

Ex. 1.1
 (1) Let A be an ideal of R . prove that the set of all those polynomials in $R[x]$ whose constant term are arbitrary but other coefficients belong to A is a subring of $R[x]$.

(2) Let R be a commutative ring with unity and S be a subring of R that contains the unity of R . Let $f(x) \in R[x]$. If there exist a polynomial $g(x) \in S[x]$ whose leading coeff. is a unit in S such that $f(x)g(x) \in S[x]$. Then prove that $f(x) \in S[x]$.

Ex. 5.9.12 R commutative ring with unity.
 S - subring of R containing the unity of R .
 $f(x) \in R[x]$. If $\exists g(x) \in S[x]$ whose leading coefficient is a unit in S s.t. $f(x)g(x) \in S[x]$. Then prove that $f(x) \in S[x]$.

Soln. Let $f(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \dots + a_mx^m$
 where $a_i \in R \forall i = 0, 1, \dots, m$ and $a_m \neq 0$.

$g(x) = b_0 + b_1x + b_2x^2 + \dots + b_nx^n$
 where $b_j \in S \forall j = 0, 1, \dots, n$ and $b_n \neq 0$.

by the given condition (i) b_n is a unit in S .

(ii) $f(x)g(x) \in S[x]$

To prove $f(x) \in S[x]$

i.e. to show $a_i \in S \forall i = 0, 1, \dots, m$

$f(x)g(x) = (a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \dots + a_mx^m)(b_0 + b_1x + b_2x^2 + \dots + b_nx^n)$
 where $l \leq m+n$

Since $c_k = \sum_{i+j=k} a_i b_j$, $c_k \in S$ $\forall k=0, \dots, n$

Since $a_i b_j = 0$ for $i+j > n$, $c_k = 0$ for $k > n$.
 Since $c_{m+n} = a_m b_n \neq 0$, for b_n is a unit in S .

It follows that $a_m = 0$ if $a_m b_n = 0$ which is not true.

$\Rightarrow$ It follows that a_m is a unit in S .

Now $c_{m+n} \in S$
 $\Rightarrow a_m b_n \in S \Rightarrow a_m b_n = s_1$ for some $s_1 \in S$
 $\Rightarrow a_m = (s_1 b_n)^{-1} \in S$

Next we consider c_{m+n-1}

$$c_{m+n-1} = a_m b_{n-1} + a_{m-1} b_n$$

$$c_{m+n-1} = a_m b_n + a_{m-1} b_{n-1} = s_2$$

Since $c_{m+n-1} \in S \Rightarrow a_{m-1} b_n + a_m b_{n-1} = s_2$ for some $s_2 \in S$

$$\Rightarrow a_{m-1} b_n = s_2 - a_m b_{n-1} \in S$$

$$\Rightarrow a_{m-1} b_n = s_3 \text{ for some } s_3 \in S$$

$$\Rightarrow a_{m-1} = s_3 b_n^{-1} \in S$$

$$\Rightarrow a_{m-1} \in S$$

Similarly considering c_{m+n-2} we get $a_{m-2} \in S$

$\dots$ $a_1, a_0 \in S$

Since $a_i \in S \forall i=0, 1, \dots, m$

Thus $f(x) \in S[x]$

Unit 3

Associates

Definition:- Let R be a commutative ring with unity. Let $a, b \in R$. Then a and b are called associates if $a = bu$ where u is a unit in R .

eg. In $\mathbb{Z}'$, $3, -3$ are associates.

$n, -n$ where $n \in \mathbb{Z}'$

Definition:- prime element.

Let R be a commutative ring with unity. An element $p \in R$ is called a prime element if the following conditions are satisfied -

- (i) $p \neq 0$ and p is not a unit in R .
- (ii) If $p \mid ab$ then either $p \mid a$ or $p \mid b$ for $a, b \in R$.

eg. In $\mathbb{Z}'$, the prime numbers are prime

elements of $\mathbb{Z}'$.

