

Q6: By Gauss' Lemma,  $x^2 - \sqrt{p}$  is irreducible in  $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{p}][x]$  if and only if it is irreducible in  $\mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{p}][x]$ . If this polynomial is reducible, it must have two roots, and hence can be written as

$$x^2 - \sqrt{p} = (x - \alpha)(x - \beta).$$

This implies that  $|\alpha, \beta| = \sqrt{p}$ . Since  $\mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{p}]$  is a field, the only solutions that exist are  $\alpha = \pm 1, \pm \sqrt{p}$ . We can check that neither of these are a root of the polynomial in either  $\mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{p}][x]$  or  $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{p}][x]$ . Therefore the polynomial is irreducible in  $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{p}][x]$ .