

# Practice

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# 1 Rings

**Let  $R$  be an integral domain with a multiplicative identity. Find all the units of the polynomials ring:  $R[x]$**

We are looking for:

$$\{a \in R[x] \mid a \text{ is a unit in } R[x]\}$$

We can notice that for two polynomials  $p(x), q(x)$  that:

$$\deg(pq) = \deg p + \deg q$$

Let  $q$  be a unit in  $R[x]$  and  $p$  be it's inverse then:

$$0 = \deg(1) = \deg(pq) = \deg p + \deg q$$

This means that:

$$\deg p + \deg q = 0$$

And since a degree of a polynomial must be a natural number the result is that all units are exactly the units in  $R$  so the set is:

$$\{a \in R[x] \mid a \text{ is a unit in } R\}$$

**Find an invertible polynomial  $P$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_4[x]$  with  $\deg P = 1$**

We want to find a unit  $P$  of  $\mathbb{Z}_4[x]$ , with  $\deg P = 1$ . Let  $P = p_0 + p_1x$  and let its inverse be  $Q = q_0 + q_1x$  since we don't need to raise the degree of  $P$  over 3 we may assume  $\deg Q = 2$  then:

$$(p_0 + p_1x)(q_0 + q_1x) = p_0q_0 + (p_0q_1 + p_1q_0)x + p_1q_1x^2$$

We want  $p_1q_1 = 0$  but since  $p_1 \neq 0$  let us choose  $p_1 = q_1 = 2$ . Now we get:

$$(p_0 + 2x)(q_0 + 2x) = p_0q_0 + 2(p_0 + q_0)x$$

So we need  $p_0 + q_0 = 0$  or  $p_0 + q_0 = 2$  and  $p_0q_0 = 1$ . That means we can choose  $p_0 = q_0 = 1$ , and indeed:

$$PQ = (1 + 2x)(1 + 2x) = 1 + 4x + 4x^2 = 1$$

Since  $P = Q$  it's clear that  $PQ = QP = 1$  which completes the proof that  $2x + 1$  is a unit in  $\mathbb{Z}_4[x]$ , with  $\deg(1 + 2x) = 1$

Let  $R$  be a ring with a unit, and let  $a \in R$  be right invertible - exists  $b \in R$  such that  $ab = 1$ . Show that the following are equivalent:

(i)  $a$  isn't invertible

(ii) exists  $c \neq b$  such that  $ac = 1$

(iii)  $a$  is a left zero divisor, i.e. exists  $0 \neq x \in R$  s.t.  $ax = 0$  These can be proven using simple algebraic manipulation alone.

**Let  $R$  be a finite ring with a unit.  $|R| = p^2$  where  $p$  is prime. Show that  $R$  is commutative.**  
 Since  $R$  is of order  $p^2$  we know that the additive group is either  $\mathbb{Z}/p^2\mathbb{Z}$  and then we are done, or it is  $\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$  with a center of order  $p$ , but then the quotient group  $R/Z(R)$  is cyclic and we can represent  $r, s \in R$  as elements of those cosets. We shall write:

$$r = \alpha n + z \quad \text{and} \quad s = \alpha m + z'$$

For some  $n, m \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $z, z' \in Z(R)$ . Now:

$$\begin{aligned} rs &= (\alpha n + z)(\alpha m + z') \\ &= \alpha n \alpha m + z \alpha m + \alpha n z' + z z' \\ &= \alpha m \alpha n + \alpha m z + z' \alpha n + z' z \\ &= (\alpha m + z')(\alpha n + z) \\ &= sr \end{aligned}$$

And  $R$  is commutative.

Let  $R$  be a commutative ring with a unit and  $I \triangleleft R$ , Denote:

$$\sqrt{I} = \{x \in R \mid \exists n \in \mathbb{Z}_+ \text{ such that } x^n \in I\}$$

**Show that  $\sqrt{I} \triangleleft R$  and that  $\sqrt{\sqrt{I}} = \sqrt{I}$**

Let  $r \in \sqrt{I}$  and  $s \in R$  we know that for some  $n$  that

$$r^n = r' \in I$$

Since  $R$  is commutative we get:

$$(sr)^n = (rs)^n = r^n s^n = r' s^n \in I$$

Since  $I$  is an ideal. This means that  $sr, rs \in \sqrt{I}$  so  $\sqrt{I}$  is an ideal in  $R$ . For the second part of the proof:

$$\sqrt{\sqrt{I}} \subseteq \sqrt{I}$$

Let  $x \in \sqrt{\sqrt{I}}$ , if exists an  $m$  such that:

$$x^m = x' \in \sqrt{I}$$

Then we know exists  $n$  such that we get:

$$(x)^{mn} = (x^m)^n = (x')^n \in I$$

Which means that  $x \in \sqrt{I}$

$$\sqrt{I} \subseteq \sqrt{\sqrt{I}}$$

Let  $x \in \sqrt{I}$  then we get that:

$$x^1 = x \in \sqrt{I}$$

Which means that  $x \in \sqrt{\sqrt{I}}$  and completes the proof.

