

1) Let  $\alpha_1 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} 8 - 8i$ ,  $\alpha_2 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} 10 + 15i$ ,  $\beta \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} 2 - 3i$ , and let  $I \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (\beta)$  be the principal ideal of  $\mathbb{Z}[i]$  generated by  $\beta$ .

- (a) Compute the quotient and remainders of the divisions of  $\alpha_1$  and  $\alpha_2$  by  $\beta$ ?
- (b) Is  $\alpha_1 \equiv \alpha_2 \pmod{I}$ ?

2) Let  $\zeta_{11} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} e^{2\pi i/11}$ . How many intermediate fields does the extension  $\mathbb{Q}[\zeta_{11}]/\mathbb{Q}$  have [including  $\mathbb{Q}$  and  $\mathbb{Q}[\zeta_{11}]$ ]? What are their degrees over  $\mathbb{Q}$ ? [You do **not** have to find them, just count them and give their degrees.]

3) Let  $R$  be a ring [which you can assume is commutative with identity, but it is not necessary] and  $a \in R$ . Let  $\phi : R \rightarrow R'$  be a homomorphism such that  $a \in \ker \phi$ . Prove that the map  $\psi : R/(a) \rightarrow R'$ , defined by  $\psi(b + (a)) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \phi(b)$  gives a *well-defined* [you *have* to prove that it is well-defined] ring homomorphism.

4) Prove that if  $F$  is a field and  $F[[x]]$  represents *formal power series* over  $F$  [as in the second extra-credit problem], then *all non-zero* ideals of  $F[[x]]$  are of the form  $(x^n)$  where  $n$  is a non-negative integer. [**Hint:** You can use any fact in the statement of the extra-credit problem.]

5) *Construct* a field with 8 elements. [**Hint:** Extend some known field.]

6) Let  $F$  be a field of characteristic  $p \neq 0$ , for which the polynomial  $f(x) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} x^p - x - a \in F[x]$  is irreducible. Let  $\alpha$  be a root of  $f(x)$  [in some extension of  $F$ ].

- (a) Prove that  $\alpha + 1$  is also a root of  $f(x)$ .
- (b) Prove that  $F[\alpha]$  is the splitting field of  $f(x)$  over  $F$ . [**Hint:** Use (a) to find all roots of  $f$ .]
- (c) Prove that  $G(F[\alpha]/F)$  is *cyclic*.

7) Let  $K \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathbb{Q}[\sqrt[4]{2}, i]$ .

- (a) Find  $[K : \mathbb{Q}]$ .
- (b) Give a  $\mathbb{Q}$ -basis for  $K$  [as a vector space over  $\mathbb{Q}$ ].
- (c) Prove that  $K/\mathbb{Q}$  is Galois.

(d) If  $\sigma \in G(K/\mathbb{Q})$ , then what are the possible values of  $\sigma(\sqrt[4]{2})$  and  $\sigma(i)$ ?

8) In this problem we will show that if  $R$  is commutative ring with identity, and  $a \in R$  is such that  $a^n = 0$  for some positive integer  $n$ , then  $a$  is in every maximal ideal of  $R$ . [Note that if  $a \neq 0$ , then  $R$  is **not** an integral domain!]

(a) Let  $I$  be an ideal and  $a \in R$ . Prove that

$$(I, a) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{x + ra : x \in I \text{ and } r \in R\}$$

is an ideal of  $R$  that contains  $I$  and  $a$ .

(b) Prove that if  $M$  is a *maximal* ideal and  $a^n = 0$  [and you can assume  $a^{n-1} \neq 0$ ] for some positive integer  $n$ , with  $a \notin M$  [to later derive a contradiction], then  $a^{n-1} \in M$ . [**Hint:** Start by proving that  $1_R \in (M, a)$ .]

(c) Prove that since  $a^{n-1} \in M$ , we actually have  $a \in M$  [which is then a contradiction to the fact that  $a \notin M$ ].