

Example: $R = \mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_4 = \{(0,0), (0,1), (0,2), (0,3), (1,0), (1,1), (1,2), (1,3), (2,0), (2,1), (2,2), (2,3)\}$

$I = \{(0,0), (1,0), (2,0)\}$ is an ideal of R .

calculating R/I
 $R = \mathbb{Z}_n, \mathbb{Z},$
 $\mathbb{Z}_n \times \mathbb{Z}_m$
 + try these!!

(a) calculate the elements of R/I

$$(0,0) + I = \{(0,0), (1,0), (2,0)\} = (0,0) + I$$

$$(0,1) + I = \{(0,1), (1,1), (2,1)\}$$

$$(0,2) + I = \{(0,2), (1,2), (2,2)\}$$

$$(0,3) + I = \{(0,3), (1,3), (2,3)\}$$

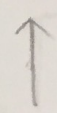
$$R/I = \{(0,0) + I, (0,1) + I, (0,2) + I, (0,3) + I\}$$

(b) multiply $(1,3) + I$ and $(2,2) + I$

put your answer in the form of one of your answers from part (a)

$$[(1,3) + I][(2,2) + I] = (1,3)(2,2) + I$$

$$= (2,6) + I = (2,2) + I = \boxed{(0,2) + I}$$



Last time: Big Theorem Thursday

Let R be a commutative ring with $1 \neq 0$. Let M be an ideal of R with $M \neq R$, then M is maximal iff R/M is a field.

Corollary The maximal ideal of \mathbb{Z} are of the form $n\mathbb{Z}$ where n is prime

Proof: Let I be an ideal of \mathbb{Z} . Then $I = n\mathbb{Z}$

where $n \geq 0$. If $n = 0$, then $I = \{0\}$

we have $\{0\} \subseteq 2\mathbb{Z} \subseteq \mathbb{Z}$

so $\{0\}$ is not maximal

If $n=1$, then $I = \mathbb{Z}$

\mathbb{Z} isn't maximal because it's the whole ring

suppose now $n \geq 2$

Then $I = n\mathbb{Z}$ which is maximal iff $\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$ is a field.

iff \mathbb{Z}_n is a field (because $\mathbb{Z}_n \cong \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$)

iff n is prime \square

Summary of the Ideals of \mathbb{Z}

Ideals of \mathbb{Z}

$\{0\}$ ← Trivial Ideal
 \mathbb{Z} ← whole Ring
 $2\mathbb{Z}$
 $3\mathbb{Z}$
 $4\mathbb{Z}$
 $6\mathbb{Z}$
 $7\mathbb{Z}$
 $8\mathbb{Z}$
 $9\mathbb{Z}$
 \vdots

$n\mathbb{Z}$
 $n \geq 2$

Prime Ideals of \mathbb{Z}

$\{0\}$
 $2\mathbb{Z}$
 $3\mathbb{Z}$
 $5\mathbb{Z}$
 $7\mathbb{Z}$
 $11\mathbb{Z}$
 $13\mathbb{Z}$
 \vdots

$p\mathbb{Z}$
where
 p is
prime

maximal ideals of \mathbb{Z}

$2\mathbb{Z}$
 $3\mathbb{Z}$
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Irreducibility Tests for Polynomials

Def: Let F be a field. Let $f(x) \in F[x]$ we say that f is reducible over F if there exists non-constant polynomials $g(x), h(x) \in F[x]$ where $f(x) = g(x)h(x)$.
If this is not the case, then we say that f is irreducible ~~over~~ ^{over} F .

Example Is $f(x) = x^2 + 2x + 1$ reducible over \mathbb{Q} ?

answer: Yes!

$$x^2 + 2x + 1 = \underbrace{(x+1)}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{non-constant polys} \\ \text{from } \mathbb{Q}[x]}} \underbrace{(x+1)}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{non-constant polys} \\ \text{from } \mathbb{Q}[x]}}$$

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constant
poly
↓

$$x^2 + 5 = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) (2x^2 + 10)$$

Doesn't count as reducible!