$3 \neq 0$, 3 is not a unit

$3 \mid ab \Rightarrow 3 \mid a$ or $3 \mid b$

Definition:- Irreducible element:- Let R be a commutative ring with unity. An element $p \in R$ is called an irreducible element if it satisfies the following conditions -

- (i) $p \neq 0$ and p is not a unit in R .
- (ii) if $p = ab$ then one of a and b must be a unit, $a, b \in R$.

eg. In $\mathbb{Z}'$, the prime numbers are irreducible element.

$$\mathbb{Z}[i] = \{a+bi \mid a, b \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

is called ring of Gaussian integers.

$\mathbb{Z}[i]$ is a commutative ring with unity.

Also $\mathbb{Z}[i]$ has no proper zero divisors.

$\mathbb{Z}[i]$ is an integral domain with unity.

Ex. Find all the units of $\mathbb{Z}[i]$.

Soln. Let $a+bi \in \mathbb{Z}[i]$ be a unit, then $\exists c+di \in \mathbb{Z}[i]$ such that

$$(a+bi)(c+di) = 1 \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$$

$$\text{or } (a-bi)(c+di) = 1 \rightarrow \textcircled{2}$$

From $\textcircled{1}$ & $\textcircled{2}$

$$(a+bi)(c+di) = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow a+bi = 1 \quad \text{or} \quad c+di = 1 \quad \boxed{a, b \in \mathbb{Z}}$$

$$a+bi = 1 \Rightarrow a=1, b=0$$

$$\text{or } a=0, b=1$$

$$\text{or } a=-1, b=0 \quad \text{or } a=0, b=-1$$

$\Rightarrow$ the units of $\mathbb{Z}[i]$ are $\pm 1, \pm i$

Ex. Find all the units of $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-5}]$

$\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-5}]$ is an integral domain with unity

$$\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-5}] = \{a+b\sqrt{-5} \mid a, b \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

Ans. ± 1 are the only units.

Ex. Show that $1+i$ is an irreducible element in $\mathbb{Z}[i]$.

Soln: $1+i$ is not a unit in $\mathbb{Z}[i]$ and $1+i \neq 0$.

Let $1+i = (a+bi)(c+di)$

$1+i = (a+bi)(c+di)$, $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{Z}$

$1+i = x+iy$ where $x = a+bi$
 $y = c+di$

$1+i = (a+bi)(c+di) \rightarrow (1)$

So $1-i = (a-bi)(c-di) \rightarrow (2)$

From (1) & (2) we get

$(1+i)(1-i) = 2 = (a+bi)(c+di)(a-bi)(c-di)$

$\Rightarrow a^2+b^2 = 1$ or $c^2+d^2 = 2$ or $a^2+b^2 = 2$, $c^2+d^2 = 1$

if $a^2+b^2 = 1 \Rightarrow (a+bi)(a-bi) = 1$
 $\Rightarrow a+bi$ is a unit

if $c^2+d^2 = 1 \Rightarrow (c+di)(c-di) = 1$
 $\Rightarrow c+di$ is a unit

$\Rightarrow$ either $a+bi$ is a unit or $c+di$ is a unit.

$\Rightarrow$ either x is a unit or y is a unit.

Hence $1+i$ is an irreducible element.

Ex. Show that 2 is an irreducible element in $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-5}]$ but 2 is not a prime element in $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-5}]$.

Soln

unit of $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-5}]$ is ± 1

~~3 is not a unit~~

$\therefore 3$ is a non zero elt. which is not a unit

in $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-5}]$

Let $3 = xy$, $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-5}]$

When $x = a + b\sqrt{-5}$

$y = c + d\sqrt{-5}$

$$3 = (a + b\sqrt{-5})(c + d\sqrt{-5}) \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$= (a + b\sqrt{-5})(c + d\sqrt{-5}) \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$\text{So } 3 = (a - b\sqrt{-5})(c - d\sqrt{-5}) \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

From (1) & (3)

$$9 = (a^2 + 5b^2)(c^2 + 5d^2)$$

$$\therefore a^2 + 5b^2 = 9, \quad c^2 + 5d^2 = 1 \quad \vee \quad a^2 + 5b^2 = 1, \quad c^2 + 5d^2 = 9$$

$$\vee \quad a^2 + 5b^2 = 3, \quad c^2 + 5d^2 = 3 \quad \vee \quad a^2 + 5b^2 = 9, \quad c^2 + 5d^2 = 3$$

but no integer satisfies the condition $c^2 + 5d^2 = 3$

$$\text{Hence } c^2 + 5d^2 = 1 \Rightarrow (c + d\sqrt{-5})(c - d\sqrt{-5}) = 1$$

