

Math 422 Homework List

§23 #'s 6, 7, 9, 14, 16, 18, 19, 28, 34, 36

pg. 175 #20 (§18), also §18 #'s 15, 19, 23, 24,

§22 # 22, 24, 25, 27, 29, 30 §18 #'s 15, 19, 20, 23, 24, 30, 40, 44a, 49, 53

Lemma 21.3 b # 1, 6, 7

§21 proofs for fields of quotients (distributivity of addition, commutative addition
§22 Thm 22.4 Proof. & multiplication

Thm 23.20 Proof.

§24 # 10, 17

§18 Selected Problems from Fraleigh's Abstract Algebra

§18#15 | Describe all units in $\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$.

A "unit" in $\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$ is an element (a, b) s.t. $\exists (c, d)$

with $(a, b) \cdot (c, d) = (1, 1)$. We need to solve in \mathbb{Z} ,

$$(ac, bd) = (1, 1) \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} ac = 1 \\ bd = 1 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} a = c = \pm 1 \\ b = d = \pm 1 \end{cases}$$

thus the units are $(1, 1), (1, -1), (-1, 1), (-1, -1)$

§18#19 | Find units in \mathbb{Z}_4

$U(4) = \{1, 3\}$. Notice $3 \cdot 3 = 9 = 1 \pmod{4}$. In contrast 2 not a unit since $\nexists m \in \mathbb{Z}_4$ s.t. $2m = 1 \pmod{4}$.

Units are 1 and 3

§18#20a | Consider matrix ring $M_2(\mathbb{Z}_2)$, find its order

$M_2(\mathbb{Z}_2) = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \mid a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{Z}_2 \right\}$ has order $2^4 = 16$.

$$= \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

By the way, you can prove $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \frac{1}{ad-bc} \begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix}$ makes sense if we interpret the formula correctly in the context of \mathbb{Z}_2 .

§18#23 | Describe all ring homomorphisms of \mathbb{Z} into \mathbb{Z} .

Let $\phi: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ be a homomorphism. Then

$$\phi(1) = \phi(1 \cdot 1) = \phi(1)\phi(1) \text{ thus } \phi(1) = x \text{ satisfies }$$

$$x = x^2 \Rightarrow x^2 - x = x(x-1) = 0 \therefore \phi(1) = 0 \text{ or } \phi(1) = 1.$$

$$\text{Then if } \phi(1) = 0 \text{ we find } \phi(n) = \phi\left(\sum_{k=1}^n 1\right) = \sum_{k=1}^n \phi(1) = 0.$$

Whereas $\phi(n) = \phi\left(\sum_{k=1}^n 1\right) = \sum_{k=1}^n \phi(1) = \sum_{k=1}^n 1 = n$. Since ring homomorphisms have $\phi(-x) = -\phi(x)$ it follows that

$$\forall z \in \mathbb{Z} \quad \phi_0(z) = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \phi_1(z) = z. \text{ Hence } \boxed{\phi_0 = 0 \text{ or } \phi_1 = \text{id}}$$

§18#24] Describe all ring homomorphisms from \mathbb{Z} into $\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$.

Same trick as #23. If $\phi: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$ a homomorphism then $\phi(1) = \phi(1 \cdot 1) = \phi(1)\phi(1) = \phi(1)^2$. Suppose $\phi(1) = (a, b)$.

We need

$$(a, b)^2 = (a, b)$$

$$(a^2, b^2) = (a, b)$$

$$\begin{cases} a^2 = a \\ b^2 = b \end{cases}$$

In \mathbb{Z} this has sol's $(a, b) = (0, 0), (0, 1), (1, 0), (1, 1)$.

These correspond to the zero map, π_1, π_2, id .

$$0(n) = 0$$

$$\pi_1(z) = (z, 0)$$

$$\pi_2(z) = (0, z)$$

$$\text{id}(z) = (z, z).$$

§18#35] Show that ϕ_a of Ex 18.10 satisfies $\phi_a(zw) = \phi_a(z)\phi_a(w)$

$\phi_a: \mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{R}} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined by $f \in \mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{R}}$ has $\phi_a(f) = f(a)$.

Let $f, g \in \mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{R}}$ then $\phi_a(fg) = (fg)(a) = f(a)g(a) = \phi_a(f)\phi_a(g)$.

§18#40] Show that $2\mathbb{Z}$ and $3\mathbb{Z}$ are not isomorphic as rings.
Also show the fields \mathbb{R} and \mathbb{C} are not isomorphic

- Usually these sort of questions are resolved by exhibiting a property which holds for one item but is impossible for the other.
- $2\mathbb{Z} = \{0, \pm 2, \pm 4, \dots\}$ whereas $3\mathbb{Z} = \{0, \pm 3, \pm 6, \pm 9, \dots\}$
neither of these has 1 this time, I'll need something else...

$$2+2=4 \quad 3+3=6$$

$$2 \cdot 2=4 \quad 3 \cdot 3=9$$

If $\phi(2) = 3$ then $\phi(2 \cdot 2) = \phi(2+2) \Rightarrow 9 = 6$ oops.

§18#40 We can argue that $\phi: 2\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow 3\mathbb{Z}$ must map $\phi(2) = \pm 3$. Otherwise the map will not be onto $3\mathbb{Z}$. Then since

$$\begin{array}{ll} 2+2=4 & 3+3=6 \\ 2 \cdot 2=4 & 3 \cdot 3=9 \end{array}$$

It follows $\phi(2)=3$ get's us into trouble as we need

$$\phi(2^2) = \phi(2)\phi(2) = 3 \cdot 3 = 9$$

$$\phi(2^2) = \phi(2+2) = \phi(2)+\phi(2) = 6 \quad \therefore \text{no isomorphism from } 2\mathbb{Z} \text{ to } 3\mathbb{Z}.$$

(Remark: there are a few holes in this soln.)
I half-stole it from answer key.

Alternatively: (probably using things we shouldn't know yet)

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \mathbb{Z} & \xrightarrow{\gamma_2} & 2\mathbb{Z} & \xrightarrow{\phi} & 3\mathbb{Z} & \xleftarrow{\gamma_3} & \mathbb{Z} \\ \pi_2 \searrow & & \psi_2 \uparrow & & \psi_1 \uparrow & & \pi_3 \swarrow \\ \mathbb{Z}/\ker \gamma_2 & & \xrightarrow{\psi_1^{-1} \circ \phi \circ \psi_2} & & \mathbb{Z}/\ker \gamma_3 & & \end{array}$$

Recall that
 $\mathbb{Z}/\ker \gamma_2 = \mathbb{Z}_2$
 $\mathbb{Z}/\ker \gamma_3 = \mathbb{Z}_3$.

Where $\gamma_2(n) = 2n$ and $\gamma_3(n) = 3n$ are clearly onto $2\mathbb{Z}$ and $3\mathbb{Z}$ respective. If ϕ we an isomorphism then

$\psi_1^{-1} \circ \phi \circ \psi_2: \mathbb{Z}_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_3$ would be

an isomorphism from \mathbb{Z}_2 to \mathbb{Z}_3 . This is impossible since $|\mathbb{Z}_2| = 2$ whereas $|\mathbb{Z}_3| = 3$.

What about \mathbb{R} and \mathbb{C} ? Clearly the thing that makes \mathbb{C} different is $i = \sqrt{-1}$ with $i^2 = -1$. Suppose $\mathbb{C} \cong \mathbb{R}$ as fields then $\exists \varphi: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$\varphi(1) = \varphi(i)\varphi(i) = \varphi(-i^2) = -\varphi(i)\varphi(i)$$

We know $\varphi(1) = 1$ since $\varphi(1) = 0$ does not give isomorphism. Then $-\varphi(i)\varphi(i) = 1 \Rightarrow (\varphi(i))^2 = -1$ for some $\varphi(i) \in \mathbb{R}$. Of course this has no soln's. Thus $\mathbb{C} \not\cong \mathbb{R}$.

