

## Basic Ring Theory :-

1) Def<sup>n</sup> of Ring :-  $(R, +, \cdot)$  s.t.  $(R, +) \in Ab$ ,  $(R, \cdot) \in Monoid$   
 $a(b+c) = ab+ac$   
 $(a+b)c = ac+bc$

2) Def<sup>n</sup> of Unit :-  $u \in R$  is unit if  $\exists v \in R$  s.t.  $uv = 1$   $\mathbb{Z} \quad \{+1, -1\}$

3) Irreducible vs Prime :-

$$R[x] := \{a_n x^n + \dots + a_1 x + a_0 : a_i \in R\}$$

$$F[x] := \{a_n x^n + \dots + a_1 x + a_0 : a_i \in F\}$$

4) Polynomial Rings :-

Given a field  $F$ ,  $F[x]$  behaves similarly "like"  $\mathbb{Z}$ , most importantly one can do long division among polynomials.

a) Division algorithm for Polynomials :-

Given a polynomial  $a(x)$  and  $b(x) \in F[x]$ ,  
 $\exists$  unique polynomials  $q(x)$  and  $r(x)$  s.t.

$$b(x) = a(x)q(x) + r(x); \quad r(x) = 0 \text{ or } 0 \leq \deg(r) < \deg(a)$$

(See the resemblance with integers)  $0 \leq \text{remainder} < |\text{divisor}|$   
 $a(x) \mid b(x) \Leftrightarrow \text{remainder } 0 \in F[x]$

b) So polynomials behave like integers.

Now prove the following for integers

i) Let an integer  $p$  have no other divisor but  $\pm 1$  and  $\pm p$ .

Suppose  $p \mid ab$  for some  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Prove that  $p$  divides at least one of  $a$  and  $b$

ii) Let  $p \in \mathbb{Z}$ . For any  $a \in \mathbb{Z}, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ , if  $p \mid ab$ , then  $p \mid a$  or  $p \mid b$  on both. Prove that  $p$  has no divisor other than 1 and  $p$



$R[x]$  is also a ring!

$$(a_n x^n + \dots + a_1 x + a_0) + (b_m x^m + \dots + b_n x^n + \dots + b_1 x + b_0)$$

=

$$a_0 b_0 + (a_1 b_0 + a_0 b_1)x + (a_2 b_0 + a_1 b_1 + a_0 b_2)x^2 + \dots$$

$$\vec{0} \in R[x]$$

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$$1 \in R[x] \rightarrow$$

$$1 \in R$$

$$1 \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$1 \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$$

$$a_0 = 1$$

$$R[x] := \left\{ (a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n, 0, 0, \dots) \right\}$$

set of all seq<sup>s</sup> in  $R$  s.t. only finitely many  
of elements are nonzero

$$\mathbb{Z}[x] := \left\{ (1, 2, 3, 0, 0, \dots, 0, \dots), (1, 1, 0, 2, 0, 0, \dots, 0) \right\}$$

$$\downarrow$$
  

$$3x^2 + 2x + 1$$

$$\uparrow$$
  

$$2x^3 + x^2 + 1$$

$$(a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n, 0, 0, 0, \dots) \longrightarrow a_n x^n + \dots + a_1 x + a_0$$

$$a \neq (a, 0, 0, 0, \dots, 0, \dots)$$

$$1 \in R[x]$$

$$1 \in R$$

$$2 \in \mathbb{Z} \neq 2 \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$$

$$(1, 0, 0, \dots, 0, \dots)$$

$(a, 0, \dots, 0) = 0$ if $a \neq 0$ $\infty$ if $a = 0$
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$F[x]$  $\mathbb{Z}$ 

i)  $p \nmid b$ . Let  $p \nmid b$ . To show  $p \nmid a$

$$p \nmid b \Rightarrow b = pk_1 + n_1, \quad 0 < n_1 < |p| \quad (\text{let } p > 0)$$

$$\Rightarrow ab = apk_1 + an_1$$

$$\Rightarrow p \mid an_1$$

$$(n_1, p) = 1 \Rightarrow p \mid a$$

$$bx + py = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{abx} + \underline{apy} = a \Rightarrow p \mid a$$

ii)  $p = cq$  where  $|c| \neq 1$ , &  $|q| \neq 1$

$$\Rightarrow p \mid cq \Rightarrow p \mid c \text{ or } p \mid q$$

$$\Rightarrow |c| \geq |p| \text{ or } |q| \geq |p|$$

$$\text{but } |p| = |cq| = |c| \cdot |q| > |c|$$

$$\text{and } |p| > |q|$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \curvearrowright & \\ -5 & & 5 \\ & \curvearrowleft & \\ & 5 = (-1)(-5) & \end{array}$$

Let  $p(x) \in F[x]$  be a polynomial having no other factors but units

$$F[x] := \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{nonzero constants} \\ \in \mathbb{R}[x] \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\left\{ 1, 2, 3, \dots, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3} \right\}$$

$$\underline{2x^2 + 3x + 1} = 2 \left( x^2 + \frac{3}{2}x + \frac{1}{2} \right)$$

If  $a = ub$  where  $u$  is a unit, then  $a$  is "an associate" of  $b$



$\{p(x) \in F[x] \text{ having no factor other than unit or associates of itself}\}$

$$\{p(x) = a(x)b(x) \Leftrightarrow a(x) \text{ or } b(x) \text{ is unit}\}$$

Then  $p(x) \mid q(x) \cdot r(x) \Rightarrow p(x) \mid q(x) \text{ or } p(x) \mid r(x)$

$\mathbb{Z}, F[x]$

**Defn:** Let  $R$  be a ring.

$\Rightarrow$  An element  $\pi \in R$  s.t.  $\pi \neq 0$  and  $\pi$  not a unit is "irreducible" if

$$\pi = uv \Rightarrow u \text{ or } v \text{ are unit}$$

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{ii} \end{array} \right\}$  An element  $p \in R$  is "prime" if for any  $a \in R, b \in R$  if  $p \mid ab$  then  $p \mid a$  or  $p \mid b$

$x \mid y$  in  $R$  iff  $y = xz$  for some  $z \in R$

$$\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-5}] := \{a + b\sqrt{-5} : a \in \mathbb{Z}, b \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

$$2 \in \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-5}] \quad 2 \text{ irred.}$$

$$2 \mid (1+\sqrt{-5})(1-\sqrt{-5}) \quad 2 \mid 6 \text{ in } \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-5}]$$