

**Problem Set 11th and the last. Due Thursday December 3.**

- (1) Prove that  $\mathbb{Q}[x]/(x^2 - 2x - 1)$  is a ring isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{2}]$ . (*Hint.* Use a root of  $x^2 - 2x - 1$  to construct a homomorphism from  $\mathbb{Q}[x]$  to  $\mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{2}]$ , and then apply the first isomorphism theorem).
- (2) Let  $\omega \in \mathbb{C}$  be a root of the polynomial  $x^5 - 3x + 6$ . Prove that the subring  $R$  of  $\mathbb{C}$  defined by

$$R = \{a_0 + a_1\omega + \cdots + a_4\omega^4 \mid a_i \in \mathbb{Q}, i = 0, \dots, 4\}$$

is a field (you do not need to prove that  $R$  is a ring).

- (3) (from last year's final exam). Factor the following elements of a ring  $R$  into irreducible elements of  $R$ . Explain why the factors you give are irreducible.
- (a)  $15$ , an element of  $R = \{a + b\sqrt{-2} \mid a, b \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ .
- (b)  $x^3 + 1$ , an element of  $\mathbb{F}_7[x]$ .
- (4) Section 4.10: Problem 26.
- (5) Section 3.6: Problem 31.
- (6) Section 3.6: problem 33.