

Introduction to Abstract Algebra

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- Usually, the binary operation f is denoted by ' \circ ' or ' $+$ ' or ' \cdot ' etc.
- If we use ' \circ ' is the binary operation, then $f(x, y)$ is denoted by $x \circ y$
- If $S = X \times X$, then we say that X is **closed** w.r.t. the binary operation



Set & Structure

Definition

A **set** is a well defined collection of objects.

Definition

An **algebraic structure** is a set together with (a)some binary operation(s).



Group

Definition

- i. Let G be a non-empty set with a binary operation \circ defined on it. Then (G, \circ) is said to be a **groupoid or magma** if \circ is closed i.e. if $\circ : G \times G \rightarrow G$.
- ii. A set G with an operation \circ is said to be a **semigroup** if G is a groupoid and \circ is associative.
- iii. A set G with an operation \circ is said to be a **monoid** if G is a semigroup and \exists an element $e \in G_m$ s/t $g.e = e.g = g \forall g \in G$.
- iv. For each $x \in G$, \exists an element $y \in G$ s/t $y \circ x = x \circ y = e$. Usually, y is denoted by x^{-1} .

If G satisfies all the above, it is said to be a **Group**.

If $x \circ y = y \circ x \forall x, y \in G$, G is called **abelian or commutative group**.



Group

Example

- 1 $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$
- 2 $(\mathbb{Q}, +), (\mathbb{Q} \setminus \{0\}, \cdot)$
- 3 $(\mathbb{R}, +), (\mathbb{C}, +), (\mathbb{R}^*, \cdot), (\mathbb{C}^*, \cdot)$
- 4 $(\mathbb{Z}_n, +)$
- 5 (\mathbb{Z}_p^*, \cdot)
- 6 $(\{1, -1\}, \cdot)$
- 7 (S_n, \circ)



Group

Example (S_3)

Let us consider the following important example S_3 under composition of functions.

$$\rho_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \rho_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \rho_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix},$$

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\circ	ρ_0	ρ_1	ρ_2	μ_1	μ_2	μ_3
ρ_0	ρ_0	ρ_1	ρ_2	μ_1	μ_2	μ_3
ρ_1	ρ_1	ρ_2	ρ_0	μ_3	μ_1	μ_2
ρ_2	ρ_2	ρ_0	ρ_1	μ_2	μ_3	μ_1
μ_1	μ_1	μ_2	μ_3	ρ_0	ρ_1	ρ_2
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μ_3	μ_3	μ_1	μ_2	ρ_1	ρ_2	ρ_0



Exercises

Exercise

- 1 Give an example of a groupoid which is not a semigroup.
- 2 Give an example of a semigroup which is not a monoid.
- 3 Give an example of a monoid which is not a group.
- 4 Give an example of a semigroup which is not a group.



Group

Theorem

Let (G, \circ) be a group and e_ℓ be a left identity and for each $x \in G$, x_ℓ^{-1} denote the left inverse of x .

- (i) Then e_ℓ is the ! two sided identity in G .
- (ii) x_ℓ^{-1} is the ! two sided inverse of x for each $x \in G$.

Note:

- (a) If e' is any identity whether left or right then $e' = e_\ell$.
- (b) If y is any left or right inverse of x then $y = x_\ell^{-1}$.



Some Preliminary Lemmas

Lemma

If (G, \cdot) is a group, then

- (i) The identity element of G is 1 .
- (ii) Every $a \in G$ has a unique inverse in G .
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$$\begin{aligned}\because c^2 &= c \\ \therefore c.c &= c \\ \Rightarrow c^{-1}.(c.c) &= c^{-1}.c \\ \Rightarrow (c^{-1}.c).c &= e \\ \Rightarrow e.c &= e\end{aligned}$$

Thus, $c = e$.



Group

Cancellation Law

Let (G, \circ) be a group. Then for each triplet $x, y, z \in G$

- (i) $x \circ y = x \circ z \Rightarrow y = z$ (left cancellation law)
- (ii) $y \circ x = z \circ x \Rightarrow y = z$ (right cancellation law)



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Example

- 1 $(\mathbb{Z}, +) \leq (\mathbb{R}, +)$
- 2 $(\mathbb{Q}^*, \cdot) \leq (\mathbb{R}^*, \cdot)$
- 3 Let $G = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$, where $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}$ and $ad - bc \neq 0$. G is a group under matrix multiplication.

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & b \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \text{ and } b \in \mathbb{R}. \text{ Then } H \leq G.$$



Subgroup

Proposition

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- ① $T \leq G$
- ② For each $x, y \in T$, $x \cdot y$ & $x^{-1} \in T$
- ③ For each $x, y \in T$, $x \cdot y^{-1} \in T$



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Let G be a group and $S, T \subset G$. We then define

$$S \cdot T = \begin{cases} z \in G \mid z = x.y & \text{for } x \in S, \text{ \& } y \in T \\ \phi, & \text{if either } S \text{ or } T = \phi \end{cases}$$

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Let G be a group and H & $K \leq G$. Then $H \cdot K$ is a subgroup of G iff $H \cdot K = K \cdot H$.

Exercise

Let $\{T_\alpha, \alpha \in \lambda\}$ be a collection of subgroups of G . Then $\bigcap \{T_\alpha, \alpha \in \lambda\}$ is also a subgroup of G .

Subgroup

Solution

- First, we assume that $H.K = K.H$ and we have to prove that $H.K \leq G$.
- Let $u, v \in H.K$. Then $u = h_1.k_1$ & $v = h_2.k_2$

$$u.v = (h_1.k_1).(h_2.k_2) = h_1(k_1.h_2)k_2$$

Now, $k_1.h_2 \in KH = HK$ and so $\exists h', k'$ s/t $k_1.h_2 = h'k'$, $h' \in H$ & $k' \in K$.

$$h_1(k_1.h_2)k_2 = h_1(h'k')k_2 = (h_1h').(k'k_2) = h_3k_3 \in HK,$$

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If G is an abelian group and $(\phi \neq) S \subset G$, then $\langle S \rangle$ consists of all elements of the form $x_1^{r_1}.x_2^{r_2}.\dots.x_k^{r_k}$, $x_i \neq x_j, r_i \in \mathbb{Z}$.

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Definition

- 1 Let G be a group and $a \in G$. Then the smallest subgroup $H = \{a^n \mid n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ of G which contains a is called the **cyclic subgroup** of G generated by a .
- 2 An element $a \in G$ generates G and is a **generator** for G if $\langle a \rangle = G$.
- 3 A group G is **cyclic** if there is some element $a \in G$ that generates G .



Subgroup

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Group

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- ① A group G is finite if $|G|$ or $\# G$ is finite. The number of elements in a finite group is called its **order**.
- ② A group G is **cyclic** if $\exists \alpha \in G$ s/t for each $\beta \in G \exists$ integer i with $\beta = \alpha^i$. Such an element α is called a **generator** of G .
- ③ Let $\alpha \in G$. The **order** of α is defined to be the least positive integer t s/t $\alpha^t = e$, provided that such an integer exists. If such a t does not exist, then the order of α is defined to be ∞ .



Subgroup

Example

- ① Consider the multiplicative group $\mathbb{Z}_{19}^* = \{1, 2, \dots, 18\}$ of order 18.

Subgroup	Generators	Order
$(\{1\}, \cdot)$	1	1
$(\{1, 18\}, \cdot)$	18	2
$(\{1, 7, 11\}, \cdot)$	7, 11	3
$(\{1, 7, 8, 11, 12, 18\}, \cdot)$	8, 12	6
$(\{1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 11, 16, 17\}, \cdot)$	4, 5, 6, 9, 16, 17	9
$(\mathbb{Z}_{19}^*, \cdot)$	2, 3, 10, 13, 14, 15	18

- ② Consider the multiplicative group $(\mathbb{Z}_{26}^*, \cdot)$



Coset

Definition

Let G be a group and $H \leq G$. For $a, b \in G$, we say that a is **congruent to $b \pmod H$** , i.e., $a \equiv b \pmod H$ if $a.b^{-1} \in H$.

Lemma

The relation $a \equiv b \pmod H$ is an equivalence relation.

Definition

If $H \leq G, a \in G$, then

$$Ha = \{ha \mid h \in H\} \quad [aH = \{ah \mid h \in H\}].$$

Ha is called a **right [left] coset** of H in G .

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If $h \in H$, $ha \in H$. Now we see $a(ha)^{-1} = a(a^{-1}h^{-1}) = h^{-1} \in H$, $\because H \leq G$.

By definition of congruence, $ha \in [a]$ for every $h \in H$ and so $Ha \subset [a]$.

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- By taking $b = e$, there is a bijection $f_a : aH \rightarrow H$.
- So, there is a bijection $f_b : bH \rightarrow H$.
- Then $f_b^{-1} \circ f_a : aH \rightarrow bH$ is a bijection.

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Hint:

- (i) \Rightarrow (ii)
 $b \in bH = aH$. So, $\exists h \in H \ni b = ah$
- (ii) \Rightarrow (iii)
 $b^{-1}a \in H \Rightarrow \exists h \in H \ni b^{-1}a = h$
- (iii) \Rightarrow (i)
 $\because a \in bH \therefore a = bh_0$, for some $h_0 \in H$. Now, PT $aH \subset bH$ & $bH \subset aH$

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Let G be a group and $H \leq G$. For each $a \in G$,

- i) $a \in aH$
- ii) For any pair $a, b \in G$, either $aH = bH$ or $aH \cap bH = \phi$
- iii) $\bigcup \{aH \ni a \in G\} = G$
- iv) $\{aH \ni a \in G\}$ is a partition of G .



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Proof.

- Let x_1H, x_2H, \dots be the set of distinct left cosets of H in G
- $\bigcup_{i=1}^k x_iH = G$ and $x_iH \cap x_jH = \phi$ for $i \neq j$
- $\therefore |x_iH| = |H| = m$ (say)
- $\therefore |G| = \sum_{i=1}^k |x_iH| = \sum_{i=1}^k m = mk = n$ (say)

$$\#H \mid \#G$$



Subgroup

Corollary

- ① Let (G, \cdot) be a finite group of order p , where p is a prime. Then G is cyclic and hence abelian.
- ② Let (G, \cdot) be a finite group and $x \in G$ be an arbitrary element. Then order of x is a divisor of order of G .
- ③ Let p be a prime number and $\gcd(a, p) = 1$, where $a \in \mathbb{N}$. Then $a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$.
- ④ Let p be prime. Then $(p-1)! \equiv -1 \pmod{p}$.



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- $\because \mathbb{N}$ is well-ordered, $\therefore T$ has a least element, say k_0 .
- Then $a^{k_0} \in H$ and $1 \leq n < k_0, a^n \notin H$
- Again, let M be a cyclic group generated by a^{k_0}
- Then $\because a^{k_0} \in H$ and H is a subgroup, $M \subset H$
- Now, let $v \in H$. Then $v = a^m$ for $m \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$m = qk_0 + r, \text{ where } 0 \leq r < k_0$$

- Now, $a^m \in H$ and $a^{qk_0} = (a^{k_0})^q \in H$
So, $a^{m-qk_0} \in H \Rightarrow a^r \in H$
- By minimal property of k_0 we must have $r = 0$. So $m = qk_0$
- Then, $a^m = (a^{k_0})^q \in M$. Then $H \subset M \Rightarrow M = H$.

Thus, H is a cyclic subgroup generated by a^{k_0} .



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Case-2: G is finite cyclic group of order m

- Then $G = \{e, a, a^2, \dots, a^{m-1}\}$.
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- Then $T \neq \emptyset \because H \neq \emptyset$.
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- $a^{k_0} \in H$.
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Definition

Let (G_1, \cdot) and (G_2, \cdot) be groups and $f : G_1 \rightarrow G_2$ be a function.
Then

- 1 f is said to be a **homomorphism** iff for each $a, b \in G_1$,

$$f(a.b) = f(a).f(b).$$

- 2 A homomorphism f is said to be **monomorphism** (**epimorphism**) iff f is injective (surjective).
- 3 A homomorphism f is said to be **isomorphism** iff f is both monomorphism and an epimorphism.

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Two isomorphic groups are absolutely indistinguishable. The main problem of group theory is to decide whether to given groups are isomorphic or not



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Solution

- Let $\{p_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$ be the set of all primes enumerated as

$$p_0 < p_1 < p_2 < \cdots$$

- Now, we define $f : (P, +) \rightarrow (\mathbb{Q}^*, \cdot)$ as follows:
for $p(x) \in P$, with $p(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \cdots + a_nx^n$

$$f(p(x)) = p_0^{a_0} \cdot p_1^{a_1} \cdot p_2^{a_2} \cdots p_n^{a_n}$$

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Let G be a cyclic group generated by a . Then $G = \{a^n : n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$. Then two cases can arise

Case-1: $a^n \neq a^m$ for $n \neq m$

Consider the function $f : (\mathbb{Z}, +) \rightarrow (G, \cdot)$ given by $m \mapsto a^m$

Case-2: $\exists n, m \in \mathbb{Z} \ni a^n = a^m$

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Cyclic Group

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- 1 Let G be a group.
 - (a) If the order of $a \in G$ is t , then the order of a^k is $\frac{t}{\gcd(t, k)}$.
 - (b) If G is a cyclic group of order n & $d \mid n$, then G has exactly $\phi(d)$ elements of order d . In particular, G has $\phi(n)$ generators.
- 2 Let G_1, G_2 be cyclic group of order m, n respectively and $\gcd(m, n) = 1$. Then $G_1 \times G_2$ is a cyclic group of order mn .
 If $\gcd(m, n) \neq 1$, $G_1 \times G_2$ is never cyclic.



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If G is abelian, then every subgroup is normal.



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- If G is non-abelian, it may happen that $aH \neq Ha$ for some $a \in G$.
- Consider the group (S_3, \circ)

$$\rho_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \rho_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \rho_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix},$$

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$$H = \left\{ \rho_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mu_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \& a = \mu_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$



Quotient Group

Theorem

Let G be a group and H be a normal subgroup of G . Then the G/H of left cosets of H in G is a group under operation of set product.

Proof.

Hint:

- Let xH & $yH \in G/H$. Prove that $(xH)(yH) \in G/H$
- The element $H = eH$ is the identity element of G/H
- Prove that $x^{-1}H$ is the inverse of xH



Definition

The G/H is called the *quotient group* of G by the normal subgroup H .

Quotient Group

Exercise

Let $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$ be the additive group of integers. Any subgroup of \mathbb{Z} is of the form $n\mathbb{Z}$ for $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$. Then $n\mathbb{Z}$ is a normal subgroup.

Show that $(\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}, +) = (\mathbb{Z}_n, +)$.

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- (ii) For each $x \in G_1$, $f(x^{-1}) = (f(x))^{-1}$
- (iii) If $T \leq G_1$, $f(T) \leq G_2$



First Isomorphism Theorem

Theorem

Let G_1 & G_2 be two groups and $f : G_1 \rightarrow G_2$ be a homomorphism.

Let $K = \{x \in G_1 : f(x) = e_2\}$ denote the kernel of f

Then,

- (i) $K \trianglelefteq G_1$
- (ii) The quotient group G_1/K is isomorphic to image of $f = f(G_1) (\subset G_2)$ under the following map

$$\tilde{f} : G_1/K \rightarrow G_2 \text{ defined by } \tilde{f}(xK) = f(x)$$



Second Isomorphism Theorem

Theorem

Let (G, \cdot) be a group and H & $K \leq G$ of which $K \trianglelefteq G$.

Then,

- (i) $H.K \leq G$
- (ii) $H \cap K \trianglelefteq H$.
- (iii) $H.K/K \cong H/H \cap K$



Third Isomorphism Theorem

Theorem

Let (G, \cdot) be a group and H & $K \trianglelefteq G$ s/t $K \subset H$.

Then the quotients groups $G/K, G/H$, and H/K are defined and H/K is a normal subgroup of G/K and further

$$G/H \cong (G/K)/(H/K)$$



Outline

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Rings

Definition

A **ring** $(R, +, \cdot)$ is a set R with 2 binary operations addition $+$ and multiplication \cdot defined on R s/t the following conditions are satisfied:

- ❶ $(R, +)$ is an abelian group
- ❷ multiplication \cdot is associative
- ❸ For all $a, b, c \in R$ the **left distributive law**

$$a.(b + c) = (a.b) + (a.c)$$

and **right distributive law**

$$(a + b).c = (a.c) + (b.c) \text{ hold}$$

Rings

Definition

- 1 If a ring R contains the identity element 1 w.r.t. to multiplication, i.e., $1.a = a.1 = a \forall a \in R$, then we shall describe R as a **ring with unit element** or **ring with identity**.
- 2 If the multiplication \cdot is commutative on R , i.e., $a.b = b.a \forall a, b \in R$, then we call R is a **commutative ring**.
- 3 If R satisfied both the above conditions, then we say R is a **commutative ring with identity**.



