

1 Preliminaries

Properties of Integers

DEFINITION *Well Ordering Principle*

Every nonempty subset of positive integers contains a smallest member.

THEOREM 1.1 *Division Algorithm*

Let a and b be integers with $b > 0$. Then there exists unique integers q and r with the property that $a = bq + r$, where $0 \leq r < b$.

DEFINITION *Greatest Common Divisor, Relatively Prime Integers*

The *greatest common divisor* of two nonzero integers a and b is the largest of all common divisors of a and b . We denote this integer by $\gcd(a, b)$. Then $\gcd(a, b) = 1$, we say a and b are *relatively prime*.

THEOREM 1.2 *GCD is a Linear Combination*

For any nonzero integers a and b , there exists integers s and t such that $\gcd(a, b) = as + bt$. Moreover, $\gcd(a, b)$ is the smallest positive integer of the form $as + bt$.

LEMMA *Euclid's Lemma : $p|ab$ implies $p|a$ or $p|b$*

If p is a prime that divides ab , then p divides a or p divides b .

LEMMA *Generalized Euclid's Lemma*

If p is a prime and p divides $a_1 a_2 \dots a_n$, then p divides a_i for some i .

THEOREM 1.3 *Fundamental Theorem of Arithmetic*

Every integer greater than 1 is a prime or a product of primes. This product is unique, except for the order in which the factors appear. Thus, if $n = p_1 p_2 \dots p_r$ and $n = q_1 q_2 \dots q_s$, where the p 's and q 's are primes, then $r = s$ and, after renumbering the q 's, we have $p_i = q_i$ for all i .

DEFINITION *Least Common Multiple*

The least common multiple of two nonzero integers a and b is the smallest positive integer that is a multiple of both a and b . We will denote this integer by $\text{lcm}(a, b)$.

Mathematical Induction

THEOREM 1.4 *First Principal of Mathematical Induction*

Let S be a set of integers containing a . Suppose S has the property that whenever some integer $n \geq a$ belongs to S , then the integer $n + 1$ also belongs to S . Then, S contains every integer greater than or equal to a .

THEOREM 1.5 *Second Principal of Mathematical Induction*

Let S be a set of integers containing a . Suppose S has the property that h belongs to S whenever every integer less than n and greater than or equal to a belongs to S . Then, S contains every integer greater than or equal to a .

Equivalence Relations**DEFINITION** *Partition*

A *partition* of a set S is a collection of nonempty disjoint subsets of S whose union is S .

THEOREM 1.6 *Equivalence Classes Partition*

The equivalence classes of an equivalence relation on a set S constitute a partition of S . Conversely, for any partition P of S , there is an equivalence relation on S whose equivalence classes are elements of P .

Functions (Mappings)**DEFINITION** *Function (Mapping)*

A *function* (or *mapping*) ϕ from a set A to a set B is a rule that assigns to each element of A exactly one element b of B . The set A is called the *domain* of ϕ , and B is called the *range* of ϕ . If ϕ assigns b to a , then b is called the *image* of a under ϕ . The subset of B comprising all the images of elements of A is called the *image* of A under ϕ .

DEFINITION *Composition of Functions*

Let $\phi : A \rightarrow B$ and $\psi : B \rightarrow C$. The *composition* $\psi\phi$ is the mapping from A to C define by $(\psi\phi)(a) = \psi(\phi(a))$ for all a in A .

DEFINITION *One-to-One Function*

A function ϕ from a set A is called *one-to-one* if for every $a_1, a_2 \in A$, $\phi(a_1) = \phi(a_2)$ implies $a_1 = a_2$.

DEFINITION *Function from A onto B*

a function ϕ from a set A to a set B is said to be *onto* B if each element of B is the image of at least one element of A . In symbols, $\phi : A \rightarrow B$ is onto if for each b in B there is at least one a in A such that $\phi(a) = b$.

THEOREM 1.7 *Properties of Functions*

Given functions $\alpha : A \rightarrow B$, $\beta : B \rightarrow C$, and $\gamma : C \rightarrow D$, then

1. *Associative.* $\gamma(\beta\alpha) = (\gamma\beta)\alpha$.
2. If α and β are one-to-one, then $\beta\alpha$ is one-to-one.
3. If α and β are onto, then $\beta\alpha$ is onto.

4. If α is one-to-one and onto, then there is a function α^{-1} from B onto A such that $(\alpha^{-1}\alpha)(a) = a$ for all a in A and $(\alpha\alpha^{-1})(b) = b$ for all b in B .

2 Groups

Definition and Examples of Groups

DEFINITION *Binary Operation*

Let G be a set. A *binary operation* on G is a function that assigns each order pair of elements of G an element of G .

DEFINITION *Group*

Let G be a nonempty set together with a binary operation (usually called multiplication) that assigns to each ordered pair (a, b) of elements of G an element of G denoted by ab . We say G is a *group* under this operation if the following three properties are satisfied.

1. *Associativity*. The operation is associative; that is $(ab)c = a(bc)$ for all a, b, c in G .
2. *Identity*. There is an element e (called the *identity*) in G such that $ae = ea = a$ for all a in G .
3. *Inverses*. For each element a in G , there is an element b in G (called an *inverse* of a) such that $ab = ba = e$.

DEFINITION *Multiplicative Group of Integers modulo n*

For each integer $n > 1$ we define $U(n)$ to be the set of all positive integers less than n and relatively prime to n . Note that $U(n)$ is a group under multiplication modulo n called the *multiplicative group of integers modulo n* .

DEFINITION *Special Linear Group, $SL(2, \mathbb{F})$*

The set of all 2×2 matrices with determinant 1 and entries from \mathbb{Q} , \mathbb{R} , \mathbb{C} , or \mathbb{Z}_p (p a prime) is a non-Abelian group under matrix multiplication. This group is called the *special linear group* of 2×2 matrices, and is denoted by $SL(2, \mathbb{F})$.

DEFINITION *General Linear Group, $GL(2, \mathbb{F})$*

Let \mathbb{F} be any of \mathbb{Q} , \mathbb{R} , \mathbb{C} or \mathbb{Z}_p (p a prime). The set $GL(2, \mathbb{F})$ of all 2×2 matrices with nonzero determinants and entries from \mathbb{F} is a non-Abelian group under matrix multiplication. We call this group the *general linear group* of 2×2 matrices.

DEFINITION *The Dihedral Group of order $2n$, D_n*

The *dihedral group of order $2n$* , sometimes called the *group of symmetries of a regular n -gon*, is the group formed by all possible reflections and rotations that move an n sided regular polygon onto itself. It is denoted $D_n = \langle r, f \mid r^n = f^2 = e, rf = fr^2 \rangle$.

THEOREM 2.1 Uniqueness of the Identity

In a group G , there is only one identity element.

THEOREM 2.2 Cancellation

In a group G , the right and left cancellation laws hold; that is, $ba = ca$ implies $b = c$, and $ab = ac$ implies $b = c$.

LEMMA Cross Cancellation implies Commutativity

If, whenever $a, b, c \in G$, we have $ab = ca$ implies $b = c$ then G is Abelian.

LEMMA Middle Cancellation implies Commutativity

Suppose G is a group with the property that for every choice of elements in G , $axb = cxd$ implies $ab = cd$. Then G is Abelian.

THEOREM 2.3 Uniqueness of Inverses

For each element a in a group G , there is a unique element B in G such that $ab = ba = e$.

DEFINITION Law of Exponents for Abelian Groups

Let a and b be elements of an Abelian group and let n be any integer. Then $(ab)^n = a^n b^n$.

DEFINITION Socks-Shoes Property

Let a and b be elements of a group, then $(ab)^{-1} = b^{-1}a^{-1}$.

3 Finite Groups; Subgroups

Terminology and Notation

DEFINITION Order of a Group

The number of elements of a group (finite or infinite) is called its *order*. We will use $|G|$ to denote the order of G .

DEFINITION Order of an Element

The *order* of an element g in a group G is the smallest positive integer n such that $g^n = e$. (in additive notation, this would be $ng = 0$.) If no such integer exists, we say that g has *infinite order*. The order of an element g is denoted by $|g|$.

DEFINITION Subgroup

If a subset H of a group G is itself a group under the operation of G , we say that H is a *subgroup* of G .

Subgroup Tests

THEOREM 3.1 *One-Step Subgroup Test*

Let G be a group and H a nonempty subset of G . If ab^{-1} is in H whenever a and b are in H , then H is a subgroup of G . (In additive notation, if $a - b$ is in H whenever a and b are in H , then H is a subgroup of G .)

THEOREM 3.2 *Two-Step Subgroup Test*

Let G be a group and let H be a nonempty subset of G . If ab is in H whenever a and b are in H (H is closed under the operation), and a^{-1} is in H whenever a is in H (H is closed under taking inverses), then H is a subgroup of G .

THEOREM 3.3 *Finite Subgroup Test*

Let H be a nonempty finite subset of a group G . If H is closed under the operation of G , then H is a subgroup of G .

Examples of Subgroups

THEOREM 3.4 *$\langle a \rangle$ Is a Subgroup*

Let G be a group, and let a be any element of G . Then $\langle a \rangle$ is a subgroup of G .

DEFINITION *Center of a Group*

The *center*, $Z(G)$, of a group G is the subset of elements in G that commute with every element of G . In symbols

$$Z(G) = \{z \in G \mid ax = xa \text{ for all } x \in G\}.$$

THEOREM 3.5 *Center is a Subgroup*

The center of a group G is a subgroup of G .

DEFINITION *Centralizer of a in G*

Let a be a fixed element of a group G . Then *centralizer of a in G* , $C(a)$, is the set of all elements in G that commute with a . In symbols, $C(a) = \{g \in G \mid ga = ag\}$.

DEFINITION *Centralizer of H in G*

If H is a subgroup of G , then by the *centralizer* $C(H)$ of H we mean the set $\{x \in G \mid xh = hx \text{ for all } h \in H\}$.

THEOREM 3.6 *$C(a)$ is a Subgroup*

For each a in a group G , the centralizer of a is a subgroup of G .

LEMMA

For each divisor $k > 1$ of n , let $U_k(n) = \{x \in U(n) \mid x \bmod k = 1\}$. Then $U_k(n)$ is a group.

DEFINITION Conjugate of H

Let G be a group and H be a subgroup of G . For any fixed x in G , define the *conjugate* of H by $xHx^{-1} = \{xhx^{-1} \mid h \in H\}$.

THEOREM Properties of Conjugation

Let G be a group with $x \in G$ and H be a subgroup of G .

1. xHx^{-1} is a subgroup of G .
2. If H is cyclic, then xHx^{-1} is cyclic.
3. If H is Abelian, then xHx^{-1} is Abelian.

DEFINITION Normalizer of H

Let G be a group and H be a subgroup of G . Define $N(H) = \{x \in G \mid xHx^{-1} = H\}$.

THEOREM Normalizer is a subgroup L

Let G be a group and H be a subgroup of G . Then the normalizer of H , $N(H)$ is a subgroup of G .

4 Cyclic Groups

Properties of Cyclic Groups

THEOREM 4.1 Criterion for $a^i = a^j$

Let G be a group, and let a belong to G . If a has infinite order, then all distinct powers of a are distinct group elements. If a has finite order, say, n , then $\langle a \rangle = \{e, a, a^2, \dots, a^{n-1}\}$ and $a^i = a^k$ if and only if n divides $i - j$.

