Math 415 Homework 1

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1 Find all the zero divisors of $\mathbb{Z}/20\mathbb{Z}$.

Notice that the additive identity of $\mathbb{Z}/20\mathbb{Z}$ is $\mathbb{Z} = 1\mathbb{Z}$. Therefore a zero divisor is any a,b $\in$ Z such that ab $\equiv$ 1 mod 20. This is the set of all integers that are coprime to 20 or {[1], [3], [7], [9], [11], [13], [17], [19]}. ([x] means the equivalence class of x modulo 20)

2 Determine U($\mathbb{Z}[i]$) where $\mathbb{Z}[i] \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ is the ring of Gaussian Integer.

Notice 1 $\in \mathbb{Z}[i]$ is its own inverse so 1 $\in$ U($\mathbb{Z}[i]$). Likewise -1 $\in \mathbb{Z}[i]$ is its own inverse so -1 $\in$ U(Z[i]). Notice $i(-i) = 1 = (-i)i$ so i, -i $\in$ U($\mathbb{Z}[i]$).

I claim there are no more units in the Gaussian Integers. Assume x $\in$ U($\mathbb{Z}[i]$) and x $\neq$ 1,-1,i,-i.

So x = a + bi and there exists a y = α + β i such that xy = 1.

3 Let G be a group and let R be a ring. We denote by RG the set of all functions f: G $\rightarrow$ R whose support {x $\in$ G | f(x) $\neq$ 0} is finite. Note that if G is finite then this condition is automatically satisfied.

3.1 Show that RG is a ring under the operations defined by

$$(f+g)(x) = f(x) + g(x)$$

$$(fg)(x) = \sum_{y} \in G f(y)g(y-1x)$$

for all f,g $\in$ RG and x $\in$ G. Note the sum on the right makes sense as it has only finitely many non-zero terms. The product just defined is usually called the convolutional product and we call RG the group ring.

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