

**MATH 468**  
**EXERCISE SET 4**

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- (1) Verify the Galois correspondence for the following extensions
- i.  $\mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{p}, \sqrt{q})/\mathbf{Q}$  where  $p$  and  $q$  are distinct prime numbers.
  - ii.  $\mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3}, \sqrt{5})/\mathbf{Q}$
  - iii.  $\mathbf{Q}(\zeta_7)/\mathbf{Q}$ .
- (2) For relatively prime  $m$  and  $n$  in  $\mathbf{Z}_{>0}$  let  $\zeta_1$  be any primitive  $n^{\text{th}}$  root of unity and  $\zeta_2$  be any primitive  $m^{\text{th}}$  root of unity. Show that  $\zeta_1 \zeta_2$  is a primitive  $mn^{\text{th}}$  root of unity.
- (3) Let  $n$  be a positive odd integer. Prove that if a field contains a primitive  $n^{\text{th}}$  root of unity, then it also contains a primitive  $(2n)^{\text{th}}$  root of unity, too!
- (4) Show that if  $K/k$  is a finite extension then  $K$  may contain at most finitely many roots of unity.
- (5) Let  $n > 1$  be an odd integer and let  $\Phi_n$  denote the  $n^{\text{th}}$  cyclotomic polynomial. Show that

$$\Phi_{2n}(X) = \Phi_n(-X).$$

- (6) Prove that there are infinitely many prime numbers,  $p$ , with

$$p \equiv 1 \pmod{n}.$$

(Hint: Consider the group  $\mu_n$ .)

Questions 7 - 9 are aimed at reminding you the structure of abelian groups. If you feel comfortable you may skip them.

- (7) Let  $p$  be an odd prime and let  $n \in \mathbf{Z}_{>0}$ .
- i. Show that  $(1+p)^{p^{n-1}} \equiv 1 \pmod{p^n}$  but  $(1+p)^{p^{n-2}} \not\equiv 1 \pmod{p^n}$
  - ii. Using (i.) conclude that  $(1+p)$  is an element of order  $p^{n-1}$  in  $(\mathbf{Z}/p^n\mathbf{Z})^\times$ .
- (8) Let  $n \in \mathbf{Z}_{>2}$ .
- i. Show that  $(1+2^2)^{2^{n-2}} \equiv 1 \pmod{p^n}$  but  $(1+2^2)^{2^{n-3}} \not\equiv 1 \pmod{p^n}$
  - ii. Using (i.) conclude that 5 is an element of order  $2^{n-2}$  in  $(\mathbf{Z}/2^n\mathbf{Z})^\times$  for any  $n \geq 3$ .
- (9) Show that  $(\mathbf{Z}/2^n\mathbf{Z})^\times$  is not cyclic (i.e. generated by a single element) for any  $n \geq 3$ .  
(Hint: Find two distinct subgroups of order 2. Why is this enough?)
- (10) Recall that  $\sigma_a: \mathbf{Q}(\zeta_n) \rightarrow \mathbf{Q}(\zeta_n)$  is defined as  $\sigma_a(\zeta_n) = (\zeta_n)^a$ . Let  $\zeta$  be any primitive  $n^{\text{th}}$  root of unity. Show that  $\sigma_a(\zeta) = \zeta$ .
- (11) Let  $p$  be a prime number and  $\zeta_1, \dots, \zeta_{p-1}$  denote primitive  $p^{\text{th}}$  roots of unity. Define

$$\varepsilon_n = \zeta_1^n + \dots + \zeta_{p-1}^n.$$

Prove that:

- i.  $\varepsilon_n = -1$  if  $p \nmid n$
- ii.  $\varepsilon_n = p - 1$  if  $p \mid n$

(Hint: Show that  $\varepsilon_n$  is a conjugate of  $\varepsilon_1$  for  $p$  not dividing  $n$ . What is  $\varepsilon_1$ ?)

- (12) Prove that  $\mathbf{Q}(\sqrt[3]{2})$  is not a subfield of any cyclotomic field  $\mathbf{Q}(\zeta_n)$  over  $\mathbf{Q}$ .
- (13) Let  $K = \mathbf{Q}(\zeta_n)$  and  $k = \mathbf{Q}$  and consider the extension  $K/k$ .
- i. Show that complex conjugation  $\bar{\cdot}: \mathbf{C} \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$  (Exercise Set 3, Problem 10) restricts to  $\sigma_{-1} \in \text{Gal}(\mathbf{Q}(\zeta_n)/\mathbf{Q})$ ; where  $\sigma_{-1}$  is defined as in Problem 10 of this exercise set.

ii. Show that the field  $K^+ = \mathbf{Q}(\zeta_n + \zeta_n^{-1})$  is contained in  $\mathbf{R} \cap K$ , i.e. imaginary parts of elements of  $K^+$  are 0!  $K^+$  is called the maximal real subfield of  $K$ .

Let now  $n = 2^{n+2}$  and consider  $K_n = \mathbf{Q}(\zeta_n)$  for  $n \geq 0$  and  $\alpha_n = \zeta_n + \zeta_n^{-1}$ .

iii. Show that for any  $n \geq 0$

a.  $[K_n : \mathbf{Q}] = 2^{n+1}$

b.  $[K_n : K_n^+] = 2$

c.  $[K_n^+ : \mathbf{Q}] = 2^n$

d.  $[K_{n+1}^+ : K_n^+] = 2$

iv. Determine the equation satisfied by  $\zeta_n$  over  $K_n^+$  in terms of  $\alpha_n$

v. Show that  $\alpha_{n+1}^2 = 2 + \alpha_n$

vi. Show that

$$\alpha_n = \sqrt{2 + \sqrt{2 + \cdots + \sqrt{2}}} \text{ (n times).}$$

vii. Prove that  $K_n^+$  is a cyclic extension (i.e. the automorphism group is cyclic) of  $\mathbf{Q}$  of degree  $2^n$ . (Hint: Show that  $(\mathbf{Z}/2^{n+2}\mathbf{Z})^\times \cong (\mathbf{Z}/2\mathbf{Z} \oplus \mathbf{Z}/2^n\mathbf{Z})$ .)

(14) Determine explicitly the multiplication table for  $\mathbb{F}_8$  and  $\mathbb{F}_9$ .

(15) Set  $q = p^m$  and consider  $\mathbb{F}_q = \mathbb{F}_{p^m}$ . Define  $\sigma_q: \mathbb{F}_q \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_q$  as  $\sigma_q(\alpha) = \alpha^q$ . This exercise will prove the analogous results we prove in class for  $\mathbb{F}_p$ . Show that

i.  $\sigma_q$  fixes  $\mathbb{F}_q$ .

ii. every finite extension of  $\mathbb{F}_q$  of degree  $n$  is the splitting field of  $X^{q^n} - X$  over  $\mathbb{F}_q$ . Deduce that this extension is unique.

iii. every finite extension  $K$  of  $\mathbb{F}_q$  of degree  $n$  is cyclic with  $\sigma_q$  as a generator of the group  $\text{Gal}(K/\mathbb{F}_q)$ .

iv. there is a one to one correspondence between subfield of the unique extension  $K$  of  $\mathbb{F}_q$  of degree  $n$  and divisors  $d$  of  $n$ .

(16) Prove that  $n \mid \varphi(p^n - 1)$ . (Hint: Show that  $\varphi(p^n - 1) = |(\mathbf{Z}/(p^n - 1)\mathbf{Z})^\times|$ .)