

1. Let  $R = \mathbb{F}_3[x]$  and  $p = x^2 + x$ .

(a) List the 9 residue classes in  $R/pR$ . (You may omit the bars in the residue class notation.)

- As we have discussed, the polynomials in  $R$  of degree less than  $\deg(p) = 2$  give representatives for the residue classes.
- Thus, the residue classes are  $\boxed{\overline{0}, \overline{1}, \overline{2}, \overline{x}, \overline{x+1}, \overline{x+2}, \overline{2x}, \overline{2x+1}, \overline{2x+2}}$ .

(b) Construct the addition and multiplication tables for  $R/pR$ .

- Here is the addition table:

+	0	1	2	$x$	$x+1$	$x+2$	$2x$	$2x+1$	$2x+2$
0	0	1	2	$x$	$x+1$	$x+2$	$2x$	$2x+1$	$2x+2$
1	1	2	0	$x+1$	$x+2$	$x$	$2x+1$	$2x+2$	$2x$
2	2	0	1	$x+2$	$x$	$x+1$	$2x+2$	$2x$	$2x+1$
$x$	$x$	$x+1$	$x+2$	$2x$	$2x+1$	$2x+2$	0	1	2
$x+1$	$x+1$	$x+2$	$x$	$2x+1$	$2x+2$	$2x$	1	2	0
$x+2$	$x+2$	$x$	$x+1$	$2x+2$	$2x$	$2x+1$	2	0	1
$2x$	$2x$	$2x+1$	$2x+2$	0	1	2	$x$	$x+1$	$x+2$
$2x+1$	$2x+1$	$2x+2$	$2x$	1	2	0	$x+1$	$x+2$	$x$
$2x+2$	$2x+2$	$2x$	$2x+1$	2	0	1	$x+2$	$x$	$x+1$

- Here is the multiplication table:

·	0	1	2	$x$	$x+1$	$x+2$	$2x$	$2x+1$	$2x+2$
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	1	2	$x$	$x+1$	$x+2$	$2x$	$2x+1$	$2x+2$
2	0	2	1	$2x$	$2x+2$	$2x+1$	$x$	$x+2$	$x+1$
$x$	0	$x$	$2x$	$2x$	0	$x$	$x$	$2x$	0
$x+1$	0	$x+1$	$2x+2$	0	$x+1$	$2x+2$	0	$x+1$	$2x+2$
$x+2$	0	$x+2$	$2x+1$	$x$	$2x+2$	1	$2x$	2	$x+1$
$2x$	0	$2x$	$x$	$x$	0	$2x$	$2x$	$x$	0
$2x+1$	0	$2x+1$	$x+2$	$2x$	$x+1$	2	$x$	1	$2x+2$
$2x+2$	0	$2x+2$	$x+1$	0	$2x+2$	$x+1$	0	$2x+2$	$x+1$

(c) Identify all of the units and zero divisors in  $R/pR$ .

- We can see that  $\boxed{\overline{1}, \overline{2}, \overline{x+2}, \overline{2x+1}}$  are units, while  $\boxed{\overline{x}, \overline{x+1}, \overline{2x}, \overline{2x+2}}$  are zero divisors.
- We can see that the units are the polynomials that are relatively prime to  $x^2 + x$ , while the zero divisors are the polynomials having a nontrivial common divisor with  $x^2 + x$ .

(d) Find the order of each unit in  $R/pR$ . Are there any primitive roots?

- We see  $2^2 \equiv 1$ ,  $(x+2)^2 \equiv 1$ , and  $(2x+1)^2 \equiv 1$ , so the orders of the four units  $\overline{1}, \overline{2}, \overline{x+2}, \overline{2x+1}$  are  $\boxed{1, 2, 2, 2}$  respectively. Since there are 4 units, there are  $\boxed{\text{no primitive roots}}$ .

(e) Verify Euler's theorem for each unit in  $R/pR$ .

- There are 4 units, so we need to verify that  $u^4 \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$  for each of the 4 units  $u$ .
  - Via successive squaring and the multiplication table, we see easily that  $1^4 \equiv 2^4 \equiv (x+2)^4 \equiv (2x+1)^4 \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ , as needed.
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2. Let  $R = \mathbb{F}_2[x]$  and  $p = x^3 + x + 1$ .

