

1. Suppose (for a contradiction) there are only finitely many monic irreducible polynomials p_1, \dots, p_n .

Consider $f = p_1 p_2 \dots p_n + 1 \in F[x]$.

Let p be a monic irreducible factor of f .

$$p_i \nmid f \quad \forall i \Rightarrow p \neq p_i \quad \forall i \quad \# \quad \square$$

2. $x, x+1, x^2+x+1, x^3+x+1, x^3+x^2+1, x^4+x+1, x^4+x^3+1, x^4+x^3+x^2+x+1$

3. a. $\deg f = 3$, so f irred $\Leftrightarrow \nexists \text{ root } \alpha = a/b \in \mathbb{Q}$

$$f = 1 \cdot x^3 + 4 \cdot x + 1 \Rightarrow b \mid 1, a \mid 1, \alpha = \pm 1.$$

Check $x = \pm 1$ is not a root: $f(1) = 6, f(-1) = -4$.

So f irred.

- b. $(x^2+1) \mid (x^2+9)$ (these factors are irreducible over \mathbb{Q} because degree 2 & no roots in \mathbb{Q})

$$\begin{aligned} c. (x^6-1) &= (x^3-1)(x^3+1) \\ &= (x-1)(x^2+x+1)(x+1)(x^2-x+1) \end{aligned} \quad \text{irreducibles (as in b.)}$$

- d. $f \equiv x^4+x^3+x^2+x+1 \pmod{2}$, irred (see Q2)

$\Rightarrow f$ irred in $\mathbb{Q}[x]$

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- e. $57 = 3 \cdot 19$ prime factorization.

Eisenstein, $p=3 \Rightarrow x^7+57$ irreducible.

4. a. $x^7 + (y^7-1) \in \mathbb{C}[y][x]$

$$(y-1) \mid (y^7-1), (y-1)^2 \nmid (y^7-1) \Rightarrow \text{irreducible in } \mathbb{C}(y)[x].$$

primitive

$$\Rightarrow \text{irreducible in } \mathbb{C}[y][x] = \mathbb{C}[x, y].$$

$$\gcd(y, z^n, y^n z) = 1 \text{ in } \mathbb{C}[y, z], \text{ i.e. primitive,}$$
$$\Rightarrow \text{irred in } \mathbb{C}[y, z][x]$$
$$= \mathbb{C}[x, y, z]$$

5. If f is reducible in $\mathbb{Q}[x]$ then f is reducible in $\mathbb{Z}[x]$ by the Gauss Lemma, $f = g \cdot h$, $g, h \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$, $\deg g, \deg h > 0$.

$$\deg t = 2r+1 \text{ odd} \Rightarrow \deg g \neq \deg h, \text{ say } \deg g < \deg h$$

$$f = a_{2n+1} x^{2n+1} + \dots + a_1 x + a_0 = g^h$$

$$p \nmid \chi_{a_{2n+1}}, \quad p \mid a_{2n+1}, \dots, a_{n+1}, \quad p^2 \mid a_n, \dots, a_0, \quad p^3 \nmid \chi_{a_0}.$$

modulo p : $\bar{f} = \bar{a}_{2n+1} x^{2n+1} = \bar{g} \cdot \bar{h}$ (bars denote reduction mod p)

$$\Rightarrow y = b_M x^M + \dots + b_0, \quad \bar{y} = \bar{b}_M x^M$$

$$h = c_l x^l + \dots + c_0, \quad \bar{h} = \bar{c}_l x^l, \quad \begin{matrix} m+l=2n+1, \\ m < l; \end{matrix}$$

i.e. $p \mid b_{m-1}, \dots, b_0$, $p \nmid b_m$

$P \mid C_{l-1}, \dots, C_0, P \mid C_l.$

$$\overline{b_m} \overline{c_l} = \overline{a_{2n+1}} \neq 0.$$

Coefficient of x^M in f

$$a_M = b_n c_0 + b_{n-1} c_1 + \dots + b_0 c_M$$

$$p^2 \mid a_m \quad (m \leq n)$$

$$p \mid b_{m-1} \dots b_0, \quad p \mid c_{l-1} \dots c_0 \quad (m < l)$$

$$\Rightarrow p^2 \mid b_m c_0 \Rightarrow p^2 \mid c_0.$$

$$\text{Then } a_0 = b_0 c_0, \quad p^3 \mid a_0 \quad \# \quad \square.$$

$$6. a. \quad \mathbb{Q}[x] / \ker \varphi \xrightarrow{\text{FIT}} \varphi(\mathbb{Q}[x]) \subset \mathbb{Q}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{Q} \text{ integral domain} &\Rightarrow \varphi(\mathbb{Q}[x]) \text{ integral domain} \\ &\Rightarrow \ker \varphi \subset \mathbb{Q}[x] \text{ prime ideal} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{i.e. } \ker \varphi &= \langle 0 \rangle \text{ or } (m), \\ &m \text{ irreducible in } \mathbb{Q}[x] \\ &(\& \text{ WMA } m \text{ monic}). \end{aligned}$$

