

# Homework #1

1.

We would proceed by induction.

Base Case: If  $|A|=1$ , and write  $A=\{a\}$  where  $a \in A$ , the only possible  $2^1$  subsets of  $A$  are  $\emptyset$  and  $\{a\}$ . The base case is established.

Induction Hypothesis: Let  $|A|=n$ , then  $A$  has  $2^n$  subsets. We want to show that this implies if  $|B|=n+1$ ,  $B$  has  $2^{n+1}$  subsets.

By naïve set theory, the elements of set  $X$  are either in a particular subset of  $X$  or not in that particular subset of  $X$ , and any subset of  $A$  contains only the elements that are in  $A$ . Write  $B = \{b\} \cup C$ , where  $b$  is an element of  $B$  but not in  $C$  and  $|C|=n$ . By the induction hypothesis,  $C$  has  $2^n$  subsets. For each of the subset  $C'$ ,  $C'$  is a subset of  $B$ , and  $\{b\} \cup C'$  is also a subset of  $B$ . Hence, there are  $2 \cdot 2^n = 2^{n+1}$  subsets of  $B$ , completing the proof.

2.

$f: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$

$x \mapsto 2x-3$

$f$  is injective iff  $x \neq y \Rightarrow f(x) \neq f(y)$ .

**Claim:**  $f$  is injective

**Proof:** Suppose  $f(x)=f(y) \Leftrightarrow 2x-3 = 2y-3 \Leftrightarrow x=y$ .

**Claim:**  $f$  is surjective

**Proof:**  $f$  is surjective iff for all  $r \in \mathbf{R}$ ,  $\exists x \in \mathbf{R}$  such that  $f(x)=r$ . Clearly, for any  $r$  and  $x=(r+3)/2$ ,  $f(x)=r$ .

$g: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$

$x \mapsto x^2$

**Claim:**  $g$  is not injective.

**Proof:**  $g(-1)=1$  and  $g(1)=1$ , hence it is not the case that  $x \neq y \Rightarrow g(x) \neq g(y)$

**Claim:**  $g$  is not surjective.

**Proof:** There does not exist a  $x$  such that  $g(x)=-1$ .  $g(x)$  is an even function  $\mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ , and we know that all even functions  $\mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  are not surjective.

3.

$f$  and  $g$  are inverses of each other iff  $f(g(x)) = x$  and  $g(f(x))=x$  for all  $x$  in  $\mathbf{R}^3$ .

**Claim 1:**  $f \circ g = I_{\mathbf{R}^3}$

**Proof:** By the definition of  $f$  and  $g$ , we see that

$f \circ g : \mathbf{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^3$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} (x_1 + x_2) - (x_2 + x_3) + (x_1 + x_3) \\ (x_1 + x_2) + (x_2 + x_3) - (x_1 + x_3) \\ -(x_1 + x_2) + (x_2 + x_3) + (x_1 + x_3) \end{pmatrix} \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 + x_1 \\ x_2 + x_2 \\ x_3 + x_3 \end{pmatrix} \Leftrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Clearly,  $f(g(x)) = x$  for all  $x$  in  $\mathbf{R}^3$ .

**Claim 2:**  $g \circ f = I_{\mathbb{R}^3}$

**Proof:** By the definition of  $f$  and  $g$ , we see that

$$g \circ f : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2}(x_1 - x_2 + x_3) + \frac{1}{2}(x_1 + x_2 - x_3) \\ \frac{1}{2}(x_1 + x_2 - x_3) + \frac{1}{2}(-x_1 + x_2 + x_3) \\ \frac{1}{2}(x_1 - x_2 + x_3) + \frac{1}{2}(-x_1 + x_2 + x_3) \end{pmatrix} \Leftrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Clearly,  $g(f(x))=x$  for all  $x$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

Claim 1 and 2  $\Rightarrow$   $f$  and  $g$  are inverses of each other.

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a.

**Claim:**  $f^1(x)$  is not idempotent

**Proof:** We see that  $f(x)$  is not idempotent. For example,  $f(1)=2$  but  $f(f(1))=3 \neq 2$ .

**Claim:**  $f^2(x)$  is idempotent

**Proof:**

Clearly, we want to take advantage of  $f(3)=4$ , and  $f(4)=f(3)$ .

Hence, the task becomes finding the smallest integer  $n$  such that  $f^n(1) = 3$  or  $4$  and  $f^n(2) = 3$  or  $4$ .

We see that  $f(f(1))=f^2(1)=3$  and  $f^2(2)=4$ .

X	1	2	3	4
$f^2(x)$	3	4	3	4
X	1	2	3	4
$f^{2 \times 2}(x) = f^4(x)$	3	4	3	4

Since  $f^2(x) = f^{2 \times 2}(x) = f^4(x)$  for all  $x$  in  $A$ ,  $f^2(x)$  is idempotent. i.e. 2 is the smallest positive  $n$ .

4b.

Since we need  $fgf=f$ :

$$f(g(2))=2 \Rightarrow g(2)=1$$

$$f(g(3))=3 \Rightarrow g(3)=2 \text{ or } 4$$

$$f(g(4))=4 \Rightarrow g(4)=3$$

$f(g(1))=1$  does not need to be considered because 1 is not in the range of  $f$ .

So far, we know  $g$  is one of the following possible 8 mappings:

X	1	2	3	4
$g'(x)$	1 or 2 or 3 or 4	1	2 or 4	3

Since we need  $gfg=g$ :

$$g(f(1))=1 \Rightarrow g(2)=1$$

$$g(f(2))=2 \Rightarrow g(3)=2$$

$$g(f(3))=3 \Rightarrow g(4)=3$$

$$g(f(4))=4 \Rightarrow g(3)=4$$

And we want  $g(1)=1$  so that  $gfg(1)=g(1)=1$ .

So  $g(x)$  can be either of the following 2 mappings:

X	1	2	3	4
$g(x)$	1	1	2	3

X	1	2	3	4
$g(x)$	1	1	4	3

4c.

**Claim:**  $fg$  is idempotent:

**Proof:** We want to show that  $fg=fgfg$  by definition of idempotency. From b) and by the associativity of functions, we know that  $fg=(fgf)g=fgfg$ .

**Claim:**  $gf$  is idempotent:

**Proof:** Similarly, we want to show that  $gf=gfgf$  by definition of idempotency. From b) and by the associativity of functions, we know that  $gf=(gfg)f=gfgf$ .

4d.

Suppose  $h$ :

X	1	2	3	4
$h(x)$	2	3	4	1

and  $k$ :

X	1	2	3	4
$k(x)$	4	1	2	3

we see that

X	1	2	3	4
$hk(x)$	1	1	1	1

X	1	2	3	4
$kh(x)$	1	1	1	1

$h$  and  $k$  are mappings in  $T_A$  s.t.  $h \circ I_A$  and  $hk=kh=I_A$

5.

Proof  $1+5+9+\dots+4n+1=(2n+1)(n+1)$

We would proof by using the first form of principle of induction

If  $n=0$ ,  $4(0)+1=(2(0)+1)(0+1)$ , so the equivalence holds for  $n=0$ . Our base is established.

Assume as induction hypothesis that  $1+5+9+\dots+4n+1=(2n+1)(n+1)$  for some integer  $n \geq 1$ , we want to show that  $1+5+9+\dots+4n+1+4(n+1)+1 = (2(n+1)+1)((n+1)+1)$ .

By induction hypothesis,

$$\begin{aligned} 1+5+9+\dots+4n+1+4(n+1)+1 &= (2n+1)(n+1)+4(n+1)+1 \\ &= 2n^2+7n+9 \\ &= (2n+3)(n+2) \\ &= (2(n+1)+1)((n+1)+1). \end{aligned}$$

Our induction step is complete. Hence, by induction we show that  $1+5+9+\dots+4n+1=(2n+1)(n+1)$  for  $n \geq 0$

6a.

Using the second form of the principle of induction

$$\text{For } n=1, a_1=1 < 2^1$$

$$\text{For } n=2, a_1=1 < 2^2$$

$$\text{For } n=3, a_1=2 < 2^3. \text{ Our bases are established.}$$

We adopt the hypothesis that for some integer  $n \geq 3$  and  $0 \leq k \leq n$ ,  $a_k < 2^k$ . We want to show that  $a_{n+1} < 2^{k+1}$ .

By definition,  $a_{n+1} = a_n + a_{n-1}$ . By induction hypothesis,  $a_n < 2^n$  and  $a_{n-1} < 2^{n-1}$ . Hence,  $a_{n+1} = a_n + a_{n-1} < 2^n + 2^{n-1} < 2^n + 2^n = 2^{n+1}$  for  $n \geq 2$ , completing our induction step.

b)

i)

We want to show that  $a_n a_{n+1} - a_{n-1} a_n = a_n^2$ :

$\begin{aligned} &a_n a_{n+1} - a_{n-1} a_n \\ &= a_n (a_{n+1} - a_{n-1}) \\ &= a_n (a_n + a_{n-1} - a_{n-1}) \\ &= a_n (a_n) \\ &= a_n^2 \end{aligned}$	<p>By definition of Fibonacci sequence for <math>n \geq 2</math></p>
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ii)

We will proceed by induction:

$$\text{For } n=2, a_{n-1} a_{n+1} - a_n^2 = 1 \cdot 2 - 1 = (-1)^n = 1$$

For  $n=3$ ,  $a_{n-1}a_{n+1}-a_n^2 = 1 \cdot 3 - 2^2 = (-1)^n = -1$ . Our bases are established.

For the induction hypothesis, we adopt that  $a_{n-1}a_{n+1}-a_n^2 = (-1)^n$  for some integer  $n \geq 3$ . We want to show that  $a_n a_{n+2} - a_{n+1}^2 = (-1)^{n+1} = -(-1)^n$ .

**Claim:**  $a_n a_{n+2} - a_{n+1}^2 = (-1)^{n+1} = -(-1)^n = -a_{n-1} a_{n+1} - a_n^2$

**Proof:** Applying our induction hypothesis, we want to show that  $a_n a_{n+2} - a_{n+1}^2 = -(a_{n-1} a_{n+1} - a_n^2)$ .

We show that by first observing  $a_{n+1}^2 = a_{n+1}(a_n + a_{n-1})$

$$\begin{aligned} a_{n+1}(a_n + a_{n-1}) &= a_{n+1}a_n + a_{n-1}a_{n+1} \\ \Rightarrow a_n^2 + a_{n+1}^2 &= a_n^2 + a_{n+1}a_n + a_{n-1}a_{n+1} \\ \Rightarrow a_n^2 + a_{n+1}^2 &= a_n(a_{n+1} + a_n) + a_{n-1}a_{n+1} \\ \Rightarrow a_n^2 + a_{n+1}^2 &= a_n a_{n+2} + a_{n-1}a_{n+1} \\ \Rightarrow a_n a_{n+2} - a_{n+1}^2 &= -a_{n-1}a_{n+1} + a_n^2 \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $a_n a_{n+2} - a_{n+1}^2 = -(a_{n-1} a_{n+1} - a_n^2)$  for  $n \geq 2$ . By induction hypothesis,  $a_n a_{n+2} - a_{n+1}^2 = -(a_{n-1} a_{n+1} - a_n^2) = -(-1)^n = (-1)^{n+1}$

c) We will proceed by induction. For  $n=1$ ,  $a_n^2 = 1 = a_n a_{n+1} = 1 \cdot 1 = 1$ . For  $n=2$ ,  $a_1^2 + a_2^2 = 1 + 1 = a_n a_{n+1} = 1 \cdot 2 = 2$ . Our bases are established.

For the induction hypothesis, suppose for some integer  $n \geq 2$ ,  $a_1^2 + a_2^2 \dots + a_n^2 = a_n a_{n+1}$ , we want to show that  $a_1^2 + a_2^2 \dots + a_n^2 + a_{n+1}^2 = a_n a_{n+1}$ .

Applying the induction hypothesis, it is equivalent to show  $a_n a_{n+1} + a_{n+1}^2 = a_{n+1} a_{n+2}$ .

$\begin{aligned} &a_n a_{n+1} + a_{n+1}^2 \\ &= (a_n + a_{n+1}) a_{n+1} \\ &= (a_{n+2}) a_{n+1} \end{aligned}$	By definition of Fibonacci sequence for $n \geq 2$
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7. Let  $P(n)$  denote the proposition that with  $|V|=n$ , the color of the horses in  $V$  are the same. From the argument, we see that  $P(1)$  does not imply  $P(2)$ . i.e. Using the definition of  $W_1 \dots W_2$  in the problem, when  $n=2$ ,  $W_1 \dots W_2 = \langle \rangle$ , and hence it does not follow that the horses in  $W_1$  and  $W_2$  are of the same color.

8. To show that  $2|n^2+3n$ , we need to consider two cases:

**Claim 1 :** If  $n$  is an odd integer,  $2|n^2+3n$ :

**Proof:** Suppose  $n = 2k+1$  for some  $k$ , then  $n^2+3n = 4k^2+4k+1+3(2k+1)=4k^2+10k+4$ . Clearly,  $2|4k^2+10k+4$  because  $2|4k^2$  and  $2|10k$  and  $2|4$ .

**Claim 2 :** If  $n$  is an even integer,  $2|n^2+3n$ :

**Proof:** Suppose  $n = 2k$  for some  $k$ , then  $n^2+3n = 4k^2+3(2k)$ . Clearly,  $2|4k^2+3(2k)$  because  $2|4k^2$  and  $2|6k$ .

Claim 1 and 2  $\Rightarrow 2|n^2+3n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$

9i)

a=175; b=72

We apply the extended Euclidean algorithm to  $\gcd(a,b)$ :

I	$q_i$	$r_i$	$x_i$	$y_i$
0	-	175	1	0
1	-	72	0	1
2	2	31	1	-2
3	2	10	-2	5
4	3	1	7	-17
5	10	0	-72	175

 $\gcd(a,b)=1$  $1=7(175)-72(17)$ 

9ii)

a=377; b=341

 $\gcd(a,b)=\gcd(a',b')$  where  $a'=b$  and  $b'=a$ We apply the extended Euclidean algorithm to  $\gcd(a',b')$ :

I	$q_i$	$r_i$	$x_i$	$y_i$
0	-	377	1	0
1	-	341	0	1
2	1	36	1	-1
3	9	17	-9	10
4	2	2	19	-21
5	8	1	-161	178
6	2	0	341	-377

 $\gcd(a,b)=1$  $1=-161(377)+178(341)$ 

9iii)

a=1848; b=525

We apply the extended Euclidean algorithm to  $\gcd(a,b)$ :

I	$q_i$	$r_i$	$x_i$	$y_i$
0	-	1848	1	0
1	-	525	0	1
2	3	273	1	-3
3	1	252	-1	4
4	1	21	2	-7
5	12	0	-25	88

 $\gcd(a,b)=21$  $21=2(1848)-7(525)$

10.

a) Since  $\gcd(a,b)=r_n$  by Euclidean Algorithm,  $\gcd(a,b)=x_n a+y_n b$  if  $r_k = x_k a+y_k b$  for  $0 \leq k \leq n+1$ .

**Claim 1:**  $r_k = x_k a+y_k b$  for  $0 \leq k \leq n+1$

**Proof:**

We will show  $r_k = x_k a+y_k b$  by the second principle of induction.

By definition,  $x_0=1, y_0=0, x_1=0, y_1=1, r_0=a, r_1=b$ . Clearly,  $r_i = x_i a+y_i b$  for  $i=0$  and  $i=1$ . Our basis is established. Let the induction hypothesis be  $r_j = x_j a+y_j b$  for  $0 \leq j \leq k$  for some integer  $k \geq 1$ .

We will now show that  $r_{k+1} = x_{k+1} a+y_{k+1} b$ :

As followed from Euclidean Algorithm,  $r_{k+1} = r_{k-1} - r_k q_{k-1}$ .

