

E-Learning Materials for Sem - 6(I)

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An integral domain is said to be a principal ideal domain if every ideal of the domain is a principal ideal.

Principal ideal in a ring:

[Let S be a non-empty subset of R . The intersection of all ideals of R containing the subset S is an ideal of R and it is the smallest ideal of R containing the subset S . This is said to be ideal generated by S and it is called principal ideal of R .]

Ex. 12 The ring $\mathbb{Z}$ is an integral domain and it is said to be principal ideal domain.

$\Rightarrow$ In the ring $\mathbb{Z}$, the ring of all integers, the subring $m\mathbb{Z}$ (m being a positive integer) is a principal ideal.

Let $m\mathbb{Z}$ be a subring of $\mathbb{Z}$, m being a positive integer. The subring $m\mathbb{Z}$ is an ideal of the ring $\mathbb{Z}$.

Let U be any ideal of $\mathbb{Z}$ containing the element m . Then $ma \in U$ for all $a \in \mathbb{Z}$.

In other words, $m\mathbb{Z} \subset U$.

This proves that the ideal $m\mathbb{Z}$ is the smallest ideal of $\mathbb{Z}$ containing the element m .

$\therefore m\mathbb{Z}$ is a principal ideal of the ring $\mathbb{Z}$.

Since all ideals in the ring $\mathbb{Z}$ are given by $m\mathbb{Z}$ where m is an integer ≥ 0 .

It follows that all ideals of the ring $\mathbb{Z}$ are principal ideals, therefore the ring $\mathbb{Z}$ is PID.

Ex-13 The ring $\mathbb{Z}[x]$ is an integral domain and it is not a principal ideal domain (PID).

$\Rightarrow$ Let us consider the ideal S of $\mathbb{Z}[x]$ generated by the element 2 and x of $\mathbb{Z}[x]$. Then

$$S = 2f(x) + xg(x) : f(x) \in \mathbb{Z}[x], g(x) \in \mathbb{Z}[x].$$

Let S be principal ideal of $\mathbb{Z}[x]$, say $\langle h(x) \rangle$ for some $h(x) \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$.

$$2 \in S \Rightarrow 2 \in \langle h(x) \rangle \Rightarrow 2 = h(x)h_1(x) \text{ for some } h_1(x) \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$$

$$x \in S \Rightarrow x \in \langle h(x) \rangle \Rightarrow x = h(x)h_2(x) \text{ for some } h_2(x) \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$$

$$\therefore 2h_2(x) = xh_1(x).$$

This shows that each co-efficient of $h_1(x)$ is an even integer. So $h_1(x) = 2p(x)$ for some $p(x) \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$

consequently, $2 = 2h(x)p(x)$, therefore $h(x)p(x) = 1$

$$h(x)p(x) = 1 \Rightarrow 1 \in \langle h(x) \rangle \text{ i.e.; } 1 \in S$$

$$1 \in S \Rightarrow 1 = 2q(x) + xh(x) \text{ for some } q(x), h(x) \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$$

$$\text{Let } q(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \dots, \quad h(x) = b_0 + b_1x + b_2x^2 + \dots$$

$$\text{Then } 1 = 2(a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \dots) + x(b_0 + b_1x + b_2x^2 + \dots)$$

$\therefore 1 = 2a_0$, an impossibility, since a_0 is an integer.

$\therefore S$ is not a principal ideal of $\mathbb{Z}[x]$.

Hence $\mathbb{Z}[x]$ is not a principal ideal domain.

Theorem

In a PID, every non-zero ideal P is a principal ideal.

$\Rightarrow$ Let P be a non-zero ideal of R .

Then $\langle P \rangle$ is a principal ideal.

Let $a \in P$.

i.e., $a \in \langle P \rangle$.

If $\langle P \rangle = \langle 0 \rangle$, then $P = \{0\}$.

If $\langle P \rangle \neq \langle 0 \rangle$, then $P \neq \{0\}$.

$\langle a \rangle \supseteq P$.

$\Rightarrow a$ is a generator of P .

Thus P is a principal ideal.

associative.

Hence

Conversely,

Let P be a principal ideal.

Let $u \in P$.

