

### True or false?

Decide if the following assertions are true or not. If you think a statement is true, give an argument. If you think a statement is false, give an example demonstrating this.

- (1) For any natural number  $n$  the group  $(\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z})^*$  is cyclic.
- (2) If  $R$  is an integral domain and  $x \in R$  is an irreducible element then  $(x) \subset R$  is a prime ideal.
- (3) Let  $f, g \in \mathbb{Q}[X]$  be irreducible polynomials of the same degree. Then the fields  $\mathbb{Q}[X]/(f)$  and  $\mathbb{Q}[X]/(g)$  are isomorphic.
- (4) Let  $K$  be a field. If  $R \subset K$  is a subring with  $1 \in R$  then  $R$  is an integral domain.
- (5) Let  $f, g \in \mathbb{Z}[X]$  with  $g \neq 0$ . Then there exist  $q, r \in \mathbb{Z}[X]$  with  $f = q \cdot g + r$  and  $r = 0$  or  $\deg(r) < \deg(g)$ .
- (6) Let  $R$  be a commutative ring. If  $f, g \in R[X]$  are nonzero polynomials,  $\deg(fg) = \deg(f) + \deg(g)$ .
- (7) Let  $R$  be a commutative ring. If  $f = a_0 + a_1X + \cdots + a_nX^n$  is a unit in  $R[X]$  then  $f = a_0$  is a constant polynomial and  $a_0 \in R^*$ .
- (8) Let  $f \in \mathbb{Z}[X]$  be a primitive polynomial. Then  $f$  is irreducible in  $\mathbb{Z}[X]$  if and only if  $f$  is irreducible in  $\mathbb{Q}[X]$ .
- (9) Consider fields  $K \subset L \subset M$ . Suppose  $\alpha \in M$  is algebraic over  $L$ . Further suppose that  $L$  is algebraic over  $K$ . Then  $\alpha$  is algebraic over  $K$ .
- (10) The fields  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $\mathbb{C}$  have the same prime field.
- (11) A subring of a non-commutative ring is itself also non-commutative.
- (12) Let  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$ . Then there exists a polynomial  $f \in \mathbb{R}[X]$  with  $f(\alpha) = 0$ .
- (13) The fields  $\mathbb{Q}(\pi)$  and  $\mathbb{Q}(e)$  are isomorphic. (Here  $\pi = 3, 1415\dots$  and  $e = 2, 71828\dots$  are the usual constants.)
- (14) Let  $K$  be a field. If  $f \in K[X]$  is an irreducible polynomial of degree  $d > 0$  and  $K \subset L$  is decomposition field of  $f$  over  $K$  then  $[L : K] = d$ .
- (15) The ring  $\mathbb{C}[X]$  has infinitely many prime ideals.
- (16) If  $R_1 \subset R_2$  is a subring and  $I \subset R_2$  is a principal ideal then  $R_1 \cap I$  is a principal ideal of  $R_1$ .
- (17) Let  $K$  be a field, and let  $M_n(K)$  be the ring of  $n \times n$  matrices with coefficients in  $K$ . Then  $M_n(K)$  has no zero divisors.
- (18) An infinite field has characteristic 0.
- (19) Let  $\mathbb{Q} \subset K$  be a field extension of degree 6. If  $\alpha \in K$  and  $\alpha \notin \mathbb{Q}$  then the minimum polynomial of  $\alpha$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$  has degree 6.
- (20) Same question, but now with  $[K : \mathbb{Q}] = 7$ .