

## D: Functions

A function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is an assignment of an element of  $Y$  to each element of  $X$ .

1.  $f$  is **injective** if:

$$\begin{aligned} \forall x_1, x_2 \in X; f(x_1) = f(x_2) \\ \implies x_1 = x_2 \end{aligned}$$

and this implies that  $|X| \leq |Y|$ .

2.  $f$  is **surjective** if:

$$\forall y \in Y; \exists x \in X : y = f(x)$$

and this implies that  $|X| \geq |Y|$ .

3.  $f$  is **bijective** if it is injective and surjective.



## D: Groups

A group  $G$  is a set with a composition operator ( $\circ$ ) such that  $\forall x, y, z, \in G$ :

1.  $x \circ y = xy \in G$
2.  $(xy)z = x(yz)$
3.  $\exists e \in G : ex = xe = x$
4.  $\exists x^{-1} \in G : xx^{-1} = x^{-1}x = e$ .

$G$  is **Abelian** if  $\forall x, y \in G; xy = yx$ .

### D1.2.1(i): Fields

A field  $F$  is a set defined with addition and multiplication such that:

1.  $(+) : F \times F \rightarrow F; (\lambda, \mu) \mapsto \lambda + \mu$
2.  $(\cdot) : F \times F \rightarrow F; (\lambda, \mu) \mapsto \lambda \cdot \mu$
3.  $\exists(-\lambda) \in F : \lambda + (-\lambda) = 0_F$
4.  $\exists(\lambda^{-1}) \in F : \lambda \cdot (\lambda^{-1}) = 1_F$  except when  $\lambda = 0$ .
5.  $(+)$  and  $(\cdot)$  are associative, commutative and distributive.

### Remark

$(F, +)$  and  $(F \setminus \{0_F\}, \cdot)$  are groups.

### Remark

Let  $n$  be prime or a prime power. Then  $\mathbb{F}_n$  is a finite field with  $n$  elements under modulo  $n$ . Also,  $\mathbb{Q}$  and  $\mathbb{R}$  are fields.

### D1.2.1(ii): Vector spaces

A vector space  $V$  over a field  $F$  is an Abelian group  $V := (V, +)$  with mapping:

$$F \times V \rightarrow V; (\lambda, v) \mapsto \lambda v$$

where for  $\forall \lambda, \mu \in F$  and  $\forall v, w \in V$ :

1.  $\lambda(v + w) = (\lambda v) + (\mu w)$
2.  $(\lambda + \mu)v = (\lambda v) + (\mu v)$
3.  $\lambda(\mu v) = (\lambda\mu)v$
4.  $1_F v = v$

and is known as a  **$F$ -vector space**.

### Remark

Let  $V$  be a  $F$ -vector space and  $v \in V$ .

1.  $0v = 0$
2.  $(-1)v = -v$
3.  $\lambda 0 = 0$  for  $\forall \lambda \in F$ .

## D: Cartesian products

The **cross product** of sets  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  is:

$$X_1 \times \dots \times X_n := \{(x_1, \dots, x_n) : x_i \in X_i\}$$

with bijection  $X^n \times X^m \rightarrow X^{n+m}$ .

The **projection** of a cross product is:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{pr}_i : X_1 \times \dots \times X_n &\rightarrow X_i; \\ (x_1, \dots, x_n) &\mapsto x_i. \end{aligned}$$

### D1.4.1: Vector subspaces

A vector subspace  $U$  of  $F$ -vector space  $V$  has the following properties:

1.  $U \subset V$  and  $0 \in U$ .
2. Let  $u, v \in U$  and  $\lambda \in F$ . Then  $u + v \in U$  and  $\lambda u \in U$ .

and is also a vector space.

### P1.4.5

Let  $T \subset V$  where  $V$  is a  $F$ -vector space. Then for all vector subspaces containing  $T$ , there exists a smallest vector subspace:

$$\text{span}(T) = \langle T \rangle_F \subset V$$

known as the vector subspace generated by  $T$ , or the span of  $T$ .

### D1.4.7: Generating set

Let  $T \subset V$  where  $V$  is a  $F$ -vector space. Set  $T$  is a **generating set** of  $V$  if:

$$\text{span}(T) = V$$

and is the linear combination of vectors in  $T$  over field  $F$ .  $V$  is **finitely generated** if its generating set  $T$  is finite.