Since P is a principal ideal,

say $\langle u \rangle = P$.

$\langle P \rangle \subseteq P$.

$\Rightarrow P \subseteq P$.

$\Rightarrow P^2 \subseteq P$.

In a principal ideal domain D , a non null principal ideal $P = \langle P \rangle$ is maximal if and only if P is an irreducible in D .

$\Rightarrow$ Let a non-null ideal $\langle P \rangle$ be maximal in D .

Then $\langle P \rangle \neq \langle 0 \rangle$, $\langle P \rangle \neq D$ i.e.; $P \neq 0$ and P is not a unit.

Let $a \in D$ and a is a divisor of P . $a|P$ implies $\langle P \rangle \subset \langle a \rangle$.

i.e.; either $\langle P \rangle = \langle a \rangle$ or $\langle P \rangle$ is properly contained in $\langle a \rangle$.

If $\langle P \rangle = \langle a \rangle$, then a and P are associates.

If $\langle P \rangle$ is properly contained in $\langle a \rangle$, then $\langle a \rangle = D$ [since P is maximal]

$$\langle a \rangle = D$$

$\Rightarrow a$ is a unit

Thus a is a divisor of P implies either a is an associate of P or a is a unit.

Hence P is an irreducible in D .

Conversely,

Let P be an irreducible in D .

Let U be an ideal of D such that $\langle P \rangle \subset U \subset D$.

Since D is a PID, U is a principal ideal, say $\langle q \rangle$, for some q in D .

$$\langle P \rangle \subset \langle q \rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow P \in \langle q \rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow P = qr, \text{ for some } r \in D.$$

Since P is an irreducible in D , $P = qr$ implies either q is a unit or q is an associate of P .

If q is a unit then $\langle q \rangle = D$. If q is an associate of P then $\langle q \rangle = \langle P \rangle$.

$$\therefore \langle P \rangle \subset U \subset D$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Either } U = D \text{ or } U = \langle P \rangle$$

This proves that $\langle P \rangle$ is maximal.

This completes the proof.

Theorem 04 p - 265

In a PID, any two non zero elements a, b have a gcd and if d be a gcd, then $d = ua + vb$ for some u, v in the domain.

$\Rightarrow$ Let us consider the principal ideals $\langle a \rangle, \langle b \rangle$ in D .

$\langle a \rangle + \langle b \rangle$ is also an ideal in D .

Since D is a PID, $\langle a \rangle + \langle b \rangle = \langle d \rangle$, for some d in D .

$$\langle a \rangle + \langle b \rangle = \langle d \rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle a \rangle \subset \langle d \rangle \text{ and } \langle b \rangle \subset \langle d \rangle$$

$$\langle a \rangle \subset \langle d \rangle \quad \text{or} \quad \langle b \rangle \subset \langle d \rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow d \mid a$$

$$\Rightarrow d \mid b$$

Thus d is a common divisor of a and b .

Let $e \mid a$ and $e \mid b$.

Then $\langle a \rangle \subset \langle e \rangle$ and $\langle b \rangle \subset \langle e \rangle$

$$\Rightarrow \langle a \rangle + \langle b \rangle \subset \langle e \rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow e \in \langle d \rangle$$

$$\therefore e \mid d$$

Therefore d is a gcd of a and b .

2nd part

$$\langle d \rangle = \langle a \rangle + \langle b \rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow d = au + bv \text{ for some } u, v \text{ in } D.$$

In a UFD
gcd and
be expressed

$\Rightarrow$ For example

The polynomial
elements 2

Let $1 = 2$

Let $f(x) =$

Then $1 =$

$1 = 2 \times 0$

So 1 (i.e.)

$2f(x) +$

Theorem

In a

a, b

$\Rightarrow$ Let

$\langle a \rangle$

Since

$\langle a \rangle$

$\Rightarrow$

$\Rightarrow$

Thus

Let

* In a UFD, any two non-zero elements a, b have a gcd and if d be a gcd, then it may not be expressed as $ua + bv$ for some u, v in D . 17

⇒ For example:

The polynomial ring $\mathbb{Z}[x]$ is a UFD and 1 is a gcd of the elements 2 and x in $\mathbb{Z}[x]$.

