

E-Learning Materials for Sem - 6(I)

Unit - 1, CC - 14

Topic - Ring theory and Linear Algebra - II

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○ Eisenstein Criterion \Rightarrow

Let p be a prime integer.

Let $f(x) = a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_0 \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$

and $a_n \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$, $a_i \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$
with $a_0 \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p^2}$.

Then $f(x)$ is irreducible over \mathbb{Q} .

or,

Let $(U, +, \cdot)$ be a UFD and $(\mathbb{Q}, +, \cdot)$ be a field of quotient.

Let $f(x) = a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + \dots + a_n x^n$ in $U[x]$

If there is a prime $p \in U$ s.t. $p \mid a_0, p \mid a_1, \dots, p \mid a_{n-1}$
but $p \nmid a_n$ and $p^2 \nmid a_0$

Then $f(x)$ is irreducible in $\mathbb{Q}[x]$.

○ Theorem 13 \Rightarrow

If F be a field, then $F[x]$ is a principal ideal domain.

\Rightarrow Let U be an ideal in $F[x]$. If $U = \{0\}$ then $U = \langle 0 \rangle$,
a principal ideal.

Let $U \neq \{0\}$ and let $g(x)$ be a non-zero polynomial
in U of minimal degree.

If the degree of $g(x)$ be zero, then $g(x) \in F[x]$
and it is a unit

so $U = \langle 1 \rangle = F[x]$ and it is a principal.

If $\deg(g(x)) \geq 1$, let $f(x)$ be any polynomial in U .

Then $f(x) = g(x)q(x) + r(x)$, where $q(x), r(x) \in F[x]$.

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

Since U is an ideal $g(x) \in U, q(x) \in F[x]$

$$\Rightarrow g(x)q(x) \in U$$

and

$$f(x) \in U, g(x)q(x) \in U,$$

$$\Rightarrow r(x) \in U.$$

Since $g(x)$ is a polynomial of minimal degree in $F[x]$, it follows that $r(x) = 0$, consequently $f(x) = g(x)q(x)$ and therefore $U = \langle g(x) \rangle$, a principal ideal.

Thus every ideal of $F[x]$ is principal and $F[x]$ is a PID.

Theorem 14 \Rightarrow p - 300

If F be a field, then $F[x]$ is a Euclidean domain

\Rightarrow since F is a field, F is an integral domain and therefore $F[x]$ is an integral domain.

Let us define a map v from the set of non-zero elements of $F[x]$ to the set of non-negative integers by $v(f(x)) = \deg(f(x))$ for all non-zero polynomial $f(x) \in F[x]$.

i) If $f(x), g(x)$ be non-zero polynomial in $F[x]$, then

$$\begin{aligned} v[f(x)g(x)] &= \deg(f(x)g(x)) \\ &= \deg(f(x)) + \deg(g(x)), \text{ since } F[x] \text{ is an integral domain} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \deg(f(x)) = v(f(x))$$

ii) If $f(x), g(x)$ be non-zero polynomial in $F[x]$, then by division algorithm \exists unique polynomial $r(x)$ and $q(x)$ 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.e.; $v(r(x)) < v(g(x))$.

Thus both the conditions for a Euclidean valuation are satisfied by v and, hence $F[x]$ is a Euclidean domain.

Ex-20 show that the polynomial $f(x) = x^2 + x + 1$ is irreducible over the field $(F, +, \cdot)$ of integers modulo 11.

\Rightarrow The elements of F are $0, 1, 2, \dots, 10$

If $f(x)$ is irreducible then it must have a linear factor $x - a$ where a is zero of $f(x)$.

we have $f(0) = 0 + 0 + 1 = 1$

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

$$f(2) = 2^2 + 2 + 1 = 7, \quad f(3) = 3^2 + 3 + 1 = 13$$

$$f(4) = 4^2 + 4 + 1 = 21, \quad f(5) = 5^2 + 5 + 1 = 29$$

$$f(6) = 6^2 + 6 + 1 = 39, \quad f(7) = 7^2 + 7 + 1 = 51$$

$$f(8) = 8^2 + 8 + 1 = 67, \quad f(9) = 9^2 + 9 + 1 = 85, \quad f(10) = 10^2 + 10 + 1 = 101$$

This shows that $f(x)$ has no zero in F

$\therefore f(x)$ is irreducible.

Ex-21: Examine if the polynomial $x^3 + x^2 + x + 1$ is irreducible over \mathbb{Z}_2 .

\Rightarrow If $x^3 + x^2 + x + 1$ be reducible then $x^3 + x^2 + x + 1 = g(x)h(x)$ where both $g(x)$ and $h(x)$ are polynomial of lower degree.