$$b. \quad \mathbb{Q}[x] / \ker \varphi \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathbb{Q}[x] := \varphi(\mathbb{Q}[x]).$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{so } \mathbb{Q}[x] \text{ field} &\Leftrightarrow \ker \varphi \subset \mathbb{Q}[x] \text{ maximal} \\ &\Leftrightarrow \ker \varphi \neq \langle 0 \rangle \quad \square. \end{aligned}$$

$$7. \quad R / (p) = \mathbb{Z}[i] / (p) \cong \mathbb{Z}[x] / (p, x^2+1) \cong \mathbb{Z} / p\mathbb{Z} [x] / (x^2+1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} p=2: \quad x^2+1 &= (x+1)^2 \quad x+1 \mapsto y \\ \mathbb{Z} / 2\mathbb{Z} [x] / ((x+1)^2) &\cong \mathbb{Z} / 2\mathbb{Z} [y] / (y^2) \end{aligned}$$

$$p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}. \quad (\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^\times \simeq \mathbb{Z}/(p-1)\mathbb{Z}$$

$$\Rightarrow \exists \alpha \in (\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^\times \text{ of order } 4$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha^2 = -1$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + 1 = (x + \alpha)(x - \alpha) \quad (4 \alpha \neq -\alpha : p \neq 2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}[x] / (x^2 + 1) \simeq (\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^2$$

using CRT and FIT.

$$p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}. \quad \text{Similarly } \nexists \alpha \in \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z} \text{ s.t. } \alpha^2 = -1$$

$$\Rightarrow f \text{ irred (deg } f = 2 \text{ !)}$$

$$\Rightarrow (x^2 + 1) \subset \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}[x] \text{ maximal,}$$

$$\text{so } \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}[x] / (x^2 + 1) \text{ is a field}$$

In general $\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}[x] / (x^2 + 1)$ has order p^2 by the division algorithm.

(each element is represented uniquely by $a + bx$, where $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$).

8. Basis $1, x, x^2, \dots, x^{n-1}$

$$\text{Matrix } A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

9. a. False. e.g. $\{2\} \subset \mathbb{Z}$ linearly independent, but only bases of \mathbb{Z} are $\{1\}$ & $\{-1\}$.

b. False. e.g. $\{2, 3\} \subset \mathbb{Z}$ spans \mathbb{Z} but does not contain a basis.

c. i. False. e.g. $\varphi: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ $\varphi(x) = 2x$.
injective, not surjective.

ii. True. Proof. Since φ is surjective there exist $v_1, \dots, v_n \in M$
s.t. $\varphi(v_i) = e_i$ (standard basis vector in $M = \mathbb{R}^n$)
Let B be the matrix with columns v_i ,
then $AB = I_n$.
 $\Rightarrow \det A \cdot \det B = 1$
 $\Rightarrow \det A$ a unit
 $\Rightarrow A$ invertible ($\& A^{-1} = B$). \square

10. a. By the division algorithm, any element of $\mathbb{R}[x]/(f)$

has a unique representative in $\mathbb{R}[x]$ of degree $< n$,

$$r = a_{n-1}x^{n-1} + \dots + a_1x + a_0, \quad a_i \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Equivalently (the images of) $1, x, \dots, x^{n-1}$ in $\mathbb{R}[x]/(f)$

form a \mathbb{R} -module basis.

$$b. \quad \mathbb{Z}[x]/(2x-1) \xrightarrow{\sim} \left\{ \frac{a}{2^n} \mid a \in \mathbb{Z}, n \in \mathbb{Z}, n \geq 0 \right\} \subset \mathbb{Q}$$

induced by

$$\varphi: \mathbb{Z}[x] \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}$$

(FIT)

$\therefore A$

$$\varphi(f(x)) = f(1/2)$$

Any two elements in A satisfy a nontrivial relation:

$$(2^n \cdot b) \frac{a}{2^n} - (2^m \cdot a) \frac{b}{2^m} = 0.$$

Also A is not spanned by one element:

$$\left\{ c \cdot \frac{a}{2^n} \mid c \in \mathbb{Z} \right\} \subsetneq A$$

So A is not a free \mathbb{Z} -module

$$\begin{array}{ccc} R^n & \xrightarrow{\varphi} & R^m \\ i \downarrow & & \downarrow i \\ F^n & \xrightarrow{\varphi_F} & F^m \end{array} \quad \text{commutative diagram.}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \varphi_F \text{ injective} &\Rightarrow \varphi_F \circ i \text{ injective} \\ &\parallel \\ &i \circ \varphi \\ &\Rightarrow \varphi \text{ injective.} \end{aligned}$$

Conversely, suppose φ injective.