Let $1 = 2f(x) + xg(x)$ for some $f(x), g(x)$ in $\mathbb{Z}[x]$.

Let $f(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \dots$, $g(x) = b_0 + b_1x + b_2x^2 + \dots$

Then $1 = 2(a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \dots) + x(b_0 + b_1x + b_2x^2 + \dots)$

$\therefore 1 = 2a_0$ but this is not possible, since a_0 is an integer

So 1 (i.e. gcd of 2 and x) cannot be expressed as $2f(x) + xg(x)$ for some $f(x), g(x)$ in $\mathbb{Z}[x]$.

Theorem 05 p-206

In a principal ideal domain D , any two non-zero elements a, b have an lcm.

⇒ Let us consider the principal ideal $\langle a \rangle$ and $\langle b \rangle$ in D .

$\langle a \rangle \cap \langle b \rangle$ is also an ideal in D .

Since D is PID, $\langle a \rangle \cap \langle b \rangle = \langle l \rangle$ for some l in D .

$$\langle a \rangle \cap \langle b \rangle = \langle l \rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle l \rangle \subset \langle a \rangle \text{ and } \langle l \rangle \subset \langle b \rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow a \mid l \text{ and } b \mid l$$

Thus l is a common multiple of a and b .

Let $a \mid m$ and $b \mid m$

$$\Rightarrow \langle m \rangle \subset \langle a \rangle \text{ and } \langle m \rangle \subset \langle b \rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle m \rangle \subset \langle a \rangle \cap \langle b \rangle$$

$$\text{i.e., } \langle m \rangle \subset \langle l \rangle$$

Therefore $11m$ and therefore 1 is a term of a and b .
This completes the proof.

Ex. 14 Express the ideal $1\mathbb{Z} + 6\mathbb{Z}$ as a principal ideal in the integral domain $\mathbb{Z}$.

$\Rightarrow$ Since every ideal in the domain $\mathbb{Z}$ is a principal ideal, the ideal $1\mathbb{Z} + 6\mathbb{Z}$ is a principal ideal.

$$\text{Let } P\mathbb{Z} = 1\mathbb{Z} + 6\mathbb{Z}.$$

$$\text{Then } 1\mathbb{Z} \subset P\mathbb{Z} \quad \text{and} \quad 6\mathbb{Z} \subset P\mathbb{Z}$$

$$\Rightarrow P \mid 1 \quad \text{and} \quad P \mid 6$$

So P is a common divisor of 1 and 6 .

Let d be any common divisor of 1 and 6 .

Then $d \mid 1$ and $d \mid 6$.

$d \mid 1$ implies that the ideal $1\mathbb{Z} \subset d\mathbb{Z}$ and

$d \mid 6$ implies that the ideal $6\mathbb{Z} \subset d\mathbb{Z}$.

$$\therefore 1\mathbb{Z} + 6\mathbb{Z} \subset d\mathbb{Z}$$

$$\text{i.e.; } P\mathbb{Z} \subset d\mathbb{Z}$$

$$\Rightarrow d \mid P$$

Thus P is a greatest common divisor of 1 and 6 i.e.; $P = 1$.

$$\text{Hence } 1\mathbb{Z} + 6\mathbb{Z} = 1\mathbb{Z}.$$

Ex. 15 Express the ideal $8\mathbb{Z} \cap 12\mathbb{Z}$ as a principal ideal in the integral domain $\mathbb{Z}$.

$\Rightarrow$ Since every ideal in the domain $\mathbb{Z}$ is a principal ideal, the ideal $8\mathbb{Z} \cap 12\mathbb{Z}$ is a principal ideal.

$$\text{Let } P\mathbb{Z} = 8\mathbb{Z} \cap 12\mathbb{Z}$$

$$\text{Then } P\mathbb{Z} \subset 8\mathbb{Z} \quad \text{and} \quad P\mathbb{Z} \subset 12\mathbb{Z}$$

$$\Rightarrow 8 \mid P \quad \text{and} \quad 12 \mid P$$

So P is a common multiple of 8 and 12 .