(a) List the 8 residue classes in  $R/pR$ . (You may omit the bars in the residue class notation.)

- As we have discussed, the polynomials in  $R$  of degree less than  $\deg(p) = 3$  give representatives for the residue classes.
- Thus, the residue classes are  $\overline{0, 1, \bar{x}, \bar{x} + 1, \bar{x}^2, \bar{x}^2 + 1, \bar{x}^2 + \bar{x}, \bar{x}^2 + \bar{x} + 1}$ .

(b) Construct the addition and multiplication tables for  $R/pR$ .

- Here is the addition table:

+	0	1	$x$	$x + 1$	$x^2$	$x^2 + 1$	$x^2 + x$	$x^2 + x + 1$
0	0	1	$x$	$x + 1$	$x^2$	$x^2 + 1$	$x^2 + x$	$x^2 + x + 1$
1	1	0	$x + 1$	$x$	$x^2 + 1$	$x^2$	$x^2 + x + 1$	$x^2 + x$
$x$	$x$	$x + 1$	0	1	$x^2 + x$	$x^2 + x + 1$	$x^2$	$x^2 + 1$
$x + 1$	$x + 1$	$x$	1	0	$x^2 + x + 1$	$x^2 + x$	$x^2 + 1$	$x^2$
$x^2$	$x^2$	$x^2 + 1$	$x^2 + x$	$x^2 + x + 1$	0	1	$x$	$x + 1$
$x^2 + 1$	$x^2 + 1$	$x^2$	$x^2 + x + 1$	$x^2 + x$	1	0	$x + 1$	$x$
$x^2 + x$	$x^2 + x$	$x^2 + x + 1$	$x^2$	$x^2 + x + 1$	$x$	$x + 1$	0	1
$x^2 + x + 1$	$x^2 + x + 1$	$x^2 + x$	$x^2 + 1$	$x^2 + x$	$x + 1$	$x$	1	0

- Here is the multiplication table:

$\cdot$	0	1	$x$	$x + 1$	$x^2$	$x^2 + 1$	$x^2 + x$	$x^2 + x + 1$
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	1	$x$	$x + 1$	$x^2$	$x^2 + 1$	$x^2 + x$	$x^2 + x + 1$
$x$	0	$x$	$x^2$	$x^2 + x$	$x + 1$	1	$x^2 + x + 1$	$x^2 + 1$
$x + 1$	0	$x + 1$	$x^2 + x$	$x^2 + 1$	$x^2 + x + 1$	$x^2$	1	$x$
$x^2$	0	$x^2$	$x + 1$	$x^2 + x + 1$	$x^2 + x$	$x$	$x^2 + 1$	1
$x^2 + 1$	0	$x^2 + 1$	1	$x^2$	$x$	$x^2 + x + 1$	$x + 1$	$x^2 + x$
$x^2 + x$	0	$x^2 + x$	$x^2 + x + 1$	1	$x^2 + 1$	$x + 1$	$x$	$x^2$
$x^2 + x + 1$	0	$x^2 + x + 1$	$x^2 + 1$	$x$	1	$x^2 + x$	$x^2$	$x + 1$

(c) Show that  $R/pR$  is a field by explicitly identifying the inverse of every nonzero element. [Hint: Use the multiplication table from (b).]

- We can just search through the multiplication table to identify each of these inverses:

Element	1	$x$	$x + 1$	$x^2$	$x^2 + 1$	$x^2 + x$	$x^2 + x + 1$
Inverse	1	$x^2 + 1$	$x^2 + x$	$x^2 + x + 1$	$x$	$x + 1$	$x^2$

(d) Find the order of each unit in  $R/pR$ . Are there any primitive roots?

- We can take powers of each element using the multiplication table. For example,  $(x^2)^2 \equiv x^2 + x$ ,  $(x^2)^3 \equiv (x^2)^2(x^2) \equiv (x^2 + x)(x^2) \equiv x^2 + 1$ ,  $(x^2)^4 \equiv (x^2 + x)^2 \equiv x$ , and so forth. Checking powers yields the following orders:

Element	1	$x$	$x + 1$	$x^2$	$x^2 + 1$	$x^2 + x$	$x^2 + x + 1$
Order	1	7	7	7	7	7	7

- In fact, each unit other than 1 has order 7, so all of  $\overline{x, x + 1, x^2, x^2 + 1, x^2 + x, x^2 + x + 1}$  are primitive roots.