COROLLARY 1 $|a| = |\langle a \rangle|$

For any group element a , $|a| = |\langle a \rangle|$.

COROLLARY 2 $a^k = e$ implies that $|a|$ divides k

Let G be a group and let a be an element of order n in G . If $a^k = e$, then n divides k .

THEOREM 4.2 $\langle a^k \rangle = \langle a^{\gcd(n,k)} \rangle$

Let a be an element of order n in a group and let k be a positive integer. Then $\langle a^k \rangle = \langle a^{\gcd(n,k)} \rangle$ and $|a^k| = n/\gcd(n, k)$.

COROLLARY 1 Criterion for $\langle a^i \rangle = \langle a^j \rangle$

Let $|a| = n$. Then $\langle a^i \rangle = \langle a^j \rangle$ if and only if $\gcd(n, i) = \gcd(n, j)$.

COROLLARY 2 *Generators of Cyclic Groups*

Let $G = \langle a \rangle$ be a cyclic group of order n . Then $G = \langle a^k \rangle$ if and only if $\gcd(n, k) = 1$.

COROLLARY 3 *Generators of \mathbb{Z}_n*

In integer k in \mathbb{Z}_n is a generator of \mathbb{Z}_n if and only if $\gcd(n, k) = 1$.

Classification of Subgroups of Cyclic Groups**THEOREM 4.3** *Fundamental Theorem of Cyclic Groups*

Every subgroup of a cyclic group is cyclic. Moreover, if $|\langle a \rangle| = n$, then the order of any subgroup of $\langle a \rangle$ is a divisor of n ; and, for each positive divisor k of n , the group $\langle a \rangle$ has exactly one subgroup of order k —namely, $\langle a^{n/k} \rangle$.

COROLLARY *Subgroups of \mathbb{Z}_n*

For each positive divisor k of n , the set $\langle n/k \rangle$ is the unique subgroup of \mathbb{Z}_n of order k ; moreover, these are the only subgroups of \mathbb{Z}_n .

THEOREM 4.4 *Number of Elements of Each Order in a Cyclic Group*

If d is a positive divisor of n , the number of elements of order d in a cyclic group of order n is $\phi(d)$.

COROLLARY *Number of Elements of Order d in a Finite Group*

In a finite group, the number of elements of order d is divisible by $\phi(d)$.

5 Permutation Groups**Definition and Notation****DEFINITION** *Permutations of A , Permutation Group of A*

A *permutation* of a set A is a function from A to A that is both one-to-one and onto. A *permutation group* of A is a set of permutations of A that forms a group under function composition.

DEFINITION *Symmetric Group of Degree n , S_n*

Let $A = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$. The set of all permutations of A is called the *symmetric group of degree n* and is denoted by S_n .

Properties of Permutations**THEOREM 5.1** *Products of Disjoint Cycles*

Every permutation of a finite set can be written as a cycle or as a product of disjoint cycles.

THEOREM 5.2 Disjoint Cycles Commute

If the pair $\alpha = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_m)$ and $\beta = (b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n)$ have no entries in common, then $\alpha\beta = \beta\alpha$.

THEOREM 5.3 Order of a Permutation (Ruffini–1799)

The order of a permutation of a finite set written in disjoint cycle form is the least common multiple of the lengths of the cycles.

DEFINITION Transposition

A permutation of the form (ab) is called a *transposition*, since the effect is to interchange or transpose a and b .

THEOREM 5.4 Product of 2-Cycles

Every permutation in S_n , $n > 1$, is a product of 2-cycles.

LEMMA

If $\epsilon = \beta_1\beta_2 \dots \beta_r$ where the β_i 's are 2-cycles, then r is even.

THEOREM 5.5 Always Even or Always Odd

If a permutation α can be expressed as a product of an even (odd) number of 2-cycles, then every decomposition of α into a product of s -cycles must have an even (odd) number of 2-cycles. In symbols

$$\alpha = \beta_1\beta_2 \dots \beta_r \text{ and } \alpha = \gamma_1\gamma_2 \dots \gamma_s,$$

where the β_i 's and the γ_j 's are 2-cycles, then r and s are both even or both odd.

DEFINITION Even and Odd Permutations

A permutation that can be expressed as a product of an even number of 2-cycles is called an *even* permutation. A permutation that can be expressed as a product of an odd number of 2-cycles is called an *odd* permutation.

THEOREM 5.6 Even Permutations Form a Group

The set of even permutations in S_n forms a subgroup of S_n .

DEFINITION Alternating Group of Degree n

The group of even permutations of n symbols is denoted by A_n and is called the *alternating group of degree n* .

THEOREM 5.7

For $n > 1$, A_n has order $n!/2$.

6 Isomorphism

Definition and Examples

DEFINITION Group Isomorphism

An *isomorphism* ϕ from a group G to a group \overline{G} is a one-to-one mapping (or function) from G onto \overline{G} that preserves the group operation. That is,

$$\phi(ab) = \phi(a)\phi(b) \text{ for all } a, b \in G.$$

If there is an isomorphism from G onto \overline{G} , we say that G and \overline{G} are *isomorphic* and write $G \approx \overline{G}$.

THEOREM 6.1 Cayley's Theorem (1854)

Every group is isomorphic to a group of permutations.

Properties of Isomorphism's

THEOREM 6.2 Properties of Isomorphism's Acting on Elements

Suppose that ϕ is an isomorphism from a group G onto a group \overline{G} . Then

1. ϕ carries the identity of G to the identity of \overline{G} .
2. For every integer n and for every group element a in G , $\phi(a^n) = [\phi(a)]^n$.
3. For any elements a and b in G , a and b commute if and only if $\phi(a)$ and $\phi(b)$ commute.
4. $G = \langle a \rangle$ if and only if $\overline{G} = \langle \phi(a) \rangle$.
5. $|a| = |\phi(a)|$ for all a in G (isomorphisms preserve orders).
6. For a fixed integer k and a fixed group element b in G , the equation $x^k = b$ has the same number of solutions in G as does the equation $x^k = \phi(b)$ in \overline{G} .

THEOREM 6.3 Properties of Isomorphism's Acting on Groups

Suppose that ϕ is an isomorphism from a group G onto a group \overline{G} . Then

1. G is Abelian if and only if \overline{G} is Abelian.
2. G is cyclic if and only if \overline{G} is cyclic.
3. ϕ^{-1} is an isomorphism from \overline{G} onto G .
4. If K is a subgroup of G , then $\phi(K) = \{\phi(k) \mid k \in K\}$ is a subgroup of \overline{G} .

Automorphism's

DEFINITION Automorphism

An isomorphism from a group G onto itself is called an *automorphism* of G .

DEFINITION Inner Automorphism Induced by a

Let G be a group, and let $a \in G$. The function ϕ_a defined by $\phi_a(x) = axa^{-1}$ for all x in G is called the *inner automorphism of G induced by a* .

THEOREM 6.4 $\text{Aut}(G)$ and $\text{Inn}(G)$ Are Groups

The set of automorphism's of a group and the set of inner automorphism's of a group are both groups under the operation of function composition.

THEOREM 6.5 $\text{Aut}(\mathbb{Z}_n) \approx U(n)$

For every positive integer n , $\text{Aut}(\mathbb{Z}_n)$ is isomorphic to $U(n)$.

DEFINITION Characteristic Subgroup

A subgroup N of a group G is called a *characteristic subgroup* if $\phi(N) = N$ for all automorphisms ϕ of G .

DEFINITION Commutator Subgroup

The *commutator subgroup* G' of a group G is the subgroup generated by the set $\{x^{-1}y^{-1}xy \mid x, y \in G\}$. That is, every element is of the form $a_1^{i_1}a_2^{i_2} \dots a_k^{i_k}$, where each a_j has the form $x^{-1}y^{-1}xy$, each $i_j = \pm 1$, and k is any positive integer.

7 Coset's and Lagrange's Theorem

Properties of Coset's

DEFINITION Coset of H in G

Let G be a group and let H be a subset of G . For any $a \in G$, the set $\{ah \mid a \in H\}$ is denoted by aH . Analogously, $Ha = \{ha \mid m \in H\}$ and $aHa^{-1} = \{aha^{-1} \mid h \in H\}$. When H is a subgroup of G , the set aH is called the *left coset of H in G containing a* , whereas Ha is called the *right coset of H in G containing a* . In this case, the element a is called the *coset representative of aH (or Ha)*. We use $|aH|$ to denote the number of elements in the set aH , and $|Ha|$ to denote the number of elements in Ha .

LEMMA Properties of Coset's

Let H be a subgroup of G , and let a and b belong to G . Then,

1. $a \in aH$,
2. $aH = H$ if and only if $a \in H$,
3. $aH = bH$ or $aH \cap bH = \emptyset$,
4. $aH = bH$ if and only if $a^{-1}b \in H$,
5. $|aH| = |bH|$,
6. $aH = Ha$ if and only if $H = aHa^{-1}$,
7. aH is a subgroup of G if and only if $a \in H$.

Lagrange's Theorem and Consequences

THEOREM 7.1 *Lagrange's Theorem:* $|H|$ divides $|G|$

If G is a finite group and H is a subgroup of G , then $|H|$ divides $|G|$. Moreover, the number of distinct left (right) coset's of H in G is $|G|/|H|$.

COROLLARY 1 $|G : H| = |G|/|H|$

If G is a finite group and H is a subgroup of G , then $|G : H| = |G|/|H|$.

COROLLARY 2 $|a|$ divides $|G|$

In a finite group, the order of each element of the group divides the order of the group.

COROLLARY 3 *Groups of Prime Order are Cyclic*

A group of prime order is cyclic.

COROLLARY 4 $a^{|G|} = e$

Let G be a finite group, and let $a \in G$. Then, $a^{|G|} = e$.

COROLLARY 5 *Fermat's Little Theorem*

For every integer a and every prime p , $a^p \mod p = a \mod p$.

THEOREM 7.2 *Classification of Groups of Order $2p$*

Let G be a group of order $2p$, where p is a prime greater than 2. Then G is isomorphic to \mathbb{Z}_{2p} or D_p .

An Application of Coset's to Permutation Groups

DEFINITION *Stabilizer of a Point*

Let G be a group of permutations of a set S . For each i in S , let $stab_G(i) = \{\phi \in G \mid \phi(1) = i\}$. We call $stab_G(i)$ the *stabilizer of i in G* .

DEFINITION *Orbit of a Point*

Let G be a group of permutations of a set S . For each s in S , let $orb_G(s) = \{\phi(s) \mid \phi \in G\}$. The set $orb_G(s)$ is a subset of S called the *orbit of s under G* .

THEOREM 7.3 *Orbit-Stabilizer Theorem*

Let G be a finite group of permutations of a set S . Then, for any i from S , $|G| = |orb_G(i)| |stab_G(i)|$.

THEOREM 7.4 *The Rotation Group of a Cube*

The group of rotations of a cube is isomorphic to S_4 .

8 External Direct Product

Definition and Examples

DEFINITION *External Direct Product*

Let G_1, G_2, \dots, G_n be a finite collection of groups. The *external direct product* of G_1, G_2, \dots, G_n , written as $G_1 \oplus G_2 \oplus \dots \oplus G_n$, is the set of all n -tuples for which the i th component is an element of G_i and the operation is component wise.

