

Math 525 Class 19 October 9

Schedule: HW 9.2, 9.3, 9.4 due today

Fixed error 9.4.19(e).

HW 9.5, 9.6 due Wednesday Oct 11.

Midterm Friday Oct 13

I will post blank copies of all quizzes.

WW: Observes that $a^p \equiv a \pmod{p}$.

and $a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ if $a \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$.

This is NOT necessary for 9.4.19 (d).

Good to know generalization $a^{\varphi(m)} \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$
if $(a, m) = 1$.

Example of a "fuzzier" question:

What does the Hilbert Basis Theorem say?

A: That $R[x]$ is Noetherian if R is.

~~the~~ In the proof of the Hilbert Basis Theorem, we must transfer our knowledge about ideals of R to ideals of $R[x]$.

Why does the ACC for ideals of R imply anything at all about ideals of $R[x]$?

Intended answer: If I is an ideal of $R[x]$, then the set of leading coefficients of polynomials in I (plus zero) is an ideal of R . (This works also with the modifier "of degree d ".)
Thus ~~properties~~ we have a connection ideals of $R[x]$ $\longrightarrow$ ideals of R and properties can be ~~also~~ transferred.

What is a likely question for the midterm?

Should be short and have a concrete answer.

Easily computable in a few minutes.

Nice if it uses one or more theorems in book.

What is the order and structure of the group

$$\left[\mathbb{F}_2[x] / (x^3 + x + 1) \right]^\times \quad ?$$

Observation 1: $x^3 + x + 1$ is irred in $\mathbb{F}_2[x]$

because 1 is not a root and 0 is not a root.

Thus $\mathbb{F}_2[x] / (x^3 + x + 1)$ is a field.

This field is a V.S. of dim 3 ~~of~~ over $\mathbb{F}_2$
and has order 8. Thus the units have order

The mult. group of a finite field is cyclic so

the group is isomorphic to C_7 .

Similarly: We showed that a Euclidean Domain is a PID. This means that given an ED R and an ideal $I \subset R$, we must produce an $a \in I$ such that $I = (a)$. Where do we get the a ?

A: We choose $a \in I$ to be ^{an} the element of smallest nonzero norm. Then show this a works.

Another type of question: State the $\langle X \rangle$ theorem or fill in the blanks in the statement of $\langle X \rangle$ theorem.

Give an example to show that the hypothesis $\langle H \rangle$ of $\langle X \rangle$ Theorem is necessary.

Or: $\langle X \rangle$ theorem says $A \Rightarrow B$, is it true that $B \Rightarrow A$? Give a proof or counterexample.

Specific example: We proved that a PID is a UFD.

Is it true that $UFD \Rightarrow PID$? Proof or counterexample.

Counterexamples $\mathbb{Z}[x]$, $R[x, y]$.

What are ideals in these rings that aren't principal?

How do you know they are UFDs?