Rings

Example

- 1 $R = (\mathbb{Z}, +, \cdot)$ – the set of integers under the usual rules of addition and multiplication forms a ring. R is commutative ring with identity^a.
- 2 R is the set of even integers under the usual rules of addition and multiplication forms a ring. R is commutative ring but has no identity element.
- 3 For $n \geq 1$, the set \mathbb{Z}_n under modular addition and modular multiplication forms a ring.
 - (a) For $n = 6$, the set \mathbb{Z}_6 under modular addition and modular multiplication forms a ring.
 - (b) For $n = 7$, the set \mathbb{Z}_7 under modular addition and modular multiplication forms a ring.

^aHilbert first introduced the term **ring**

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- 4 The set \mathbb{Q} of rational numbers under the usual rules of addition and multiplication forms a ring.
- 5 The set \mathbb{R} of real numbers under the usual rules of addition and multiplication forms a ring.
- 6 The set \mathbb{C} of complex numbers under the usual rules of addition and multiplication forms a ring.
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Rings

Example (Ring of Quaternions)

Let Q be the set of all symbols of the form $\alpha_0 + \alpha_1.i + \alpha_2.j + \alpha_3.k$, where all $\alpha_i \in \mathbb{R}$ and

$$i^2 = j^2 = k^2 = -1, \quad ij = -ji = k, \quad jk = -kj = i, \quad ki = -ik = j.$$

Let $\alpha, \beta \in Q$ and $\alpha = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1.i + \alpha_2.j + \alpha_3.k$ and $\beta = \beta_0 + \beta_1.i + \beta_2.j + \beta_3.k$.

We define

$$\alpha = \beta \iff \alpha_i = \beta_i \text{ for } i = 0, 1, 2, 3.$$

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Rings & Fields

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The **characteristic** of an integral domain R is defined as the smallest positive integer m s/t $m.a = 0$ for all $a \in R$.

The **characteristic** of an integral domain R is defined 0 , if we don't have such m .

Definition

A **field** is a commutative division ring.

A **field** $(F, +, \cdot)$ satisfies the following conditions:

- (i) $(F, +)$ is an abelian group
- (ii) $(F \setminus \{0\}, \cdot)$ is also an abelian group
- (iii) For all $a, b, c \in F$ the **distributive law**

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Rings

Lemma

If R is a ring, then for all $a, b \in R$

- (i) $a \cdot 0 = 0 \cdot a = 0$
- (ii) $a(-b) = (-a)b = -(ab)$
- (iii) $(-a)(-b) = ab$

If, in addition, R has an identity element 1 , then

- (iv) $(-1)a = -a$
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- Prove that x_{i_0} is the multiplicative identity, i.e., for any $y \in D$, $y.x_{i_0} = y$

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Note: \mathbb{Z}_n never forms a field if n is composite

Exercise

If D is an integral domain and D is of finite characteristic, prove that the characteristic of D is a prime number.



Rings

Example

Let R be a ring and x be an indeterminate. The **polynomial ring** $R[x]$ is defined to be the set of all formal sums $a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 x + a_0 = \sum_{i=0}^n a_i x^i$, where $a_i \in R$ are called the coefficients of x^i resp.

Given two polynomials $f(x) = \sum_{i=0}^n a_i x^i$ & $g(x) = \sum_{i=0}^m b_i x^i \in R[x]$

$$f(x) + g(x) = \sum_{i=0}^n (a_i + b_i) x^i,$$

where we have implicitly assumed that $m \leq n$ and we set $b_i = 0$, for $i > m$ and

$$f(x).g(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{m+n} \left(\sum_{j=0}^i a_{i-j} b_j x^i \right)$$

$R[x]$ becomes a ring, with 0 given as the polynomial with zero coefficients.

If R has identity, $1 \neq 0$ then $R[x]$ has identity, $1 \neq 0$, 1 is the polynomial whose constant coefficient is 1 and other terms are 0 .

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1. Find all the solution of the equation $x^2 + 2x + 4 = 0$ in \mathbb{Z}_6
2. Solve the equation $3x = 2$ in \mathbb{Z}_{23}

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Rings

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Corollary

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Define $\phi : J(\sqrt{2}) \rightarrow J(\sqrt{2})$ by

$$\phi(m + n\sqrt{2}) = m - n\sqrt{2}.$$

ϕ is a homomorphism of $J(\sqrt{2})$ onto $J(\sqrt{2})$ and its kernel $I(\phi)$, consists only of 0 . (Verify!)

Ideals and Quotient Rings

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A non-empty subset I of R is said to be a (two-sided) *ideal* of R if

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Let R, R' be rings and ϕ be a homomorphism of R onto R' with kernel I . Then R' is isomorphic to R/I .

Moreover, there is a one-to-one correspondence between the set of ideals of R' and the set of ideals of R which contain I .

This correspondence can be achieved by associating with an ideal I' in R' the ideal I in R is defined by $I = \{x \in R \mid \phi(x) \in I'\}$. R/I is isomorphic to R'/I' .



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- Suppose that $a \neq 0$ is in R . Consider the set $Ra = \{xa \mid x \in R\}$.
- **Claim:** Ra is an ideal of R .
- Ra is an additive subgroup of R .
- If $r \in R$, $u \in Ra$, $ru = r(r_1a) = (rr_1)a \in Ra$. Ra is an ideal of R .
- $Ra = (0)$ or $Ra = R$. $\because 0 \neq a = 1a \in Ra$, $Ra \neq (0)$; thus, we have $Ra = R$.
- $\because 1 \in R$ so, it can be realized as a multiple of a ; $\exists b \in R$ s/t $ba = 1$.