Properties of External Direct Products

THEOREM 8.1 *Order of an Element in a Direct Product*

The order of an element in a direct product of a finite number of finite groups is the least common multiple of the orders of the components of the element. In symbols,

$$|(g_1, g_2, \dots, g_n)| = lcm(|g_1|, |g_2|, \dots, |g_n|).$$

THEOREM 8.2 *Criterion for $G \oplus H$ to be Cyclic*

Let G and H be finite cyclic groups. Then $G \oplus H$ is cyclic if and only if $|G|$ and $|H|$ are relatively prime.

COROLLARY 1 *Criterion for $G_1 \oplus G_2 \oplus \dots \oplus G_n$ to Be Cyclic*

An external direct product $G_1 \oplus G_2 \oplus \dots \oplus G_n$ of a finite number of finite cyclic groups is cyclic if and only if $|G_i|$ and $|G_j|$ are relatively prime when $i \neq j$.

COROLLARY 2 *Criterion for $\mathbb{Z}_{n_1 n_2 \dots n_k} \approx \mathbb{Z}_{n_1} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{n_2} \oplus \dots \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{n_k}$*

Let $m = n_1 n_2 \dots n_k$. Then \mathbb{Z}_m is isomorphic to $\mathbb{Z}_{n_1} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{n_2} \oplus \dots \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{n_k}$ if and only if n_i and n_j are relatively prime when $i \neq j$.

The Group of Units Modulo n as an External Direct Product

THEOREM 8.3 *$U(n)$ as an External Direct Product*

Suppose s and t are relative prime. Then $U(st)$ is isomorphic to the external direct product of $U(s)$ and $U(t)$. In short,

$$U(st) \approx U(s) \oplus U(t).$$

Moreover, $U_s(st)$ is isomorphic to $U(t)$ and $U_t(st)$ is isomorphic to $U(s)$.

COROLLARY

Let $m = n_1 n_2 \dots n_l$, where $\gcd(n_i, n_j) = 1$ for $i \neq j$. Then,

$$U(m) \approx U(n_1) \oplus \dots \oplus U(n_k).$$

9 Normal Subgroups and Factor Groups

Normal Subgroups

DEFINITION *Normal Subgroup*

A subgroup H of a group G is called a *normal* subgroup of G if $aH = Ha$ for all a in G . We denote this by $H \triangleleft G$.

THEOREM 9.1 *Normal Subgroup Test*

A subgroup H of G is normal in G if and only if $xHx^{-1} \subseteq H$ for all x in G .

Factor Groups

THEOREM 9.2 *Factor Groups (O. Hölder, 1889)*

Let G be a group and let H be a normal subgroup of G . Then set $G/H = \{aH \mid a \in G\}$ is a group under the operation $(aH)(bH) = abH$.

Applications of Factor Groups

THEOREM 9.3 *The G/Z Theorem*

Let G be a group and let $Z(G)$ be the center of G . If $G/Z(G)$ is cyclic, then G is abelian.

THEOREM 9.4 *$G/Z(G) \approx \text{Inn}(G)$*

For any group G , $G/Z(G)$ is isomorphic to $\text{Inn}(G)$.

THEOREM 9.5 *Cauchy's Theorem for Abelian Groups*

Let G be a finite Abelian group and let p be a prime that divides the order of G . Then G has an element of order p .

Internal Direct Product

DEFINITION *Internal Direct Products of H and K*

We say that G is the *internal direct product* of H and K and write $G = H \times K$ if H and K are normal subgroups of G and

$$G = HK \text{ and } H \cap K = \{e\}.$$

DEFINITION *Internal Direct Product of $H_1 \times H_2 \times \dots \times H_n$*

Let H_1, H_2, \dots, H_n be a finite collection of normal subgroups of G . We say that G is the

internal direct product of H_1, H_2, \dots, H_n and write $H_1 \times H_2 \times \dots \times H_n$, if

1. $G = H_1 H_2 \dots H_n = \{h_1 h_2 \dots h_n \mid h_i \in H_i\}$
2. $(H_1 H_2 \dots H_n) \cap H_{i+1} = \{e\}$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$.

THEOREM 9.6 $H_1 \times H_2 \times \dots \times H_n \approx H_1 \oplus H_2 \oplus \dots \oplus H_n$

If a group G is the internal direct product of a finite number of subgroups H_1, H_2, \dots, H_n , then G is isomorphic to the external direct product of H_1, H_2, \dots, H_n .

10 Group Homomorphism's

Definition and Examples

DEFINITION *Group Homomorphism*

A homomorphism ϕ from a group G to a group \overline{G} is a mapping from G into \overline{G} that preserves the group operation; that is, $\phi(ab) = \phi(a)\phi(b)$ for all a, b in G .

DEFINITION *Kernel of a Homomorphism*

The kernel of a homomorphism ϕ from a group G to a group with identity e is the set $\{x \in G \mid \phi(x) = e\}$. The kernel of ϕ is denoted by $\ker \phi$.

Properties of Homomorphism's

THEOREM 10.1 *Properties of Elements Under Homomorphism's*

Let ϕ be a homomorphism from a group G to a group \overline{G} and let g be an element of G . Then

1. ϕ carries the identity of G to the identity \overline{G} .
2. $\phi(g^n) = (\phi(g))^n$ for all n in \mathbb{Z} .
3. If $|g|$ is finite, then $|\phi(g)|$ divides $|g|$.
4. $\ker \phi$ is a subgroup of G .
5. $\phi(a) = \phi(b)$ if and only if $a \ker \phi = b \ker \phi$.
6. If $\phi(g) = g'$, then $\phi^{-1}(g') = \{x \in G \mid \phi(x) = g'\} = g \ker \phi$.

THEOREM 10.2 *Properties of Subgroups Under Homomorphism's*

Let ϕ be a homomorphism from a group G to a group \overline{G} and let H be a subgroup of G . Then

1. $\phi(H) = \{\phi(h) \mid h \in H\}$ is a subgroup of \overline{G} .
2. If H is cyclic, then $\phi(H)$ is cyclic.
3. If H is Abelian, then $\phi(H)$ is Abelian.
4. If H is normal in G , then $\phi(H)$ is normal in $\phi(G)$.

5. If $|\ker \phi| = n$, then ϕ is an n -to-1 mapping from G onto $\phi(G)$.
6. If $|H| = n$, then $|\phi(H)|$ divides n .
7. If \overline{K} is a subgroup of \overline{G} , then $\phi^{-1}(\overline{K}) = \{k \in G \mid \phi(k) \in \overline{K}\}$ is a subgroup of G .
8. If \overline{K} is a normal subgroup of \overline{G} , then $\phi^{-1}(\overline{K}) = \{k \in G \mid \phi(k) \in \overline{K}\}$ is a normal subgroup of G .
9. If ϕ is onto and $\ker \phi = \{e\}$, then ϕ is an isomorphism from G to \overline{G} .

THEOREM 10.3 *First Isomorphism Theorem*

Let ϕ be a group homomorphism from G to \overline{G} . Then the mapping from $G/\ker \phi$ to $\phi(G)$, given by $g\ker \phi \rightarrow \phi(g)$, is an isomorphism. In symbols, $G/\ker \phi \equiv \phi(G)$.

COROLLARY

If ϕ is a homomorphism from a finite group G to \overline{G} , then $|\phi(G)|$ divides $|G|$ and $|\overline{G}|$.

THEOREM *Second Isomorphism Theorem*

If K is a subgroup of G and N is a normal subgroup of G , then $K/(K \cap N)$ is isomorphic to KN/N .

THEOREM *Third Isomorphism Theorem*

If M and N are normal subgroups of G and $N \leq M$, then $(G/N)/(M/N) \equiv G/M$.

COROLLARY *Kernels Are Normal*

Let ϕ be a group homomorphism from G to \overline{G} . Then $\ker \phi$ is a normal subgroup of G .

11 Fundamental Theorem of Finite Abelian Groups

THEOREM 11.1 *Fundamental Theorem of Finite Abelian Groups*

Every finite Abelian group is a direct product of cyclic groups of prime-power order. Moreover, the number and terms in the product and the orders of the cyclic groups are uniquely determined by the group.

COROLLARY *Existence of Subgroups of Abelian Groups*

If m divides the order of a finite Abelian group G , then G has a subgroup of order m .

Proof of the Fundamental Theorem

LEMMA 1

Let G be a finite Abelian group of order $p^n m$, where p is a prime that does not divide m . Then $G = H \times X$, where $H = \{x \in G \mid x^{p^n} = e\}$ and $X = \{x \in G \mid x^m = e\}$. Moreover, $|H| = p^n$.

LEMMA 2

Let G be an Abelian group of prime-power order and let a be an element of maximal order in G . Then G can be written in the form $\langle a \rangle \times K$.

LEMMA 3

A finite Abelian group of prime-power order is an internal direct product of cyclic groups.

LEMMA 4

Suppose that G is a finite Abelian group of prime-power order. If $G = H_1 \times H_2 \times \dots \times H_m$ and $G = K_1 \times K_2 \times \dots \times K_n$, where H 's and K 's are nontrivial cyclic subgroups with $|H_1| \leq |H_2| \leq \dots \leq |H_m|$ and $|K_1| \leq |K_2| \leq \dots \leq |K_n|$, then $m = n$ and $|H_i| = |K_i|$ for all i .

DEFINITION Maximal

A proper subgroup H of a group G is called *maximal* if there is no subgroup K such that $H \subset K \subset G$.

12 Introduction to Rings

DEFINITION Ring

A *ring* R is a nonempty set with two binary operations, addition (denoted by $a + b$) and multiplication (denoted by ab), such that for all a, b, c in R :

1. $a + b = b + a$
2. $(a + b) + c = a + (b + c)$
3. There is an additive identity 0. That is, there is an element 0 in R such that $a + 0 = a$ for all a in R .
4. There is an element $-a$ in R such that $a + (-a) = 0$.
5. $a(bc) = (ab)c$.
6. $a(b + c) = ab + ac$ and $(b + c)a = ba + ca$.

DEFINITION Unity

A *unity* (or *identity*) in a ring is a nonzero element that is an identity under multiplication.

DEFINITION Unit

A nonzero element of a commutative ring with unity need not have an inverse. When it does, we say that it is a *unit* of the ring.

Properties of Rings

THEOREM 12.1 Rules of Multiplication

Let a, b and c belong to a ring R . Then

1. $a0 = 0a = 0$.
2. $a(-b) = (-a)b = -(ab)$.
3. $(-a)(-b) = ab$.
4. $a(b - c) = ab - ac$ and $(b - c)a = ba - ca$. Furthermore, if R has a unity element 1, then
 5. $(-1)a = -a$.
 6. $(-1)(-1) = 1$.

THEOREM 12.2 *Uniqueness of the Unity and Inverses*

If a ring has a unity, it is unique. If a ring has a multiplicative inverse, it is unique.

Subrings

DEFINITION *Subring*

A subset S of a ring R is a *subring* of R if S is itself a ring with the operation R .

THEOREM 12.3 *Subring Test*

A nonempty subset S of a ring R is a subring if S is closed under subtraction and multiplication—that is, if $a - b$ and ab in S whenever a and b are in S .

DEFINITION *Gaussian Integers*

The set of *Gaussian integers*

$$\mathbb{Z}[i] = \{a + bi \mid a, b \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

is a subring of the complex numbers \mathbb{C} .

DEFINITION *Group of Units of R*

Let R be a commutative ring with unity and let $U(R)$ denote the set of units in R . Then $U(R)$ is a group under the multiplication of R and is called the *group of units* of R .

DEFINITION *Boolean Ring*

Suppose that R is a ring and that $a^2 = a$ for all a in R . Then R is a commutative ring called a *Boolean ring*.

