

1. Prove or disprove the following statements. (2 points each)

(a) Let $G = \mathbf{R} \setminus \{-1\}$ and $x \circ y = x + y + x \cdot y$ for all x and y in G .

Then $\langle G, \circ \rangle$ is a group. (\mathbf{R} is the set of all real numbers.)

(b) $\mathbf{Z}_3 \times \mathbf{Z}_6$ is isomorphic to \mathbf{Z}_{18} .

(c) Let G be a group which acts on the set X with group action $*$.

Then for each $y \in X$, $G_y = \{g \in G: g*y = y\}$ is a subgroup of G .

(d) If R is an integral domain which has 101 elements, then R is a field.

(e) Any two groups of order 4 (with 4 elements) are isomorphic.

(f) If F is a finite field with 3 elements, then $x^3 + x + 1$ is irreducible over F .

(g) If N is an ideal of a field F and $N \neq \{0\}$, then $N = F$.

(h) Let α be a rational number and φ_α be a mapping from $\mathbf{Q}[x]$

into \mathbf{Q} defined by $\varphi_\alpha(f(x)) = f(\alpha)$ for each $f(x)$ in $\mathbf{Q}[x]$. Then φ_α is a ring homomorphism. (\mathbf{Q} is the set of rational numbers.)

(i) Let N be an ideal of $\mathbf{Q}[x]$ and $x^2 - 1$ be an element of N .

Then N contains the element $x - 1$.

(j) $X^5 + 5X^4 - 15X^3 + 30X^2 - 70$ is irreducible over \mathbf{Q} .

2. Let $\phi(n)$ denote the number of positive integers not greater than n which are relatively prime with n . Prove that $\langle \mathbf{Z}_n, + \rangle$ is a cyclic group which has $\phi(n)$ generators. (3 points)
3. Prove that the set of complex numbers with rational coefficients, $\{a + bi \mid a, b \in \mathbf{Q}\}$, is a field. (3 points)
4. Prove that if G is a finite group of order m and H is a subgroup of G with n elements, then n is a divisor of m , i. e. $n \mid m$. (3 points)
5. Prove that if N is an ideal of \mathbf{Z} (the set of integers), then N contains all integers which are multiples of a fixed integer. (3 points)
6. Find a ring which is not commutative. (3 points)
7. Prove that if R is a ring with unity and M is an ideal of R , then R/M is a field if and only if M is a maximal ideal of R . (5 points)

