

Due Date: February 24, 2014 Monday

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**Math 431 Algebraic Geometry – Homework 1**

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Check that there are **4** questions on your booklet. Write your name on top of every page. Show your work in reasonable detail. A correct answer without proper or too much reasoning may not get any credit.

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**Q-1) (General Mathematics)**

What are Fields, Abel and Gauss prizes? Who were the most recent recipients? What are IMU, MSRI and IHES?

**Answer:**

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**Q-2) (Topology)**

Show that in a Noetherian topological space, every non-empty closed set can be expressed as a finite union of irreducible closed sets, unique up to permutation and up to redundancy.

**Solution:**

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**Q-3) (Commutative Algebra)**

Show, using only a sketch of ideas, that there exists a Noetherian ring with infinite (Krull) dimension. You can find such an example on page 203 of Nagata's book *Local Rings* (1962). For understanding this example you will need to learn what it means to localize a ring at a multiplicatively closed set.

**Solution:**

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**Q-4) (Algebraic Geometry)**

Let  $k$  be an algebraically closed field of characteristic  $p \geq 0$  but  $p \neq 2$ . Let  $f \in k[x, y]$  be an irreducible quadratic polynomial. How many different (i.e. non-isomorphic)  $Z(f) \subset \mathbb{A}^2$  does there exist? What about  $p = 2$  case?

**Solution:**