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1. (a) Let ϕ be the ring homomorphism $\mathbb{Z}[x, y] \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}[t]$ that sends $f(x, y) \mapsto f(t^6, t^8)$. Find, with proof, a generating set of minimum cardinality for the ideal $I = \ker \phi$ in $\mathbb{Z}[x, y]$.
- (b) A prime ideal is *minimal* if it does not contain any smaller prime ideal. Find, with proof, all of the minimal prime ideals in the ring $\mathbb{Z}[x_1, x_2]/\langle x_1x_2 \rangle$.
- (c) Show that the ideal in $\mathbb{Z}[x]$ generated by $x^2 + 1$ and 11 is maximal.
2. Prove or disprove the following statements about a commutative ring R with 1, always interpreting “subring” to mean “subring with 1”:
 - (a) If I is an ideal in R and R/I is a domain, then R is also a domain.
 - (b) If R is a UFD, then any subring of R is a UFD.
 - (c) If R is a Euclidean domain, then any subring of R is a Euclidean domain.
 - (d) *If R is a UFD and I is a prime ideal of R , then R/I is a UFD.
 - (e) *If R is a Noetherian ring, then any subring of R is a Noetherian ring.
3. (a) *Prove $x^5 + y^7 + 1$ is irreducible in $\mathbb{Q}[x, y]$.
- (b) *Prove $x^8 + y^4 + z^6$ is reducible in $\mathbb{F}_p[x, y, z]$ when $p = 2$, but irreducible in $\mathbb{F}_p[x, y, z]$ for all odd primes p .
4. *Grant that the ring $\mathbb{Z}[i]$ of Gaussian integers is Euclidean, thus is a PID. Observe that $(2+i)(2-i) = 5$. How many isomorphism classes of $\mathbb{Z}[i]$ -modules with exactly 5 elements are there?
5. Let V be a vector space over \mathbb{C} , and let $T: V \rightarrow V$ be a linear mapping. We regard V as a module for $\mathbb{C}[x]$ by letting x act in the same way as T . Suppose that V is the direct sum of two cyclic $\mathbb{C}[x]$ -modules, whose annihilators are $(x^2 - 4)^2$ and $x^3 - 2x^2$, so $V \cong \mathbb{C}[x]/(x^2 - 4)^2 \oplus \mathbb{C}[x]/(x^3 - 2x^2)$.
 - (a) *Calculate both the minimal and characteristic polynomials of T .
 - (b) *Calculate the Jordan canonical form of T .

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