By induction hypothesis,  $r_k = x_k a+y_k b$  and  $r_{k-1} = x_{k-1} a+y_{k-1} b$ .

Hence,  $r_{k+1} = x_{k-1} a+y_{k-1} b - (x_k a+y_k b) q_{k-1} = x_{k-1} a+y_{k-1} b - x_k a q_{k-1} - y_k b q_{k-1}$   
 $= x_{k-1} a - x_k a q_{k-1} + y_{k-1} b - y_k b q_{k-1} = (x_{k-1} - x_k q_{k-1}) a + (y_{k-1} - y_k q_{k-1}) b = x_{k+1} a + y_{k+1} b$  for  $0 \leq k \leq n+1$ .

Claim 1  $\Rightarrow r_k = x_k a+y_k b$  for  $0 \leq k \leq n+1 \Rightarrow r_n = x_n a+y_n b \Rightarrow \gcd(a,b) = x_n a+y_n b$

b)

By definition of  $A_k$ ,  $\det(A_k) = x_k \cdot y_{k+1} - y_k x_{k+1}$ .

**Claim:**  $x_k \cdot y_{k+1} - y_k x_{k+1} = (-1)^k$  for  $0 \leq k \leq n+1$

**Proof:** We will now proceed by induction:

For  $k=0$ ,  $x_0=1, y_0=0, x_1=0, y_1=1$ . Clearly,  $\det(A_0) = (-1)^0$ .

For the induction hypothesis, we assume that  $x_k \cdot y_{k+1} - y_k x_{k+1} = (-1)^k$ . To show  $x_{k+1} \cdot y_{k+2} - y_{k+1} x_{k+2} = (-1)^{k+1}$ , we apply our induction hypothesis and show instead:

$x_k \cdot y_{k+1} - y_k x_{k+1} = (-1)^{k+1} = -(-1)^k = -(x_{k+1} \cdot y_{k+2} - y_{k+1} x_{k+2})$ .

From the definition of  $x_k$  and  $y_k$ , we can write  $q_k = \frac{x_{k+2} - x_k}{x_{k+1}} = \frac{y_{k+2} - y_k}{y_{k+1}}$ .

$\frac{x_{k+1}}{x_{k+2} - x_k} = \frac{y_{k+1}}{y_{k+2} - y_k} \Rightarrow x_{k+1} (y_{k+2} - y_k) = y_{k+1} (x_{k+2} - x_k)$ . Rearranging, we get  $x_k y_{k+1} - x_{k+1} y_k =$

$-x_{k+1} y_{k+2} + x_{k+2} y_{k+1}$ , completing our induction step.

$x_k y_{k+1} - x_{k+1} y_k = -x_{k+1} y_{k+2} + x_{k+2} y_{k+1} \Rightarrow x_k y_{k+1} - x_{k+1} y_k = -x_{k+1} y_{k+2} + x_{k+2} y_{k+1} = (-1)^{k+1} = -(-1)^k$ .

c) From part b), we know that for  $1 \leq k \leq n+1$ ,  $x_k \cdot y_{k+1} - y_k x_{k+1} = (-1)^k = \pm 1$ .

**Claim 1:**  $x_k \cdot y_{k+1} - y_k x_{k+1} = -1 \Rightarrow \gcd(x_k, y_k) = 1$

**Proof:**  $x_k \cdot y_{k+1} - y_k x_{k+1} = -1 \Rightarrow -x_k \cdot y_{k+1} + y_k x_{k+1} = 1$ . By Corollary 1.3.8, this implies  $\gcd(x_k, y_k) = 1$

**Claim 2:**  $x_k \cdot y_{k+1} - y_k x_{k+1} = 1 \Rightarrow \gcd(x_k, y_k) = 1$

**Proof:** Since  $x_k \cdot y_{k+1} - y_k x_{k+1} = 1$ , by Corollary 1.3.8, this implies  $\gcd(x_k, y_k) = 1$

Claim 1 and 2 imply  $\gcd(x_k, y_k) = 1$  for  $1 \leq k \leq n+1$ .

d) By Matrix multiplication  $A_k \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_k a + y_k b \\ x_{k+1} a + y_{k+1} b \end{pmatrix}$ . From the general proof from a),  $r_k = x_k a + y_k b$  for  $0 \leq k \leq n+1$ . Hence,  $A_k \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_k a + y_k b \\ x_{k+1} a + y_{k+1} b \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} r_k \\ r_{k+1} \end{pmatrix}$

e) From the general proof we gave in a), we see that  $r_k = x_k a + y_k b$  for  $0 \leq k \leq n+1$ .  $r_{n+1} = 0 \Rightarrow 0 = x_{n+1} a + y_{n+1} b \Rightarrow -x_{n+1} a = y_{n+1} b \Rightarrow \frac{a}{b} = -\frac{y_{n+1}}{x_{n+1}}$ .

# Homework #2

1. We insist on not using prime factorization because we're in that section:  
To show that for any  $a, b \in \mathbf{Z}_{>0}$ , we have  $\gcd(a, b) \cdot \text{lcm}(a, b) = ab$ , we show instead  $\gcd(a, b) \cdot \text{lcm}(a, b) \mid ab$  and  $ab \mid \gcd(a, b) \cdot \text{lcm}(a, b)$ .

Claim 1:  $\gcd(a, b) \cdot \text{lcm}(a, b) \mid ab$

Proof:

Let  $d = \gcd(a, b)$  and write  $a = da'$  and  $b = db'$ , where  $a'$  and  $b'$  are integers.

We recognize that  $a \mid da'b' = ab' = a'b$  and  $b \mid da'b' = a'b = ab'$ . Hence,  $da'b'$  is a common multiple of  $a$  and  $b$ . By definition of  $\text{lcm}$ ,  $\text{lcm}(a, b) \mid da'b' = a'b = ab'$ . Hence,  $\gcd(a, b) \cdot \text{lcm}(a, b) = d \cdot \text{lcm}(a, b) \mid d \cdot da'b' = ab$ .

Claim 2:  $ab \mid \gcd(a, b) \cdot \text{lcm}(a, b)$

Proof:

By definition of  $\text{lcm}(a, b)$ ,  $b \mid \text{lcm}(a, b)$ . This implies  $ab \mid a \cdot \text{lcm}(a, b)$ . Similarly,  $ab \mid b \cdot \text{lcm}(a, b)$ . Again, by definition of  $\text{lcm}$ ,  $\text{lcm}(a, b) \mid ab$  because  $ab$  is a common multiple of  $a$  and  $b$ . Hence,  $ab \mid a \cdot \text{lcm}(a, b) \Rightarrow ab / \text{lcm}(a, b) \mid a$  and  $ab \mid b \cdot \text{lcm}(a, b) \Rightarrow ab / \text{lcm}(a, b) \mid b$ . Hence, by definition of  $\gcd$ ,  $ab / \text{lcm}(a, b) \mid \gcd(a, b)$  since  $ab / \text{lcm}(a, b)$  is a common factor of  $a$  and  $b$ .  $ab / \text{lcm}(a, b) \mid \gcd(a, b) \Rightarrow ab \mid \gcd(a, b) \cdot \text{lcm}(a, b)$ .

Claim 1+2  $\Rightarrow \gcd(a, b) \cdot \text{lcm}(a, b) = ab$  for any  $a, b \in \mathbf{Z}_{>0}$ .

2.

Let  $a, b, c \in \mathbf{Z}_{>0}$ .

Claim 1:  $\gcd(a, bc) = 1 \Rightarrow \gcd(a, b) = 1$  and  $\gcd(a, c) = 1$ .

Proof:

By Corollary 1.3.8,  $\gcd(a, bc) = 1 \Leftrightarrow$  there exists integers  $x$  and  $y$  s.t.  $ax + bcy = 1$ . Clearly, there exists integers  $x'$  and  $y'$  s.t.  $ax' + by' = 1$ , namely, let  $x' = x$  and  $y' = cy$ . Hence,  $\gcd(a, b) = 1$  by corollary 1.3.8. Similarly, there exists integers  $x''$  and  $y''$  s.t.  $ax'' + cy'' = 1$ , namely, let  $x'' = x$  and  $y'' = by$ . Hence,  $\gcd(a, c) = 1$  by corollary 1.3.8.

Claim 2:  $\gcd(a, bc) = 1 \Leftrightarrow \gcd(a, b) = 1$  and  $\gcd(a, c) = 1$ .

By Corollary 1.3.8,  $\gcd(a, b) = 1 \Leftrightarrow$  there exists integers  $x$  and  $y$  s.t.  $ax + by = 1$ . By Corollary 1.3.8,  $\gcd(a, c) = 1 \Leftrightarrow$  there exists integers  $x'$  and  $y'$  s.t.  $ax' + cy' = 1$ . Clearly,  $(ax + by)(ax' + cy') = 1 \cdot 1 = 1 \Leftrightarrow aaxx' + acxy' + byax' + bccy' = 1 \Leftrightarrow a(xx' + cxy' + byx') + bccy' = 1 \Leftrightarrow \gcd(a, bc) = 1$  since clearly, there exists integers  $x''$  and  $y''$  s.t.  $a(x'') + bcy'' = 1$ , namely, let  $x'' = xx' + cxy' + byx'$  and  $y'' = yy'$ .

3.

a)

It is straightforward to show by simple algebraic manipulation that

$$\begin{aligned} & (x^a - 1)(x^{(b-1)a} + x^{(b-2)a} + \dots + x^a + 1) \\ &= (x^{(b-1)a} + x^{(b-2)a} + \dots + x^a + 1) x^a - (x^{(b-1)a} + x^{(b-2)a} + \dots + x^a + 1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= (x^{(ab)} + x^{a(b-1)} + \dots + x^{a+a} + x^a) - x^{(b-1)a} - x^{(b-2)a} - \dots - x^a - 1 \\
&= x^{ab} + x^{(b-1)a} - x^{(b-1)a} + x^{(b-2)a} - x^{(b-2)a} \dots + x^{a+a} - x^{2a} + x^a - x^a - 1 \\
&= x^{ab} - 1
\end{aligned}$$

b) To show that  $2^n - 1$  can only be prime if  $n$  is, it is equivalent to show that if  $n$  is not prime, then  $2^n - 1$  is not prime.

If  $n$  is not a prime, then by definition we can write  $n=ab$  where  $a$  and  $b$  are integers  $>1$ . Hence, by part a of this question, and letting  $x=2$ , we see that  $2^a - 1 \mid 2^n - 1 = 2^{ab} - 1$ . By assumption,  $2^a - 1 \mid 2^n - 1$ , and so by definition  $2^n - 1$  is not prime.

c)  
23 is a prime. However,  $47 \mid 2^{23} - 1$ , so  $2^{23} - 1$  is not a prime.

4

a)  $R$  is not reflexive because 1 does not relate to 1 since  $1+1 < 10$  but  $1 \in Z$

$R$  is symmetric because if  $a R b \iff a+b=10 \iff b+a=10 \iff b R a$

$R$  is not transitive because  $2 R 8$  and  $8 R 2$  but  $2$  does not related to  $2$  because  $2+2 < 10$  and  $8$  and  $2$  are  $\in Z$

b)

a)  $R$  is reflexive. Let  $a \in Z$  and  $b \in (Z \setminus \{0\})$ , then  $(a,b) \in X$ . We see that  $(a,b) R (a,b) \iff a \cdot b = a \cdot b$  for all  $(a,b)$  in  $X \implies R$  is reflexive

b)  $R$  is symmetric. For  $(a,b)$  and  $(c,d)$  in  $X$ ,  $(a,b) R (c,d) \iff a \cdot b = c \cdot d \iff c \cdot d = a \cdot b \iff (c,d) R (a,b)$ .

c)  $R$  is transitive. For  $(a,b)$ ,  $(e,f)$  and  $(c,d)$  in  $X$ ,  $(a,b) R (c,d)$  and  $(c,d) R (e,f) \iff a \cdot b = c \cdot d$  and  $c \cdot d = e \cdot f \implies a \cdot b = e \cdot f \iff (a,b) R (e,f) \implies R$  is transitive.

$$6. 33^{33} \equiv 2^{33} \equiv (2^{5 \cdot 6 + 3}) \equiv (2^5)^6 \cdot 2^3 \equiv 1^6 \cdot 2^3 \equiv 8 \pmod{33}$$

7.

a) We first establish that  $10 \equiv -1 \pmod{11}$ . Clearly, we see that  $11 \mid (10 - (-1)) = 11$ .

$$10^n \equiv 10 \cdot 10 \cdot 10 \dots 10 \text{ (n times)} \equiv (-1) \cdot (-1) \cdot (-1) \dots (-1) \text{ (n times)} \equiv (-1)^n \pmod{11}.$$

We show by induction just to be rigorous. As stated previously, it is clear that  $10^n \equiv (-1)^n \pmod{11}$  for  $n=1$ . As induction hypothesis, now assume that for  $n=k$ ,  $10^k \equiv (-1)^k \pmod{11}$ . We want to show that  $10^{k+1} \equiv (-1)^{k+1} \pmod{11}$ :

Using what we have shown in lecture, that  $a \equiv_n b$  and  $c \equiv_n d \implies ac \equiv_n bc$ , we can conclude that  $10^k \equiv (-1)^k \pmod{11} \implies 10^k(-1) \equiv (-1)^k(-1) \iff 10^{k+1} \equiv (-1)^{k+1} \pmod{11}$ , completing our proof by induction.

b) Write  $a$  as  $x_n \cdot 10^{n-1} + x_{n-1} \cdot 10^{n-2} + x_{n-2} \cdot 10^{n-3} + \dots + x_2 \cdot 10^1 + x_1 \cdot 10^0$ .

$$\text{Hence, } a \equiv x_n \cdot 10^{n-1} + x_{n-1} \cdot 10^{n-2} + x_{n-2} \cdot 10^{n-3} + \dots + x_2 \cdot 10^1 + x_1 \cdot 10^0 \pmod{11}$$

$$\Rightarrow a \equiv x_n \cdot (-1)^{n-1} + x_{n-1} \cdot (-1)^{n-2} + x_{n-2} \cdot (-1)^{n-3} + \dots + x_2 \cdot (-1)^1 + x_1 \cdot (-1)^0 \pmod{11}$$

Rearranging,

$$\Rightarrow a \equiv x_1 \cdot (-1)^0 + x_2 \cdot (-1)^1 + x_3 \cdot (-1)^2 + \dots + x_{n-2} \cdot (-1)^{n-3} + x_{n-1} \cdot (-1)^{n-2} + x_n \cdot (-1)^{n-1} \pmod{11}$$

Since  $(-1)^k = 1$  iff  $k$  is an even integer and  $(-1)^k = -1$  iff  $k$  is an odd integer

$$\Rightarrow a \equiv x_1 \cdot (1) + x_2 \cdot (-1)^1 + x_3 \cdot (1) + \dots + x_{n-2} \cdot (-1)^{n-3} + x_{n-1} \cdot (-1)^{n-2} + x_n \cdot (-1)^{n-1} \pmod{11}$$

c) To show  $43,171,234 \equiv 7 \pmod{11}$ , we employ the method suggested in b) and first calculate  $x_1 \cdot (1) + x_2 \cdot (-1)^1 + x_3 \cdot (1) + \dots + x_{n-2} \cdot (-1)^{n-3} + x_{n-1} \cdot (-1)^{n-2} + x_n \cdot (-1)^{n-1}$  where  $n=8$ .

$$\text{We see that } 43,171,234 \equiv 4-3+2-1+7-1+3-4 = 7 \equiv 7 \pmod{11}$$

8.