(e) Verify Fermat's little theorem for the elements  $\bar{x}$  and  $\overline{x + 1}$  in  $R/pR$ .

- We need to verify that  $u^8 \equiv u$  for each element  $u$ , which we can easily do with successive squaring using the multiplication table.
- We compute  $\bar{x}^2 = \overline{x^2}$ ,  $\bar{x}^4 = \overline{(x^2)^2} = \overline{x^2 + x}$ , and  $\bar{x}^8 = \overline{(x^2 + x)^2} = \bar{x}$ .
- Likewise,  $\overline{x + 1}^2 = \overline{x^2 + 1}$ ,  $\overline{x + 1}^4 = \overline{(x^2 + 1)^2} = \overline{x^2 + x + 1}$ , and  $\overline{x + 1}^8 = \overline{(x^2 + x + 1)^2} = \overline{x + 1}$ .

3. Let  $R = \mathbb{Z}[i]$  and  $p = 2 + 2i$ . You are given that there are 8 residue classes modulo  $p$ , represented by  $0, 1, 2, -1, 1 - i, i, 1 + i$ , and  $-i$ .

(a) Construct the addition and multiplication tables for  $R/pR$ . (Please leave the elements in the order given above: when you work out the tables you will see they are given in that order for a reason!)

- Here is the addition table:

+	0	1	2	-1	$1 - i$	$i$	$1 + i$	$-i$
0	0	1	2	-1	$1 - i$	$i$	$1 + i$	$-i$
1	1	2	-1	0	$i$	$1 + i$	$-i$	$1 - i$
2	2	-1	0	1	$1 + i$	$-i$	$1 - i$	$i$
-1	-1	0	1	2	$-i$	$1 - i$	$i$	$1 + i$
$1 - i$	$1 - i$	$i$	$1 + i$	$-i$	0	1	2	-1
$i$	$i$	$1 + i$	$-i$	$1 - i$	1	2	-1	0
$1 + i$	$1 + i$	$-i$	$1 - i$	$i$	2	-1	0	1
$-i$	$-i$	$1 - i$	$i$	$1 + i$	-1	0	1	2

- Here is the multiplication table:

$\cdot$	0	1	2	-1	$1 - i$	$i$	$1 + i$	$-i$
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	1	2	-1	$1 - i$	$i$	$1 + i$	$-i$
2	0	2	0	2	0	2	0	2
-1	0	-1	2	1	$1 - i$	$-i$	$1 + i$	$i$
$1 - i$	0	$1 - i$	0	$1 - i$	2	$1 + i$	2	$1 + i$
$i$	0	$i$	2	$-i$	$1 + i$	-1	$1 - i$	1
$1 + i$	0	$1 + i$	0	$1 + i$	2	$1 - i$	2	$1 - i$
$-i$	0	$-i$	2	$i$	$1 + i$	1	$1 - i$	-1

(b) Identify all of the units and zero divisors in  $R/pR$ .

- We can see that  $\boxed{1, -1, i, -i}$  are units, while  $\boxed{2, 1 - i, 1 + i}$  are zero divisors.
- The units are the elements relatively prime to  $2 + 2i$ , while the zero divisors are the elements not relatively prime to  $2 + 2i$ .

(c) Find the order of each unit in  $R/pR$ . Are there any primitive roots?

- We have  $i^2 = -1, i^3 = -i, i^4 = 1$ , so  $i$  has order 4. Similarly,  $-i$  has order 4, while  $-1$  has order 2 and 1 has order 1. Since there are 4 units, we see that  $\boxed{i, -i}$  are primitive roots.

4. Find the following multiplicative inverses:

(a) The multiplicative inverse of  $x + 3$  inside  $\mathbb{Q}[x]$  modulo  $x^2 + 1$ .

- First we apply the Euclidean algorithm in  $\mathbb{Q}[x]$ :

$$\begin{aligned} x^2 + 1 &= (x - 3) \cdot (x + 3) + 10 \\ x + 3 &= \left(\frac{1}{10}x + \frac{3}{10}\right) \cdot 10 \end{aligned}$$

and so  $x^2 + 1$  and  $x + 3$  are relatively prime in  $\mathbb{Q}[x]$ , so  $x + 3$  is a unit modulo  $x^2 + 1$ .

