

MATH 1102. Test 1.

Instruction: Explain your solutions in detail.

Each problem 1-4 is worth 10 points. The test will be marked out of 40.

This question sheet is *two-sided*.

1. Find the reduced row-echelon form of the following matrix and write down the general parametric solution for corresponding the system of linear equations:

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccccc|c} 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 3 & 3 & 3 & 3 \\ 2 & 5 & 4 & 4 & 5 & 5 \end{array} \right).$$

2. (a) Write down the table of inverses in  $\mathbb{Z}_{11}$  (no need to show your work or justify your results here).

(b) Solve the following system of linear equations over the field  $\mathbb{Z}_{11}$  (you are not allowed to use fractions in your answer):

$$\begin{cases} 3x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 = 2 \\ 7x_1 + 5x_2 + 7x_3 = 3 \\ 4x_1 + 3x_2 + 9x_3 = 4 \end{cases}$$

3. (i) Use Euclidean algorithm to find  $\text{GCD}(89,32)$ .

(ii) Find a pair of integers  $u, v$  such that

$$89u + 32v = 1.$$

(iii) Find  $32^{-1}$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_{89}$ .

4. Let  $F$  be a field. Fix an element  $h$  of this field with the property that  $h \neq g^2$  for all  $g \in F$ . Let  $T$  be a variable, and consider the set  $S$  of expressions

$$S = \{a + bT\}, \quad \text{where } a, b \in F.$$

Define addition in  $S$  by

$$(a + bT) + (c + dT) = (a + c) + (b + d)T, \quad a, b, c, d \in F.$$

Define multiplication in  $S$  by imposing a relation  $T^2 = h$ :

$$(a + bT)(c + dT) = (ac + bdh) + (ad + bc)T.$$

Show that the distributive law  $x(y + z) = xy + xz$  holds in  $S$ .

**Bonus problem.** (5 points) In the setting of Problem 4, show that every non-zero element of  $S$  has a multiplicative inverse in  $S$ .