$f = g$  if:

$$[a]_5 = [b]_5 \Rightarrow f([a]_5) = g([b]_5) \text{ for any } [a], [b] \text{ in } \mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z} \Leftrightarrow 5 \mid f(a') - g(a') \text{ where } a' \text{ is in } \mathbb{Z}$$

Let  $[a]$  be an element of  $\mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z}$ . Clearly  $5 \mid [a]_5^3 + 2[a]_5^2 + 3 - ([a]_5^3 - 3[a]_5^2 + 5[a]_5 - 2) = 5[a]_5^2 + 5[a]_5 + 5$ . Hence,  $f(a) \equiv g(a) \pmod{5}$ , or equivalently,  $f([x]) = g([y])$  for  $[x]$  and  $[y]$  in  $\mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z}$ .

9a)

We will show by cases. There are only 3 equivalent classes to consider in  $\mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$ . We consider the 6 cases. WLOG, let  $x \geq y$ , where  $x$  and  $y$  are as defined in the question.  $x$  and  $y$  can only take on the following values:  $[0]_3, [1]_3$  and  $[2]_3$ .

Case  $x = [2]$  and  $y = [2]$ :

$$[2]^2 + [2]^2 = [2][2] + [2][2] = [8] \quad [0]$$

Case  $x = [2]$  and  $y = [1]$

$$[2]^2 + [1]^2 = [2][2] + [1][1] = [5] \quad [0]$$

Case  $x = [2]$  and  $y = [0]$

$$[2]^2 + [0]^2 = [2][2] + [0][0] = [4] \quad [0]$$

Case  $x = [1]$  and  $y = [1]$

$$[1]^2 + [1]^2 = [1][1] + [1][1] = [2] \quad [0]$$

Case  $x = [1]$  and  $y = [0]$

$$[1]^2 + [0]^2 = [1][1] + [0][0] = [1] \quad [0]$$

Case  $x = [0]$  and  $y = [0]$

$$[0]^2 + [0]^2 = [0][0] + [0][0] = [0]$$

We have exhausted all the possibilities. Hence, the only solution is  $x = y = [0]_3$

9b)

Suppose there is a solution. We will prove by contradiction.

Let integers  $x'$  and  $y'$  in  $\mathbf{Z}$  be the solution.  $a) \implies x'^2 + y'^2 = 3k$  for some  $k$  in  $\mathbf{Z}$  implies  $x' = 3s$  and  $y' = 3t$  for some  $s$  and  $t$  in  $\mathbf{Z}$ . However, by the following Claim 1, this implies  $k = 3k'$  where  $k'$  is an integer. This implies  $\gcd(k, 3k) = 3 \nmid 1$ , so there is no solution.

**Claim 1:** For integers  $x'$  and  $y'$  in  $\mathbf{Z}$ ,  $x'^2 + y'^2 = 3k$  for some  $k$  in  $\mathbf{Z}$  implies  $x' = 3s$  and  $y' = 3t$  for some  $s$  and  $t$  in  $\mathbf{Z}$ , and this in turn implies  $k = 3k'$  where  $k'$  is an integer.

**Proof:** It is easy to see that if  $x' = 3s$  and  $y' = 3t$ , then  $3k = 9s^2 + 9t^2 \iff k = 3s^2 + 3t^2 \iff 3 \mid k \iff k = 3k'$  for an integer  $k'$ .

10)

We will use the Extended Euclidean Algorithm to find the inverse of  $17 \in \mathbf{Z}/95\mathbf{Z}$

I	$q_i$	$r_i$	$x_i$	$y_i$
0	-	95	1	0
1	-	17	0	1
2	5	10	1	-5
3	1	7	-1	6
4	1	3	2	-11
5	2	1	-5	28
6	3	0	17	-95

We see that  $95(-5) + 17(28) = 1$ . Hence,  $95 \mid 17(28) + 1 \implies 28$  is the inverse of  $17 \in \mathbf{Z}/95\mathbf{Z}$

11.

a) Claim 1:  $a = a^{-1} \implies a^2 = 1$

Proof: By definition of inverse,  $a \cdot a^{-1} = 1$  if  $a$  is a unit. If  $a = a^{-1}$ , then  $a^2 = a \cdot a = a \cdot a^{-1} = 1$ .

Claim 2:  $a^2 = 1 \implies a = a^{-1}$

Proof: By Theorem 1.7.1, inverses are unique.  $a^2 = 1 \iff a \cdot a = 1 \implies a$  is  $a$ 's own inverse. In other words, uniqueness of inverse and claim 1  $\implies$  claim 2.

Claim 1 + Claim 2 completes the proof.

b)

Claim 1: if  $a = 1$  or  $a = -1$  then  $a = a^{-1}$ .

Proof:

If  $a = 1$ , then  $a^2 = 1$ . By a),  $a = a^{-1}$

If  $a = -1$ , then  $a^2 = 1$ . By a),  $a = a^{-1}$

Claim 2: If  $a = a^{-1} \implies a = 1$  or  $a = -1$

By a),  $a = a^{-1} \implies a^2 = 1 \implies \exists \tilde{a}, x, y \in \mathbf{Z}$  s.t.  $\tilde{a}^2 x + py = 1$  where  $[\tilde{a}] = a$  and  $0 \leq \tilde{a} < p \iff p \mid \tilde{a}^2 - 1 \iff \tilde{a} = 1$  or  $\tilde{a} = -1 \iff a = 1$  or  $a = -1$ .

Claim 1+Claim 2 completes the proof.

c)

$(p-1)! = 1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot \dots \cdot (p-2) \cdot (p-1)$ . By theorem 1.7.4, the invertible elements in  $\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$  are  $[1], [2], [3], \dots, [p-1]$ . By uniqueness of inverses, every element  $[a]$  in  $\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$  has exactly one  $[b]$  in  $\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$  s.t.  $[a][b]=[1]$ . By part a and part b of this question, if  $[a] = [-1]$  and  $[a] = [1]$ , then  $[a][b]=1 \Rightarrow [a] = [b]$ . Hence, for elements  $[2], [3], \dots, [(p-3)], [(p-2)]$ , we can match each of them up with its inverses. Hence,  $(p-1)! \equiv 1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot \dots \cdot (p-2) \cdot (p-1) \equiv 1 \cdot (1 \cdot 1 \cdot \dots \cdot 1 \cdot 1) \cdot (p-1) \equiv -1 \pmod{p}$

12.

To simplify notation, we drop the square brackets but recognize that we are working in  $\mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z}$  (e.g.  $[a]_5$  is simply written as a

$$\begin{aligned} 1) \quad 3x+y+2z &= 3 \\ 2) \quad x+y+2z &= 2 \\ 3) \quad 2x+y+4z &= 3 \end{aligned}$$

We add the 1) and 3) together and get 4)  $5x+2y+6z=6 \Leftrightarrow 0x+2y+z=1$ .

We add 2) and 3) together and get 5)  $3x+2y+6z=5 \Leftrightarrow 3x+2y+z=0$ .

We add 1) and 2) together and get 6)  $4x+2y+4z=0$

We subtract 5) from 4) and get 7)  $2x=1 \Leftrightarrow 2x=6 \Leftrightarrow x=3$ .

We subtract 6 from 5) and get 8)  $x-2z=0$

Substituting in results from 7) to 8), we get  $-2z=-3 \Leftrightarrow 2z=8 \Leftrightarrow z=4$

Substituting in results from 8) to 6), we get  $4(3)+2(y)+4(4) = 0 \Leftrightarrow y=1$

So in sum,  $x \equiv 3 \pmod{5}$ ,  $y \equiv 4 \pmod{5}$ ,  $z \equiv 1 \pmod{5}$ .

# Homework #3

1.

We will prove by contradiction.

We know that  $10a_1+9a_2+\dots+ma_j+\dots+na_i+\dots+2a_9+1a_{10} \equiv 0 \pmod{11}$ , where  $m$  and  $n$  are integers s.t.  $10 \geq m > n \geq 0$  and  $m+j=11$  and  $n+i=11$ .

Suppose now we have swapped  $a_i$  and  $a_j$ , where  $i > j$  and  $B$  is still a valid code. If  $B$  is still a valid code, then  $10a_1+\dots+ma_j+\dots+na_i+\dots+a_{10} \equiv 10a_1+\dots+ma_i+\dots+na_j+\dots+a_{10} \equiv 0 \pmod{11}$ .

This implies  $ma_j-ma_i+na_i-na_j \equiv 0 \pmod{11} \Rightarrow m(a_j-a_i)-n(a_j-a_i) \equiv 0 \pmod{11}$

$\Rightarrow (m-n)(a_j-a_i) \equiv 0 \pmod{11}$ . However,  $10 \geq m > n \geq 1$ , so  $9 \geq (m-n) \geq 1 \Rightarrow \gcd(m-n, 11)=1 \Rightarrow (m-n)$  is invertible  $\Rightarrow (a_j-a_i) \equiv 0 \pmod{11}$ . But  $0 \leq a_j, a_i \leq 9$ , so  $(a_j-a_i) \equiv 0 \pmod{11} \Rightarrow a_i = a_j$ .

Contradicting the assumption that  $i > j$ , so  $B$  is not a valid code.

2. We first checked and verified that 6, 5, and 11 are pairwise co-prime. Then we apply the Chinese remainder theorem.

We first try to solve:

$$x' \equiv 3 \pmod{6}$$

$$x' \equiv 0 \pmod{(11 \cdot 5)}$$

Note: We could have solved the system  $x' \equiv 1 \pmod{6}$  and  $x' \equiv 0 \pmod{(11 \cdot 5)}$

first, and then multiply the solution  $x'$  by 3. However, because we are solving by trial and error anyway, we can shortcut the process. (i.e. If  $w_1$  is an integer s.t.  $w_1 \equiv 1 \pmod{6}$  and  $w_1 \equiv 0 \pmod{(11 \cdot 5)}$ , then  $x' = 3w_1$  where  $x'$  is the solution to the system.)

By trial and error,  $(11 \cdot 5) \cdot 3 = 165$  and  $165 \equiv 3 \pmod{6}$ . Hence  $x' = 165$ .

Then we try to solve:

$$x'' \equiv 2 \pmod{5}$$

$$x'' \equiv 0 \pmod{(11 \cdot 6)}$$

By trial and error,  $(11 \cdot 6) \cdot 2 = 132$  and  $132 \equiv 2 \pmod{5}$ . For the same reason as before, we solve the presented system of equations instead of the one involving  $x'' \equiv 1 \pmod{5}$ . Hence  $x'' = 132$

Then we try to solve:

$$x''' \equiv 1 \pmod{11}$$

$$x''' \equiv 0 \pmod{(5 \cdot 6)}$$

We perform extended euclidean algorithm since the solution is not immediately obvious:

i	$q_i$	$r_i$	$x_i$	$y_i$
0	-	30	1	0
1	-	11	0	1
2	2	8	1	-2
3	1	3	-1	3
4	2	2	3	-8
5	1	1	-4	11

$(5 \cdot 6) \cdot (-4) = -120$  and  $-120 \equiv 1 \pmod{11}$ . Hence  $x''' = -120$

By Chinese remainder theorem,  $x \equiv x' + x'' + x''' = 165 + 132 - 120 = 177 \pmod{330}$  is the set of solutions to  $x \equiv 3 \pmod{6}$ ,  $x \equiv 2 \pmod{5}$  and  $x \equiv 1 \pmod{11}$ .

3.

a) We perform the Extended Euclidean algorithm:

i	$q_i$	$r_i$	$x_i$	$y_i$
0	-	198	1	0
1	-	5	0	1
2	39	3	1	-39
3	1	2	-1	40
4	1	1	2	-79
5	2	0	-5	198

Hence,  $2 \cdot 198 - 79 \cdot 5 = 1 \Rightarrow 5 \cdot 79 \equiv 1 \pmod{198} \Rightarrow [5]_{198}^{-1} = [-79]_{198} = [119]_{198}$

b. Solving  $[5]_{198}^{-1}$  is equivalent to finding  $x \in \mathbb{Z}/198\mathbb{Z}$  such that  $5x \equiv 1 \pmod{198}$ . We know that 198 can prime factorized to be  $2 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 11$ .

By Chinese Remainder Theorem,  $5x \equiv 1 \pmod{198} \Leftrightarrow 5x \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ ,  $5x \equiv 1 \pmod{9}$  and  $5x \equiv 1 \pmod{11}$ .

So first we consider the system:

$$\begin{aligned} 5x' &\equiv 1 \pmod{2} \Leftrightarrow x' \equiv 1 \pmod{2} \text{ and} \\ x' &\equiv 0 \pmod{9 \cdot 11} \end{aligned}$$

Obviously,  $x' = (9 \cdot 11) \cdot 1$  would satisfy the above system.

Next we consider the following system:

$$\begin{aligned} 5x'' &\equiv 1 \pmod{9} \Leftrightarrow x'' \equiv 2 \pmod{9} \text{ and} \\ x'' &\equiv 0 \pmod{2 \cdot 11} \end{aligned}$$

I	$q_i$	$r_i$	$x_i$	$y_i$
0	-	22	1	0
1	-	9	0	1
2	2	4	1	-2
3	2	1	-2	5

$-2 \cdot 22 + 5 \cdot 9 = 1 \Rightarrow -44 \equiv 1 \pmod{9}$  and  $-44 \equiv 0 \pmod{2 \cdot 11} \Leftrightarrow -88 \equiv 2 \pmod{9}$  and  $-88 \equiv 0 \pmod{2 \cdot 11}$

One can regard the previous step as finding the  $w_1$  as defined in CRT, and then multiply by "a" (2 in this case).

Hence,  $x'' = -88$  is a solution.

Next, we consider the following system:

$$5x''' \equiv 1 \pmod{11} \Leftrightarrow x''' \equiv 9 \pmod{11} \text{ and}$$

$$5x''' \equiv 0 \pmod{2 \cdot 3^2}$$

I	$q_i$	$r_i$	$x_i$	$y_i$
0	-	18	1	0
1	-	11	0	1
2	1	7	1	-1
3	1	4	-1	2
4	1	3	2	-3
5	1	1	-3	5

$$\text{EGCD} \Rightarrow -3(18) + 5 \cdot 11 = 1 \Rightarrow -54 \equiv 1 \pmod{11} \Rightarrow -486 \equiv 9 \pmod{11}$$

By Chinese Remainder Theorem then,  $x \equiv x' + x'' + x'''$  (we are not dealing with the weights as defined in CRT in this sum, but  $x'$ ,  $x''$ ,  $x'''$  are the product of the corresponding weights and the corresponding constant " $a_i$ " as defined in CRT in p.46 of text)  $= 99 - 88 - 486 = -475 \equiv 119 \pmod{198}$ . We check that  $5 \cdot 119 \equiv 1 \pmod{198}$ , hence  $[119]_{198}$  is indeed  $[5]_{198}^{-1}$ .

4.

Since  $(2,31)=1$ , by Fermat's Theorem,  $2^{30} \equiv 1 \pmod{31}$ . Hence,  $2^{127} = 2^{30 \cdot 4 + 7} = (2^{30})^4 \cdot 2^7 \equiv 2^7 = 2^5 \cdot 2^2 \equiv 2^2 = 4 \pmod{31}$ .

5.

We use Theorem 1.11.3 (ii) which states that  $a^p \equiv a \pmod{p}$  where  $p$  is prime and  $a$  is an integer. Theorem 1.11.3 (ii) follows directly from Fermat's Theorem, as shown in the text.

Claim 1:  $(a+b)^p \equiv a^p + b^p \pmod{p}$ , where  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $p$  are as defined in the problem.  $(a+b)^p \equiv a+b \pmod{p}$  by Theorem 1.11.3 (ii).

We notice that  $a^p \equiv a \pmod{p}$  and  $b^p \equiv b \pmod{p}$  by Theorem 1.11.3 (ii), hence,  $(a+b)^p \equiv a+b \equiv a^p + b^p \pmod{p}$ .

