

※ 注意：請於試卷上依序作答，並應註明作答之大題及小題題號。

In the following, the term “ring” means a ring with a multiplicative identity, denoted by 1; any homomorphism between two rings is assumed to send the multiplicative identity (of the source) to the multiplicative identity (of the target).

There are six problems (I) - (VI) in total; some problems contain sub-problems, indexed by (1), (2), etc.

(I) Multiple choices: For each of the following problems (1) - (4), pick one appropriate answer from the corresponding options.

(1) [5 points] Let  $p$  be a prime number. Up to isomorphism, how many groups with  $p^2$  elements are there? Or equivalently, what is the number of isomorphism classes of groups, which consist of exactly  $p^2$  elements?

- (A) 1.
- (B) 2.
- (C) The number depends on the prime  $p$ .
- (D) Non of the above.

(2) [5 points] Up to isomorphism, how many finite fields of 2010 elements are there?

- (A) 1.
- (B) 2.
- (C) 3.
- (D) Non of the above.

(3) [5 points] Up to isomorphism, how many vector spaces of dimension 2010 over a field  $F$  are there?

- (A) 1.
- (B) 2.
- (C) The number depends on the field  $F$ .
- (D) Non of the above.

(4) [5 points] Let  $R$  be a ring and  $I, J$  be two ideals of  $R$ . Is it true that the union  $I \cup J$  is an ideal of  $R$ ?

- (A) Yes.
- (B) No in general.

(II) [15 points] A commutative ring  $R$  is called an *integral domain* if, for any  $x, y \in R$ , the equality  $xy = 0$  implies that either  $x = 0$  or  $y = 0$ . Now let  $R$  be an integral domain which contains only finitely many elements. Show that  $R$  is a field.

(III) [16 points] Let  $\mathbb{F}$  be a field of 169 elements; let  $\text{Aut}(\mathbb{F})$  be the group (under composition) of all field automorphisms of  $\mathbb{F}$ .

- (1) Show that  $\text{Aut}(\mathbb{F})$  is abelian.
- (2) Decompose  $\text{Aut}(\mathbb{F})$  into a direct sum of primary cyclic groups, i.e. find the numbers  $r, e_1, \dots, e_r$  and the primes  $p_1, \dots, p_r$  such that

$$\text{Aut}(\mathbb{F}) \cong C(p_1^{e_1}) \oplus \dots \oplus C(p_r^{e_r}),$$

where each  $C(p_i^{e_i})$  is a cyclic group of order  $p_i^{e_i}$ .

(IV) [15 points] Let  $R$  be a commutative ring such that  $R$  has a unique maximal ideal  $M$ . Show that for any  $x \in R \setminus M$ , there exists  $y \in R$  such that  $xy = 1$ .

- (V) [16 points] Let  $G$  be a group of order 2010.
- (1) Show that there is a unique normal subgroup of order 67 inside  $G$ .
  - (2) Suppose that there is a cyclic subgroup of order 30 inside  $G$ . Classify all such groups  $G$ , up to isomorphism.
- (VI) [18 points] Let  $F$  be a field and  $A = F[x]/(x^3 - 2)$  be the ring defined by the quotient of the polynomial ring  $F[x]$  by the principle ideal generated by  $x^3 - 2$ . Compute the set of ring homomorphisms from  $A$  to  $A$  itself in each of the following three cases:
- (1)  $F = \mathbb{Q}$ , the field of rational numbers.
  - (2)  $F = \mathbb{Q}(\omega)$ , where  $\omega = \frac{-1+\sqrt{-3}}{2}$  is a primitive third root of unit. ( $F \cong \mathbb{Q}[z]/(z^2+z+1)$ .)
  - (3)  $F = \mathbb{F}_5$ , the finite field of five elements.

