

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 1st 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 1st 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 1st 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 ϕ_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 ϕ_A is surjective.

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