Claim 2:  $(a-b)^p \equiv a^p - b^p \pmod{p}$ , where  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $p$  are as defined in the problem.  $(a-b)^p \equiv a-b \pmod{p}$  by Theorem 1.11.3 (ii).

We notice that  $a^p \equiv a \pmod{p}$  and  $b^p \equiv b \pmod{p}$  by Theorem 1.11.3 (ii), hence,  $(a-b)^p \equiv a-b \equiv a^p - b^p \pmod{p}$ .

Claim 1 and Claim 2 shows  $(a+b)^p \equiv a^p + b^p \pmod{p}$  and  $(a-b)^p \equiv a^p - b^p \pmod{p}$ .

6.

For element  $7 \in (\mathbb{Z}/12)^*$ :

Since  $\varphi(12) = \varphi(3)\varphi(2^2) = 2 \cdot 2 = 4$ , and by lemma 1.11.6, order  $m$  of this element must divide 4. Hence, the possible orders are 1, 2, and 4 (we do not need to consider any larger integers because we are guaranteed that  $7^4 \equiv 1$ , but it might not be the least positive integer  $m$  such that  $7^m \equiv 1$ ). We try them in order:

We see that  $7^1-1=6(\pmod{12})$  and  $7^2-1=1(\pmod{12})$ . Hence,  $m=2$ .

For element  $2 \in (\mathbb{Z}/29)^*$ :

Since  $\varphi(29) = 28$  because 29 is a prime, and by lemma 1.11.6, order  $m$  of this element must divide 28. Hence, the possible orders are 1, 2, 4, 7, 14 and 28 (we do not need to consider any larger integers because we are guaranteed that  $2^{28} \equiv 1$ , but it might not be the least positive integer  $m$  such that  $2^m \equiv 1$ ). We try them in order:

We see that  $2^i < 29$  for  $i=1, 2$  and 4, and not congruent to 1 (mod 29). We see that  $2^7 \equiv 12 \neq 1(\pmod{29})$  and  $2^{14} \equiv (2^7)^2 \equiv 144 \neq 1(\pmod{29})$ . Hence, in fact, 28 is the order of the element  $2 \in (\mathbb{Z}/29)^*$ .

7.

In the RSA scheme, we know that  $ed \equiv 1 \pmod{\varphi(n)}$ , where  $e$ ,  $d$  and  $n$  are as defined in the RSA scheme. Give the prime factorization of  $n=1022117=1009 \cdot 1013$ , we first find  $\varphi(n) = \varphi(1009)\varphi(1013)$ . Hence,  $\varphi(n) = 1008 \cdot 1012 = 1020096$  by theorem in text.

Now our task becomes finding  $d$  s.t.  $816077d \equiv 1 \pmod{1020096}$ . We apply the EGCD algorithm:

$i$	$q_i$	$r_i$	$x_i$	$y_i$
0	-	1020096	1	0
1	-	816077	0	1
2	1	204019	1	-1
3	4	1	-4	5

We see that  $1020096(-4) + 816077(5) = 1 \iff 1020096 \mid 816077(5) - 1 \iff 816077(5) \equiv 1 \pmod{1020096}$ .

We have found the unique inverse for  $e$ , which we called  $d$ , to be 5.

Now we calculate  $c_i^5 \pmod{1022117}$ :

For  $c_1=477727$

$$477727^5 \equiv 477727^{2 \cdot 2} \cdot 477727 \equiv (714301)^2 \cdot 477727 \equiv 443956 \cdot 477727 \equiv 490512 \pmod{1022117}$$

According to the table in pg 60, this represents the codes 49,05,12, which represents the alphabets: Wel

For  $c_2=304514$

$$304514^5 \equiv 304514^{2 \cdot 2} \cdot 304514 \equiv (277722)^2 \cdot 304514 \equiv 560464 \cdot 304514 \equiv 126304 \pmod{1022117}$$

According to the table in pg 60, this represents the codes 12,63,04, which represents the alphabets: ld

For  $c_3=355080$

$$355080^5 \equiv 355080^{2 \cdot 2} \cdot 355080 \equiv (608099)^2 \cdot 355080 \equiv 861307 \cdot 355080 \equiv 151405 \pmod{1022117}$$

According to the table in pg 60, this represents the codes 15,14,05, which represents the alphabets: one

For  $c_4=295177$

$$295177^5 \equiv 295177^{2 \cdot 2} \cdot 295177 \equiv (119781)^2 \cdot 295177 \equiv 31632 \cdot 295177 \equiv 69 \pmod{1022117}$$

According to the table in pg 60, this represents the code 69, which represents the alphabets:!

So in summary, the message is “Well done!” (sans quote).

8.

a. Using the definition of  $g_0, f_0, g_i,$  and  $f_i,$  we see that  $g_i$  is a bounded monotonically decreasing sequence: by definition of gcd,  $f_i \geq 1$ ; together with  $g_0 \geq 1 \Rightarrow g_i \geq 1$  for all  $i \geq 0$ . Hence,  $g_i$  is bounded. Hence, it is clear that  $g_i$  is bounded, and monotonically decreasing (since we are dividing by integers (since clearly  $f_i | g_{i+1}$ )), and assumes finite number of values (i.e. the values are a subset from the set  $\{1, 2, \dots, g_0\}$ ). Hence, there exists integers  $i$  and  $j$  s.t.  $g_i = g_j$  where  $i=j-1$ . By

definition,  $g_j = \frac{g_i}{f_i}$ .  $g_i = g_j \Rightarrow f_i = 1$ .

b.

Claim B0:  $\gcd(a, bc) = \gcd(a, b)$  if  $\gcd(a, c) = 1$  where  $a, b$  and  $c$  are integers

$\gcd(a, c) = 1 \Leftrightarrow ax + cy = 1$  for some integers  $x$  and  $y$

Write  $\gcd(a, b) = d$ . This implies, there exists integers  $x'$  and  $y'$  such that  $ax' + by' = d$ .

Notice that  $(ax' + by') \cdot (ax + cy) = a(ax'x + x'cy + bxy') + bc(yy') = d, \gcd(a, bc) = d$ .

Claim B1:  $\gcd(\gcd(a, b), c) = \gcd(a, \gcd(b, c))$

Proof:

Let  $d$  be the  $\gcd(\gcd(a, b), c)$ . This implies  $d | \gcd(a, b)$  and  $d | c$ .  $d | \gcd(a, b) \Rightarrow d | a$  and  $d | b$ . Because  $d | b$  and  $d | c$ ,  $d | \gcd(b, c)$ .  $d | \gcd(b, c)$  and  $d | a \Rightarrow d | \gcd(a, \gcd(b, c))$ .

Similarly, let  $e$  be  $\gcd(a, \gcd(b, c))$ . This implies  $e | \gcd(b, c)$  and  $e | a$ .  $e | \gcd(b, c) \Rightarrow e | b$  and  $e | c$ . Because  $e | a$  and  $e | b$ ,  $e | \gcd(a, b)$ .  $e | \gcd(a, b)$  and  $e | c \Rightarrow e | \gcd(\gcd(a, b), c) = d$ .

Since  $e | d$  and  $d | e$ ,  $e = d$ , completing our proof.

We will proceed by induction. We will show that  $\varphi(n) | g_i$  for  $i=0$ .

By definition of  $e_2$  and  $d_2$ ,  $e_2 \cdot d_2 \equiv 1 \pmod{\varphi(n)}$ . Hence,  $e_2 \cdot d_2 - 1 = (k_0 \cdot \varphi(n))$ , for some integer  $k_0$ .

Hence,  $\varphi(n) | g_0$

Suppose  $\varphi(n) | g_i$  for some  $i=n$  (as our induction hypothesis). We will show that this implies

$\varphi(n) | g_{n+1}$

(\*\*) By definition of  $e_1$ ,  $e_1$  is an invertible element in  $Z/\varphi(n) \Leftrightarrow \gcd(e_1, \varphi(n)) = 1$ . By induction hypothesis,  $\varphi(n) | g_n \Leftrightarrow g_n = k_n \cdot \varphi(n)$  for some integer  $k_n$ . Hence, by claim B0,  $f_n = \gcd(e_1, g_n) = \gcd(e_1, k_n \varphi(n)) = \gcd(e_1, k_n)$ . Furthermore, by Claim B1,  $\gcd(f_n, \varphi(n)) = \gcd(\gcd(e_1, g_n), \varphi(n)) = \gcd(\gcd(e_1, \varphi(n)), g_n) = 1$ . Therefore,  $f_n | g_n = k_n \cdot \varphi(n) \Rightarrow f_n | k_n$ .

By definition,  $g_{n+1} = \frac{k_n \varphi(n)}{f_n}$ . By (\*\*), We can write  $g_{n+1} = \frac{k_n}{f_n} \varphi(n) \Leftrightarrow \varphi(n) | g_{n+1}$ .

This completes our induction.

Hence  $g=g_I$  where  $I$  is as defined in problem and  $I \geq 0$ ,  $\varphi(n) \mid g$ .

c) By selection of  $g=g_I$ , we have  $f_I = \gcd(e_I, g_I) = 1$ . Hence, by a theorem, there exists integers  $s$  and  $t$  such that  $sg_I + te_I = 1 \Rightarrow g_I \mid te_I - 1 \Rightarrow e_I t \equiv 1 \pmod{g_I} \Leftrightarrow e_I t \equiv 1 \pmod{g}$

d) By b), we can write  $g = \varphi(n) k_I$  for some integer  $k_I$ . By c),  $\varphi(n) k_I = g = g_I \mid te_I - 1 \Rightarrow \varphi(n) \mid te_I - 1 \Rightarrow e_I t \equiv 1 \pmod{\varphi(n)}$

e) From part d), we have that  $e_I t = \varphi(n) k_I + 1$  for some integer  $k_I$ . Hence,

$(m^{e_I})^t = m^{e_I t} = m^{\varphi(n)(k_I) + 1} = m^{\varphi(n)(k_I)} \cdot m = 1^{(k_I)} \cdot m = m \pmod{n}$ . The second last result follows from Euler's Theorem because  $\gcd(n, m) = 1$ .

# Homework #4

1.

Suppose, by way of contradiction, that the identity is not unique. Then there exists  $I_{\mathbb{R}}$  and  $w \in \mathbb{R}$  s.t.  $a \cdot w = w \cdot a = a$  and  $a \cdot I_{\mathbb{R}} = I_{\mathbb{R}} \cdot a = a$  for all  $a$  in  $\mathbb{R}$ , and  $w \neq I_{\mathbb{R}}$ .

$$a) a \cdot w = w \cdot a = a \Rightarrow I_{\mathbb{R}} \cdot w = w \cdot I_{\mathbb{R}} = I_{\mathbb{R}}$$

$$b) a \cdot I_{\mathbb{R}} = I_{\mathbb{R}} \cdot a = a \Rightarrow w \cdot I_{\mathbb{R}} = I_{\mathbb{R}} \cdot w = w.$$

Claim a + Claim b  $\Rightarrow I_{\mathbb{R}} = w = w \cdot I_{\mathbb{R}} = I_{\mathbb{R}} \cdot w$ . We reached a contradiction, and hence identity is unique.

2a.

In each case, we need to check the 6 properties for  $(\mathbb{R}, +, \cdot)$

Let  $f, g$ , and  $h$  be real valued functions (and hence an element in  $\mathbb{R}$ )

(0) Since  $+$  and  $\cdot$  are given to be well defined maps,  $\mathbb{R}$  is closed with respect to the two operations.

i) We need to check  $f+(g+h)=(f+g)+h$ :

$$f+(g+h): \begin{array}{l} \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ a \mapsto f(a) + (g(a) + h(a)) \end{array}$$

$$(f+g)+h: \begin{array}{l} \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ a \mapsto (f(a) + g(a)) + h(a) \end{array}$$

Clearly,  $f+(g+h) = (f+g)+h$  because  $f(a) + (g(a) + h(a)) = (f(a) + g(a)) + h(a)$  since real value addition is associative.

ii) We need to check  $f+g=g+f$

$$f+(g+h): \begin{array}{l} \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ a \mapsto f(a) + g(a) \end{array}$$

$$(f+g)+h: \begin{array}{l} \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ a \mapsto g(a) + f(a) \end{array}$$

Clearly,  $f+g = g+f$  because  $f(a) + g(a) = g(a) + f(a)$  since real value addition is commutative.

iii) We need to check there exists element  $0_{\mathbb{R}}$  s.t.  $f+0_{\mathbb{R}}=f$

$0_{\mathbb{R}}: \begin{array}{l} \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ a \mapsto 0 \end{array}$  is a function that always returns the real value 0. We see that  $f+0_{\mathbb{R}}$  is  $f$  because then

$$\text{by definition of addition, } f+0_{\mathbb{R}} = \begin{array}{l} \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ a \mapsto f(a) + 0 \end{array} \Rightarrow f+0_{\mathbb{R}} = \begin{array}{l} \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ a \mapsto f(a) \end{array}$$

iv) We need to check there exists element denoted  $-f$  s.t.  $f+(-f)=0_{\mathbb{R}}$

Let  $f'$  be a real value function s.t. if  $f(a)=b$ , then  $f'(a)=-b$ . Then by definition of addition,

$$f+f' = \begin{matrix} \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ a \mapsto f(a) + f'(a) \end{matrix} = \begin{matrix} \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ a \mapsto b - b \end{matrix} = \begin{matrix} \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ a \mapsto 0 \end{matrix} = 0_{\mathbb{R}}. \text{ We rewrite } f' \text{ as } -f.$$

v) We need to check  $(f \cdot g) \cdot h = f \cdot (g \cdot h)$

By definition of multiplication and addition,  $(f \cdot g) \cdot h = \begin{matrix} \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ a \mapsto (f(a) \cdot g(a)) \cdot h(a) \end{matrix}$ . But since real

values are associative, this is just  $(f \cdot g) \cdot h = \begin{matrix} \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ a \mapsto f(a) \cdot (g(a) \cdot h(a)) \end{matrix}$ . Since  $f \cdot (g \cdot h)$

$$= \begin{matrix} \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ a \mapsto f(a) \cdot (g(a) \cdot h(a)) \end{matrix}, \text{ we see } (f \cdot g) \cdot h = f \cdot (g \cdot h).$$

vi) We need to check  $f \cdot (g+h) = f \cdot g + f \cdot h$  and  $(g+h) \cdot f = g \cdot f + h \cdot f$

By definition of multiplication and addition,  $f \cdot (g+h) = \begin{matrix} \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ a \mapsto f(a) \cdot (g(a) + h(a)) \end{matrix}$ . Since real

values are distributive, we can rewrite  $f \cdot (g+h) = \begin{matrix} \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ a \mapsto f(a)g(a) + f(a)h(a) \end{matrix}$ . But then  $f \cdot g + f \cdot h =$

$$\begin{matrix} \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ a \mapsto f(a)g(a) + f(a)h(a) \end{matrix}, \text{ so } f \cdot (g+h) = f \cdot g + f \cdot h.$$

Similarly, by definition of multiplication and addition,  $(g+h) \cdot f = \begin{matrix} \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ a \mapsto (g(a) + h(a)) \cdot f(a) \end{matrix}$ . Since

real values are distributive, we can rewrite  $(g+h) \cdot f = \begin{matrix} \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ a \mapsto g(a)f(a) + h(a)f(a) \end{matrix}$ . But then

$$g \cdot f + h \cdot f = \begin{matrix} \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ a \mapsto g(a)f(a) + h(a)f(a) \end{matrix}, \text{ so } (g+h) \cdot f = g \cdot f + h \cdot f.$$

Since  $(\mathbb{R}, +, \cdot)$  satisfies properties (0) to (vi),  $\mathbb{R}$  is a ring.

