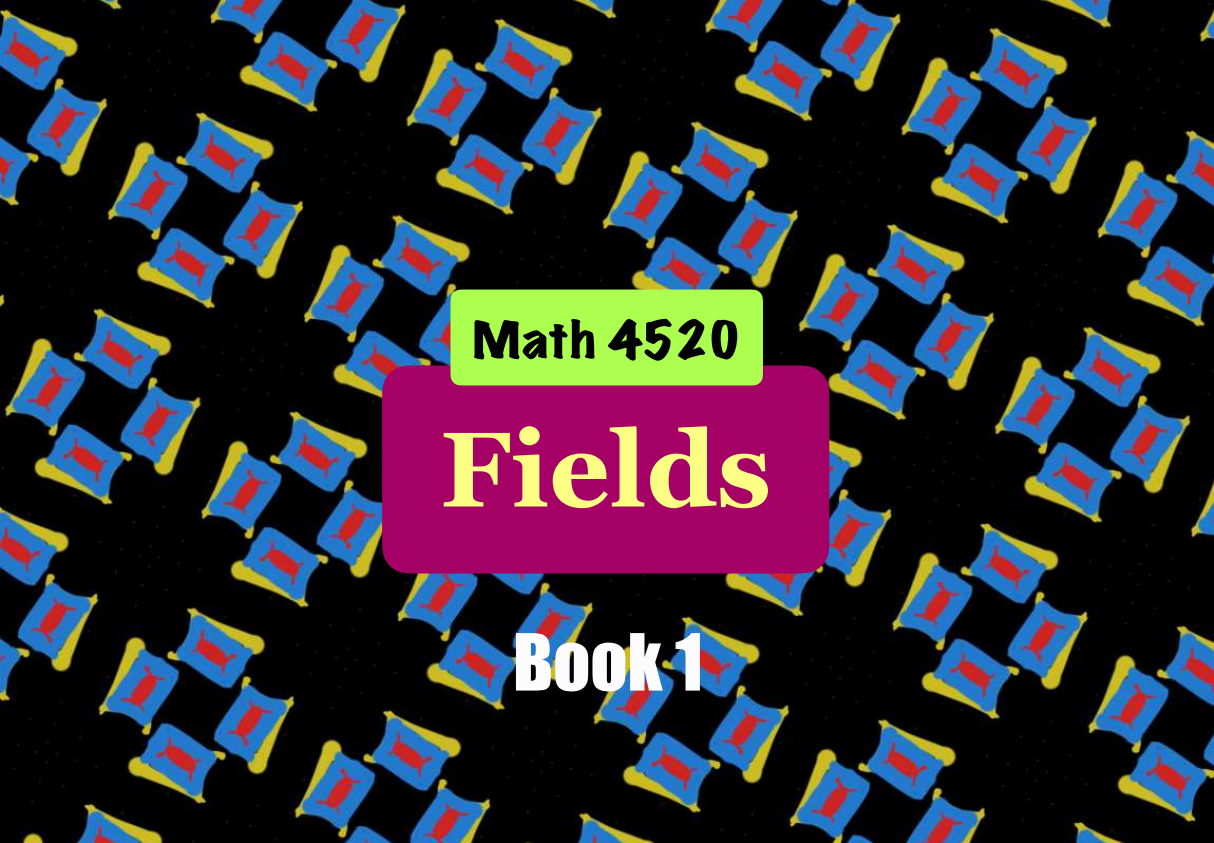




Math 4520

Fields

Book 1

A field is a number system with $+$, $-$, $\times$, $\div$, 0 , 1 in which we can divide by every nonzero element.

$\mathbb{R} = \{\text{real numbers}\}$ is a field

$\mathbb{C} = \{\text{complex numbers}\}$ " " "

$\mathbb{Q} = \{\text{rational numbers}\}$ " " "

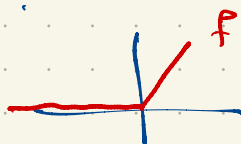
$\mathbb{C} = \{a+bi : a, b \in \mathbb{R}\}$, $i = \sqrt{-1}$

$\mathbb{Q} = \{\frac{a}{b} : a, b \in \mathbb{Z}, b \neq 0\}$

$\mathbb{Z} = \{\text{integers}\} = \{\dots, -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\}$ is not a field. $\mathbb{Z}$ is a commutative ring with 1 (having no zero divisors).

Other examples of fields?

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x, & \text{if } x \geq 0 \\ 0, & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases}$$



$$g(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } x \geq 0 \\ -x, & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases}$$



$$f(x) + g(x) = |x|$$

$$f(x) - g(x) = x$$

$$f(x)g(x) = 0$$

$$f \neq 0$$

$f(x)$ and $g(x)$ are nonzero functions whose product is 0 (these are called zero divisors in ring theory).

The continuous functions $\mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ form a commutative ring with identity  but not a field.

$\mathbb{F}_5 = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$ is a field of order 5.