§18#44a An element a of a ring R is idempotent if $a^2 = a$.
 Show that $\text{cl} = \{r \in R \mid r^2 = r\}$ has $\text{cl} \cup \text{cl} \subseteq \text{cl}$.
 given R is a commutative ring

Let $a, b \in \text{cl}$ then $(ab)^2 = (ab)(ab) = \underbrace{aa \ bb}_{\text{using } R \text{ commutative.}} = a^2 b^2 = ab$

Thus $a, b \in \text{cl} \Rightarrow (ab) \in \text{cl} \therefore \text{cl} \cup \text{cl} \subseteq \text{cl}$.

Remark: cl not a subring. $\text{cl}(\mathbb{Z}) = \{1, -1\}$ yet $1+1 \notin \text{cl}(\mathbb{Z})$.

§18#49 We did this in lecture.

§18#53 We did this in lecture also. (do #52 to warm up to it).

What about §19, 20, 21 homeworks?

§19#10 Find $\text{char}(\mathbb{Z}_6 \times \mathbb{Z}_{15})$. Observe $(1, 1)$ is the identity element in $\mathbb{Z}_6 \times \mathbb{Z}_{15}$. We want smallest $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $n \cdot (1, 1) = 0$. This means we want to solve $(n, n) = (0, 0)$ in $\mathbb{Z}_6 \times \mathbb{Z}_{15}$ hence solve $n = 0 \pmod{6}$ and $n = 0 \pmod{15}$. The $\text{lcm}(6, 15) = 30$. This is the smallest sol² to the system of congruences.

§21#1] Describe the field of quotients F for the integral subdomain $D = \{n + mi \mid n, m \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ of \mathbb{C} .

In the obtuse language of §22 an element of F looks like $(n+mi, a+bi)$ for $a, b, m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $a+bi \neq 0$. A more traditional notation will serve us better,

$$(n+mi, a+bi) = \frac{n+mi}{a+bi}$$

Moreover, we can multiply by $\frac{a-bi}{a-bi}$ to see,

$$\left(\frac{n+mi}{a+bi}\right)\left(\frac{a-bi}{a-bi}\right) = \frac{an+i(am-bn)}{a^2+b^2}$$

Thus, without loss of generality if $f \in F$ then $\exists x, y, z \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that

$$f = \frac{x+iy}{z} = \frac{x}{z} + i\frac{y}{z}$$

Thus $f = p + iq$ for $p, q \in \mathbb{Q}$

§21#2] Describe field of quotients for integral subdomain

$D = \{n + m\sqrt{2} \mid n, m \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ of \mathbb{C}

Let $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{Z}$ then $\frac{a+\sqrt{2}b}{x+\sqrt{2}y} \in F$ but notice that

$$\frac{a+\sqrt{2}b}{x+\sqrt{2}y} \left(\frac{x-y\sqrt{2}}{x-y\sqrt{2}} \right) = \frac{ax - 2by + (bx - ay)\sqrt{2}}{x^2 + 2y^2} = p + q\sqrt{2}$$

So just like #1, $f \in F \Rightarrow f = p + q\sqrt{2}$ for some $p, q \in \mathbb{Q}$.

Remark: Notice that both i and $\sqrt{2}$ are algebraic over \mathbb{Q} . We discover later that

$$D = \cancel{\mathbb{Q}[x] / \langle x^2 + 1 \rangle}$$

(for #1)

$$D = \mathbb{Q}[x] / \cancel{\langle x^2 - 2 \rangle}$$

then the field of quotients is developed as described in §21. Notice that the net-effect is to join an element to \mathbb{Q}

$$F = \mathbb{Q} \oplus i\mathbb{Q}$$

(for #1)

$$F = \mathbb{Q} \oplus \sqrt{2}\mathbb{Q}$$

(for #2)

§21#6 | Prove part 2 of step 3 in the field of quotients construction.
Show addition is associative where we were working with
an integral domain D and a set

$$S = \{(a, b) \mid a, b \in D, b \neq 0\}$$

on which we defined an equivalence relation \sim
 $(a, b), (c, d) \in S$ then $(a, b) \sim (c, d)$ iff $ad = bc$.

