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**Question 1. (16 points)** Let  $G$  be the group of multiplicative invertible elements of  $\mathbb{Z}_{28}$ .

(a) (4 pts) List the elements of  $G$  and of its subgroup  $\langle [3] \rangle$  spanned by  $[3]$ .

$$G = \{ [1], [3], [5], [9], [11], [13], [15], [17], [19], [23], [25], [27] \}$$

$$\langle [3] \rangle = \{ [3], [9], [27], [25], [19], [1] \}$$

(b) (4 pts) Find the cosets of  $\langle [3] \rangle$  in  $G$ .

$$\begin{aligned} o(G) &= 12 \\ o(\langle [3] \rangle) &= 6 \end{aligned} \Rightarrow [G : \langle [3] \rangle] = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow [5] \notin \langle [3] \rangle \quad [5] \langle [3] \rangle \neq \langle [3] \rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow \{ \langle [3] \rangle, [5] \langle [3] \rangle \}$$

(c) (4 pts) Find the multiplication table for the quotient group  $G/\langle [3] \rangle$ .

$G/\langle [3] \rangle$	$\langle [3] \rangle$	$[5] \langle [3] \rangle$
$\langle [3] \rangle$	$\langle [3] \rangle$	$[5] \langle [3] \rangle$
$[5] \langle [3] \rangle$	$[5] \langle [3] \rangle$	$\langle [3] \rangle$

(d) (4 pts) Is  $G/\langle [3] \rangle$  cyclic? Explain your answer.

As  $G/\langle [3] \rangle$  is of order 2,  $G/\langle [3] \rangle \cong \mathbb{Z}_2$

So it is cyclic.

Question 2. (12 points) Let  $R = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & -b \\ b & a \end{bmatrix} : a, b \text{ are real numbers} \right\}$

a) (4 pts) Is  $R$  a commutative ring? Explain your answer.

Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & -b \\ b & a \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} c & -d \\ d & c \end{bmatrix} \in R$ . Then

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & -b \\ b & a \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c & -d \\ d & c \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} ac - bd & -ad - bc \\ bc + ad & -bd + ac \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} c & -d \\ d & c \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a & -b \\ b & a \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} ca - db & -cb - da \\ da + cb & -db + ca \end{bmatrix}$$

Hocam burada  $R$ 'in ring olduğunu söylemelerini bekleyecek misiniz?

As  $AB = BA$  for all  $A, B \in R$ ,  $R$  is a commutative ring.

b) (4 pts) Does  $R$  have a unity? If so identify the unity.

Consider  $I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . As it is of the form  $\begin{bmatrix} a & -b \\ b & a \end{bmatrix}$

with  $a=1$  &  $b=0$ , it is in  $R$  and

$IA = AI$  for all  $A \in M_2(\mathbb{R})$  hence in particular, for all  $A \in R$ . So  $R$  has a unity which is  $I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

c) (4 pts) Is  $R$  an integral domain? Explain your answer.

Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & -b \\ b & a \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} c & -d \\ d & c \end{bmatrix} \in R$  such that  $AB = 0$ .

$$AB = \begin{bmatrix} ac - bd & -ad - bc \\ bc + ad & -bd + ac \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ iff } \begin{matrix} ac = bd \\ \& \\ ad = -bc \end{matrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \quad acd &= bd^2 & \Leftrightarrow \quad bd^2 &= -bc^2 & \Leftrightarrow \quad b=0 \text{ or } d^2+c^2=0 \\ acd &= -bc^2 & \Leftrightarrow \quad bd^2 + bc^2 &= 0 & d^2+c^2=0 \text{ iff } d=c=0 \\ & & \Leftrightarrow \quad b(d^2+c^2) &= 0 & \text{as } d, c \in \mathbb{R} \end{aligned}$$

As  $R$  is a comm ring with unity without zero divisors, it is an int. domain.

Question 3. (8 points) Prove that  $\mathbb{Q}(i\sqrt{5}) = \{p + qi\sqrt{5} \mid p, q \in \mathbb{Q}\}$  is a subring of  $\mathbb{C}$ .

