

MATH 116
EXERCISES 8.1

3) (f) Let $f(x) = 2x^3 + 7x + 4$, $g(x) = 4x^2 + 4x + 6$ and $h(x) = 6x^2 + 3$ be elements of $\mathbb{Z}_8[x]$.

Then $f(x) + g(x)h(x) = (2x^3 + 7x + 4) + (4x^2 + 4x + 6)(6x^2 + 3)$
 $= (2x^3 + 7x + 4) + (24x^4 + 24x^3 + 36x^2 + 12x^2 + 12x + 18)$
 $= (2x^3 + 7x + 4) + (4x + 2)$
 $= 2x^3 + 11x + 6$
 $= 2x^3 + 3x - 2$

5) (d) Let $R[x]$ be a polynomial ring. Then $A = \{ \text{the set consisting of the zero polynomial together with all polynomials that have degree 2 or less} \}$ does not form a subring of $R[x]$.
 Because, $(x^2 + 1) \in A$ but $(x^2 + 1)(x^2 + 1) = x^4 + 2x^2 + 1 \notin A$

11) Define $\theta : R \rightarrow R[x]/I$ where $I = (x^2, 6)$

$\theta(a) = a + I$ for all $a \in R$.

Then $\theta(ab) = ab + I = (a + I)(b + I) = \theta(a)\theta(b)$ for $a, b \in R$
 and $\theta(a+b) = (a+b) + I = (a+I) + (b+I) = \theta(a) + \theta(b)$ " " " "

Therefore θ is a ring homomorphism.

Claim: θ is onto:

Let $f(x) + I \in R[x]/I$, and let a_0 be the constant term of $f(x)$. Then $f(x) + I = \theta(a_0) = a_0 + I$ because

$f(x) - a_0 = x \cdot g(x)$ for some $g(x) \in R[x]$, that is, $f(x) - a_0 \in (x) = I$. Therefore θ is onto.

Claim: θ is one-to-one:

Suppose $\theta(a) = \theta(b)$ for some $a, b \in R$.

Then $a + I = b + I$, hence $a - b \in I = (x)$. Since $a - b$ is a constant, it has no x -term in it. Hence $a - b = 0$.

Then $a = b$. Therefore θ is one-to-one.