

1. For every polynomial of degree 2 or 3 in  $\mathbb{Z}_2$  (see the table below), either factor it completely or state that it is irreducible.

polynomial	factored form	zeros
$x^2$	$x \cdot x$	$x = 0$
$x^2 + x$		
$x^2 + 1$		
$x^2 + x + 1$		
$x^3$		
$x^3 + x^2$		
$x^3 + x^2 + x$		
$x^3 + x^2 + 1$		
$x^3 + x^2 + x + 1$		
$x^3 + x$		
$x^3 + x + 1$		
$x^3 + 1$		

2. Prove or Disprove: For every  $n \in \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$  there exists a polynomial  $p(x)$  of degree  $n$  with more than  $n$  distinct zeros.

degree	polynomial	zeros
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		

3. Let  $I = \langle x^3 + 2x^2 \rangle$  be an ideal in  $\mathbb{Q}[x]$ .

(a) List 5 distinct elements of  $\mathbb{Q}[x]$  that are in  $I$ , list 5 distinct elements of  $\mathbb{Q}[x]$  that are **not** in  $I$ , and then describe in words or symbols what the ideal  $I$  looks like.

(b) Is  $I$  a maximal ideal? Justify your answer.

4. Suppose  $f(x)$  is irreducible in  $F[x]$ , where  $F$  is a field. Prove that for every nonzero polynomial  $g(x) \in F[x]$ , either  $\gcd(f(x), g(x)) = 1$  or  $f(x) \mid g(x)$ .

5. (a) Rewrite Fermat's Little Theorem as stated in your text book.

(b) Show that Fermat's Little Theorem applies for  $n = 5$ , by explicitly calculating  $a^4$  for every  $a \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$  and checking that each is congruent to 1.

- (c) Explain what Fermat's Little Theorem implies about factorizations of  $x^p - x$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_p[x]$  where  $p$  is a prime. Prove that your assertion is correct.
6. Show that  $\alpha = \sqrt{5} + \sqrt{3}i$  is algebraic over  $\mathbb{Q}[x]$  by explicitly finding  $p(x) \in \mathbb{Q}[x]$  such that  $p(\alpha) = 0$ .