Since $c + d\sqrt{-5}$ is a unit

$$\text{if } a^2 + 5b^2 = 1 \Rightarrow (a + b\sqrt{-5})(a - b\sqrt{-5}) = 1$$

$\therefore a + b\sqrt{-5}$ is a unit

if none either $a + b\sqrt{-5}$ with condition

$c + d\sqrt{-5}$ is a unit

$\therefore 3$ is an irreducible elt.

2nd part:

To show 3 is not a prime element

We know $(2 + \sqrt{-5})(2 - \sqrt{-5}) = 9$

Now $3 \mid 9 \Rightarrow 3 \mid (2 + \sqrt{-5})(2 - \sqrt{-5})$

but $3 \nmid 2 + \sqrt{-5}$ and $3 \nmid 2 - \sqrt{-5}$

For if $3 \mid 2 + \sqrt{-5}$

Then $(2 + \sqrt{-5}) = 3(r + s\sqrt{-5})$, $r, s \in \mathbb{Z}$

$\Rightarrow 3r = 2$, $3s = 1$

$\exists$ no integer which satisfies this.
is a contradiction.

$3 \nmid 2 + \sqrt{-5}$ by $3 \nmid 2 - \sqrt{-5}$

$\therefore 3$ is not a prime.

show that in $\mathbb{Z}'_6$, $\bar{2}$ is a prime element but not irreducible.

$\mathbb{Z}'_6 = \{0, 1, \bar{2}, \bar{3}, \bar{4}, \bar{5}\}$ is a ring under addition and multiplication modulo 6.

($\mathbb{Z}'_6$ is not an integral domain)
only unit are $\bar{1}$ and $\bar{5}$ (and $\bar{1}$ is the unity)

$$\text{Note } \bar{2} \cdot \bar{4} = \bar{2}$$

but $\bar{2}$ and $\bar{4}$ not units.

$\Rightarrow \bar{2}$ is not an irreducible elt.

It can be easily verified $\bar{2}$ is a prime elt.
(Try)

Let $\bar{2} \mid ab$. To show $\bar{2}$ is a prime we have to show that $\bar{2} \mid a$ or $\bar{2} \mid b$.
 Suppose it possible neither $\bar{2} \mid a$ nor $\bar{2} \mid b$. Then, $a = \bar{2}m+1$, $b = \bar{2}n+1$
 So $ab = (\bar{2}m+1)(\bar{2}n+1) = \bar{4}mn + \bar{2}(m+n) + 1$. Clearly $\bar{2} \nmid ab$
 $\bar{2} \mid 4mn$, $\bar{2} \mid \bar{2}(m+n)$ so $\bar{2} \mid 1$. Which is a contradiction. This
 contradiction implies that $\bar{2} \mid a$ or $\bar{2} \mid b$. So $\bar{2}$ is prime.

5.1.1. In an integral domain with unity every prime element is irreducible.

Pf. Let R be an integral domain with unity and p be a prime element in R .

Show p is an irreducible element.

Since p is a prime element, $p \neq 0$ and p is not a unit in R .

For $a, b \in R$ let $p = ab$.

$$p | p \Rightarrow p | ab$$

$$\Rightarrow p | a \text{ or } p | b \quad [\because p \text{ is prime}]$$

Let $p | a$

$$\text{Then } \exists x \in R \text{ s.t. } a = px$$

$$\text{Now } p = ab \Rightarrow p = pxb$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = xb \quad [\text{by Cancellation law}]$$

$$\Rightarrow xb = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow b \text{ is a unit.}$$

Similarly, if $p | b$ then

it can be shown that a is a unit.

Thus $p = ab \Rightarrow$ one of a and b is a unit.

$\Rightarrow p$ is an irreducible element.

Note: In a ring, a prime element may not be an irreducible element.

eg. $\mathbb{Z}_6$ is a ring. In $\mathbb{Z}_6$, $\bar{2}$ is a prime element which is not irreducible.

($\mathbb{Z}_6$ is not an integral domain)