

Chapter 10.2 part 2

Section 10.2

PID - Principal Ideal Domain

Def A PID is an integral domain in which every ideal is principal

Recall $(a) = \{ ar \mid r \in R \}$ for $a \in R$
a principal ideal (generated by $a \in R$)

Not a principal ideal

$$(2, x) \subset \mathbb{Z}[x]$$

$$(2, x) = \{ 2f + xg \mid f, g \in \mathbb{Z}[x] \}$$

Th 10.8 Every Euclidean domain is a PID.

Idea of the proof $I \subset R$ - Euclidean domain

Consider $\{ \delta(i) \mid i \in I, i \neq 0_R \}$ - a set of non-negative integers, therefore has its minimal element b , meaning $\delta(b) \leq \delta(i)$ for all $i \in I, i \neq 0_R$.

Claim $I = (b)$ - with the help of Euclid's Lemma, one proves that $b \mid i$ for every $i \in I$.

Th 10.12 The Fundamental Theorem of Arithmetic holds true in every PID.

A translation of divisibilities into the language of principal ideals

Recall $(a) = \{ ra \mid r \in R \}$ $(b) = \{ sb \mid s \in R \}$

$a \mid b$ means $b = ra$ means $b \in (a)$ implies (by the absorption property) $sb \in (a)$

for any $s \in \mathbb{R}$
means $(b) \subseteq (a)$

Th 10.9 Let $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$

- (1) $(a) \subseteq (b)$ iff $b|a$
 - (2) $(a) = (b)$ iff $b|a$ and $a|b$
 - (3) $(a) \subsetneq (b)$ iff $b|a$ but $a \nmid b$
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For the existence clause of The Fundamental Theorem of Arithmetic we need to avoid the following situation:

$$p_1 | a_1 \quad a_1 = p_1 a_2$$

$$p_2 | a_2 \quad a_1 = p_1 p_2 a_3$$

$$p_3 | a_3 \quad a_1 = p_1 p_2 p_3 a_4$$

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- We want that to stop at a moment

Example 1 - an example of a situation when

that does not stop, and in the integral domain $\mathbb{Q}_{\frac{1}{2}}[x]$ no decomposition into a product of irreducibles exists.

In $\mathbb{Q}_{\frac{1}{2}}[x]$ The Fundamental Theorem of Arithmetic fails for this reason - existence fails

Def An integral domain satisfies Ascending Chain Condition - ACC on principal ideals if for any chain of ideals

$$(a_1) \subseteq (a_2) \subseteq (a_3) \subseteq \dots$$

there exists n such that

$$(a_n) = (a_{n+1}) = (a_{n+2}) = \dots \quad \left. \vphantom{(a_n)} \right\} (a_n) = (a_i) \text{ for } i \geq n$$

Lemma 10.10 Every PID satisfies the ACC.

Pf Consider $A = \bigcup_i (a_i)$

Easy to check: $A \subseteq R$ is an ideal.

Since R is a PID, A must be a principal ideal. $A = (a)$, $a \in R$.

But $a \in A$, therefore $a \in \bigcup_i (a_i)$, thus $a \in (a_n)$ for some n .

It follows that $(a_n) = (a_{n+1}) = (a_{n+2}) \dots$

Existence of a factorization into a product of irreducibles in Th 10.12

follows from Lemma 10.10

Key for the uniqueness in 10.12 - The Fundamental Theorem of Arith for PID's.

Lemma 10.11

Let R be a PID; let $p \in R$ be irreducible.

$p|bc$ implies $p|b$ or $p|c$ (or both)

Th 1.5 for \mathbb{Z}

Th 4.12(2) for $F[x]$

Cor 10.4 Euclidean domains

Pf

$p|bc$ means $bc \in (p)$

Wanted:

$b \in (p)$ or $c \in (p)$

That is, want to claim that the ideal (p) is prime.

(p) is prime will follow from (p) is maximal

Cor 6.16

- every maximal ideal is prime

Assume $(p) \subseteq I \subseteq R$, I - an ideal

Since R is a PID, thus I must be principal: $I = (d)$

$(p) \subseteq (d)$ means $d|p$, but p is irreducible

Thus d may be

either a unit

- $(d) = R$

or an associate
of p

- $(d) = (p)$

Uniqueness in 10.12 follows from Lemma 10.11 in a standard way.

An example of a PID which is not an Euclidean domain.

$$\left\{ a + b \frac{1 + \sqrt{-19}}{2} \mid a, b \in \mathbb{Z} \right\} - \text{subring of } \mathbb{C}$$

UFD - Unique Factorization Domain - an integral domain where the Fundamental Theorem of Arithmetic holds true.

- def -

- every non-zero non-unit element has a factorization into a product of irreducibles, and this factorization is unique up to permutations and associates

Th 10.16 An integral domain is a UFD iff:

(a) The integral domain has the ACC on principal ideals $\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{existence} \end{array} \right\}$

(b) whenever p is irreducible, $p \mid cd$ implies $p \mid c$ or $p \mid d$ (or both). $\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{uniqueness} \end{array} \right\}$

Summarizing diagram
- integral domains

Integral domains with ACC on principal ideals



$\mathbb{Z}[x] \supset (2, x)$ - not a principal ideal

$\mathbb{Q}[x]$ is a UFD
 \mathbb{Z} is a UFD