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Let $R = \mathbb{Z}$ be the ring of integers, and let U be an ideal of R . $\because U \leq R$ we know that $U = n_0\mathbb{Z}$; we write this as $U = (n_0)$. What values of n_0 lead to maximal ideals?



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Solution

- First, we assume p is prime $\Rightarrow P = (p)$ is a maximal ideal of R .
- If U is an ideal of R and $P \subset U$, then $U = (n_0)$ for some integer n_0
- $\because p \in P \subset U, p = mn_0$ for some $m \in \mathbb{Z}$
 $\because p$ is a prime $\Rightarrow n_0 = 1$ or $n_0 = p$
- If $n_0 = p$, then $P \subset U = (n_0) \subset P, \Rightarrow U = P$
- If $n_0 = 1$, then $1 \in U$, hence $r = 1r \in U \forall r \in R$ whence $U = R$



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- Now, we assume $M = (n_0)$ is a maximal ideal of $R \Rightarrow n_0$ must be prime.
 - **Claim:** n_0 must be a prime
 - If $n_0 = ab$, where $a, b \in \mathbb{N}$, then $U = (a) \supset M$, hence $U = R$ or $U = M$.
 - If $U = R$, then $a = 1 \Rightarrow n_0$ is prime
 - If $U = M$, then $a \in M$ and so $a = rn_0$ for some integer r ,
 \therefore every element of M is a multiple of n_0
 - But then $n_0 = ab = rn_0b, \Rightarrow rb = 1$, so that $b = 1, n_0 = a$.
 Thus, n_0 is a prime number.



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Example (Maximal Ideal)

Let R be the ring of all the real-valued, continuous functions on the closed unit interval $[0, 1]$.

Let

$$M = \{f(x) \in R \mid f(1/2) = 0\}.$$

M is certainly an ideal of R . Moreover, it is a maximal ideal of R .



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 - Thus there is no ideal between M and R other than these two, whence M is a maximal ideal.



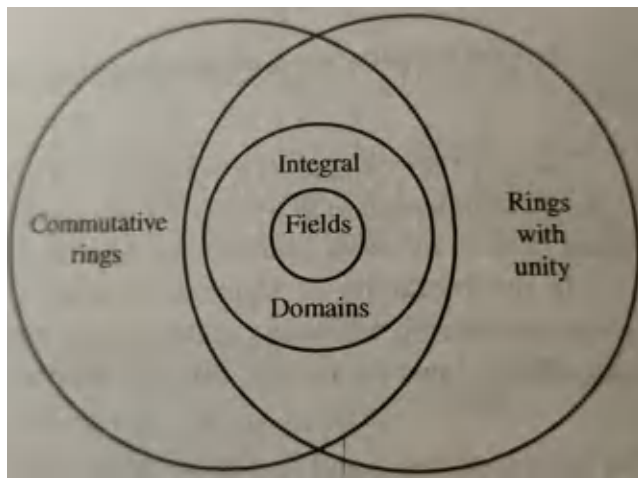
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Proof.

- Now, assume that M is a maximal ideal of R
 - $\therefore M$ is a maximal ideal of R , R/M has only (0) and itself as ideals.
 - Furthermore R/M is commutative with identity element since R enjoys both these properties.
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- $\mathcal{M} = \{(a, b) \mid a, b \in D \text{ \& } b \neq 0\}$
- Define a relation on \mathcal{M} as follows:

$$(a, b) \sim (c, d) \iff ad = bc.$$

- **Prove that** \sim is an equivalence relation on \mathcal{M}
- Let $[a, b]$ be the equivalence class in \mathcal{M} of (a, b) .
- Let F be the set of all such equivalence classes $[a, b]$ where $a, b \in D$ and $b \neq 0$.
- **Prove that** F is a field where

$$[a, b]^{-1} = [b, a], \because a \neq 0$$



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- If A just consists of the element 0 , put $a_0 = 0$
- Thus, we assume that there is an $a \neq 0$ in A .
- Pick an $a_0 \in A$ s/t $d(a_0)$ is minimal.
- $\because a \in A$, by the properties of Euclidean rings there exist $q, r \in R$ s/t $a = qa_0 + r$ where $r = 0$ or $d(r) < d(a_0)$.
- $\because a_0 \in A$ and A is an ideal of R , $qa_0 \in A$.
 $\Rightarrow a - qa_0 \in A$; but $r = a - qa_0$, whence $r \in A$.
- If $r \neq 0$ then $d(r) < d(a_0)$, giving us an element $r \in A$ whose d -value is smaller than that of a_0 , in contradiction to our choice of $a_0 \in A$ of minimal d -value.



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Euclidean Rings

Proof.

- Let $A = \{ra + sb : r, s \in R\}$
- **Prove that** A is an ideal of R .
- Since A is an ideal of R , $\therefore A$ is principle ideal ring.
- $\exists d \in A$ s/t every element in A is a multiple of d .
- $\because R$ is a Euclidean ring, R contains identity.
- Thus, $a = 1.a + 0.b \in A$, $b = 0.a + 1.b \in A$
- They are both multiples of d , whence $d \mid a$ & $d \mid b$.
- Finally, suppose that $c \mid a$ & $c \mid b$; then $c \mid \lambda a + \mu b = d$.



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Let R be a commutative ring with identity. An element $a \in R$ is a **unit** in R if \exists an element $b \in R$ s/t $ab = 1$.

