

Assignment Seven

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1 Section 4.2

1.1 Question Five

1.1.1 b

$$\begin{aligned}x^5 + x^4 + 2x^3 - x^2 - x - 2 &= (x - 1)(x^4 + 2x^3 + 5x^2 + 4x + 4) + (-x^3 - x + 2) \\x^4 + 2x^3 + 5x^2 + 4x + 4 &= (-x - 2)(-x^3 - x + 2) + (4x^2 + 4x + 8) \\-x^3 - x + 2 &= \left(\frac{-x}{4}\right)(4x^2 + 4x + 8) + 0\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}(4x^2 + 4x + 8) &= 4(x^2 + x + 2) \\x^2 + x + 2\end{aligned}$$

1.1.2 c

$\deg(d) = 2$ is the greatest degree of a possible common divisor, so we'll stick with $x^2 - 1$.

1.1.3 g

$$\begin{aligned}2x^4 + 5x^3 - 5x - 2 &= (x + 4)(2x^3 - 3x^2 - 2x) + (14x^2 + 3x - 2) \\2x^3 - 3x^2 - 2x &= \left(\frac{x}{7} - \frac{12}{49}\right)(14x^2 + 3x - 2) + \left(\frac{-48x - 24}{49}\right) \\14x^2 + 3x - 2 &= \left(\frac{-7x}{24}\right)\left(\frac{-48x - 24}{49}\right) + 0\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{-48x - 24}{49} &= \left(\frac{49}{-48}\right)\left(\frac{(-48x - 24)}{49}\right) = x + \frac{1}{2} \\x + \frac{1}{2}\end{aligned}$$

1.2 Question Ten

$x^3 - 3abx + a^3 + b^3$ can be factored to $(a + b + x)(a^2 - ab - ax + b^2 - bx + x^2)$, so $a + b + x$ is the gcd.

2 Section 4.3

2.1 Question Three

2.1.1 a

$$\{x^2 + x + 1, 2x^2 + 2x + 2, 3x^2 + 3x + 3, 4x^2 + 4x + 4\}$$

2.1.2 b

$$\{ 3x + 2, 6x + 4, 2x + 6, 5x + 1, x + 3, 4x + 5 \}$$

2.2 Question Six

Assume that $x^2 + 1$ is in fact reducible. Then, $x^2 + 1 = (ax + b)(cx + d)$. Thus, $ax \cdot cx = x^2 \Rightarrow ac = 1$, $axd + bcx = 0 \Rightarrow ad + bc = 0$, and $bd = 1$ with a, b, c, d all being nonzero. Then, $a = \frac{1}{c}$ and $d = \frac{1}{b}$, so $ad = -bc \Rightarrow \frac{1}{cb} = -bc$, which is impossible.

2.3 Question Nine

2.3.1 a

$$x^2 + x + 1$$

2.3.2 b

$$x^3 + x^2 + 1 \text{ and } x^3 + x + 1$$

2.4 Question Ten

2.4.1 a

In $\mathbb{Q}[x]$, no. In $\mathbb{R}[x]$, yes: $x^2 - 3 = (x - \sqrt{3})(x + \sqrt{3})$.

2.4.2 b

Yes, in both fields: $x^2 + x - 2 = (x + 2)(x - 1)$

2.5 Question Eleven

Assume that $x^3 - 3$ were reducible in $\mathbb{Z}_7[x]$. Then, there must be a monic factor of degree one, as $x^3 - 3 = g(x)h(x) \Rightarrow \deg(x^3 - 3) = \deg(g(x)h(x)) \Rightarrow 3 = \deg(g(x)) + \deg(h(x))$ by Theorem 4.2, and either $\deg(g(x))$ or $\deg(h(x))$ must be one, with the other, two.

So, one of the factors must be of the form $x + a$, $a \in \mathbb{Z}_7$. None such factor exists since polynomial division always returns a non-zero remainder:

$x \nmid x^3 - 3$, trivially.

