

Exercises of chapter 17 :

Q4: suppose that $f(x) = x^n + a_{n-1}x^{n-1} + \dots + a_0 \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$, if r is rational and $x-r$ divides $f(x)$, show that r is an integer.

$$(x-r) \mid f(x) \leadsto f(r) = 0, \quad r \in \mathbb{Q}, \quad r = \frac{p}{q}, \quad \text{g.c.d.}(p, q) = 1$$

$\hookrightarrow \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$0 = f(r) = f\left(\frac{p}{q}\right) = \left(\frac{p}{q}\right)^n + a_{n-1}\left(\frac{p}{q}\right)^{n-1} + \dots + a_1\left(\frac{p}{q}\right) + a_0$$

multiply by q^n

$$0 = p^n + a_{n-1}p^{n-1}q + \dots + a_1pq^{n-1} + a_0q^n$$

$$p^n = -q[a_{n-1}p^{n-1} + \dots + a_1p + a_0q^{n-1}]$$

$$\text{So } q \mid p^n \text{ But } \text{g.c.d.}(p, q) = 1 \Rightarrow q = \pm 1$$

$$\text{So } r = p \text{ or } -p \in \mathbb{Z}$$

Q8: suppose that $f(x) \in \mathbb{Z}_p[x]$ and $f(x)$ is irreducible over $\mathbb{Z}_p$, where p is a prime if $\deg f(x) = n$ prove that $\mathbb{Z}_p[x]/\langle f(x) \rangle$ is a field with p^n elements.

$\mathbb{Z}_p$ is a field and $\langle f(x) \rangle$ is irreducible $\Rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_p/\langle f(x) \rangle$ is a field

Since $\deg f(x) = n \leadsto$ each element in f can be represented uniquely

$$\text{as } a_nx^n + a_{n-1}x^{n-1} + \dots + a_1x + a_0, \quad a_i \in \mathbb{Z}_p = \mathbb{F}$$

So $\exists n$ coefficient and each of them has p choices.

$\Rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_p[x]/\langle f(x) \rangle$ is a field with p^n elements.

Q9 + Q10: easy

Q11: show that $x^3 + x^2 + x + 1$ is reducible over $\mathbb{Q}$. ~~does this~~

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

since it splits into factors, then it is reducible over $\mathbb{Q}$.

corollary: for any prime p : $p(x) = \frac{x^p - 1}{x - 1} = x^{p-1} + x^{p-2} + \dots + x + 1$
is irreducible over $\mathbb{Q}$.

in our case $x^{p-1} = x^3 \Rightarrow p = 4$ is not prime

so our result does not contradict the corollary.

Q12: Determine which of the polynomials below is (are) irreducible over $\mathbb{Q}$.

1. $x^5 + 9x^4 + 12x^2 + 6$. using Eisenstein.

let $p = 3$

$$3 \nmid 1, \quad 3 \mid 9, \quad 3 \mid 12, \quad 3^2 \nmid 6$$

so f is irreducible over $\mathbb{Q}$.

2. $x^4 + x + 1$

$$\begin{array}{r} x^2 + 1 \\ x^2 + x + 1 \overline{) x^4 + x + 1} \\ \underline{-x^4 + x^3 + x^2} \\ 1 + x - x^3 - x^2 \end{array}$$

$$1 + x - x^3 - x^2 \equiv x^3 + x^2 + x + 1 \pmod{2}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} x^3 + x^2 + x \\ \underline{-x^3 + x^2 + x} \\ 1 \end{array}$$

$$x^2 + x \nmid x^4 + x + 1$$

f is irreducible

3. $x^4 + 3x^2 + 3$

let $p=3$

$3 \nmid 1$, $3 \nmid 3$, $3^2 \nmid 3$

so its irreducible over $\mathbb{Q}$.

4. $x^5 + 5x^2 + 1 = x^5 + x^2 + 1 \pmod{2}$

$x^5 + x^2 + 1 \nmid x^5 + 5x^2 + 1$

so its irreducible over $\mathbb{Q}$

$$\begin{array}{r} x^3 - x^2 + 2 \\ x^5 + x^2 + 1 \overline{) x^5 + 5x^2 + 1} \\ \underline{x^5 + x^4 + x^3} \\ -x^4 - x^3 + x^2 + 1 \\ \underline{-x^4 - x^3 - x^2} \\ 2x^2 + 1 \\ \underline{2x^2 + 2x + 2} \\ -2x - 1 \end{array}$$

5. $(\frac{5}{2})x^5 + (\frac{9}{2})x^4 + 15x^3 + (\frac{3}{7})x^2 + 6x + \frac{3}{14}$

l.c.m of $\frac{5}{2}, \frac{9}{2}, 15, \frac{3}{7}, 6, \frac{3}{14} = 14$

$\leadsto 14 f(x) = 35x^5 + 63x^4 + 210x^3 + 6x^2 + 84x + 3$

By Einesteins criterion.

let $p=3$

$3 \nmid 35$, $3 \nmid 63$, $3 \nmid 210$, $3 \nmid 6$, $3 \nmid 84$, $3^2 \nmid 3$.

so its irreducible over $\mathbb{Q}$.

Q13: show that $x^4 + 1$ is irreducible over $\mathbb{Q}$ But reducible over $\mathbb{R}$.

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Q14: show that $x^2 + x + 4$ is irreducible over $\mathbb{Z}_{11}$.

$$f(0) = 4$$

$$f(1) = 6$$

$$f(2) = 10$$

$$f(3) = 5$$

so its irreducible

$$f(4) = 2$$

$$f(5) = 1$$

$$f(6) = 2$$

$$f(7) = 5$$

$$f(8) = 10$$

$$f(9) = 6$$

$$f(10) = 4$$