Example: Is $w(x) = x^2 + 1$ reducible over \mathbb{R} ?

answer: No, if w factored non-trivially

over \mathbb{R} then $x^2 + 1 = (ax + b)(cx + d)$

where $a \neq 0$ and $c \neq 0$, $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}$

plug in $x = -\frac{b}{a}$ then $\left(-\frac{b}{a}\right)^2 + 1 = \underbrace{\left(a\left(-\frac{b}{a}\right) + b\right)}_0 \left(c\left(-\frac{b}{a}\right) + d\right) = 0$

so, $\left(-\frac{b}{a}\right)^2 = -1$

That can't happen since $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ and so $\left(-\frac{b}{a}\right) \in \mathbb{R}$

so $x^2 + 1$ is irreducible over \mathbb{R} .

Example $x^2 + 1$ is reducible over \mathbb{C}

since $x^2 + 1 = (x + i)(x - i)$

Theorem: Let F be a field let $f(x) \in F[x]$ with $\deg(f) = 2$ or $\deg(f) = 3$. Then f is reducible over F iff there exists $\alpha \in F$ where $f(\alpha) = 0$

Example: $F = \mathbb{C}$ $f(x) = x^2 + 1$

$\deg(f) = 2$ so theorem applies

$$f(i) = i^2 + 1 = -1 + 1 = 0$$

since f has a root in \mathbb{C} ,

F is reducible over \mathbb{C} .

Example: $F = \mathbb{R}$ $f(x) = x^2 + 1$

$\deg(f) = 2$ so theorem applies

$x^2 + 1 = 0$ has no roots in \mathbb{R} so $f(x)$ is irreducible over \mathbb{R} .

Example: Is $f(x) = x^2 + 1$ irreducible over \mathbb{Z}_3 ?

$$F = \mathbb{Z}_3 = \{\bar{0}, \bar{1}, \bar{2}\}$$

$\deg(f) = 2$ so theorem applies

$$f(\bar{0}) = \bar{0}^2 + \bar{1} = \bar{1} \neq 0$$

$$f(\bar{1}) = \bar{1}^2 + \bar{1} = \bar{2} \neq 0$$

$$f(\bar{2}) = \bar{2}^2 + \bar{1} = \bar{5} = \bar{2} \neq 0$$

} f has no roots in \mathbb{Z}_3 so it is irreducible over \mathbb{Z}_3

Example: Is $f(x) = x^4 + 2x^2 + 1$ irreducible over \mathbb{R} ?

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

No, f is reducible

But the roots of f are $\pm i$ which are not in \mathbb{R} .

Theorem doesn't apply here $\deg(f) = 4$

* Do not use the theorem if $\deg(f) > 3$

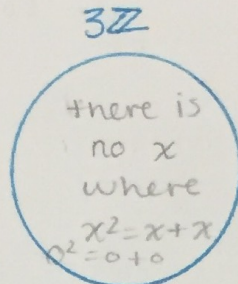
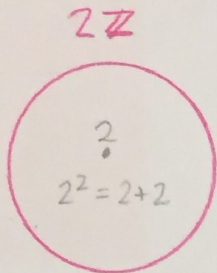
HW #4 (3) Show that $2\mathbb{Z}$ and $3\mathbb{Z}$ are not isomorphic as rings

Idea:

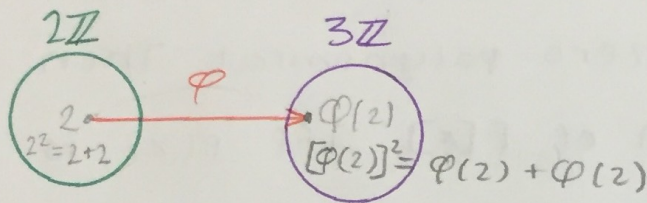
$$x^2 = 2x$$

$$x(x-2) = 0$$

$$x = 0, 2$$



Proof: Suppose $\varphi: 2\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow 3\mathbb{Z}$ is a homomorphism



consider $\varphi(2)$

Note that $[\varphi(2)]^2 = \varphi(2^2) = \varphi(4) = \varphi(2+2) = \varphi(2) + \varphi(2)$

