

# Homework Problem Set #4

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Let  $R$  be a ring with identity  $1 \neq 0$ , and let  $F$  be a field

**9.4.1** Determine whether the following polynomials are irreducible in the rings indicated. For those that are reducible, determine their factorization into irreducibles. The notation  $F_p$  denotes the finite field  $\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$ ,  $p$  a prime.

b)  $x^3 + x + 1$  in  $F_3[X]$

c)  $x^4 + 1$  in  $F_5[X]$

d)  $x^4 + 10x^2 + 1$  in  $\mathbb{Z}[X]$

**9.4.2** Prove that the following polynomials are irreducible in  $\mathbb{Z}[X]$ :

b)  $x^6 + 30x^5 - 15x^3 + 6x - 120$

c)  $x^4 + 4x^3 + 6x^2 + 2x + 1$  [Substitute  $x - 1$  for  $x$ .]

**9.4.6** Construct fields of each of the following orders:

(a) 9   (b) 49   (c) 8   (d) 81

(you may exhibit these as  $F[x]/(f(x))$  for some  $F$  and  $f$ ). [Use Exercises 2 and 3 in Section 2.]

**9.4.11** Prove that  $x^2 + y^2 - 1$  is irreducible in  $\mathbb{Q}[x, y]$ .

**13.1.1** Show that  $p(x) = x^3 + 9x + 6$  is irreducible in  $\mathbb{Q}[x]$ . Let  $\theta$  be a root of  $p(x)$ . Find the inverse of  $1 + \theta$  in  $\mathbb{Q}[\theta]$ .