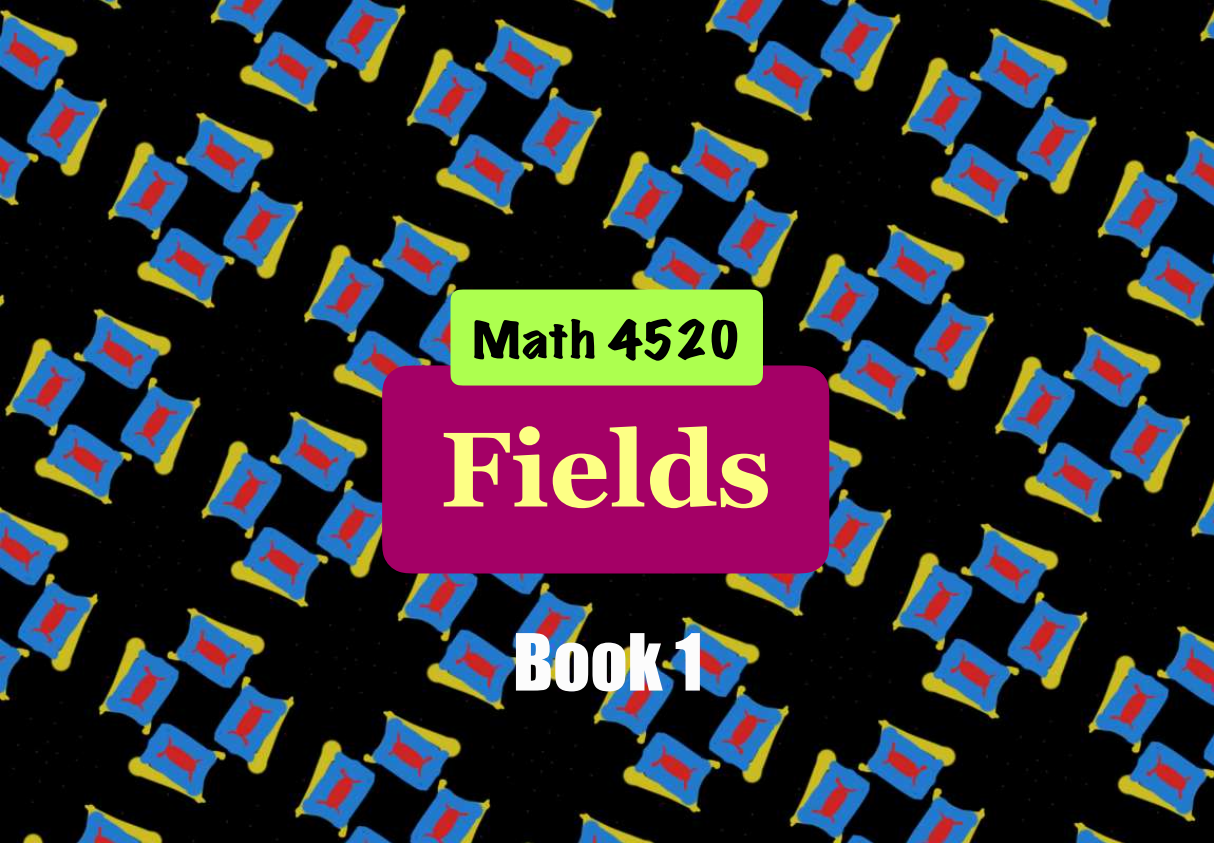




Math 4520

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

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

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

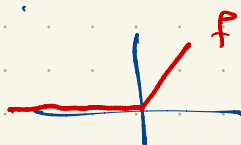
$\mathbb{C} = \{a+bi : a, b \in \mathbb{R}\}$, $i = \sqrt{-1}$

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

$\mathbb{Z} = \{\text{integers}\} = \{\dots, -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\}$ 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 $-a = 0 - a$.

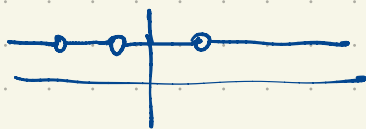
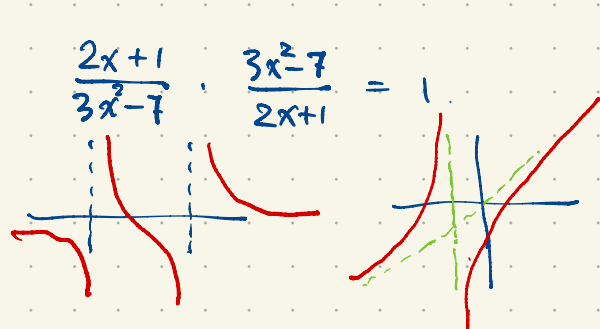
If the following properties are satisfied by *all* elements $a, b, c, d \in F$ with $d \neq 0$, then F is a **field**.

