

**Exercise 15.12:** Let  $Z_3[i] = \{a + bi \mid a, b \in Z_3\}$  (see Example 9 in Chapter 13). Show that the field  $Z_3[i]$  is ring isomorphic to the field  $Z_3[x]/\langle x^2 + 1 \rangle$ .

Define  $H = \langle x^2 + 1 \rangle$ . Define  $\phi : Z_3[i] \rightarrow Z_3[x]/\langle x^2 + 1 \rangle$  as  $\phi(a + bi) = a + bx + H$ . Note that any element in  $Z_3[x]/\langle x^2 + 1 \rangle$  can be written in the form  $g(x) = f(x) * (x^2 + 1) + r(x)$  where  $r(x) = a + bx$  is of order at most  $x$ , simply by noting that  $g(x) \in a + bx + H = \phi(a + bi)$  we can say that  $\phi$  is onto. Note that  $\phi((a + bi)(c + di)) = \phi(ac - bd + (cb + da)i) = ac - bd + (cb + da)x + H$ . Note that  $\phi(a + bi)\phi(c + di) = (a + bx + H)(c + dx + H) = ac + (cb + da)x + bdx^2 + H = ac + (cb + da)x + bdx^2 - bd(x^2 + 1) + H = ac - bd + (cb + da)x + H$ , thus  $\phi$  preserves multiplication. Note that  $\phi((a + bi) + (c + di)) = \phi(a + bi + c + di) = a + c + (b + d)x + H$ . Note that  $\phi(a + bi) + \phi(c + di) = (a + bx + H) + (c + dx + H) = a + c + (b + d)x + H$  thus  $\phi$  preserves addition and so  $\phi$  is a homomorphism. Note that if  $a + bi \in \ker(\phi)$  then  $\phi(a + bi) = H$  thus  $a + bx \in H$  which is only true if  $a = 0$  and  $b = 0$  thus  $\ker(\phi) = 0$  and we know that  $\phi$  is one-to-one and thus  $\phi$  is an isomorphism and thus  $Z_3[i]$  is ring isomorphic to the field  $Z_3[x]/\langle x^2 + 1 \rangle$ .

**Exercise 15.14:** Let  $Z[\sqrt{2}] = \{a + b\sqrt{2} \mid a, b \in Z\}$  and

$$H = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & 2b \\ b & a \end{bmatrix} \mid a, b \in Z \right\}$$

Show that  $Z[\sqrt{2}]$  and  $H$  are isomorphic rings.

Define  $\phi : Z[\sqrt{2}] \rightarrow H$  as  $\phi(a + b\sqrt{2}) = \begin{bmatrix} a & 2b \\ b & a \end{bmatrix}$ . Note that  $\phi((a + b\sqrt{2})(c + d\sqrt{2})) = \phi(ac + 2bd + (ad + bc)\sqrt{2})$  and  $\phi(a + b\sqrt{2})\phi(c + d\sqrt{2}) = \begin{bmatrix} a & 2b \\ b & a \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c & 2d \\ d & c \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} ac + 2bd & 2(ad + bc) \\ ad + bc & ac + 2bd \end{bmatrix} = \phi(ac + 2bd + (ad + bc)\sqrt{2})$  thus  $\phi$  is multiplication preserving. Note that  $\phi((a + b\sqrt{2}) + (c + d\sqrt{2})) = \phi((a + c) + (b + d)\sqrt{2}) = \begin{bmatrix} a + c & 2(b + d) \\ b + d & a + c \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & 2b \\ b & a \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} c & 2d \\ d & c \end{bmatrix} = \phi(a + b\sqrt{2}) + \phi(c + d\sqrt{2})$  and thus  $\phi$  is addition preserving. Note that  $\phi$  is a homomorphism. By inspection it is clear that  $\phi$  is onto and also that  $\phi$  is one-to-one, thus  $\phi$  is an isomorphism and so  $Z[\sqrt{2}]$  and  $H$  are isomorphic rings.

