

1. In each of the following rings,  $R$ : state the characteristic of the ring, give an example of a unit and its inverse (other than 1), and give an example of a zero divisor. If no unit exists, explain why not. If no zero divisors exist, explain why not.
  - (a)  $R = \mathbb{Z}_4 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_6$
  - (b)  $R = 3\mathbb{Z} = \{3k \mid k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  (multiples of 3)
  - (c)  $R = (\mathbb{Z}_3)^{2 \times 2}$  ( $2 \times 2$  matrices with entries in  $\mathbb{Z}_3$ )
2. Recall  $R \oplus S$  is the direct product of the rings  $R$  and  $S$ .
  - (a) Suppose  $R$  and  $S$  have 1's. Then show  $R \oplus S$  is also a ring with 1.
  - (b) Let  $R$  and  $S$  be rings with 1. Prove  $U(R \oplus S) \cong U(R) \oplus U(S)$  (i.e. the group of units of  $R \oplus S$  is isomorphic to the direct product of the group of units of  $R$  and the group of units of  $S$ ). *Hint:* You will need to write down a (group) isomorphism.
3. Let  $S = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x & 0 \\ x & 0 \end{bmatrix} \mid x \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$ .
  - (a) Show  $S$  is a subring of  $\mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$  (the ring of  $2 \times 2$  real matrices).
  - (b) Is  $S$  commutative?
  - (c) Does  $S$  have a unity (i.e. a multiplicative identity)? If so, what is it?
  - (d) Is  $S$  an integral domain? A field?
4. Let  $R$  be a ring and let  $I$  and  $J$  be ideals in  $R$ . Note that  $I + J = \{x + y \mid x \in I \text{ and } y \in J\}$ ,  $I \cap J$ , and  $IJ = \{x_1y_1 + \cdots + x_ky_k \mid x_i \in I \text{ and } y_i \in J\}$  are ideals of  $R$ .
  - (a) Prove that  $I + J = \{x + y \mid x \in I \text{ and } y \in J\}$  is an ideal of  $R$ .
  - (b) Consider the principal ideals (4) and (6) in  $\mathbb{Z}$ . What ideal do we get when we add them together:  $(4) + (6)$ ? Intersect:  $(4) \cap (6)$ ? Multiply  $(4)(6)$ ?
  - (c) Make a conjecture about the relationship between  $m, n, d, \ell, p \in \mathbb{Z}$  if as ideals we have “ $(m) + (n) = (d)$ ,  $(m) \cap (n) = (\ell)$ , and  $(m)(n) = (p)$ ”.
5. Let  $I = (x^2)$ . Create addition and multiplication tables for  $\mathbb{Z}_2[x]/I$ . Is this quotient ring a field?