

**Exercice 1.** (a) On mène la division euclidienne de  $f(x)$  par  $x - a_1$  pour obtenir un  $f_1(x) \in A[x]$  tel que

$$f(x) = (x - a_1)f_1(x) + a$$

pour  $a \in A$ . En évaluant en  $a_1$ , on obtient que  $a = 0$ . *Maintenant, on utilise de manière cruciale que  $A$  est intègre* pour voir que pour  $i \geq 2$  on a  $f_1(a_i) = 0$ . En effet en évaluant en  $a_i$  on a

$$0 = (a_i - a_1)f_1(a_i),$$

et donc comme  $a_1 \neq a_i$  et que  $A$  est intègre, on voit que  $f_1(a_i) = 0$ . Ainsi, on peut continuer par récurrence sur  $2 \leq i \leq p + 1$  obtenir par le même procédé que

$$f(x) = (x - a_1) \cdots (x - a_n)g(x)$$

pour un  $g(x) \in A[x]$ .

(b) Par le théorème des restes chinois

$$\mathbb{Z}/pq\mathbb{Z} = \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/q\mathbb{Z}.$$

Ainsi  $(1, 0)$ ,  $(0, 1)$ ,  $(0, 0)$  et  $(1, 1)$  sont des racines. Comme les polynômes en jeu sont moniques, on peut voir avec le degré que le produit des  $(t - a_i)$  ne peut diviser  $t^2 - t$ .

(c) As  $f|g$  in  $\mathbb{Q}[t]$ , there exists  $h \in \mathbb{Q}[t]$  such that  $g(t) = f(t)h(t)$ . Now, as  $h \in \mathbb{Q}[t]$ , we can write  $h(t) = c \cdot h_1(t)$ , where  $h_1(t) \in \mathbb{Z}[t]$  is primitive and  $c \in \mathbb{Q}$ . Then:

$$g(t) = c \cdot f(t)h_1(t).$$

By Lemma 3.8.9, we have that  $f(t)h_1(t)$  is primitive and, since  $g(t)$  is also primitive, we use Lemma 3.8.11 to determine that  $c \in \mathbb{Z}^\times$ , i.e.  $c = \pm 1$ . Then

$$g(t) = \pm f(t)h_1(t) \text{ in } \mathbb{Z}[t], \text{ therefore } f|g \text{ in } \mathbb{Z}[t].$$

(d) The roots of  $x^4 + 1$  over  $\mathbb{C}$  are  $e^{i(\frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{k\pi}{2})}$ , where  $0 \leq k \leq 3$ , and we have:

$$x^4 + 1 = \prod_{k=0}^3 (x - e^{i(\frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{k\pi}{2})}).$$

We group the conjugate complex roots and obtain the decomposition over  $\mathbb{R}[x]$

$$x^4 + 1 = (x^2 - \sqrt{2}x + 1)(x^2 + \sqrt{2}x + 1).$$

By Example 3.9.2 (4), it follows  $x^4 + 1$  does not admit roots in  $\mathbb{Q}$ , as it does not admit roots in  $\mathbb{R}$ . If  $x^4 + 1 = f(x)g(x)$ , where  $f(x), g(x) \in \mathbb{Q}[x]$  are polynomials of degree 2, then  $f(x) = (x - a_1)(x - a_2)$  and  $g(x) = (x - a_3)(x - a_4)$ , where  $a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4 \in \{e^{i(\frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{k\pi}{2})} \mid 0 \leq k \leq 3\}$  are distinct. One checks that for every choice of  $a_i, a_j$  the polynomial  $(x - a_i)(x - a_j)$  does not have coefficients in  $\mathbb{Q}$ . We conclude that  $x^4 + 1$  is irreducible in  $\mathbb{Q}[x]$ . Lastly, we note that, as it is primitive, by Lemma 3.8.13, it is also irreducible in  $\mathbb{Z}[x]$ .

In  $\mathbb{F}_2[x]$  we have  $x^4 + [1]_2 = (x + [1]_2)^4$ .

The squares in  $\mathbb{F}_{11}$  are  $[0]_{11}, [1]_{11}, [3]_{11}, [4]_{11}, [5]_{11}$  and  $[9]_{11}$  and we deduce that  $x^4 + [1]_{11}$  does not admit roots in  $\mathbb{F}_{11}$ . Assume that  $x^4 + [1]_{11}$  admits a decomposition into a product of two polynomials of degree 2. As  $\mathbb{F}_{11}$  is a field, we can assume that these polynomials are unitary. We have:

$$x^4 + [1]_{11} = (x^2 + ax + b)(x^2 + cx + d) = x^4 + (a + c)x^3 + (b + ac + d)x^2 + (bc + ad)x + bd$$

and so  $d = b^{-1}$  and  $c = -a$ . We substitute and obtain:

$$x^4 + [1]_{11} = x^4 + (b - a^2 + b^{-1})x^2 + a(b^{-1} - b)x + [1]_{11}$$

and so  $a(b^{-1} - b) = 0$ .

- if  $a = 0$ , then  $b - a^2 + b^{-1} = b + b^{-1} = 0$ , which is impossible as  $[-1]_{11}$  is not a square in  $\mathbb{F}_{11}$ .
- if  $b = b^{-1}$ , then  $b^2 = [1]_{11}$  and so  $b \in \{[1]_{11}, [10]_{11}\}$ .
  - If  $b = [1]_{11}$ , then  $b - a^2 + b^{-1} = [2]_{11} - a^2 = 0$ , which is impossible as  $[2]_{11}$  is not a square in  $\mathbb{F}_{11}$ .
  - If  $b = [10]_{11}$ , then  $b - a^2 + b^{-1} = [9]_{11} - a^2 = 0$  and so  $a \in \{[3]_{11}, [8]_{11}\}$ .

We conclude that

$$x^4 + [1]_{11} = (x^2 + [3]_{11} \cdot x + [10]_{11})(x^2 + [8]_{11} \cdot x + [10]_{11}) \text{ in } \mathbb{F}_{11}[x].$$

Since  $x^8 - 1 = (x^4 + 1)(x^4 - 1)$  it suffices to factor  $x^4 - 1$ :

- in  $\mathbb{C}[x]$  we have:  $x^4 - 1 = (x + i)(x - i)(x + 1)(x - 1)$ .
- in  $\mathbb{R}[x], \mathbb{Q}[x]$  and  $\mathbb{Z}[x]$  we have:  $x^4 - 1 = (x^2 + 1)(x + 1)(x - 1)$ .
- in  $\mathbb{F}_2[x]$  we have:  $x^4 - [1]_2 = x^4 + [1]_2 = (x + [1]_2)^4$ .
- in  $\mathbb{F}_{11}[x]$  we have:  $x^4 - [1]_{11} = (x^2 + [1]_{11})(x + [1]_{11})(x + [10]_{11})$ , where we have seen earlier that  $x^2 + [1]_{11}$  is irreducible.

**Exercise 2.** (a) We write  $\frac{2}{9}x^5 + \frac{5}{3}x^4 + x^3 + \frac{1}{3} = \frac{1}{9}(2x^5 + 15x^4 + 9x^3 + 3) \in \mathbb{Q}[x]$ .

Now  $\frac{1}{9} \in \mathbb{Q}[x]^\times$ , as  $\frac{1}{9} \in \mathbb{Q}^\times$ . Therefore  $\frac{2}{9}x^5 + \frac{5}{3}x^4 + x^3 + \frac{1}{3}$  is irreducible in  $\mathbb{Q}[x]$  if and only if  $2x^5 + 15x^4 + 9x^3 + 3$  is. As  $\gcd(2, 15, 9, 3) = 1$ , we have that  $2x^5 + 15x^4 + 9x^3 + 3$  is primitive, hence it is irreducible in  $\mathbb{Q}[x]$  if and only if it is irreducible in  $\mathbb{Z}[x]$  (Lemma 3.8.13). Using Eisenstein for  $p = 3$ , where  $3 \in \mathbb{Z}$  is irreducible, we deduce that  $2x^5 + 15x^4 + 9x^3 + 3$  is irreducible in  $\mathbb{Z}[x]$ .