so, $[\varphi(2)]^2 - 2\varphi(2) = 0$

Thus, $\varphi(2)[\varphi(2)-2] = 0$

Hence, $\varphi(2) = 0$ or $\varphi(2) - 2 = 0$

ok since we are in $3\mathbb{Z}$ and $3\mathbb{Z}$ satisfies

$\varphi(x+y) = \varphi(x) + \varphi(y)$
 $\varphi(xy) = \varphi(x)\varphi(y)$

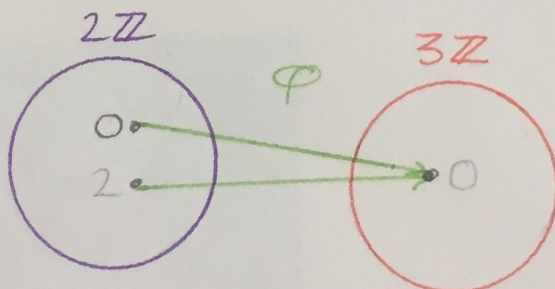
 if $ab = 0$
 then $a = 0$ or $b = 0$

we can't have $\varphi(2) - 2 = 0$ because $\varphi(2) = 2$ and $2 \notin 3\mathbb{Z}$.

so, $\varphi(2) = 0$

But $\varphi(0) = 0$ also.

so φ is not 1-1 so there is no isomorphism



another approach

$$\begin{array}{c} 2\mathbb{Z} \\ \circlearrowleft \\ \cdot 2 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} 3\mathbb{Z} \\ \circlearrowleft \\ \cdot \phi(2) = 3k \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 6k &= \phi(2) + \phi(2) - \phi(4) \\ &= \phi(2) \phi(2) = 9k^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$6k = 9k^2 \rightarrow 3k [3k - 2] = 0$$

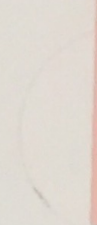
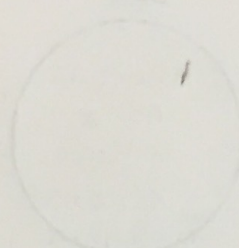
$$k = 0 \text{ or } k = \frac{2}{3}$$

can't happen

$F[x]$
 $\langle P(x) \rangle$
↑
Field if $\langle P(x) \rangle$ is a maximal ideal

so $\phi(2) = 0$

Add to Theorem
Let $P(x) \in F[x]$
where $P(x) \neq 0$
and not a constant poly



Theorem: Let F be a field and $P(x) \in F[x]$ where $P(x)$ is not the zero polynomial. Then $\langle P(x) \rangle$ is a maximal ideal of $F[x]$ iff $P(x)$ is irreducible over F .

Proof:

(\Rightarrow) Suppose $\langle P(x) \rangle \neq \{0\}$ is a maximal ideal we know $\langle P(x) \rangle \neq F[x]$ so, $P(x)$ is not a unit, i.e. $P(x)$ is not a constant polynomial.

Suppose $P(x) = f(x)g(x)$ where $f(x), g(x) \in F[x]$

We will show that either $f(x)$ or $g(x)$ is a unit / (constant poly)

so $P(x)$ is irreducible.

so * $\deg(f) \leq \deg(P)$ and $\deg(g) \leq \deg(P)$

\mathbb{Z}_4 ← not an int. domain

$$\begin{aligned} &(\bar{2}x^2 + \bar{1})(\bar{2}x + \bar{3}) \\ &= \bar{4}x^3 + \bar{6}x^2 + \bar{2}x + \bar{3} \\ &= \bar{2}x^2 + \bar{2}x + \bar{3} \end{aligned}$$



↑ (thm. from before)
since F is an int. domain and
 $P = fg$ we know
 $\deg(P) = \deg(f) + \deg(g)$

Since $\langle p(x) \rangle$ is maximal, we know $\langle p(x) \rangle$ is a prime ideal [HW problem]

We know $f(x)g(x) = p(x) \in \langle p(x) \rangle$

Since $\langle p(x) \rangle$ is a prime ideal either $f(x) \in \langle p(x) \rangle$ or $g(x) \in \langle p(x) \rangle$ so, either $f(x) = p(x)h_1(x)$ or $g(x) = p(x)h_2(x)$ where $h_1(x), h_2(x) \in F[x]$.

so either $\deg(f) \geq \deg(p)$ or $\deg(g) \geq \deg(p)$

Combining this with * we have either

$\deg(f) = \deg(p)$ and $\deg(g) = 0$

or $\deg(f) = 0$ and $\deg(g) = \deg(p)$

So either $g(x)$ is a unit/constant or $f(x)$ is a unit/constant.