$\frac{x^3-3}{x+1}$ gives a remainder of 4.

$\frac{x^3-3}{x+2}$ gives a remainder of $-11 \equiv_7 3$.

$\frac{x^3-3}{x+3}$ gives a remainder of $-30 \equiv_7 5$.

$\frac{x^3-3}{x+4}$ gives a remainder of $-67 \equiv_7 3$.

$\frac{x^3-3}{x+5}$ gives a remainder of $-128 \equiv_7 5$.

$\frac{x^3-3}{x+6}$ gives a remainder of $-219 \equiv_7 5$.

2.6 Question Twelve

In $\mathbb{Q}[x]$, $x^4 - 4 = (x^2 - 2)(x^2 + 2)$

In $\mathbb{R}[x]$, $x^4 - 4 = (x - \sqrt{2})(x + \sqrt{2})(x^2 + 2)$

In $\mathbb{C}[x]$, $x^4 - 4 = (x - \sqrt{2})(x + \sqrt{2})(x - i\sqrt{2})(x + i\sqrt{2})$

2.7 Question Fourteen

$$x^2 + x \equiv_6 (x + 4)(x + 3)$$

$$x^2 + x \equiv_6 x(x + 1)$$

3 Section 4.4

3.1 Question Two

3.1.1 c

By Theorem 4.15, the remainder is $f(-1) = 5$

3.2 Question Three

3.2.1 c

If the remainder of $\frac{f(x)}{h(x)}$ is 0, then h is a factor of f , so using Theorem 4.15 we can find that $f(-2) = -55 \equiv_5 0$, so h is indeed a factor.

3.3 Question Four

3.3.1 b

We need to find k such that $f(-1) = 0 \pmod{5}$

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>>> f = lambda k,x: (x**4 + 2 * x**3 - 3 * x**2 + k * x + 1) % 5
>>> for i in range(5):
...     if f(i, -1) == 0:
...         print(i)
...
2
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$k = 2$ works nicely!

3.4 Question Seven

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>>> set(filter(lambda x: (x**7 - x) % 7 == 0, range(7)))
{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6}
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Shows that each element is a root, so the factoring is correct by the Factor Theorem.

3.5 Question Eight

3.5.1 b

The polynomial is irreducible since its only roots are $\pm\sqrt{7} \notin \mathbb{Q}$, by Corollary 4.19

3.5.2 d

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>>> set(filter(lambda x: (2 * x**3 + x**2 + 2 * x + 2) % 5 == 0, range(5)))
set()
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It's irreducible since there are no roots in $\mathbb{Z}_5$.

3.6 Question Nine

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>>> def find_irr_mon_polys(deg, mod):
...     z_s = range(mod)
...     polys = set()
...     for b in z_s:
...         for c in z_s:
...             f_repr = f"x^2 + {b}x + {c}"
...             f = lambda x: (x**2 + b*x + c) % mod
...             if not any(map(lambda x: f(x) == 0, z_s)):
...                 polys.add(f_repr)
...     return polys
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>>> find_irr_mon_polys(2, 5)
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$\{ x^2 + 0x + 2, x^2 + 0x + 3, x^2 + 1x + 1, x^2 + 1x + 2, x^2 + 2x + 3, x^2 + 2x + 4, x^2 + 3x + 3, x^2 + 3x + 4, x^2 + 4x + 1, x^2 + 4x + 2 \}$

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>>> find_irr_mon_polys(2, 3)
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$\{ x^2 + 0x + 1, x^2 + 1x + 2, x^2 + 2x + 2 \}$

3.7 Question Thirteen

3.7.1 a

If $f(x) = cg(x)$ with $c \neq 0_F$, then $g(x) = c^{-1}f(x)$ and $f(x) = c^{-1}g(x)$. Then, $g(y) = 0_F \Leftrightarrow f(y) = 0_F$.

3.7.2 b

No, consider $f(x) = x$ and $g(x) = x^2$ in $\mathbb{Z}$, then f and g share 0 as their only root, but they are not associates.