## November Camp - 2019 Algebra L4 - Revision

**Revision 1.** Let P and Q be polynomials and P(Q(x)) = Q(P(x)) for every  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Find as many pairs of P and Q as you can.

**Revision 2.** Polynomials A(x), B(x), C(x), D(x) satisfy the equation

$$A(x^5) + xB(x^5) + x^2C(x^5) = (1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + x^4)D(x)$$
 for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Find all possible values of A(1).

**Revision 3.** A sequence  $a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_n$  is called k-balanced if

$$a_1 + a_{k+1} + \ldots = a_2 + a_{k+2} + \ldots = \ldots = a_k + a_{2k} + \ldots$$

Suppose the sequence  $a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_{50}$  is k-balanced for k = 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17. Prove that  $a_i$  are all zeros.

**Revision 4.** Suppose we have the following polynomial with integer coefficients

$$P(x) = a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \ldots + a_0.$$

If there exists a prime number p such that the following three conditions all apply:

- p divides each  $a_i$  for  $0 \le i < n$ ,
- p does not divide  $a_n$ ,
- $p^2$  does not divide  $a_0$ ,

then P(x) is irreducible.