

MATHEMATICS University of Gothenburg  
 Examination in commutative algebra MMA 330, 2016-10-24  
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1. Let  $A$  be an integral domain and  $p$  be an element which is prime in  $A$ . Let  $S \subseteq A$  be a multiplicative subset such that  $p$  does not divide any element in  $S$ . Show that  $p/1$  is prime in  $S^{-1}A$ . 4p

2. Let  $S$  be a multiplicative subset in a commutative ring  $A$  and  $M$  be a finitely generated  $A$ -module. Show that  $S^{-1}M = 0$  if and only if some  $s \in S$  annihilates  $M$ , that is if  $sM = 0$ . 4p

3. Let  $K$  be a finite field extension of  $\mathbf{Q}$  and  $O_K$  be the integral closure of  $\mathbf{Z}$  in  $K$ . 5p  
 a) Show that no integer  $n \geq 2$  is invertible in  $O_K$ .  
 b) Let  $p$  be a prime. Show that there exists a prime ideal  $P$  in  $O_K$  with  $P \cap \mathbf{Z} = (p)$ .

4. Let  $I, J$  be ideals in a commutative ring  $A$  and  $P$  be a prime ideal in  $A$ . Suppose that  $I \cap J \subseteq P$ . Show that  $I \subseteq P$  or  $J \subseteq P$ . 4p

5. Let  $t$  be a non-unit in a Noetherian integral domain  $A$ . Show that  $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} (t^n) = \{0\}$ . 4p

6. Let  $A$  be a Noetherian local integral domain with principal maximal ideal and  $K = \text{Frac}(A)$  be its field of fractions. Show that there exists a discrete valuation  $v: K^* \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}$  with  $A = \{f \in K^*: v(f) \geq 0\} \cup \{0\}$ . 4p

*You may use any theorem in Reid's book to solve the first 4 exercises, but all claims should be motivated.*

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1 Prove or give a counterexample:

- a) the intersection of two prime ideals is prime; 2p  
b) the ideal  $P + Q$  generated by 2 prime ideals  $P$  and  $Q$  is again prime. 2p

2. Let  $0 \rightarrow L \rightarrow M \rightarrow N \rightarrow 0$  be a short exact sequence of  $A$ -modules over a commutative ring  $A$ . Suppose that  $L$  and  $N$  are finitely generated  $A$ -modules. Show that  $M$  is also finitely generated. 4p

3a). Show that the ring  $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-3}]$  is not integrally closed in its field of fractions. 3p

3b) Determine its integral closure. 2p

4a) Is there a discrete valuation  $v$  of  $\mathbb{Q}(i)$  with  $v(2)=1$ ? 2p

4b) Is there a discrete valuation  $v$  of  $\mathbb{Q}(i)$  with  $v(3)=1$ ? 3p

5. Prove that any ideal  $I \neq A$  of a commutative ring is contained in a maximal ideal. 3p

6. Formulate and prove Hilbert's basis theorem. 4p

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- 1 Find a monic polynomial in  $\mathbf{Z}[X]$  which vanishes at  $\sqrt{2} + i$ . 3p
  
- 2 Let  $A$  be a ring and  $S$  be the set of all  $s \in A \setminus \{0\}$ , which are not zero divisors.
  - a) Show that  $S$  is a multiplicative set. 2p
  - b) Show that  $\frac{a}{s} = \frac{b}{t}$  in  $S^{-1}A$  if and only if  $at = bs$  in  $A$ . 1p
  - c) Show that every  $\frac{a}{s} \neq \frac{0}{1}$  in  $S^{-1}A$  is either a unit or a zero divisor. 2p
  
3. Let  $k$  be a field and  $I \subset k[X_1, \dots, X_n, \dots]$  be the ideal generated by the monomials  $X_m X_n$   $m, n \in \mathbf{N}$ . Let  $A = k[X_1, \dots, X_n, \dots]/I$  and  $x_n = X_n + I$ .
  - a) Prove that  $(x_1, \dots, x_n, \dots)$  is the only prime ideal in  $A$ . 3p  
 (Suggestion: Determine the intersection of all prime ideals.)
  - b) Determine if  $A$  is Artinian or not. 1p
  - c) Determine if  $A$  is Noetherian or not. 1p
  
- 4a) Let  $I$  be an ideal in a Noetherian ring  $A$ . Prove that there exists  $x \in 1 + I$  such that  $xm = 0$  for every  $m \in \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} I^n$ . (Hint: This is not hard if you just apply a suitable result in Reids's book.) 3p
  
- 4b) Show that  $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} I^n = \{0\}$  for any ideal  $I \neq A$  in a local Noetherian ring  $A$ . 1p
  
- 5) Let  $I$  be a non-principal ideal of  $\mathbf{Z}[X]$ . Prove that  $I \cap \mathbf{Z} \neq \{0\}$ . 4p
  
- 6) Let  $A$  be a Noetherian integral domain and  $t \in A$  a non-unit. Show that  $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} (t^n) = 0$ . 4p

*All rings are commutative with a unit element 1. You may use the results in Reid's book for the first four exercises. But all claims should be motivated.*

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*All rings are supposed to be commutative with 1.*

1) Let  $I$  and  $J$  be two ideals in a ring.

a) Give an example of a ring and two ideals where  $IJ \neq I \cap J$ . 1p

b) Show that  $IJ = I \cap J$  if  $I$  and  $J$  are coprime (i.e. if  $I+J=A$ ). 3p

2) Let  $A$  be a ring and  $S$  be a multiplicative set in  $A$ . Let  $\phi: A \rightarrow S^{-1}A$  be the map which sends  $a \in A$  to  $\frac{a}{1} \in S^{-1}A$ . Show that  $\phi$  is injective if and only if  $S$  does not contain zero or a zero divisor in  $A$ . 4p

3) Let  $A$  be a ring and  $M$  be a Noetherian  $A$ -module. Let  $I = \text{Ann}(M)$  be the ideal of  $A$  given by  $I = \{a \in A: am=0, \forall m \in M\}$ . Prove that  $A/I$  is a Noetherian ring. 4p

4) Let  $A$  be a ring with  $\mathbb{C}[X] \subseteq A \subseteq \mathbb{C}(X)$  and  $E \subseteq \mathbb{C}$  be the set of all  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$  such that some  $f \in A$  has a pole at  $\alpha$  (i.e.  $|f(X)| \rightarrow \infty$  when  $X \rightarrow \alpha$ ). 5p

a) Let  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$ . Show that  $1/(X-\alpha) \in A$  if and only if  $\alpha \in E$ .

b) Show that  $A$  as ring is generated by  $\mathbb{C}[X]$  and all  $1/(X-\alpha)$  with  $\alpha \in E$ .

(Hint: The problem is similar to an exercise in Reid's book on subrings of  $\mathbb{Q}$ .)

5) Let  $A \subseteq B$  be two rings and let  $b \in B$ . Show that  $b$  is integral over  $A$  if and only if  $A[b]$  is finitely generated as  $A$ -module. 4p

6) Formulate and prove Hilbert's basis theorem. 4p

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