Let m be any common multiple of 8 and 12.

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Then $8|m$ and $12|m$

$\Rightarrow$ The ideal $m\mathbb{Z} \subset 8\mathbb{Z}$ and the ideal $m\mathbb{Z} \subset 12\mathbb{Z}$.

$\Rightarrow m\mathbb{Z} \subset 8\mathbb{Z} \cap 12\mathbb{Z}$

i.e., $m\mathbb{Z} \subset p\mathbb{Z}$

$\Rightarrow p|m$.

Thus p is a least common multiple of 8 and 12 i.e., $p=24$

Hence $8\mathbb{Z} \cap 12\mathbb{Z} = 24\mathbb{Z}$.

Ex. 16 Show that every proper ideal in a PID is contained in a maximal ideal.

Euclidean Domain: $\Rightarrow$ P-270

v : non-zero element of D
non negative integer.

An integral domain D is said to be a Euclidean domain if there exist a function v that maps the non-zero elements of D into the non-negative integers satisfying the following conditions —

- 1) $v(a) \leq v(ab)$ for all non-zero $a, b \in D$; and
- 2) for all $a, b \in D$ with $b \neq 0$, $\exists$ q and r in D such that $a = bq + r$, where either $r = 0$ or $v(r) < v(b)$.

The function v is said to be a Euclidean valuation function on D .

Ex-17 The integral domain $\mathbb{Z}$ is a Euclidean domain.

$\Rightarrow$ Let us define a function v by $v(a) = |a|$ for all non-zero a in $\mathbb{Z}$.

i) Let a, b non-zero element in $\mathbb{Z}$. Then $ab \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $ab \neq 0$
 $v(ab) = |ab|, v(a) = |a|, v(b) = |b|$

$$\therefore v(ab) = v(a)v(b)$$

ii) Let $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $b \neq 0$.

By division algorithm, $\exists$ integers q and r such that $a = bq + r$ with either $r = 0$ or $0 < r < |b|$.

$$0 < r < |b| \Rightarrow |r| < |b| \Rightarrow v(r) < v(b)$$

$\therefore$ For $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $b \neq 0$, $\exists$ element q and r in $\mathbb{Z}$ such that $a = bq + r$ with either $r = 0$ or $v(r) < v(b)$.

Thus v satisfies both the conditions of Euclidean valuation on $\mathbb{Z}$ and $\mathbb{Z}$ becomes a Euclidean domain.

Ex 18 A field F is a Euclidean domain.

$\Rightarrow$ Let us define a function v by $v(a) = 1$ for all non-zero a in F .

i) Let a, b be non-zero elements in F . Then $ab \in F$ and $ab \neq 0$.

$$v(ab) = 1, v(a) = 1, v(b) = 1$$

$$\therefore v(ab) = v(a) v(b)$$

ii) Let $a, b \in F$ and $b \neq 0$. Then $b^{-1} \in F$ and $a = (bb^{-1})a$.

$$= b(b^{-1}a)$$

$$= bq + r,$$

where $q = b^{-1}a$, $r = 0 \in F$

Thus v satisfies both the conditions of a Euclidean valuation on F and F becomes a Euclidean domain.

Ex 19 show that $\mathbb{Z}[i]$ is a Euclidean domain.

$\Rightarrow$ Let us define a function v by $v(\alpha) = N(\alpha)$ for all non-zero α in $\mathbb{Z}[i]$.

$$\text{where } N(a+bi) = a^2 + b^2$$

i) If $\alpha = a+bi$ and $\beta = c+di$ be non-zero elements in $\mathbb{Z}[i]$.

$$\text{Then } N(\alpha\beta) = N(\alpha)N(\beta) = (a^2+b^2)(c^2+d^2) \geq (a^2+b^2) = N(\alpha).$$

ii) Let $a+bi, c+di$ belong to $\mathbb{Z}[i]$ with $(c+di) \neq 0$.
i.e., $c \neq 0, d \neq 0$.

$$\text{Let } \frac{a+bi}{c+di} = p+qi \quad \text{--- (a)}$$

$$\text{Then } p = \left[\frac{ac+bd}{c^2+d^2} \right], q = \left[\frac{bc-ad}{c^2+d^2} \right] \text{ are rational numbers.}$$

