

Assignment 4, Math 701
Due Dec. 4, in class

1. We consider the ideal structure for the ring $Z[x]$.
 - (a) (Optional) Show that every ideal I in $Z[x]$ has the following form: there is a number k , polynomials $p_i \in Z[x]$ for $i \leq k$ and numbers r_0, \dots, r_k such that:
 - i. $r_k | r_{k-1} \dots | r_0$,
 - ii. $\deg(p_i) \leq i$ and the coefficient of x^i in p_i is r_i for $i \leq k$, and

$$I = p_0Z[x] + p_1Z[x] + \dots + p_kZ[x].$$

- (b) Show that $Z[x]$ is not a principal ideal domain.
 - (c) Give an example of a finitely generated module over $Z[x]$ which cannot be written as a sum of cyclic submodules.
2. Show that $M_n(D)$ is a simple ring for a division ring D i.e. it has no proper, non-zero ideals.
3. Show that Q_8 has no degree 2 faithful representations over R . (See example 7 page 845 for Q_8 and question 10, 18.2 for a hint.)
4. Is it true that for a division ring D , that the identity map is an isomorphism between $M_n(D)^{op}$ and $M_n(D^{op})$?