

due March 20

Homework Set 9  
(sections 4.1 – 4.2)

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When writing a proof, be sure to cite all of the properties, theorems, corollaries, and definitions you use.

1. Give an example of polynomials  $f(x), g(x) \in \mathbb{Q}[x]$  that satisfy each given condition:

- a.  $\deg[f(x) + g(x)] < \max\{\deg f(x), \deg g(x)\}$

- b.  $\deg[f(x) + g(x)] = \max\{\deg f(x), \deg g(x)\}$

2. Let  $R$  be a ring. If  $f(x), g(x) \in R[x]$  and  $f(x) + g(x) \neq 0_R$ , prove that  $\deg[f(x) + g(x)] \leq \max\{\deg f(x), \deg g(x)\}$

3. Let  $D: \mathbb{R}[x] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}[x]$  be the derivative map defined by  $D(a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 \dots + a_nx^n) = a_1 + 2a_2x + \dots + na_nx^{n-1}$ . Is  $D$  a homomorphism of rings? An isomorphism?

4. Let  $F$  be a field and  $f(x), g(x) \in F[x]$ . If  $f(x)$  divides  $g(x)$  and  $(x)$  divides  $f(x)$ , show that  $f(x) = cg(x)$  for some non-zero  $c \in F$ .

5. Use the Euclidean Algorithm to find the gcd of  $f(x) = 4x^4 + 2x^3 + 6x^2 + 4x + 5$  and  $g(x) = 3x^3 + 5x^2 + 6x$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_7[x]$ .