**Exercise 15.16:** Let  $R = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & c \end{bmatrix} \mid a, b, c \in Z \right\}$ . Prove or disprove that the mapping  $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & c \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow a$  is a ring homomorphism.

Note that  $\phi\left(\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & c \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} d & e \\ 0 & f \end{bmatrix}\right) = \phi\left(\begin{bmatrix} ad & ? \\ 0 & ? \end{bmatrix}\right) = ad = \phi\left(\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & c \end{bmatrix}\right)\phi\left(\begin{bmatrix} d & e \\ 0 & f \end{bmatrix}\right)$  where ? represents something that is not solved here, thus  $\phi$  is multiplication preserving. Note that  $\phi\left(\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & c \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} d & e \\ 0 & f \end{bmatrix}\right) = \phi\left(\begin{bmatrix} a + d & b + e \\ 0 & c + f \end{bmatrix}\right) = a + d = \phi\left(\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & c \end{bmatrix}\right) + \phi\left(\begin{bmatrix} d & e \\ 0 & f \end{bmatrix}\right)$  thus  $\phi$  is addition preserving and thus a homomorphism.

**Exercise 15.20:** Recall that a ring element  $a$  is called an idempotent if  $a^2 = a$ . Prove that a ring homomorphism carries an idempotent to an idempotent.

Suppose  $\phi : A \rightarrow B$  where  $A, B$  are rings and  $\phi$  is a homomorphism. Suppose  $a \in A$  is an idempotent. Note that  $\phi(a)^2 = \phi(a^2) = \phi(a)$  thus  $\phi(a)$  is an idempotent. We conclude that a ring homomorphism carries an idempotent to an idempotent.

**Exercise 15.32:** Let  $n$  be an integer with decimal representation  $a_k a_{k-1} \cdots a_1 a_0$ . Prove that  $n$  is divisible by 11 iff  $a_0 - a_1 + a_2 - \cdots (-1)^k a_k$  is divisible by 11.

Let  $\phi : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_{11}$  be the natural homomorphism  $\phi(a) = a \bmod 11$ . Note that  $11 \mid a$  iff  $\phi(a) = 0$ . Note that  $\phi(\sum_{i=0}^k a_i * 10^i) = \sum_{i=0}^k a_i * \phi(10)^i = \sum_{i=0}^k a_i * \phi(-1)^i = \phi(\sum_{i=0}^k a_i * (-1)^i)$  thus  $11 \mid \sum_{i=0}^k a_i * 10^i$  iff  $\phi(\sum_{i=0}^k a_i * (-1)^i) = 0 \iff 11 \mid \sum_{i=0}^k a_i * (-1)^i$ .

**Exercise 15.36:** Let  $n$  be an integer with decimal representation  $a_k a_{k-1} \cdots a_1 a_0$ . Prove that  $n$  is divisible by 4 iff  $a_1 a_0$  is divisible by 4.

Let  $\phi : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_4$  be the natural homomorphism  $\phi(a) = a \bmod 4$ . Note that  $4 \mid a$  iff  $\phi(a) = 0$ . Note that  $\phi(\sum_{i=0}^k a_i * 10^i) = \phi((\sum_{i=2}^k a_i * 10^i) + a_1 a_0) = \phi(\sum_{i=2}^k a_i * 10^i) + \phi(a_1 a_0) = \sum_{i=2}^k (\phi(a_i) * \phi(10)^{i-2} * \phi(100)) + \phi(a_1 a_0) = \sum_{i=2}^k (\phi(a_i) * \phi(10)^{i-2} * 0) + \phi(a_1 a_0) = \phi(a_1 a_0)$ . Note that  $4 \mid \sum_{i=0}^k a_i * 10^i$  iff  $\phi(a_1 a_0) = 0 \iff 4 \mid a_1 a_0$ .