



Today fields & vector spaces & forms
 3.2 Ch 3,4 Ch 8

(main topic
 at end of
 bk ch 15, 16)

Reminder

A field F is a set with two binary operations

$$+, \cdot : F \times F \rightarrow F$$

s.t. $(F, +)$ is an Abelian group
write 0 for the identity element.

$(F \setminus \{0\}, \cdot)$ is an Abelian group
write 1 for the identity element

and such that

$$a(b+c) = ab+ac.$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{l} \text{Note: } a \cdot 0 = a(0+0) = a \cdot 0 + a \cdot 0 \\ 0 = a \cdot 0 + a \cdot 0 - a \cdot 0 = a \cdot 0 \end{array} \right]$$

Examples $\mathbb{C}, \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{Q} = \{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid z = \frac{a}{b}, a, b \in \mathbb{Z}\}$

$$\mathbb{Q}(i) = \{a+bi \mid a, b \in \mathbb{Q}\} \subset \mathbb{C}$$

subfield

$$(a+bi)(c+di) = (ac-bd) + (ad+bc)i$$

$$\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}) = \{a+b\sqrt{2} \mid a, b \in \mathbb{Q}\} \subset \mathbb{C} \text{ subfield}$$

$$(a+b\sqrt{2})(c+d\sqrt{2}) = (ac+2bd) + (ad+bc)\sqrt{2}$$

$$(a+b\sqrt{2})(a-b\sqrt{2}) = a^2 - 2b^2 \neq 0 \quad \text{if } a, b \neq 0!$$

$$(a+b\sqrt{2}) \left(\frac{a}{a^2-2b^2} - \frac{b}{a^2-2b^2} \sqrt{2} \right) \begin{cases} a^2 = 2b^2 & \text{either } b=0 \\ & (\Rightarrow a=0) \\ \text{or} \\ \frac{a^2}{b^2} = \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^2 = 2 & \Rightarrow \sqrt{2} \in \mathbb{Q} \\ & \text{no!} \end{cases}$$

$$\underbrace{(a+b\sqrt{2})(a-b\sqrt{2})}_{a^2-2b^2} \left(\frac{1}{a^2-2b^2} \right) = 1$$

To check $K \subset F$ $F = \text{field}$
 K is a subfield need 1

$\rightarrow (K, +) < (F, +)$ is a subgroup
 $\rightarrow (K \setminus \{0\}, \cdot) < (F \setminus \{0\}, \cdot)$ is a subgroup.

$$a(b+c) = ab+ac$$

for $a, b, c \in K \subset F$

K closed under $+$, has inverses (negatives)

$K \setminus \{0\}$ closed under \cdot , has inverses (reciprocals)

enough to show K closed under \cdot
 $ab \in K$ for all $a, b \in K$

if $a, b \in K \setminus \{0\}$ $ab \in K \cap (F \setminus \{0\})$
 $\quad \quad \quad \uparrow$ $\quad \quad \quad \uparrow$
 $\quad \quad \quad F \setminus \{0\}$ $\quad \quad \quad K \setminus \{0\}$

$$\mathbb{F}_2 = \{T, F\} = \{0, 1\} = \{\text{even, odd}\} = \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \quad \{\bar{0}, \bar{1}\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 0+0 &= 0 \\ 0+1 &= 1 \\ 1+0 &= 1 \\ 1+1 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$

$$0 \cdot 0 = 0$$

$$0 \cdot 1 = 0$$

$$1 \cdot 0 = 0$$

$$\boxed{1 \cdot 1 = 1} \quad (e)$$

$$\mathbb{F}_3 = \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z} = \{\text{mult of } 3, \text{ more than mult } 3, 2m \dots\}$$

$$\{0 \bmod 3, 1 \bmod 3, 2 \bmod 3\}$$

$$\bar{0} \quad \bar{1} \quad \bar{2}$$

$$\bar{1} + \bar{2} = \bar{0}$$

$$\bar{1} + \bar{1} = \bar{2}$$

$$\bar{2} + \bar{2} = \bar{1}$$

$$\bar{1} + \bar{0} = \bar{1}$$

$$\bar{1} \cdot \bar{2} = \bar{2}$$

$$(3n+1)(3m+2)$$

$$3(\) + 2$$

$$\mathbb{F}_3 \setminus \{0\} = \{\bar{1}, \bar{2}\} \subset_2$$

$$\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$$

more generally: \mathbb{F}_p prime

$$\bar{p} \cdot \bar{q} = \bar{0}$$

Linear algebra "works" over fields

eg: notion of vector space

Def: A vector space V over a field F is a set w/ a binary op $+$: $V \times V \rightarrow V$ and a operation \cdot : $F \times V \rightarrow V$

s.t. $(V, +)$ is a group

$$(F \setminus \{0\}) \times V \rightarrow V$$

is an action of the group $(F \setminus \{0\}, \cdot)$

$$\text{and } a(v+w) = av+aw.$$

$$\text{and } (a+b)v = av+bv$$

just as before

• dimension, bases, linear transformations \leftrightarrow matrices, determinants, invertibility, Gaussian elimination, rank, nullity

Characteristic of a field

$$1 \in F$$

$$2 = 1+1$$

$$3 = 1+1+1$$

$$-5 = -(1+1+1+1+1)$$

in general, have a homomorphism of additive groups

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 (\mathbb{Z}, +) & \xrightarrow{\varphi} & (F, +) \\
 n & \longmapsto & \underbrace{1+1+\dots+1}_n \\
 -n & \longmapsto & -(n \text{ times})
 \end{array}$$

$$1st \ is \ \Rightarrow \quad \mathbb{Z} / \ker \varphi \cong \text{im } \varphi < (F, +)$$

Show: $\ker \varphi = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{or} \\ p\mathbb{Z} & \text{for } p = \text{prime number} \end{cases}$

$n =$ smallest pos # in $\ker \varphi$

$$n = pq \quad \text{then } \varphi(p), \varphi(q) \neq 0$$

$$\text{but } \varphi(p) \varphi(q)$$

$$\underbrace{(1+\dots+1)}_{p \neq 0} \underbrace{(1+\dots+1)}_{q \neq 0} = \underbrace{1+\dots+1}_{pq} \overset{\varphi(pq)}{=} 0$$

Def if $\ker = p\mathbb{Z}$ we say F has characteristic p

if $\ker = 0$ ----- 0 .

ex: $\mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{Q}(i)$ char 0

\mathbb{F}_2 char 2

\mathbb{F}_p char p

$$\underline{\text{ex:}} \quad \mathbb{F}_p((t)) = \left\{ \sum_{n=n_0}^{\infty} a_i t^i \mid \begin{array}{l} a_i \in \mathbb{F}_p \\ n_0 \in \mathbb{Z} \end{array} \right\}$$

field of char p (w/ infinite)