+	0	1	2	3	4
0	0	1	2	3	4
1	1	2	3	4	0
2	2	3	4	0	1
3	3	4	0	1	2
4	4	0	1	2	3

$\times$	0	1	2	3	4
0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	1	2	3	4
2	0	2	4	1	3
3	0	3	1	4	2
4	0	4	3	2	1

$$3 + 4 = 2$$

$$3 - 4 = 4$$

$$3 \times 1 = 2$$

$$\frac{3}{4} = 2$$

$\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}, \mathbb{Q}$ are infinite fields; $\mathbb{F}_5$ is a finite field.
In $\mathbb{Z}$, $8 \equiv 3 \pmod{5}$. (8 is congruent to 3 mod 5)
In $\mathbb{F}_5$, $8 = 3$.

$$\frac{3}{4} = 2$$



$$3 = 2 \times 4$$

$$2 \times 4 = 8 = 3$$

Fields

Let F be a set containing distinct elements called 0 and 1 (thus $0 \neq 1$). Suppose addition, subtraction, multiplication and division are defined for all elements of F (except division by 0 is not defined).

Thus $a + b, a - b, ab, \frac{a}{d} \in F$ whenever $a, b, d \in F$ and $d \neq 0$.

Define $-a = 0 - a$.

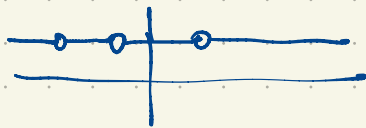
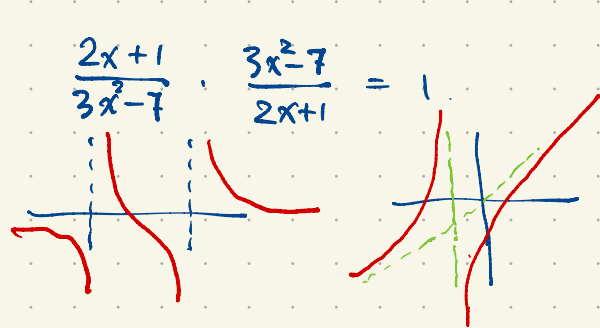
If the following properties are satisfied by *all* elements $a, b, c, d \in F$ with $d \neq 0$, then F is a **field**.

$a + b = b + a$	$a + (b + c) = (a + b) + c$	$ab = ba$
$a + 0 = a$	$a(bc) = (ab)c$	$1a = a$
$a + (-a) = 0$	$a(b + c) = ab + ac$	$\frac{a}{d} d = a$
$a + (-b) = a - b$		

The ring of polynomials in x with real coefficients is

$\mathbb{R}[x]$ is a commutative ring with identity having no zero divisors (if $f(x), g(x)$ are nonzero polynomials then $f(x)g(x)$ is a nonzero polynomial)

$\mathbb{R}(x) = \{ \text{rational functions in } x \text{ with real coefficients} \}$, a field. $\frac{1}{f(x)} = f(x)^{-1}$



$$\mathbb{R}(x) = \left\{ \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} : f(x), g(x) \in \mathbb{R}[x], g(x) \neq 0 \right\}$$

$$\mathbb{Q} = \left\{ \frac{a}{b} : a, b \in \mathbb{Z}, b \neq 0 \right\}$$

$\mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{2}] = \{ a + b\sqrt{2} : a, b \in \mathbb{Q} \}$ is a field.

$$\alpha = 3 + 7\sqrt{2}, \beta = 5 - \sqrt{2} \in \mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{2}]$$

$$\alpha + \beta = (3 + 7\sqrt{2}) + (5 - \sqrt{2}) = 8 + 6\sqrt{2} \in \mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{2}]$$

$$\alpha - \beta = (3 + 7\sqrt{2}) - (5 - \sqrt{2}) = -2 + 8\sqrt{2} \in \mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{2}]$$

$$\alpha\beta = (3 + 7\sqrt{2})(5 - \sqrt{2}) = 15 - 3\sqrt{2} + 35\sqrt{2} - 14 = 1 + 32\sqrt{2} \in \mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{2}]$$

$$\frac{\alpha}{\beta} = \frac{3 + 7\sqrt{2}}{5 - \sqrt{2}} \cdot \frac{5 + \sqrt{2}}{5 + \sqrt{2}} = \frac{15 + 35\sqrt{2} + 35\sqrt{2} + 14}{25 - 2} = \frac{29 + 70\sqrt{2}}{23} = \frac{29}{23} + \frac{70}{23}\sqrt{2} \in \mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{2}]$$

$$\mathbb{Q}[i] = \{ a + bi : a, b \in \mathbb{Q} \}, i = \sqrt{-1}$$

This is a field.

