

Algebra (I), Test 4.

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20 points each.

1. Give the definition of “group action” and then give an example to explain the notion.
2. Give two examples of ring homomorphism. (Verify your answers.)
3. Give a ring R such that $\forall a \in R, a^2 = a$.
4. Show that the characteristic of an integral domain must be either 0 or a prime p .
5. Prove that if a is an integer relatively prime to n , then $a^{\varphi(n)} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$ where $\varphi(n)$ is the number of integers in $(0, n)$ which are relatively prime to n .
6. Let p be a prime. Prove that $(p - 1)! \equiv -1 \pmod{p}$.
7. Give a division ring which is not a field. (Verify your answer.)