Then ^{one} of the say $g(x)$ must be of degree 1.

$$\therefore g(x) = x - a, \text{ for some } a \in \mathbb{Z}_2$$

$$\therefore f(a) = 0 \text{ where } f(x) = x^3 + x^2 + x + 1 \text{ but}$$

$$f(0) = 0+0+0+1 = 1, \quad f(1) = 1+1+1+1 = 0.$$

This shows that $f(x)$ has a zero in \mathbb{Z}_2 hence $f(x)$ is reducible over \mathbb{Z}_2 .

Ex. 22 Examine if the polynomial $2x^3 + 3x^2 + 2x + 3$ is irreducible over \mathbb{Z}_7 .

\Rightarrow If $2x^3 + 3x^2 + 2x + 3$ be reducible then

$$f(x) = g(x) \cdot h(x), \quad \text{where } f(x) = 2x^3 + 3x^2 + 2x + 3 \text{ and } g(x), h(x) \text{ are polynomials.}$$

One of, say $g(x) = x - a$, for some $a \in \mathbb{Z}_7$

$$\therefore f(a) = 0, \quad \text{where } f(x) = 2x^3 + 3x^2 + 2x + 3$$

$$\text{but } f(0) = 3, \quad f(1) = 10, \quad f(2) = 0, \quad f(3) = 6.$$

This shows that $f(x)$ has a zero in \mathbb{Z}_7 hence $f(x)$ is reducible over \mathbb{Z}_7 .

Note: $\Rightarrow 3x^2 + 6$ is reducible over \mathbb{Z} because $3x^2 + 6 = 3(x^2 + 2)$ where 3 is not a unit in \mathbb{Z} and 3 is a proper divisor of $3x^2 + 6$

But $3x^2 + 6$ is irreducible over \mathcal{Q} because 3 is a unit in \mathcal{Q} and no 3 is not a proper divisor of $3x^2 + 6$

Ex. 23: Show that $5x^4 + 4x^3 - 6x^2 - 14x + 2$ is irreducible over \mathbb{Z} .

\Rightarrow Let $f(x) = 5x^4 + 4x^3 - 6x^2 - 14x + 2$ here

$$2 \nmid 5, \quad 2 \nmid 4, \quad 2 \mid (-6), \quad 2 \mid (-14), \quad 2 \mid 2, \quad \text{but } 2^2 \nmid 2.$$

$\therefore f(x)$ is irreducible polynomial over \mathbb{Z} . by 'Eisenstein criterion'

Ex. 21: show that $2x^4 + 6x^3 - 9x^2 + 15$ is irreducible over \mathbb{Z} .

\Rightarrow Let $f(x) = 2x^4 + 6x^3 - 9x^2 + 15$

$$15 = 3 \cdot 5$$

3 is a prime in \mathbb{Z} and $3 \nmid 2$, $3 \mid 6$, $3 \mid (-9)$, $3 \mid 15$.
but $3 \nmid 15$

By 'Eisenstein criterion' $f(x)$ is irreducible over \mathbb{Q}

More over $\gcd\{2, 6, -9, 15\} = 1$

$\therefore f(x)$ is primitive and hence $f(x)$ is irreducible over \mathbb{Z} .

Ex. 25 show that $x^3 + 2x^2 + 3$ is irreducible over \mathbb{Q} .

\Rightarrow Let $f(x) = x^3 + 2x^2 + 3$

Since $\deg(f(x)) = 3$,

we have if $f(x)$ is not irreducible over \mathbb{Q} then $f(x)$ must have a linear factor i.e., $f(x)$ has a root over \mathbb{Q} .

The possible root of $f(x)$ $\frac{p}{q}$, $p, q \in \mathbb{Z}$, $q \neq 0$.

$$\frac{p}{3} = \frac{q}{1}$$

The only possibility are ± 3 , but $f(3) = 48 \neq 0$
and $f(-3) = -6 \neq 0$.

$\therefore f(x)$ has no linear factor and hence $f(x)$ is irreducible over \mathbb{Q} .

Ex. 26 show that $x^3 + x^2 + 1$ is irreducible over \mathbb{Z}_2 .

\Rightarrow let $f(x) = x^3 + x^2 + 1$.

if $f(x) = g(x)h(x)$, $g(x), h(x)$ both polynomial of lower degree.

then one of them say $g(x)$ must be of degree 1 and then $g(x) = x - a$ for some $a \in \mathbb{Z}_2$.

$\therefore f(a) = 0$ but $f(0) = 1$, $f(1) = 1 + 1 + 1 = 1$.

This shows that $f(x)$ has no zero in \mathbb{Z}_2 so $f(x)$ is irreducible in \mathbb{Z}_2 .

Ex. 27 show that $x^2 + 9$ is irreducible over \mathbb{Z}_3 .

\Rightarrow let $f(x) = x^2 + 9$.

if $f(x) = g(x)h(x)$, where $g(x), h(x)$ both polynomial of lower degree.

then one of them say $g(x)$ must have be of degree 1.

and then $g(x) = x - a$ for some $a \in \mathbb{Z}_3$.