Then we defined addition and multiplication on S/\sim for $[(a, b)], [(c, d)] \in S/\sim$

$$[(a, b)] + [(c, d)] = [(ad + bc, bd)]$$

$$[(a, b)][(c, d)] = [(ac, bd)]$$

We already proved these are well-defined in the sense
that these rules are independent of representative in $F = S/\sim$

Let $[(a, b)], [(c, d)], [(x, y)] \in F$,

$$[(a, b)] + [(c, d)] = [(ad + bc, bd)]$$

$$[(ad + bc, bd)] + [(x, y)] = [(ad + bc)y + (bd)x, bdy]$$

Hence,

$$([(a, b)] + [(c, d)]) + [(x, y)] = [(ady + bcy + bdx, bdy)]$$

Likewise, consider

$$[(c, d)] + [(x, y)] = [(cy + dx, dy)]$$

$$[(a, b)] + [(cy + dx, dy)] = [(ady + b(cy + dx), bdy)]$$

Consequently,

$$[(a, b)] + (([(c, d)] + [(x, y)]) = [(ady + bcy + bdx, bdy)])$$

Thus addition in F is associative. We need to use
associativity of addition in the additive group $\langle D, + \rangle$
many times throughout the calculation above.

§ 22 # 22 Find a polynomial of nonzero degree in $\mathbb{Z}_4[x]$ that's a unit

We wish to find $f(x)g(x) = 1$ for some $f(x) \in \mathbb{Z}_4[x]$ with $\deg(f) \geq 1$. Try $f(x) = a + bx$ for $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}_4$ and $g(x) = c$

$$f(x)g(x) = (a+bx)c = ac + (bc)x = 1$$

Need $bc = 0$ while $ac = 1$. If $a = 3$ and $c = 3$ then $ac = 9 = 1$.

Can we solve $3b = 0$ simultaneously? Check possibilities,

$$3(1) = 3, \quad 3(2) = 6 = 2, \quad 3(3) = 9, \quad 0(3) = 0$$

Nope, this isn't going to work. Let's try $g(x) = c + dx$ instead,

$$f(x)g(x) = (a+bx)(c+dx) = ac + (bc+ad)x + bdx^2$$

$$\text{need } ac = 1 \Rightarrow a = c = 3 \quad (a=1, c=1 \text{ no use})$$

$$bc + ad = 0 \Rightarrow 3b + 3d = 0$$

$$bd = 0$$

← think about this.
 $b = d = 2$

$$\text{works. } 6 + 6 = 12 = 0 \\ 2 \cdot 2 = 4 = 0.$$

Thus $f(x) = 3 + 2x$ has multiplicative inverse of $g(x) = 3 + 2x$, $f(x)$ is a unit.

§ 22 # 24 Prove that if D is an integral domain then $D[x]$ is also an integral domain.

If D is an integral domain then D is a commutative ring with no zero divisors. Thm 22.2 in the text assures us that $D[x]$ is a commutative ring. We need only to check for zero divisors.

Let $f(x), g(x) \in D[x]$ such that $f(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k x^k$ and $g(x) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} b_j x^j$ where at least one $(a_k, b_j) \neq 0$. Consider them

$$f(x)g(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{i=0}^n a_i b_{n-i} \right) x^n = 0 \text{ iff } \sum_{i=0}^n a_i b_{n-i} = 0$$

But, $\exists k_0, j_0$ such that $b_{j_0} \neq 0$ and $a_{k_0} \neq 0$ consequently the term $a_{k_0} b_{j_0} \neq 0$ since D an integral domain. Hence $f(x)g(x) \neq 0$, and $D[x]$ an integral domain.

§22 #25) Let D be an integral domain and x an indeterminant
describe a.) units in $D[x]$, b.) units in $\mathbb{Z}[x]$, c.) units in $\mathbb{Z}_7[x]$

a.) the units in $D[x]$ are $f(x) = c \neq 0$ such that c is
a unit in D .

b.) units in $\mathbb{Z}[x]$ are $f(x) = \pm 1$.

c.) units in $\mathbb{Z}_7[x]$ are $f(x) = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6$.