### D1.4.9: Power sets

The power set of set  $X$  is:

$$\mathcal{P}(X) := \{U : U \subseteq X\}.$$

Let  $\mathcal{U} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(X)$ . Then:

$$\begin{aligned} \bigcup_{U \in \mathcal{U}} U &:= \{x \in X : (\exists U \in \mathcal{U} : x \in U)\} \\ \bigcap_{U \in \mathcal{U}} U &:= \{x \in X : \forall U \in \mathcal{U}; x \in U\}. \end{aligned}$$

### D1.5.1: Linear independence

Let  $V$  be a  $F$ -vector space and  $L \subseteq V$ . Subset  $L$  is **linearly independent** if:

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_1 v_1 + \dots + \alpha_r v_r &= 0 \\ \implies \alpha_1 = \dots = \alpha_r &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

for  $v_i \in L$  and is pairwise distinct.

### Remark

$L$  is linearly dependent if some  $\alpha_i \neq 0$ .

### D1.5.8: Basis

A basis of a vector space  $V$  is a **linearly independent generating set** in  $V$ .

### T1.5.11: Basis evaluation mappings

Let  $V$  be a  $F$ -vector space.

Then  $A = \{v_1, \dots, v_r\}$  is a basis of  $V$  **iff** the following **evaluation mapping**:

$$\Phi_A : F^r \rightarrow V;$$

$$(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_r) \mapsto \alpha_1 v_1 + \dots + \alpha_r v_r$$

is a bijection.

### Remark

$\Phi$  is surjective if  $A$  is generating.

### T1.5.12

Let  $V$  be a vector space and  $E \subseteq V$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:

1.  $E$  is a basis of  $V$ .
2.  $E$  is minimal among all generating sets, or that  $E \setminus \{e\}$  is not a basis for  $\forall e \in E$ .
3.  $E$  is maximal amongst all linearly independent subsets. i.e.  $E \cup \{v\}$  is linearly dependent for  $\forall v \in V$ .

**C1.5.13**

Every finitely generated vector space has a finite basis.

**T1.5.14**

Let  $V$  be a vector space.

1. Let  $L \subseteq V$  be linearly independent and set  $E$  be minimal amongst all generating sets of  $V$ . Let  $L \subseteq E$ . Then  $E$  is a basis of  $V$ .
2. Let  $E \subseteq V$  be a generating set and  $L$  be maximal amongst all linearly independent subsets of  $V$ .

Let  $L \subseteq E$ . Then  $E$  is a basis of  $V$ .

**D1.5.15**

Let  $X$  be a set and  $F$  be a field. Then:

$$\text{maps}(X, F) := \{f : (\forall f : X \rightarrow F)\}$$

and is a  $F$ -vector space under pointwise addition and multiplication via scalars.

Let  $F\langle X \rangle \subseteq \text{maps}(X, F)$  be the subset of all mappings that sends all but finitely many elements of  $X$  to 0:

$$F\langle X \rangle := \{f : (\forall f : X \rightarrow \{0\})\}.$$

It contains all linear combinations of  $X$  in  $F$  and forms a vector subspace.

**T1.5.16**

Let  $V$  be a  $F$ -vector space.

Then  $(v_i)_{i \in I}$  is a basis for  $V$  **iff**:

$$\forall v \in V; \exists! (a_i)_{i \in I} \subseteq F : v = \sum_{i \in I} a_i v_i.$$

**T1.6.1**

Let  $V$  be a vector space. Let  $L \subset V$  be a linearly independent subset and  $E \subseteq V$  a generating set. Then  $|L| \leq |E|$ .

**T1.6.2: Steinitz exchange theorem**

Let  $V$  be a vector space,  $L \subset V$  be a finite linearly independent subset and  $E \subseteq V$  be a generating set.

Then there exists an **injective** function  $\phi : L \rightarrow E$  such that:

$$(E \setminus \phi(L)) \cup L \text{ is a generating set for } V.$$

**L1.6.3: Exchange lemma**

Let  $V$  be a vector space. Let  $M \subset V$  be a finite linearly independent subset and  $E \subseteq V$  be a generating set where  $M \subseteq E$ .