- ① As  $0 = 0 + 0 \cdot i\sqrt{5}$ ,  $0 \in \mathbb{Q}(i\sqrt{5})$ . So  $\mathbb{Q}(i\sqrt{5}) \neq \emptyset$ .
- ② Let  $x, y \in \mathbb{Q}(i\sqrt{5})$ . Then  $x = p + qi\sqrt{5}$ ,  $y = s + ti\sqrt{5}$ ,  $p, q, s, t \in \mathbb{Q}$ . Then  $x - y = (p - s) + (q - t)i\sqrt{5}$  as  $\mathbb{Q}$  is a ring.
- $$x \cdot y = (p + qi\sqrt{5})(s + ti\sqrt{5})$$
- $$= (ps - 5qt) + (pt + qs)i\sqrt{5} \in \mathbb{Q}(i\sqrt{5})$$
- $\therefore \mathbb{Q}(i\sqrt{5})$  is a subring of  $\mathbb{C}$

Question 4. (12 points) Let  $R$  be a commutative ring and  $a$  be a fixed element of  $R$ . Let

$$I_a = \{x \in R \mid ax = 0\}.$$

(a) (6 pts) Show that  $I_a$  is a subring of  $R$ .

As  $r \cdot 0 = 0$  for all  $r \in R$ ,  $a \cdot 0 = 0$ . So  $0 \in I_a \Rightarrow I_a \neq \emptyset$ .

Let  $x, y \in I_a$ . Then  $a(x - y) = ax - ay \stackrel{\downarrow}{=} 0 - 0 = 0$   
 as  $x \in I_a, ax = 0$  and  $y \in I_a, ay = 0$

and hence  $x - y \in I_a$ . Also,  $a(xy) = (ax) \cdot y = 0 \cdot y = 0$  which implies  $xy \in I_a$ . Hence  $I_a$  is a subring of  $R$ .

(b) (6 pts) Is  $I_a$  an ideal of  $R$ ? Explain your answer.

$I_a$  is an ideal iff  $I_a$  is a subring and for all  $r \in R$  and  $x \in I_a$ ,  $rx, xr \in I_a$ . As  $R$  is commutative,  $rx = xr \forall r \in R, x \in I_a$ .

So enough to show  $xr \in I_a$ . For this,

$$a(xr) = (ax) \cdot r \stackrel{\downarrow}{=} 0 \cdot r = 0 \quad \text{Hence } xr = rx \in I_a$$

As  $x \in I_a$

$\therefore I_a$  is an ideal of  $R$ .

Question 5. (12 points) Let  $[a]_n$  denote the congruence class of the integer  $a$  modulo  $n$ .

(a) (6 pts) Show that the map  $f: \mathbb{Z}_{12} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_4$  that sends  $[a]_{12}$  to  $[a]_4$  is a surjective (onto) ring homomorphism.

Let  $[x]_{12}, [y]_{12} \in \mathbb{Z}_{12}$ . Then

$$\theta([x]_{12} \cdot [y]_{12}) = \theta([xy]_{12}) = [xy]_4 = [x]_4 [y]_4 = \theta([x]_{12}) \theta([y]_{12}).$$

and

$$\theta([x]_{12} + [y]_{12}) = \theta([x+y]_{12}) = [x+y]_4 = [x]_4 + [y]_4 = \theta([x]_{12}) + \theta([y]_{12}).$$

Hence,  $\theta$  is a ring homomorphism.

Let  $[x]_4 \in \mathbb{Z}_4$ . Then as  $\theta([4x]_{12}) = [x]_4$ ,

$\theta$  is onto.

Hence,  $\theta$  is a surjective ring homomorphism.

(b) (6 pts) Find the kernel of  $f$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \ker \theta &= \{ [x]_{12} \in \mathbb{Z}_{12} \mid \theta([x]_{12}) = [0]_4 \} \\ &= \{ [x]_{12} \in \mathbb{Z}_{12} \mid [x]_4 = [0]_4 \} \\ &= \{ [0]_{12}, [4]_{12}, [8]_{12} \} \end{aligned}$$