

Unique factorisation Domain :- (UFD) Let R be an integral Domain with unity. Then

R is called UFD if

i) Every non-zero, non-unit element a of R can be expressed as product of finite no. of irreducible elements of R and

ii) if $a = p_1 p_2 \dots p_n$
& $a = q_1 q_2 \dots q_m$

p_i & q_j are irreducible elements in R

then $m = n$ and each p_i associate of some q_j .

eg. 1. P.T. $(\mathbb{Z}, +, \cdot)$ is UFD.

Sol $(\mathbb{Z}, +, \cdot)$ is I.D with unity

Let $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ non-zero, non-unit Element

i.e. $n \neq 0, \pm 1$

Case I If $n > 1$

then $n = p_1^{a_1} p_2^{a_2} \dots p_r^{a_r}$, p_i are primes

$$n = (p_1 p_1 \dots p_1) (p_2 \dots p_2) \dots (p_r p_r \dots p_r)$$

$\Rightarrow n$ is product of Prime elements of \mathbb{Z} .

Every Prime Element is irreducible in \mathbb{Z}

$\therefore n$ is product of irreducible elements of \mathbb{Z} .

Case II If $n < -1$ Let $n = -m$, $m > 1$

Let $m = 2_1 \ 2_2 \dots 2_k$

$$n = -m$$

$$n = (-2_1)(2_2) \dots 2_k$$

Hence n is product of primes and
hence irreducible in \mathbb{Z} .

Hence \mathbb{Z} is UFD.

example 2. S.T. $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-5}]$ is not UFD.

Sol:

$\mathbb{Z}(\sqrt{-5})$ is ID with unity.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } 6 &= 2 \cdot 3 \\ &= (1 + \sqrt{-5})(1 - \sqrt{-5}) \end{aligned}$$

T.P $2, 3, 1 + \sqrt{-5}$ & $1 - \sqrt{-5}$ are irreducible elements in $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-5}]$ and 2 is not associate of $1 + \sqrt{-5}$ or $1 - \sqrt{-5}$.

step I

$$\text{Let } 2 = \alpha\beta \quad \alpha = a + \sqrt{-5}b$$

$$\beta = c + \sqrt{-5}d$$

$$2 = (a + \sqrt{-5}b)(c + \sqrt{-5}d)$$

$$d(2) = d(a + \sqrt{-5}b)(c + \sqrt{-5}d)$$

$$4 = d(a + \sqrt{-5}b)(c + \sqrt{-5}d)$$

$$4 = (a^2 + 5b^2)(c^2 + 5d^2)$$

Now i) $a^2 + 5b^2 = 1$ & $c^2 + 5d^2 = 4$

ii) $a^2 + 5b^2 = 4$ & $c^2 + 5d^2 = 1$

iii) $a^2 + 5b^2 = 2$ & $c^2 + 5d^2 = 2$.

$$i) \text{ If } a^2 + 5b^2 = 1 \text{ \& } c^2 + 5d^2 = 4$$

$$a = \pm 1, b = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha = a + \sqrt{5}i b$$

$$\alpha = \pm 1 \text{ a unit}$$

$$ii) \text{ If } a^2 + 5b^2 = 4 \text{ \& } c^2 + 5d^2 = 1$$

$$c = \pm 1, d = 0$$

$$\beta = c + \sqrt{5}i d$$

$$\beta = \pm 1 \Rightarrow \text{a unit}$$

$$iii) a^2 + 5b^2 = 2 \text{ \& } c^2 + 5d^2 = 2$$

have no solution

$\therefore \alpha$ is irreducible in $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-5}]$.

By 3 is irreducible in $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-5}]$

Step II

$$\text{Let } 1 + \sqrt{-5} = \alpha \beta$$

$$= (a + \sqrt{-5}b)(c + \sqrt{-5}d)$$

$$d(1 + \sqrt{5}i) = d(a + \sqrt{5}ib) d(c + \sqrt{5}id)$$

$$1^2 + 5 = (a^2 + 5b^2)(c^2 + 5d^2)$$

$$6 = (a^2 + 5b^2)(c^2 + 5d^2)$$

$$i) a^2 + 5b^2 = 2 \text{ \& } c^2 + 5d^2 = 3$$

$$ii) a^2 + 5b^2 = 3 \text{ \& } c^2 + 5d^2 = 2$$

$$iii) a^2 + 5b^2 = 6 \text{ \& } c^2 + 5d^2 = 1$$

$$iv) a^2 + 5b^2 = 1 \text{ \& } c^2 + 5d^2 = 6$$

i) $a^2 + 5b^2 = 2$ & $c^2 + 5d^2 = 3$
have no solution in \mathbb{Z} .

ii) $a^2 + 5b^2 = 3$ & $c^2 + 5d^2 = 2$
have no solution in \mathbb{Z} .

iii) $a^2 + 5b^2 = 1$ & $c^2 + 5d^2 = 6$

$$a = \pm 1, b = 0$$

$$\alpha = a + \sqrt{5}id$$

$$\alpha = \pm 1 \quad \text{a unit}$$

iv) $a^2 + 5b^2 = 6$ & $c^2 + 5d^2 = 1$

$$c = \pm 1, d = 0$$

$$\beta = c + \sqrt{5}id$$

$$\beta = \pm 1 \quad \text{a unit}$$

$\therefore 1 + \sqrt{5}$ is irreducible element in $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{5}]$

ii) $1 - \sqrt{5}$ is irreducible element in $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{5}]$.

Hence \mathbb{Z} is not U.F.D.