13 Integral Domains

13.1 Definition and Examples

DEFINITION *Zero-Divisors*

A *zero-divisor* is a nonzero element a of a commutative ring R such that there is a nonzero element $b \in R$ with $ab = 0$.

DEFINITION *Integral Domain*

An *integral domain* is a commutative ring with unity and no zero-divisors.

THEOREM 13.1 *Cancellation*

Let a, b and c belong to an integral domain. If $a \neq 0$ and $ab = ac$, then $b = c$.

Fields**DEFINITION** *Field*

A *field* is a commutative ring with unity in which every nonzero element is a unit.

THEOREM *Finite Subring Test* **A**

finite subset of a field is a subfield if it contains a nonzero element and is closed under addition and multiplication.

THEOREM 13.2 *Finite Integral Domains are Fields*

A finite integral domain is a field.

COROLLARY *\mathbb{Z}_p Is a Field*

For every prime p , \mathbb{Z}_p , the ring of integers modulo p , is a field.

Characteristic of a Ring**DEFINITION** *Characteristic of a Ring*

The *characteristic* of a ring R is the least positive integer n such that $nx = 0$ for all x in R . If no such integer exists, we say that R has characteristic 0. The characteristic of R is denoted by $\text{char } R$.

THEOREM 13.4 *Characteristic of an Integral Domain*

The characteristic of an integral domain is 0 or prime.

DEFINITION *Nilpotent*

Let a belong to a ring R with unity and suppose $a^n = 0$ for some positive integer n . Such an element is called *nilpotent*.

DEFINITION *Idempotent*

A ring element a is called *idempotent* if $a^2 = a$. In an integral domain, only 0 and 1 can be idempotent.

14 Ideals and Factor Rings

Ideals

DEFINITION *Ideal*

A subring A of a ring R is called a (two-sided) *ideal* of R if for every $r \in R$ and every $a \in A$ both ra and ar are in A .

DEFINITION *Proper Ideal*

An ideal A of R is called a *proper ideal* of R if A is a proper subset of R .

DEFINITION *Trivial Ideal*

For any ring R , $\{0\}$ and R are ideals of R . The ideal $\{0\}$ is called the *trivial* ideal.

THEOREM 14.1 *Ideal Test*

A nonempty subset A of a ring R is an ideal of R if

1. $a - b \in A$ whenever $a, b \in A$.
2. ra and ar in A whenever $a \in A$ and $r \in R$.

DEFINITION *Trivial Ideal*

For any ring R , $\{0\}$ is an ideal of R called the *trivial* ideal.

DEFINITION *Principal Ideal Generated by a*

Let R be a commutative ring with unity and let $a \in R$. The set $\langle a \rangle = \{ra \mid r \in R\}$ is an ideal of R called the *principal ideal generated by a* .

DEFINITION *Ideal Generated by a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n*

Let R be a commutative ring with unity and let a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n belong to R . Then $I = \langle a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \rangle = \{r_1a_1 + r_2a_2 + \dots + r_na_n \mid r_i \in R\}$ is an ideal of R called the *ideal generated by a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n* .

Factor Rings

THEOREM 14.2 *Existence of Factor Groups*

Let R be a ring and let A be a subring of R . The set of cosets $\{r + A \mid r \in R\}$ is a ring under the operation $(s + A) + (t + A) = s + t + A$ and $(s + A)(t + A) = st + A$ if and only if A is an ideal of R .

DEFINITION *Prime Ideal, Maximal Ideal*

A *prime ideal* of a commutative ring R is a proper ideal of R such that $a, b \in R$ and $ab \in A$ imply $a \in A$ or $b \in A$. A proper ideal A of a commutative ring R is a *maximal ideal* of R if, whenever B is an ideal of R and $A \subseteq B \subseteq R$, then $B = A$ or $B = R$.

THEOREM 14.3 *R/A is an Integral Domain if and only if A is a Prime*

Let R be a commutative ring with unity and let A be an ideal of R . Then R/A is an integral domain if and only if A is prime.

THEOREM 14.4 *R/A is a Field if and only if A is Maximal*

Let R be a commutative ring with unity and let A be an ideal of R . Then R/A is a field if and only if A is maximal.

LEMMA

Let n be an integer greater than 1. Then, in the ring of integers, the ideal $n\mathbb{Z}$ is prime if and only if n is prime ($\{0\}$ is also prime).

LEMMA

Consider the ideal $\langle x^2 + 1 \rangle$ in $\mathbb{R}[x]$. This ideal is maximal and the quotient ring

$$\mathbb{R}[x]/\langle x^2 + 1 \rangle \approx \mathbb{C}$$

is ring isomorphic to the complex numbers \mathbb{C} .

LEMMA

Let R be a ring and let $\{I_1, I_2, \dots, I_n\}$ be any set of ideals of R . Then the intersection $I = \bigcap \{I_1, I_2, \dots, I_n\}$ is an ideal of R .

DEFINITION *Sum*

If A and B are ideals of a ring, their *sum*, $A + B = \{a + b \mid a \in A, b \in B\}$ is an ideal.

DEFINITION *Product*

If A and B are ideals of a ring, their *product*, $AB = \{a_1b_1 + a_2b_2 + \dots + a_nb_n \mid a_i \in A, b_i \in B\}$ is an ideal.

LEMMA

Let A and B be ideals of a ring R , then $AB \subseteq A \cap B$.

LEMMA

Let R be a ring and let A be an ideal of R . If u is a unit and R and u belongs to A , then $A = R$.

LEMMA

If R is a commutative ring with unity and A is a proper ideal of R , the factor ring R/A is a commutative ring with unity.

LEMMA

The ring \mathbb{F} is a field if and only if its only ideals are the trivial ideal, $\{0\}$, and itself, \mathbb{F} .

LEMMA

Let R be a ring and let p be a fixed prime. Then the set

$$I_p = \{r \in R \mid \text{additive order of } r \text{ is a power of } p\}$$

is an ideal of R .

DEFINITION *Principal Ideal Domain*

An integral domain D is called a *principal ideal domain* if every ideal of D has the form $\langle a \rangle = \{ad \mid d \in D\}$ for some a in D .

LEMMA

If R is a principal ideal domain and I is an ideal of R , then every ideal of R/I is a principal ideal.

DEFINITION *Annihilator*

Let R be a commutative ring and let A be any subset of R . The *annihilator* of A , $\text{Ann}(A) = \{r \in R \mid ra = 0 \text{ for all } a \in A\}$ is an ideal.

DEFINITION *Nil Radical*

Let R be a commutative ring and let A be any ideal of R . The *nil radical* of A , $N(A) = \{r \in R \mid r^n \in A \text{ for some positive integer } n\}$ is an ideal. Note that n depends in r .

DEFINITION *Nil Radical of R*

The nil radical $N(\langle 0 \rangle)$ is called the *nil radical of R* .

LEMMA

Let R be a commutative ring. Then the factor group $R/N(\langle 0 \rangle)$ has no nonzero nilpotent elements.

LEMMA

Let A be an ideal of a commutative ring, then $N(N(\langle A \rangle)) = N(\langle A \rangle)$.

LEMMA

Let R be a commutative ring with more than one element. If, for every nonzero element a of R , we have $aR = R$ then R is a field.

LEMMA *Euclid's Lemma for Prime Ideals*

Let A, B and C be ideals of a ring R . If $AB \subseteq C$ and C is a prime ideal of R , then $A \subseteq C$ or $B \subseteq C$.

LEMMA

Let A, B and C be subrings of a ring R . If $A \subseteq B \cup C$ then $A \subseteq B$ or $A \subseteq C$.

LEMMA

Let R be an integral domain with nonzero characteristic. If A is a proper ideal of R , then R/A has the same characteristic as R .

15 Ring Homomorphism's

DEFINITION *Ring Homomorphism, Ring Isomorphism*

A *ring homomorphism* ϕ from a ring R to a ring S is a mapping from R to S that preserves the two ring operations; that is, for all $a, b \in R$,

$$\phi(a + b) = \phi(a) + \phi(b) \text{ and } \phi(ab) = \phi(a)\phi(b).$$

A ring homomorphism that is both one-to-one and onto is called a *ring homomorphism*.

THEOREM *Second Isomorphism Theorem for Rings*

Let A be a subring of R and let B be an ideal of R . Then $A \cap B$ is an ideal of A and $A/(A \cap B)$ is isomorphic to $(A + B)/B$.

THEOREM *Third Isomorphism Theorem for Rings*

Let A and B be ideals of a ring R with $B \subseteq A$. Then A/B is an ideal of R/B and $(R/B)/(A/B)$ is isomorphic to R/A .

DEFINITION *Natural Homomorphism*

For any positive integer n , the mapping $k \rightarrow e \pmod n$ is a ring homomorphism from \mathbb{Z} onto \mathbb{Z}_n . This mapping is called the *natural homomorphism* from \mathbb{Z} to \mathbb{Z}_n .

Properties of Ring Homomorphism's

THEOREM 15.1 *Properties of Ring Homomorphism's*

Let ϕ be a ring homomorphism from a ring R to a ring S . Let A be a subring of R and let B be an ideal of S .

1. For any $r \in R$ and any positive integer n , $\phi(nr) = n\phi(r)$ and $\phi(r^n) = (\phi(r))^n$.
2. $\phi(A) = \{\phi(a) \mid a \in A\}$ is a subring of S .
3. If A is an ideal and ϕ is onto S , then $\phi(A)$ is an ideal.
4. $\phi^{-1}(B) = \{r \in R \mid \phi(r) \in B\}$ is an ideal of R .
5. If R is commutative, then $\phi(R)$ is commutative.
6. If R has a unity 1 , $S \neq \{0\}$, and ϕ onto, then $\phi(1)$ is the unity of S .
7. ϕ is an isomorphism if and only if ϕ is onto and $\text{Ker}\phi = \{r \in R \mid \phi(r) = 0\} = \{0\}$.
8. If ϕ is an isomorphism from R onto S , then ϕ^{-1} is an isomorphism from S onto R .

THEOREM 15.2 *Kernels Are Ideals*

Let ϕ be a homomorphism from a ring R to a ring S . Then $\text{Ker}\phi = \{r \in R \mid \phi(r) = 0\}$ is an ideal of R .

THEOREM 15.3 *First Isomorphism Theorem*

Let ϕ be a ring homomorphism from R to S . Then the mapping from $R/\text{Ker}\phi$ to $\phi(R)$, given by $r + \text{Ker}\phi \rightarrow \phi(r)$, is an isomorphism. In symbols, $R/\text{Ker}\phi \approx \phi(R)$.

THEOREM 15.4 *Ideals Are Kernels*

Every ideal of a ring R is the kernel of a ring homomorphism of R . In particular, an ideal A is the kernel of the mapping $r \rightarrow r + A$ from R to R/A (the natural homomorphism from R to R/A).

THEOREM 15.5 *Homomorphism from \mathbb{Z} to a Ring with Unity*

Let R be a ring with unity 1. The mapping $\phi : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow R$ given by $n \rightarrow n \cdot 1$ is a ring homomorphism.

COROLLARY *A Ring with Unity Contains \mathbb{Z}_n or \mathbb{Z}*

If R is a ring with unity and the characteristic of R is $n > 0$, then R contains a subring isomorphic to \mathbb{Z}_n . If the characteristic of R is 0, then R contains a subring isomorphic to \mathbb{Z} .

