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1. Let  $R$  be a commutative ring with identity. An element  $r \in R$  is called nilpotent if for some  $n \in \mathbf{Z}_=$  we have  $r^n = 0$ . Show that if  $r \in R$  is nilpotent, then  $1 + r$  is a unit in  $R$ .

2. Let  $R$  be a commutative ring with identity and  $R[X]$  denote the ring of polynomials over  $R$ . That is :

$$R[X] = \{r(X) = r_0 + r_1X + \dots + r_nX^n \mid r_i \in R, n \in \mathbf{Z}_{\geq 0}\}$$

- i. Show that  $r(X)$  is a unit in  $R[X]$  if and only if  $r(0)$  is a unit in  $R$  and  $r_1, \dots, r_n$  are nilpotent. Hint: Use induction for the if part while showing the nilpotency. Then use the previous exercise.
- ii. Show that  $r(X)$  is nilpotent if and only if each coefficient, that is  $r_0, r_1, \dots, r_n$  are nilpotent.