

Algebra Final Exam

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1. Let  $p$  be a prime. Does the subgroup  $\oplus_{\omega} \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$  of  $\prod_{\omega} \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$  have a complement in  $\prod_{\omega} \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$ ? (8 pts.)

2. Let  $p$  be a prime. Does the the ideal  $\oplus_{\omega} \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$  of the ring  $\prod_{\omega} \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$  have a complement (as a ring) in  $\prod_{\omega} \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$ ? (9 pts.)

3. Let  $K$  be an infinite field. Assume  $f \in K[T_1, \dots, T_n]$  is such that  $f(x) = 0$  for all  $x \in K^n$ . Show that  $f = 0$ . (10 pts.)

4. Let  $K$  be a field. For  $A \subseteq K[T_1, \dots, T_n]$  define,

$$V(A) = \{(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in K^n : f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = 0 \text{ for all } f \in A\}.$$

Such a set is called an **algebraic variety** or an **algebraic subset** or a **Zariski closed subset** of  $K^n$ .

4a. What are  $V(\emptyset)$  and  $V(\{1\})$ ? (2 pts.)

4b. What are the algebraic subsets of  $K^n$ ? (4 pts.)

4c. Show that  $V(A) = V(\langle A \rangle)$  where  $\langle A \rangle$  is the ideal generated by  $A$ . (2 pts.)

4d. Show that  $V(A) = V(f_1, \dots, f_k)$  for some  $f_1, \dots, f_k \in K[T_1, \dots, T_n]$ . (4 pts.)

4e. Show that if  $K$  real field, then for any  $A \subseteq K^n$ ,  $V(A) = V(f)$  for some  $f \in K[T_1, \dots, T_n]$ . (3 pts.)

4f. Show that  $V(A) \subseteq V(B)$  if  $B \subseteq A \subseteq K[T_1, \dots, T_n]$ . (1 pt.)

4g. Show that  $\bigcap_i V(A_i) = V\left(\bigcup_i A_i\right)$  for any family  $A_i$  of subsets of  $K[T_1, \dots, T_n]$ . (1 pt.)

4h. Show that  $V(A) \cup V(B) = V(AB)$  for any  $A, B \subseteq K[T_1, \dots, T_n]$ . Here  $AB$  denotes the set (or the ideal generated by)  $\{ab : a \in A, b \in B\}$ . (2 pts.)

4i. Call a subset of  $K^n$  **Zariski open** if its complement is Zariski closed. Show that the Zariski open subsets of  $K^n$  form a topology. (4 pts.)

5. Let  $R$  be a commutative ideal with 1. An ideal  $I$  of  $R$  is called **radical** if for all  $r \in R$ ,  $r \in I$  whenever  $r^n \in I$  for some natural number  $n$ .

5a. Show that the intersection of radical ideals is a radical ideal. Conclude that one can speak of “the radical ideal generated by a subset  $A \subseteq R$ ”. (2 pts.)

5b. Let  $A \subseteq R$ . Show that the radical ideal generated by  $A$  is

$$\{r \in R : r^n = \sum_{i=1}^k x_i a_i \text{ for some } n, k \in \mathbf{N}, x_1, \dots, x_k \in R \text{ and } a_1, \dots, a_n \in A\}.$$

(4 pts.)

5c. Show that  $I$  is a radical ideal of  $R$  iff  $R/I$  has no nilpotent elements. (2 pts.)

6. Let  $K$  be a field and  $X \subseteq K^n$ . Define,

$$I(X) = \{f \in K[T_1, \dots, T_n] : f(x) = 0 \text{ for all } x \in X\}.$$

- 6a.** Show that  $I(X)$  is a radical ideal. (1 pt.)
- 6b.** What is  $I(\emptyset)$ ? (1 pt.)
- 6c.** What can you say about  $I(K^n)$ ? (3 pts.)
- 6d.** What can you say about  $I(X)$  if  $X \subseteq K$ ? (4 pts.)
- 6e.** What can you say about  $I(X)$  if  $X$  has only element? (5 pts.)
- 6f.** Show that  $I(X) \subseteq I(Y)$  if  $Y \subseteq X \subseteq K^n$ . (1 pt.)
- 6g.** Show that  $I\left(\bigcup_i X_i\right) = \bigcap_i I(X_i)$  for any family of subsets of  $K^n$ . (1 pt.)
- 6h.** Let  $X = \{(0, y) : y \in K\}$  and  $Y = \{(x, 0) : x \in K\}$ . Find  $I(X \cup Y)$ . (1 pt.)

**7.** Let  $K$  be a field.

**7a.** Show that  $V(A) = V(\sqrt{A})$  for any  $A \subseteq K[T_1, \dots, T_n]$ . Here  $\sqrt{A}$  denotes the radical ideal generated by  $A$ . (2 pts.)

**7b.** Show that  $A \subseteq I(V(A))$  for all  $A \subseteq K[T_1, \dots, T_n]$ . Conclude that  $\sqrt{A} \subseteq I(V(A))$  for all  $A \subseteq K[T_1, \dots, T_n]$ . Give an example of a field  $K$  and a radical ideal  $A$  where the inclusion is strict. (1+2+4 pts.)

**7c.** Show that  $X \subseteq V(I(X))$  for all  $X \subseteq K^n$ . Give an example of a field  $K$  and a subset  $X$  where the inclusion is strict. (1+4 pts.)

**7d.** Show that  $V(A) = V(I(V(A)))$  for all  $A \subseteq K[T_1, \dots, T_n]$ . (3 pts.)

**7e.** Show that  $I(X) = I(V(I(X)))$  for all  $X \subseteq K^n$ . (3 pts.)

**7f.** Let  $\mathfrak{R}$  be the set of radical ideals of  $K[T_1, \dots, T_n]$  and  $\Omega$  the set of Zariski closed subsets of  $K^n$ . Show that the map  $V$  from  $\mathfrak{R}$  into  $\Omega$  is onto and the map  $I$  from  $\Omega$  into  $\mathfrak{R}$  is one-to-one and that  $V \circ I = \text{Id}$ . (5 pts.)