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Midterm Exam #1 for Math 503
Feb 14, 2017

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- You have an hour and twenty minutes for this exam.
- Please show **ALL** your work on this exam paper. Partial credit will be awarded where appropriate.
- You may quote without proof the theorems/propositions/lemmas given during lecture as long as you state each result clearly. Points may be deducted for incorrect or missing hypotheses.
- **NO** calculators, books, notes, or computers are permitted.
- **NO** form of cheating will be tolerated. You are expected to uphold the Code of Academic Integrity.

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1. Consider the set $\{\frac{a}{b} : a, b \in \mathbb{Z}, \text{ and } b \text{ is a power of } 2\}$.
 - a) (4 points) Show that this is a ring where the addition and multiplication are given by addition and multiplication of rational numbers.
 - b) (3 points) Show that the ideal generated by 2 is the whole ring.
 - c) (3 points) Show that the ideal generated by 3 is a maximal ideal.

2. (10 points) Which of the following is an integral domain? Justify your answer.

1. $\mathbb{Q}[x]/(x^2 + 1)$

2. $\mathbb{R}[x]/(x^2 + 1)$

3. $\mathbb{C}[x]/(x^2 + 1)$

Extra space for work:

3. (10 points) Find the minimal polynomial of $i + 3$ over \mathbb{Q} .

Extra space for work:

4. (10 points) We say that an element x in a ring R is prime if x is not 0 or a unit and whenever $x|ab$ holds in R , then $x|a$ or $x|b$. Recall that an element x in a ring R is irreducible if x is not 0 or a unit and whenever $x = ab$ holds in R , then a or b is a unit.

Find all irreducible elements and all prime elements in $\mathbb{Z}/12\mathbb{Z}$.

Extra space for work:

5. Consider the infinite-by-infinite real matrices (parametrized by positive integers) so that every row has only finitely many non-zero entries (we will denote this set by $\mathbb{R}_r^{\infty \times \infty}$). For instance this is such a matrix:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \end{pmatrix}$$

- a) (3 points) Show that this is a ring with the usual matrix addition and matrix multiplication.
- b) (4 points) Let U be a subspace of the infinite dimensional vector space generated by $(1, 0, 0, \dots)$, $(0, 1, 0, \dots)$... Show that

$$\{M \in \mathbb{R}_r^{\infty \times \infty} \mid \text{every row of } M \text{ is in } U\}$$

form a left ideal.

- c) (3 points) Show that $\mathbb{R}_r^{\infty \times \infty}$ does not satisfy ACC for left-ideals.

Extra space for work: