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Ring of Polynomials

~~Let $f(x)$~~

Th The set $R(x)$ of all polynomials over an arbitrary ring R is a ring w.r.t addition and Multiplication of Polynomials.

Proof Let $f(x), g(x) \in R[x]$. Then $f(x) + g(x)$ and $f(x) \cdot g(x)$ are also polynomials over R . Therefore $R(x)$ is closed w.r.t addition and Multiplication of Polynomials.

Now let

$$f(x) = \sum a_i x^i = a_0 x^0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + \dots$$

$$g(x) = b_0 x^m + b_1 x + b_2 x^2 + \dots$$

$$h(x) = c_0 x^n + c_1 x + c_2 x^2 + \dots$$

be any arbitrary elements of $F(x)$

Commutative law : we have

$$f(x) + g(x) = (a_0 + b_0) x^0 + (a_1 + b_1) x + (a_2 + b_2) x^2 + \dots$$

$$= (b_0 + a_0)x^0 + (b_1 + a_1)x + (b_2 + a_2)x^2$$

$$+ \dots = g(x) + f(x)$$

II Associativity of addition

We have

$$(f(x) + g(x)) + h(x) = \sum (a_i + b_i) x^i$$

$$= \sum [(a_i + b_i) + c_i] x^i$$

$$= \sum (a_i + (b_i + c_i)) x^i$$

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∴ the zero polynomial ~~identity~~

$0(x)$ is the additive identity.

Existence of additive inverse. Let $f(x)$ be the polynomial over R defined as $f(x) = a_0x^0 + a_1x^1 + a_2x^2 + \dots$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } -f(x) + f(x) &= (-a_0 + a_0)x^0 + (-a_1 + a_1)x^1 + (-a_2 + a_2)x^2 + \dots \\ &= 0x^0 + 0x^1 + 0x^2 + \dots = 0(x) \\ &= \text{the additive identity.} \end{aligned}$$

∴ Each member of $R[x]$ possesses additive inverse.

Associativity of Multiplication

We have

$$\begin{aligned} f(x)g(x) &= (a_0x^0 + a_1x^1 + a_2x^2 + \dots)(b_0x^0 + b_1x^1 + b_2x^2 + \dots) \\ &= d_0x^0 + d_1x^1 + d_2x^2 + \dots + d_nx^n \end{aligned}$$

$$+ \dots \text{ where } d_l = \sum_{i+j=l} a_i b_j$$

$$\dots + (a_{n-1}x^{n-1} + a_nx^n)h(x)$$

where

$$\text{Now } [f(x) \cdot g(x)] \cdot h(x) \\ = (d_0x^0 + d_1x + d_2x^2 + \dots) (c_0x^0 + c_1x + c_2x^2 + \dots)$$

$$= e_0x^0 + e_1x + e_2x^2 + \dots + e_nx^n$$

where e_n = the coefficient of x^n in $[f(x) \cdot g(x)] \cdot h(x)$

$$= \sum_{l+k=n} d_l c_k = \sum_{l+k=n} [(\sum a_i b_j) c_k]$$

$$= \sum_{i+j+k=n} a_i b_j c_k$$

Similarly we can show that the coefficient of x^n in

$$f(x) \cdot [g(x) \cdot h(x)] = \sum_{i+j+k=n} a_i b_j c_k$$

$$\text{Thus } [f(x) \cdot g(x)] \cdot h(x) = f(x) \cdot [g(x) \cdot h(x)]$$

Since corresponding coefficients in these two polynomials are equal.

Similarly distributivity of Multiplication with respect to addition can be hold. (try by yourself).