

**10<sup>th</sup> EXERCISE**  
**104.272 Discrete Mathematics**

- (91) Let  $(e, n)$  and  $(d, n)$  be Bob's public and private RSA key, respectively. Suppose that Bob sends an encrypted message  $c$  and Alice wants to find out the original message  $m$ . She has the idea to send Bob a message and ask him to sign it. How can she find out  $m$ ?

*Hint: Pick a random integer  $r$  and consider the message  $r^e c \bmod n$ . What property does  $r$  need to satisfy?*

- (92) Let  $G$  be a finite group and  $a \in G$  an element for which  $\text{ord}_G(a)$  is maximal. Prove that for all  $b \in G$ , the order  $\text{ord}_G(b)$  is a divisor of  $\text{ord}_G(a)$ .
- (93) Prove that if  $G$  is a finite group and  $a \in G$  is an element with  $\text{ord}_G(a) = r$ , then for every  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\text{ord}_G(a^k) = r/\text{gcd}(r, k)$ .

- (94) Use the Euclidean algorithm to find all greatest common divisors of  $x^3 + 5x^2 + 7x + 3$  and  $x^3 + x^2 - 5x + 3$  in  $\mathbb{Q}[x]$ .

- (95) Prove that  $x^4 + x^3 + 1$  is irreducible over  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ .

- (96) List all irreducible polynomials up to degree 3 in  $\mathbb{Z}_3$ .

- (97) Let  $\mathbb{K}$  be a field and  $p(x) \in \mathbb{K}[x]$  a polynomial of degree  $m$ . Prove that  $p(x)$  cannot have more than  $m$  zeros (counted with multiplicities).

*Hint: Use the fact that  $\mathbb{K}[x]$  is a factorial ring.*

- (98) Let  $R$  be a ring and  $(I_j)_{j \in J}$  be a family of ideals of  $R$ . Prove that  $\bigcap_{j \in J} I_j$  is also an ideal of  $R$ .

- (99) Let  $R$  be a ring and  $I$  an ideal of  $R$ . Then  $(R/I, +)$  is the factor group of  $(R, +)$  over  $(I, +)$ . Define a multiplication on  $R/I$  by

$$(a + I) \cdot (b + I) := (ab) + I.$$

Prove that this operation is well defined, i.e. that

$$a + I = c + I \quad \text{and} \quad b + I = d + I \quad \implies \quad (ab) + I = (cd) + I.$$

Furthermore, show that  $(R/I, +, \cdot)$  is a ring.

- (100) Let  $U = \{\bar{0}, \bar{2}, \bar{4}\} \subseteq \mathbb{Z}_6$ . Show that  $U$  is an ideal of  $(\mathbb{Z}_6, +, \cdot)$ . Is it a subring as well? Does it have a 1-element?