- By back-solving we see that  $(x^2 + 1) - (x - 3)(x + 3) = 10$ , or equivalently,

$$\frac{1}{10}(x^2 + 1) + \left(-\frac{1}{10}x + \frac{3}{10}\right)(x + 3) = 1.$$

- By reducing modulo  $x^2 + 1$ , we conclude that the inverse of  $x + 3$  is  $\boxed{-\frac{1}{10}x + \frac{3}{10}}$  modulo  $x^2 + 1$ .

(b) The multiplicative inverse of  $1 - 2i$  inside  $\mathbb{Z}[i]$  modulo  $8 + 7i$ .

- First we apply the Euclidean algorithm in  $\mathbb{Z}[i]$ :

$$\begin{aligned} 8 + 7i &= (-1 + 5i) \cdot (1 - 2i) + (-1) \\ 1 - 2i &= (1 + 2i) \cdot (-1) \end{aligned}$$

and so  $8 + 7i$  and  $1 - 2i$  are relatively prime in  $\mathbb{Z}[i]$ , so  $1 - 2i$  is a unit mod  $8 + 7i$ .

- By back-solving we see that  $8 + 7i + (1 - 5i) \cdot (1 - 2i) = -1$  so that  $-(8 + 7i) + (-1 + 5i) \cdot (1 - 2i) = 1$ .
  - By reducing modulo  $8 + 7i$ , we conclude that the inverse of  $1 - 2i$  is  $\boxed{-1 + 5i} \pmod{8 + 7i}$ .
- (c) The multiplicative inverse of  $x^2 + 1$  inside  $\mathbb{F}_3[x]$  modulo  $x^4 + 2x + 1$ .
- First we apply the Euclidean algorithm in  $R$ :

$$\begin{aligned} x^4 + 2x + 1 &= (x^2 + 2) \cdot (x^2 + 1) + (2x + 2) \\ x^2 + 1 &= (2x + 1) \cdot (2x + 2) + 2 \\ 2x + 2 &= (x + 1) \cdot 2 \end{aligned}$$

and so we see that  $x^4 + 2x + 1$  and  $x^2 + 1$  are relatively prime in  $\mathbb{F}_3[x]$ , so  $x^2 + 1$  is a unit mod  $x^4 + 2x + 1$ .

- By back-solving we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} 2x + 2 &= (x^4 + 2x + 1) - (x^2 + 2)(x^2 + 1) \\ 2 &= (x^2 + 1) - (2x + 1)(2x + 2) = [2x^3 + x^2 + x](x^2 + 1) - (2x + 1)(x^4 + 2x + 1) \end{aligned}$$

and thus by scaling by 2 we obtain  $1 = [x^3 + 2x^2 + 2x](x^2 + 1) - (x + 2)(x^4 + 2x + 1)$ .

- By reducing modulo  $x^4 + 2x + 1$ , we conclude that the inverse of  $x^2 + 1$  is  $\boxed{x^3 + 2x^2 + 2x} \pmod{x^4 + 2x + 1}$ .
- (d) The multiplicative inverse of  $4 + 8i$  inside  $\mathbb{Z}[i]$  modulo  $11 - 14i$ .
- First we apply the Euclidean algorithm in  $R$ :

$$\begin{aligned} 11 - 14i &= (-1 - 2i) \cdot (4 + 8i) + (-1 + 2i) \\ 4 + 8i &= (2 - 3i) \cdot (-1 + 2i) + i \\ -1 + 2i &= (2 - i) \cdot i \end{aligned}$$

and so  $11 - 14i$  and  $4 + 8i$  are relatively prime in  $\mathbb{Z}[i]$ , so  $4 + 8i$  is a unit modulo  $11 - 14i$ .

- Thus we see  $(-2 + 3i) \cdot (11 - 14i) + (-7 - i) \cdot (4 + 8i) = i$ , so that  $(3 + 2i) \cdot (11 - 14i) + (-1 + 7i) \cdot (4 + 8i) = 1$ .
  - By reducing modulo  $11 - 14i$ , we conclude that the inverse of  $4 + 8i$  is  $\boxed{-1 + 7i} \pmod{11 - 14i}$ .
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5. (a) Solve the simultaneous congruences  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{x + 2}$  and  $p \equiv 7 \pmod{x - 1}$  in  $\mathbb{Q}[x]$ .
- Since  $x - 1$  and  $x$  are relatively prime polynomials, by the Chinese Remainder Theorem all we have to do is find one polynomial satisfying the system.
  - The solution of the first congruence is  $p(x) = 1 + (x + 2)a$  for some polynomial  $a$ .
  - Plugging into the second congruence yields  $1 + (x + 2)a \equiv 7 \pmod{x - 1}$ .
  - Since  $1 + (x + 2)a \equiv 1 + 3a \pmod{x - 1}$  since  $x + 2 \equiv 3 \pmod{x - 1}$ , we can take  $a = 2$ .
  - Hence the polynomial  $q(x) = 1 + 2(x + 2) = 2x + 5$  is a solution to the system.
  - The general solution is therefore  $\boxed{q(x) = 2x + 5 + (x - 1)(x + 2) \cdot s(x)}$  for an arbitrary polynomial  $s(x) \in R$ . Equivalently, the solution is  $\boxed{q(x) \equiv 2x + 5 \pmod{x^2 + x - 2}}$ .
- (b) Solve the simultaneous congruences  $z \equiv 1 \pmod{2 + 2i}$  and  $z \equiv -i \pmod{4 + 5i}$  in  $\mathbb{Z}[i]$ .
- The solution of the second congruence is  $z = -i + (4 + 5i)a$  for some  $a \in \mathbb{Z}[i]$ .
  - Plugging into the first congruence yields  $-i + (4 + 5i)a \equiv 1 \pmod{2 + 2i}$ , which reduces to  $ia \equiv 1 + i \pmod{2 + 2i}$  since  $4 + 5i \equiv i \pmod{2 + 2i}$ .
  - Multiplying both sides by  $-i$  yields  $a \equiv 1 - i \pmod{2 + 2i}$ , so  $a = (1 - i) + (2 + 2i)b$  for an arbitrary  $b \in \mathbb{Z}[i]$ .
  - Hence the solution is  $z = -i + (4 + 5i)a = -i + (4 + 5i)[(1 - i) + (2 + 2i)b] = \boxed{9 + (4 + 5i)(2 + 2i)b}$  for an arbitrary  $b \in \mathbb{Z}[i]$ . Equivalently, the solution is  $\boxed{z \equiv 9 \pmod{-2 + 18i}}$ .
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6. Suppose  $r, s \in \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{D}]$  and that  $N(r)$  and  $N(s)$  are relatively prime integers. Show that 1 is a greatest common divisor of  $r$  and  $s$  in  $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{D}]$ .

- Solution 1: Suppose  $d$  is a common divisor of  $r$  and  $s$ : then  $N(d)$  divides  $N(r)$  and  $N(s)$ . But since  $N(r)$  and  $N(s)$  are relatively prime, this implies  $N(d)$  divides 1, hence that  $d$  is a unit. Thus, the only possible common divisors of  $r$  and  $s$  are units, so since all units divide 1, that means 1 is a gcd of  $r$  and  $s$ .
  - Solution 2: Since  $N(r)$  and  $N(s)$  are relatively prime, there exist integers  $x$  and  $y$  such that  $xN(r) + yN(s) = 1$ . But this says  $x(r\bar{r}) + y(s\bar{s}) = 1$  so that  $(x\bar{r})r + (y\bar{s})s = 1$ , so then if  $d|r$  and  $d|s$  then  $d|[(x\bar{r})r + (y\bar{s})s] = 1$ , so  $d$  divides 1. Hence all common divisors of  $r, s$  divide 1, so 1 is a gcd.
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7. Show the following things:

- (a) Show that the element  $4 + 5i$  is irreducible and prime in  $\mathbb{Z}[i]$ .
- Note that  $N(4 + 5i) = 4^2 + 5^2 = 41$  is a prime number, so  $4 + 5i$  is irreducible.
  - Since  $\mathbb{Z}[i]$  is a Euclidean domain, irreducible and prime elements are the same, so  $4 + 5i$  is also prime.
- (b) Show that the element  $x^2 + 4x + 5$  is irreducible and prime in  $\mathbb{R}[x]$ .
- Note that  $x^2 + 4x + 5$  is irreducible because it has no nontrivial factorization in  $\mathbb{R}[x]$ , since it is quadratic and has no roots in  $\mathbb{R}$ . Indeed, by the quadratic formula, its roots are  $-2 \pm i$ .
  - Since  $\mathbb{R}[x]$  is a Euclidean domain, irreducible and prime elements are the same, so  $x^2 + 4x + 5$  is also prime.
- (c) Show that the element  $x^2 + 4x + 5$  is neither irreducible nor prime in  $\mathbb{C}[x]$  by finding a factorization.
- As noted in (b), this quadratic polynomial has roots  $-2 \pm i$  so we obtain the factorization  $x^2 + 4x + 5 = (x + 2 - i)(x + 2 + i)$ .
- (d) Show that the element  $3 + 5i$  is neither irreducible nor prime in  $\mathbb{Z}[i]$  by finding a factorization.
- Note that  $N(3 + 5i) = 3^2 + 5^2 = 34$ , so if there were a factorization of  $3 + 5i$ , it would be into a product of an element of norm 2 with an element of norm 17.
  - Since the elements of norm 2 are  $\pm 1 \pm i$ , we can simply try dividing by some of them: indeed,  $3 + 5i = \boxed{(1 + i)(4 + i)}$ , so  $3 + 5i$  has a nontrivial factorization and is therefore not irreducible. It is also not prime, again since  $\mathbb{Z}[i]$  is a Euclidean domain.
- (e) Show that the element  $2 + \sqrt{-10}$  is irreducible but not prime in  $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-10}]$ . [Hint: Show it divides 14 and that there are no elements of norm 2 or 7.]
- If we had a factorization  $2 + \sqrt{-10} = bc$  then taking norms would give  $14 = N(2 + \sqrt{-10}) = N(b)N(c)$ .
  - But there are no elements of norm  $\pm 2$  or  $\pm 7$ , since  $N(a + b\sqrt{-10}) = a^2 + 10b^2$ , and there are clearly no integer solutions to  $a^2 + 10b^2 = \pm 2, \pm 7$ .
  - Thus, there is no possible factorization of  $2 + \sqrt{-10}$ , so it is irreducible.
  - To show it is not prime, observe that  $(2 + \sqrt{-10})(2 - \sqrt{-10}) = 14 = 2 \cdot 7$ , so  $2 + \sqrt{-10}$  divides 14.
  - But  $2 + \sqrt{-10}$  does not divide 2 or 7: explicitly doing the divisions yields 
$$\frac{2}{2 + \sqrt{-10}} = \frac{2 - \sqrt{-10}}{7} \text{ and } \frac{7}{2 + \sqrt{-10}} = \frac{2 - \sqrt{-10}}{2},$$
 and neither of these is an element of  $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-10}]$ .
  - Therefore,  $2 + \sqrt{-10}$  is not prime.
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8. We can use successive squaring and the same order-calculation procedure we used in  $\mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z}$  to establish the order of an arbitrary unit residue class  $\bar{s}$  in  $R/rR$ : explicitly,  $\bar{s}$  has order  $n$  if and only if  $\bar{s}^n = \bar{1}$  and  $\bar{s}^{n/p} \neq \bar{1}$  for any integer prime  $p$  dividing  $n$ .

(a) Show that the element  $2 + i$  has order 8 in  $\mathbb{Z}[i]$  modulo  $r = 3 + 5i$ .

- Using successive squaring, we can compute  $(2 + i)^2 \equiv -i \pmod{r}$ , so that  $(2 + i)^4 \equiv -1 \pmod{r}$  and then  $(2 + i)^8 \equiv 1 \pmod{r}$ .
- Since  $(2 + i)^8$  is congruent to 1 but  $(2 + i)^{8/2}$  is not, we conclude that  $2 + i$  has order 8.

(b) Show that the element  $\bar{x}$  has order 6 in  $\mathbb{F}_7[x]$  modulo  $r = x^2 + x + 5$ .

