

SOLUTIONS TO LECTURE 25 PROBLEMS 97-102

[P97] #11 p. 261

In  $\mathbb{Z}$  find  $a \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\langle a \rangle = \langle 2 \rangle + \langle 3 \rangle$

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$$\langle a \rangle = \langle 3 \rangle + \langle 6 \rangle$$

$$\langle a \rangle = \langle m \rangle + \langle n \rangle$$

(a.)  $\langle 2 \rangle + \langle 3 \rangle = \{2s + 3t \mid s, t \in \mathbb{Z}\}$

Observe  $3 - 2 = 1$  and  $x = x(1) = 3x - 2x$   
that is,  $x = 2(-x) + 3(x) \Rightarrow \langle 2 \rangle + \langle 3 \rangle = \mathbb{Z}$

so,  $\boxed{\langle 1 \rangle = \langle 2 \rangle + \langle 3 \rangle}$

(b.)  $\langle 3 \rangle + \langle 6 \rangle = \{3s + 6t \mid s, t \in \mathbb{Z}\}$

$$= \{3(s + 2t) \mid s, t \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

$$= \boxed{\langle 3 \rangle} \quad (\text{note, } \langle 6 \rangle \subseteq \langle 3 \rangle \text{ since } x \in \langle 6 \rangle \Rightarrow x = 6k = 3(2k) \in \langle 3 \rangle)$$

(c.) By Bezout's Th<sup>m</sup> if  $d = \gcd(m, n)$  then  $\exists k, l \in \mathbb{Z}$   
such that  $km + ln = d \Rightarrow d \in \langle m \rangle + \langle n \rangle$

If  $a' < d$  had  $\langle a' \rangle = \langle m \rangle + \langle n \rangle$  then we would  
find  $a' \in \langle a' \rangle = \langle m \rangle + \langle n \rangle \supseteq \langle d \rangle$  included in  $\langle m \rangle + \langle n \rangle$   
thus  $d \in \langle a' \rangle \Rightarrow d = a'k$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{N}$

But,  $a' < d$  so this is impossible. Hence

$$\boxed{\langle d \rangle = \langle \gcd(m, n) \rangle = \langle m \rangle + \langle n \rangle}$$

Oh, so my argument thus far only shows  
that  $\langle d \rangle \subseteq \langle m \rangle + \langle n \rangle$  as  $\tilde{k}d = \tilde{k}(km + ln) = \underbrace{\tilde{k}km}_{\text{in } \langle m \rangle + \langle n \rangle} + \underbrace{\tilde{k}ln}_{\text{in } \langle m \rangle + \langle n \rangle}$ .  
Conversely, if  $mx + ny \in \langle m \rangle + \langle n \rangle$  we ought to show  $mx + ny \in \langle d \rangle$ . But,  $d \mid m$  and  $d \mid n$  as  
it is a common divisor, so  $\exists \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{Z}$  s.t.  $m = d\alpha$  and  $n = d\beta$   
consequently,  $mx + ny = d\alpha x + d\beta y = d(\alpha x + \beta y) \in \langle d \rangle$   
Thus we've shown  $\langle d \rangle = \langle m \rangle + \langle n \rangle$  where  $d = \gcd(m, n)$ .

(P98) # 28 from p. 261 of Gallian

Let  $R = \mathbb{Z}_8 \times \mathbb{Z}_{30}$  find each maximal ideal  $I$  of  $R$ , identify the size of each field  $R/I$

Notice  $|R| = 8(30) = 240$

$|I| = 120$  given if  $I = \langle (a, b) \rangle$  where  $\text{lcm}(|a|, |b|) = 120$

Let  $a = 1, b = 2$  to achieve  $|a| = 8, |b| = 15$

so  $I = \langle (1, 2) \rangle$  provides  $R/I \approx \mathbb{Z}_2$

aha  $\frac{\mathbb{Z}_8 \times \mathbb{Z}_{30}}{\mathbb{Z}_8 \times 2\mathbb{Z}_{30}} \approx \frac{\mathbb{Z}_{30}}{2\mathbb{Z}_{30}} \approx \mathbb{Z}_2$ . Again  $\boxed{I = \mathbb{Z}_8 \times 2\mathbb{Z}_{30}}$  maximal

likewise,  $\frac{\mathbb{Z}_8 \times \mathbb{Z}_{30}}{2\mathbb{Z}_8 \times \mathbb{Z}_{30}} \approx \frac{\mathbb{Z}_8}{2\mathbb{Z}_8} \approx \mathbb{Z}_2$

$\boxed{J = 2\mathbb{Z}_8 \times \mathbb{Z}_{30} = \langle (2, 1) \rangle}$  maximal

To obtain  $|R/K| = 3$  need  $|K| = 80$

$\boxed{K = \mathbb{Z}_8 \times 3\mathbb{Z}_{30}}$  maximal gives  $\frac{\mathbb{Z}_8 \times \mathbb{Z}_{30}}{\mathbb{Z}_8 \times 3\mathbb{Z}_{30}} \approx \frac{\mathbb{Z}_{30}}{3\mathbb{Z}_{30}} \approx \mathbb{Z}_3$ .