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

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 $E = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ -b & a \end{bmatrix} : a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{Q} \right\}$

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

$\alpha = 1 + \frac{1}{3}i$ $\{1, i\}$ basis for $\mathbb{Q}[i]$ over $\mathbb{Q}$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

$\det \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ 2b & a \end{bmatrix} = a^2 - 2b^2 \neq 0$ if $a, b \in \mathbb{Q}$ 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

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

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ 2b & a \end{bmatrix} = aI + bJ, \quad J = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad J^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = 2I$$

$\alpha = \sqrt[3]{2} = 2^{1/3}$ $1, \alpha, \alpha^2$ is a basis: every element of $\mathbb{Q}[\alpha]$ is uniquely expressible as a linear combination $a \cdot 1 + b \cdot \alpha + c \cdot \alpha^2$ $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Q}$

$\mathbb{Q}[\alpha] = \{a + b\alpha + c\alpha^2 : a, b, c \in \mathbb{Q}\}$ (field)

Compare $\mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{2}] = \{a + b\sqrt{2} : a, b \in \mathbb{Q}\}$ (field) $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Q}$

$$\alpha^3 = 2$$

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha^3 &= 2 \\ \alpha^4 &= 2\alpha \\ \alpha^5 &= 2\alpha^2 \\ \alpha^6 &= 4\end{aligned}$$

$\mathbb{Q}[\alpha]$ is a 3-dimensional vector space over the scalars $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Q}$

If $E \supseteq F$ is a field extension (F is a subfield of E)

$$\begin{aligned}u &= 2 + \alpha + \alpha^2 \\ v &= 1 - \alpha + \alpha^2\end{aligned}$$

$$u + v = 3 + 2\alpha^2$$

$$u - v = 1 + 2\alpha$$

$$uv = (2 + \alpha + \alpha^2)(1 - \alpha + \alpha^2) = 2 - \alpha + 2\alpha^2 + \alpha^4 = 2 - \alpha + 2\alpha^2 + 2\alpha = 2 + \alpha + 2\alpha^2$$

$$\frac{u}{v} = \frac{2 + \alpha + \alpha^2}{1 - \alpha + \alpha^2} = \underbrace{a + b\alpha + c\alpha^2}_{\text{rational numbers}} \Rightarrow 2 + \alpha + \alpha^2 = (1 - \alpha + \alpha^2)(a + b\alpha + c\alpha^2)$$

$$\begin{aligned}&= a + (b - a)\alpha + (a - b + c)\alpha^2 + (b - c)\alpha^3 + c\alpha^4 \\&= a + (b - a)\alpha + (a - b + c)\alpha^2 + 2(b - c) + 2c\alpha \\&= (a + 2b - 2c) + (-a + b + 2c)\alpha + (a - b + c)\alpha^2\end{aligned}$$

$$a + 2b - 2c = 2$$

$$-a + b + 2c = 1$$

$$a - b + c = 1$$

$$\begin{aligned}\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c}1 & 2 & -2 & 2 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & 1\end{array}\right] &\sim \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c}1 & 2 & -2 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 & 3 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & 1\end{array}\right] \xrightarrow{R_3 - R_1} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c}1 & 2 & -2 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & -3 & 3 & -1\end{array}\right] \\&\sim \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c}1 & 2 & -2 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -3 & 3 & -1\end{array}\right] \xrightarrow{R_3 + 3R_2} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c}1 & 2 & -2 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 2\end{array}\right] \\&\sim \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c}1 & 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 2\end{array}\right] \xrightarrow{R_1 + 2R_2} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c}1 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 2\end{array}\right] \xrightarrow{R_3 \cdot \frac{1}{3}} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c}1 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{2}{3}\end{array}\right] \xrightarrow{R_1 - 2R_3, R_2 - R_3} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c}1 & 0 & 0 & \frac{4}{3} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \frac{1}{3} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{2}{3}\end{array}\right]\end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{u}{v} = \frac{4}{3} + \alpha + \frac{2}{3}\alpha^2 \quad \checkmark$$

$$3.65152175(2)$$

Check: $\alpha \approx 1.25992104989$

$u \approx 4.84732210186$

$v \approx 1.32748000207$

$\frac{u}{v} \approx 3.6515217512$

A good way to check!

