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Homework 5  
Due: Friday, February 24

For simplicity, let  $k$  be an algebraically closed field in which 6 is invertible, such as  $k = \mathbb{C}$ .

1. Let  $C = k[x, y]/(y^2 - x^3 - x)$ . Let  $\mathfrak{m} = (x, y)$ .
  - (a) Show that  $\mathfrak{m}$  is maximal. (HINT: What can you say about the quotient ring  $A/\mathfrak{m}$ ?)
  - (b) Show that  $\dim_k(\mathfrak{m}/\mathfrak{m}^2) = 1$ .
2. Consider the ring  $D = \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{5}]$ .
  - (a) Show that  $D$  is not integrally closed.
  - (b) Find a maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{m} \subset D$  such that the localization  $D_{\mathfrak{m}}$  is not a discrete valuation ring.

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The polynomial

$$f(x, y) = y^2 - x^3$$

is irreducible, and thus the ring

$$A = \frac{k[x, y]}{f(x, y)}$$

is an integral domain, say with field of fractions  $K = \text{Frac } A$ .

3. Show that  $A$  is not integrally closed:
  - (a) Show that  $\frac{y}{x} \in K$  is integral over  $A$ .
  - (b) Show that  $\frac{y}{x} \notin A$ .
4. Let  $\mathfrak{m} \subseteq A$  be the ideal  $\mathfrak{m} = (x, y)$ .
  - (a) Show that  $\mathfrak{m}$  is maximal.
  - (b) Show that  $\dim_k(\mathfrak{m}/\mathfrak{m}^2) = 2$ .
5. Let  $B = A[\frac{y}{x}]$ ; we have  $A \subset B \subset K$ . Show that in fact  $B = k[\frac{y}{x}]$ . (HINT: In other words, think about the subring of  $\text{Frac } \frac{k[x, y]}{(y^2 - x^3 - x)}$  generated by the element  $\frac{y}{x}$ . Show that it contains  $x$  and  $y$ , too.)  
In fact,  $B \cong k[\frac{y}{x}]$ , and the element  $\frac{y}{x}$  is transcendental over  $k$ . Therefore,  $B$  is integrally closed, and in fact it is the integral closure of  $A$ .