If $\varphi_F(v) = 0$, let $0 \neq r \in R$ be such that $r \cdot v \in R^n$.
some $v \in F^n$

$$\text{Then } \varphi(r \cdot v) = \varphi_F(r \cdot v) = r \cdot \varphi_F(v) = 0$$

φ inj.

$$\Rightarrow r \cdot v = 0 \Rightarrow v = 0$$

So φ_F is injective.

$$12. \quad a \Rightarrow b \quad \text{Choose } v_1, \dots, v_m \in R^n \text{ s.t. } \varphi(v_i) = e_i$$

& let B be matrix w/ columns v_i

$$\text{Then } AB = I_m.$$

$$b \Rightarrow a \quad AB \text{ surjective} \Rightarrow A \text{ surjective.}$$

$$b \Rightarrow c. \quad 1 = \det(AB) \in I \quad \text{by multilinearity of the determinant}$$

\Leftarrow b Write $1 = \sum_I r_I \det(A_I)$, where the sum is over $I \subset \{1, \dots, n\}$, $|I| = m$,

A_I is the $m \times m$ submatrix of A formed by the columns labelled by I

$\& r_I \in R$.

Now
$$A_I \cdot \text{adj } A_I = (\det A_I) \cdot I_m$$

Let B_I be the $n \times m$ matrix w/ the rows labelled by I being the rows of $\text{adj } A_I$, & all other rows zero.

Then
$$A \cdot B_I = A_I \cdot \text{adj } A_I$$

So, defining $B = \sum r_I B_I$, we have $AB = I_n$. \square .

13. a.

Given M an R -module,

M is an abelian group under $+$ (a \mathbb{Z} -module)

and $\varphi: M \rightarrow M$, $\varphi(m) = i \cdot m$

is a homomorphism of abelian groups such that $\varphi(\varphi(m)) = i^2 m = -m$.

(conversely, given A & φ , we can give A the structure of an R -module by defining $(a+bi) \cdot m = a \cdot m + b \cdot \varphi(m)$ for $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ & $m \in A$.

b. $\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$ has the structure of an R -module iff

$\exists \varphi: \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$ s.t. $\varphi^2 = -\text{id}$.

$$\text{Aut}(\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}) \simeq (\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^\times \simeq \mathbb{Z}/(p-1)\mathbb{Z}.$$

$$(x \mapsto ax) \leftarrow a$$

So such a φ corresponds to $a \in (\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^\times$ s.t. $a^2 = -1$ in $\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$.
Hence φ exists iff $p=2$ or $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$

For $(\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^2$, we can take $\varphi = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in \text{Aut}((\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^2) = \text{GL}_2(\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})$,

then $\varphi^2 = -\text{id}$.

So $(\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^2$ can be given the structure of an R -module.

14 a. $R = F[x, y]$
 M R -module.

The $M=V$ is an F -vector space ($F \subset R$)

and we can define linear transformations

$S: V \rightarrow V$ & $T: V \rightarrow V$ by $S(v) = x \cdot v$ & $T(v) = y \cdot v$.

Note $S \circ T(v) = x(y \cdot v) = (xy) \cdot v = (yx) \cdot v = T \circ S(v)$.

i.e. $S \circ T = T \circ S$, S & T commute.

Conversely, given V & two commuting linear transformations $S: V \rightarrow V$ & $T: V \rightarrow V$, we can give $M=V$ the structure of an R -module by defining $f \cdot M = f(S, T) \cdot M$

$$\text{i.e. } (\sum a_{ij} x^i y^j) \cdot M = \sum a_{ij} S^i T^j(M).$$

b. Consider

$M = F[x, y] / (x^2, y^2, xy^2)$, an $F[x, y]$ -module

Then M is an F -vector space w/ basis $1, x, y, xy, y^2$

Let A & B be the matrices of the linear transformations

$S(v) = x \cdot v$ & $T(v) = y \cdot v$ with respect to this basis.

Then $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

Now $AB = BA, \text{ and } A^i B^j = 0$

$$\Leftrightarrow x^i y^j \in (x^2, y^3, xy^2) \subset F[x, y]$$

$$\Leftrightarrow i \geq 2, j \geq 3, \text{ or } (i \geq 1 \text{ and } j \geq 2)$$

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