2b)

Property (vi) <Multiplicative distributivity is violated>

Consider  $f: \begin{matrix} \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ a \mapsto a+1 \end{matrix}$ ,  $g: \begin{matrix} \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ a \mapsto 3a \end{matrix}$  and  $h: \begin{matrix} \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ a \mapsto 7a \end{matrix}$ , then if  $(\mathbb{R}, +, \cdot)$  is a ring, then by (vi),

$f(g+h) = fg + fh$ . But  $f(g+h): \begin{matrix} \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ a \mapsto (3a+7a)+1 \end{matrix}$ , and  $fg+fh: \begin{matrix} \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ a \mapsto (3a+1) + (7a+1) \end{matrix}$ , and clearly,

$(3a+7a+1) \neq (3a+1) + (7a+1)$ . Hence, there exists  $f, g$ , and  $h$  in  $\mathbb{R}$  s.t. (vi) is not satisfied with respect to the defined operations. Hence,  $(\mathbb{R}, +, \cdot)$  is not a ring.

3.

From lecture, we know that  $\mathbf{C}$  (complex numbers with usual addition and multiplication) is a ring. It is therefore sufficient to show  $R$  is a subring of  $\mathbf{C}$ .

Clearly,  $R$  is a subset of  $\mathbf{C}$ .  $R$  is also non-empty – if we let  $a=b=0$ , we see that the zero element is in  $R$ .

Let  $R = \{a+ib\}: a,b \in \mathbf{Z}\}$

By Lemma 2.2.4,  $R$  is a subring if  $R$  is closed under  $+$ ,  $-$  and multiplication

It is straightforward to check that if  $a, b, c, d \in \mathbf{Z}$ , then  $a+ib \in R$ , and  $c+id \in R$ . We see that  $(a+ib) + (c+id) = (a+c) + (ib+id)$  (by associativity of complex numbers)  $= (a+c) + i(b+d)$  (by distributivity of complex numbers).  $(a+c) + i(b+d)$  is in  $R$  because  $a+c$  and  $b+d$  are both integers.

Similarly, it is closed under  $-$ :

If  $a, b, c, d \in \mathbf{Z}$ , then  $a+ib \in R$ , and  $c+id \in R$ . We see that  $(a+ib) - (c+id) = (a+c) - (ib+id)$  (by associativity of complex numbers)  $= (a+c) - i(b+d)$  (by distributivity of complex numbers)  $= (a+c) + i(-b-d)$ .  $(a+c) + i(-b-d)$  is in  $R$  because  $a+c$  and  $-b-d$  are both integers.

It is also closed under multiplication:

If  $a, b, c, d \in \mathbf{Z}$ , then  $a+ib \in R$ , and  $c+id \in R$ . We see that  $(a+ib) \cdot (c+id) = ac+aid+ibc+ibid$  (by distributivity of complex numbers)  $= ac+ibid+aid+ibc$  (by associativity of complex numbers)  $= ac-bd+aid+ibc = ac-bd+iad+ibc$  (by multiplicative associativity)  $= ac-bd+i(ad+bc)$  (by distributivity of complex numbers).  $ac-bd+i(ad+bc)$  is in  $R$  because  $ac-bd$  and  $ad+bc$  are both integers.

It is easy to see that  $(1+i0)$  is the identity element in  $R$  since  $(1+i0) \cdot (a+ib) = (a+ib)$ , where  $(a+ib) \in R$ .

Now for which elements are invertible:

For each element  $(a+ib) \in R$ , we want to find integers  $c$  and  $d$  s.t.  $(c+id) \in R$  and  $(a+ib)(c+id) = 1_R = (1+i0)$ . Hence, we have to solve  $ac-bd=1$  and  $ad+bc=0$ .

If  $a=0$ , and  $b=0$ , then  $(a+ib) = 0_R$  and clearly no inverse exists.

If  $a=0$  and  $b \neq 0$ , then  $-bd=1$  and  $bc=0 \Rightarrow b=1, d=-1, c=0$  or  $b=-1, d=1, c=0$ . Hence,  $0+1i$  and  $0+(-1)i$  are invertible elements in  $R$  and their inverses are  $0+(-1)i$  and  $0+1i$  respectively.

If  $a \neq 0$ , then  $ac-bd=1 \Rightarrow ac=1+bd \Rightarrow a|1+bd \Rightarrow c = \frac{1+bd}{a} \Rightarrow ad+b \frac{1+bd}{a} = 0 \Rightarrow a^2d+b(1+bd)=0$   
 $a^2d+b^2d+b=0 \Rightarrow d(a^2+b^2)=-b$ .

Also, if  $a \neq 0$ , then  $ad+bc=0 \Rightarrow ad=-bc \Rightarrow a|-bc \Rightarrow d = \frac{-bc}{a} \Rightarrow ac + \frac{b^2c}{a} = 1 \Rightarrow a^2c + b^2c = a \Rightarrow c(a^2+b^2) = a$

Hence, we see that  $c$  and  $d \in \mathbf{Z}$  iff  $(a^2+b^2)|a$  and  $(a^2+b^2)|-b$ . Since  $a^2 \geq a$ ,  $\frac{a}{a^2+b^2} \in \mathbf{Z}$  iff  $b^2=0$ ,

because  $a^2+b^2|a$  only if  $a^2+b^2 \leq a$ . If  $b=0$  and  $a^2|a$  then  $\frac{a}{a^2+b^2} \in \mathbf{Z}$ .  $a^2|a$  and  $a|a^2 \Leftrightarrow a=a^2 \Rightarrow a=-1$  or  $a=1$  since  $a \in \mathbf{Z}$ . Hence, we have that if  $a \neq 0$ , only  $1+0i$  and  $-1+0i$  are invertibles.

In sum,  $0+1i$ ,  $0+(-1)i$ ,  $1+0i$  and  $-1+0i$  are the only invertible elements in  $\mathbb{R}$ .

4a.

The identity of  $M_2(\mathbb{Z}/3)$  is  $\begin{pmatrix} [1]_3 & [0]_3 \\ [0]_3 & [1]_3 \end{pmatrix}$ . It is easy to see that for any  $a \in M_2(\mathbb{Z}/3)$ , i.e.  $a = \begin{pmatrix} b & c \\ d & e \end{pmatrix}$ ,

where  $b, c, d$  and  $e \in (\mathbb{Z}/3)$ , we have  $\begin{pmatrix} [1]_3 & [0]_3 \\ [0]_3 & [1]_3 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} b & c \\ d & e \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} b & c \\ d & e \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} [1]_3 & [0]_3 \\ [0]_3 & [1]_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} b & c \\ d & e \end{pmatrix}$ .

4b.

We know that  $\#(\mathbb{Z}/3) = 3$ . Each entry in  $M_2(\mathbb{Z}/3)$  can take on 3 values, so there are  $3^4$  possible elements in  $M_2(\mathbb{Z}/3)$ .

4c.

Let  $A \in M_2(\mathbb{Z}/3)$ . Write  $A = \begin{pmatrix} b & c \\ d & e \end{pmatrix}$ , where  $b, c, d$  and  $e \in (\mathbb{Z}/3)$ . Write  $a' = \begin{pmatrix} b' & c' \\ d' & e' \end{pmatrix}$  where  $b', c', d'$  and  $e' \in (\mathbb{Z}/3)$  and  $b+b'=[0]_3$ ,  $c+c'=[0]_3$ ,  $d+d'=[0]_3$ , and  $e+e'=[0]_3$ . We rename  $a'$  to  $-A$ . It is easy to see then  $A+(-A) = \begin{pmatrix} [0]_3 & [0]_3 \\ [0]_3 & [0]_3 \end{pmatrix} = \text{Zero in } M_2(\mathbb{Z}/3)$ . In particular, since for all entries  $a_{ij}$ ,  $a_{ij} + 2a_{ij} = [0]_3$ ,  $-A=2A$ .

4d.

No,  $M_2(\mathbb{Z}/3)$  is not commutative. Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} [2]_3 & [2]_3 \\ [2]_3 & [2]_3 \end{pmatrix} \in M_2(\mathbb{Z}/3)$ , and  $B = \begin{pmatrix} [1]_3 & [2]_3 \\ [1]_3 & [0]_3 \end{pmatrix} \in$

$M_2(\mathbb{Z}/3)$ . Observe that  $A \cdot B = \begin{pmatrix} [1]_3 & [1]_3 \\ [1]_3 & [1]_3 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $B \cdot A = \begin{pmatrix} [0]_3 & [0]_3 \\ [2]_3 & [2]_3 \end{pmatrix}$ . Clearly  $AB \neq BA$ .

4e.  $\begin{pmatrix} [0]_3 & [1]_3 \\ [2]_3 & [0]_3 \end{pmatrix}$  is an invertible element and its inverse is  $\begin{pmatrix} [0]_3 & [2]_3 \\ [1]_3 & [0]_3 \end{pmatrix}$  since

$$\begin{pmatrix} [0]_3 & [1]_3 \\ [2]_3 & [0]_3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} [0]_3 & [2]_3 \\ [1]_3 & [0]_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} [1]_3 & [0]_3 \\ [0]_3 & [1]_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\begin{pmatrix} [0]_3 & [0]_3 \\ [0]_3 & [0]_3 \end{pmatrix}$  is a non-invertible element.

5. Let  $R = M_n(\mathbb{Z}/m)$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} [1]_m & [0]_m & \cdots & [0]_m \\ [0]_m & [1]_m & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdots & [1]_m & \cdot \\ [0]_m & \cdots & [0]_m & [1]_m \end{pmatrix}$$

is the identity of  $R$ , where if  $a_{ij}=[1]_m$  if  $i=j$  and  $a_{ij}=[0]_m$  otherwise,

where  $a_{ij}$  is the entry at column  $i$  row  $j$ .

We know that  $n[1]_m = [0]_m$  iff  $n=m$ . We want to find positive characteristics  $c$  s.t.

$$cA=0_R = \begin{pmatrix} [0]_m & [0]_m & \cdots & [0]_m \\ [0]_m & [0]_m & \cdot & \cdot \\ \vdots & \cdots & [0]_m & \cdot \\ [0]_m & \cdots & [0]_m & [0]_m \end{pmatrix}. \text{ Equivalently, } c \text{ s.t. } ca_{ij}=[0]_m. \text{ This implies } c=m.$$

Hence, the characteristics of  $M_n(\mathbf{Z}/m)=m$ .

6a.  $F = (\{[0]_6, [3]_6\}, +, \cdot)$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbf{Z}/2$ .

It is easy to see that  $F$  is non-empty, and it's closed under multiplication, subtraction and addition.  $F$  is a subring of  $\mathbf{Z}/6$ .

$$\mathbf{Z}/6 \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}/2$$

Let  $\varphi: \begin{cases} [0]_6 \mapsto [0]_2 \\ [3]_6 \mapsto [1]_2 \end{cases}$ . Clearly,  $\varphi$  is bijective.

$\varphi$  respects addition:

$\varphi(a+b) = \varphi(a) + \varphi(b)$ , where  $a$  and  $b$  are elements of  $\mathbf{Z}/6$ :

$$\varphi(0+0) = \varphi([0]_6) + \varphi([0]_6) = [0]_2$$

$$\varphi(0+3) = \varphi([0]_6) + \varphi([3]_6) = [1]_2$$

$$\varphi(3+3) = \varphi([3]_6) + \varphi([3]_6) = [0]_2$$

$\varphi$  respects multiplication:

$\varphi(a \cdot b) = \varphi(a) \cdot \varphi(b)$ , where  $a$  and  $b$  are elements of  $\mathbf{Z}/6$ :

$$\varphi(0 \cdot 0) = \varphi([0]_6) \cdot \varphi([0]_6) = [0]_2$$

$$\varphi(0 \cdot 3) = \varphi([0]_6) \cdot \varphi([3]_6) = [0]_2$$

$$\varphi(3 \cdot 3) = \varphi([3]_6) \cdot \varphi([3]_6) = [1]_2$$

$\varphi$  is isomorphism. Hence,  $F$  and  $\mathbf{Z}/2$  are isomorphic.

From the multiplication table, we see that  $[3]_6$  is the identity in  $F$ .

6b.  $G = (\{[0]_6, [2]_6, [4]_6\}, +, \cdot)$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbf{Z}/3$ .

It is easy to see that  $G$  is non-empty, and it's closed under multiplication, subtraction and addition.  $G$  is a subring of  $\mathbf{Z}/6$ .

$$\mathbb{Z}/6 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/3$$

Let  $\varphi: \begin{cases} [0]_6 \mapsto [0]_3 \\ [2]_6 \mapsto [1]_3 \\ [4]_6 \mapsto [2]_3 \end{cases}$ . Clearly,  $\varphi$  is bijective.

$\varphi$  respects addition:

$\varphi(a+b) = \varphi(a) + \varphi(b)$ , where  $a$  and  $b$  are elements of  $\mathbb{Z}/6$ :

$$\varphi(0+0) = \varphi([0]_6) + \varphi([0]_6) = [0]_3$$

$$\varphi(0+2) = \varphi([0]_6) + \varphi([2]_6) = [2]_3$$

$$\varphi(0+4) = \varphi([0]_6) + \varphi([4]_6) = [1]_3$$

$$\varphi(2+2) = \varphi([2]_6) + \varphi([2]_6) = [1]_3$$

$$\varphi(2+4) = \varphi([2]_6) + \varphi([4]_6) = [0]_3$$

$$\varphi(4+4) = \varphi([4]_6) + \varphi([4]_6) = [2]_3$$

$\varphi$  respects multiplication:

$\varphi(a \cdot b) = \varphi(a) \cdot \varphi(b)$ , where  $a$  and  $b$  are elements of  $\mathbb{Z}/6$ :

$$\varphi(0 \cdot 0) = \varphi([0]_6) \cdot \varphi([0]_6) = [0]_3$$

$$\varphi(0 \cdot 2) = \varphi([0]_6) \cdot \varphi([2]_6) = [0]_3$$

$$\varphi(0 \cdot 4) = \varphi([0]_6) \cdot \varphi([4]_6) = [0]_3$$

$$\varphi(2 \cdot 2) = \varphi([2]_6) \cdot \varphi([2]_6) = [1]_3$$

$$\varphi(2 \cdot 4) = \varphi([2]_6) \cdot \varphi([4]_6) = [2]_3$$

$$\varphi(4 \cdot 4) = \varphi([4]_6) \cdot \varphi([4]_6) = [1]_3$$

$\varphi$  is isomorphism. Hence,  $G$  and  $\mathbb{Z}/3$  are isomorphic.

From the multiplication table, we see that  $[4]_6$  is the identity in  $G$ .

7.

$\varphi$  is isomorphism  $\Rightarrow \varphi$  is bijective  $\Rightarrow \varphi^{-1}$  is also bijective.

Hence, we only need to check if  $\varphi^{-1}$  respects multiplication and addition.

**Claim 1:**  $\varphi^{-1}$  respects addition:

**Proof:**

Since  $\varphi$  is injective,  $\varphi(a) = \varphi(b)$  iff  $a=b$ . To show  $\varphi^{-1}(\varphi(a)+\varphi(b)) = \varphi^{-1}(\varphi(a)) + \varphi^{-1}(\varphi(b))$ , we show instead  $\varphi(\varphi^{-1}(\varphi(a)+\varphi(b))) = \varphi(\varphi^{-1}(\varphi(a)) + \varphi^{-1}(\varphi(b)))$ .

LHS =  $a+b$ , since  $\varphi$  and  $\varphi^{-1}$  are inverses of each other.

RHS =  $\varphi(\varphi^{-1}(a)) + \varphi(\varphi^{-1}(b))$  since  $\varphi$  is homomorphic =  $a+b$ , since  $\varphi$  and  $\varphi^{-1}$  are inverses of each other.