(b) Let  $f(x) = x^4 + [2]_5 \in \mathbb{F}_5[x]$ . Note that for all  $a \in \mathbb{F}_5$  we have  $a^2 \in \{[0]_5, [1]_5, [4]_5\}$ . Therefore  $f$  does not admit roots in  $\mathbb{F}_5$ . We will now show that  $f$  is not a product of two polynomials of degree 2. As  $\mathbb{F}_5$  is a field, we can assume that these polynomials are unitary and so assume there exist  $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{F}_5$  such that

$$f(x) = x^4 + [2]_5 = (x^2 + ax + b)(x^2 + cx + d) = x^4 + (a + c)x^3 + (b + ac + d)x^2 + (bc + ad)x + bd.$$

Then  $c = -a$  and  $d = [2]_5 b^{-1}$  and substituting in the above gives:

$$x^4 + [2]_5 = x^4 + (b - a^2 + [2]_5 \cdot b^{-1})x^2 + (-ab + [2]_5 \cdot ab^{-1})x + [2]_5.$$

Thus  $-ab + [2]_5 \cdot ab^{-1} = a(-b + [2]_5 \cdot b^{-1}) = 0$  and

- if  $a = 0$ , then  $b^2 = -[2]_5$ , a contradiction.

- if  $-b + [2]_5 b^{-1} = 0$ , then  $b^2 = [2]_5$ , a contradiction.

We conclude that  $f$  is irreducible in  $\mathbb{F}_5[x]$ .

Lastly, let  $x^4 + 15x^3 + 7 \in \mathbb{Q}[x]$ . As the dominant coefficient is 1, this polynomial is primitive, hence it is irreducible in  $\mathbb{Q}[x]$  if and only if it is irreducible in  $\mathbb{Z}[x]$  (Lemma 3.8.13). Let  $\phi_5 : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_5$  be the quotient homomorphism and let  $\pi_5 : \mathbb{Z}[x] \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_5[x]$  be its induced homomorphism. We have that:

$$\pi_5(x^4 + 15x^3 + 7) = x^4 + [2]_5$$

and, as  $x^4 + [2]_5$  is irreducible in  $\mathbb{F}_5[x]$ , we use Proposition 3.9.1 to conclude that  $x^4 + 15x^3 + 7$  is irreducible in  $\mathbb{Z}[x]$ .

- (c) First we note that  $x^2 + y^2 + 1 \in \mathbb{R}[x, y]$  is primitive as its dominant coefficient is 1. Secondly,  $y^2 + 1 \in \mathbb{R}[y]$  is irreducible. We now apply Eisenstein with  $p = y^2 + 1$  to conclude that  $x^2 + y^2 + 1$  is irreducible in  $\mathbb{R}[x, y]$ .
- (d) We have  $x^2 + y^2 + [1]_2 = (x + y + [1]_2)^2$  in  $\mathbb{F}_2[x, y]$ .
- (e) The evaluation homomorphism  $\text{ev}_0 : \mathbb{Q}[y] \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}$ ,  $\text{ev}_0(y) = 0$ , induces the homomorphism  $\xi : \mathbb{Q}[y][x] \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}[x]$  with  $\xi(y) = 0$  and  $\xi(x) = x$ . We have that:

$$\xi(y^4 + x^3 + x^2y^2 + xy + 2x^2 - x + 1) = x^3 + 2x^2 - x + 1$$

and, by Proposition 3.9.1,  $y^4 + x^3 + x^2y^2 + xy + 2x^2 - x + 1$  is irreducible in  $\mathbb{Q}[x, y]$  if  $x^3 + 2x^2 - x + 1$  is irreducible in  $\mathbb{Q}[x]$ . Now  $\deg(x^3 + 2x^2 - x + 1) = 3$  and thus  $x^3 + 2x^2 - x + 1$  is irreducible in  $\mathbb{Q}[x]$  if and only if it does not admit roots in  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Assume  $\frac{p}{r} \in \mathbb{Q}$ , where  $p, r \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $\gcd(p, r) = 1$ , is a root of  $x^3 + 2x^2 - x + 1$ . Then

$$\left(\frac{p}{r}\right)^3 + 2\left(\frac{p}{r}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{p}{r}\right) + 1 = 0.$$

