

Theorem 15.5: Homomorphism from \mathbb{Z} to a Ring with Unity.

Let R be a ring with unity 1. Then the mapping $\phi : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow R$ given by $n \rightarrow n \cdot 1$ is a ring homomorphism.

Corollary 1: A Ring with Unity Contains \mathbb{Z}_n or \mathbb{Z} .

If R is a ring with unity and the characteristic of R is $n > 0$, then R contains a subring isomorphic to \mathbb{Z}_n . If the characteristic of R is 0, then R contains a subring isomorphic to \mathbb{Z} .

Corollary 2: \mathbb{Z}_n is a Homomorphic Image of \mathbb{Z} .

For any positive integer m the mapping of $\phi : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_m$ given by $x \rightarrow x \pmod{m}$ is a ring homomorphism.

Corollary 3: A Field contains \mathbb{Z}_p or \mathbb{Q} .

If F is a field of characteristic p , then F contains a subfield isomorphic to \mathbb{Z}_p . If F is a field of characteristic 0, then F contains a subfield isomorphic to the rational numbers.

(1) Given an integral domain D , the field of quotients of D is the set

$$S = \{(x, y) \mid x, y \in D, y \neq 0\},$$

with equivalence relation

$$(x_1, y_1) \equiv (x_2, y_2) \quad \text{iff} \quad x_1 y_2 = y_1 x_2,$$

addition and multiplication operations

$$\begin{aligned} (x_1, y_1) + (x_2, y_2) &= (x_1 y_2 + x_2 y_1, y_1 y_2) \\ (x_1, y_1)(x_2, y_2) &= (x_1 x_2, y_1 y_2). \end{aligned}$$

For the rest of the question, S is the field of quotients of the integral domain $D = \mathbb{Z}[i]$.

(a) Write down the set-builder notation for S , where $\mathbb{Z}[i] = \{a + bi \mid a, b \in \mathbb{Z}\}$.

(b) Write out the result of the multiplication and addition of two elements $(1 + 2i, 3 - i)$ and $(2 - 3i, 1 - 2i)$.

(c) For each of the two results from part (b), take the form $(a_1 + b_1 i, a_2 + b_2 i)$ and rewrite as $\frac{a_1 + b_1 i}{a_2 + b_2 i}$, rationalize the denominator, and express as $\alpha + \beta i$. In general, what set do α and β lie in?

(d) What other more commonly known field F is S isomorphic to, and how would you define the isomorphism $\phi : S \rightarrow F$?

(2) (Division algorithm in $F[x]$.) Recall that the division algorithm for dividing a polynomial $f(x)$ by a polynomial $g(x)$ is of the form

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

where $g(x)$ is in the same polynomial ring, and either $r(x) = 0$ or the degree of $r(x)$ is less than that of $g(x)$. The resulting quotient $q(x)$ and remainder $r(x)$ are unique. This all holds true when F is a field.

Now define $f(x) = x^3 + 2x + 4$ and $g(x) = 3x + 2$.

(a) Find the quotient and remainder of dividing $f(x)$ by $g(x)$ when you view them as being elements of $\mathbb{R}[x]$.

(b) Now find the quotient and remainder of dividing $f(x)$ by $g(x)$ when you view them as being elements of $\mathbb{Z}_5[x]$. Carefully track the operations in the field used in part (a) to mimic the computation in $\mathbb{Z}_5[x]$.

(c) Find the quotient and remainder of dividing $f(x) = 5x^4 + 3x^3 + 1$ by $g(x) = 3x^2 + 2x + 1$ in $\mathbb{Z}_7[x]$.