Additionally,  $L = \mathbb{Z}_8 \times 5\mathbb{Z}_{30}$  provides

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field  
 $\Rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_8 \times 3\mathbb{Z}_{30}$   
was maximal.

$\frac{\mathbb{Z}_8 \times \mathbb{Z}_{30}}{\mathbb{Z}_8 \times 5\mathbb{Z}_{30}} \approx \frac{\mathbb{Z}_{30}}{5\mathbb{Z}_{30}} \approx \mathbb{Z}_5 \therefore \boxed{\mathbb{Z}_8 \times 5\mathbb{Z}_{30}}$  maximal

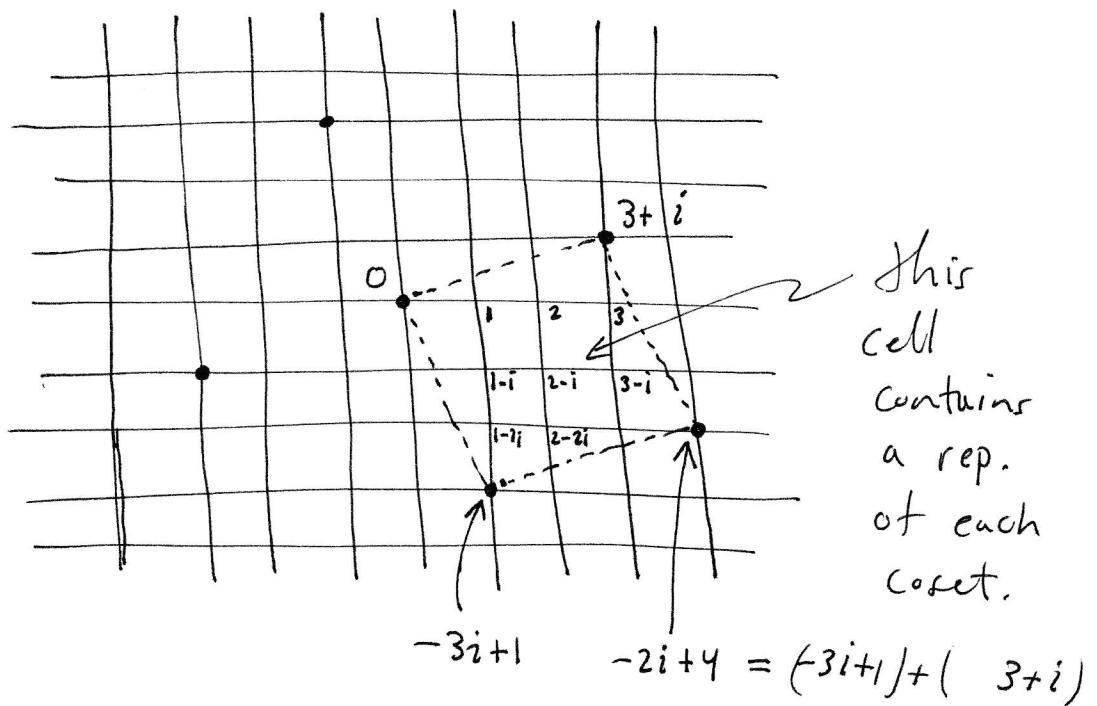
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field.

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How many elements are in  $\mathbb{Z}[i]/\langle 3+i \rangle$ ?

As we've shown (a bit later) any generator of the ideal  $\langle 3+i \rangle$  is an associate of  $3+i$ .

As  $\text{U}(\mathbb{Z}[i]) = \{1, -1, i, -i\}$  this means  $3+i, -3-i, 3i-1, -3i+1$  are the smallest elements in  $\langle 3+i \rangle$



Hence, by the picture, setting  $I = \langle 3+i \rangle$ ,

$$\mathbb{Z}[i]/\langle 3+i \rangle = \{ I, 1+I, 2+I, 3+I, 1-i+I, 2-i+I, 3-i+I, 1-2i+I, 2-2i+I, 3-2i+I \}$$

I find 10 elements.

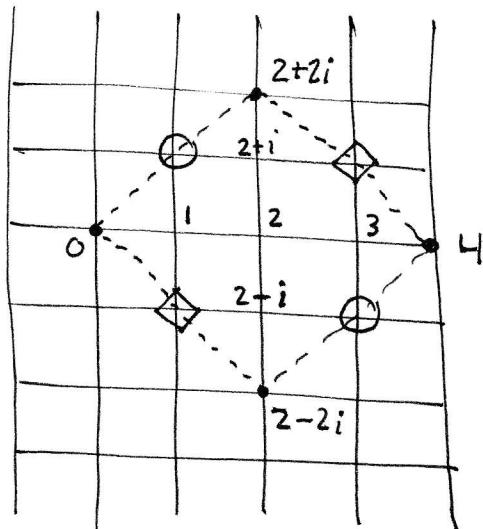
Remark: you are free to argue as Gallian does in the answers in back of book. I just prefer this geometric approach.