There exist integers m, n such that

$$|p-m| \leq \frac{1}{2}, |q-n| \leq \frac{1}{2}.$$

Let $p-m = \alpha$, $q-n = \beta$. Then α, β are rational and

$$|\alpha| \leq \frac{1}{2}, |\beta| \leq \frac{1}{2}$$

we have $(a+bi) = (c+di)(p+qi)$ by (a)
 $= (c+di)(m+n+ni+pi)$
 $= (c+di)(m+ni) + r$, where $m+ni \in \mathbb{Z}$
 $r = (a+bi) - (c+di)(m+ni)$

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Let $r = s+fi$ for some $s, f \in \mathbb{Z}$

Either $r=0$, or $v(r) = N(s+fi) = s^2 + f^2 > 0$

$$\Rightarrow v(r) \leq (c^2 + d^2) \left(\frac{1}{1} + \frac{1}{1} \right) \text{ since } |a| \leq \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow v(r) < (c^2 + d^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow v(r) < v(c+di)$$

Thus $a+bi = (c+di)(m+ni) + r$, where $m+ni, r \in \mathbb{Z}$
 and either $r=0$ or $v(r) < v(c+di)$.

Hence $\mathbb{Z}[i]$ is Euclidean domain under the Euclidean valuation v .

Theorem 06 $\Rightarrow$ p-273

Every Euclidean domain is a PID.

$\Rightarrow$ Let D be an Euclidean domain with a Euclidean valuation v .

Let U be an ideal of D .

Case - I

Let $U = \{0\}$, the null ideal.

Then $U = \langle 0 \rangle$, a principal ideal.

Case - II

Let U be a non-null ideal

Then $\exists$ a non-zero element b in U such that $v(b)$ is the least of all $v(x)$ for all non-zero x in U .
 such an element b exist by the well-ordering

city of the set $\mathbb{N}$

$\exists a \in U$.

then by the condition ii) of the Euclidean valuation v ,
there exist elements q and r in D such that $a = bq + r$,
where either $r = 0$ or $v(r) < v(b)$.

Since U is an ideal $a \in U, b \in U \Rightarrow a - bq \in U$,
 $\Rightarrow r \in U$

$v(r) < v(b)$, is not possible, by the choice of b .
 $r = 0$ and $a = bq$ for some $q \in D$.

Since a is an arbitrary element in U ,
 $U = \langle b \rangle$, a principal ideal.

Thus every ideal in D is a principal ideal.

$\therefore D$ is a PID.

This completes the proof.

Theorem 4.1

Let D be a Euclidean domain with a Euclidean valuation v . Then

- i) $v(1)$ is minimal among all $v(a)$ for non-zero a in D .
- ii) an element u in D is a unit if and only if $v(u) = v(1)$.

Polynomial Rings $\Rightarrow$ P-292

Let R be a ring and x be indeterminate

A polynomial in x over R is of the form

$$f(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \dots + a_nx^n + \dots, a_i \in R$$

① If for some $n \geq 0$, $a_n \neq 0$ and $a_i = 0$ for all $i > n$ then a_n is said to be the leading coefficient of $f(x)$.
 n is said to be the degree of $f(x)$, $\deg(f) = n$ or $\deg(f(x)) = n$

② If n such exist, then the polynomial is of the form
 $f(x) = a_0 + 0x + 0x^2 + \dots$, it is be a constant polynomial
 $\deg(f(x)) = 0$.

③ If $a_i = 0$ for all $i \geq 0, 1, 2, \dots$, it is be a zero-polynomial, and no degree assigned to it.

Theorem 09 $\Rightarrow$

If R be a ring with no division of zero, then the ring $(R[x], +, \cdot)$ is a ring with no division of zero.

$\Rightarrow$ Let $f(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \dots + a_mx^m$ and
 $g(x) = b_0 + b_1x + b_2x^2 + \dots + b_nx^n$ be non-zero element in $R[x]$ with leading coefficients a_m, b_n respectively.

Let us consider the product $f(x) \cdot g(x)$.

