

# M E T U

## Department of Mathematics

Abstract Algebra					
Midterm 2					
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1. (25pts) For each of the following statements determine if it is **true** or **false**. Explain your answer briefly.

- Let  $G$  be a finite group and  $p$  be a prime number. There exists an element  $a \in G$  of order  $p$  if and only if  $p$  divides  $|G|$ .
  
- Let  $G$  be a finite group such that  $|G|$  is divisible by  $p^2$  where  $p$  is prime. Then there exists an element  $a \in G$  of order  $p^2$ .
  
- Let  $G$  be a finite group such that  $|G|$  is divisible by  $p^2$  where  $p$  is prime. Then there exists a subgroup  $H \leq G$  of order  $p^2$ .
  
- The set  $S = \{2a + b\sqrt{367} \mid a, b \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  is a subring of  $\mathbb{R}$ .
  
- The subrings  $2\mathbb{Z} = \{2k \mid k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  and  $3\mathbb{Z} = \{3k \mid k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  of  $\mathbb{Z}$  are isomorphic.



4. (25pts) Let  $M_2(\mathbb{Q})$  be the ring of  $2 \times 2$  matrices with rational entries under the usual matrix addition and multiplication. Consider

$$R = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & c \end{bmatrix} \mid a, b, c \in \mathbb{Q} \right\} \quad \text{and} \quad I = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 & b \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \mid b \in \mathbb{Q} \right\}.$$

- Show that  $R$  is a subring of  $M_2(\mathbb{Q})$ .
- Show that  $I$  is not an ideal of  $M_2(\mathbb{Q})$ .
- Show that  $I$  is an ideal of  $R$ .
- Show that the map  $f\left(\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & c \end{bmatrix}\right) = (a, c)$  is a ring homomorphism from  $R$  to  $\mathbb{Q} \times \mathbb{Q}$ . (Here  $\mathbb{Q} \times \mathbb{Q}$  is the usual ring with componentwise addition and multiplication.)
- Show that the quotient ring  $R/I$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Q} \times \mathbb{Q}$ .

**5. (15pts)** Set  $i = \sqrt{-1}$  and consider the subring  $R = \{a + bi \mid a, b \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  of  $\mathbb{C}$ . Let  $I$  be the ideal of  $R$  generated by 2 and  $3 + i$ , i.e.  $I = \langle 2, 3 + i \rangle$ .

- Show that  $I = \langle 1 + i \rangle$ .

- Determine the number of elements in the quotient ring  $R/I$ .

**6. (10pts)** Show that any finite field has order  $p^n$ , where  $p$  is prime. (Hint: Use the fundamental theorem of finite Abelian groups.)