As  $\gcd(p, r) = 1$ , it follows that  $p|1$ ,  $r|1$  and so  $\frac{p}{r} \in \{-1, 1\}$ . One checks that neither  $-1$ , nor  $1$  is a root of  $x^3 + 2x^2 - x + 1$  and thus  $x^3 + 2x^2 - x + 1$  is irreducible in  $\mathbb{Q}[x]$ .

- (f) We have  $4x^3 + 120x^2 + 8x - 12 = 4(x^3 + 30x^2 + 2x - 3) \in \mathbb{Q}[x]$ . Now  $4 \in \mathbb{Q}[x]^\times$  and so  $4x^3 + 120x^2 + 8x - 12$  is irreducible in  $\mathbb{Q}[x]$  if and only if  $x^3 + 30x^2 + 2x - 3$  is. As  $\deg(x^3 + 30x^2 + 2x - 3) = 3$  it follows that  $x^3 + 30x^2 + 2x - 3$  is irreducible in  $\mathbb{Q}[x]$  if and only if it does not admit roots in  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Assume there exist  $\frac{p}{r} \in \mathbb{Q}$ , where  $p, r \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $\gcd(p, r) = 1$ , such that:

$$\left(\frac{p}{r}\right)^3 + 30\left(\frac{p}{r}\right)^2 + 2\left(\frac{p}{r}\right) - 3 = 0.$$

As  $\gcd(p, r) = 1$ , it follows that  $p|3$  and  $r|1$ . Therefore  $\frac{p}{r} \in \{-3, -1, 1, 3\}$ . One checks that none of the elements in  $\{-3, -1, 1, 3\}$  is a root of  $x^3 + 30x^2 + 2x - 3$ . We conclude that  $x^3 + 30x^2 + 2x - 3$  is irreducible in  $\mathbb{Q}[x]$ .

- (g) As the polynomial  $t^6 + t^3 + 1$  is primitive, it follows that it is irreducible in  $\mathbb{Q}[t]$  if and only if it is irreducible in  $\mathbb{Z}[t]$  (Lemma 3.8.13). We consider the quotient homomorphism  $\phi_2 : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_2$  and its induced homomorphism  $\pi_2 : \mathbb{Z}[t] \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_2[t]$  under which

$$\pi_2(t^6 + t^3 + 1) = t^6 + t^3 + [1]_2.$$

By Proposition 3.9.1,  $t^6 + t^3 + 1$  is irreducible in  $\mathbb{Z}[t]$  if  $t^6 + t^3 + [1]_2$  is irreducible in  $\mathbb{F}_2[t]$ .

Now, one checks that  $t^6 + t^3 + [1]_2$  does not admit roots in  $\mathbb{F}_2[t]$ . Secondly, the only irreducible polynomial of degree 2 in  $\mathbb{F}_2[t]$  is  $t^2 + t + [1]_2$  and one checks that this does not divide

$t^6 + t^3 + [1]_2$ . Lastly, we assume that  $t^6 + t^3 + [1]_2$  is a product of two polynomials of degree 3. As  $\mathbb{F}_2$  is a field, we can assume that these polynomials are unitary and we have:

$$\begin{aligned} t^6 + t^3 + [1]_2 &= (t^3 + a_2t^2 + a_1t + a_0)(t^3 + b_2t^2 + b_1t + b_0) \\ &= t^6 + (a_2 + b_2)t^5 + (a_1 + a_2b_2 + b_1)t^4 + (a_0 + a_1b_2 + a_2b_1 + b_0)t^3 + \\ &\quad + (a_0b_2 + a_1b_1 + a_2b_0)t^2 + (a_0b_1 + a_1b_0)t + a_0b_0. \end{aligned}$$