$$\mathbb{Q}[\alpha]_{\alpha=2^{1/3}} \cong \{aI + bA + cA^2 : a, b, c \in \mathbb{Q}\} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & 2c & 2b \\ b & a & 2c \\ c & b & a \end{bmatrix} : a, b, c \in \mathbb{Q} \right\} = \mathbb{Q}[A]$$

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

$$A^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^3 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = 2I$$

$$A^4 = 2A$$

An isomorphism $f: \mathbb{Q}[\alpha] \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}[A]$

is given by $f(a + b\alpha + c\alpha^2) = aI + bA + cA^2$

$$\text{eg, } f(u) = f(2 + \alpha + \alpha^2) = 2I + A + A^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$f(v) = f(1 - \alpha + \alpha^2) = I - A + A^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -2 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$f(uv) = f(u)f(v) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -2 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = 2 + A + 2A^2$$

$$f\left(\frac{u}{v}\right) = f(u)f(v)^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -2 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^{-1}$$

$\mathbb{C} \supset \mathbb{R}$ is a field extension

$\mathbb{C} = \mathbb{R}[i] = \{a + bi : a, b \in \mathbb{R}\}$ has basis $\{1, i\}$ over $\mathbb{R}$

$\mathbb{R} \supset \mathbb{Q}$ $1, \sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3}, \sqrt{5}, \sqrt{6}, \sqrt{7}, \sqrt{10}, \dots$

$\sqrt{3} \notin \mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{2}]$

Consider the prime field $\mathbb{F}_{101} = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, 100\}$ with $\alpha = 89$, $\beta = 23$. (Addition, multiplication, etc. mod 101)

$$\alpha + \beta = 112 = 11$$

$$\alpha - \beta = 66$$

$$\alpha\beta = 2047 = 27$$

$$\frac{\beta}{\alpha} = 23 \cdot 42 = 966 = 57$$

$$23 \cdot 42 \times \alpha = \beta \quad ?$$

$$42 \cdot \alpha = 1 \quad ?$$

101 is prime

$$\frac{\beta}{\alpha} = \beta \cdot \frac{1}{\alpha} = 23 \cdot 42 = 966 = 57$$

How do we compute inverses in $\mathbb{F}_p = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, p-1\}$, p prime?
Review: basic properties of $\mathbb{Z}$ (handout on website)

$$\gcd(89, 101) = 1$$

89 has (positive) divisors $(1, 89)$
101 has (positive) divisors $(1, 101)$

the only common number is 1
(common divisor of 89 and 101)

$$\begin{array}{cc} 3 \cdot 5 & 3 \cdot 7 \\ \downarrow & \downarrow \\ \gcd(15, 21) & = 3 \end{array}$$

Divisors of 15: $-15, -5, -3, -1, 1, 3, 5, 15$

Divisors of 21: $-21, -7, -3, -1, 1, 3, 7, 21$

Common divisors of 15 and 21: $-3, -1, 1, 3$

greatest common divisor of 15 and 21: 3.

If $b = ra$ ($a, b, r \in \mathbb{Z}$) then we say

- a divides b
- a is a divisor of b
- b is a multiple of a
- a is a factor of b
- $a \mid b$

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$$3 \mid 15 \quad 7 \nmid 15 \quad 7 \text{ does not divide } 15$$

$$3 < 5 \quad 8 \nmid 5$$

$$0 \mid 0$$

$$0 = -17 \cdot 0$$

Divisors of 1: $-1, 1$

Divisors of 0: $\dots, -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$

$3 \mid 0$ because $0 = 0 \cdot 3$

Fact: Given $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$, not both zero, $\gcd(a, b) = r \cdot a + s \cdot b$ for some $r, s \in \mathbb{Z}$.
We can "easily" compute $\gcd(a, b)$, r, s , using the extended Euclidean algorithm.