LHS=a+b=RHS =>  $\varphi^{-1}$  respects addition

**Claim 2:**  $\varphi^{-1}$  respects multiplication:

**Proof:**

Since  $\varphi$  is injective,  $\varphi(a) = \varphi(b)$  iff  $a=b$ . To show  $\varphi^{-1}(a \cdot b) = \varphi^{-1}(a) \cdot \varphi^{-1}(b)$ , we show instead  $\varphi(\varphi^{-1}(a \cdot b)) = \varphi(\varphi^{-1}(a) \cdot \varphi^{-1}(b))$ .

LHS =  $a \cdot b$ , since  $\varphi$  and  $\varphi^{-1}$  are inverses of each other.

RHS =  $\varphi(\varphi^{-1}(a)) \cdot \varphi(\varphi^{-1}(b))$  since  $\varphi$  is homomorphic =  $a+b$ , since  $\varphi$  and  $\varphi^{-1}$  are inverses of each other.

LHS= $a \cdot b$ =RHS =>  $\varphi^{-1}$  respects multiplication

Claim 1+Claim 2 implies  $\varphi^{-1}$  is homomorphic. Since  $\varphi^{-1}$  is bijective,  $\varphi^{-1}$  is isomorphic.

8.

We will proof by way of contradiction. Suppose  $\mathbf{Z}/3 \times \mathbf{Z}/3$  and  $\mathbf{Z}/9$  are isomorphic. It is easy to see that  $\mathbf{Z}/3 \times \mathbf{Z}/3$  has identity  $([1]_3, [1]_3)$  and zero  $([0]_3, [0]_3)$ .

It is easy to see that  $\mathbf{Z}/9$  has identity  $[1]_9$  and zero  $[0]_9$ .

By a theorem, if two rings are isomorphic, then their characteristics are equal. However,  $\mathbf{Z}/3 \times \mathbf{Z}/3$  has characteristics 3 (since  $3 \cdot ([1]_3, [1]_3) = ([0]_3, [0]_3)$ ), but  $\mathbf{Z}/9$  has characteristics 9 (9 is the small integer  $m$  s.t.  $m[1]_9 = [0]_9$ ). Hence,  $\mathbf{Z}/3 \times \mathbf{Z}/3$  and  $\mathbf{Z}/9$  are not isomorphic.

9.

a. By a theorem,  $I$  is a subring of  $R$  if  $I$  is a non-empty subset of  $R$  and  $I$  is closed under multiplication, subtraction and addition.

Let  $a$  and  $b \in R$  s.t.  $\varphi(a) = \varphi(b) = 0_S$ . Hence,  $a$  and  $b \in I$ .

We want to show that  $a+b \in I$ :

We see that  $\varphi(a+b) = \varphi(a) + \varphi(b) = 0_S + 0_S = 0_S$ . The last result follows from the fact that  $\varphi$  is a homomorphism. Hence,  $a+b \in I$ .

Similarly, we see that  $\varphi(a-b) = \varphi(a) - \varphi(b) = 0_S - 0_S = 0_S$ . The last result follows from the fact that  $\varphi$  is a homomorphism. Hence,  $a-b \in I$ .

Similarly, we see that  $\varphi(a \cdot b) = \varphi(a) \cdot \varphi(b) = 0_S \cdot 0_S = 0_S$ . The last result follows from the fact that  $\varphi$  is a homomorphism. Hence,  $a \cdot b \in I$ .

Hence,  $I$  is a subring of  $R$ .

b. If  $b \in I$ , then by definition,  $\varphi(b) = 0$ . Consider  $\varphi(ab)$ . By the fact that  $\varphi$  is a homomorphism,  $\varphi(ab) = \varphi(a)\varphi(b) = \varphi(a) \cdot 0_S = 0_S$ . The last result follows from the axiom of  $0_S$  in  $S$ . Hence,  $ab \in I$ .

Similarly, consider  $\varphi(ba)$ . By the fact that  $\varphi$  is a homomorphism,  $\varphi(ba) = \varphi(b)\varphi(a) = \varphi(b) \cdot 0_S = 0_S$ . The last result follows from the axiom of  $0_S$  in  $S$ . Hence,  $ba \in I$ .

c.

By definition,  $a \sim b$  iff  $\varphi(a) = \varphi(b)$

$\Leftrightarrow \varphi(a) - \varphi(b) = 0_S$  (the axiom of  $0_S$  and additive inverse in  $S$ )

$\Leftrightarrow \varphi(a-b) = 0_S$  ( $\varphi$  is homomorphic)

$\Leftrightarrow a-b \in I$  (definition of  $I$ )

Hence,  $a \sim b$  iff  $a-b \in I$ .

10.

Claim 1: If  $f \in F[x]$  is a nonzero constant polynomial then  $f$  is invertible

Proof:

Since  $f$  is a nonzero constant polynomial,  $f \in F$ .  $F$  is a field, so all nonzero elements are invertible  $\Rightarrow f$  is invertible.

Claim 2: If  $f$  is invertible, then  $f \in F[x]$  is a nonzero constant polynomial

Proof:

We will prove the contrapositive: If  $f \in F[x]$  is not a nonzero constant polynomial then  $f$  is not invertible

Case 1: Suppose  $f$  is the zero polynomial. Clearly  $f$  is invertible would imply  $0$  in  $F$  is invertible, which is a contradiction.  $f$  is not invertible if  $f$  is the zero polynomial.

Case 2: Suppose  $\deg(f) = d_f > 0$  (i.e.  $f$  is not a nonzero constant polynomial and  $f$  is not the zero polynomial). Suppose, by way of contradiction, that there exists polynomial  $g$  of degree  $d_g$  s.t.  $f \cdot g = 1_F$ . By lemma 2.4.1,  $F$  is a field  $\Rightarrow \deg(f \cdot g) = d_f + d_g \Rightarrow d_f + d_g = 0 = \deg(1_F)$ . But  $d_f > 0$  and  $d_g$  is non-negative, so we have reached a contradiction  $\Rightarrow$  no such  $g$  exists  $\Rightarrow f$  is not invertible if  $\deg(f) > 0$ .

Case 1 + Case 2  $\Rightarrow$  If  $f \in F[x]$  is not a nonzero constant polynomial then  $f$  is not invertible

Claim 1 + Claim 2  $\Rightarrow f \in F[x]$  is a nonzero constant polynomial iff  $f$  is invertible

11.

We will show by construction.

Let  $\varphi_1$  be the isomorphism from  $R$  to  $S$ .

Define  $\varphi_2: R[x] \rightarrow S[x]$   
 $r_m x^m + r_{m-1} x^{m-1} + \dots + r_1 x^1 + r_0 \mapsto \varphi_1(r_m) x^m + \varphi_1(r_{m-1}) x^{m-1} + \dots + \varphi_1(r_1) x^1 + \varphi_1(r_0)$ , where  $m$  is the degree of the polynomial and  $r_i$  are the coefficients.

We will show  $\varphi_2$  is an isomorphism, which would imply  $R[x]$  and  $S[x]$  are isomorphic rings.

Clearly  $\varphi_2$  is injective, because  $\varphi_1$  is injective:

Let  $f$  and  $g \in R[x]$ , and  $f \neq g$  (i.e. there exists an index  $0 \leq i \leq \max(\deg(f), \deg(g))$  s.t.  $f_i \neq g_i$  where  $f_i$  and  $g_i$  are the indexed coefficients of the polynomials  $f$  and  $g$ )

Since  $\varphi_1(f_i) \neq \varphi_1(g_i)$  (follows from the fact that  $\varphi_1$  is homomorphism),  $\varphi_2(f) \neq \varphi_2(g)$  because the  $i^{\text{th}}$  coefficient is different.

Clearly  $\varphi_2$  is surjective, because  $\varphi_1$  is surjective:

Let  $g \in S[x]$ .

Write  $g = g_{\deg(g)}x^{\deg(g)} + \dots + g_1x^1 + g_0$ . Because  $\varphi_1$  is surjective, there exists  $f_{\deg(g)}, f_{\deg(g)-1}, \dots, f_1, f_0$  in  $R$  s.t.

$\varphi_1(f_{\deg(g)}) = g_{\deg(g)}$ ,  $\varphi_1(f_{\deg(g)-1}) = g_{\deg(g)-1}$ ,  $\dots$ ,  $\varphi_1(f_0) = g_0$ . Write  $f = \varphi_1^{-1}(g_{\deg(g)})x^{\deg(g)} + \dots + \varphi_1^{-1}(g_0)$ .

Clearly,  $\varphi_2(f) = g$ .

Hence,  $\varphi_2$  is surjective.

Claim 1:  $\varphi_2$  respects addition

Proof:

Let  $a', b' \in R[x]$ .

Write  $a' = a_{\deg(a')}x^{\deg(a')} + a_{\deg(a')-1}x^{\deg(a')-1} + \dots + a_1x^1 + a_0$ .

Write  $b' = b_{\deg(b')}x^{\deg(b')} + b_{\deg(b')-1}x^{\deg(b')-1} + \dots + b_1x^1 + b_0$ .

Without loss of generality, let  $\deg(a') > \deg(b')$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 & (a' + b') \\
 &= a_{\deg(a')}x^{\deg(a')} + a_{\deg(a')-1}x^{\deg(a')-1} + \dots + a_1x^1 + a_0 + b_{\deg(b')}x^{\deg(b')} + b_{\deg(b')-1}x^{\deg(b')-1} + \dots + b_1x^1 + b_0 \\
 &= a_{\deg(a')}x^{\deg(a')} + a_{\deg(a')-1}x^{\deg(a')-1} + \dots + (a_{\deg(b')} + b_{\deg(b)})x^{\deg(b)} + (a_{\deg(b)-1} + b_{\deg(b)-1})x^{\deg(b)-1} \\
 & \quad + \dots + (a_1 + b_1)x^1 + a_0 + b_0 \\
 & \Rightarrow \varphi_2(a' + b') \\
 &= \varphi_1(a_{\deg(a')})x^{\deg(a')} + \varphi_1(a_{\deg(a')-1})x^{\deg(a')-1} + \dots + \varphi_1(a_{\deg(b)} + b_{\deg(b)})x^{\deg(b)} + \varphi_1(a_{\deg(b)-1} + b_{\deg(b)-1})x^{\deg(b)-1} \\
 & \quad + \dots + \varphi_1(a_1 + b_1)x^1 + \varphi_1(a_0 + b_0) \\
 &= \varphi_1(a_{\deg(a')})x^{\deg(a')} + \varphi_1(a_{\deg(a')-1})x^{\deg(a')-1} + \dots + (\varphi_1(a_{\deg(b)}) + \varphi_1(b_{\deg(b)}))x^{\deg(b)} + (\varphi_1(a_{\deg(b)-1}) + \varphi_1(b_{\deg(b)-1}))x^{\deg(b)-1} \\
 & \quad + \dots + (\varphi_1(a_1) + \varphi_1(b_1))x^1 + \varphi_1(a_0) + \varphi_1(b_0) \\
 &= \varphi_2(a') + \varphi_2(b')
 \end{aligned}$$

The second last result follows because  $\varphi_1$  is a homomorphism

Hence,  $\varphi_2$  respects addition.

Claim 2:  $\varphi_2$  respects multiplication

Proof:

Let  $a', b' \in R[x]$ .

Write  $a' = a_{\deg(a')}x^{\deg(a')} + a_{\deg(a')-1}x^{\deg(a')-1} + \dots + a_1x^1 + a_0$ .

Write  $b' = b_{\deg(b')}x^{\deg(b')} + b_{\deg(b')-1}x^{\deg(b')-1} + \dots + b_1x^1 + b_0$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
& (a' \cdot b') \\
&= a_{\deg(a)} b_{\deg(b)} x^{\deg(a)+\deg(b)} + a_{\deg(a)} b_{\deg(b)-1} x^{\deg(a)+\deg(b)-1} + \dots + (a_1+b_0)x^1 + a_0 b_0 \\
&\Rightarrow \varphi_2(a' \cdot b') \\
&= \varphi_1(a_{\deg(a)} b_{\deg(b)}) x^{\deg(a)+\deg(b)} + \varphi_1(a_{\deg(a)} b_{\deg(b)-1}) x^{\deg(a)+\deg(b)-1} + \dots + \varphi_1(a_1 b_0) x^1 + \varphi_1(a_0 b_0) \\
&= (\varphi_1(a_{\deg(a)}) \varphi_1(b_{\deg(b)})) x^{\deg(a)+\deg(b)} + \varphi_1(a_{\deg(a)}) \varphi_1(b_{\deg(b)-1}) x^{\deg(a)+\deg(b)-1} + \dots + \\
&\varphi_1(a_1) \varphi_1(b_0) x^1 + \varphi_1(a_0) \varphi_1(b_0) \\
&= \varphi_2(a') \cdot \varphi_2(b')
\end{aligned}$$

The second last result follows because  $\varphi_1$  is a homomorphism

Hence,  $\varphi_2$  respects multiplication.

Claim 1+ Claim 2+ bijectivity of  $\varphi_2 \Rightarrow \varphi_2$  is isomorphism from  $R[x]$  to  $S[x] \Rightarrow R[x]$  and  $S[x]$  are isomorphic rings

12.

Assume all polynomials in  $F[a]$  has degree  $<$  infinity.

Suppose  $f \in F[x]$  is a nonzero polynomial of degree  $n$ , and  $f(a)=0$  for all  $a \in F$ . By corollary 2.4.5, if  $f \in F[x]$  is a nonzero polynomial of degree  $n$ , then  $f$  can have at most  $n$  distinct zeros in  $F$ .  $f(a)=0$  for all  $a \in F \Rightarrow f$  has infinitely many distinct zeros in  $F$  since  $F$  is infinite. But  $n <$  infinity, so we have reached a contradiction  $\Rightarrow f$  is not a nonzero polynomial of degree  $n \Rightarrow f = 0$ .

13.

Suppose, by way of contradiction, that there are finitely many polynomials  $f \in (\mathbf{Z}/p)[x]$  s.t.  $f(a)=0$  for all  $a \in (\mathbf{Z}/p)$ . Let  $S$  be the set of all polynomials  $f \in (\mathbf{Z}/p)[x]$  s.t.  $f(a)=0$  for all  $a \in (\mathbf{Z}/p)$ .  $S$  is a finite set, and the degree of a polynomial is always nonnegative integer less than infinity, there is a polynomial in  $S$  with the largest degree, say  $g$ . We construct  $g' = gh$ , where  $h = (x - b_p)$ , a polynomial of degree 1, and  $b_p \in (\mathbf{Z}/p)$ .  $g'(a) = 0$  for all  $a \in (\mathbf{Z}/p)$  because  $(x - a)$  is a factor of  $g$  and hence a factor of  $g'$ , so  $g' \in S$ . Since  $\mathbf{Z}/p$  is an integral domain,  $g'$ , by corollary 2.4.5 has degree  $\deg(g)+1$ , which contradicts the maximality of the degree of  $g \Rightarrow$  there are infinitely many polynomials  $f \in (\mathbf{Z}/p)[x]$  s.t.  $f(a)=0$  for all  $a \in (\mathbf{Z}/p)$

14.

$$\begin{array}{r}
x^2+x+1 \\
\hline
x^4+2x^3+0x^2+0x+1 \\
x^4+x^3+x^2 \\
\hline
x^3-x^2 \\
x^3+x^2+x \\
\hline
-2x^2-x+1 \\
-2x^2-2x-2 \\
\hline
x+3
\end{array}$$

a) Quotient is  $x^2+x-2$  and remainder is  $x+3$

b)

$$\begin{array}{r}
 x+3 \overline{) x^2+x+1} \\
 \underline{x^2+3x} \phantom{+1} \\
 -2x+1 \\
 \underline{-2x-6} \\
 7
 \end{array}$$

We perform the Extended Euclidean algorithm:

i	$q_i$	$r_i$	$x_i$	$y_i$
0	-	$x^4+2x^3+0x^2+0x+1$	1	0
1	-	$x^2+x+1$	0	1
2	$x^2+x-2$	$x+3$	1	$-x^2-x+2$
3	$x-2$	7	$-x+2$	$1 - (x-2)(-x^2-x+2)$
4	$\frac{x}{7} + \frac{3}{7}$	0	$1 - (-x+2) \left( \frac{x}{7} + \frac{3}{7} \right)$	$-x^2-x+2 - \left( \frac{x}{7} + \frac{3}{7} \right) (1 - (x-2)(-x^2-x+2))$

b) A greatest common divisor is 7, and the monic greatest common divisor is 1.

c) From extended Euclidean Algorithm, we see that  $\lambda = \frac{-x+2}{7}$  and

$$\mu = \frac{1 - (x-2)(-x^2-x+2)}{7} = \frac{x^3 - x^2 - 4x + 5}{7} \Rightarrow \lambda f + \mu g = \frac{7}{7} = 1.$$

# Homework #5

1.

