

Example: Is $\mathbb{Z}_3/\langle x^2 + 1 \rangle$ a field? Write out its addition and multiplication tables.

The addition table of the congruence classes:

\oplus	[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]

The multiplication table of the congruence classes:

\odot	[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]	[2]	[x + 2]	[2x + 2]	[1]	[x + 1]	[2x + 1]
[x + 1]	[0]	[x + 1]	[2x + 2]	[x + 2]	[2x]	[1]	[2x + 1]	[2]	[x]
[x + 2]	[0]	[x + 2]	[2x + 1]	[2x + 2]	[1]	[x]	[x + 1]	[2x]	[2]
[2x]	[0]	[2x]	[x]	[1]	[2x + 1]	[x + 1]	[2]	[2x + 2]	[x + 2]
[2x + 1]	[0]	[2x + 1]	[x + 2]	[x + 1]	[2]	[2x]	[2x + 2]	[x]	[1]
[2x + 2]	[0]	[2x + 2]	[x + 1]	[2x + 1]	[x]	[2]	[x + 2]	[1]	[2x]