*Do not confuse a **unit** with a **unit element**. A unit in a ring is an element whose inverse is also in the ring.*

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Let R be an integral domain with identity and suppose that for $a, b \in R$ both $a \mid b$, & $b \mid a$. Then $a = ub$, where u is a unit in R .

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Euclidean Rings

Definition

In the Euclidean ring R a nonunit π is said to be a **prime element** of R if whenever $\pi = ab$, where $a, b \in R$, then one of a or b is a unit in R .

Lemma

Let R be a Euclidean ring. Then every element in R is either a unit in R or can be written as the product of a finite number of prime elements of R .

Definition

In the Euclidean ring R , a & $b \in R$ are said to be relatively prime if $\gcd(a, b)$ is a unit of R .



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Lemma

Let R be a Euclidean ring. Suppose that for $a, b, c \in R$, $a \mid bc$ but $\gcd(a, b) = 1$. Then $a \mid c$.

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Theorem (Unique Factorization Theorem)

Let R be a Euclidean ring and $a \neq 0$ a nonunit in R . Suppose that

$$a = \pi_1 \pi_2 \dots \pi_n = \pi'_1 \pi'_2 \dots \pi'_m,$$

where the π_i & π'_j are prime elements of R . Then $n = m$ and each π_i , $1 \leq i \leq n$ is an associate of some π'_j , $1 \leq j \leq m$ and conversely each π'_k is an associate of some π_q .

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Polynomial Rings

Theorem (THE EISENSTEIN CRITERION)

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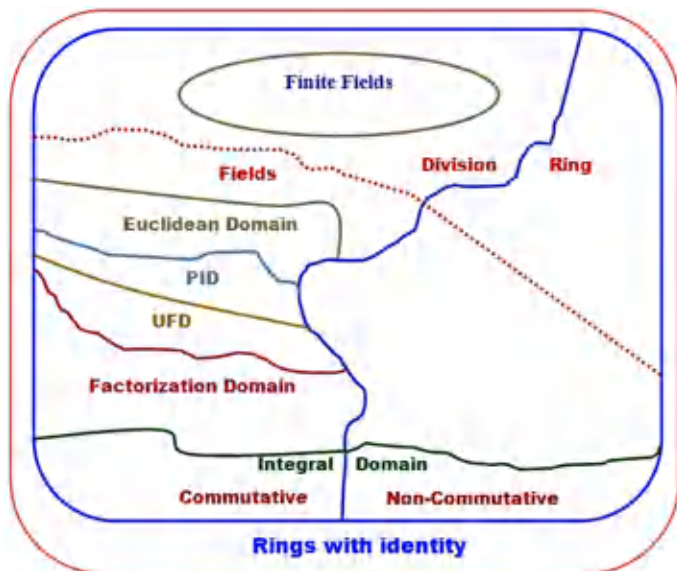
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Ring Structure



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Vector Spaces

Definition

A non-empty set \mathbf{V} is said to be a **vector space** over a field \mathbb{F} , is denoted by $(\mathbf{V}, +, \cdot, \mathbb{F})$ if \mathbf{V} is an abelian group under an operation which we denote by $+$, and if for every $\alpha \in \mathbb{F}$, $v \in \mathbf{V}$ there is defined an element, written $\alpha v \in \mathbf{V}$ subject to

- (i) $\alpha.(v + w) = \alpha.v + \alpha.w;$
- (ii) $(\alpha + \beta).v = \alpha.v + \beta.v;$
- (iii) $\alpha.(\beta.v) = (\alpha.\beta).v;$
- (iv) $1.v = v;$

or all $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{F}$, $v, w \in \mathbf{V}$ (where the 1 represents the identity element of \mathbb{F} under multiplication).



Linear Independence and Bases

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If S is a nonempty subset of the vector space \mathbf{V} , then $L(S)$, the **linear span** of S , is the set of all linear combinations of finite sets of elements of S .



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Definition

If \mathbf{V} is a vector space and if v_1, \dots, v_n are in \mathbf{V} , we say that they are **linearly dependent** over \mathbb{F} if there exist elements $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n \in \mathbb{F}$, not all of them 0, s/t

$$\lambda_1 v_1 + \lambda_2 v_2 + \dots + \lambda_n v_n = 0.$$

If the vectors v_1, \dots, v_n are not linearly dependent over \mathbb{F} , they are said to be **linearly independent** over \mathbb{F} .



Linear Independence and Bases

Lemma

If $v_1, \dots, v_n \in \mathbf{V}$ are linearly independent, then every element in their linear span has a ! representation in the form $\lambda_1 v_1 + \dots + \lambda_n v_n$ with the $\lambda_i \in \mathbb{F}$.

Theorem

If v_1, \dots, v_n are in \mathbf{V} then either they are linearly independent or some v_k is a linear combination of the preceding ones, v_1, \dots, v_{k-1} .

Corollary

If \mathbf{V} is a finite-dimensional vector space, then it contains a finite set v_1, \dots, v_n of linearly independent elements whose linear span is \mathbf{V} .

Linear Independence and Bases

Definition

A subset S of a vector space V is called a **basis** of V if S consists of linearly independent elements^a and $V = L(S)$.

^aAny finite number of elements in S is linearly independent

Corollary

If V is a finite-dimensional vector space and if u_1, \dots, u_m span V then some subset of u_1, \dots, u_m forms a basis of V .

Corollary

If V is finite-dimensional over \mathbb{F} then any two bases of V have the same number of elements.

Linear Independence and Bases

Corollary

If V is finite-dimensional over F then V is isomorphic to $F^{(n)}$ for a unique integer n ; in fact, n is the number of elements in any basis of V over F .

