

- (1) (10%) Let  $a, b, c$  be positive integers,  $(a, b, c)$  be the great common divisor of  $a, b, c$  and  $[a, b, c]$  the least common multiple of  $a, b, c$ . Show that

$$(a, b, c)[a, b, c] = abc$$

- (2) (10%) Find all integers that satisfy the following congruences simultaneously:  $x \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ ,  $x \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ ,  $x \equiv 3 \pmod{5}$ .
- (3) (10%) Let  $V$  be the  $\mathbb{R}$ -vector space of all real valued functions defined on  $\mathbb{R}$ . If for each real number  $\alpha$  the function  $g_\alpha$  is defined by  $g_\alpha(x) = \cos(x + \alpha)$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , what is the dimension of the subspace of  $V$  generated by  $\{g_\alpha : \alpha \in \mathbb{R}\}$ ?
- (4) (20%) Let  $A$  and  $B$  be square matrices over a field  $F$ . We say that  $A$  is similar to  $B$  if there exists an invertible matrix  $P$  over  $F$  such that  $B = P^{-1}AP$ . We say that  $A$  is equivalent to  $B$  if there exist an invertible matrix  $P$  over  $F$  and an invertible matrix  $Q$  over  $F$  such that  $B = Q^{-1}AP$ .
- (a) Show that if  $A$  and  $B$  are similar, then  $A^m$  and  $B^m$  are similar for all positive integers  $m$ .
- (b) If  $A$  and  $B$  are equivalent, is  $A^m$  equivalent to  $B^m$ ? Prove your answer.
- (5) (20%) Let  $G$  be a group and  $H, K$  be subgroups of  $G$ .
- (a) Give an example to show that  $HK$  need not be a subgroup of  $G$ .
- (b) Let  $K$  be a normal subgroup of  $G$ . Show that  $HK$  is a subgroup of  $G$ .
- (6) (20%) Let  $R$  be a ring with identity and  $I, J$  be two-sided ideals of  $R$ .
- (a) Give an example to show that  $IJ = I \cap J$  need not to be true.
- (b) Suppose that  $I + J = R$ . Show that  $IJ = I \cap J$ .
- (7) (10%) Let  $F$  be a field whose characteristic is not 2, and let  $a$  and  $b$  be elements of  $F$  such that  $x^2 - a$  and  $x^2 - b$  are irreducible over  $F$ . If  $K$  is a splitting field of  $f = (x^2 - a)(x^2 - b)$  over  $F$ , show that  $[K : F]$  is 2 or 4 according as  $x^2 - ab$  is reducible or irreducible over  $F$ .