Remark: \mathbb{Z}_4 is not an integral domain and the fact that $2 \cdot 2 = 0$
even though $2 \neq 0$ was what made $f(x) = 3 + 2x$ a unit
in $\mathbb{Z}_4[x]$ which was non simply a unit of \mathbb{Z}_4 . This cannot
happen for an integral domain since the coefficients of
the terms with x, x^2 etc... will not be zero in the product
 $f(x)g(x)$ if $\deg(f), \deg(g) \geq 1$.

§22 #27) Let F be a field with $\text{char}(F) = 0$ and let

$$D(a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \dots + a_nx^n) = a_1 + 2a_2x + 3a_3x^2 + \dots + na_nx^{n-1}$$

- a.) show $D: F[x] \rightarrow F[x]$ is a group homomorphism of $\langle F[x], + \rangle$
b.) find $\text{Ker}(D)$ c.) find image $F[x]$ under D .

Proof of a.) Note $D\left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n\right) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n a_n x^{n-1}$. Let $f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n$, $g(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n$
Observe,

$$\begin{aligned} D(f(x) + g(x)) &= D\left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (a_n + b_n)x^n\right) \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n(a_n + b_n)x^{n-1} \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n a_n x^{n-1} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n b_n x^{n-1} \\ &= D(f(x)) + D(g(x)). \end{aligned}$$

Also clearly $D(0) = 0$ hence D is an additive group homomorphism
of $\langle F[x], + \rangle$. However, $D(1) = 0$ thus it is not a ring homomorphism.
Rather, $D(fg) = (Df)g + f(Dg)$ this is not the needed property.

b.) $\text{Ker}(D) = \{f(x) \in F[x] \mid f(x) = c \text{ for some } c \in F\} \cong F$

c.) $D(F[x]) = F[x]$ since $D\left(\frac{1}{n+1} a_n x^{n+1}\right) = a_n x^n$ and $D(1) = 0$
and D is an additive homomorphism.

S22#29 Let R be a ring and $R^R = \{f: R \rightarrow R \mid f \text{ a function}\}$

For $\phi, \psi \in R^R$ define $\phi + \psi$ and $\phi \cdot \psi$ pointwise. Show that $\langle R^R, +, \cdot \rangle$ is a ring.

+ associative) Let $\phi, \psi, \beta \in R^R$ and let $x \in R$,

$$\begin{aligned}[(\phi + \psi) + \beta](r) &= (\phi + \psi)(r) + \beta(r) \\&= (\phi(r) + \psi(r)) + \beta(r) \\&= \phi(r) + (\psi(r) + \beta(r)) \\&= \phi(r) + (\psi + \beta)(r) \\&= [\phi + (\psi + \beta)](r) \therefore (\phi + \psi) + \beta = \phi + (\psi + \beta), \\&\therefore (+) \text{ associative}\end{aligned}$$

Likewise,

using R has commutative (+).

$$(\phi + \psi)(r) = \phi(r) + \psi(r) = \psi(r) + \phi(r) = (\psi + \phi)(r) \quad \forall r \in R$$

Thus $\phi + \psi = \psi + \phi \quad \forall \psi, \phi \in R^R \therefore (+) \text{ is commutative.}$

Notice $-1 \cdot \psi$ has $(-1 \cdot \psi)(r) = -\psi(r)$ and clearly

$$[\psi + (-1 \cdot \psi)](r) = \psi(r) - \psi(r) = 0 \quad \forall r \in R \therefore R^R \text{ has additive inverses}$$

Where I just noted $f(r) = 0$ is the additive

identity in R^R . Moreover, we knew $\exists (-\psi(r))$ for $\psi(r) \in R$

since R has additive inverses. Finally, it is clear

that $(\psi \cdot \phi)(r) = \psi(r) \phi(r)$ does define a function from $R \rightarrow R$.

Right & Left distributive properties follow from similar arguments.