The co-efficient of x^{m+n} in the product $f(x) \cdot g(x)$ is a_mb_n and it is non-zero,

Since R contains no division of zero.

$\therefore f(x) \cdot g(x)$ is a non-zero polynomial in $R[x]$.

This prove that the ring $(R[x], +, \cdot)$ contain no division of zero.

Division Algorithm $\Rightarrow$

Let F be a field and $f(x), g(x) \in F[x]$ with $g(x) \neq 0$. Then there exist unique polynomials $q(x)$ and $r(x)$ in $F[x]$ such that

$$f(x) = g(x)q(x) + r(x)$$

where either $r(x) = 0$ or $\deg(r(x)) < \deg(g(x))$

i) $q(x)$ is called the quotient, $r(x)$ is called the remainder in the division of $f(x)$ by $g(x)$.

Zero on root $\Rightarrow$

An element a in a field F is said to be zero (or root) of a polynomial $f(x)$ in $F[x]$ if $f(a) = 0$ in F .

Ex: $\Rightarrow$ 1 in $\mathbb{Z}_5$ is a zero-element of the polynomial

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= x^3 + 2x^2 + x + 1 \\ 2(1)^3 + 2(1)^2 + 1 + 1 \\ &= 1 + 2 + 1 + 1 \\ &= 5 \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Irreducible polynomial $\Rightarrow$

Let F be a field. A nonconstant polynomial $f(x)$ in $F[x]$ is said to be an irreducible polynomial in $F[x]$ if $f(x)$ cannot be expressed as the product $g(x)h(x)$ of two polynomials $g(x)$ and $h(x)$ in $F[x]$ both of lower degree than $\deg(f(x))$.

Since F is a field, $F[x]$ is UFD and therefore there is no distinction between a prime element and an irreducible element in $F[x]$. $\square$

A polynomial field F , but large field

Ex: $\Rightarrow$ The polynomial is not because $x^2 - 2$

Theorem 12:

Let $f(x)$ be a polynomial. Then $f(x)$ is a zero in

$\Rightarrow$ Let $f(x)$ where $\deg(f(x)) > 0$. Since $\deg(f(x)) > 0$, then one of the coefficients is not zero. Then $f(x)$ is clearly a polynomial of degree n .

Conversely,

Let $a \in F$. Then $f(a) = 0$ if $f(x)$ is a polynomial of degree n .

This is

Ex: $\Rightarrow$

Since the polynomial

Ex: A polynomial $f(x)$ in $F[x]$ may be irreducible over the field F , but it may not be irreducible over a large field K containing F as a subfield.

Ex: The polynomial $x^2 - 2$ is irreducible over the field $\mathbb{Q}$ but is not irreducible over the field $\mathbb{R}$.

because $x^2 - 2 = (x - \sqrt{2})(x + \sqrt{2})$ in $\mathbb{R}$.

Theorem 12 $\Rightarrow$ P-297

Let $f(x)$ be a polynomial in $F[x]$ of degree 2 or 3. Then $f(x)$ is reducible over F if and only if it has a zero in F .

$\Rightarrow$ Let $f(x)$ be reducible over F . Then $f(x) = g(x)h(x)$, where $\deg(g(x)) < \deg(f(x))$ and $\deg(h(x)) < \deg(f(x))$.

Since $\deg(f(x))$ is either 2 or 3.

Then one of $g(x)$ and $h(x)$ must be of degree 1.

If say $g(x)$ is of degree 1.

Then $g(x) = ax + b$, $a \neq 0$, $a, b \in F$.

Clearly $g(x)$ has a zero $-a^{-1}b$ in F and consequently $f(x)$ has a zero $-a^{-1}b$ in F .

Conversely,

Let $a \in F$ be a zero of the polynomial $f(x)$ in $F[x]$.

Then $x - a$ is a factor of $f(x)$ and this proves that $f(x)$ is reducible over F .

This completes the proof.

Ex: $f(x) = x^3 + x + 1$ is irreducible over $\mathbb{Z}_2$, because since the polynomial $f(x)$ is of degree 3 and none of the elements of the field $\mathbb{Z}_2$ is a zero of the polynomial.

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