Definition

The integer n in the above Corollary is called the **dimension** of V over F .



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Let \mathbb{M} be an extension of a field \mathbb{K} . An element $u \in \mathbb{M}$ is said to be **algebraic** over \mathbb{K} if u satisfies a polynomial over \mathbb{K} i.e., if elements c_0, c_1, \dots, c_n not all zero exist in \mathbb{K} such that

$$c_0 + c_1.u + \dots + c_n.u^n = 0.$$



Field Extension

Definition

An element of \mathbb{M} which is not algebraic is said to be **transcendental** over \mathbb{K} .

Definition

An extension of a field \mathbb{K} is called an **algebraic extension** if every member of it is algebraic over \mathbb{K} . Otherwise if \exists a single element in the extension which is transcendental over \mathbb{K} , the extension is called a **transcendental** extension of \mathbb{K} .



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- $\because M$ is a field, \therefore it is already an additive commutative group.
- Now the product of an element of K and an element of an element of M is a product of two elements of M and is therefore an element of M .
- Hence, M is a vector space over K .

Definition

If M is an extension of a field K , then M may be looked upon as a vector space over K . The dimension of this vector space is called the **degree of the extension**, and is denoted by $[M : K]$.



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- Let \mathbb{M} be a finite extension of a field \mathbb{K} and $[\mathbb{M} : \mathbb{K}] = n$.
- Then for any $u \in \mathbb{M}$, the $(n + 1)$ elements $1, u, \dots, u^n$ must be linearly dependent over \mathbb{K} .
- Hence, elements c_0, c_1, \dots, c_n , not all zero exists in \mathbb{K} such that

$$c_0 \cdot 1 + c_1 \cdot u + \dots + c_n u^n = 0.$$

- This shows that u is an algebraic over \mathbb{K} ; but u was an arbitrary element of \mathbb{M} .
- Thus, it is proved that \mathbb{M} is an algebraic extension of \mathbb{K} .



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Solution

- $\because [\mathbb{M} : \mathbb{K}] = 1, \therefore$ for any $u \in \mathbb{M}$, 1 & u must be linearly dependent over \mathbb{K} .
- Hence, $\exists c_0$ & c_1 not both zero in \mathbb{K} s/t $c_0.1 + c_1.u = 0$
Clearly $c_1 \neq 0$, [$\because c_1 = 0$ gives $c_0 = 0$]
- Now, $\because [\mathbb{M} : \mathbb{K}] = 1$ is finite, \therefore every elements of \mathbb{M} is algebraic.
- $\because \mathbb{K}$ is a field and $c_1 \neq 0, \therefore c_1^{-1}$ exists in \mathbb{K} .
- Now from above equation we see that $u = -c_1^{-1}c_0 \in \mathbb{K}$ [$\because \mathbb{K}$ is a field]
- $\because u$ is arbitrary, therefore $\mathbb{M} \subseteq \mathbb{K}$ and $\because \mathbb{M}$ is an extension of a field \mathbb{K} , $\therefore \mathbb{K} \subseteq \mathbb{M}$.
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- Let $[\mathbb{B} : \mathbb{C}] = m$ & $[\mathbb{C} : \mathbb{D}] = n$. Let $\{u_1, \dots, u_m\}$ be a basis of \mathbb{B} over \mathbb{C} & $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$ be a basis of \mathbb{C} over \mathbb{D} .
- Then any $t \in \mathbb{B}$ is of the form $t = \sum_{i=1}^m b_i u_i$, for certain elements $b_1, \dots, b_m \in \mathbb{C}$.
- $\because b_1, \dots, b_m \in \mathbb{C}$ each of them is a linear combination of $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$ with coefficient from \mathbb{D} .
- Let $b_i = \sum_{j=1}^n c_{ij} v_j$, where c_{ij} 's $\in \mathbb{D}$. But then $t = \sum_{i=1}^m \left(\sum_{j=1}^n c_{ij} v_j \right) u_i = \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n c_{ij} v_j u_i$

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Proof.

- This shows that the mn elements $v_j u_i$ generate \mathbb{B} over \mathbb{D} .
- We show that these elements are independent over \mathbb{D} . For this, let $\sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n d_{ij} v_j u_i = 0$. This can be written as $\sum_{i=1}^m \left(\sum_{j=1}^n d_{ij} v_j \right) u_i = 0$.
- Since u vectors are independent over \mathbb{C} we get $\sum_{j=1}^n d_{ij} v_j = 0$, for $1 \leq i \leq m$.
- However, v vectors are independent over \mathbb{D} we get $d_{ij} = 0$, for $1 \leq i \leq m$ & $1 \leq j \leq n$.
- Hence, the mn vectors $v_j u_i$ are indeed independent over \mathbb{D} showing that these vectors form a basis of \mathbb{B} over \mathbb{D} .
- Hence, $[\mathbb{B} : \mathbb{D}] = mn$ and thus $[\mathbb{B} : \mathbb{D}] = [\mathbb{B} : \mathbb{C}] \times [\mathbb{C} : \mathbb{D}]$.



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If \mathbb{B} is a finite extension of a field \mathbb{D} and \mathbb{C} is a field intermediate between \mathbb{B} and \mathbb{D} , show that \mathbb{B} is a finite extension of \mathbb{C} and \mathbb{C} is a finite extension of \mathbb{D} .

Corollary

If $[\mathbb{B} : \mathbb{C}] = p$, a prime number then there cannot be any field properly in between \mathbb{B} and \mathbb{C} .

