

*All rings are commutative with 1 unless otherwise stated*

1. Show that  $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-2}]$  and  $\mathbb{Z}[\omega]$  are Euclidean domains, where  $\omega = (1 + \sqrt{-3})/2$ . Show also that the usual Euclidean function  $\phi(r) = N(r)$  does not make  $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-3}]$  into a Euclidean domain. Could there be some other Euclidean function  $\phi$  making  $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-3}]$  into a Euclidean domain?
2. Show that  $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{2}]$  is a Euclidean domain.
3. Exhibit an element of  $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-17}]$  that is a product of two irreducibles and also a product of three irreducibles.
4. Show that if  $R$  is an integral domain then a polynomial in  $R[X]$  of degree  $d$  can have at most  $d$  roots. Give a quadratic polynomial in  $\mathbb{Z}_8[X]$  that has more than two roots.
5. Exhibit an integral domain  $R$  and a (non-zero, non-unit) element of  $R$  that is not a product of irreducibles.
6. Determine whether or not the following rings are fields, PIDs, UFDs, integral domains:  $\mathbb{Z}[X]$ ,  $\mathbb{Z}[X]/(X^2 + 1)$ ,  $\mathbb{Z}_2[X]/(X^2 + 1)$ ,  $\mathbb{Z}_2[X]/(X^2 + X + 1)$ ,  $\mathbb{Z}_3[X]/(X^2 + X + 1)$
7. Determine which of the following polynomials are irreducible in  $\mathbb{Q}[X]$ :  

$$X^4 + 2X + 2, X^4 + 18X^2 + 24, X^3 - 9, X^3 + X^2 + X + 1, X^4 + 1, X^4 + 4$$
8. Give two elements of  $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-5}]$  that do not have an HCF.
9. Explain why, in a PID, the HCF of two elements  $a$  and  $b$  may always be written as a linear combination of  $a$  and  $b$  (i.e. as  $xa + yb$ , some  $x, y$ ), and give an example in  $\mathbb{Z}[X]$  of two elements whose HCF cannot be written in this way. In a Euclidean domain, what would the ‘Euclidean algorithm’ for calculating HCFs be? Find the HCF of  $11 + 7i$  and  $18 - i$  in  $\mathbb{Z}[i]$ .
10. By considering factorisations in  $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-2}]$ , show that the equation  $x^2 + 2 = y^3$  has no solutions in integers except for  $x = \pm 5$ ,  $y = 3$ .
11. Let  $R$  be a ring on ground-set  $\mathbb{Z}$  whose multiplication is the same as the usual multiplication on  $\mathbb{Z}$ . Must its addition be the same as the usual addition on  $\mathbb{Z}$ ?
12. Let  $R$  be an infinite ring in which  $R/I$  is finite for every non-zero ideal  $I$ . Prove that  $R$  is an integral domain.
- +13. Let  $R$  be a Euclidean domain in which the quotient and remainder are always unique (in other words, for any  $a$  and  $b$  with  $b \neq 0$  there exist unique  $q$  and  $r$  with  $a = bq + r$  and  $\phi(r) < \phi(b)$  or  $r = 0$ ). Does it follow that the ring  $R$  is either a field or a polynomial ring  $F[X]$  for some field  $F$ ?