COROLLARY *\mathbb{Z}_m is a Homomorphic Image of \mathbb{Z}*

For any positive integer m , the mapping $\phi : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_m$ given by $x \rightarrow x \bmod m$ is a ring homomorphism.

COROLLARY *A Field Contains \mathbb{Z}_p or \mathbb{Q} (Steinz, 1910)*

If \mathbb{F} is a field of characteristic p , then \mathbb{F} contains a subfield isomorphic to \mathbb{Z}_p . If \mathbb{F} is a field of characteristic 0, then \mathbb{F} contains a subfield isomorphic to the rational numbers.

DEFINITION *Prime Subfield*

The intersection of all subfields (hence, the smallest subfield) of a field of characteristic p called the *prime subfield* of the field and is isomorphic to \mathbb{Z}_p .

The Field of Quotients**THEOREM** *Existence of Field of Quotients* **L**

Let D be an integral domain. Then there exists a field \mathbb{F} (called the *field of quotients* of D) that contains a subring isomorphic to D .

DEFINITION *Field of Quotients*

The *field of quotients* of an integral domain D , $\{(a, b) \mid a, b \in D, b \neq 0\}$ is the smallest field containing D . If $D = \mathbb{F}$ is a field, then the field of quotients of $\mathbb{F}[x]$ is denoted by $\mathbb{F}(x)$.

LEMMA

Let \mathbb{F} be a field. Then the field of quotients of \mathbb{F} is a field that is ring-isomorphic to \mathbb{F} .

LEMMA

Let D be an integral domain and let \mathbb{F} be the field of quotients of D . Then if E is any field that contains D , then E contains a subfield that is ring-isomorphic to \mathbb{F} .

COROLLARY

The field of quotients of an integral domain D is the smallest field containing D .

LEMMA

Let ϕ be a ring homomorphism from R to S and let a be an idempotent in R . Then the image of a , $\phi(a)$ is an idempotent in S .

LEMMA

Let p be a prime. Then the field of quotients $\mathbb{Z}_p(x) = \{f(x)/g(x) \mid f(x), g(x) \in \mathbb{Z}_p[x], g(x) \neq 0\}$ is an infinite field of characteristic p .

LEMMA Test for Divisibility by 3

Let n be an integer with decimal representation $a_k a_{k-1} \dots a_1 a_0$. Then n is divisible by 3 if and only if $a_0 + a_1 + \dots + a_k$ is divisible by 3.

LEMMA Test for Divisibility by 4

Let n be an integer with decimal representation $a_k a_{k-1} \dots a_1 a_0$. Then n is divisible by 4 if and only if $a_0 a_1$ is divisible by 4.

LEMMA Test for Divisibility by 9

An integer n with decimal representation $a_k a_{k-1} \dots a_0$ is divisible by 9 if and only if $a_k + a_{k-1} + \dots + a_0$ is divisible by 9.

LEMMA Test for Divisibility by 11

Let n be an integer with decimal representation $a_k a_{k-1} \dots a_1 a_0$. Then n is divisible by 11 if and only if $a_0 - a_1 + \dots + (-1)^k a_k$ is divisible by 11.

THEOREM Theorem of Gersonides (Special case of the so-called “abc Conjecture”)

The only four solutions to the expression $2^m = 3^n \pm 1$ are 1, 2; 2, 3; 3, 4; and 8, 9.

DEFINITION Frobenius Map

Let R be a commutative ring of prime characteristic p . The *Frobenius* map $x \rightarrow x^p$ is a ring homomorphism from R to R .

DEFINITION Principal Ideal Ring

A *principal ideal ring* is a ring with the property that every ideal has the form (a) .

16 Polynomial Rings

Notation and Terminology

DEFINITION *Ring of Polynomials over R*

Let R be a commutative ring. The set of formal symbols $R[x] = \{a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 x + a_0 \mid a_i \in R, n \text{ a nonnegative integer}\}$ is called the *ring of polynomials over R in the indeterminate x* . Two elements

$$x_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 x + a_0$$

and

$$b_m x^m + b_{m-1} x^{m-1} + \dots + b_1 x + b_0$$

of $R[x]$ are considered equal if and only if $a_i = b_i$ for all nonnegative integers i . (Define $a_i = 0$ when $i > n$ and $b_i = 0$ when $i > m$.)

DEFINITION *Addition and Multiplication in $R[x]$*

Let R be a commutative ring and let

$$f(x) = a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 x + a_0$$

and

$$g(x) = b_m x^m + b_{m-1} x^{m-1} + \dots + b_1 x + b_0$$

belong to $R[x]$. Then

$$f(x) + g(x) = (a_s + b_s)x^s + (a_{s-1} + b_{s-1})x^{s-1} + \dots + (a_1 + b_1)x + (a_0 + b_0),$$

where s is the maximum of m and n , $a_i = 0$ for all $i > n$, and $b_i = 0$ for $i > m$. Also,

$$f(x)g(x) = c_{m+n}x^{m+n} + c_{m+n-1}x^{m+n-1} + \dots + c_1x + c_0,$$

where

$$c_k = a_k b_0 + a_{k-1} b_1 + \dots + a_1 b_{k-1} + a_0 b_k$$

for $k = 0, \dots, m+n$.

DEFINITION *Degree of a polynomial, Leading coefficient, Monic polynomials*

If

$$f(x) = a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 x + a_0,$$

where $a_n \neq 0$, we say that $f(x)$ has *degree n* , denoted $\deg f = n$. The term a_n is called the *leading coefficient* of $f(x)$, and if the leading coefficient is the multiplicative identity element of R , we say that $f(x)$ is a *monic* polynomial. The polynomial $f(x) = 0$ has no degree, and polynomials of the form $f(x) = a_0$ are called *constant*.

THEOREM 16.1 *D an Integral Domain Implies $D[x]$ an Integral Domain*

If D is an integral domain, then $D[x]$ is an integral domain.

The Division Algorithm and Consequences

THEOREM 16.2 *Division Algorithm for $\mathbb{F}[x]$*

Let \mathbb{F} be a field and let $f(x)$ and $g(x) \in \mathbb{F}[x]$ with $g(x) \neq 0$. Then there exist unique polynomials $q(x)$ and $r(x)$ in $\mathbb{F}[x]$ such that $f(x) = q(x)g(x) + r(x)$ and either $r(x) = 0$ or $\deg r(x) < \deg g(x)$. The polynomials $q(x)$ and $r(x)$ are called the *quotient* and *remainder* in the division of $f(x)$ by $g(x)$.

DEFINITION *Polynomial Division*

Let D be an integral domain. If $f(x)$ and $g(x) \in D[x]$, we say that $g(x)$ *divides* $f(x)$ in $D[x]$ (and write $f(x)|g(x)$) if there exists an $h(x) \in D[x]$ such that $f(x) = g(x)h(x)$. In this case, we also call $g(x)$ a *factor* of $f(x)$.

DEFINITION *Zero, Root, Zero of Multiplicity k*

An element a is a *zero* (or a *root*) of a polynomial $f(x)$ if $f(a) = 0$. When \mathbb{F} is a field, $a \in \mathbb{F}$, and $f(x) \in \mathbb{F}[x]$, we say that a is a *zero of multiplicity k* ($k \geq 1$) if $(x - a)^k$ is a factor of $f(x)$ but $(x - a)^{k+1}$ is not a factor of $f(x)$.

COROLLARY *The Remainder Theorem*

Let \mathbb{F} be a field, $a \in \mathbb{F}$ and $f(x) \in \mathbb{F}[x]$. Then $f(a)$ is the remainder in the division of $f(x)$ by $x - a$.

COROLLARY *The Factor Theorem*

Let \mathbb{F} be a field, $a \in \mathbb{F}$, and $f(x) \in \mathbb{F}[x]$. Then a is a zero of $f(x)$ if and only if $x - a$ is a factor of $f(x)$.

COROLLARY *Polynomials of Degree n Have at Most n Zeros*

A polynomial of degree n over a field has at most n zeros, counting multiplicity.

LEMMA *The Complex Zeros of $x^n - 1$*

Let $\omega = \cos(360^\circ/n) + i \sin(360^\circ/n)$. It follows from DeMoivre's Theorem that $\omega^n = 1$ and $\omega^k \neq 1$ for $0 < k < n$. Thus, each of $1, \omega, \omega^2, \dots, \omega^{n-1}$ is a zero of $x^n - 1$. The complex number ω is called a *primitive n th root of unity*.

DEFINITION *Principal Ideal Domain*

A *principal ideal domain* is an integral domain R where every ideal has the form $\langle a \rangle = \{ra \mid r \in R\}$.

THEOREM 16.3 *$\mathbb{F}[x]$ is a Principal Ideal Domain*

Let \mathbb{F} be a field. Then $\mathbb{F}[x]$ is a principal ideal domain.

THEOREM 16.4 *Criterion for $I = \langle g(x) \rangle$*

Let \mathbb{F} be a field, I a nonzero ideal in $\mathbb{F}[x]$, and $g(x)$ an element of $\mathbb{F}[x]$. Then, $I = \langle g(x) \rangle$ if and only if $g(x)$ is a nonzero polynomial of minimum degree in I .

LEMMA

If R is a commutative ring, then the characteristic of $R[x]$ is the same as the characteristic of R .

LEMMA

Let R be a commutative ring, then $R[x]$ has a subring isomorphic to R .

LEMMA

If R and S are rings that are isomorphic, then $R[x]$ and $S[x]$ are isomorphic.

LEMMA Degree Rule

Let D be an integral domain and $f(x), g(x) \in D[x]$. Then, $\deg(f(x)g(x)) = \deg f(x) + \deg g(x)$.

LEMMA

For every prime p , it follows that

$$x^{p-1} - 1 = (x - 1)(x - 2) \cdots [x - (p - 1)]$$

in $\mathbb{Z}_p[x]$.

LEMMA

Wilson's Theorem For every integer $n > 1$, $(n - 1)! \mod n = n - 1$ if and only if n is prime.

LEMMA

If I is an ideal of R , then $I[x]$ is an ideal of $R[x]$.

LEMMA

Let R be a commutative ring with unity. If I is a prime ideal of R , then $I[x]$ is a prime ideal of $R[x]$.

DEFINITION Relatively Prime Polynomials

Let \mathbb{F} be a field, and let $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ belong to $\mathbb{F}[x]$. If there is no polynomial of positive degree in $\mathbb{F}[x]$ that divides both $f(x)$ and $g(x)$, we say that $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ are *relatively prime*.

LEMMA

Let $f(x), g(x) \in \mathbb{F}[x]$. If $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ are relatively prime, then there exist polynomials $h(x)$ and $k(x)$ in $\mathbb{F}[x]$ such that $f(x)h(x) + g(x)k(x) = 1$.

17 Factorization of Polynomials

Reducibility Tests

DEFINITION *Irreducible Polynomial, Reducible Polynomial*

Let D be an integral domain. A polynomial $f(x)$ from $D[x]$ that is neither the zero polynomial nor a unit in $D[x]$ is said to be *irreducible over D* if, whenever $f(x)$ is expressed as a product $f(x) = g(x)h(x)$, with $g(x)$ and $h(x)$ from $D[x]$, then $g(x)$ or $h(x)$ is a unit in $D[x]$. A nonzero, nonunity element of $D[x]$ that is not irreducible over D is called *reducible over D* .

