

Exercise 6.1

(1) We know that degree 3 polynomials are irreducible iff they have a root. We can use the rational root test to verify which polynomials have roots.

A root of $x^3 + nx + 2$ must be 1, -1, 2 or -2. We have that $1 + n + 2 = 0 \Rightarrow n = -3$, $-1 - n + 2 = 0 \Rightarrow n = -1$, $2^3 + 2n + 2 = 0 \Rightarrow n = -5$ and $-2^3 - 2n + 2 = 0 \Rightarrow n = -3$. Thus $x^3 + nx + 2$ is irreducible iff $n \neq 1, -3, -5$

(2) Over \mathbb{Z} , $x^8 - 1 = (x - 1)(x + 1)(x^2 + 1)(x^4 + 1)$. We know that $x^2 + 1$ is irreducible since it has no roots, $x^4 + 1$ is irreducible since

Exercise 6.2

(1) If $n = m$ it is clear that $R^n \cong R^m$ since they are the same. If $n \neq m$ then we know that isomorphisms preserve the rank of free modules (which is well defined when R is commutative), and since they have different rank, there cannot exist an isomorphism between the two modules

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