

KFUPM - Department of Mathematics and Statistics  
MATH 345, Term 122  
Final Exam (Out of 100), Duration: 180 minutes

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**Solve the following Exercises.**

**Exercise 1** (10 points 4-3-3): Let  $G$  be the multiplicative group of all invertible  $2 \times 2$  matrices,  $H$  the subgroup of  $G$  consisting of all  $2 \times 2$  matrices  $A$  such that  $\det A = 1$ .

- (1) Find the center  $\mathcal{Z}(G)$  of  $G$ .
- (2) Prove that  $\mathcal{Z}(H) = H \cap \mathcal{Z}(G)$ .
- (3) True or false: Any subgroup of a non-abelian group is not abelian. Justify.

**Exercise 2** (15 points 5-5-5): Let  $G$  be a finite abelian group with  $|G| = pq$  where  $p$  and  $q$  are distinct positive prime integers. Set  $H_1 = \{x \in G \mid x^q = e\}$  and  $H_2 = \{x \in G \mid x^p = e\}$ .

- (1) Prove that  $H_1$  and  $H_2$  are incomparable under the inclusion.
- (2) Are  $H_1$  and  $H_2$  cyclic groups? Find their orders.
- (3) Prove that  $G$  is the internal direct product of  $H_1$  and  $H_2$ .

**Exercise 3** (15 points 5-5-5): Let  $R$  be a commutative ring with unity,  $I$  an ideal of  $R$  and set  $\sqrt{I} = \{a \in R \mid a^n \in I \text{ for some positive integer } n\}$ .

- (1) Prove that  $\sqrt{I}$  is an ideal of  $R$  containing  $I$ .
- (2) Prove that if  $P$  is a prime ideal of  $R$ , then  $P = \sqrt{P}$ .
- (3) If  $R = \mathbb{Z}$  and  $I = 4\mathbb{Z}$ , find  $\sqrt{I}$ .

**Exercise 4** (15 points 5-5-5): Let  $R$  be a commutative ring and  $\phi : R[X] \longrightarrow R$  defined by  $\phi(f) = a_0$  whenever  $f = a_0 + a_1X + \cdots + a_nX^n$ .

- (1) Prove that  $\phi$  is a ring homomorphism. Is  $\phi$  onto?
- (2) Find the kernel  $\text{Ker}(\phi)$  and show that  $R[X]/(X)$  is isomorphic to  $R$  ( $(X)$  is the ideal of  $R[X]$  generated by  $X$ ).
- (3) Under which condition  $(X)$  is a prime ideal of  $R[X]$  (resp. a maximal ideal of  $R[X]$ )?

**Exercise 5** (10 points, 5-5): Let  $R$  be an integral domain.  
Prove that  $R[X]$  is a *PID* (Principal Ideal Domain) if and only if  $R$  is a field.

**Exercise 6** (15 points, 5-5-5): Let  $f = a + bX + X^2$  be a polynomial in  $\mathbb{Z}[X]$ .

- (1) Prove that  $f$  is reducible over  $\mathbb{Z}$  if and only if  $f(x)$  has a root in  $\mathbb{Z}$ .
- (2) Let  $p$  be a positive prime integer and set  $g = a + bX + pX^2$  where  $p$  do not divide  $ab$ . Prove that  $g$  is reducible over  $\mathbb{Z}$  only if  $g$  has a root in  $\mathbb{Z}$ .
- (3) Application: Use (2) to prove that  $2X^2 + X + 1$  is irreducible over  $\mathbb{Z}$ . Is the Mod  $p$  Test applicable? Justify.

**Exercise 7** (10 points, 5-5): Let  $D$  be an integral domain.

- (1) Prove that every prime element of  $D$  is irreducible.
- (2) Assume that  $D$  is a *PID*. Prove that every irreducible element of  $D$  is prime.

**Exercise 8** (10 points, 5-5): Let  $D = \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-5}]$ .

- (1) Prove that  $1 + \sqrt{-5}$  and  $1 - \sqrt{-5}$  are irreducible.
- (2) Is  $D$  a *UFD* (Unique Factorization Domain)? Justify.