S22#30 Let F be a field then $\phi \in F^F$ is a polynomial function on F if $\exists f(x) \in F[x]$ such that $\phi(a) = f(a) \quad \forall a \in F$.

a.) show P_F the set of all polynomial functions on F forms subring of F^F

b.) show $P_F \neq F[x]$ (for finite field case)

a.) fairly clear. The sum and/or product of polynomials is a polynomial.

b.) Consider $F = \mathbb{Z}_2$. If $f \in P_{\mathbb{Z}_2}$ then $f(x) = mx + b$

because for variables in \mathbb{Z}_2 we have $x^2 = x$ thus

$f(x) = 1 + x + x^3$ is same as $f(x) = 1 + x + x = 1$.

Note $f(0) = 1$ and $f(1) = 1$ (try any of the formulas)

In contrast, $\mathbb{Z}_2[x]$ is infinite as x and $x + x^3 + x^5$ are distinct.

§23#6) The units of \mathbb{Z}_7 are $U(7) = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$.

§23#9) The polynomial $x^4 + 4$ can be factored in $\mathbb{Z}_5[x]$.

$$\begin{aligned}x^4 + 4 &= x^4 + 5x^2 + 4 \\&= (x^2 + 1)(x^2 + 4) \\&= (x^2 + 5x + 6)(x^2 - 1) \\&= (x+3)(x+2)(x+1)(x-1) \\&= \underline{(x+1)(x+2)(x+3)(x+4)}\end{aligned}\quad \left.\right\} \text{Calculation done in } \mathbb{Z}_5 \text{ where we can add zero } = 5 \text{ all we like.}$$

§23#14) Show that $f(x) = x^2 + 8x - 2$ is irreducible over \mathbb{Q} . What about \mathbb{R} or \mathbb{C} ?

Try to use Thm 23.15 the Eisenstein Criterion. Consider $P = 2$. Note $a_2 = 1 \not\equiv_2 0$ and $a_1 = 8 \equiv_2 0$ and $a_0 = -2 \not\equiv_4 0$ hence by Eisenstein Criterion $x^2 + 8x - 2$ is irreduc. over \mathbb{Q} . Over \mathbb{R} we can use quadratic formula or complete square

$$\begin{aligned}x^2 + 8x - 2 &= (x+4)^2 - 18 \\&= [(x+4) - \sqrt{18}][(x+4) + \sqrt{18}] \\&= (x+4-\sqrt{18})(x+4+\sqrt{18})\end{aligned}$$

Yes it factors over \mathbb{R} and \mathbb{C} hence it is reducible over \mathbb{R} or \mathbb{C} .

§23#16) Show $x^3 + 3x^2 - 8$ is irreduc. over \mathbb{Q}

Consider $P = 3$ for the Eisenstein Criteria. Note $1 \neq 0 \pmod{3}$ and $3 = 0 \pmod{3}$ however $-8 \neq 0 \pmod{9}$ hence $x^3 + 3x^2 - 8$ is irreduc. over \mathbb{Q} by the Eisenstein Criteria with $P = 3$.

§23#18) Is $x^2 - 12$ irreduc. over \mathbb{Q} ?

Let $P = 7$. Clearly $1 \neq 0$ and $-12 \neq 0 \pmod{49}$ i.e. $x^2 - 12$ irreduc by E.C.

§23#19) Is $8x^3 + 6x^2 - 9x + 24$ irreduc. over \mathbb{Q} ?

Yes. Try $P = 3$ to see this is irreduc.

$\pmod{3}$ we have $6 = 0$ and $9 = 0$

$\pmod{9}$ we have $24 \neq 0$.

§23#28] Find all irreduc. polynomials of degree 3 in $\mathbb{Z}_2[x]$.

If $f(x) \in \mathbb{Z}_2[x]$ and $\deg(f) = 3$ then $\exists a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{Z}_2$ such that $f(x) = ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$. Need $a = 1$ clearly. (otherwise $\deg(f) \neq 3$)

$$f_1(x) = x^3$$

$$f_2(x) = x^3 + 1$$

$$f_3(x) = x^3 + x$$

$$f_4(x) = x^3 + x + 1$$

$$f_5(x) = x^3 + x^2$$

$$f_6(x) = x^3 + x^2 + 1$$

$$f_7(x) = x^3 + x^2 + x$$

$$f_8(x) = x^3 + x^2 + x + 1$$

If $f(a) \neq 0 \quad \forall a \in \mathbb{Z}_2$ then f is irreducible here.