There are 9 possible quadratic polynomials in  $(\mathbb{Z}/3)[x]$ :  $ax^2+bx+c$ , where  $a, b, c$  are elements in  $\mathbb{Z}/3$ . A polynomial that is not reducible is irreducible. A quadratic monic polynomial in  $\mathbb{Z}/3$  is reducible if it can be expressed as a product of two linear polynomials:  $(x+a)(x+b)$  where  $a$  and  $b$  are elements in  $\mathbb{Z}/3$ . This means that all reducible quadratic monic polynomials in  $\mathbb{Z}/3$  must have the form  $x^2+(a+b)x+ab$  for some  $a$  and  $b$  in  $\mathbb{Z}/3$ .

There are only 3 possible choices for each of  $a$  and  $b$ . Hence, we have 9 cases. We enumerate them in order ( $[0],[0]$ ;  $[0],[1]$ , ...  $[2],[2]$ ), and find that the following are reducible quadratic monic polynomials in  $\mathbb{Z}/3$ :

$x^2$   
 $x^2+x$   
 $x^2+2x$   
 $x^2+x$   
 $x^2+2x+1$   
 $x^2+2$   
 $x^2+2x$   
 $x^2+2$   
 $x^2+x+1$

So the others are irreducible because a polynomial is either reducible or irreducible:

$x^2+1$   
 $x^2+x+2$   
 $x^2+2x+2$

2.

For this question, we are working in  $\mathbb{Z}/3$ , so we drop the square bracket notation.

By Lemma 2.5.2,  $f(x)=x^3+x^2+2$  is irreducible if  $f(x)$  does not have a zero for all  $x$  in  $F$ . The possible elements in  $\mathbb{Z}/3$  are 0, 1, and 2. We see that  $0^3+0^2+2 \neq 0$ ,  $1^3+1^2+2 \neq 0$ ,  $2^3+2^2+2 \neq 0$ . We have exhausted the elements in  $\mathbb{Z}/3$ . Hence,  $x^3+x^2+2$  is irreducible.

For  $x^4+x+2$ , we first establish that it has no linear factors by checking that it has no zeros:  $0^4+0+2$ ,  $1^4+1+2$ ,  $2^4+2+2$ . We have exhausted the elements in  $\mathbb{Z}/3$ . Hence,  $x^4+x+2$  has no linear factors. It also has no factor of degree 3 because if it does, it would have a linear factor.

If  $x^4+x+2$  has quadratic factors  $g$ , then  $g$  must be irreducible. Otherwise,  $g$  is reducible  $\Rightarrow g$  has linear factor  $\Rightarrow x^4+x+2$  has linear factor.

From question 1, the quadratic irreducible polynomials in  $\mathbb{Z}/3$  are

$x^2+1$   
 $x^2+x+2$   
 $x^2+2x+2$

But, we see that by performing long divisions:  $x^4+x+2=(x^2+1)(x^2+2)+x$ ,  
 $x^4+x+2=(x^2+x+2)(x^2+2x+2)+x+1$  and  $x^4+x+2=(x^2+2x+2)(x^2+x+2)+x+1$   
Hence,  $x^4+x+2$  has no quadratic factor.

Clearly, since  $x^4+x+2$  has no factor with degree less than 4,  $x^4+x+2$  is irreducible.

For  $x^5+x^3+x+1$ :

First we establish that it has no linear factors by checking that it has no zeros:

$0^5+0^3+0+1 \neq 0$ ,  $1^5+1^3+1+1 \neq 0$ , and  $2^5+2^3+2+1 \neq 0$ . We have exhausted the elements in  $\mathbb{Z}/3$ .

Hence,  $x^4+x+2$  has no linear factors. It also has no factor of degree 4 because if it does, it would have a linear factor.

If  $x^5+x^3+x+1$  has quadratic factors  $g$ , then  $g$  must be irreducible. Otherwise,  $g$  is reducible  $\Rightarrow g$  has linear factor  $\Rightarrow x^5+x^3+x+1$  has linear factor.

From question 1, the quadratic irreducible polynomials in  $\mathbb{Z}/3$  are

$$x^2+1$$

$$x^2+x+2$$

$$x^2+2x+2$$

But, we see that by performing long divisions:  $x^5+x^3+x+1=(x^2+1)(x^3)+x+1$ ,  $x^5+x^3+x+1$   
 $=(x^2+x+2)(x^3+2x^2+2)+2x$  and  $x^5+x^3+x+1=(x^2+2x+2)(x^3+x^2+1)+2x+2$

Hence,  $x^5+x^3+x+1$  has no quadratic factor.  $x^5+x^3+x+1$  also does not have degree 3 factor, because if it does, it would have a quadratic factor.

Clearly, since  $x^5+x^3+x+1$  has no factor with degree less than 5,  $x^5+x^3+x+1$  is irreducible.

3.

For  $x^3+3=0$ , we apply the rational root theorem. The factors of 3 are 1 and 3, and since  $1^3+3 \neq 0$ ,  $(-1)^3+3 \neq 0$ ,  $(-3)^3+3 \neq 0$  and  $3^3+3 \neq 0$ ,  $x^3+3$  has no rational root  $\Rightarrow x^3+3$  does not have a root in  $\mathbb{Q}$   $\Rightarrow x^3+3$  is a irreducible polynomial in  $\mathbb{Q}[x]$  by Lemma 2.5.7.

So  $x^3+3$  is an irreducible factor of  $x^3+3$  by itself.

For  $x^4+x^3+8x^2+5x+15$ :

Write  $f=x^4+x^3+8x^2+5x+15$

Clearly,  $x^4+x^3 > 0$  for all  $x$  in  $\mathbb{Q}$ , so there does not exist a  $x$  in  $\mathbb{Q}$  s.t.  $x^4+x^3+8x^2+5x+15=0$ . Hence, by Lemma 2.5.7,  $f$  does not have a linear factor.

Suppose  $f$  has quadratic factors  $g$  and  $h$ . Write  $g=(x^2+ax+b)$  and  $h=(x^2+cx+d)$ , where by proposition 2.5.7, we can assume  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$ , and  $d$  to be integers. We have the following system of equations:

$$bd=15$$

$$bc+da=5$$

$$b+d+ac=8$$

$$a+c=1$$

Since 15 has the following factors: 1, 3, 5, 15, and it cannot be the case that  $b=1$  and  $d=15$  (or vice versa, the two are symmetric), we can try  $b=3$  and  $d=5$ .

We see that  $b=3$ ,  $d=5$ ,  $c=0$ ,  $a=1$  satisfy the system of equations. Hence,  $(x^2+x+3)(x^2+5)$ . Using the discriminant from quadratic formula, we see that  $x^2+x+3$  and  $x^2+5$  have no root in  $\mathbb{R}$ , and hence they have no root in  $\mathbb{Q}$ . By lemma 2.5.7,  $x^2+x+3$  and  $x^2+5$  do not have linear factors  $\Rightarrow x^2+x+3$  and  $x^2+5$  are irreducible factors of  $f$ .

For  $x^3+8x^2+5x-50$ :

We again apply the rational root theorem. The factors of 50 are 1, 2, 5, 10, 25, 50 and we see that  $2^3+8\cdot 2^2+5\cdot 2-50=0$ . Hence  $(x+2)$  is a factor.

By long division, we have  $x^3+8x^2+5x-50=(x^2+10x+25)(x+2) \Rightarrow x^3+8x^2+5x-50=(x+5)(x+5)(x+2)$ .

All linear polynomials are irreducible. Hence,  $x^3+8x^2+5x-50$  has been factored into product of irreducible polynomials.

4

a)

$\Phi$  is homomorphic if  $\Phi(a+b) = \Phi(a) + \Phi(b)$  and  $\Phi(a \cdot b) = \Phi(a) \cdot \Phi(b)$  where  $a$  and  $b$  are elements of  $Z[x]$ . Write  $a = \sum_{i=0}^{d_a} a_i x^i$  and  $b = \sum_{i=0}^{d_b} b_i x^i$

For  $\Phi(a+b) = \Phi(a) + \Phi(b)$ :

We know from section 1.6 that  $\varphi$  is homomorphic. Hence,  $\Phi(a+b) = \Phi\left(\sum_{i=0}^{d_a} a_i x^i + \sum_{i=0}^{d_b} b_i x^i\right) = \Phi\left(\sum_{i=0}^{d_a} (a_i + b_i) x^i\right) = \sum_{i=0}^{d_a} \varphi(a_i + b_i) x^i = \sum_{i=0}^{d_a} \varphi(a_i) x^i + \sum_{i=0}^{d_a} \varphi(b_i) x^i = \Phi(a) + \Phi(b)$

For  $\Phi(a \cdot b) = \Phi(a) \cdot \Phi(b)$ :

Again, we make use of the fact that  $\varphi$  is homomorphic.  $\Phi(a \cdot b) =$

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi\left(\sum_{i=0}^{d_a} a_i x^i \cdot \sum_{i=0}^{d_b} b_i x^i\right) &= \Phi\left(\sum_{k=0}^{d_a+d_b} \left(\sum_{i=0}^k a_i b_{k-i}\right) x^k\right) = \sum_{k=0}^{d_a+d_b} \varphi\left(\sum_{i=0}^k a_i b_{k-i}\right) x^k = \sum_{k=0}^{d_a+d_b} \left(\sum_{i=0}^k (\varphi(a_i) \varphi(b_{k-i}))\right) x^k \\ &= \left(\sum_{i=0}^{d_a} \varphi(a_i) x^i\right) \left(\sum_{i=0}^{d_b} \varphi(b_i) x^i\right) = \Phi(a) \Phi(b) \end{aligned}$$

b)

By Proposition 2.5.7, a monic polynomial that is reducible in  $\mathbb{Q}[x]$  is also reducible in  $\mathbb{Z}[x]$ .

Hence, we can write  $f(x) = g(x)h(x)$  where  $g(x)$  and  $h(x)$  are in  $\mathbb{Z}[x]$  with  $\text{degree} \geq 1$ . Since  $\Phi$  is a well-defined map, we can write  $\Phi(f(x)) = \Phi(g(x)h(x))$ . But by part a,  $\Phi(f(x)) =$

$\Phi(g(x)) \Phi(h(x))$ .  $f(x)$  is monic,  $g(x)$  and  $h(x)$  must also be monic. Since  $p$  is a prime and  $p$  does not divide 1, clearly  $\Phi(g(x))$  and  $\Phi(h(x))$  also have  $\text{degree} \geq 1$  if  $g(x)$  and  $h(x)$  have  $\text{degree} \geq 1$ .

So now,  $\Phi(f(x))$  can be expressed as products of two polynomials in  $(\mathbb{Z}/p)[x]$  with  $\text{degree} \geq 1$ , hence  $\Phi(f(x))$  is reducible.

c)

By b,  $\Phi(f(x))$  is irreducible  $\Rightarrow f(x)$  is irreducible in  $\mathbb{Q}$  where  $\Phi: \mathbb{Z}[x] \rightarrow (\mathbb{Z}/3)[x]$ .

In  $\mathbb{Z}/3$ ,  $x^4+3x^2-2x-1$  can be rewritten as  $x^4+x+2$ . Exercise 2 shows that  $x^4+x+2$  is irreducible.

Hence,  $x^4+3x^2-2x-1$  is a irreducible polynomial in  $\mathbb{Q}[x]$ .

Similarly, in  $\mathbb{Z}/3$ ,  $x^5-2x^3+3x^2+x+1$  can be rewritten as  $x^5+x^3+x+1$ . Exercise 2 shows that  $x^5+x^3+x+1$  is irreducible. Hence,  $x^4+3x^2-2x-1$  is a irreducible polynomial in  $\mathbb{Q}[x]$ .

5a)

We first prove that if  $f=x^2+ax+b$  is reducible in  $\mathbb{Q}[x]$  then  $g=x^2-\left(\frac{a^2}{4}-b\right)$  is reducible:

By proposition 2.5.7,  $f$  is reducible in  $\mathbb{Q}[x] \Rightarrow f$  is reducible in  $\mathbb{Z}[x]$ . Since  $f$  is a quadratic,  $f$  is reducible  $\Rightarrow f = (x+c)(x+d)$  for some  $c$  and  $d$  in  $\mathbb{Z}$ . By definition of  $f$ ,  $a$  and  $b$  are integers.

Hence,  $cd=b$  and  $c+d=a$ . We see that

$\left(x+\frac{(c-d)}{2}\right)\left(x-\frac{(c-d)}{2}\right) = x^2 - \left(\frac{(c+d)^2}{4} - cd\right) = x^2 - \left(\frac{a^2}{4} - b\right)$ . Hence,  $x^2 - \left(\frac{a^2}{4} - b\right)$  is reducible.

We will now proof that if  $g$  is reducible, then  $f$  is reducible.

If  $g$  is reducible in  $\mathbb{Q}[x]$ , then  $g$  is reducible in  $\mathbb{R}[x]$ . Clearly,  $\left(\frac{a^2}{4}-b\right) > 0$ . (Otherwise, there would be no root  $x$  s.t.  $x^2 - \left(\frac{a^2}{4}-b\right) = 0$ , and by Lemma 2.5.2,  $g$  would be irreducible in  $\mathbb{R}[x]$ .)

$\left(\frac{a^2}{4}-b\right) > 0$  implies  $(a^2-4b) > 0$ , where  $(a^2-4b)$  is actually the discriminant of  $x^2+ax+b$ .

Hence,  $x^2+ax+b$  has a root in  $\mathbb{R}[x]$ . Furthermore,  $g$  is reducible implies

$$g = \left(x + \sqrt{\left(\frac{a^2}{4}-b\right)}\right)\left(x - \sqrt{\left(\frac{a^2}{4}-b\right)}\right), \text{ where } \left(x + \sqrt{\left(\frac{a^2}{4}-b\right)}\right) \text{ and } \left(x - \sqrt{\left(\frac{a^2}{4}-b\right)}\right) \text{ are both}$$

rational  $\Rightarrow \sqrt{\left(\frac{a^2}{4}-b\right)}$  is rational  $\Rightarrow (a^2-4b)$  is rational. Hence, the roots  $p$  and  $q$  given by

applying quadratic formula on  $x^2+ax+b$  are rational, hence,  $x^2+ax+b = (x-p)(x-q) \Rightarrow x^2+ax+b$  is reducible in  $\mathbb{Q}[x]$ .

b) Suppose  $x^2-d$  is reducible in  $\mathbb{R}[x]$  where  $d < 0$ . We can write  $(x+a)(x+b)$  for some  $a$  and  $b$  in  $\mathbb{R}$ .  $a+b=0 \Rightarrow a=-b$ ; and  $ab=-d \Rightarrow ab=-(-|d|)$  because  $d < 0 \Rightarrow a(-a)=-(-|d|) \Rightarrow a^2=-|d|$ , which is a contradiction.  $x^2-d$  is irreducible.

c) First we show that if  $x^2-d$  is reducible then  $x^2-c^2d$  is reducible, where  $c$  and  $d$  are as defined in the question.

