Modern Algebra II Spring 2007

PARTIAL FRACTIONS

**Exercise 1.** Let F be a field and  $f(x), g(x) \in F[x]$  be nonzero polynomials. Suppose that f(x) and g(x) are relatively prime, i.e. that if  $h(x) \in F[x]$  divides both f(x) and g(x) then h(x) is a nonzero constant. Prove that there exist  $r(x), s(x) \in F[x]$  so that r(x)f(x) + s(x)g(x) = 1.

**Exercise 2.**(Partial Fractions I) Let F be a field and  $c(x), f(x), g(x) \in F[x]$  be nonzero polynomials. Prove that if f(x) and g(x) are relatively prime and  $\deg c(x) < \deg f(x)g(x)$  then there exist  $r(x), s(x) \in F[x]$  with  $\deg r(x) < \deg f(x)$  and  $\deg s(x) < \deg g(x)$  so that

$$\frac{c(x)}{f(x)g(x)} = \frac{r(x)}{f(x)} + \frac{s(x)}{g(x)}$$

in F(x).

**Exercise 3.** (Partial Fractions II) Let F be a field and  $c(x), f(x) \in F[x]$  be nonzero polynomials. Prove that if deg  $c(x) < \deg f(x)^2$  then there exist  $r(x), s(x) \in F[x]$  with deg  $r(x), \deg s(x) < \deg f(x)$  so that

$$\frac{c(x)}{f(x)^2} = \frac{r(x)}{f(x)^2} + \frac{s(x)}{f(x)}$$

in F(x).