

M5420 F15 TEST 4 SOL.

1. (a)  $x^2+1$  irred in  $\mathbb{Q}[x]$  (no roots is sufficient to see this)  
 so  $\mathbb{Q}[x]/(x^2+1)$  is a FIELD

- (b) Not an Int. Dom:  $3 \cdot 5 = 0$  but  $3 \neq 0$  and  $5 \neq 0$   
 (Using the iso  $\mathbb{Z}_{15} \cong \mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_5$ )  
OR:  $(1,0) \cdot (0,1) = 0$  but neither factor is 0.

- (c)  $\mathbb{Z}_3$  is a field ( $3$  is prime)  
 so  $\mathbb{Z}_3[x]$  is an Int Dom, not a field.

- (d)  $x^3+x+1$  is reducible since  $x=1$  is a root in  $\mathbb{Z}_3$   
 so Not an Int. Dom

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2. Let  $F$  be a field and  $a, b \in F$ , with  $ab=0$ .  
 If  $a=0$ , we're done. If  $a \neq 0 \exists a^{-1} \in F$  and  
 $b = a^{-1}ab = a^{-1} \cdot 0 = 0$ . //

3. Let  $R \xrightarrow{\pi} R/I$  be the projection hom  $\pi(x)=x+I$ .  
 If  $m$  is an ideal in  $R/I$  then  $\pi^{-1}(m)$  is an  
 ideal in  $I$  s.t.  $I \subseteq \pi(m) \subseteq R$ . Since  $I$  is maximal,  
 $\pi^{-1}(m)=I$ , so  $m=0$ , or  $\pi^{-1}(m)=R$ , so  $m=R/I$ .  
 Thus  $R/I$  has no non-trivial proper ideals, and hence,  
 is a field.

### 3. (alt. proof.)

Suppose  $x+I \neq 0+I$  in  $R/I$ . That is,  $x \notin I$ .  
Then  $(x)+I$  is an ideal of  $R$  with

$$I \subseteq (x)+I \subseteq R.$$

Since  $I$  is maximal,  $(x)+I = I$  or  $(x)+\bar{I} = R$ .  
But  $x \notin I$  so  $(x)+I \neq I$ . Therefore  $1 \in R$  can  
be written as  $1 = a + b$  with  $a = rx$  for some  
 $r$  and  $b \in I$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}(r+I)(x+\bar{I}) &= rx + I \\ &= (rx + b) + I \\ &= 1 + I\end{aligned}$$

so  $(x+\bar{I})^{-1} = r+I$ . Thus  $R/I$  is a field. //

(See next page for another proof.)

4. To find the multiplicative inverse, we can use the Euclidean algorithm

$$x^3 + x + 1 = (x+1)(x^2+x) + 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So } 1 &= (x+1)(x^2+x) + (x^3+x+1) \\ &\equiv (x+1)(x^2+x) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{mod } (x^3+x+1)$$

$$\begin{array}{r} x^2+x \\ x+1 \longdiv{ | \begin{array}{r} x^3 \\ x^3+x^2 \\ \hline x^2+x+1 \\ x^2+x \\ \hline +1 \end{array}} \end{array}$$

$$\text{Thus } (x+1)^{-1} = x^2+x.$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Alt proof: } x^1 = x \\ x^2 = x^2 \\ x^3 = x+1 \\ \hline \cancel{x^4} \end{array}$$

since  $\mathbb{Z}_2[x]/(x^3+x+1)$   
has 8 elements; its  
mult. group  
 $(\quad)^*$   
has 7 elements,

$$\text{so } x^7 = 1.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hence } (x+1)x^4 &= x^3x^4 = 1 \\ \text{so } x^4 &= (x+1)^{-1}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{2nd alt proof: continue on: } x^4 = x^2+x \\ x^5 = x^3+x^2 = x^2+x+1 \\ x^6 = x^3+x^2+x = x+1+x^2+x = x^2+1 \\ x^7 = x^3+x = 1 \end{array}$$

$$\text{so } x^4 = x^2+x \text{ is } (x+1)^{-1} = (x^3)^{-1}.$$

$$5. \quad \mathbb{Z}/ \xrightarrow{\phi} \mathbb{Z}_6 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_9 \quad \phi(1) = (1,1)$$

Now  $\phi(k) = (k, k) = (0, 0)$  iff  $k \equiv 0 \pmod{6}$   
and  $k \equiv 0 \pmod{9}$

This is equivalent to  $k \equiv 0 \pmod{18}$  ( $\text{lcm}(6, 9) = 18$ ).

So  $\boxed{\text{Ker } (\phi) = (18)}$ , the principal ideal gen by 18.

The image is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Z}_{18}$ .

As a subset of  $\mathbb{Z}_6 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_9$ , it is

0,0	0,6	0,3
1,1	1,7	1,4
2,2	2,8	2,5
3,3	3,0	3,1
4,4	4,1	4,
5,5	5,2	5,