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$x^2 + x + 1$ is Eisenstein with respect to the prime 3

$x^6 + 2x^5 + 2x + 9$ is an Eisenstein polynomial

$$\begin{aligned} & (x+3)^6 + 2(x+3)^5 + 2(x+3) + 9 \\ &= x^6 + 20x^5 + 165x^4 + 720x^3 + 1755x^2 + 2270x + 1230 \end{aligned}$$

How do we know if a given polynomial is Eisenstein?

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$$w(x) = u(x)g(x) + v(x)h(x), \quad w(x) \text{ monic}, \quad \deg w \text{ minimal}$$

$$u(x) \in F[x], \quad v(x) \in F[x]$$

Is $|R(f, g)|$ the minimal positive integer for which $(*)$ holds?

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Lemma 2.2.2. Let $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ be two non-constant polynomials in the field F where $F = \mathbb{Q}$ or $F = \mathbb{F}_p$. If $R(f, g) = 0$ in F , then $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ have an irreducible factor in common in $F[x]$. If further $\deg g < \deg f$, then $f(x)$ is reducible over F .


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Is the matrix below nonsingular?

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> sort(expand(f(x+11)));
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$$x^3 + 38x^2 + 475x + 1957$$

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> ifactor(475); ifactor(1957);
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$$(5)^2 (19)$$

$$(19) (103)$$

Note: The prime $p = 19$ is the only p that can “work”. From $f(x) \equiv (x - 11)^3 \pmod{19}$ and unique factorization in $\mathbb{F}_{19}[x]$, we get 11 is the only a that can “work”.