Then  $a_0 = b_0 = [1]_2$ ,  $a_2 = b_2$  and

$$\begin{cases} a_0b_1 + a_1b_0 = [0]_2 \\ a_0b_2 + a_1b_1 + a_2b_0 = [0]_2 \\ a_0 + a_1b_2 + a_2b_1 + b_0 = [1]_2 \\ a_1 + a_2b_2 + b_1 = [0]_2 \end{cases} \rightarrow \begin{cases} b_1 + a_1 = [0]_2 \\ a_1b_1 = [0]_2 \\ b_2(a_1 + b_1) = [1]_2 \\ a_2b_2 = [0]_2 \end{cases} \rightarrow [1]_2 = [0]_2.$$

We conclude that  $t^6 + t^3 + [1]_2$  is irreducible in  $\mathbb{F}_2[t]$ .

- (h) We first note that the ring  $\mathbb{Q}[x]$  is factorial, as  $\mathbb{Q}$  is (Theorem 3.8.1), and that  $x \in \mathbb{Q}[x]$  is irreducible. Secondly the polynomial  $y^4 + xy^3 + xy^2 + x^2y + 3x^2 - 2x \in \mathbb{Q}[x, y]$  is primitive, as its dominant coefficient is 1. We now apply Eisenstein with  $p = x$  to conclude that  $y^4 + xy^3 + xy^2 + x^2y + 3x^2 - 2x$  is irreducible in  $\mathbb{Q}[x, y]$ .

### Exercise 3.

Let  $f(t) = t^4 + 4t^3 + 3t^2 + 7t - 4 \in \mathbb{Z}[t]$ .

- (a) We have  $\pi_2(f(t)) = t^4 + t^2 + t = t(t^3 + t + [1]_2) \in \mathbb{F}_2[t]$ . Moreover, we remark that  $t^3 + t + [1]_2$  is irreducible in  $\mathbb{F}_2[t]$ , as it does not admit roots in  $\mathbb{F}_2$ .
- (b) We have  $\pi_3(f(t)) = t^4 + t^3 + t - [1]_3 = (t^2 + [1]_3)(t^2 + t - [1]_3) \in \mathbb{F}_3[t]$ .
- (c) Assume that  $f(t)$  is reducible in  $\mathbb{Z}[t]$ . Then either  $f(t) = (t - a)g(t)$ , where  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $g(t) \in \mathbb{Z}[t]$  is a polynomial of degree 3, or  $f(t) = f_1(t)f_2(t)$ , where  $f_1(t), f_2(t) \in \mathbb{Z}[t]$  are two polynomials of degree 2.

In the first case,  $a|4$  but none of the elements of  $\{\pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 4\}$  are roots of  $f$ . Hence, we only need to consider the case when  $f(t) = f_1(t)f_2(t)$ , where  $\deg(f_1(t)) = \deg(f_2(t)) = 2$ , and we have:

$$\pi_2(f(t)) = \pi_2(f_1(t)f_2(t)) = \pi_2(f_1(t))\pi_2(f_2(t)).$$

Now, as  $\deg(\pi_2(f(t))) = 4$  and as  $\deg(\pi_2(f_1(t))) = \deg(\pi_2(f_2(t))) \leq 2$ , it follows that  $\deg(\pi_2(f_1(t))) = 2$  and  $\deg(\pi_2(f_2(t))) = 2$ .

On the other hand, we have  $\pi_2(f(t)) = t^4 + t^2 + t = t(t^3 + t + [1]_2)$ , where  $t^3 + t + [1]_2 \in \mathbb{F}_2[t]$  is irreducible. We have arrived at a contradiction. We conclude that  $f(t) \in \mathbb{Z}[t]$  is irreducible.