If  $x^2-d$  is reducible, then we can write  $x^2-d=(x+a)(x+b)$  for some  $a$  and  $b$  in  $Q$ , where  $ab=-d$  and  $a+b=0$ . We see that  $(x+ca)(x+cb)=x^2+cax+cbx+cacb=x^2+c(a+b)x+c^2ab=x^2+c^2ab=x^2-c^2d$ . Hence,  $x^2-c^2d$  is reducible.

If  $x^2-c^2d$  is reducible, then  $(x+a)(x+b)=x^2-c^2d$  for some  $a$  and  $b$  in  $Q$ , where  $ab=-c^2d$  and  $a+b=0$ .  $c^{-1}$  exists because  $c$  is in  $Q^*$ . We see that  $(x+c^{-1}a)(x+c^{-1}b)=x^2+(c^{-1})(a+b)x+(c^{-1})^2ab=x^2-(c^{-1})^2c^2d=x^2-d$ . Hence,  $x^2-d$  is also reducible.

d)

Write  $d \in Q = \frac{m}{n}$  and  $\gcd(m,n)=1$ . Write  $m = \prod_i p_i^{r_i}$  and  $n = \prod_j q_j^{s_j}$ , where  $p_i \neq p_j$  if  $i \neq j$ , and  $q_i \neq q_j$  if  $i \neq j$ . Let  $R = \{p_i : r_i \text{ is odd}\}$ . Let  $S = \{q_j : s_j \text{ is odd}\}$ . Write  $R''$  to be the product of all the elements in  $R$ , and  $S''$  to be the product of all the elements in  $S$ . Now, we let  $d' = R'' \cdot S''$ . Note that  $d'$  is a product of distinct primes because  $\gcd(m,n)=1$ . Clearly, we can write  $\pm d/d'$  as  $\frac{o}{p}$  where  $o$  and  $p$  are products of distinct primes with even powers  $\Rightarrow \pm d/d'$  is a square in  $Q$ .

e)

We will first show that if  $d$  is not a square, then  $x^2-d$  is irreducible by Eisenstein's irreducibility criterion:

Write  $d \in Q = \frac{m}{n}$  and  $\gcd(m,n)=1$ . Write  $m = \prod_i p_i^{r_i}$  and  $n = \prod_j q_j^{s_j}$ . If  $d$  is not a square, then the set  $\{p_i \mid r_i \text{ is odd}\} \cup \{q_j \mid s_j \text{ is odd}\}$  is non-empty. Let  $E_m$  be  $\{p_i^{r_i} \mid r_i \text{ is even}\}$  and  $E_n$  be  $\{q_j^{s_j} \mid s_j \text{ is even}\}$ . Let  $E_m'$  be the product of elements in  $E_m$  and  $E_n'$  be the product of elements in  $E_n$ . Clearly,  $\frac{E_m'}{E_n'}$  is a square in  $Q$ , so we can write  $c = \sqrt{\frac{E_m'}{E_n'}} \in Q$ . So now  $d=cd'$ , where  $d'$  is quotient

of two products of distinct primes. Hence, for all  $p$ ,  $p^2$  does not divide  $d'$ . Clearly, for all  $p$ ,  $p$  does not divide the coefficient of  $x^2$ , which is 1.  $p$  divides the coefficients of  $x$ , which is 0. We can apply Eisenstein's irreducibility criterion and conclude that  $x-d'$  is irreducible. But then by part c,  $x^2-d'$  is irreducible iff  $x^2-c^2d'$  is irreducible. Hence,  $x^2-c^2d'=x^2-d$  is irreducible.

If  $d$  is a square, then  $x^2-d = (x+d)(x-d)$  where  $(x+d), (x-d) \in Q$  so  $x^2-d$  is reducible.

Hence,  $x^2-d$  is irreducible iff  $d$  is not a square.

6a)

Since  $a \equiv c$  and  $b \equiv d$ , we have that  $f \mid (c-a)$  and  $f \mid (d-b)$ . Therefore,  $f \mid (c-a+d-b)$  implies  $f \mid (c+d) - (a+b)$  implies  $a+b \equiv c+d$ .

Again we have  $c = a + qf$  and  $d = b + rf$  for some  $r$  and  $q$  in  $F[x]$ .

Then,  $cd = ab + f(ar + qb + qrf)$  implies  $f \mid (cd - ab)$  implies  $ab = cd$ .

b)

Let  $I = \{qf : q \in F[x]\}$ .

We show that  $I$  is an ideal. Clearly, for all  $a \in I$ ,  $x \in F[x]$ , we have  $ax \in I$  and  $xa \in I$ .

Hence, by the way  $I$  is defined, it is sufficient to check that  $I$  is a subring of  $F[x]$ .

$I$  is non-empty.  $0$  is in  $I$ .

$I$  is closed under addition: let  $a, b \in I$ , write  $a$  as  $pf$  and  $b$  as  $qf$  where  $p$  and  $q$  are in  $F[x]$ , then  $a+b=pf+qf=(p+q)f \in I$

$I$  is closed under subtraction: let  $a, b \in I$ , write  $a$  as  $pf$  and  $b$  as  $qf$  where  $p$  and  $q$  are in  $F[x]$ , then  $a+(-b)=pf+(-qf)=(p+(-q))f \in I$ , where the last equality follows because by a theorem,  $a(-f)=(-a)f$ .

$I$  is closed under multiplication: let  $a, b \in I$ , write  $a$  as  $pf$  and  $b$  as  $qf$  where  $p$  and  $q$  are in  $F[x]$ , then  $ab=pfqf=(pfq)f \in I$ .

Hence,  $I$  is a subring of  $F[x]$ . By question 9b,  $F[x]/(f)$  is thus a ring.

It remains to show that  $F[x]/(f)$  is multiplicative commutative. It is clear that  $F[x]$  is commutative, and hence  $[a][b]=[ab]=[ba]=[b][a]$ , where  $a$  and  $b$  are in  $F[x]$  (and  $[a],[b]$  are in  $F[x]/(f)$ )  $\Rightarrow F[x]/(f)$  is also commutative.

$\Rightarrow F[x]/(f)$  is a commutative ring.

7.

a)

Trivially, let the basis of  $F$  be  $y$  and  $1$ . Clearly,  $y$  and  $1$  are linear independent because there does not exist an element  $a$  in  $Z/3$  s.t.  $a1=y$ . It also spans  $F$  as a vector space over  $Z/3$ : an element in  $F$  has the form  $iy+j$ , so it can clearly be represented by a linear combination (with coefficient in  $Z/3$ ) of  $y$  and  $1$ .

b)

$F$  is  $GF(9)$ . Write  $a$  as a non-zero element in  $GF(9)$ . By lemma 2.8.1,  $a^{9-1}=1 \Rightarrow a^9=a$ . In fact,  $b^9=b$  for all elements in  $GF(9)$  because clearly  $0^9=0$ . Rewriting, we have  $b^9-b=0$  for all  $b$  in  $F$ . Every element  $b$  in  $GF(9)$  is a root of  $x^9-x$ .

8.

Suppose element  $b$  is the root of  $x^2+1$  where  $b$  is an element of  $R=(Z/3)[y]/(y^2+y+2) = (Z/3)[a]$  with  $a^2+a+2=0$ .  $b$  must have the form  $ca+d$ , where  $c$  and  $d$  are elements of  $Z/3$ .

$b$  is a root implies  $(ca+d)^2+1=0 \Rightarrow c^2a^2+2cda+d^2+1=0 \Rightarrow c^2(2a+1)+2cd a+d^2+1=0 \Rightarrow (2c^2+2cd) a+d^2+1+c^2=0 \Rightarrow 2c(c+d)=0$  and  $d^2+1+c^2=0$

Case 1:

$c=0 \Rightarrow d=0 \Rightarrow d^2+1=0 \Rightarrow$  this case does not happen because there does not exist a  $d$  in  $Z/3$  s.t.  $d^2+1=0$ .

Case 2:

$c=1 \Rightarrow d=2 \Rightarrow c+d=0$  and  $d^2+1+c^2=0 \Rightarrow a+2$  is a root of  $x^2+1$ . We can stop because we found a root  $\Rightarrow R$  contains a root.

9.

a)

Since  $a \equiv c$  and  $b \equiv d$ , we have that  $(c - a) \in I$  and  $(d - b) \in I$ . Because  $I$  is a ring, their sum,  $(c - a) + (d - b) = (c+d) - (a+b)$  is also in  $I$ , which implies that  $c+d \equiv a+b$ .

Again we have  $c = a + q$  and  $d = b + r$  for some  $r$  and  $q$  in  $I$ .

Then,  $cd = ab + ar + qb + qr$ . Since  $ar$ ,  $qb$  and  $qr$  are all in  $I$ , it follows that  $cd - ab$  is in  $I$  implies  $ab \equiv cd$ .

b)

The induced operations are:

$$[a] + [b] = [a+b] \text{ and } [a][b] = [ab].$$

We must show that the operations are well-defined, independent of the choices of representatives.

If we have  $[a] = [a']$  and  $[c] = [c']$ , we need to check that  $[a+c] = [a'+c']$  and  $[ac] = [a'c']$ .

Let  $a = a' + r$  and  $c = c' + s$  where  $r, s \in I$ .

Then,  $[a + c] = [a' + r + c' + s] = [a' + c']$  because  $r + s \in I$ , and  $[ac] = [(a'+r)(c'+s)] = [a'c' + a's + r'c + rs] = [a'c']$ , because  $a's$ ,  $r'c$  and  $rs$  are all in  $I$ .

i) Existence of Zero

$I$  is a ring.  $0 \in I$ . Clearly,  $[0]$  is in  $R/I$ .

ii) Additive associativity

$$a, b, c \text{ in } R \Rightarrow a+(b+c) = (a+b)+c$$

$$\Rightarrow [a+(b+c)] = [(a+b)+c] \Rightarrow ([a]+[b])+[c] = [(a+b)+c] = [a+(b+c)] = [a]+([b]+[c])$$

iii) Additive commutativity

$$a, b \text{ in } R \Rightarrow a+b = b+a$$

$$[a]+[b] = [a+b] = [b+a] = [b]+[a]$$

iv) Additive inverse

Write  $-a$  in  $R$  as  $a'$ .

We see that  $[a]+[a'] = [a+a'] = [0]$ . So for every element  $[a]$ , we have the additive inverse  $[a']$

v) Multiplicative Distributivity

$$[a], [b], [c] \text{ in } R/I$$

$$[a]([b]+[c]) = [a]([b]+[c]) = [a]([b+c]) = [a(b+c)] = [ab+ac] = [ab]+[ac] = [a][b]+[a][c]$$

vi) Multiplicative Associativity

$$[a], [b], [c] \text{ in } R/I$$

$$[a]([b][c]) = [a]([bc]) = [a(bc)] = [(ab)c] = [ab][c] = ([a][b])[c]$$

Hence,  $R/I$  with the induced operations form a ring.

10.

The factors of 12 are 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 12. By definition of order, it only makes sense to consider order of non-zero elements. By Lemma 2.8.1,  $a^{12}=1$  for all non-zero element  $a$  in  $Z/13$ . By Lemma 2.8.2, if  $a^{12}=1$  then  $\text{order}(a)|12$ . Hence,  $\text{order}(a) = 1$  or 2 or 3 or 4 or 6 or 12 for all nonzero element  $a$  in  $Z/13$ .

$a$	$a^2$	$a^3$	$a^4$	$a^6$
1	1	1	1	1
2	4	8	3	12
3	9	1	3	1
4	3	12	9	1
5	12	8	1	12
6	10	8	9	12
7	10	5	9	12
8	12	5	1	12
9	3	1	9	1
10	9	12	3	1
11	4	5	3	12
12	1	12	1	1

From the tabulation, we see that :

$a$	$\text{order}(a)$
1	1
2	12
3	3
4	6
5	4
6	12
7	12
8	4
9	3
10	6
11	12
12	2

11.

By Lemma 2.8.1,  $a^{\text{ord}(a)}=1$  for all  $a \in F^*$ . Since  $\varphi$  is given to be an isomorphism (and hence a homomorphism),  $\varphi(1)=\varphi(a^{\text{ord}(a)}) = \varphi(\prod_i a) = \prod_i \varphi(a) = \varphi(a)^{\text{ord}(a)}$ . By exercise 2.2.14,  $\varphi(1)=1_S$ . Hence,  $\varphi(a)^{\text{ord}(a)} = 1_S$ . By lemma 2.8.2,  $\text{ord}(\varphi(a)) | \text{ord}(a) \Rightarrow \text{ord}(\varphi(a)) \leq \text{ord}(a)$ .

Similarly, since  $\varphi$  is given to be an isomorphism (and hence a homomorphism), as proved in previous homework,  $\varphi^{-1}$  exists and is also an isomorphism. Suppose  $\text{ord}(\varphi(a)) < \text{ord}(a)$ .  $\varphi(a)^{\text{ord}(\varphi(a))} = 1_S \Rightarrow \varphi^{-1}(\varphi(a)^{\text{ord}(\varphi(a))}) = 1_R \Rightarrow \varphi^{-1}(\prod_i \varphi(a)) = 1_R \Rightarrow \prod_i \varphi^{-1}(\varphi(a)) = 1_R \Rightarrow$

$\prod_i^{\text{ord}(\varphi(a))} a = 1_R \Rightarrow a^{\text{ord}(\varphi(a))} = 1_R$ . But we assumed  $\text{ord}(\varphi(a)) < \text{ord}(a)$ , contradicting  $\text{ord}(a)$ . Hence,  $\text{ord}(\varphi(a)) = \text{ord}(a)$ .

12.

a)

There are  $2^4$  elements in  $F$  (by counting). By Lemma 2.9.1, element  $a$  in  $F$  is primitive iff  $\text{ord}(a) = 2^4 - 1 = 15$ . Hence  $a$  is not primitive because its order is given to be 5.

b)

By Lemma 2.8.1,  $a^{15} = 1$  for all non-zero element  $a$  in  $F$  because  $F$  has  $2^5 - 1 = 15$  elements.

By Lemma 2.8.2, if  $b^{15} = 1$  then  $\text{order}(b) | 15$

Hence order of  $b$  can only be 1 or 3 or 5 or 15.

$$b^1 = a + 1$$

$$b^2 = a^2 + 2a + 1 = a^2 + 1$$

$$b^4 = (a^2 + 1)^2 \text{ because by } (a+b)^2 = (a^2 + b^2) \text{ in a field with characteristic } p \text{ as shown in lecture}$$

$$= a^4 + 1 = a^3 + a^2 + a + 1 = a^3 + a^2 + a$$

$$\text{Hence, } b^3 = (a^2 + 1)(a + 1) = a^3 + a^2 + a + 1$$

$$b^5 = (a^3 + a^2 + a)(a + 1) = a^4 + a^3 + a^2 + a^3 + a^2 + a = a^4 + a$$

Hence,  $b \neq 1$ ,  $b^3 \neq 1$  and  $b^5 \neq 1 \Rightarrow \text{ord}(b) = 15$ .

c)

By theorem 2.10.2, subfields of  $F$  have sizes  $2^1$ ,  $2^2$  and  $2^4$ . Subfield of  $F$  with size  $2^4$  is just  $F$ .

By theorem 2.10.2, the other unique subfields are:

Subfield  $G$  of size  $2^1$ :

Write  $c = b^{15}$ .  $G = \{0, c\}$ .

Subfield  $H$  of size  $2^2$ :

Write  $d = b^5$ .  $H = \{0, c, c^2, c^3\}$ .

$d = b^5$  because  $5 \cdot (2^2 - 1) = 15 = \text{ord}(F) - 1$ .