If  $\exists w \in E \setminus M$  such that set  $M \cup \{w\}$  is linearly independent then:

$$\exists e \in E \setminus M : (E \setminus e) \cup \{w\} \text{ is generating.}$$

**C1.6.4**

Let  $V$  be a finitely generated vector space.

1.  $V$  has finite basis.
2.  $V$  cannot have infinite basis.
3. Any two basis of  $V$  have the same number of elements.

**D1.6.5: Dimension**

The dimension of finite  $F$ -vector space  $V$  is the cardinality of one of its basis.

For infinite vector spaces:  $\dim(V) = \infty$ . We also define  $\dim(\{0\}) := 0$ .

**C1.6.7**

Let  $V$  be a finitely generated vector space.

1. Every linearly independent  $L \subseteq V$  has **at most**  $\dim(V)$  elements and if  $|L| = \dim(V)$  then  $L$  is a basis.
2. Every generating set  $E \subseteq V$  has **at least**  $\dim(V)$  elements and if  $|E| = \dim(V)$  then  $E$  is a basis.

**C1.6.8**

A proper vector subspace of a vector space with finite dimension has itself a strictly smaller dimension.

**T1.6.10: Dimension theorem**

Let  $V$  be a vector space and  $U, W \subseteq V$  be vector subspaces. Then:

$$\begin{aligned} \dim(U + W) + \dim(U \cap W) \\ = \dim(U) + \dim(W) \end{aligned}$$

where  $U + W := \langle U \cup W \rangle \subseteq V$ .

**D1.7.1: Linear mappings**

Let  $V$  and  $W$  be  $F$ -vector spaces.

A mapping  $f : V \rightarrow W$  is  **$F$ -linear** or a **homomorphism** of vector spaces if for  $\forall v_1, v_2 \in V$  and  $\forall \lambda \in F$ :

1.  $f(v_1 + v_2) = f(v_1) + f(v_2)$
2.  $f(\lambda v_1) = \lambda f(v_1)$ .

Furthermore bijective linear mappings are an **isomorphism** of vector spaces.

A homomorphism from a vector space to itself is an **endomorphism**.

An isomorphism of a vector space to itself is an **automorphism**.

**D1.7.5: Fixed points**

In a linear mapping a fixed point is sent to itself. Given mapping  $f : X \rightarrow X$  the **set of fixed points** is:

$$X^f = \{x \in X : f(x) = x\}.$$

**D1.7.6: Complementary subspaces**

Vector subspaces  $V_1, V_2$  of vector space  $V$  are **complementary** if the **direct sum** of vector subspaces is bijective:

$$\oplus : V_1 \times V_2 \rightarrow V; (v_1, v_2) \mapsto v_1 + v_2.$$

i.e.  $V_1 \oplus V_2 = V$ .

**T1.7.7**

Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $V$  a  $F$ -vector space.  $V$  is isomorphic to  $F^n$  **iff**  $\dim(V) = n$ .

**L1.7.8**

Let  $V, W$  be  $F$ -vector spaces and let  $B$  be a basis of  $V$ . Then the following mapping:

$$\text{hom}_F(V, W) \rightarrow \text{maps}(B, W); f \mapsto f_B$$

is a bijection. The set of all linear maps or homomorphisms from  $V$  to  $W$  is:

$$\text{hom}_F(V, W) \subseteq \text{maps}(B, W).$$

**P1.7.9**

Let  $f : V \rightarrow W$  be a linear mapping, where  $V, W$  are vector spaces.

1. If  $f$  is injective, there exists map  $g : W \rightarrow V$  such that  $g \circ f = \text{id}_V$ . i.e. it has a **left inverse**.
2. If  $f$  is surjective, there exists map  $g : W \rightarrow V$  such that  $f \circ g = \text{id}_W$ . i.e. it has a **right inverse**.

**D1.8.1: Image and kernel**

Let  $f : V \rightarrow W$  be a linear mapping. The **image** of this linear mapping  $f$  is:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{im}(f) &:= f(V) \\ &= \{w \in W : \forall v \in V; w = f(v)\} \end{aligned}$$

and is a vector subspace of  $W$ .

The **kernel** of this linear mapping  $f$  is:

$$\ker(f) := f^{-1}(0) = \{v \in V : f(v) = 0\}$$

and is a vector subspace of  $V$ .

