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5. Exercise sheet

Hand in solutions until Thursday, 10 Mai 2007.

Any claim needs a proof or an argument.

Exercise 5.1 (The group of invertible elements).

(12+4 points)

List the elements of and count the group

- (i) \mathbb{Z}_2^\times , (iii) \mathbb{Z}_4^\times , (v) \mathbb{Z}_8^\times , (vii) \mathbb{Z}_{12}^\times ,
(ii) \mathbb{Z}_3^\times , (iv) \mathbb{Z}_5^\times , (vi) \mathbb{Z}_{10}^\times , (viii) \mathbb{Z}_{15}^\times .

(ix) Consider all previous examples as vertices of a graph, arrange them nicely and draw green lines when the moduli divide and no other vertex fits inbetween. [If, say, you have the nodes \mathbb{Z}_3 , \mathbb{Z}_9 , \mathbb{Z}_{18} it is enough to draw a line from \mathbb{Z}_3 to \mathbb{Z}_9 and one from \mathbb{Z}_9 to \mathbb{Z}_{18} . The connection \mathbb{Z}_3 to \mathbb{Z}_{18} is already represented by the two lines.] 2

(x) Add blue lines similarly when the sizes of the multiplicative groups divide. 2

(xi) Explain how this continues... +4

Exercise 5.2 (Remainders).

(5+1 points)

Consider rings \mathbb{Z}_{mn} with the following pairs (m, n) . In each case make a table with \mathbb{Z}_m on one axis and \mathbb{Z}_n on the other, then write each number $a \in \mathbb{Z}_{mn}$ at position $(a \bmod m, a \bmod n)$ as in this example:

$\mathbb{Z}_2 \setminus \mathbb{Z}_3$	0	1	2
0	0	4	2
1	3	1	5

- (i) $(m, n) = (2, 4)$, (iii) $(m, n) = (4, 6)$,
(ii) $(m, n) = (3, 5)$, (iv) $(m, n) = (3, 8)$.

(v) In which of the previous cases do the numbers fill the entire table? When do they not collide? 1

(vi) Give a simple criterion on (m, n) to tell when the numbers fill the table. +1

Exercise 5.3 (MuPAD and finite rings).

(8+4 points)

The computer algebra system MuPAD is able to handle all these things. It is installed on the b-bit computers and you can download it from the MuPAD webpage and ask for a 30-day trial key at the webpage <http://www.mupad.de/download/>.

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(i) Try this:

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F5:=Dom::GaloisField(5);
a:=F5(3);
b:=F5(-1);
a+b;
a*b;
1/a;

F2:=Dom::GaloisField(2);
FX:=Dom::UnivariatePolynomial( X, F2 );
m:=FX(X^8+X^4+X^3+X+1);
f:=FX(X^6+X^2+1);
g:=FX(X^3+X+1);
f+g;
f*g;
gcd(f,g);
(f*g) mod m;
divide(f*g, m, Rem);

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Hint: if you mark a word and press F2 you get help on the marked part. (You can also type ?divide to get help.)

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(ii) Use MuPAD to find the complete factorization of $X^i - 1 \in \mathbb{F}_2[X]$ for each $i \in \mathbb{N}'_{<16}$.

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(iii) Look at the result to see for which degrees an irreducible factor occurs in the above list. [For automating this task consider the MuPAD help on Factored, further map and $\{op(expression)\}$ may be helpful.]

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(iv) Use Dom::AlgebraicExtension to define \mathbb{F}_{256} . Check your solution of Exercise 4.4. [Also Dom::GaloisField allows the definition of \mathbb{F}_{256} with a given polynomial. Can you spot differences?]