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## Exercise Sheet 1

If you want your solutions to be corrected, you should hand them in by Wednesday, April 24.  
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### Exercise 1.1 (2+8 points)

- Let  $A$  be a ring (all rings in the course will be commutative and with unity). Write down the definition of an irreducible element and of a prime element in  $A$ .
- Let  $\mathbb{Z}[i] = \{a + bi \mid a, b \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  be the ring of Gaussian integers that we have seen in the lectures. Show that an element  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}[i]$  is irreducible if and only if:
  - $\alpha = u \cdot p$ , where  $u \in \{\pm 1, \pm i\}$  and  $p \in \mathbb{Z}$  is a prime number such that  $p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ .
  - $\alpha = a + bi$ , where  $a^2 + b^2 \in \mathbb{Z}$  is a prime number.

**Exercise 1.2** (1+3+1+5 points) We have proved in the lectures that the ring  $\mathbb{Z}[i]$  is an UFD. In this exercise we will show that this is not true for every finite extension of  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

- Prove that  $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-5}] = \{a + b\sqrt{-5} \mid a, b \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  is a subring of  $\mathbb{C}$ .
- Consider the norm map  $N: \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-5}] \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  defined by  $N(a + b\sqrt{-5}) = a^2 + 5b^2$ . Prove that  $N(\alpha\beta) = N(\alpha)N(\beta)$  for every  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-5}]$ . Write down all the invertible elements of  $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-5}]$ .
- Prove that there is no element  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-5}]$  of norm 2 or 3.
- Show that the element 6 has two distinct factorizations into irreducibles by considering  $2 \cdot 3 = 6 = (1 + \sqrt{-5})(1 - \sqrt{-5})$ .

**Exercise 1.3** (2+2+2+4 points) Consider the field extension  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{2})/\mathbb{Q}$ .

- Show that  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{2})/\mathbb{Q}$  is not Galois and compute its Galois closure  $L/\mathbb{Q}$  and the degree  $[L : \mathbb{Q}]$ .
- Show that  $\text{Gal}(L/\mathbb{Q}) \cong \mathfrak{S}_3$ , the group of permutations of 3 elements.
- Find an element  $\alpha$  such that  $L = \mathbb{Q}(\alpha)$ .
- Give an explicit description of the action of  $\text{Gal}(L/\mathbb{Q})$  on  $L$ .

### Exercise 1.4 (5+5 points)

- Let  $A$  be a ring (e.g.  $A = \mathbb{Z}$ ) and  $\mathfrak{p} \subseteq A$  a prime ideal (e.g.  $\mathfrak{p} = p\mathbb{Z}$ ). Let also  $f(x) \in A[x]$  be a polynomial that factorizes as  $f(x) = g(x)h(x)$ . Prove that if  $f(x)$  has all coefficients in  $\mathfrak{p}$ , then the same is true for  $g(x)$  or  $h(x)$ . [*Hint*: consider the homomorphism  $A[x] \rightarrow (A/\mathfrak{p})[x]$ ].
- Let  $A$  be an UFD (e.g.  $A = \mathbb{Z}$ ) and let  $K = \text{Frac } A$  be its fraction field (e.g.  $K = \mathbb{Q}$ ). Let  $f(x) \in A[x]$  be a monic polynomial that factorizes as  $f(x) = g(x)h(x)$  with  $g(x), h(x) \in K[x]$  monic. Prove that  $g(x), h(x)$  have coefficients in  $A$  as well.