

**WRITTEN 2, MATH 369.101**

- (1) Let  $f(x) = 2x^4 - x^2$  and  $g(x) = 2x^2 - x + 1$  in  $\mathbb{Q}[x]$ .
  - (a) Find the quotient and remainder when dividing  $f(x)$  by  $g(x)$ .
  - (b) Find the greatest common divisor of  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$ .
- (2) Choose some proof you know that there exists an infinite number of prime numbers. Using that proof as a model, prove that there are infinitely many irreducible polynomials over a field  $\mathbb{F}$ .
- (3) The authors state that Theorem 4.2.9 is analogous to Theorem 1.2.7. Read these two theorems in the text and the proof of Theorem 1.2.7. Then write out a proof of Theorem 4.2.9, modeling it after the proof of Theorem 1.2.7 given in the book.
- (4) How many irreducible polynomials of degree 2 are there in  $\mathbb{Z}_7[x]$ ? Please state the number of irreducible polynomials and give a proof that you have counted all degree 2 polynomials in  $\mathbb{Z}_7[x]$  that are irreducible.

[Hint: If a degree 2 polynomial is not irreducible, then how can you write it?]