

1. For each pair of elements, use the Euclidean algorithm in the ring  $R$  to calculate a greatest common divisor  $d = \gcd(a, b)$  and also to find  $x, y \in R$  such that  $d = ax + by$ .

- (a)  $a = x^4 + x$  and  $b = x^3 + x$  in  $\mathbb{F}_2[x]$ .
  - (b)  $a = 11 + 24i$  and  $b = 13 - i$  in  $\mathbb{Z}[i]$ .
  - (c)  $a = x^3 - x$  and  $b = x^2 - 3x + 2$  in  $\mathbb{R}[x]$ .
  - (d)  $a = 9 - 5i$  and  $b = 3 + 2i$  in  $\mathbb{Z}[i]$ .
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2. For each given  $a, p$ , and  $R$ , determine whether  $\bar{a}$  is a unit or a zero divisor in the ring of residue classes  $R/pR$ . If it is a unit find  $\bar{a}^{-1}$ , and if it is a zero divisor find a nonzero element  $\bar{b}$  with  $\bar{a} \cdot \bar{b} = \bar{0}$ .

- (a)  $a = 2 - i, p = 5 + 5i, R = \mathbb{Z}[i]$ .
  - (b)  $a = x + 3, p = x^2 - 2, R = \mathbb{R}[x]$ .
  - (c)  $a = 3 + 4i, p = 7 - 8i, R = \mathbb{Z}[i]$ .
  - (d)  $a = x^2 + x, p = x^4 + 1, R = \mathbb{F}_2[x]$ .
  - (e)  $a = x^2 + x, p = x^3 + 3x + 1, R = \mathbb{F}_5[x]$ .
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3. Determine / calculate / find the following:

- (a) All elements  $a + b\sqrt{-2}$  with  $N(a + b\sqrt{-2}) = 9$  in  $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-2}]$ .
  - (b) The quotient and remainder when  $19 + 3i$  is divided by  $4 + i$  in  $\mathbb{Z}[i]$ .
  - (c) The quotient and remainder when  $x^5$  is divided by  $x^3 + x$  in  $\mathbb{R}[x]$ .
  - (d) The solution to  $(1 + i)x \equiv 3 \pmod{8 + i}$  in  $\mathbb{Z}[i]$ .
  - (e) All  $z$  with  $z \equiv 2 - i \pmod{3 + i}$  and  $z \equiv 3 \pmod{4 + 5i}$  in  $\mathbb{Z}[i]$ .
  - (f) All  $p$  with  $p \equiv x \pmod{x^2}$  and  $p \equiv 10 \pmod{x - 2}$  in  $\mathbb{R}[x]$ .
  - (g) The number of residue classes in  $\mathbb{F}_7[x]$  modulo  $x^3 + 5x + 2$ .
  - (h) All of the units and zero divisors in  $\mathbb{F}_3[x]$  modulo  $x^2 + 2x$ .
  - (i) All of the units and zero divisors in  $\mathbb{F}_5[x]$  modulo  $x^2$ .
  - (j) The irreducible factorizations of  $x^2 - x + 4$  in  $\mathbb{F}_2[x], \mathbb{F}_3[x],$  and  $\mathbb{F}_5[x]$ .
  - (k) The number of monic irreducible polynomials in  $\mathbb{F}_2[x]$  of degree 7.
  - (l) The number of monic irreducible polynomials in  $\mathbb{F}_7[x]$  of degree 4.
  - (m) The number of monic irreducible polynomials in  $\mathbb{F}_2[x]$  of degree 10.
  - (n) Determine whether there exists a primitive root modulo (each of) 34, 35, 36, and 37.
  - (o) Find a primitive root modulo  $3^{2024}$  and the total number of primitive roots modulo  $3^{2024}$ .
  - (p) Find a primitive root modulo  $2 \cdot 3^{2024}$  and the total number of primitive roots modulo  $2 \cdot 3^{2024}$ .
  - (q) Find the number of residue classes in  $\mathbb{Z}[i]$  modulo  $7 - 5i$ .
  - (r) Find a fundamental region and list of residue class representatives for  $\mathbb{Z}[i]$  modulo  $2 - i$ .
  - (s) Find the prime factorization of  $5 + 5i$  in  $\mathbb{Z}[i]$ .
  - (t) Find the prime factorization of  $11 + 12i$  in  $\mathbb{Z}[i]$ .
  - (u) Find the prime factorization of 999 in  $\mathbb{Z}[i]$ .
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4. Let  $R = \mathbb{F}_2[x]$  and  $p = x^3 + x^2 + x + 1$ .

- (a) List the 8 residue classes in  $R/pR$ .
  - (b) Express  $\overline{x^2 + x^2 + 1}$ ,  $\overline{x^2 \cdot x^2 + 1}$ , and  $\overline{x^2 + 1}^2$  as  $\overline{ax^2 + bx + c}$  for some  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{F}_2$ .
  - (c) Identify all of the units and zero divisors in  $R/pR$ .
  - (d) Verify Euler's theorem for the unit  $\overline{x^2 + x + 1}$  in  $R/pR$ .
  - (e) Solve the congruence  $x^2 \cdot q(x) \equiv x + 1 \pmod{x^3 + x^2 + x + 1}$  in  $\mathbb{F}_2[x]$ .
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5. Briefly justify the following statements:

- (a) It is possible to factor a large integer that is the product of two primes that are very close together, very quickly.
  - (b) It is possible to establish that arbitrary 500-digit integers are prime, or composite, very quickly.
  - (c) There is no known procedure for factoring arbitrary 500-digit integers very quickly with current computing technology.
  - (d) It is feasible to find the factorization of a 30-digit integer very quickly with modern computing technology.
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6. Prove the following:

- (a) Show that the element  $7 + 4\sqrt{3}$  is a unit in  $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{3}]$  and find its multiplicative inverse.
  - (b) Show that the element  $(1 + \sqrt{5})^{2023}$  is not a unit, but  $(2 + \sqrt{5})^{2023}$  is a unit in  $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{5}]$ .
  - (c) Show that the element  $4 + 5i$  is irreducible and prime in  $\mathbb{Z}[i]$ .
  - (d) Show that the element  $2 + \sqrt{-7}$  is irreducible in  $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-7}]$ .
  - (e) Show that the element  $1 + \sqrt{-7}$  is irreducible in  $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-7}]$ . [Hint: Show that there are no elements of norm 2 or 4.]
  - (f) Show that the element  $1 + \sqrt{-7}$  is not prime in  $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-7}]$ .
  - (g) Show that  $x^2 + x + 1$  is irreducible and prime in  $\mathbb{F}_2[x]$ .
  - (h) Verify Euler's Theorem for the residue class of  $x^2 + 1$  in  $\mathbb{F}_2[x]$  modulo  $x^3$ .
  - (i) Verify Fermat's Little Theorem for the residue class of  $i$  in  $\mathbb{Z}[i]$  modulo  $3 + 2i$ .
  - (j) Show that  $\mathbb{F}_5[x]$  modulo  $x^3 + x + 1$  is a field.
  - (k) Show that  $\mathbb{F}_5[x]$  modulo  $x^4 + x + 1$  is not a field.
  - (l) Show that  $\mathbb{R}[x]$  modulo  $x^2 + 2x + 8$  is a field.
  - (m) Construct, with proof, a field with exactly 125 elements.
  - (n) Verify Euler's theorem for the residue class of  $1 + i$  modulo  $4 + i$  in  $\mathbb{Z}[i]$ .
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