

A Note on Pseudo Ideals of Fields*

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Definition A subring A of a ring R is called a pseudo ideal, if for any $r \in R$ and $a \in A$, $r^2 a \in A$ and $ar^2 \in A$. The subring $(R)^2 = \{\sum \pm r_1^2 \cdots r_t^2 \mid r_i \in R, t \in N\}$ is called the square closed ring of R .

Lemma^[2] The square closed ring of a division ring D is the intersection of all nontrivial pseudo ideals of D .

Theorem 1 If a simple ring R with a unit has a nontrivial pseudo ideal A containing an invertible element, R has characteristic $p=2$. In particular, the necessary condition for a division ring containing a nontrivial pseudo ideal is $p=2$.

Proof Suppose $a \in A$ is invertible, $a^2 \in A$, hence $e = (a^{-1})^2 * a^2 \in A$ and $\{x^2 \mid x \in R\} \subset A$.

For any $x \in R$, $2x = (x + e)^2 - x^2 - e \in A$. We have $I = \{2x \mid x \in R\} \subset A \neq R$. Now I is an ideal of R , and $I \neq R$, but R is a simple ring, we have $\{2x \mid x \in R\} = \{0\}$, that is, $p=2$.

By [2], a noncommutative division ring has no proper pseudo ideals, we have the following theorem:

Theorem 2 A division ring R has a proper pseudo ideal if and only if
(1) R is a field; (2) R has characteristic $p=2$; (3) $\{x^2 \mid x \in R\} \neq R$.

Proof (\Rightarrow) Suppose A is a proper pseudo ideal of R , $0 \subsetneq A \subsetneq R$, we know^[2] that R is a field.

By Theorem 1, we have $\text{Char } R = 2$.

(3) is trivial since $\{x^2 \mid x \in R\} \subset A \neq R$.

(\Leftarrow) It is sufficient for us to prove that $A = \{x^2 \mid x \in R\}$ is a pseudo ideal if $\text{Char } R = 2$ and R is a field:

For any $x^2, y^2 \in A$, $x^2 - y^2 = (x + y)^2 \in A$.

For any $r \in R$ and $x^2 \in A$, $x^2 * r^2 = (xr)^2 \in A$; $r^2 * x^2 = (rx)^2 \in A$.

The proof is complete.

Note that a finite field F with $\text{Char } F = 2$ satisfies $F = \{r^2 \mid r \in F\}$, we have
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The Best Simultaneous Approximation

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Abstract

In this paper, we study the problem of simultaneous approximation to bivariate function by one variate function, i.e., minimizing the expression

$$\max_{x \in X} \left(\int_Y |f(x, y) - g(x)|^p d\mu \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \quad (p \geq 1)$$

over G , G is an nonempty subset in $C(X)$.

We obtain the characterization theorems, the uniqueness theorems, the strong uniqueness theorems and de la Vallée Poussin theorems. We also establish the first algorithm of Remes type and two limit theorems.

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Theorem 2 in [2] as a corollary:

Corollary A finite field has no proper pseudo ideals.

Thus we almost fail to characterise a division ring by pseudo ideals instead of ideals.

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