**L1.8.2**

A linear mapping  $f : V \rightarrow W$  is injective **iff**  $\ker(f) = \{0\}$ .

**T1.8.4: Rank-nullity theorem**

Let  $f : V \rightarrow W$  be a linear mapping and  $V, W$  are vector spaces. Then:

$$\dim(V) = \dim(\ker(f)) + \dim(\operatorname{im}(f)).$$

**T2.1.1: Matrix mappings**

Let  $F$  be a field and  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Then there exists a bijection:

$$M : \operatorname{hom}_F(F^m, F^n) \rightarrow \operatorname{mat}(n \times m; F);$$

$$f \mapsto [f]$$

and attaches each linear mapping  $f$  with its **representing matrix**  $M(f) := [f]$ .

**Remark**

The set of  $n \times m$  matrices in  $F$  is defined:

$$\operatorname{mat}(n \times m; F).$$

i.e. matrices with  **$n$  rows** and  **$m$  columns**.

**D2.1.6: Matrix products**

The product  $A \circ B = AB$  for  $A$  is  $n \times m$ ,  $B$  is  $m \times \ell$  and  $AB$  is  $n \times \ell$  is defined as:

$$(AB)_{ik} = \sum_{j=1}^m A_{ij}B_{jk}$$

with the following mapping:

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{mat}(n \times m; F) \times \operatorname{mat}(m \times \ell; F) \\ \rightarrow \operatorname{mat}(n \times \ell; F); (A, B) \mapsto AB. \end{aligned}$$

**T2.1.8**

Let  $g : F^\ell \rightarrow F^m$  and  $f : F^m \rightarrow F^n$  be linear mappings. Then  $[f \circ g] = [f] \circ [g]$ .

**P2.1.9**

Let  $A, A'$  be  $n \times m$ ,  $B, B'$  be  $m \times \ell$  and  $C, C'$  be  $\ell \times k$ . Denote  $I = I_m$  as the  $m \times m$  identity matrix. Then:

1.  $(A + A')B = AB + A'B$
2.  $A(B + B') = AB + AB'$
3.  $IB = B$
4.  $AI = A$
5.  $(AB)C = A(BC)$ .

**D2.2.1: Invertible matrices**

A matrix  $A$  is **invertible** if:

$$\exists B, C : BA = I \text{ and } AC = I.$$

**D2.2.2: Elementary matrices**

Elementary matrices are square matrices that differs from the identity matrix by at most one entry.

**T2.2.3**

Every square matrix with entries in a field can be written as a product of elementary matrices.

**D2.2.4: Smith normal form**

Matrices with non-zero entries along the diagonal are in Smith normal form. e.g:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

**T2.2.5**

If matrix  $A$  is  $n \times m$  then there exists invertible matrices  $P$  and  $Q$  such that  $PAQ$  is of Smith normal form.

**D2.2.7: Column and row rank**

Let matrix  $A \in \operatorname{mat}(n \times m; F)$ .

The column rank of  $A$  is the dimension of the subspace of  $F^n$  generated by the columns of  $A$ .

Similarly the row rank of  $A$  is the dimension of the subspace of  $F^m$  generated by the rows of  $A$ .

**T2.2.8**

Column and row ranks are equal.

**D2.2.9: Full rank matrices**

Let  $A$  be  $n \times m$  with entries in  $F$ .  $A$  is **full rank** if  $\operatorname{rank}(A) = \min(m, n)$ .

Let  $A = [a]$  with mapping  $a : F^m \rightarrow F^n$ . Then  $\dim(\operatorname{im}(a)) := \operatorname{rank}(A)$ .

**T2.3.1: Representing matrices**

Let  $V$  and  $W$  be  $F$ -vector spaces with bases  $A = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_m\}$  s.t.  $\langle A \rangle = V$  and  $B = \{\mathbf{w}_1, \dots, \mathbf{w}_n\}$  s.t.  $\langle B \rangle = W$ .

Then for every linear map  $f : V \rightarrow W$  there exists a **representing matrix**:

$$({}_B[f]_A)_{ij} = a_{ij}$$

$$f(\mathbf{v}_j) = a_{1j}\mathbf{w}_1 + \dots + a_{nj}\mathbf{w}_n \in W$$

which produces the following bijection:

$$M_B^A : \operatorname{hom}_F(V, W) \rightarrow \operatorname{mat}(n \times m; F);$$

$$f \mapsto {}_B[f]_A$$

and  $M_B^A(f) = {}_B[f]_A$  is the representing matrix of linear mapping  $f$  with respect to bases  $A$  and  $B$ .

