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**MATH 5317 Introduction to Modern Algebra**  
**Spring 2023**

**Homework 5 - Due In Class Friday April 28th**

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1. Let  $R$  be a ring. Prove that  $R[x]$  is a ring.
2. For a ring  $R$ , prove that a  $R[x]$  has zero divisors if and only if  $R$  has zero divisors.
3. Determine all units in the following polynomial rings:
  - (a)  $\mathbb{Z}[x]$ ;
  - (b)  $\mathbb{Q}[x]$ ;
  - (c)  $\mathbb{Z}_7[x]$ .
4. Find a zero divisor, if possible, in the following polynomial rings:
  - (a)  $\mathbb{Z}[x]$ ;
  - (b)  $\mathbb{Z}_4[x]$ ;
  - (c)  $\mathbb{Z}_7[x]$ .
5. Let  $f(x) = x^6 + 3x^5 + 3x^4 + x^3 + 3x^2 + 3x + 1$  and  $g(x) = x^3 + 4$  be polynomials in  $\mathbb{Z}_5[x]$ .
  - (a) Find **the** greatest common divisor of  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_5[x]$ .
  - (b) Find polynomials  $u(x)$  and  $v(x)$  also in  $\mathbb{Z}_5[x]$  such that  $\gcd(f(x), g(x)) = u(x)f(x) + v(x)g(x)$ .
6. Find the remainder on dividing  $4x^4 + 3x^3 + 2x^2 + x$  by  $x - \frac{1}{2}$  in  $\mathbb{Q}[x]$
7. Let  $I$  be the set  $I = \{f(x) \in \mathbb{Q}[x] \mid f(i) = f(-i) = 0\}$  where  $i = \sqrt{-1}$ .
  - (a) Prove that  $I$  is an ideal of  $\mathbb{Q}[x]$ .
  - (b) Find a polynomial  $g(x) \in \mathbb{Q}[x]$  such that  $I = \langle g(x) \rangle$ .