from two to one. For equation of any degree, we can reduce the degree to first degree which is in  $\{c_0 + c_1A \mid c_0, c_1 \in \mathbb{Q}\}$ . This means that  $\phi_A$  is surjective.

By 1<sup>st</sup> isomorphism theorem,  $\mathbb{Q}[x]/\langle x^2 - 2x + 6 \rangle \simeq \{c_0 + c_1A \mid c_0, c_1 \in \mathbb{Q}\}$ .