If  $A$  and  $B$  are standard bases then  $[f]$ .

**T2.3.2**

Let  $U, V, W$  be  $F$ -vector spaces with finite dimension and bases  $A, B, C$  respectively.

If  $f : U \rightarrow V$  and  $g : V \rightarrow W$  are linear mappings then  ${}_C[g \circ f]_A = {}_C[g]_B \circ {}_B[f]_A$ .

**D2.3.3: Vector representations**

Let  $V$  be a finite dimensional vector space with basis  $A = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_m\}$ . Then:

$$\Phi_A^{-1} : V \rightarrow F^r; \mathbf{v} \mapsto {}_A[\mathbf{v}]$$

is a bijection and the column vector  ${}_A[\mathbf{v}]$  is known as the **representation of vector  $\mathbf{v}$  with respect to basis  $A$** .

**T2.3.4**

Let  $V, W$  be finite dimensional  $F$ -vector spaces with bases  $A$  and  $B$  respectively.

Let  $f : V \rightarrow W$  be a linear mapping. Then  ${}_B[f(\mathbf{v})] = {}_B[f]_A \circ {}_A[\mathbf{v}]$  for  $\forall \mathbf{v} \in V$ .

**D2.4.1**

Let  $V$  be a  $F$ -vector space and let sets  $A = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$  and  $B = \{\mathbf{w}_1, \dots, \mathbf{w}_n\}$  be bases of  $V$ . The representation matrix of the identity mapping:

$$\operatorname{id}_V : V \rightarrow V; \mathbf{v} \mapsto \mathbf{v}$$

is a **change of basis matrix**  ${}_B[\operatorname{id}_V]_A$  with entries  $a_{ij}$  given by definition:

$$\mathbf{v}_j = \sum_{i=1}^n a_{ij}\mathbf{w}_i.$$

**T2.4.3: Change of basis**

Let  $V$  and  $W$  be finite dimensional vector spaces with linear mapping  $f : V \rightarrow W$ . Let  $A, A'$  be ordered bases of  $V$  and  $B, B'$  be ordered bases of  $W$ . Then:

$${}_{B'}[f]_{A'} = {}_{B'}[\operatorname{id}_W]_B \circ {}_B[f]_A \circ {}_A[\operatorname{id}_V]_{A'}.$$

**C2.4.4**

Let  $V$  be a finite dimensional vector space and let  $f : V \rightarrow V$  be an endomorphism. Let  $A, A'$  be bases of  $V$ . Then:

$${}_{A'}[f]_{A'} = {}_{A'}[\operatorname{id}_V]_{A'}^{-1} \circ {}_A[f]_A \circ {}_A[\operatorname{id}_V]_{A'}.$$

**T2.4.5**

Let  $V$  and  $W$  be finite dimensional vector spaces and let  $f : V \rightarrow W$  be linear.

Then there exists a basis  $A$  of  $V$  and a basis  $B$  of  $W$  such that the representing matrix  ${}_B[f]_A$  has nonzero entries only on the diagonal.

**D2.4.6: Trace**

The trace of a  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  is the sum of its diagonal entries:

$$\text{tr}(A) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_{ii}.$$

**D3.1.1: Rings**

A **ring**  $R$  is a set equipped with addition and multiplication that satisfy:

1.  $(R, +)$  is an Abelian group.
2.  $(R, \cdot)$  is a **monoid**, meaning that

$$(\cdot) : R \times R \rightarrow R; (a, b) \mapsto c$$

is associative with identity element  $1 = 1_R \in R$  such that:

$$\forall a, b, c \in R; (a \cdot b) \cdot c = a \cdot (b \cdot c),$$

$$a \cdot 1 = 1 \cdot a = a$$

yet  $a \cdot b \neq b \cdot a$  in general.

3. Multiplication in  $R$  with respect to addition is distributive:

$$a \cdot (b + c) = (a \cdot b) + (a \cdot c)$$

$$(b + c) \cdot a = (b \cdot a) + (c \cdot a)$$

for  $\forall a, b, c \in R$ .

