

Field of Quotient of UFD: If R is a unique factorisation domain, then R is necessarily an integral domain. Therefore R has a field of quotients. We will denote this field of quotient of R by F . We can consider $R[x]$ to be subring of $F[x]$.

Thm: If R is integral domain (not necessarily UFD) and F is its field of quotients, then any element $f(x)$ in $F[x]$ can be written as

$$f(x) = \frac{f_0(x)}{a} \quad \text{where } f_0(x) \in R[x] \text{ and } a \in R.$$

Proof Let F be field of quotient of integral domain R .

$$\text{Then } F = \{p/q : p, q \in R \text{ s.t. } q \neq 0\}$$

$$\text{Let } f(x) \in F[x] \text{ i.e. } \exists \frac{a_0}{b_0}, \frac{a_1}{b_1}, \dots, \frac{a_n}{b_n} \in F \text{ s.t.}$$

$$f(x) = \frac{a_0}{b_0} + \frac{a_1}{b_1}x + \frac{a_2}{b_2}x^2 + \dots + \frac{a_n}{b_n}x^n.$$

where b_0, b_1, \dots, b_n are non-zero

Clearly $a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$ & b_0, b_1, \dots, b_n all are elements of R and inverses of $b_0, b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n$ exist as they are non-zero elements of F .

$\Rightarrow b_0 \cdot b_1 \cdot b_2 \dots b_n$ is also non-zero element of R

\Rightarrow Inverse of $b_0 \cdot b_1 \cdot b_2 \dots b_n$ also exist.

So we can write

$$f(x) = \frac{b_0 b_1 b_2 \dots b_n}{b_0 b_1 b_2 \dots b_n} \left[\frac{a_0}{b_0} + \frac{a_1}{b_1}x + \dots + \frac{a_n}{b_n}x^n \right]$$

$$= \frac{(a_0 b_1 b_2 \dots b_n) + (b_1 a_2 b_2 \dots b_n)x + \dots + (b_0 b_1 \dots b_{n-1} a_n)x^n}{b_0 b_1 b_2 \dots b_n}$$

$$= \frac{f_0(x)}{a}$$

Obviously $f_0(x) = (a_0 b_1 b_2 \dots b_n) + (b_0 a_2 b_2 \dots b_n)x + \dots + (b_0 b_1 \dots b_{n-1} a_n)x^n$ is an element of $R[x]$ and $a = b_0 b_1 b_2 \dots b_n$ is in R .

Remark

Thm (Gauss Lemma):

Let F be the field of quotient of UFD " R ". If the primitive polynomial $f(x) \in R[x]$ can be factorised as a product of two polynomials having coefficients in F , then it can be factorised as a product of two polynomials having coefficient in R .

Proof Let F be field of quotients of UFD " R ".

Let $f(x) \in R[x]$ be primitive

Let $f(x) = g(x) \cdot h(x)$ where $g(x)$ & $h(x)$ have coefficients in F . i.e. $g(x), h(x) \in F[x]$ ①

\therefore We can write

$$g(x) = \frac{g_0(x)}{a} \quad \& \quad h(x) = \frac{h_0(x)}{b}$$

Where $g_0(x)$ & $h_0(x) \in R[x]$ and $a, b \in R$

$$\text{From ①} \Rightarrow f(x) = \frac{g_0(x)}{a} \cdot \frac{h_0(x)}{b} = \frac{1}{ab} g_0(x) \cdot h_0(x) \quad \text{--- ②}$$

Let $\alpha = c(g_0)$ and $\beta = c(h_0)$

then we can write

$$g_0(x) = \alpha \cdot g_1(x) \quad \& \quad h_0(x) = \beta \cdot h_1(x)$$

where $g_1(x)$ and $h_1(x)$ are primitive in $R[x]$

From ② we have

$$f(x) = \frac{\alpha\beta}{ab} g_1(x) \cdot h_1(x)$$

$$\Rightarrow ab f(x) = \alpha\beta g_1(x) \cdot h_1(x)$$

Since $g_1(x)$ and $h_1(x)$ are both primitive members of $R[x]$, therefore $g_1(x) \cdot h_1(x)$ is also a primitive member of $R[x]$

Therefore we conclude that $f(x)$ and $g_1(x) \cdot h_1(x)$ are associates in $R[x]$. Thus \exists a unit $u \in R[x]$ such that-

$$f(x) = u \cdot g_1(x) \cdot h_1(x)$$

Now $u \in R[x]$ is unit $\Rightarrow u \in R$

Also $g_1(x) \in R[x]$

$$\Rightarrow u \cdot g_1(x) \in R[x]$$

Also $h_1(x) \in R[x]$

Hence $f(x)$ can be factorised as product of two polynomials having coefficients in R .

$$\text{as } f(x) = (u g_1(x)) \cdot (h_1(x)) \quad \text{Proved}$$

Note: Above theorem can be stated for set of integers \mathbb{I} as

"If a primitive polynomial $f(x) \in \mathbb{I}[x]$ can be factorised as a product of two polynomials having rational coefficients then it can also be factorised as a product of two polynomials having integer coefficients."