

**Problem 1:**

(a) Show that 12 is a *unit* in  $\mathbb{Z}_{19}$  and find its *inverse*. 4

(b) Using part (a), solve the equation 3

$$12 \cdot x = 4 \text{ in } \mathbb{Z}_{19}.$$

One solution suffices.

(c) Find a natural number  $n \geq 13$  such that all of the numbers 3

$$2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13$$

become a unit in  $\mathbb{Z}_n$ .

Give at least three other units in this ring.

Hint: Your solutions of (a) and (b) should be elements of  $\mathbb{Z}_{19} = \{1, \dots, 19\}$ . In this sense,  $-3$  or  $35$  are **not** elements of  $\mathbb{Z}_{19}$ .

Total: 10 points

**Problem 3:**

Consider the set

$$\text{LinComb}(45, 18) = \{45 \cdot k + 18 \cdot l : k, l \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

of all *integral linear combinations* of 45 and 18 and denote by

$$I = \text{LinComb}(45, 18) \cap 2\mathbb{Z}$$

the set of all *even* numbers in  $\text{LinComb}(45, 18)$ .

(a) Show that  $I$  is an ideal in  $\mathbb{Z}$ . 7

(b) Give a generator of  $I$  and write it as an integral linear combination of 45 and 18. 3

Total: 10 points

**Problem 5:**

For integers  $a$  and  $b$  which are not both 0 and integers  $c$  and  $d$  which are not both 0 assume that

$$a, b \in \text{LinComb}(c, d)$$

$$c, d \in \text{LinComb}(a, b),$$

i.e.  $a$  and  $b$  can be integrally linearly combined from  $c$  and  $d$  and vice versa.

(a) Show that 6

$$\gcd(a, b) = \gcd(c, d).$$

(b) Give an example for  $a, b, c$  and  $d$  that satisfy the conditions given above with  $a \neq \pm c, d$  and  $b \neq \pm d$ . 2

Total: 8 points

**Problem 2:**

Consider the set

$$S = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & d \end{bmatrix} : a, b, d \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

of matrices of the form  $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & d \end{bmatrix}$  with real entries  $a, b, d$ .

(a) Show that  $S$  is closed under the usual addition and multiplication of matrices. 4

(b) Give at least three regular elements in  $S$ . 3

(c) Give the *zero element* and the *identity element* in  $S$ . 2

(d) Decide whether  $S$  is a ring, whether it is an integral domain and whether it is a field. 6

Hint: You can use without further proof that  $M_{2 \times 2}(\mathbb{R})$ , the ring of 2-by-2-matrices with real entries is a ring.

Further, the inverse of the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$  is given by the matrix  $\frac{1}{ad-bc} \begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix}$  if  $ad - bc \neq 0$ . Total: 15 points

**Problem 4:**

Let  $a$  be an integer whose square is divisible by

$$2006 \cdot p^7$$

where  $p$  denotes an *irreducible* number.

(a) Show that  $p^4 \mid a$ . 5

(b) Show by an example that  $a$  need not be divisible by  $p^2$  if its square only is divisible by  $2006 \cdot p^2$ . 2

Hint:  $2006 = 2 \cdot 17 \cdot 59$ .

Total: 7 points