**If  $I \neq R$  then  $\sqrt{I} \neq R$**

If  $R \neq I$  then  $\exists r \in R, r \notin I \Rightarrow 1 \notin I$  otherwise  $r * 1 = r \in I$ . If  $\sqrt{I} = R$  then  $1 \in \sqrt{I}$  but then exists  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$  such that  $1^n \in I$  which means  $1 \in I$  and that is a contradiction to  $1 \notin I$  so  $\sqrt{I} \neq R$ .

**For**  $I = \{P(x) | P(0) = P'(0) = 0\} \triangleleft R[x]$  **find**  $\sqrt{I}$

$$\begin{aligned} & \{P(x) \in R[x] | \exists n \in \mathbb{Z}_+ \text{ s.t. } x^n \in I\} \\ = & \{P(x) \in R[x] | \exists n \in \mathbb{Z}_+ \text{ s.t. } P^n(0) = [P^n]'(0) = 0\} \end{aligned}$$

From basic combinatorial calculations

$$\begin{aligned} & \{P(x) \in R[x] | \exists n \in \mathbb{Z}_+ \text{ s.t. } P^n(0) = [P^n]'(0) = 0\} \\ = & \{P(x) \in R[x] | \exists n \in \mathbb{Z}_+ \text{ s.t. } a_0 = na_0^{n-1}a_1 = 0\} \\ = & \{P(x) \in R[x] | a_0 = 0\} \\ = & \{P(x) \in R[x] | P(0) = 0\} \end{aligned}$$



Let  $R = \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{7}]$  be the subring of  $\mathbb{C}$  constructed by  $\mathbb{Z}$  adjoined with  $\sqrt{7}$ :

$$R = \{a + b\sqrt{7} | a, b \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

Let  $I = 7R$ , how many elements are in the quotient ring  $R/I$ ?

There are exactly 49 elements in this quotient ring, and they are:

$$R/I = \{a + b | a, b \in \{0, \dots, 6\}\}$$

Suppose two elements are in the same equivalence class we would get:

$$a + b\sqrt{7} - c + d\sqrt{7} \in I \Rightarrow a - c = 0 \wedge b - d = 0 \Rightarrow a = c \wedge b = d$$

So all the 49 elements are in unique equivalence classes. Now suppose we had another elements in  $R/I$  that is  $a + b\sqrt{7}$ . We know that for  $a^* = a \pmod{7}$  and  $b^* = b \pmod{7}$  that  $a^* + b^*\sqrt{7} \in R/I$ . But then:

$$a + b\sqrt{7} - a^* + b^*\sqrt{7} = (a - a^*) + (b - b^*)\sqrt{7} = 7(\tilde{a} + \tilde{b}\sqrt{7}) \in I$$

For  $\tilde{a}, \tilde{b} \in \mathbb{Z}$ . So  $a + b\sqrt{7}$  is in the equivalence class of  $a^* + b^*\sqrt{7}$ . That means there are no more than 49 elements in  $R/I$  and thus we are done.

**Find a subring  $S$  of  $M_2(\mathbb{F}_7)$  that is isomorphic to  $R/I$**

The subring is:

$$S = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & a \end{pmatrix} \middle| a, b \in \mathbb{F}_7 \right\}$$

It is clear this set is closed under subtraction and multiplication thus it is a subring. We can also see that:

$$\varphi(a + b\sqrt{7}) = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & a \end{pmatrix}$$

is a homomorphism since:

$$\varphi((a + b\sqrt{7}) + (c + d\sqrt{7})) = \begin{pmatrix} a+c & b+d \\ 0 & a+c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & a \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} c & d \\ 0 & c \end{pmatrix} = \varphi(a + b\sqrt{7}) + \varphi(c + d\sqrt{7})$$

And:

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi((a + b\sqrt{7}) * (c + d\sqrt{7})) &= \varphi(ac + 7bd + (ad + bc)\sqrt{7}) = \begin{pmatrix} ac + 7bd & ad + bc \\ 0 & ac + 7bd \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} ac & ad + bc \\ 0 & ac \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & a \end{pmatrix} * \begin{pmatrix} c & d \\ 0 & c \end{pmatrix} = \varphi(a + b\sqrt{7}) * \varphi(c + d\sqrt{7}) \end{aligned}$$

Since this is a homomorphism by the first theorem for isomorphisms we get:

$$R / \ker \varphi \cong \text{im} \varphi$$

It is clear that  $\ker \varphi = I$  and  $\text{im} \varphi = S$  thus:

$$R / I \cong S$$

Let  $R = C([0, 1])$  be the ring of continuous functions on  $[0, 1]$  with standard addition and multiplication of functions. For  $a \in \mathbb{R}$  denote:

$$M_a = \{f \in R \mid f(a) = 0\}$$

**Show that  $M_a \triangleleft R$  is a maximal ideal.**

First we will show it is an ideal.

