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**Final Exam**  
**Computer Algebra (326.010)**  
(no books allowed)

- (1) What is wrong with this attempt at a modular algorithm for computing the greatest common divisor of polynomials over  $\mathbb{Z}$  ?

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**algorithm** GCD\_MOD(**in:**  $a, b$ ; **out:**  $g$ );  
[ $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}[x]^*$  primitive,  $g = \gcd(a, b)$ .  
Integers modulo  $m$  are represented as  $\{k \mid -m/2 < k \leq m/2\}$ .]  
(1)  $M := 2 \cdot (\text{Landau} - \text{Mignotte} - \text{bound for } a, b)$ ;  
[in fact any other bound for the size of the coefficients can be used]  
(2)  $p :=$  a new prime;  
 $g_{(p)} := \gcd(a_{(p)}, b_{(p)})$ ;  
(3) **if**  $\deg(g_{(p)}) = 0$  **then**  $\{g := 1$ ; **return**};  
 $P := p$ ;  
 $g := g_{(p)}$ ;  
(4) **while**  $P \leq M$  **do**  
     $\{p :=$  a new prime;  
     $g_{(p)} := \gcd(a_{(p)}, b_{(p)})$ ;  
    **if**  $\deg(g_{(p)}) < \deg(g)$  **then goto** (3);  
    **if**  $\deg(g_{(p)}) = \deg(g)$   
    **then**  $\{g := \text{CRA}_2(g, g_{(p)}, P, p)$ ;  
        [actually CRA\_2 is applied to the coefficients of  $g$  and  $g_{(p)}$ ]  
         $P := P \cdot p \}$ };  
(5)  $g :=$  primitive part of  $g$ ;

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- (2) Consider  $a(x) = 6x^4 + 13x^3 + 14x^2 + 8x + 1$ .
- (a) Is  $a$  squarefree in  $\mathbb{Q}[x]$ ?
  - (b) Is  $a$  squarefree in  $\mathbb{Z}_5[x]$ ?
  - (c) Are there finitely many or infinitely many primes  $p$  such that  $a$  is not squarefree in  $\mathbb{Z}_p[x]$ ?
  - (d) How can one determine those primes  $p$  for which  $a$  is not squarefree in  $\mathbb{Z}_p[x]$ ?

- (3) Factorization in  $\mathbb{Z}_p[x]$ ,  $p$  a prime:  
What are the main steps of the Berlekamp factorization algorithm?  
Explain these main steps of the Berlekamp factorization algorithm.
- (4) Prove or disprove the following statements:  
(a) Let  $f(x), g(x) \in K[x]$ ,  $K$  a field. Then  $\{\gcd(f, g)\}$  is a Gröbner basis for  $\langle f, g \rangle$ .  
(b) Let  $f(x, y), g(x, y) \in K[x, y]$ ,  $K$  a field. Then  $\{\gcd(f, g)\}$  is a Gröbner basis for  $\langle f, g \rangle$ .
- (5) (a) Is  $G = \{g_1, g_2\}$  a Gröbner basis for an ideal in  $\mathbb{Q}[x, y]$  with respect to the lexicographic term ordering with  $x < y$ ?

$$g_1 = y^2 + x^3 - 1, \quad g_2 = x^4 + x^2 + 1$$

- (b) How many complex solutions (counting multiplicities) does the system of equations  $g_1(x, y) = g_2(x, y) = 0$  have?  
(c) How would a Gröbner basis for an ideal in  $\mathbb{Q}[x, y]$  have to look like, so that the corresponding system of equations has infinitely many complex solutions?