

Q. Tell whether $\mathbb{Z}[x, y]$ is a UFD, PID, ED or not?

Ans:- The ideal $\langle x, y \rangle$ is not principal \Rightarrow not a PID
 \mathbb{Z} is a UFD $\Rightarrow \mathbb{Z}[x]$ is a UFD $\Rightarrow \mathbb{Z}[x][y]$ is a UFD
 and $\mathbb{Z}[x][y] \cong \mathbb{Z}[x, y] \Rightarrow$ it is UFD

It is not PID \rightarrow it is not ED

Polynomial Rings:-

Let R be a ring and we define a polynomial $P(x)$ over R in the form $P(x) = \sum_{i=0}^n a_i x^i$; $a_i \in R$ and $a_n \neq 0$, $d(P) = n$

$$P(x) \in R[x]$$

" x " is called an indeterminate.

Properties:-

- $\rightarrow R[x]$ is a ring under both operations
- \rightarrow If R is commutative $\Leftrightarrow R[x]$ is commutative
- \rightarrow Unity of $R[x]$ is $1 \in R$
- \rightarrow If R is an integral domain $\Leftrightarrow R[x]$ is also an integral domain
- \rightarrow If F is a field then $F[x]$ need not be field. But $F[x]$ is an integral domain

Factor Theorem for Ring:- If R is commutative ring
 $(x-a)$ is a factor of $P(x) \in R[x]$
 iff a is a zero in R and $a \in R$

Bifactor Theorem - Let $a, b \in$ commutative ring R and $P(x) \in R[x]$.

Suppose $P(a) = P(b) = 0 \iff P(x) = (x-a)(x-b)Q$
 $Q \in R[x]$

$P(b) = 0 \implies P(x) = (x-b)Q_b \quad Q_b \in R[x]$

$P(a) = (a-b)Q_b$ if $a-b=0 \implies a=b$
 $= 0$

$(x^2-1) \pmod 8$
 $a^2 \uparrow \quad \uparrow b^2$
 $a^2-1 - (b^2-1) \equiv 0$
 $(a-b)(a+b) \equiv 0$
 $a^2-1 - b^2+1 \equiv 0$
 $a^2-b^2 \equiv 0$
 $(a+b)(a-b) \equiv 0$

\Rightarrow If $P(x)$ is a polynomial of degree n then $P(x)$ has at most n roots \rightarrow This statement is not true over arbitrary rings

$\implies P(x) = (x-a)Q_a$ if a is a zero in $P(x)$ and $a \in R$

if any other root b is to be found, it should be in Q_a

$\implies Q_a = (x-b)Q_b \implies P(x) = (x-a)(x-b)Q_b$
 $P(x) = (x-b)Q_{b'}$

$P(a) = 0, P(b) = 0$

$P(b) = (b-a)Q_a$

a, b are distinct

$\implies Q_a = 0$

\hookrightarrow but we can't say that $(a-b)Q_a = 0$

$P(a) = (a-b)Q_{b'}$

\longrightarrow This statement will hold for comm R

\Rightarrow A non-zero polynomial $f(x) \in F[x]$ of degree n have at most n zeros.

Defn:-

If F is a field and $f(x) \in F[x]$ is a non-constant polynomial, $f(x)$ is reducible over F iff it can be factored as a product of two non-constant polynomials in $F[x]$. Otherwise it is irreducible.

Theorem:- Let $F[x]$ is a polynomial ring over F

If $f, g, p_1, p_2 \in F[x]$ and f is non-zero then
 $fg = 0 \Rightarrow g = 0$ and $fp_1 = fp_2 \Rightarrow p_1 = p_2$

f has an inverse in $F[x]$ iff f is a non-zero constant.

Division Algorithm:- $F[x]$ is a polynomial ring and F is a field

Then $f = qd + r$ where $\deg(r) < \deg(d)$ or $r = 0$ and q, r are unique for f .