eg. $\gcd(89, 101) = \square = \boxed{42} \cdot 89 + \boxed{-37} \cdot 101.$

$$101 = 1 \cdot 89 + 12$$

$$89 = 7 \cdot 12 + 5$$

$$12 = 2 \cdot 5 + 2$$

$$5 = 2 \cdot 2 + 1 \leftarrow \gcd(101, 89) = 1$$

$$2 = 2 \cdot 1 + 0$$

$$1 = 5 - 2 \cdot 2$$

$$= 5 - 2 \cdot (12 - 2 \cdot 5)$$

$$= 5 \cdot 5 - 2 \cdot 12$$

$$= 5 \cdot (89 - 7 \cdot 12) - 2 \cdot 12$$

$$= 5 \cdot 89 - 37 \cdot 12$$

$$= 5 \cdot 89 - 37 \cdot (101 - 89)$$

$$= \boxed{42} \cdot 89 - \boxed{37} \cdot 101$$

check: $3738 - 3737 = 1$

$$42 \cdot 89 \equiv 1 \pmod{101} \quad \text{in } \mathbb{Z}$$

$$42 \cdot 89 = 1 \quad \text{in } \mathbb{F}_{101}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 21 &= 1 \cdot 15 + 6 \\ 15 &= 2 \cdot 6 + \boxed{3} \leftarrow \gcd(21, 15) = 3 \\ 6 &= 2 \cdot 3 + 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$3 = \boxed{42} \cdot 21 + \boxed{3} \cdot 15 \quad ?$$

$$\begin{aligned} 3 &= 15 - 2 \cdot 6 \\ &= 15 - 2 \cdot (21 - 15) \\ &= 3 \cdot 15 - 2 \cdot 21 \end{aligned}$$

Check: $45 - 42 = 3$.

It is faster to keep track of the coefficients only:

101	89	
1	0	101
0	1	89
1	-1	12
-7	8	5
15	-17	2
-37	42	$\boxed{1}$
*	*	0

$$\begin{aligned} 3x + 5y &= 13 \\ 7x - 11y &= 29 \end{aligned}$$

x	y	
3	5	13
7	-11	29

The last non-zero remainder is the gcd

$$\boxed{1} \leftarrow \gcd(101, 89) = 1 = -37 \cdot 101 + 42 \cdot 89$$

Euclid's Algorithm (for finding the gcd of two numbers) relies on repeated application of the Division Algorithm.

Theorem: Let $n, d \in \mathbb{Z}$ with $d > 0$. Then $n = q \cdot d + r$ for some $q, r \in \mathbb{Z}$ which are unique.
 $0 \leq r < d$

$\mathbb{R}[x]$ = ring of all polynomials in x with real coefficients

$\mathbb{R}[x]^* = \{\text{units of } \mathbb{R}[x]\} = \{\text{nonzero constant polynomials}\}$

A ^{nonzero} element $f \in \mathbb{R}[x]$ (or any commutative ring with identity) is reducible if $f = gh$ for some $g, h \in \mathbb{R}[x]$, where neither g nor h is a unit.

$$x^2 + 1 = gh \quad ?$$

$$x^2 + 1 = (x^2 + 1) \cdot 1$$

$$x^2 + 1 = (5x^2 + 5) \cdot \left(\frac{1}{5}\right) \quad \text{unit}$$

$$x^2 + 1 = gh \Rightarrow g \text{ or } h \text{ is a unit. Why?}$$

$(x^2 + 1 \text{ is irreducible})$

If $f(x) \in \mathbb{R}[x]$ then the degree of $f(x)$ is the largest n such that the coefficient of x^n in $f(x)$ is nonzero: (denoted $\deg f(x)$)

$$f(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \dots + a_nx^n, \quad a_n \neq 0 \quad (a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{R})$$

$$\deg(x^2 + 1) = 2$$

$$\deg(g(x)h(x)) = \deg g(x) + \deg h(x)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \deg(x) &= 1 \\ \deg(5) &= 0 \\ \deg(0) & \end{aligned}$$

$$0 \cdot (x^2 + 1) = 0$$

$$\deg(0) + \deg(x^2 + 1) = \deg 0 \quad \text{This is a problem.}$$

One approach says: $\deg f(x)$ is only defined for nonzero polynomials.

The other approach: $\deg 0 = -\infty$

If $x^2 + 1 = g(x)h(x)$, $g(x), h(x) \in \mathbb{R}[x]$ then the factors $g(x), h(x)$ have degrees 0, 2 or 1, 1 or 2, 0.

But degree 0 polynomials are nonzero constants (i.e. units).

Otherwise $\deg g(x) = \deg h(x) = 1$ i.e. $g(x) = ax + b$, $h(x) = cx + d$, $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}$, $a \neq 0$, $c \neq 0$.