

Do either one of  $nA$  or  $nB$  for  $1 \leq n \leq 5$ . Justify all your answers.

1A.

(a) Suppose  $A$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix with real entries such that all eigenvalues of  $A$  are positive. Prove that  $A + I$  must be invertible.

(b) ) Let  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $t$  is not an integer multiple of  $\pi$ . For the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(t) & \sin(t) \\ -\sin(t) & \cos(t) \end{bmatrix},$$

prove that there does not exist a real matrix  $B$  such that  $BAB^{-1}$  is a diagonal matrix.

1B. Prove the following.

a) Let  $L : V \rightarrow V$  be a linear map on a vector space  $V$  over the field of real numbers. Suppose that  $L$  is nilpotent (i.e.,  $L^k = 0$  for some positive integer  $k$ ). Show that  $M := I - L$  is invertible by finding an explicit formula for  $(I - L)^{-1}$ .

b) Let  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$ . For the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \lambda \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

prove that there does not exist a real matrix  $B$  such that  $BAB^{-1}$  is a diagonal matrix.

2A. Let  $H$  be a subgroup of a finite group  $G$  of index  $p$ , where  $p$  is the smallest prime number dividing  $|G|$ . Prove that  $H$  is normal in  $G$ . (Hint: Consider the homomorphism  $G \rightarrow A(S)$  induced from the action of  $G$  on the cosets  $S := G/H$ , where  $A(S)$  is the group of permutations of  $S$ . If  $K$  is the kernel of  $G \rightarrow A(S)$ , then  $G/K$  is isomorphic to a subgroup of the symmetric group.)

2B. Prove the following.

(a) A solvable simple group is Abelian.

(b) A simple abelian group is finite and has prime order.

(c) A solvable group with a composition series is finite.

3A. Let  $D = \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{21}] = \{m + n\sqrt{21} \mid m, n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  and  $F = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{21})$ , the field of fractions of  $D$ . Show that  $x^2 - x - 5$  is irreducible in  $D[x]$  but not in  $F[x]$ , and conclude that  $D$  is not a unique factorization domain.

3B. Prove that  $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-2}] = \{a + b\sqrt{-2} \mid a, b \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  is a Euclidean domain.

4A. Show that the Galois group of  $(x^2 - 2)(x^2 + 2)$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ .

4B. Let  $F$  be a finite, normal extension of  $\mathbb{Q}$  for which  $|\text{Gal}(F/\mathbb{Q})| = 8$  and each nonidentity element of  $\text{Gal}(F/\mathbb{Q})$  has order 2. Find the number of subfields of  $F$  that have degree 4 over  $\mathbb{Q}$  and provide a proof for your answer.

5A. Let  $N$  be a submodule of a free finitely generated module  $F$  over a PID  $R$ . Show that  $N$  is a direct summand of  $F$  if and only if  $N \cap aF = aN$  for all  $a \in R$ .

5B. Suppose that  $R$  is a ring with 1 and  $P$  is a unitary  $R$ -module (i.e.,  $1 \cdot m = m$  for all  $m \in P$ ). The module  $P$  is called projective if for any surjective homomorphism  $g : M \rightarrow N$  of  $R$ -modules and any homomorphism  $f : P \rightarrow N$  of  $R$ -modules, there exists a homomorphism  $h : P \rightarrow M$  of  $R$ -modules such that  $f = gh$ .

(a) Show that an  $R$ -module  $P$  is projective if and only if  $P$  is direct summand of some free module  $F$ .

(b) Suppose  $R$  is a PID. Show that every projective  $R$ -module is free.