

# CoCoNuT Assignment Three

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## 1 More Sage

### Integer Rings

The ring  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  can be defined using the `Integers` command. For example:

```
sage: Z7= Integers(7)
sage: Z7
Ring of integers modulo 7
sage: Z7.order()
7
sage: a=Z7(3); b=Z7(4)
sage: a+b
0
```

You can also use `Zmod` to define rings of integers mod  $n$ . For example:

```
sage: Z7= Zmod(7)
sage: Z7
Ring of integers modulo 7
```

You can use the method `random_element()` to get a random element from the ring. In the above examples, if you type `Z7.` and then press the Tab key, Sage will return a list of all the methods `Z7` has.

### Matrix Rings

The following example defines the ring `MR` containing all  $3 \times 3$  matrices with entries in  $\mathbb{Z}_{51}$ .

```
sage: MR = MatrixSpace(Integers(51),3,3)
sage: MR
Full MatrixSpace of 3 by 3 dense matrices over Ring of integers modulo 51
sage: MR.random_element()
[25 21 32]
[25 13 47]
[32 14 41]
```

### Polynomial Rings

Example of defining a univariate polynomial ring in Sage.

```
sage: K = Integers(10001)
sage: R.<x> = PolynomialRing(K)
sage: R
Univariate Polynomial Ring in x over Ring of integers modulo 10001
```

Alternatively you can use:

```
sage: K = Integers(10001)
sage: R.<x> = K[]
sage: R
Univariate Polynomial Ring in x over Ring of integers modulo 10001
```

In the above two examples  $R$  defines the ring  $\mathbb{Z}_{10001}[x]$ , i.e. the ring of polynomials (in the indeterminate  $x$ ) with coefficients in  $\mathbb{Z}_{10001}$ .

You can similarly define multivariate polynomial rings, for example:

```
sage: K = Integers(101)
sage: R.<x,y> = K[]
sage: R
Multivariate Polynomial Ring in x, y over Ring of integers modulo 101
```

You can use the method `random_element(n)` to get a random polynomial of degree  $n$  from the ring. For example:

```
sage: K = Integers(10001)
sage: R.<x> = K[]
sage: R.random_element(3)
2648*x^3 + 8166*x^2 + 6712*x + 8114
```

## Quotients of Polynomial Rings

Examples of defining quotients of polynomial rings  $R/p(x)$  for some polynomial ring  $R$  and a polynomial  $p(x)$ , i.e. the ring of polynomials modulo the polynomial  $p(x)$ . For example, to define  $\mathbb{Z}_{11}[x]/(x^2 + 3x)$

```
sage: Z11=Integers(11)
sage: R.<x>=Z11[]
sage: QR.<y>=R.quotient(x^2+3*x)
sage: QR
Univariate Quotient Polynomial Ring in y over Ring of integers modulo 11 with modulus x^2 + 3*x
sage: QR.order()
121
sage: QR.modulus()
x^2 + 3*x
```

In the above code, one could replace the line `sage: QR.<y>=R.quotient(x^2+3*x)` by `sage: QR=R.quotient(x^2+3*x,'y')` which will result in the same thing.

```
sage: QR.random_element()
6*y + 8
```

## 2 Assignment Three Questions

- (a) Using your factoring algorithm `MyFactor` from Sheet 1, write a function `MyPhiFun( $n$ )` that computes the Euler totient function (i.e. the phi function) for the integer  $n$ .
- (b) What does you function output for  $n = 42901741984719$ ?
- (a) Write a function `FindNoOfGens` that receives a prime number  $p$  and computes the number of generators of the group  $\text{U}(p)$ , i.e. the group of units of the ring of integers modulo  $p$ .
- (b) Write your own function that returns the list of the generators of such a group. You are only allowed to call the functions you wrote previously.

3. Determine which of the following polynomials are irreducible in  $\mathbb{Z}_{11}$ :

- i)  $2x^5 + 8x^4 + 3x^3 + 6x^2 + 4x + 1$
- ii)  $8x^6 + 3x^5 + 6x^4 + 9x^3 + 5x^2 + 7x + 1$
- iii)  $7x^7 + 6x^6 + 2x^5 + 6x^4 + 2x^3 + 10$

4. In each of the following cases, first find the GCD of  $p(x)$  and  $q(x)$  and then find the polynomials  $a(x)$  and  $b(x)$  satisfying  $a(x)p(x) + b(x)q(x) = \text{GCD}(p(x), q(x))$ .

(a) Take  $p(x)$  and  $q(x)$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_7[x]$  where

$$\begin{aligned}p(x) &= 4x^5 + 3x^4 + x^3 + 6x^2 + 4, \\q(x) &= 4x^3 + 5x^2 + x + 4\end{aligned}$$

(b) Take  $p(x)$  and  $q(x)$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_{13}[x]$  where

$$\begin{aligned}p(x) &= 2x^5 + 10x^4 + 6x^3 + 11x^2 + 10x, \\q(x) &= 2x^3 + 2x^2 + 10x + 8.\end{aligned}$$

5. Let  $\mathbb{Z}_{17}[x]/p(x)$  be the quotient of a polynomial ring, i.e. the ring of polynomials with coefficients in  $\mathbb{Z}_{17}$  modulo the polynomial  $p(x)$ .

- (a) For each of the following choices of  $p(x)$ , decide whether or not there exist a polynomial  $b(x) \neq 0$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_{17}[x]/p(x)$  for which there is no polynomial  $a(x) \in \mathbb{Z}_{17}[x]/p(x)$  satisfying  $a(x)b(x) = 1 \pmod{p(x)}$ . If in any case your answer is yes, give three different such  $b(x)$ . You must give the code you used to come up with your answers.

i.  $x^5 + 5x^4 + 7x^3 + 11x^2 + 14x + 11$ .

A. Yes/No :

B. Examples (if any):

C. Code if any):

ii.  $x^5 + x^4 + 10x^3 + 4x^2 + 4x + 4$

A. Yes/No :

B. Examples (if any):

C. Code if any):

(b) What can you conclude from such an observation?