

Modern Algebra
MATH 325W – Spring 2015

Monday: Chapter 5: Fields
Wednesday: Chapter 5: Fields
Friday: Chapter 6: Solvability by Radicals

Week 4

HOMEWORK

Homework #6

due Tuesday, February 10

Ch. 4: #12, 16, 20, 22, 24, 25

Ch. 5: # 16

Justify all steps with references to the field axioms.

Homework #7

due Friday, February 13

Ch. 5: #3, 14, 15, 17

For #3, you want to carefully check the conditions of Proposition 5.2. For the rest, make sure to justify all steps with references to the field axioms.

WRITING ASSIGNMENTS

On writing assignments, part of your grade will reflect the quality of your *style*. Style includes everything from the basic mechanics of writing (complete, grammatically correct sentences with capitalization and proper punctuation) to the conventions of writing mathematics developed in Linear Algebra.

Writing Assignment #3

due Wednesday, February 11

Ch. 3: #54

Hint: once you understand the definition, you should realize that you have essentially done this as a part of your proof of #53. But I do want you to rewrite everything in this new language.

Ch. 4: #29

Ch. 5: #18

There is a typo in the book. The problem should read: "... $a^{-1} + b^{-1} = (a + b)(ab)^{-1}$." Also, you can always use the results of problems that you have already proven, but be sure to properly cite them.

Extra Credit: Ch. 4: #36

Only correct, well-justified, and beautifully written proofs will receive points!