You can verify them $x^3 + x + 1, x^3 + x^2 + 1$ are the irreduc. deg 3 in $\mathbb{Z}_2[x]$

§23#34] Show for a prime p the polynomial $x^p + a$ in $\mathbb{Z}_p[x]$ is not irreducible for any $a \in \mathbb{Z}_p$

$x^2 + 1 = (x+1)(x+1)$ in $\mathbb{Z}_2[x]$. Consider P prime and $P > 2$.

Then P must be odd. Notice $(-a)^P = -a^P$ since p odd.

Why is $x^3 + a$ reducible in $\mathbb{Z}_3[x]$?

$$(x+a)^3 = x^3 + 3x^2a + 3xa + a^3 = x^3 + a$$

Generally then,

$$(x+a)^P = x^P + Px^{P-1}a + \dots + Pxa^{P-1} + a^P = x^P + a^P \text{ in } \mathbb{Z}_p[x]$$

For example, $(x+a)^5 = x^5 + 5ax^4 + 10a^2x^3 + 10a^3x^2 + 5a^4x + a^5$, you can see the terms all are multiples of 5 except x^5 and a^5 . The Binomial Theorem gives $\binom{P}{k} = \frac{P!}{k!(P-k)!}$ which always

produces a factor of P except in the cases $k=0, P$. Thus $(x+a)^P = x^P + a^P$

Finally, $a^P = a$ for $a \in \mathbb{Z}_p$ (for example, $2^3 = 8 = 2 \pmod{3}, 4^5 = 1024 = 4$ etc..)

§ 23 #36 Let $f(x) \in F[x]$ where F is a field, and let $\alpha \in F$. Show that the remainder $r(x)$ when $f(x)$ is divided by $(x-\alpha)$, in accordance with the division algorithm, is $f(\alpha)$

We know $\exists q(x)$ and $c \in F$ such that

$$f(x) = q(x)(x-\alpha) + c$$

We defined $f(\alpha) = \phi_\alpha(f(x)) = q(\alpha)(\alpha-\alpha) + c = c$. Thus $f(x) = q(x)(x-\alpha) + f(\alpha)$. In other notation,

$$\frac{f(x)}{x-\alpha} = q(x) + \frac{f(\alpha)}{x-\alpha} \quad \text{where } f(\alpha) \text{ is the remainder}$$

§ 24 #10 Let $H = \{a + bi + cj + dk \mid a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R} \text{ and } i^2 = j^2 = k^2 = -1 \text{ and } ij = k, jk = i, ki = j \text{ and } ji = -k, kj = -i, ik = -j\}$

Find two subsets of H different than C and each other but isomorphic to C ...

Let $S = \{a + cj \mid a, c \in \mathbb{R}\}$ or $S = \{a + dk \mid a, d \in \mathbb{R}\}$ these are distinct from $C = \{a + ib \mid a, b \in \mathbb{R}\}$. In truth, $S = \{a + bi \mid a, b \in \mathbb{R}\} \subset \mathbb{R}^4$ is not C but a copy of C inside H . Sort of like how $a + 0i \in \mathbb{R}$ inside C .

§ 24 #17 Show $\Sigma \Xi - \Xi \Sigma = 1$. Here $\Sigma(f(x)) = f'(x)$ while $\Xi(f(x)) = x f(x)$. Consider then,

$$\begin{aligned} (\Sigma \circ \Xi - \Xi \circ \Sigma)(f(x)) &= \Sigma(\Xi(f(x))) - \Xi(\Sigma(f(x))) \\ &= \Sigma(x f(x)) - \Xi(f'(x)) \\ &= \frac{d}{dx}(x f(x)) - x f'(x) \\ &= f(x) + x f'(x) - x f'(x) \\ &= f(x) \quad \therefore \quad \underline{\Sigma \circ \Xi - \Xi \circ \Sigma = 1} \end{aligned}$$