$\therefore f(a) = 0$ but $f(0) = +9 = 0$, $f(1) = 10 = 1$.

This shows that $f(x)$ has a zero in \mathbb{Z}_3 .

so $f(x)$ is reducible over \mathbb{Z}_3 .

Ex. 28 Let F be a field. show that every polynomial of degree one is an irreducible polynomial in $F[x]$.

\Rightarrow since $\deg(f(x)) = 1$ then $f(x)$ is non zero non unit.

Suppose $f(x) = g(x)h(x)$, $g(x), h(x) \in F[x]$.

$g(x), h(x)$ are non-zero polynomials.

Here $1 = \deg(f(x)) = \deg(g(x)) + \deg(h(x))$

$$\text{either } \deg(g(x)) = 1$$

$$\text{or, } \deg(g(x)) = 0$$

$$\deg(h(x)) = 0$$

$$\text{or, } \deg(h(x)) = 0.1.$$

$$\Rightarrow g(x) \in F - \{0\} \text{ or } h(x) \in F - \{0\}.$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Either } g(x) \text{ is unit or } h(x) \text{ is unit.}$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) \text{ is irreducible.}$$

Ex. 29 show that $x^3 + [2]x + [4]$ is irreducible in $\mathbb{Z}_5[x]$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Let } f(x) = x^3 + [2]x + [4]. \text{ is irreducible in } \mathbb{Z}_5[x].$$

$$f([0]) = [4], \quad f([1]) = [7] = [2], \quad f([2]) = [16] = [1].$$

$$f([3]) = [37] = [2], \quad f([4]) = [76] = [1].$$

This shows that $f(x)$ has no root in $\mathbb{Z}_5[x]$.

$$\Rightarrow f(x) \text{ is irreducible in } \mathbb{Z}_5[x].$$

Ex. 30 Find all irreducible polynomial of degree 2 of $\mathbb{Z}_2[x]$.

\Rightarrow Any polynomial of degree 2 in $\mathbb{Z}_2[x]$ each of the form $ax^2 + bx + c$ where $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}_2, a \neq \bar{0}$.

$$\therefore a = \bar{1}.$$

Then the only polynomial of degree 2 in $\mathbb{Z}_2[x]$ are $x^2, x^2 + x, x^2 + \bar{1}$ and $x^2 + x + \bar{1}$.

$$\text{Now } x^2 = x \cdot x, \quad x^2 + x = x(x+1), \quad x^2 + \bar{1} = (x+i)(x-i)$$

This shows that the above three polynomial are reducible.

$$\text{Let } f(x) = x^2 + x + \bar{1}$$

$$f(\bar{0}) = \bar{1} \neq \bar{0}$$

$$f(\bar{1}) = \bar{3} = \bar{1} \neq \bar{0}.$$

$\therefore f(x)$ has no root in \mathbb{Z}_2 .

$\therefore x^2 + x + 1$ is irreducible over \mathbb{Z}_2 .

Ex. 31 show that the number of irreducible polynomial of degree 2 in $\mathbb{Z}_p[x]$ is $\frac{p(p-1)}{2}$, p is prime

\Rightarrow Let $f(x) = x^2 + ax + b \in \mathbb{Z}_p[x]$ where $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}_p$
since $|\mathbb{Z}_p| = p$.

\therefore There are p^2 such polynomials in $\mathbb{Z}_p[x]$

If $f(x)$ is not irreducible then

$$f(x) = (x-\alpha)(x-\beta), \text{ for some } \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{Z}_p.$$

Now we have to find how many such distinct product of factors occurs

$$\text{If } \alpha, \beta \text{ distinct then the number is } {}_p C_2 \text{ or } \binom{p}{2} \\ = \frac{p(p-1)}{2}$$

If $\alpha = \beta$ then the no. is p . [In this case we assume $(x-\alpha)(x-\beta)$ and $(x-\beta)(x-\alpha)$ are the same product of factors]

\therefore Total no. of distinct

$$\text{product } p + \frac{p(p-1)}{2} = \frac{p(p+1)}{2}.$$

\therefore The required no. of irreducible polynomial over \mathbb{Z}_p of degree 2 is $p^2 - \frac{p(p+1)}{2} = \frac{p(p-1)}{2}$.

Ex. 32 Let $f(x) = x^5 + 2x^4 + 2x^3 + 3x^2 + 4x + 3$
 $g(x) = x^3 - 2x^2 + 3x - 1$

in $\mathbb{Z}_6[x]$ find the polynomial $q(x)$ and $r(x) \in \mathbb{Z}_6[x]$

show that $f(x) = q(x)g(x) + r(x)$ where either $r(x) = 0$,

$$\text{or } \deg(r(x)) < \deg(g(x))$$

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