

1. If  $f(x) = 0$  or  $g(x) = 0$ , then  $f(x)g(x) = 0$  and

$$\deg(f(x)g(x)) = -\infty = \deg(f(x)) + \deg(g(x)).$$

(Note  $-\infty + c = -\infty$  for any integer  $c$  or  $c = -\infty$ .)

Let  $f(x) = a_0 + a_1x + \cdots + a_nx^n$  and  $g(x) = b_0 + b_1x + \cdots + b_mx^m$  such that  $\deg(f(x)) = n \neq -\infty$  and  $\deg(g(x)) = m \neq -\infty$ , so that  $a_n \neq 0$  and  $b_m \neq 0$ . Then

$$f(x)g(x) = c_0 + c_1x + \cdots + c_{n+m}x^{n+m},$$

where  $c_{n+m} = a_nb_m$ . Since  $a_n \neq 0$  and  $b_m \neq 0$ , it follows that  $c_{n+m} \neq 0$ , and so  $\deg(f(x)g(x)) = m + n = \deg(f(x)) + \deg(g(x))$ .

2. (a) Note the in  $\mathbb{Z}_7$ ,

$$\begin{array}{c|cccccc} x & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ \hline 3 \cdot_7 x & 3 & 6 & 2 & 5 & 1 & 4 \end{array}$$

Thus  $3^{-1} = 5$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_7$ , and  $f(x) = (3x^2 + 2)(5x^3 + 6x + 3) + (3x + 5)$ . So  $q(x) = 5x^3 + 6x + 5$ ,  $r(x) = 3x + 5$ .

(b)

$$f(x) = g(x)(5x^3 + 6x + 3) + (3x + 5)$$

$$g(x) = (3x + 5)(x + 3) + 1$$

$$x + 3 = (x + 3)1 + 0.$$

Thus 1 is a greatest common divisor of  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$ . Moreover,

$$(3x + 5) = f(x) - g(x)(5x^3 + 6x + 3)$$

$$1 = g(x) - (3x + 5)(x + 3)$$

$$= g(x) - [f(x) - g(x)(5x^3 + 6x + 3)](x + 3)$$

$$= f(x)(-x - 3) + g(x)(1 + (5x^3 + 6x + 3)(x + 3))$$

$$= f(x)(6x + 4) + g(x)(5x^4 + x^3 + 6x^2 + 3).$$

Thus  $u(x) = (6x + 4)$  and  $v(x) = 5x^4 + x^3 + 6x^2 + 3$ .

3. Since  $y * x = y = y * e$ , it follows by Cancellation Theorem that  $x = e$ . Thus  $y * x = y * e = y$  for all  $y \in G$ .