

## MTH4104 - INTRODUCTION TO ALGEBRA - 2021/22

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**QUESTION 1**

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Let  $m$  be a positive integer. Define the set  $R = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, m-1\}$ . Define new operations  $\oplus$  and  $\odot$  on  $R$  as follows: for elements  $a, b \in R$ ,

$$a \oplus b := (a + b) \bmod m$$

$$a \odot b := (ab) \bmod m$$

where mod is the binary remainder operation (notes section 2.1). You may assume that  $R$  with the operations  $\oplus$  and  $\odot$  is a ring.

- What is the difference between the rings  $R$  and  $\mathbb{Z}_m$ ? [5 marks]
- Explain how the rings  $R$  and  $\mathbb{Z}_m$  are similar. [5 marks]

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**QUESTION 2**

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Solve the equation  $[8]_{14}X + [1]_{14} = [3]_{14}X + [12]_{14}$  for  $X \in \mathbb{Z}_{14}$ . Write your answer as  $X = [x]_{14}$  where  $0 \leq x < 14$ . What is  $x$ ?

Answer:

**QUESTION 3**

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Let  $X$  be a set. Let  $P$  be a set of subsets of  $X$  such that:

- if  $A$  and  $B$  are distinct elements of  $P$ , then  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ ;
- the union of all sets  $A \in P$  is  $X$ .

Note that these are clauses (b) and (c) of the definition of a partition (Definition 1.5).

Now define a relation  $R$  on the set  $X$  by  $R = \{ (x, y) : x \in A \text{ and } y \in A \text{ for some } A \in P \}$ , as in Theorem 1.7(b). Which of the following is true?

Select one:

- a.  $R$  must be an equivalence relation, and  $\{ [x]_R : x \in X \}$  must equal  $P$ .
- b.  $R$  must be reflexive and transitive but might not be symmetric.
- c.  $R$  must be symmetric and transitive but might not be reflexive.
- d.  $R$  must be an equivalence relation, but  $\{ [x]_R : x \in X \}$  might not be equal to  $P$ .
- e.  $R$  must be reflexive and symmetric but might not be transitive.

**QUESTION 4**

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Let  $R$  be a ring. Let  $p$  and  $q$  be elements of  $R[x]$  such that  $\deg(p) = 1$  and  $\deg(q) = 2$ . True or false:  $p$  and  $q$  may be equal as elements of  $R[x]$ .

Select one:

- True
- False

**QUESTION 5**

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Below are two sets of real numbers. Exactly one of these sets is a ring, with the usual addition and multiplication operations for real numbers. Select the one which is a ring. [4 marks]

- $\{a/2^n : a \in \mathbb{Z}, n \in \mathbb{N}\}$
- $\{a/2 : a \in \mathbb{Z}\}$

Let  $R$  be the ring above. True or false: [2 marks each]

$R$  is a ring with identity.

- True
- False

$R$  is a skewfield.

- True
- False

$R$  is a commutative ring.

- True
- False

**QUESTION 6**


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Let  $G$  be the interval  $(1/3, \infty)$ . Let  $\boxplus$  be the operation on  $G$  such that, for all  $x, y \in G$ ,




$$x \boxplus y = 6xy - 2(x+y) + 1.$$

- Write down the identity element  $e$  for  $(G, \boxplus)$ . You need not write a proof of the identity law. [4 marks]
- Prove the inverse law for  $(G, \boxplus)$ . [8 marks]

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Let  $f = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 1 & 2 & 5 & 6 & 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $g = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 5 & 3 & 6 & 1 & 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$  be permutations in  $S_6$ , written in two-line notation.

What is  $f$  in cycle notation? Enter single spaces between the numbers in each cycle. Do not type spaces anywhere else in your answer. [4 marks]

Let  $h = f^{-1} \circ g$ . What is the second line of  $h$  in two-line notation? Enter it as a list of numbers separated by single spaces. [6 marks]

**QUESTION 8**

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Let  $(G, \diamond)$  be a group and  $x \in G$ . Suppose  $H$  is a subgroup of  $G$  that contains  $x$ . Which of the following must  $H$  also contain? [5 marks]

- All elements  $x \diamond y$  for  $y \in G$
- $x^*$ , the inverse of  $x$
- The identity element  $e$  of  $G$
- All "powers"  $x \diamond x, x \diamond x \diamond x, \dots$

Enter the smallest subgroup of  $\mathbb{Z}_{13}^\times$  containing the element  $[9]_{13}$ , as a set. Write each congruence class in the form  $[b]_{13}$  where  $0 \leq b < 13$ . You don't have to type out the brackets and subscript "<sub>13</sub>". [5 marks]

**QUESTION 9**

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Let  $R$  be a ring. True or false: the product of two nonzero elements of  $R$  must be nonzero. [3 marks]

- True  
 False

Let  $p = ax^2 + bx + c$  and  $q = dx^2 + ex + f$  be two elements of  $R[x]$ . What is the coefficient of  $x^4$  in the product  $pq$ ? [3 marks]

Assume  $a$  and  $d$  are nonzero. If you are given no further information, what can you conclude about the degree of  $pq$ ? [4 marks]

- The degree of  $pq$  can be any integer from 0 to 4, or undefined.  
 The degree of  $pq$  can be any integer at all, or undefined.  
 The degree of  $pq$  can be any integer greater than or equal to 4.  
 The degree of  $pq$  is 4.  
 The degree of  $pq$  is either 3 or 4.

**QUESTION 10**

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Let  $S$  be the following relation on  $\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$ :

$$S = \{(x, y) \in (\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\})^2 : |y/x| = 1\}.$$

Prove that  $S$  is an equivalence relation.

Recall that the modulus of a complex number  $z = a+bi$  is defined as  $|z| = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$ . In your answer you may use properties of the modulus function without proving them.

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**QUESTION 11**

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Let  $X = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$ . Which of the following is a partition of  $X$ ?

- {1, 3, 5}
- (1 2)(3 4)(5 6)
- {(1, 2), (3, 4), (5, 6)}
- {{1, 2}, {3, 4}, {5, 6}}

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