

MATH 3GR3 Assignment #6  
Due: Wednesday, December 6 by 11:59pm

1. Consider the ring  $\mathbb{Z}_{20}$ . List all of the ideals of this ring. List all of the units of this ring.
2. For each pair of rings, determine if they are isomorphic.
  - (a)  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $\mathbb{C}$ .
  - (b)  $\mathbb{Z}$  and  $\mathbb{Z}[i]$ .
3. Show that the map  $f : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow M_{2 \times 2}(\mathbb{R})$  defined by

$$f(a + bi) = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ -b & a \end{bmatrix}$$

is a one-to-one homomorphism from the ring of complex numbers to the ring of  $2 \times 2$  matrices with real entries.

4. Let  $R$  be a commutative ring with identity and suppose that  $I$  and  $J$  are ideals of  $R$ . Show that  $I \cap J$  is also an ideal of  $R$ . If  $I$  and  $J$  are prime ideals of  $R$  will  $I \cap J$  always be a prime ideal of  $R$ ?
5. Let

$$I = \{a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \cdots + a_nx^n \in \mathbb{Z}[x] \mid a_0 \text{ is even}\}.$$

- (a) Show that  $I$  is an ideal of  $\mathbb{Z}[x]$ .
  - (b) Show that  $\mathbb{Z}[x]/I$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ .
  - (c) Prove that  $I$  is a maximal ideal of  $\mathbb{Z}[x]$ .
6. Let  $R = \mathbb{Z}[x]$  and let  $I$  be the set of polynomials of  $\mathbb{Z}[x]$  whose terms have degree at least 2, plus the constant 0 polynomial. So, members of  $I$  are of the form  $a_2x^2 + a_3x^3 + \cdots + a_nx^n$  for some  $n \geq 2$  and integers  $a_i$ .
  - (a) Show that  $I$  is an ideal of  $R$ . Hint: Show that  $I = \langle x^2 \rangle$ .
  - (b) Show that the polynomials  $3 + 5x + x^3 + x^5$  and  $3 + 5x - x^4$  are in the same coset of  $I$  and give a general condition for when two polynomials  $p(x)$  and  $q(x)$  lie in the same coset of  $I$ .

- (c) Show that  $R/I$  consists of the elements  $(a + bx) + I$  for  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ .
- (d) Describe the addition and multiplication operations on  $R/I$ .
- (e) Is  $R/I$  an integral domain? (this is the same as asking if  $I$  is a prime ideal.)

Bonus:

- (a) Compute the remainder when the polynomial  $8x^5 - 18x^4 + 20x^3 - 25x^2 + 20$  is divided by  $4x^2 - x - 2$ . Both polynomials are members of the polynomial ring  $\mathbb{Q}[x]$ .
- (b) Compute the remainder when the polynomial  $3x^4 + x^3 + 2x^2 + 1$  is divided by  $x^2 + 4x + 2$ . Both polynomials are members of the polynomial ring  $\mathbb{Z}_5[x]$ .

Supplementary problems from the textbook  
(not to be handed in)

- From Chapter 16, questions 1, 2, 4, 12, 16, 18, 23, 26, 30, 33, 36
- From Chapter 17, questions 3, 6, 13, 16, 26, 29