MATHS 255

Assignment 5

Due: 22 August, 2001

Note: Please deposit your answers in the appropriate box outside the Student Resource Centre in the basement of the Mathematics/Physics building **by 4 pm on the due date.** Late assignments will not be marked. Use a Mathematics Department cover sheet which is available from outside the Resource Centre. PLEASE SHOW ALL WORKING.

1. (6.3.2) A non-constant polynomial is *reducible* if it can be written as the product of two polynomials of smaller degree. Otherwise, it is *irreducible*.

Prove that every non-constant polynomial is irreducible or can be written as a product of non-constant irreducible polynomials.

2. (7.2.7) Prove that the sum of the cubes of any three consecutive natural numbers is divisible by 9.

3. (7.2.19) Let b,c be relatively prime integers. Show that for all integers a, gcd(a,b) and gcd(a,c) are relatively prime.

4. (7.3.3) Use the Euclidean Algorithm to find the greatest common divisor d of 1452679 and 2306347 and find integers u, v such that d = 1452679 u + 2306347 v.