

MAT 415 – 001

Spring 2009

Final exam

Do 7 problems. Due no later than noon on Friday, May 8.

1. Show that a regular 30-gon is constructible.
2. Show that the ideal $\langle X - 1 \rangle$ in $\mathbb{Z}[X]$ is prime but not maximal.
3. Show that $\mathbb{Z}_3[X]/\langle X^2 + X + 1 \rangle$ is NOT a field.
4. Find the multiplicative inverse of $X^2 + X + 1$ in $\mathbb{Z}_2[X]/\langle X^3 + X + 1 \rangle$.
5. Is $X^5 + X + 1$ irreducible in $\mathbb{Z}_2[X]$?
6. Prove that any subfield of \mathbb{R} must contain \mathbb{Q} .
7. k is a field. $f(X) = a_0 + a_1X + \dots + a_nX^n \in k[X]$ with $a_0 \neq 0$ and $a_n \neq 0$. $f(X)$ is irreducible. Show that $a_0Y^n + a_1Y^{n-1} + \dots + a_{n-1}Y + a_n \in k[Y]$ is irreducible.
8. p is a prime. Show that in $\mathbb{Z}_p[X]$,
$$X^{p-1} - 1 = (X - 1)(X - 2) \cdots (X - (p-1)).$$
9. Construct a field of 9 elements.
10. E and F are fields. Show that if $[E:F] = 2$, then E is a splitting field over F .
11. Prove that $\sqrt{3}$ is not a linear combination of 1 and $\sqrt{2}$ over \mathbb{Q} .
12. Factor $X^{18} - 1$ and determine $\Phi_{18}(X)$.