

① If  $f(x)$  had a unit factor over  $\mathbb{Z}_{11}$  it would have a root so just try  $f(a)$  for  $a=0,1,2,\dots,10$

- $f(0) \equiv 4 \pmod{11}$
- $f(1) \equiv 6 \pmod{11}$
- $f(2) \equiv 10 \pmod{11}$
- $f(3) \equiv 5 \pmod{11}$
- $f(4) \equiv 2 \pmod{11}$
- $f(5) \equiv 1 \pmod{11}$
- $f(6) \equiv 2 \pmod{11}$
- $f(7) \equiv 5 \pmod{11}$
- $f(8) \equiv 10 \pmod{11}$
- $f(9) \equiv 6 \pmod{11}$
- $f(10) \equiv 4 \pmod{11}$

$\Rightarrow$  it is never zero mod 11  $\therefore$  irreducible over  $\mathbb{Z}/11\mathbb{Z}$ .

If  $p=2$  then  $f(x) = x^2 + x + 0 = x(x+1)$

If  $p=3$  then  $f(x) = x^2 + x + 1$  and  $f(1) = 3 \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ .

$\therefore x-1 \equiv x+2$  is a factor

$$\begin{array}{r} x+2 \\ x+2 \overline{) x^2+x+1} \\ \underline{x^2+x} \phantom{+1} \\ -x \phantom{+1} \\ \underline{-x+1} \\ 2x+1 \end{array}$$

$\therefore x^2 + x + 1 = (x+2)^2$  over  $\mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$ .

It is irreducible over  $\mathbb{Z}$  since it is irreducible over  $\mathbb{Z}/11\mathbb{Z}$ .

Hence it is irreducible over  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

② We need to assume  $R$  is commutative and has a unity  $1$ .

First  $AB$  is an ideal:  $x = \sum_{i \in I} a_i b_i$      $y = \sum_{j \in J} a_j b_j$

$\Rightarrow x+y \in \sum_{i \in I \cup J} a_i b_i \in AB$

and if  $r \in R$ ,  $rx = \sum_{i \in I} (ra_i) b_i$     But  $ra_i = a_i' \in A$  since  $A$  is an ideal.

$\Rightarrow rx = \sum_{i \in I} a_i' b_i \in AB$ .

Thus  $AB$  is an ideal of  $R$ .

Let  $x = \sum_{i \in I} a_i b_i \in AB$ . Then  $\forall i$   $a_i b_i \in A$  since  $A$  is an ideal. ideals are closed under  $+$   $\therefore \sum_{i \in I} a_i b_i \in A$ . Similarly  $x \in B \therefore AB \subset AB$ .

If  $A+B=R \Rightarrow \exists a \in A, b \in B$  with  $1 = a+b$ . If  $x \in AB$  then write  $x = ax + xb \in AB + AB = AB$

$\therefore AAB \subset AB \Rightarrow AB \equiv AAB$

3)  $f(1) = 0$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_2$  here.  $x-1 = x+1$  is a factor

Divide it out  $x+1 \overline{) x^3+x^2+x+1}$  or

note that  $f(x) = x^2(x+1) + (x+1) = (x+1)(x^2+1)$

and since  $-1 \equiv 1$  mod 2  $x^2-1 = x^2+1$

But  $x^2-1 = (x+1)(x-1)$

$\therefore f(x) = (x+1)(x+1)(x-1) = (x+1)^2$

4) We were only check these poly over  $\mathbb{Z}_1$

(a) irreducible by Eisenstein with  $p=3$ .

(b) If  $x-a$  is a factor then we must have  $a/1 \Rightarrow a = \pm 1$ .

and  $a$  is a root of  $f(x) = x^4+x+1$ . But  $f(1) = 3 \neq 0$ ,  $f(-1) = 1 \neq 0$ .

Then any non-trivial factors must be of degree 2 and we can write  $x^4+x+1 \stackrel{(i)}{=} (x^2+dx+1)(x^2+px+1)$  or  $x^4+x+1 \stackrel{(ii)}{=} (x^2+dx-1)(x^2+px-1)$

Since the factors of 1 are  $\pm 1$ .

In (i), equate the coef of  $x$ :  $1 = d+\beta$   
of  $x^3$ :  $0 = d+\beta$  } so this is not possible.

In (ii)  $x$ :  $1 = -d-\beta$   
 $x^3$ :  $0 = d+\beta$  } again not possible. Thus  $f(x)$  is irred over  $\mathbb{Z}_1$  hence (a).

(c). Let  $y = 2x$  so  $g(x) = 8x^3 - 6x + 1 = y^3 - 3y + 1 = f(y)$ .

Then ~~any any root~~  $f(y)$  is always odd, so it has no root.

Here  $g(x)$  has no root either and is thus irreducible.

(d)  $f(x) = x^5 + 5x^2 + 1$ . The only roots can be  $\pm 1$  which both fail. Here if it has factors they must be of degree 2 and 3. etc.

Consider  $f(y-1) = (y-1)^5 + 5(y-1)^2 + 1 = y^5 - 5y^4 + 10y^3 - 5y^2 - 5y + 5$   
which is irreducible by Eisenstein with  $p=5$ . Thus  $f(x)$  is irreducible.

