

Math 131
Make Up Exam
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Show your work. Bare answers will not be accepted, not even for partial credit.
Passing grade is 50.

1. Find the remainder when 37^{126} is divided by 13. (5 pts.)
2. Show that $\sum_{i=0}^n (-2)^i \binom{n}{i} = (-1)^n$. (5 pts.)
3. Let d be the greatest common divisor of the two positive integers a and b .
 - 3a. Show that there are integers x and y such that $ax + by = d$. (10 pts.)
 - 3b. Let $a = 23023$, $b = 24871$. Find d , x and y as above. (10 pts.)
4. Let $aX^2 + bX + c \in \mathbb{Z}[X]$ have two distinct integer roots. Show that a must divide both b and c . (10 pts.)
5. Let $b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$. Show that the necessary and sufficient condition for the equation $x^2 + bx + c = 0$ to have a root in \mathbb{Z} is that $b^2 - 4c$ is a perfect square in \mathbb{Z} . (10 pts.)
6. Let $f(X) \in \mathbb{Z}[X]$ be a monic polynomial (i.e. the leading coefficient of f is 1). Show that all the rational roots of f are integers. (10 pts.)
7. Let $f(X) = a_n X^n + a_{n-1} X^{n-1} + \dots + a_0$ be a real polynomial with $a_n \neq 0$.
 - 7a. Let α be a real root of f . Show that $|\alpha| \leq \sup\{1, |a_{n-1}/a_n| + \dots + |a_0/a_n|\}$. (10 pts.)
 - 7b. Deduce that there is an algorithm for finding all the integer roots of a polynomial in $\mathbb{Z}[X]$. (5 pts.)
8. Let $f(X) = a_n X^n + a_{n-1} X^{n-1} + \dots + a_0 \in \mathbb{Z}[X]$ be a polynomial with $a_n \neq 0$. Let α be a rational root of f . Write $\alpha = r/s$ with $r, s \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $\gcd(r, s) = 1$.
 - 8b. Show that s divides a_n . (10 pts.)
 - 8c. Using #7a show that $|r| \leq \sup(|a_n|, |a_{n-1}| + \dots + |a_0|)$. (10 pts.)
 - 8d. Deduce that there is an algorithm for finding all the rational roots of a polynomial in $\mathbb{Z}[X]$. (5 pts.)