Absorbs multiplication - Let  $r \in R$  and  $m \in M_a$  we see that:

$$(mr)(a) = m(a)r(a) = 0r(a) = r(a)m(a) = (rm)(a)$$

So  $rm, mr \in M_a$

Additive subgroup - For  $n, m \in M_a$  we see that  $-m(a) = 0$  so  $-m$  is in  $M_a$  then:

$$(n - m)(a) = n(a) - m(a) = 0$$

So  $n - m \in M_a$  Which means  $(M_a, +)$  is indeed an additive subgroup.

Suppose existed an ideal  $J$  that properly contains  $M_a$ . We will show it is equal to  $R$ . Let  $g \in J$  such that  $g \notin M_a$ . Suppose  $g(a) = c \neq 0$  that means that  $c^{-1}g(a) = 1$ . Consider the constant function  $y_1(x) = 1$ . since  $g, y_1$  are continuous  $y_1 - g$  is also continuous. We also notice that  $(y_1 - g)(a) = y_1(a) - g(a) = 0$  so  $(y_1 - g) \in M_a$ . Since  $J$  is an ideal it is an additive subgroup of the ring so  $(y_1 - g) + g \in J$ . In other words  $y_1 \in J$ . We know that for any function  $f$  that  $f * y_1 = f$  but since  $J$  is an ideal  $f * y_1 = f \in J$  so  $J = R$ . This shows that  $M_a$  is a maximal ideal.

**Let  $\mathbb{F}$  be a field and  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n \in \mathbb{F}$  different from one another. Show that for any  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n \in \mathbb{F}$  exists  $f(x) \in \mathbb{F}[x]$  such that  $f(\alpha_i) = \lambda_i$  for each  $i$ .**

Instead of building the suggested isomorphism we instead will try to construct the polynomial directly. First we will notice that since the  $a_i$ 's are all different for all  $i \neq j$  we get that  $a_i - a_j$  is invertible. Now we need can in fact see that it is just going to be:

$$f(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i \prod_{i \neq j=1}^n (x - a_j)(a_i - a_j)^{-1}$$

We can see that it is a polynomial since it is merely a product and sum of polynomials and scalars of the field. We see that the product in the function will give us exactly 1 if  $x = a_i$  since for all  $i$  we will simply get the product of scalars and their inverses. Then we multiply it by  $\lambda_i$ . So we get the sum of polynomials that give  $\lambda_i$  when  $x = a_i$ . Moreover whenever  $x = a_j$  such that  $j \neq i$  the product will be 0 since we will eventually multiply by  $(a_j - a_j)(a_i - a_j)^{-1} = 0$ . That means that for any  $a_i$  we get:

$$f(a_i) = \sum_{j=i}^n \lambda_j = \lambda_i$$

**Let  $R$  be a commutative ring with unit. Show that the following are equivalent**

1.  $R$  has a unique maximal ideal
2. The set of nonunits is an ideal
3. for all  $x \in R$  either  $x$  is a unit or  $1 - x$  is a unit

(1  $\rightarrow$  2) By Zorn's lemma according to what we have seen in class we get that each nonunit element is contained in a maximal ideal, but since it is unique, they all belong to the same ideal  $I$  in  $R$ . Suppose there was a unit in  $I$  which we shall denote  $x$ . Since  $I$  absorbs multiplication we would get  $x^{-1}x \in I$  which would mean that  $1 \in I$  thus  $I = R$  but that can't be since  $I$  is a maximal ideal. Thus the set of all nonunit elements in  $R$  forms a ring.

(2  $\rightarrow$  3) Let  $I \triangleleft R$ , be the ideal of all the nonunits in  $R$ . Let  $x \in R$ . Suppose both  $x, 1 - x$  are nonunits we would get that  $x, 1 - x \in I$  thus  $(1 - x) + x \in I$ . So  $1 \in I$  but that can't be since 1 is always a unit! So the assumption was false and either  $x$  or  $1 - x$  are units.

(3  $\rightarrow$  1) Assume that exist two different ideals  $I_1, I_2$  that are maximal in  $R$ . Since they are maximal we know that they can't include a unit element. Let  $x \in I_1$ , by what we stated it must be a nonunit. Now since we know that the sum of ideals is an ideal, and since  $I_1, I_2$  are different maximal ideals, we get that  $I_1 + I_2 = R$ . That means that  $1, 1 - x \in I_1, I_2$ , and since  $1 - (1 - x) \in I_1$  and 1 must decompose into a nonzero elements in  $I_1, I_2$  that  $1 - x \in I_2$  but since we said it must only contain nonunits then both  $x, 1 - x$  are nonunits in contradiction to (3) so (3) must imply that  $R$  has a unique maximal ideal.

