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Exercises 19: 9, 10, 23, 26, 29, 30

Additional exercises:

1. Recall the *norm* of a complex number $a + bi$ is defined to be $\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$. It is the length of the vector in the complex plane that represents $a + bi$. The purpose of this problem is to generalize this idea to the *quadratic field* $\mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{D}] = \{a + b\sqrt{D} \mid a, b \in \mathbb{Q}\}$, where $D \in \mathbb{Z}$ is fixed. For $\alpha = a + b\sqrt{D}$, define the *norm* of α to be $N(\alpha) = a^2 - b^2D$.

(a) Show that $N(\alpha\beta) = N(\alpha)N(\beta)$ for all $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{D})$.

(b) Show that $N(\alpha) \in \mathbb{Z}$ for every $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{D}] = \{a + b\sqrt{D} \mid a, b \in \mathbb{Z}\}$.

(c) Assume $D \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$. Show that $N(\alpha) \in \mathbb{Z}$ for every

$$\alpha \in \left\{ a + b \left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{D}}{2} \right) \mid a, b \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}.$$

(d) Prove that:

i. when $D \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ or $D \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$, α is a unit in $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{D}]$ if and only if $N(\alpha) = \pm 1$

ii. when $D \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$, α is a unit in $\{a + b \left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{D}}{2} \right) \mid a, b \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ if and only if $N(\alpha) = \pm 1$.

2. Recall that $\mathbb{Z}[i] = \{a + bi \mid a, b \in \mathbb{Z}\}$.

(a) Show that $\mathbb{Z}[i]$ is an integral domain.

(b) What is the smallest field containing $\mathbb{Z}[i]$? That is, find a field F such that $\mathbb{Z}[i] \subseteq F$ and such that for any field $F' \supseteq \mathbb{Z}[i]$, $F \subseteq F'$. For this problem, you only need to give an answer, not a proof.

3. Let X be an infinite set, and let $\mathcal{P}(X) = \{A \subseteq X\}$ be the power set of X (the set of all subsets of X). Define two operations on $\mathcal{P}(X)$ as follows:

- $A + B = A \Delta B$, where $A \Delta B = (A \setminus B) \cup (B \setminus A)$ is the *symmetric difference* of the sets A and B . (Recall that $A \setminus B = \{a \in A \mid a \notin B\}$.)
- $A \cdot B = A \cap B$.

Prove that $(\mathcal{P}(X), +, \cdot)$ is a commutative ring with unity. Is $\mathcal{P}(X)$ a field? An integral domain? Find $\text{char}(\mathcal{P}(X))$. (This is an example of an infinite ring with non-zero characteristic.)

4. Prove that every field is an integral domain.
5. Let R, S be non-trivial rings. Prove that the ring $R \times S$ is not an integral domain.