$$\alpha = 1 + \frac{1}{3}i, \beta = \frac{3}{2} - i \Rightarrow \alpha + \beta = \frac{5}{2} - \frac{2}{3}i$$

$$\alpha - \beta = -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{4}{3}i$$

$$\alpha\beta = \frac{3}{2} - i + \frac{1}{2}i + \frac{1}{3} = \frac{11}{6} - \frac{1}{2}i \in \mathbb{Q}[i]$$

$$\frac{\alpha}{\beta} = \frac{1 + \frac{1}{3}i}{\frac{3}{2} - i} \cdot \frac{6}{6} = \frac{6 + 2i}{9 - 6i} \cdot \frac{9 + 6i}{9 + 6i} = \frac{54 + 36i + 18i - 12}{81 + 36} = \frac{42 + 54i}{117} = \frac{14}{39} + \frac{18}{39}i \in \mathbb{Q}[i]$$

Example $R = \{ \text{real } 2 \times 2 \text{ matrices} \} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} : a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$ noncommutative ring with identity $I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ having zero divisors

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \frac{1}{ad-bc} \begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

The subset $F = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ -b & a \end{bmatrix} : a, b \in \mathbb{R} \right\} \subset R$ is a subring which is actually a field

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ -b & a \end{bmatrix} = a^2 + b^2 \neq 0 \text{ whenever } \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ -b & a \end{bmatrix} \neq \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ -b & a \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \frac{1}{a^2 + b^2} \begin{bmatrix} a & -b \\ b & a \end{bmatrix}$$

$$F = \{ \underbrace{aI + bJ} : a, b \in \mathbb{R} \}, \quad I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad J = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ basis for } F.$$

$$a \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + b \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ -b & a \end{bmatrix}$$

$$J^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = -I$$

$$(aI + bJ)(cI + dJ) = acI + adJ + bcJ + bdJ^2 = (ac - bd)I + (ad + bc)J \in F$$

$$(cI + dJ)(aI + bJ) = (ca - db)I + (cb + da)J$$

All field axioms hold in F , so F is a field.

Rename element $aI + bJ \in F$ as $aI + bi = a + bi \in \mathbb{C}$
 $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ -b & a \end{bmatrix} \quad a, b \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\text{In } \mathbb{C}: (a + bi)(c + di) = ac + adi + bci - bd = (ac - bd) + (ad + bc)i$$

Our example F is essentially the same as $\mathbb{C}$. More precisely, they are isomorphic: we have a bijection $f: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow F$, $f(a + bi) = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ -b & a \end{bmatrix}$ for all $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ such that

$$f(zw) = f(z)f(w), \quad f(z + w) = f(z) + f(w) \quad \text{for all } z, w \in \mathbb{C}.$$

$\mathbb{Q}[i]$ is isomorphic to the ring $E = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ -b & a \end{bmatrix} : a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{Q} \right\}$

$$f: \mathbb{Q}[i] \rightarrow E, \quad f(a+bi) = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ -b & a \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\alpha = 1 + \frac{1}{3}i$$

$$\beta = \frac{3}{2} - i$$

$$f(\beta) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{3}{2} & -1 \\ 1 & \frac{3}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$f(\beta)^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{3}{2} & -1 \\ 1 & \frac{3}{2} \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \frac{1}{\frac{9}{4} + 1} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{3}{2} & 1 \\ -1 & \frac{3}{2} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{4}{13} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{3}{2} & 1 \\ -1 & \frac{3}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$f\left(\frac{\alpha}{\beta}\right) = f(\alpha) f(\beta)^{-1} = \frac{4}{13} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \frac{1}{3} \\ -\frac{1}{3} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{3}{2} & 1 \\ -1 & \frac{3}{2} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{4}{13} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{7}{6} & \frac{3}{2} \\ -\frac{3}{2} & \frac{7}{6} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{4}{13} \cdot \frac{1}{6} \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 9 \\ -9 & 7 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{2}{39} \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 9 \\ -9 & 7 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{39} \begin{bmatrix} 14 & 18 \\ -18 & 14 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\frac{3}{2} - \frac{1}{3} = \frac{9-2}{6} = \frac{7}{6}$$

$$f\left(\frac{14}{39} + \frac{18}{39}i\right) = \frac{1}{39} \begin{bmatrix} 14 & 18 \\ -18 & 14 \end{bmatrix} \quad \checkmark$$

$$\mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{2}] \cong K = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ 2b & a \end{bmatrix} : a, b \in \mathbb{Q} \right\} \quad \text{basis for } K: I, J = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad J^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = 2I$$

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ 2b & a \end{bmatrix} = a^2 - 2b^2 \neq 0 \quad \text{if } a, b \in \mathbb{Q} \text{ are not both zero.}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ 2b & a \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \frac{1}{a^2 - 2b^2} \begin{bmatrix} a & -b \\ -2b & a \end{bmatrix}$$

Note: $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ 2b & a \end{bmatrix} : a, b \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$ is a commutative ring with identity having zero divisors

$$\begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{2} & 1 \\ 2 & \sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -\sqrt{2} & 1 \\ 2 & -\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$