Let

$$R = \left\{ \frac{a}{b} \mid a, b \in \mathbb{Z} \wedge 3 \nmid b \right\}$$

**Show that  $R$  has a unique maximal ideal  $M$  and find  $R/M$**

We know that the condition that for any  $x \in R$  either  $x$  or  $1 - x$  is a unit is equivalent to  $R$  having a unique maximal ideal so it suffices to show that instead. Let  $\frac{a}{b} \in R$  such that  $3 \nmid b$ . If  $3 \mid a$  we get that  $\frac{b}{a} \in R$  and otherwise we calculate

$$1 - \frac{a}{b} = \frac{b - a}{b}$$

Now since  $3 \nmid b$  and  $3 \mid a$  we know that  $3 \nmid b - a$  so that means that  $\frac{b}{b-a} \in R$ . We got what we wanted. Now we shall find  $R/M$ . We know that it must be the set of all non-unit elements in  $R$ , thus:

$$R/M = \left\{ \frac{a}{b} \mid 3 \mid a \wedge 3 \nmid b \right\}$$

So in fact  $R/M = 3R$

**The one with the homomorphism** Let  $\varphi : R \rightarrow S$  be a homomorphism of rings. And let  $P \triangleleft S$  be a prime ideal. Show that  $\varphi^{-1}(P)$  is a prime ideal of  $R$  And infer that if  $R \subseteq S$  then  $R \cup P$  is a prime ideal in  $R$

Let  $ab \in \varphi^{-1}(P)$ . That means that  $\varphi(ab) \in P$  so  $\varphi(a)\varphi(b) \in P$  and since  $P$  is a prime ideal we get that either  $\varphi(a) \in P$  or  $\varphi(b) \in P$ . Applying  $\varphi^{-1}$  we get that either  $a \in \varphi^{-1}(P)$  or  $b \in \varphi^{-1}(P)$ , so  $\varphi^{-1}(P)$  is a prime ideal. Now suppose  $R \subseteq S$  We can define  $\varphi : R \rightarrow S$ :

$$\varphi(r) = r$$

And then  $R \cup P = \varphi^{-1}(P)$  is a prime ideal in  $R$ .

**Does the previous exercise holds if we switch between the words “prime” and “maximal”?**

It does not hold. For example consider  $\varphi: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}$  such that  $\varphi(a) = a$ . We know that  $\{0\}$  is a maximal ideal in  $\mathbb{Q}$  but  $\varphi^{-1}(\{0\}) = \{0\}$  is not a maximal ideal in  $\mathbb{Z}$ .



Let  $R$  be a commutative integral domain with unit. Show that the following are equivalent:

1.  $\langle a \rangle = \langle b \rangle$
2.  $a \mid b \wedge b \mid a$
3.  $a$  and  $b$  are associates

(1  $\rightarrow$  2)

Suppose that  $\langle a \rangle = \langle b \rangle$  that means that:

$$\begin{aligned} b \in \langle a \rangle &\Rightarrow b = ai, \quad i \in \mathbb{Z} \\ a \in \langle b \rangle &\Rightarrow a = bj, \quad j \in \mathbb{Z} \end{aligned}$$

And since we know that  $a \mid ai$  and  $b \mid bj$  we get that:

$$a \mid b \wedge b \mid a$$

(2  $\rightarrow$  3)

Suppose that  $a \mid b \wedge b \mid a$ , this means that exist  $c, d \in R$  such that:

$$\begin{aligned} a &= cb \\ b &= da \\ \Rightarrow b &= dcb \Rightarrow dc = 1 \end{aligned}$$

Since  $R$  is commutative this implies that  $dc = cd = 1$  which means that  $c, d$  are both units and the inverses of one another, so by definition  $a$  and  $b$  are associates.

(3  $\rightarrow$  1)

Suppose  $a$  and  $b$  are associates, this means that exist  $u, v \in R$  units such that:

$$\begin{aligned} a &= ub \Rightarrow a \in \langle b \rangle \Rightarrow \langle a \rangle \subseteq \langle b \rangle \\ b &= va \Rightarrow b \in \langle a \rangle \Rightarrow \langle b \rangle \subseteq \langle a \rangle \end{aligned}$$

Which implies that  $\langle a \rangle = \langle b \rangle$  as wanted.

