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#1 Let R be a commutative ring with 1 and let $a \in R$. Recall that $(a) = \{ra \mid r \in R\}$ is the principal ideal generated by a . In a commutative ring with 1, one says that $a, b \in R$ are **associates** if there exists some unit u (i.e., $u \in U(R)$) such that $a = ub$.

- (a) What are the associates of $x^2 + 5$ in $\mathbb{Z}[x]$?
- (b) What are the associates of 13 in \mathbb{Z} ? How about in \mathbb{Q} ?
- (c) Let R be an integral domain. Show that $(a) = (b)$ if and only if a and b are associates.

#2 Let $I = \{f(x) \in \mathbb{Z}[x] \mid f(5) = 0 \text{ and } f'(5) = 0\}$. Prove that $I \triangleleft \mathbb{Z}[x]$.

#3 Let R be a ring and let $I, J \triangleleft R$. One defines $I + J = \{x + y \mid x \in I \text{ and } y \in J\}$ to be the *sum* of I and J . Similarly, one defines $IJ = \{x_1y_1 + \cdots + x_\ell y_\ell \mid \text{for some } \ell \geq 0 \text{ and } x_1, \dots, x_\ell \in I \text{ and } y_1, \dots, y_\ell \in J\}$ to be the *product* of I and J . It can be shown that $I + J$, IJ , and $I \cap J$ are ideals of R .

- (a) Prove that $I \cap J \triangleleft R$.
- (b) Consider $I = (6)$ and $J = (20)$ in \mathbb{Z} . Calculate $I + J$, IJ , and $I \cap J$.
- (c) Since \mathbb{Z} is a principal ideal domain, $(a)(b) = (c)$, $(a) + (b) = (d)$, and $(a) \cap (b) = (\ell)$ for some $c, d, \ell \in \mathbb{Z}$. Make a conjecture about how a and b (where a and b are non-zero) are related to c , d , and ℓ .
Note: You don't have to prove your conjectures. Just tell me how you think this "ideal arithmetic" works.

#4 As a quick reminder, in \mathbb{Z} and in \mathbb{Z}_n , we know that
subgroup = normal subgroup = cyclic subgroup = subring = ideal = principal ideal.

- (a) Let R be a finite commutative ring with 1. Explain why ideals are prime if and only if they are maximal.
- (b) Find all the ideals of \mathbb{Z}_{50} and draw the corresponding lattice. Which ideals are prime? Which are maximal?
- (c) Determine which ideals in \mathbb{Z} are prime and which are maximal. [Prove your assertions.]
Note: Don't forget to consider the trivial ideal: $\{0\}$.

#5 RESUBMIT Type up Homework #9 Problem #4 and its solution in L^AT_EX.

Prove that $\mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{-3}] = \{a + b\sqrt{-3} \mid a, b \in \mathbb{Q}\}$ is a field.

Notes: Use a subring (of \mathbb{C}) test to show it is a ring. Use a "conjugate trick" to compute multiplicative inverses. Don't forget to mention the extra "trivial" bits about being a field: It is a *commutative* ring with *unity*. Specifically note $1 = 1 + 0\sqrt{5} \in \mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{5}]$ (and of course $1 \neq 0$).

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