

# Writing Full-Mark Definitions

Check that you have defined EVERY new symbol

- especially  $m, n$  as natural numbers

check you have written the DOMAIN, CODOMAIN of every function in the definition

Integral domain must be **nonzero, commutative** ring

PID, UFD, ED: all require the ring to be ID

- Noetherian ring: no requirement for being ID

Euclidean domain: careful with 0 case

- Euclidean function  $\phi$  has domain  $R \setminus \{0\}$
- Euclidean division:  $b \neq 0$ ,  $a = bq + r$ , with  $\phi(r) < \phi(b)$  or  $r = 0$

localisation on integral domain: the submonoid  $S$  cannot contain 0

localisation on general commutative ring: the submonoid  $S$  can contain 0

- don't forget to check the relations defined are equivalence relation
- don't forget to define operations and prove they are well-defined.

## Well-defined

When giving definitions with operations, functions on cosets of subgroup, ideals, submodules, must prove they are WELL-DEFINED

- e.g. operations on  $R/I$
- in general, has to be proven for definitions on any set of equivalence classes
  - e.g. maps defined on local rings

$G/H, R/I$  are only well-defined if  $H, I$  are normal subgroup, ideal respectively

- no restriction for  $M/N$  (modules)

something can be well-defined up to minor change

- e.g. gcd well-defined up to multiplication by unit

## Equivalence of two definitions

definitions with explicit constructions: establish one-to-one correspondence

- if you have definition (a), you can construct the object required in definition (b), vice versa
- show these constructions are inverses to each other

explicit vs property(defined by some object that satisfies given properties):

- prove the explicit construction in definition (a) satisfies properties in definition (b)
- prove that (a) is the unique object satisfying properties in definition (b)