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Prove that  $\langle 2+2i \rangle$  is not a prime ideal of  $\mathbb{Z}[i]$ .  
How many elements are in  $\mathbb{Z}[i]/\langle 2+2i \rangle$ ?  
What is the characteristic of  $\mathbb{Z}[i]/\langle 2+2i \rangle$ ?

Notice  $a = 2, b = 1+i$  gives  $ab = 2(1+i) = 2+2i$   
hence  $ab \in \langle 2+2i \rangle$ . However for  $a, b \in \langle 2+2i \rangle$   
we must solve  $c(2+2i) = 2$  or  $d(2+2i) = 1+i$   
 $\Rightarrow \underbrace{c=1}_{\text{nonsense}}, \underbrace{c=0}_{\text{and}} \quad \underbrace{d=\frac{1}{2}}_{\text{not in } \mathbb{Z}}$ .

thus  $a, b \notin \langle 2+2i \rangle$  which proves  $\langle 2+2i \rangle$  not prime.



$2+2i, -2-2i,$   
 $2i-2, 2-2i$  all  
generate  $\langle 2+2i \rangle$

$$0: 1+i + \langle 2+2i \rangle$$

$$\diamond: 1-i + \langle 2+2i \rangle$$

Let  $\mathcal{J} = \langle 2+2i \rangle$

$$\mathbb{Z}[i] / \langle 2+2i \rangle = \{ \mathcal{J}, 1+i+\mathcal{J}, 1-i+\mathcal{J}, 1+\mathcal{J}, 2+\mathcal{J}, 3+\mathcal{J}, 2+i+\mathcal{J}, 2-i+\mathcal{J} \} \quad 8 \text{ elements}$$

$$4(1+\mathcal{J}) = 4+\mathcal{J} = \mathcal{J} \quad \text{and} \quad 1+\mathcal{J}, 2+\mathcal{J}, 3+\mathcal{J} \neq \mathcal{J}$$

$$\text{thus } \text{Char}(\mathbb{Z}[i]/\langle 2+2i \rangle) = 4$$

(characteristic is # of times to add 1 to get 0)

[P101] # 43 p. 262

Let  $R$  be commutative ring. Show  $R/N(\langle 0 \rangle)$  has no nonzero nilpotent elements.

$$N(\langle 0 \rangle) = \{r \in R \mid r^n \in \langle 0 \rangle \text{ for some } n \in \mathbb{N}\}$$

$$\text{That is, } N(\langle 0 \rangle) = \{r \in R \mid r^n = 0 \text{ for some } n \in \mathbb{N}\}.$$

Let  $\mathcal{J} = N(\langle 0 \rangle)$  then

$$R/N(\langle 0 \rangle) = \{x + \mathcal{J} \mid x \in R\}$$

Suppose  $(x + \mathcal{J})^n = \mathcal{J}$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$

then,

$$(x + \mathcal{J})^n = x^n + \mathcal{J} = \mathcal{J} \Rightarrow x^n \in \mathcal{J}$$

therefore,  $\exists m \in \mathbb{N}$  for which  $(x^n)^m = 0$

and we find  $x^{nm} = 0 \Rightarrow x \in \mathcal{J}$

consequently  $x + \mathcal{J} = \mathcal{J}$  which shows  
the only nilpotent element in  $R/N(\langle 0 \rangle)$  is  $N(\langle 0 \rangle)$ .  
(aka zero)

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Show that  $\mathbb{Z}_3[x]/\langle x^2+x+1 \rangle$  is not a field

Notice  $1^2 + 1 + 1 = 3 = 0$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_3$  thus  $(x-1) \mid x^2+x+1$ .

$$\begin{array}{r} x+2 \\ \hline x-1 \sqrt{x^2+x+1} \\ x^2-x \\ \hline 2x+1 \\ 2x-2 \\ \hline 3=0. \end{array} \quad \hookrightarrow x^2+x+1 = (x-1)(x+2)$$

Thus  $\underbrace{(x-1 + \langle x^2+x+1 \rangle)(x+2 + \langle x^2+x+1 \rangle)}_{\text{ZERO DIVISORS}} = \underbrace{x^2+x+1 + \langle x^2+x+1 \rangle}_{\langle x^2+x+1 \rangle}$

Thus  $x-1 + \langle x^2+x+1 \rangle$  has no inverse. (multiplicative)

$\Rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_3[x]/\langle x^2+x+1 \rangle$  is not a field.

Remark: this problem helps us see why irreducibility is so important.

When  $f(x) = g(x)h(x)$  then

$\frac{R[x]}{\langle f(x) \rangle}$  picks up  $g(x) + \langle f(x) \rangle$  and  $h(x) + \langle f(x) \rangle$  as zero-divisors.