**Let**  $f(x) = 2x^3 + x^2 + 2x + 2 \in \mathbb{Z}_5[x]$ . **Find**  $(2x + 4 + \langle f(x) \rangle)^{-1}$  **in the ring**  $R = \mathbb{Z}_5[x] / \langle f(x) \rangle$   
 Since we are working over  $\mathbb{Z}_5[x] / \langle f(x) \rangle$  we can denote  $\langle f(x) \rangle$  as  $I$  and notice that in  $R$  we get:

$$2x + 4 + \langle f(x) \rangle = 2x + 4 + 0 = 2x + 4$$

Now suppose  $g(x)$  is the inverse of  $2x + 4$ , that would imply:

$$g(x)(2x + 4) = 1 + I$$

Which in turn implies:

$$I = -1 + g(x)(2x + 4)$$

We can find  $g(x)$  by first dividing any  $f(x) \in I$  by  $2x + 4$  over  $\mathbb{Z}_5$ . Let  $f(x) = 2x^3 + x^2 + 2x + 2$  and then:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{I}{2x + 4} &= \frac{2x^3 + x^2 + 2x + 2}{2x + 4} \\ &= x^2 + \frac{2x^2 + 2x + 2}{2x + 4} \\ &= x^2 + x + \frac{-2x + 2}{2x + 4} \\ &= x^2 + x - 1 + \frac{1}{2x + 4} \end{aligned}$$

Thus:

$$\begin{aligned} I &= (2x + 4)(x^2 + x - 1)1 \\ &\Rightarrow -1 + I = (2x + 4)(x^2 + x - 1) \\ &\Rightarrow 1 + I = (2x + 4)(-1)(x^2 + x - 1) = (2x + 4)(4x^2 + 4x - 4) \end{aligned}$$

We got that:

$$(2x + 4)(4x^2 + 4x - 4) = I + 1 = 1$$

Since we are working with a commutative ring this implies that:

$$(2x + 4 + \langle f(x) \rangle)^{-1} = (2x + 4)^{-1} = 4x^2 + 4x - 4 + I$$

**Show that  $R = \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-2}]$  is a euclidean domain in respect to the norm:**

$$N(a + b\sqrt{-2}) = a^2 + 2b^2$$

Let  $a, b \in R$ . We need to find  $q, r \in R$  such that:

1.  $a = bq + r$
2.  $N(r) < N(b)$

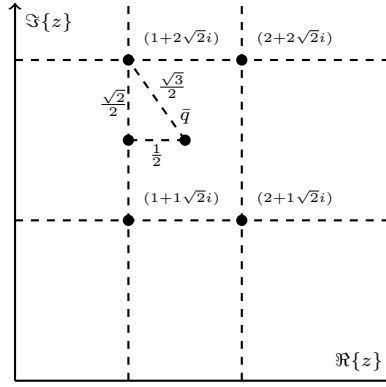
First notice that for  $z = a + b\sqrt{-2} \in R$  we get:

$$N(z) = N(a + b\sqrt{-2}) = a^2 + 2b^2 = |a + b\sqrt{-2}|^2 = |z|^2$$

Where  $||$  is the standard norm for complex numbers. Since the ring we are working with is a subring of  $\mathbb{C}$  we can extend properties of the standard norm on complex numbers to  $N$  for example:

$$N(ab) = N(a)N(b)$$

Let  $\bar{q} = \frac{a}{b} \in \mathbb{C}$ , and let  $q$  be its closest element in  $R$ . By considering the geometry of the complex plane:



We can see that the maximal possible distance between  $q$  and  $\bar{q}$  is  $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$ , which means that:

$$|q - \bar{q}|^2 = N(q - \bar{q}) < \frac{3}{4}$$

Now if we define  $r = b\bar{q} - bq$  we see that:

$$a = b\bar{q} \Rightarrow bq + r$$

And using the facts from earlier we get:

$$N(r) = N(b\bar{q} - bq) = N(b(\bar{q} - q)) = N(b)N(\bar{q} - q) < \frac{3}{4}N(b) < N(b)$$

As we wanted, which shows that  $R$  coupled with  $N$  is a euclidean domain.

**Let  $R$  be a PID,  $F$  the field of fractions of  $R$ , and  $A$  a ring such that  $R \subseteq A \subseteq F$ . We shall think of the elements of  $F$  as fractions of the form  $a, b \in R$ ,  $[a, b] = \frac{a}{b}$ . Show that if  $[a, b] \in A$  for  $a, b \in R$  that are coprime in  $R$ , then  $[1, b] \in A$ .**

Let  $a, b$  be coprime in  $R$ . That means that  $\langle a \rangle + \langle b \rangle = R$  thus exist  $r_1, r_2 \in R$  such that:

$$1 = r_1 a + r_2 b$$

And now since  $r_2, r_1 \in R$  they are in  $A$  as well and now:

$$\frac{a}{b} r_1 + r_2 = \frac{1}{b} (r_1 a + r_2 b) = \frac{a}{b}$$

Since  $A$  is closed under multiplication we know that  $\frac{1}{b} \in A$

### 1.1 Show that $A$ is a PID

Let  $I \triangleleft A$ , we know that  $R \cap I$  is an ideal in  $R$  and since  $R$  is a PID we can look at its generator such that  $\langle r \rangle = R \cap I$ . We will now show that the ideal  $\langle r \rangle_A$  which is the ideal generated by  $r$  in  $A$  is equal to  $I$ . It's clear that:

$$\langle r \rangle_A \subseteq I$$

Let  $[a, b] \in I$ , since  $b \in A$  that means that

$$b * \frac{a}{b} = a \in I$$

but also we know that  $a \in R$ , so since  $\langle r \rangle$  is a prime ideal in  $R$  it follows that:

$$\exists r' \in R: a = a'r \Rightarrow [a, b] = [a', b]r$$

Since  $a', [1, b] \in A$  we see that  $[a, b] = [a', b]r \in \langle r \rangle_A$  which shows:

$$I \subseteq \langle r \rangle_A$$

Finally:

$$I = \langle r \rangle_A$$

Which means that  $I$  is a prime ideal in  $A$  so  $A$  is a PID.

**Let  $F$  be a field of character 0. A polynomial  $f \in F[x]$  is called squareless if there does not exist  $g(x) \in F(x)$  of positive degree such that  $g^2 \mid f$ . Show that  $f$  is squareless iff  $f, f'$  are coprime in  $F[x]$**

( $\Rightarrow$ )

Let  $f \in F[x]$  be squareless. Assume that  $f, f'$  are not coprime. That means that exists  $0 \neq p \in F[x]$  irreducible and  $q_1, q_2 \in F[x]$  such that:

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= p(x)q_1(x) \\ f'(x) &= p(x)q_2(x) \end{aligned}$$

From this follows that:

$$f'(x) = [p(x)q_1(x)]' = p'(x)q_1(x) + p(x)q_1'(x) = p(x)q_2(x)$$

We notice that:

$$p'(x)q_1(x) = p(x)(q_2(x) - q_1'(x))$$

So  $p \mid p'q_1$ , it can't divide  $p'$  since its different than 0 and  $F$  is a field of characteristic 0 so it must divide  $q_1$ . From this follows:

$$p \mid q_1 \Rightarrow p^2 \mid pq_1 = f$$

In contradiction to the assumption that  $f$  is squareless.

( $\Leftarrow$ )

Let  $f, f' \in F[x]$  be coprime, assume that exists  $p \in F[x]$  such that:

$$p^2 \mid f$$

We know that exists  $q \in F[x]$  such that:

$$f(x) = p^2(x)q(x)$$

But differentiating we get:

$$f'(x) = p^2(x)q'(x) + 2p(x)p'(x)q(x)$$

So we got that  $p \mid f$  and  $p \mid f'$  in contradiction to the assumption that they are not prime.

**Let  $R$  be a PID and  $\{0\} \neq I \triangleleft R$ . Show that  $R/I$  has a finite amount of ideals.**  
 Since  $R$  is a PID exists  $r \in R$  such that  $I = \langle r \rangle$ , it follows that:

$$R/I = R / \langle r \rangle = \{ar | a \in R\}$$

From the correspondence theorem for ideals we know that each ideal  $A \triangleleft R/I$  exists a corresponding ideal  $I \subseteq B \triangleleft R$ . Since  $R$  is a PID we get that  $B = \langle b \rangle$  and now since  $I \subseteq B$  it follows that  $b \mid r$ . Since  $R$  is a PID it is a UFD, which implies that exist  $p_1, \dots, p_n$  irreducible and unique of to permutation and multiplication in units such that:

$$r = \prod_i p_i$$

Which means that  $r$  has a finite number of divisors up to associativity of the elements, and in fact it has exactly  $2^n$  such divisors. From the correspondence theorem that means  $R/I$  has  $2^n$  ideals if we show that ideals generated by associative elements are equal. But that's exactly what we have shown on the first question, so  $R/I$  has exactly  $2^n$  ideals, which is a finite amount.

## 2 Fields

Let  $\omega$  be an algebraic number of an odd degree over the field  $F$  and show that  $F[\omega] = F[\omega^2]$

$$F[\omega^2] \subseteq F[\omega]$$

We know that  $\omega \in F[\omega]$  so since it is closed under multiplication we get  $\omega^2 \in F[\omega]$ . So now we can generate  $F[\omega^2]$  in  $F[\omega]$  and as we wanted we get that  $F[\omega^2] \subseteq F[\omega]$

$$F[\omega] \subseteq F[\omega^2]$$

Because we have shown that  $F[\omega^2] \subseteq F[\omega]$  we get that:

$$[F[\omega^2]: F] \mid [F[\omega]: F]$$

Assume that:

$$[F[\omega^2]: F] < [F[\omega]: F]$$

Since we know  $\omega$  is of an odd degree so  $F[\omega] \subseteq F[\omega]$  is odd we also get that:

$$[F[\omega^2]: F] < \frac{[F[\omega]: F]}{2}$$

Denote  $[F[\omega^2]: F]$  as  $n$  and the minimal polynomial of  $\omega^2$  as  $p(x) = a_n x^n + \cdots + a_0$  as see that:

$$p(\omega^2) = a_n \omega^{2n} + \cdots + a_0 = 0$$

This is a polynomial of degree  $2n$  with root  $\omega$  so we get that:

$$[F[\omega]: F] \leq 2n$$

Which is a contradiction to:

$$n = [F[\omega^2]: F] < \frac{[F[\omega]: F]}{2}$$

So we got that:

$$[F[\omega^2]: F] = [F[\omega]: F]$$

Since we know that  $F[\omega^2] \subseteq F[\omega]$  we get that:

$$\boxed{F[\omega^2] = F[\omega]}$$



Let  $\theta$  be a complex root of  $p(x) = x^3 - 9x + 6$ , express  $\frac{1}{\theta+1}$  as a rational polynomial in  $\theta$   
 We want to get:

$$\frac{1}{1+\theta} = \sum_{i=0}^n a_i x^i$$

If we multiply both sides by  $1 + \theta$  we get that:

$$1 = \sum_{i=0}^n a_i x^i + \theta \sum_{i=0}^n a_i x^i$$

So:

$$a_n \theta^{n+1} + \sum_{i=1}^n (a_i + a_{i-1}) x^i + a_0 - 1 = 0$$

We know that  $\theta$  is a root of  $p(x)$  so for  $n = 2$  and some  $c$  we get that:

$$a_2 \theta^3 + (a_2 + a_1) \theta^2 + (a_1 + a_0) \theta + a_0 - 1 = c(\theta^3 - 9\theta + 6)$$

This implies that  $a_2 = c$  and we also see that:

$$a_2 + a_1 = 0 \Rightarrow a_1 = -c$$

And:

$$a_1 + a_0 = -9c \Rightarrow a_0 = -8c$$

And finally:

$$a_0 - 1 = 6c \Rightarrow c = -\frac{1}{14}$$

We now found all the constants we needed so we get:

$$\boxed{\frac{1}{1+\theta} = -\frac{1}{14}\theta^3 + \frac{9}{14}\theta - \frac{3}{7}}$$

**Calculate the degree and the minimal polynomial of  $\alpha = \sqrt{3 + \sqrt{2}}$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$**   
 Calculate to get:

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha &= \sqrt{3 + \sqrt{2}} \\ \Rightarrow \alpha^2 - 2 &= \sqrt{2} \\ \Rightarrow \alpha^4 - 6\alpha^2 + 7 &= 0\end{aligned}$$

Solving for the roots of the equation:

$$m(x) = x^4 - 6x^2 + 7 = 0$$

Gives:

$$x = \pm \sqrt{3 \pm \sqrt{2}}$$

Since  $x$  isn't rational it doesn't split to polynomials of degrees 1 and 3, but it might split into 2 polynomials of degree 2. We will show that is not the case. Suppose it could split into two polynomials with degree 2 then each could be written as:

$$q(x) = (x - x_i)(x - x_j) = x^2 - (x_i + x_j)x + x_i x_j$$

For  $x_i \neq x_j$  roots we calculated earlier. If the polynomial is rational we get that  $x_i x_j \in \mathbb{Q}$  but we can see it's not the case since for any of the roots there are we get:

$$x_i x_j = \left( \pm \sqrt{3 \pm \sqrt{2}} \right) \left( \pm \sqrt{3 \pm \sqrt{2}} \right) = \{ 3 \pm \sqrt{2}, \sqrt{7} \}$$

These are all not rational and therefore  $q(x) \notin \mathbb{Q}[x]$  so we got that:

$$\boxed{m(x) = x^4 - 6x^2 + 7}$$

Does not split any more, which implies it is the minimal polynomial of  $\alpha$ . We may also note that its degree is 4.

**Let  $p$  be prime. Find the degree of the splitting field of  $p(x) = x^p - 2$  over  $\mathbb{C}$**   
 First we will find the roots over  $\mathbb{C}$  like this:

$$x^p = 2$$

So:

$$r^p e^{pi\theta} = 2$$

This means that:

$$r = \sqrt[p]{2} \quad \text{and} \quad \theta \in \left\{ \frac{2\pi}{p}k \right\}$$

For  $0 \leq k \leq p - 1$ .

### 3 Practice

**Let  $R, S$  be rings and  $f: R \rightarrow S$  be a homomorphism. Let  $I \triangleleft R$ . Show that if  $f$  is surjective then  $f(I) \triangleleft S$**

We can see it is a subgroup with regards to addition because if we let  $f(a), f(b) \in f(I)$  then since  $I$  is an ideal  $(a - b) \in I$  so  $f(a - b) = f(a) - f(b) \in f(I)$ . Now let  $f(r) \in f(I)$  and  $s \in S$  since  $f$  is surjective we know exists  $s' \in I$  such that  $f(s') = s$  and then  $f(r)s = f(r)f(s') = f(rs') \in f(I)$  so we got an ideal.

**Give a counter example if we don't require  $f$  to be surjective**

We can choose:

$$\begin{aligned} f: \mathbb{Z} &\rightarrow \mathbb{Q} \\ f(z) &= z \end{aligned}$$

And then we can send any ideal for example  $\mathbb{Z}$  itself. But  $\mathbb{Z}$  is not an ideal in  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

**If  $I \setminus \{0\}$  is a prime ideal in  $R$  then  $R$  is integral domain**

Suppose  $ab = 0 \in I$ , since  $I$  we get  $a \in I$  or  $b \in I$ . But since  $I = \{0\}$  we get  $a = 0$  or  $b = 0$  which completes the proof.

**Suppose every ideal in  $R$  is prime. Prove that if  $a = bc$  for  $a \neq 0$  then either  $b$  or  $c$  are units**  
Since  $\{0\}$  is always an ideal, and in our case it is given to be prime we can assume  $R$  is an integral domain. Let  $a = bc$  such that  $a \neq 0$ . Since we have  $bc \in \langle a \rangle$  we get that either  $b$  or  $c$  are in  $\langle a \rangle$ , WLOG we can assume  $b = ad$  and then if we substitute this in the original equation we get  $a = adc$  so we get  $a(1 - dc) = 0$  but since we know  $R$  is an integral domain and  $a \neq 0$  we have  $cd = dc = 1$  which means  $c$  is a unit.

**We need to show that  $R$  is a field**

All that's really left to show is that all the elements are units. We can consider the following fact for  $a \neq 0$  we have  $a^2 = aa$ , since we are in an integral domain  $a^2 \neq 0$  and then from the previous exercise we have  $a$  is a unit.



**In a Euclidean domain  $R$  for every ideal  $\{0\} \neq I \triangleleft R$  there is a finite amount of maximal ideals in  $R/I$**

We know that  $R$  is a Euclidean domain so it is a PID which means that for every ideal  $I \triangleleft R$  it is generated by an element  $a$  which means we can write  $I = \langle a \rangle$  and then from the correspondence theorem we have that the ideals in  $R/I$  are corresponding to the ideals that contain  $I$  but these correspond to the divisors of  $a$ , and since  $R$  as a Euclidean domain is also a UFD we know that that number of divisors is finite under associates and since associate elements generate the same ideal, we get that that number is finite as needed.

**Let  $n \geq 2$  show that  $\mathbb{Z}/\langle n \rangle$  has nilpotent elements different than 0 if and only if  $n$  has a prime square in its factorization**

Suppose  $n$  had a prime square in its factorization we would have:

$$n = p^2 r$$

We can consider the element  $pr + \mathbb{Z}$  and see that:

$$(pr + n\mathbb{Z})(pr + n\mathbb{Z}) = (p^2 r)r + n\mathbb{Z} = 0 + n\mathbb{Z}$$

From the other direction we get that if  $\mathbb{Z}/\langle n \rangle$  has a nilpotent element  $b + \mathbb{Z} \neq 0 + \mathbb{Z}$  we would have:

$$b^2 = cn$$

For some  $c \in \mathbb{Z}$  so we get:

$$b = \sqrt{c}\sqrt{n}$$

If  $n$  doesn't have prime squares then  $c = nr^2$  which leads to  $c \geq n$  but that can't be the case since  $b < n$ .

**Let  $\Omega$  be a field extension of  $F$  and let  $a \in \Omega$ . Show that  $a$  is algebraic if and only if  $F(a)$  is a finite extension of  $F$ .**

If  $F(a)$  is a finite extension of  $F$  of degree  $n$  then we get that:

$$A = \{1, a, a^2, \dots, a^n\}$$

Is linearly dependent so exists a polynomial of degree  $n$  with  $a$  as its root so  $a$  is algebraic. If  $a$  is algebraic then we can denote its minimal polynomial  $m$  and now we can show that ????

**Given a prime number  $p$  prove that exists an indecomposable  $f(x) \in \mathbb{Q}[x]$  of degree  $p$**   
We can consider the polynomial:

$$f(x) = x^p - p$$

We can use Eisenstein's criterion to show this satisfies the conditions. We see:

$$\begin{aligned} p & \mid a_0 = p \\ p & \nmid a_n = 1 \\ p^2 & \nmid a_n = 1 \end{aligned}$$

So it is indecomposable.

**Define  $L/K$  an algebraic extension of  $K$ .**

$L$  is an algebraic extension of  $K$  if for any  $a \in L$  exists  $f_a(x) \in K[x]$  such that:

$$f_a(a) = 0$$

Let  $\Omega$  be a field extension of  $\mathbb{Q}$  that contains a root for every polynomial in  $\mathbb{Q}[x]$ . Show that  $\Omega$  contains an infinite algebraic extension of  $\mathbb{Q}$