**P3.1.7**

A natural number is divisible by 3 if the sum of its digits is divisible by 3.

**D3.1.8: Fields**

A **field** is a nondegenerate commutative ring  $F$  with inverse  $a^{-1} \in F$  to every nonzero element. i.e.  $aa^{-1} = a^{-1}a = 1$ .

**P3.1.11**

$\mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z}$  is a field **iff**  $m$  is prime.

**L3.2.1**

Let  $R$  be a ring and  $a, b \in R$ . Then:

1.  $0a = a0 = 0$
2.  $(-a)b = -(ab) = a(-b)$
3.  $(-a)(-b) = ab$ .

**D3.2.3**

Let  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Then  $m$ th multiple  $ma$  of  $a \in (R, +)$  is  $ma = \underbrace{a + \dots + a}_{m \text{ times}}$  if  $m > 0$ .

$0a := 0$  and if  $m < 0$ ,  $(-m)a = -(ma)$ .

**L3.2.4**

Let  $R$  be a ring where  $a, b \in R$  and  $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Then:

1.  $m(a + b) = ma + mb$
2.  $(m + n)a = ma + na$
3.  $m(na) = (mn)a$
4.  $m(ab) = (ma)b = a(mb)$
5.  $(ma)(nb) = (mn)(ab)$ .

**D3.2.6: Units**

Let  $R$  be a ring. An element  $r \in R$  is a **unit** if it is invertible, or that:

$$\exists r^{-1} \in R : rr^{-1} = 1 = r^{-1}r.$$

**P3.2.9: Group of units**

$R^\times$  is the **set of units** in ring  $R$  and forms a group under multiplication.

**D3.2.11: Divisor of zero**

Let  $R$  be a ring.  $r \in R$  is a divisor of zero if  $\exists s \in R$  s.t. either  $rs = 0$  or  $sr = 0$ .

**D3.2.12: Integral domains**

Integral domains are commutative rings with **no** divisors of zeros.

**P3.2.15: Cancellation law**

Let  $a, b, c \in R$  for  $R$  is an integral domain. If  $ab = ac$  and  $a \neq 0$  then  $b = c$ .

**P3.2.16**

Let  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then  $\mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z}$  is an integral domain **iff**  $m$  is prime.

**T3.2.17**

Every finite integral domain is a field.

**Remark**

If  $|R| < \infty$  then  $f : R \rightarrow R$  is surjective.

**D3.3.2: Polynomial rings**

$R[X]$  is a ring of polynomials over  $R$  with zero and identity:  $0, 1 \in R$ . If  $P \in R[X]$ :

$$P = a_0 + a_1X + a_2X^2 + \dots + a_mX^m$$

with  $\deg(P) = m \geq 0$  and  $a_i \in R$ .

**L3.3.3**

Let  $R$  be a ring and let  $P, Q \neq 0 \in R[X]$ .

1.  $\deg(PQ) = \deg(P) + \deg(Q)$
2. If  $R$  is an integral domain then so is polynomial ring  $R[X]$ .

**T3.3.4**

Let  $R$  be an integral domain and let  $P, Q \in R[X]$  where  $\deg(Q) \leq \deg(P)$  and that polynomial  $Q$  is a **monic**. Then  $\exists! A, B \in R[X] : P = AQ + B$  and either  $\deg(B) < \deg(Q)$  or  $B = 0$ .

**Remark**

A polynomial  $Q$  is monic if:

$$Q = q_0 + \dots + q_mX^m$$

where  $q_m = 1$ .

**D3.3.6**

Let  $R$  be a commutative ring and let  $P \in R[X]$  be a polynomial. Then:

$$R[X] \rightarrow \text{maps}(R, R)$$

where we **evaluate**  $P(\lambda)$  for  $\lambda \in R$ :

$$P(X) \mapsto \{P_\lambda : R \rightarrow R; \lambda \mapsto P(\lambda)\}.$$

If  $P(\lambda) = 0$  then  $\lambda$  is a **root** of  $P$ .

**P3.3.9**

Let  $R$  be a commutative ring, let  $\lambda \in R$  and  $P(X) \in R[X]$ . Then  $P(\lambda) = 0$  **iff**