- Using successive squaring, we can compute  $x^2 \equiv 6x + 2$  and  $x^4 \equiv 2x + 6 \pmod{r}$ , so that  $x^6 \equiv x^4 \cdot x^2 \equiv 1$ , while  $x^2 \equiv 6x + 2$  and  $x^3 \equiv 3x + 5$ .
- Since  $x^6$  is congruent to 1 but  $x^{6/2}$  and  $x^{6/3}$  are not, we conclude that  $\bar{x}$  has order 6.

(c) Show that  $R = \mathbb{F}_5[x]$  modulo  $r = x^2 + 2$  is a field with 25 elements, and deduce that the order of any nonzero residue class in  $R/rR$  divides 24.

- Note that  $x^2 + 2$  is irreducible in  $R$  because it is of degree 2 and has no roots. Thus, by our results,  $R/rR$  is a field.
- The elements of this field are precisely the residue classes of the form  $\overline{a + bx}$  for  $a, b \in \mathbb{F}_5$ , and since there are exactly  $5^2 = 25$  such residue classes, we see  $R/rR$  has 25 elements.
- Then we see immediately that there are 24 units in  $R/rR$ , and so by Euler's theorem, the order of any element divides 24.

(d) Find the orders of  $\bar{2}$ ,  $\bar{x}$ , and  $\overline{x+1}$  in  $\mathbb{F}_5[x]$  modulo  $x^2 + 2$ . Are any of them primitive roots? [Hint: By (c), the order of each element divides 24, so search among divisors of 24.]

- To determine the order of  $a$ , we can compute  $a, a^2, a^3, a^4, a^6, a^8, a^{12} \pmod{x^2 + 2}$  using successive squaring, and then test which of these are congruent to 1 modulo  $x^2 + 2$ .
- We have  $2^4 \equiv 1$  but  $2^2 \equiv 4$ , so  $\bar{2}$  has order  $\boxed{4}$ .
- Also,  $x^8 \equiv 1$  but  $x^4 \equiv 4$ , so  $\bar{x}$  has order  $\boxed{8}$ .
- Finally,  $x + 1$  has  $(x + 1)^{24} \equiv 1$ , but  $(x + 1)^8 \equiv x + 2$  and  $(x + 1)^{12} \equiv 4$ . Thus,  $\overline{x+1}$  has order  $\boxed{24}$ , and is a primitive root.

(e) Show that the element  $\overline{ax + b}$  in  $R = \mathbb{F}_5[x]$  modulo  $q = x^2$  is a unit precisely when  $b \neq 0$  in  $\mathbb{F}_5$ . Deduce that  $R/qR$  has exactly 20 units.

- As we have shown, the residue class  $\overline{ax + b}$  will be a unit precisely when  $ax + b$  is relatively prime to the modulus  $x^2$ .
- The only way  $ax + b$  could fail to be relatively prime to the modulus  $x^2$  is if  $ax + b$  is divisible by  $x$ , which happens precisely when  $b = 0$ . So the element is a unit if and only if  $b \neq 0$ , as claimed.
- To count the number of units note that there are 5 choices for  $a$  and 4 choices for  $b$ , for a total of  $5 \cdot 4 = 20$  unit residue classes.

(f) Find the orders of  $\bar{2}$ ,  $\overline{x+1}$  and  $\overline{x+2}$  in  $\mathbb{F}_5[x]$  modulo  $x^2$ . Are any of them primitive roots? [Hint: The orders divide 20, by (e).]

- By Euler's theorem, the order of any unit divides 20. So we can compute  $a, a^2, a^4, a^5$ , and  $a^{10} \pmod{x^2}$  using successive squaring, and then test which of these are congruent to 1 modulo  $x^2$ .
- We have  $2^4 \equiv 1$  but  $2^2 \equiv 4$ , so  $\bar{2}$  has order  $\boxed{4}$ .
- Also,  $(x + 1)^5 \equiv 1$  but  $(x + 1)^1 \equiv x + 1$ , so  $\overline{x+1}$  has order  $\boxed{5}$ .
- Finally,  $(x + 2)^{20} \equiv 1$  but  $(x + 2)^{10} \equiv 4$  and  $(x + 2)^4 \equiv 2x + 1$ , so  $\overline{x+2}$  has order  $\boxed{20}$ , and is a primitive root.