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## Algebra 1: Tutorial 6

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When you answer these questions practise your proof writing.

**Be clear, concise, and complete.**

### Question 1: Examples

Give an example of

- a ring which is not a field, but has a non-trivial (not  $\pm 1$ ) unit.
- a ring in which all non-zero elements are units.
- an ideal of  $\mathbb{Z}$ . Is it principal?
- a ring with no zero divisors and only the trivial units.

### Question 2: Non-Commutative Example

Some mathematicians prefer to relax the definition of a ring a little bit. Many do not require the *multiplication* to be commutative. Can you give an example of such a *non-commutative ring*?

### Question 3: Units and Trivial Ideals

If  $u \in I$  is a unit in an ideal  $I \subseteq R$ , what can you say about  $I$ ?

### Question 4: Division in Polynomial Rings

For which positive integers  $n$  does  $x^2 + x + 1$  divide  $x^4 + 3x^3 + x^2 + 7x + 5$  in  $[\mathbb{Z}/(n)][x]$ ?

### Question 5: Ideal of Vanishing

Let  $a \in \mathbb{C}$  and define the set  $I_a := \{f \in \mathbb{C}[x] \mid f(a) = 0\} \subseteq \mathbb{C}[x]$ . Prove  $I_a$  is an ideal in  $\mathbb{C}[x]$ . Moreover, prove it is principal.

### Question 6: Frobenius Map

Let  $R$  be a ring of characteristic  $p$ . Prove that the map  $R \rightarrow R$  defined by  $x \mapsto x^p$  is a ring homomorphism. (It is called the *Frobenius map*.)