So, $p(x)$ is irreducible.

(\Leftarrow) Suppose $p(x)$ is irreducible over F

Let's show that $\langle p(x) \rangle$ is maximal.

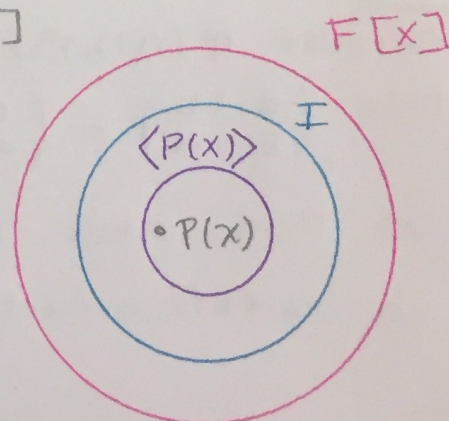
Since $p(x)$ is not constant $\langle p(x) \rangle \neq F[x]$

Suppose I is an ideal of $F[x]$

where $\langle p(x) \rangle \subseteq I \subseteq F[x]$

since $F[x]$ is a PID we know

$I = \langle g(x) \rangle$ where $g(x) \in F[x]$



since $p(x) \in \langle p(x) \rangle$ and $\langle p(x) \rangle \subseteq I$

We know $p(x) \in I = \langle g(x) \rangle$

So, $p(x) = g(x)h(x)$ where $h(x) \in F[x]$

Since $p(x)$ is irreducible, either $g(x)$ or $h(x)$ is a constant polynomial.

If $g(x)$ is a constant polynomial, then $I = \langle g(x) \rangle = F[x]$

Now suppose $h(x) = c$, where $c \in F$, then $p(x) = \overset{\text{constant}}{c} g(x)$

In this case $I = \langle p(x) \rangle$

Why? we know $\langle p(x) \rangle \subseteq I$

Let $z(x) \in I$. Then $z(x) = g(x)w(x)$ where $w(x) \in F[x]$

Then $z(x) = c^{-1}p(x)w(x) = p(x) \cdot [c^{-1}w(x)] \in \langle p(x) \rangle$

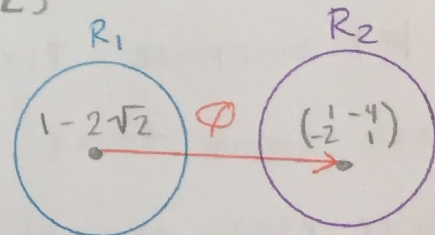
so $I \subseteq \langle p(x) \rangle$

so either $I = F[x]$ or $I = \langle p(x) \rangle$

so $\langle p(x) \rangle$ is maximal.

$$R_1 = \{a + b\sqrt{2} \mid a, b \in \mathbb{Z}\} \quad R_2 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & 2b \\ b & a \end{pmatrix} \mid a, b \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$$

$$\phi: R_1 \rightarrow R_2 \quad \phi(a + b\sqrt{2}) = \begin{pmatrix} a & 2b \\ b & a \end{pmatrix}$$



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Suppose $\phi(a + b\sqrt{2}) = \phi(c + d\sqrt{2})$

$$\text{then } \begin{pmatrix} a & 2b \\ b & a \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} c & 2d \\ d & c \end{pmatrix}$$

So $a = c$ and $b = d$

So $a + b\sqrt{2} = c + d\sqrt{2}$

onto

Let $M \in R_2$

Then $M = \begin{pmatrix} a & 2b \\ b & a \end{pmatrix}$ where $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$
and $a + b\sqrt{2} \in R_1$

and $\phi(a + b\sqrt{2}) = \begin{pmatrix} a & 2b \\ b & a \end{pmatrix} = M$