THEOREM 17.1 *Reducibility Test for Degrees 2 and 3*

Let \mathbb{F} be a field. If $f(x) \in \mathbb{F}[x]$ and $\deg f(x) = 2$ or 3 , then $f(x)$ is reducible over \mathbb{F} if and only if $f(x)$ has a zero in \mathbb{F} .

DEFINITION *Content of a Polynomial, Primitive Polynomial*

The *content* of a nonzero polynomial $a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 x + a_0$, where the a 's are integers, is the greatest common divisor of the integers $a_n, a_{n-1}, \dots, a_1, a_0$. A *primitive polynomial* is an element in $\mathbb{Z}[x]$ with content 1.

LEMMA *Gauss's Lemma*

The product of two primitive polynomials is primitive.

THEOREM 17.2 *Over \mathbb{Q} implies over \mathbb{Z}*

Let $f(x) \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$. If $f(x)$ is reducible over \mathbb{Q} , then it is reducible over \mathbb{Z} .

Irreducibility Tests

THEOREM 17.3 *Mod p Irreducibility Test*

Let p be a prime and suppose that $f(x) \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$ with $\deg f(x) \geq 1$. Let $\bar{f}(x)$ be the polynomial in $\mathbb{Z}_p[x]$ obtained from $f(x)$ by reducing all the coefficients of $f(x)$ modulo p . If $\bar{f}(x)$ is irreducible over \mathbb{Z}_p and $\deg \bar{f}(x) = \deg f(x)$, then $f(x)$ is irreducible over \mathbb{Q} .

THEOREM 17.4 *Eisenstein's Criterion (1850)*

Let $f(x) = a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 x + a_0 \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$. If there is a prime p such that $p \nmid a_n$, $p \mid a_{n-1}, \dots, p \mid a_0$ and $p^2 \nmid a_0$, then $f(x)$ is irreducible over \mathbb{Q} .

COROLLARY *Irreducibility of p th Cyclotomic Polynomial*

For any prime p , the p th cyclotomic polynomial,

$$\Phi_p(x) = \frac{x^p - 1}{x - 1} = x^{p-1} + x^{p-2} + \dots + x + 1$$

is irreducible over \mathbb{Q} .

THEOREM 17.5 *$\langle p(x) \rangle$ Is Maximal if and only if $p(x)$ is Irreducible*

Let \mathbb{F} be a field and let $p(x) \in \mathbb{F}[x]$. Then $\langle p(x) \rangle$ is a maximal ideal in $\mathbb{F}[x]$ if and only if $p(x)$ is irreducible over \mathbb{F} .

COROLLARY 1 *$\mathbb{F}[x]/\langle p(x) \rangle$ is a Field*

Let \mathbb{F} be a field and $p(x)$ an irreducible polynomial over \mathbb{F} . Then $\mathbb{F}[x]/\langle p(x) \rangle$ is a field.

COROLLARY 2 *$p(x)|a(x)b(x)$ implies $p(x)|a(x)$ or $p(x)|b(x)$*

Let \mathbb{F} be a field and let $p(x), a(x), b(x) \in \mathbb{F}[x]$. If $p(x)$ is irreducible over \mathbb{F} and $p(x)|a(x)b(x)$, then $p(x)|a(x)$ or $p(x)|b(x)$.

Unique Factorization in $\mathbb{Z}[x]$

THEOREM 17.6 *Unique Factorization in $\mathbb{Z}[x]$*

Every polynomial in $\mathbb{Z}[x]$ that is not the zero polynomial or a unit in $\mathbb{Z}[x]$ can be written in the form $b_1 b_2 \dots b_s p_1(x) p_2(x) \dots p_m(x)$, where the b_i 's are irreducible polynomials of degree 0, and the $p_i(x)$'s are irreducible polynomials of positive degree. Furthermore, if

$$b_1 b_2 \dots b_s p_1(x) p_2(x) \dots p_m(x) = c_1 c_2 \dots c_t q_1(x) q_2(x) \dots q_n(x),$$

where the b 's and c 's are irreducible polynomials of degree 0, and the $p(x)$'s and $q(x)$'s are irreducible polynomials of positive degree, then $s = t$, $m = n$, and, after renumbering the c 's and $q(x)$'s, we have $b_i = \pm c_i$ for $i = 1, \dots, s$; and $p_i(x) = \pm q_i(x)$ for $i = 1, \dots, m$.

LEMMA

Any nonconstant polynomial from $\mathbb{Z}[x]$ that is irreducible over \mathbb{Z} is primitive.

LEMMA *Properties of Irreducibility*

Let \mathbb{F} be a field and let a be a nonzero element of \mathbb{F} .

- a. If $af(x)$ is irreducible over \mathbb{F} , then $f(x)$ is irreducible over $\mathbb{F}[x]$.
- b. If $f(ax)$ is irreducible over \mathbb{F} , then $f(x)$ is irreducible over $\mathbb{F}[x]$.
- c. If $f(x+a)$ is irreducible over \mathbb{F} , then $f(x)$ is irreducible over $\mathbb{F}[x]$.

LEMMA

Suppose that $f(x) \in \mathbb{Z}_p[x]$ and is irreducible over \mathbb{Z}_p , where p is a prime. If $\deg f(x) = n$, then $\mathbb{Z}_p[x]/\langle f(x) \rangle$ is a field with p^n elements.

LEMMA *Rational Root Theorem*

Let

$$f(x) = a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 x + a_0 \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$$

and $a_n \neq 0$. If r and s are relatively prime integers and $f(r/s) = 0$, then $r|a_0$ or $s|a_0$.

18 Divisibility in Integral Domains

Irreducibles, Primes

DEFINITION *Associates, Irreducibles, Primes*

Elements a and b of an integral domain D are called *associates* if $a = ub$, where u is a unit of D . A nonzero element a of an integral domain D is called an *irreducible* if a is not a unit and, whenever $b, c \in D$ with $a = bc$, then b or c is a unit. A nonzero element a of an integral domain D is called a *prime* if a is not a unit and $a|bc$ implies $a|b$ or $a|c$.

DEFINITION *Norm*

A function N from an integral domain of the form $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{d}]$ into the nonnegative integers defined by $N(a + b\sqrt{d}) = |a^2 - db^2|$ is called the *norm* of $a + b\sqrt{d}$ in $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{d}]$.

LEMMA *Properties of a Norm*

Let $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{d}]$ be an integral domain and N the norm function from $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{d}]$ to the nonnegative integers. Then, the follow statements are always true

1. $N(x) = 0$ if and only if $x = 0$;
2. $N(xy) = N(x)N(y)$, for all x and y ;
3. x is a unit if and only if $N(x) = 1$; and,
4. if $N(x)$ is a prime, then x is irreducible in $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{d}]$.

THEOREM 18.1 *Prime Implies Irreducible*

In an integral domain, every prime is irreducible.

THEOREM 18.2 *PID Implies Irreducible Equals Prime*

In a principal ideal domain, an element is an irreducible if and only if it is a prime.

THEOREM *Fermat's Last Theorem*

Let x, y, z, n be any nonzero integers with $n > 2$. Then, $x^n + y^n \neq z^n$.

Unique Factorization Domains

DEFINITION *Unique Factorization Domain (UFD)*

An integral domain D is a *unique factorization domain* if

1. every nonzero element of D that is not a unit can be written as a product of irreducibles of D , and
2. the factorization into irreducibles is unique up to associates and the order in which the factors appear.

LEMMA *Ascending Chain Condition for a PID*

In a principal ideal domain, any strictly increasing chain of ideals $I_1 \subset I_2 \subset \dots$ must be finite in length.

DEFINITION *Noetherian Ring*

A ring is called *Noetherian* if it does not contain any infinite ascending chain of ideals. In this case, the ring in question is said to satisfy the ascending chain condition.

THEOREM 18.3 *PID implies UFD*

Every principal ideal domain is a unique factorization domain.

COROLLARY *$\mathbb{F}[x]$ is a UFD*

Let \mathbb{F} be a field. Then $\mathbb{F}[x]$ is a unique factorization domain.

Euclidean Domains

DEFINITION *Euclidean Domain*

An integral domain D is called a *Euclidean domain* if there is a function d (called the *measure*) from the nonzero elements of D to the nonnegative integers such that

1. $d(a) \leq d(ab)$ for all nonzero a, b in D ; and
2. if $a, b \in D$, $b \neq 0$, then there exists elements q and r in D such that $a = bq + r$,

where $r = 0$ and $d(r) < d(b)$.

LEMMA

Let \mathbb{F} be a field. Then $\mathbb{F}[x]$ is a Euclidean domain with $d(f(x)) = \deg f(x)$.

THEOREM 18.4 *ED (Euclidean Domain) Implies PID*

Every Euclidean domain is a principal ideal domain.

COROLLARY *ED Implies UFD*

Every Euclidean domain is a unique factorization domain.

THEOREM 18.5 *D a UFD Implies $D[x]$ a UFD*

If D is a unique factorization domain, then $D[x]$ is a unique factorization domain.

LEMMA

In an integral domain, the elements a and b are associates if and only if $\langle a \rangle = \langle b \rangle$.

LEMMA

The union of a chain $I_1 \subset I_2 \subset \dots$ of ideals of a ring R is an ideal of R .

LEMMA

In an integral domain, the product of an irreducible and a unit is an irreducible.

LEMMA

Let a and b belong to an integral domain D , such that $b \neq 0$ and a is not a unit. Then, $\langle ab \rangle$ is a proper subring of $\langle b \rangle$.

LEMMA

Let D be an integral domain. The relation \sim on R defined by $a \sim b$ if and only if a and b are associates, is an equivalent relation on D .

LEMMA

Let D be an integral domain with measure d . Then u is a unit in D if and only if $d(u) = 1$.

LEMMA

Let D be an integral domain with measure d . If a and b are associates then $d(a) = d(b)$.

LEMMA

Let D be a principal ideal domain and let $p \in D$. Prove that $\langle p \rangle$ is a maximal ideal in D if and only if p is irreducible.

LEMMA

Let D be a principal ideal domain. Then every proper ideal of D is contained in a maximal ideal of D .

LEMMA

Let d be an integer less than -1 that is not divisible by the square of a prime. Then the only units in $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{d}]$ are 1 and -1 .

LEMMA

Let p be a prime in an integral domain. If $p|a_1a_2 \dots a_n$ then p divides some a_i .

LEMMA

Let D be a principal ideal domain and p an irreducible element of D . Then $D/\langle p \rangle$ is a field.

DEFINITION *Finitely Generated*

An ideal A of a commutative ring R with unity is said to be *finitely generated* if there exist elements a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n of A such that $A = \langle a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \rangle$.

THEOREM *Finitely Generated Equals Ascending Chain* **A**

An integral domain R satisfies the ascending chain condition if and only if it is finitely generated.

LEMMA

In a unique factorization domain, an element is irreducible if and only if it is prime.

THEOREM *Chinese Remainder Theorem for Rings*

If R is a commutative ring and I and J are two proper ideals with $I+J = R$, show $R/(I \cap J)$ is isomorphic to $R/I \oplus R/J$.

LEMMA

Suppose that R is a commutative ring and I is an ideal of R . Then $R[x]/I[x]$ is isomorphic to $(R/I)[x]$.

19 Vector Spaces

Definitions

DEFINITION *Vector Space*

A set V is said to be a *vector space* over a field \mathbb{F} if V is an abelian group under addition (denoted by $+$) and, if for each $a \in \mathbb{F}$ and $v \in V$, there is an element av in V such that the following conditions hold for all $a, b \in \mathbb{F}$ and $u, v \in V$:

1. $a(v + u) = av + au$;
2. $(a + b)v = av + bv$;
3. $a(bv) = (ab)v$; and,
4. $1v = v$.

The members of the vector space are called *vectors* and the members of the field are called *scalars*. The operation that combines a scalar a and a vector v to form a vector av is called *scalar multiplication*.

LEMMA

Let E be a field and \mathbb{F} be a subfield of \mathbb{F} . Then \mathbb{F} is a vector space over E . The operations are the operations of E .

Subspaces

DEFINITION *Subspace*

Let V be a vector space over a field \mathbb{F} and let U be a subset of V . We say that U is a *subspace* of V if U is also a vector space over \mathbb{F} under the operations of V .

DEFINITION *Subspace of V spanned by v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n , Linear Combination*

Let V be a vector space over \mathbb{F} and let v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n be (not necessarily distinct) elements of V . Then the subset

$$\langle v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n \rangle = \{a_1v_1 + a_2v_2 + \dots + a_nv_n \mid a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{F}\}$$

is called the *subspace of V spanned by v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n* . Any summand of the form $a_1v_1 + a_2v_2 + \dots + a_nv_n$ is called a *linear combination of $a_1v_1 + a_2v_2 + \dots + a_nv_n$* . If $\langle a_1v_1 + a_2v_2 + \dots + a_nv_n \rangle = V$ we say that $\{a_1v_1 + a_2v_2 + \dots + a_nv_n\}$ *spans V* .

THEOREM *Subspace Test*

Let U be a nonempty subset of a vector space V over a field \mathbb{F} . Then U is a subspace of V if, for every u and u' in U and every a in \mathbb{F} , $u + u' \in U$ and $au \in U$.

DEFINITION *Subspace Spanned by v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n , Linear Combination*

Let V be a vector space over \mathbb{F} and let v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n be (not necessarily distinct) elements of V . Then the subset $\langle v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n \rangle = \{a_1v_1 + a_2v_2 + \dots + a_nv_n \mid a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{F}\}$ is called the *subspace of V spanned by v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n* . Any summand of the form $a_1v_1 + a_2v_2 + \dots + a_nv_n$ is called a *linear combination* of v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n .

Linear Independence

DEFINITION *Linearly Dependent, Linearly Independent*

A set S of vectors is said to be *linear dependent* over the field \mathbb{F} if there are vectors v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n from S and scalars a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n from \mathbb{F} , not all zero, such that $a_1v_1 + a_2v_2 + \dots + a_nv_n = 0$. A set of vectors that is not linearly dependent over \mathbb{F} is called *linearly independent* over \mathbb{F} .

DEFINITION *Basis*

Let V be a vector space over \mathbb{F} . A subset B of V is called a *basis* for V if B is linearly independent over \mathbb{F} and every element of V is a linear combination of elements of B .

THEOREM 19.1 *Invariance of Basis Size*

If $\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n\}$ and $\{w_0, w_1, \dots, w_n\}$ are both bases of a vector space V , then $m = n$.

DEFINITION *Dimension*

A vector space that has a basis consisting of n elements is said to have dimension n . For completeness, the trivial vector space $\{0\}$ is said to be spanned by the empty set and to have dimension 0. A vector that has a finite basis is called *finite dimensional*; otherwise, it is called *infinite dimensional*.

LEMMA

Let V be a vector space and let $\{v_1, v_2, \dots\}$ be an infinite dimensional basis for V . Then every basis for V has infinite dimension.

THEOREM *Every Spanning Collection Contains a Basis*

If $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ spans a vector space V , then some subset of the v 's is a basis for V .

THEOREM *Every Independent Set is Contained in a Basis*

Let V be a finite-dimensional vector space and let $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ be a linearly independent subset of V . Then, there are vectors w_1, w_2, \dots, w_m such that $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n, w_1, \dots, w_m\}$ is a basis for V .

LEMMA

If U is a proper subspace of a finite-dimensional vector space V , then the dimension of U is less than the dimension of V .

DEFINITION Linear Transformation

A *linear transformation* between two vector spaces V and W is a map $T : V \rightarrow W$ such that the following hold:

1. $T(v_1 + v_2) = T(v_1) + T(v_2)$ for any vectors $v_1, v_2 \in V$; and,
2. $T(\alpha v) = \alpha T(v)$ for any scalar α .

LEMMA

Let V and W be vector spaces and let T be a linear transformation from V to W . Then $T(V)$, the image of V under T , is a subspace of W .

DEFINITION Kernel of a Linear Transformation

Let T be a linear transformation of a vector space V . The set $\{v \in V \mid T(v) = 0\}$ is called the *kernel* of T and is a subspace of V .

THEOREM Basis maps to Basis

Let T be a linear transformation of V onto W . If $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ spans V then $\{T(v_1), T(v_2), \dots, T(v_n)\}$ spans W .

20 Extension Fields

The Fundamental Theorem of Field Theory

DEFINITION Extension Field

A field E is an *extension field* of a field \mathbb{F} if $\mathbb{F} \subset E$ and the operations of \mathbb{F} are those of E restricted to \mathbb{F} .

THEOREM 20.1 Fundamental Theorem of Field Theory (Kronecker's Theorem, 1887)

Let \mathbb{F} be a field and let $f(x)$ be a nonconstant polynomial in $\mathbb{F}[x]$. Then there is an extension field E of \mathbb{F} in which $f(x)$ has a zero.

Splitting Fields

DEFINITION Splitting Field

Let E be an extension field of \mathbb{F} and let $f(x) \in \mathbb{F}[x]$. We say that $f(x)$ *splits* in E if $f(x)$ can be factored as a product of linear factors in $E[x]$. We call E a *splitting field* for $f(x)$ over \mathbb{F} if $f(x)$ splits in E but in no proper subfield of E .

THEOREM 20.2 *Existence of Splitting Fields*

Let \mathbb{F} be a field and let $f(x) \in \mathbb{F}[x]$ be a nonconstant element of $\mathbb{F}[x]$. Then there exists a splitting field E for $f(x)$ over \mathbb{F} .

THEOREM 20.3 *$F(a) \approx F[x]/\langle p(x) \rangle$*

Let \mathbb{F} be a field and let $p(x) \in \mathbb{F}[x]$ be irreducible over \mathbb{F} . If a is a zero of $p(x)$ in some extension E of \mathbb{F} , then $\mathbb{F}(a)$ is isomorphic to $\mathbb{F}/\langle p(x) \rangle$. Furthermore, if $\deg p(x) = n$, then every member of $\mathbb{F}(a)$ can be uniquely expressed in the form

$$c_{n-1}a^{n-1} + c_{n-2}a^{n-2} + \dots + c_1a + c_0,$$

where $c_0, c_1, \dots, c_{n-1} \in \mathbb{F}$.

COROLLARY *$\mathbb{F}(a) \approx \mathbb{F}(b)$*

Let \mathbb{F} be a field and let $p(x) \in \mathbb{F}[x]$ be irreducible over \mathbb{F} . If a is a zero of $p(x)$ in some extension E of \mathbb{F} and b is a zero of $p(x)$ in some extension E' of \mathbb{F} , then the fields $\mathbb{F}(a)$ and $\mathbb{F}(b)$ are isomorphic.

LEMMA

Let \mathbb{F} be a field, let $p(x) \in \mathbb{F}[x]$ be irreducible over \mathbb{F} , and let a be a zero of $p(x)$ in some extension of \mathbb{F} . If ϕ is a field isomorphism from \mathbb{F} to \mathbb{F}' and b is a zero of $\phi(p(x))$ in some extension of \mathbb{F}' , then there is an isomorphism from $\mathbb{F}(a)$ to $\mathbb{F}'(b)$ that agrees with ϕ on \mathbb{F} and carries a to b .

THEOREM 20.4 *Extending $\phi : F \rightarrow F'$*

Let ϕ be an isomorphism from a field F to a field F' and let $f(x) \in F[x]$. If E is a splitting field for $f(x)$ over F and E' is a splitting field for $\phi(f(x))$ over F' , then there is an isomorphism from E to E' that agrees with ϕ on F .

COROLLARY *Splitting Fields are Unique*

Let \mathbb{F} be a field and let $f(x) \in \mathbb{F}[x]$. Then any two splitting fields of $f(x)$ over \mathbb{F} are isomorphic.

DEFINITION *The Splitting Field of $x^n - a$ over \mathbb{Q}*

Let a be a positive rational number and let ω be a primitive n th root of unity. Then each of

$$a^{1/n}\omega a^{1/n}, \omega^2 a^{1/n}, \dots, \omega^{n-1} a^{1/n}$$

is a zero of $x^n - a$ in $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[n]{a}, \omega)$.

Zeros of an Irreducible Polynomial**DEFINITION** *Derivative of a Polynomial*

Let $f(x) = a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 x + a_0$ belong to $\mathbb{F}[x]$. The *derivative* of $f(x)$, denoted by $f'(x)$, is the polynomial $na_n x^{n-1} + (n-1)a_{n-1} x^{n-2} + \dots + a_1$ in $\mathbb{F}[x]$.

LEMMA *Properties of the Derivative*

Let $f(x)$ and $g(x) \in \mathbb{F}[x]$ and let $a \in \mathbb{F}$. Then

- a. $(f(x) + g(x))' = f'(x) + g'(x)$
- b. $(af(x))' = af'(x)$
- c. $(f(x)g(x))' = f(x)g'(x) + g(x)f'(x)$.

THEOREM 20.5 *Criterion for Multiple Zeros*

A polynomial $f(x)$ over a field \mathbb{F} has a multiple zero in some extension E if and only if $f(x)$ and $f'(x)$ have a common factor of positive degree in $\mathbb{F}[x]$.

THEOREM 20.6 *Zeros of an Irreducible*

Let $f(x)$ be an irreducible polynomial over a field \mathbb{F} . If \mathbb{F} has characteristic 0, then $f(x)$ has no multiple zeros. If \mathbb{F} has characteristic $p \neq 0$, then $f(x)$ has a multiple zero only if it is of the form $f(x) = g(x^p)$ for some $g(x)$ in $\mathbb{F}[x]$.

DEFINITION *Perfect Field*

A field \mathbb{F} is called *perfect* if \mathbb{F} has characteristic 0 or if \mathbb{F} has characteristic p and $\mathbb{F}^p - \{a^p \mid a \in \mathbb{F}\} = \mathbb{F}$.

THEOREM 20.7 *Finite Fields are Perfect*

Every finite field is perfect.

THEOREM 20.8 *Criterion for No Multiple Zeros*

If $f(x)$ is an irreducible polynomial over a perfect field \mathbb{F} , then $f(x)$ has no multiple zeros.

THEOREM 20.9 *Zeros of an Irreducible over a Splitting Field*

Let $f(x)$ be an irreducible polynomial over a field \mathbb{F} and let E be a splitting field of $f(x)$ over \mathbb{F} . Then all zeros of $f(x)$ in E have the same multiplicity.

COROLLARY *Factorization of an Irreducible over a Splitting Field*

Let $f(x)$ be an irreducible polynomial over a field \mathbb{F} and let E be a splitting field of $f(x)$. Then $f(x)$ has the form

$$a(x - a_1)^n(x - a_2)^n \dots (x - a_t)^n$$

where a_1, a_2, \dots, a_t are distinct elements of E and $a \in \mathbb{F}$.