Exercise

- 1 If \mathbb{B} and \mathbb{C} are finite extension of a field \mathbb{D} and $\mathbb{D} \subset \mathbb{C} \subset \mathbb{B}$, then show that \mathbb{B} is a finite extension of \mathbb{D} .
- 2 If \mathbb{B} is a finite extension of a field \mathbb{D} and \mathbb{C} is a subfield of \mathbb{B} then show that $[\mathbb{C} : \mathbb{D}]$ divides $[\mathbb{B} : \mathbb{D}]$
- 3 The field of complex numbers \mathbb{C} is a finite extension of degree 2 over the real field \mathbb{R} .

Adjunction

- Let M be an extension of a field K and let $G \subset M$.
- Then the intersection of all subfields of M containing K and G is the smallest subfield of M containing K and G .
- This subfield is denoted by $K(G)$ and is called the **subfield of M obtained from K by the adjunction of the subset G or simply ' K adjunction G '**.
- If G is a finite set equal to $\{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$ then $K(G)$ is also written as $K(a_1, \dots, a_n)$.



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Proof.

- $\because \mathbb{M}$ is a finite extension of \mathbb{K} each element of \mathbb{M} is algebraic over \mathbb{K} .
- If $\mathbb{M} = \mathbb{K}$ the theorem is vacuously true.
- If $\mathbb{M} \neq \mathbb{K}$ then \exists at least one element $u_1 \in \mathbb{M} \setminus \mathbb{K}$. If $\mathbb{M} = \mathbb{K}(u_1)$ the theorem is proved.
- If $\mathbb{M} \neq \mathbb{K}(u_1)$, \exists at least one element $u_2 \in \mathbb{M} \setminus \mathbb{K}(u_1)$. If $\mathbb{M} = \mathbb{K}(u_1, u_2)$ the theorem is proved.
- If not, we carry on the process and after a finite number of steps we shall arrive at an extension $\mathbb{K}(u_1, \dots, u_m)$ s/t $\mathbb{M} = \mathbb{K}(u_1, \dots, u_m)$. \because at each step we arrive at proper extension of the previous one and thus an extension ≥ 2 ; but \mathbb{M} is of finite degree over \mathbb{K} .

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Definition

Let \mathbb{M} be an extension of a field \mathbb{K} and u be any element of \mathbb{M} . Then the field $\mathbb{K}(u)$ obtained from \mathbb{K} by adjunction of the single element u is called a **simple extension of \mathbb{K}** .

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Definition

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- Let $\alpha = \sqrt{p}$. Then $\alpha^2 = p$ i.e., $\alpha^2 - p = 0$.
- Thus, $\alpha = \sqrt{p}$ satisfies the polynomial $x^2 - p$ over \mathbb{Q} . But \sqrt{p} can't satisfy a polynomial of degree < 2 i.e., a polynomial of degree 1 over $\mathbb{Q} \because \sqrt{p} \notin \mathbb{Q}$.
- Hence, $\deg \sqrt{p}$ over $\mathbb{Q} = 2$.
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Solution

We have $u^2 + 7u - 11 = 0$ or $u^2 = -7u + 11$.

Let $au + b$ be the required inverse of $5u + 6$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{We must have } 1 &= (5u + 6)(au + b) \\ &= 5au^2 + (6a + 5b)u + 6b \\ &= 5a(-7u + 11) + (6a + 5b)u + 6b \\ &= (-29a + 5b)u + (55a + 6b) \end{aligned}$$

So, we have $-29a + 5b = 0$ & $55a + 6b = 1$

Therefore the required inverse is $\frac{5}{449}u + \frac{29}{449}$

Algebraic Closure

Definition

Let M be an extension of a field K . Then the set E of all elements of M which are algebraic over K is a subfield of M containing K . This field E is called the **algebraic closure** of K in M .

Definition

Let K be any field. Then an algebraic extension \bar{K} is said to be **algebraic closure** iff \bar{K} is algebraically closed over K .

Note 1: If F is an algebraically closed field, then the algebraic closure of F is F itself.

Note 2: (Fundamental Theorem of Algebra) The complex field \mathbb{C} is algebraically closed.



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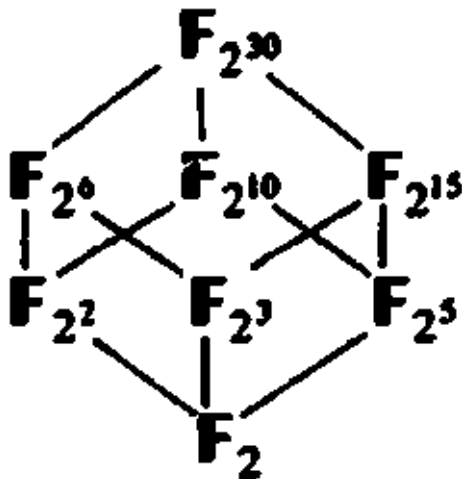
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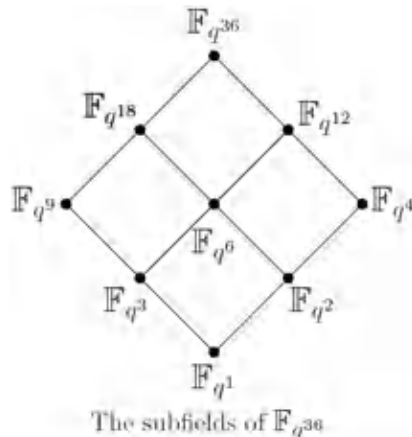
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Hence, every finite field has a polynomial basis representation.



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^aThe elements of the field \mathbb{F}_{p^m} are represented as $\mathbb{Z}_p[x]/\langle f(x) \rangle$, where $f(x) \in \mathbb{Z}_p[x]$ is an irreducible polynomial of degree m over \mathbb{Z}_p .

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