

1) Let  $R$  be a ring and  $I$  be an ideal of  $R$ .

(a) Prove that if  $J$  is an ideal of  $R$  containing  $I$ , then  $\bar{J} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{\bar{a} \in R/I : a \in J\}$  is an ideal of  $R/I$ .

(b) Prove that if  $\bar{J}'$  is an ideal of  $R/I$ , then  $J' \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{a \in R : \bar{a} \in \bar{J}'\}$  is an ideal of  $R$  containing  $I$ .

2) Let  $R$  be a commutative ring with identity and  $a \in R$  such that  $a^{n-1} \neq 0$ , but  $a^n = 0$ , for some positive integer  $n$ . Prove that  $R[x]/(ax - 1) = \{\bar{0}\}$ , i.e., it is the *zero ring*.

**3)** Let  $R$  be an integral domain,  $F$  be its field of fractions [or quotient field], and  $K$  be field such that  $R \subseteq K$ . Prove that there is an *injective homomorphism*  $\phi : F \rightarrow K$ , such that for all  $a \in R$ ,  $\phi\left(\frac{a}{1}\right) = a$ . [**Hint:** To start, you need to find the formula for  $\phi$ . Think of the most natural way of seeing an element of  $F$  inside of  $K$ , remembering that the image is contained in a *field*. Also, you will have to show that your formula is well defined, i.e., if  $\frac{a}{b} = \frac{c}{d}$ , then  $\phi\left(\frac{a}{b}\right) = \phi\left(\frac{c}{d}\right)$ .]

4) Prove that  $\mathbb{Z}[i\sqrt{3}]/(2 - i\sqrt{3}) \cong \mathbb{Z}/7\mathbb{Z}$ .