THEOREM \mathbb{F} *absorbs its own elements.*

Let \mathbb{F} be a field and let a and b belong to \mathbb{F} with $a \neq 0$. If c belongs to some extension of \mathbb{F} , then $\mathbb{F}(c) = \mathbb{F}(ac + b)$.

LEMMA

Let $f(x) \in \mathbb{F}[x]$ and let $a \in \mathbb{F}$. Then, $f(x)$ and $f(x + a)$ have the same splitting field over

\mathbb{F} .

LEMMA

Let E be an extension of \mathbb{F} and let a and b belong to E . Then, $\mathbb{F}(a, b) = \mathbb{F}(a)(b) = \mathbb{F}(b)(a)$.

LEMMA

Let \mathbb{F} be a field of characteristic $p \neq 0$. Then the polynomial $f(x) = x^{p^n} - x$ over \mathbb{F} has distinct zeros.

21 Algebraic Extensions

Characterization of Extensions

DEFINITION *Types of Extensions*

Let E be an extension field of a field \mathbb{F} and let $a \in E$. We call a *algebraic over \mathbb{F}* if a is a zero of some nonzero polynomial in $\mathbb{F}[x]$. If a is not algebraic over \mathbb{F} , it is called *transcendental over \mathbb{F}* . An extension E of \mathbb{F} is called an *algebraic extension* of \mathbb{F} if every element of E is algebraic over \mathbb{F} . If E is not an algebraic extension of \mathbb{F} , it is called a *transcendental extension* of \mathbb{F} . An extension of \mathbb{F} of the form $\mathbb{F}(a)$ is called a *simple extension*.

THEOREM 21.1 *Characterization of Extensions*

Let E be an extension field of the field \mathbb{F} and let $a \in E$. If a is transcendental over \mathbb{F} , then $\mathbb{F}(a) \approx \mathbb{F}(x)$. If a is algebraic over \mathbb{F} , then $\mathbb{F}(a) \approx \mathbb{F}[x]/\langle p(x) \rangle$, where $p(x)$ is a polynomial in $\mathbb{F}[x]$ of minimum degree such that $p(a) = 0$. Moreover, $p(x)$ is irreducible over \mathbb{F} .

THEOREM 21.2 *Uniqueness Property*

If a is algebraic over a field \mathbb{F} , then there is a unique monic irreducible polynomial $p(x)$ in $\mathbb{F}[x]$ such that $p(a) = 0$.

DEFINITION *Minimal Polynomial for a over \mathbb{F}*

The polynomial with the property in Theorem 1.2 is called the *minimal polynomial for a over \mathbb{F}* .

THEOREM 21.3 *Divisibility Property*

Let a be algebraic over \mathbb{F} , and let $p(x)$ be the minimal polynomial for a over \mathbb{F} . If $f(x) \in \mathbb{F}[x]$ and $f(a) = 0$, then $p(x)$ divides $f(x)$ in $\mathbb{F}[x]$.

DEFINITION *Degree n over \mathbb{F}*

If a is algebraic over \mathbb{F} and its minimal polynomial over \mathbb{F} has degree n , then $\{1, a, \dots, a^{n-1}\}$ is a basis for $\mathbb{F}(a)$ over \mathbb{F} ; and therefore, $[\mathbb{F}(a) : \mathbb{F}] = n$. In this case, we say that a has *degree n over \mathbb{F}* .

Finite Extensions

DEFINITION Degree of an Extension

Let E be an extension field of \mathbb{F} . We say that E has degree n over \mathbb{F} and write $[E : \mathbb{F}] = n$ if E has dimension n as a vector space over \mathbb{F} . If $[E : \mathbb{F}]$ is finite, E is called a *finite extension* of \mathbb{F} ; otherwise, we say that E is an *infinite extension* of \mathbb{F} .

THEOREM 21.4 Finite Implies Algebraic

If E is a finite extension of \mathbb{F} , then E is an algebraic extension of \mathbb{F} .

THEOREM 21.5 $[K : \mathbb{F}] = [K : E][E : \mathbb{F}]$

Let K be a finite extension field of the field E and let E be a finite extension field of the field \mathbb{F} . Then K is a finite extension of \mathbb{F} and $[K : \mathbb{F}] = [K : E][E : \mathbb{F}]$.

THEOREM 21.6 Primitive Elements Theorem (Steinitz, 1910)

If \mathbb{F} is a field of characteristic 0, and a and b are algebraic over \mathbb{F} , then there is an element c in $\mathbb{F}(a, b)$ such that $\mathbb{F}(a, b) = \mathbb{F}(c)$.

DEFINITION Primitive Element

An element a with the property that $E = \mathbb{F}(a)$ is called a *primitive element* of E .

DEFINITION Algebraic Closure of \mathbb{F} in E

For any extension of a field \mathbb{F} , the subfield of E of the elements that are algebraic over \mathbb{F} is called the *algebraic closure of \mathbb{F} in E* .

DEFINITION Algebraically Closed

A field that has no proper algebraic extension is called *algebraically closed*. This field is called the *algebraic closure of \mathbb{F}* .

THEOREM Complex Numbers Algebraically Closed (Gauss, 1799)

The set \mathbb{C} of complex numbers is algebraically closed.

LEMMA

Let E be the algebraic closure of \mathbb{F} . Then every polynomial in $\mathbb{F}[x]$ splits in E .

LEMMA

Let E be an algebraic extension of \mathbb{F} . If every polynomial in $\mathbb{F}[x]$ splits in E , then E is algebraically closed.

LEMMA

Suppose that $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ are irreducible over \mathbb{F} and $\deg f(x)$ and $\deg g(x)$ are relatively prime. If a is a zero of $f(x)$ in some extension of \mathbb{F} , then $g(x)$ is irreducible over $\mathbb{F}(a)$.

LEMMA

Suppose that E is an extension of \mathbb{F} of prime degree. Then, for every a in E , $\mathbb{F}(a) = \mathbb{F}$ or

$$\mathbb{F}(a) = E.$$

LEMMA

Suppose that E is an extension of \mathbb{F} and $a, b \in E$. If a is algebraic over \mathbb{F} of degree m , and b is algebraic over \mathbb{F} of degree n , where m and n are relatively prime, then $[\mathbb{F}(a, b) : \mathbb{F}] = mn$.

LEMMA

Let E be a field extension of \mathbb{F} . Then $[E : \mathbb{F}]$ is finite if and only if $E = \mathbb{F}(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$, where a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n are algebraic over \mathbb{F} .

LEMMA

If α and β are real numbers and α and β are transcendental over \mathbb{Q} , then either $\alpha\beta$ or $\alpha + \beta$ is also transcendental over \mathbb{Q} .

LEMMA

Let $f(x)$ be a nonzero element of $\mathbb{F}[x]$. If a belongs to some extension of \mathbb{F} and $f(a)$ is algebraic over \mathbb{F} , then a is algebraic over \mathbb{F} .

LEMMA

Let a and b belong to some extension of \mathbb{F} and let b be algebraic over \mathbb{F} . Then $[\mathbb{F}(a, b) : \mathbb{F}(a)] \leq [\mathbb{F}(a, b) : \mathbb{F}]$.

Properties of Algebraic Extensions

THEOREM 21.7 *Algebraic over Algebraic Is Algebraic*

If K is an algebraic extension of E and E is an algebraic extension of \mathbb{F} , then K is an algebraic extension of \mathbb{F} .

COROLLARY *Subfield of Algebraic Elements*

Let E be an extension field of the field \mathbb{F} . Then the set of all elements of E that are algebraic over \mathbb{F} is a subfield of E .

DEFINITION *Algebraic Closure*

For any extension E of a field \mathbb{F} , the subfield of E of the elements that are algebraic over \mathbb{F} is called the *algebraic closure of \mathbb{F} in E* .

22 Finite Fields

Classification of Finite Fields

THEOREM 22.1 *Classification of Finite Fields*

For each prime p and each positive integer n , there is, up to isomorphism, a unique finite field of order p^n .

Structure of Finite Fields

DEFINITION *Galois Field*

Because there is only one field for each prime-power p^n , we may unambiguously denote it by $GF(p^n)$ and call it the *Galois field of order p^n* .

THEOREM 22.2 *Structure of Finite Fields*

As a group under addition, $GF(p^n)$ is isomorphic to

$$\mathbb{Z}_p \oplus \mathbb{Z}_p \oplus \dots \oplus \mathbb{Z}_p.$$

As a group under multiplication, the set of nonzero elements of $GF(p^n)$, denoted $GF(p^n)^*$, is isomorphic to \mathbb{Z}_{p^n-1} (and is, therefore, cyclic).

COROLLARY 1

$$[GF(p^n) : GF(p)] = n.$$

COROLLARY 2 *$GF(p^n)$ Contains an Element of Degree n*

Let a be a generator of the group of nonzero elements of $GF(p^n)$ under multiplication. Then a is algebraic over $GF(p)$ of degree n .

Subfields of a Finite Field

THEOREM 22.3 *Subfields of a Finite Field*

For each divisor m of n , $GF(p^n)$ has a unique subfield of order p^m . Moreover, these are the only subfields of $GF(p^n)$.

LEMMA

If m divides n , then $[GF(p^n) : GF(p^m)] = n/m$.

DEFINITION *Frobenius Mapping*

The mapping $\phi : GF(p^n) \rightarrow GF(p^n)$ given by $a \mapsto a^p$ is a ring automorphism of order n called the *Frobenius mapping*.

LEMMA

Let K be a finite extension field of a finite field \mathbb{F} . Then there exists some element $a \in K$ such that $K = \mathbb{F}(a)$.

LEMMA

Any finite subgroup of the multiplicative group of a field is cyclic.

LEMMA

If $g(x)$ is irreducible over $GF(p)$ and $g(x)$ divides $x^{p^n} - x$ then $\deg g(x)$ divides n .

LEMMA

If $p(x)$ is a polynomial in $\mathbb{Z}_p[x]$ with no multiple zeros, then $p(x)$ divides $x^{p^n} - x$ for some n .

LEMMA

Any element of $GF(p^n)$ can be written in the form a^p for some unique a in $GF(p^n)$.

LEMMA

Show that no finite field is algebraically closed.

LEMMA

Let E be a splitting field of $f(x) = x^{p^n} - x$ over \mathbb{Z}_p . The set of zeros of $f(x)$ in E is closed under addition, subtraction, multiplication and division (by nonzero elements).

LEMMA

If $p(x) \in \mathbb{F}[x]$ and $\deg p(x) = n$, then the splitting field for $p(x)$ over \mathbb{F} has degree at most $n!$.

LEMMA

Let a be a nonzero algebraic element over \mathbb{F} of degree n . Then a^{-1} is algebraic and of degree n .

LEMMA

If ab is algebraic over \mathbb{F} and $b \neq 0$, then a is algebraic over $\mathbb{F}(b)$.

LEMMA

Let E be an algebraic extension of a field \mathbb{F} . If R is a ring and $\supseteq R \supseteq \mathbb{F}$ then R is a field.

LEMMA

If a is transcendental over \mathbb{F} , then every element of $\mathbb{F}(a)$ that is not in \mathbb{F} is transcendental over \mathbb{F} .

LEMMA

Any finite extension of a finite field is a simply extension.

LEMMA

Let R be an integral domain that contains a field \mathbb{F} as a subring. If R is finite-dimensional when viewed as a vector space over \mathbb{F} , then R is a field.

LEMMA

If $a \neq 0$ belongs to a field \mathbb{F} and $x^n - a$ splits in some extension E of \mathbb{F} , then E contains all the n th roots of unity.