

1. Let  $\Phi_n(x) \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$  be the  $n$ -th cyclotomic polynomial and for an odd prime  $p$  which does not divide  $n$ , let  $\Phi_{n,p}(x) \in \mathbb{F}_p[x]$  be  $\Phi_n(x)$  modulo  $p$ . Let  $E \subseteq \overline{\mathbb{F}_p}$  be a splitting field of  $\Phi_{n,p}(x)$  over  $\mathbb{F}_p$  where  $\overline{\mathbb{F}_p}$  is an algebraic closure of  $\mathbb{F}_p$ .

(a) Prove that  $\zeta \in \overline{\mathbb{F}_p}$  is a zero of  $\Phi_{n,p}$  if and only if the multiplicative order of  $\zeta$  is  $n$ .

(b) Prove that  $\Phi_{n,p}(x) = \prod_{1 \leq i \leq n, \gcd(i,n)=1} (x - \zeta^i)$  where  $\zeta \in \overline{\mathbb{F}_p}^\times$  is a zero of  $\Phi_{n,p}(x)$ , and deduce that the restriction gives us an embedding

$$\text{Gal}(E/\mathbb{F}_p) \hookrightarrow \text{Aut}(\langle \zeta \rangle) \simeq (\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z})^\times.$$

(c) Prove that  $\text{Gal}(E/\mathbb{F}_p) \simeq \langle p + n\mathbb{Z} \rangle \subseteq (\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z})^\times$ .

**(Hint.** Notice that  $x^n - 1 = \prod_{d|n} \Phi_d(x)$  in  $\mathbb{Z}[x]$ , and so in

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in  $\mathbb{F}_p[x]$ . Hence, if  $\zeta$  is a zero of  $\Phi_{n,p}(x)$ , then  $\zeta^n = 1$ . If  $\zeta^d = 1$  for  $d < n$ , then  $\zeta$  is a zero of  $\Phi_{d,p}(x)$ ; this implies that  $\zeta$  is a multiple-zero of  $x^n - 1$ . Argue why this is a contradiction.

For part (c), use the fact that the Galois group of a finite field is generated by the Frobenius map.)

2. Prove that there are infinitely many primes in the arithmetic progression  $\{nk + 1\}_{k=1}^\infty$ .

**(Hint.** Use the previous problem and show that if  $\Phi_{n,p}$  has a zero in  $\mathbb{F}_p$ , then  $n|p-1$ . Next, suppose to the contrary there are only finitely many such primes  $p_1, \dots, p_{k_0}$  ( $k_0$  might be zero). Consider the non-constant polynomial

$$f(x) := \Phi_n(2n \prod_{i=1}^{k_0} p_i x) \in \mathbb{Z}[x].$$

For large enough  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $f(a) \notin \{0, \pm 1\}$ , and so there exists a prime  $p$  which divides  $f(a)$ . Argue why  $p|(2n \prod_{i=1}^{k_0} p_i a)^n - 1$ , and so  $p$  is odd,  $p \nmid n$ , and  $p \neq p_i$  for every  $i$ . Argue why  $n|p-1$ .)

3. Suppose  $p$  is an odd prime which does not divide  $n$ , and  $\Phi_n(x)$  is the  $n$ -th cyclotomic polynomial. Prove that  $\Phi_n(x)$  modulo  $p$  is irreducible in  $\mathbb{F}_p[x]$  if and only if  $p$  generates  $(\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z})^\times$ .

(**Hint.** Use part (c) of problem 1.)

4. Suppose  $q = p^n$  where  $p$  is prime and  $n$  is a positive integer. Prove that every irreducible factor of  $x^q - x + 1$  in  $\mathbb{F}_q[x]$  is of degree  $p$ .

(**Hint.** Let  $E$  be a splitting field of  $x^q - x + 1$  over  $\mathbb{F}_q$ . For every  $\alpha \in E$ , which is a zero of  $x^q - x + 1$ ,

$$\deg m_{\alpha, \mathbb{F}_q} = [\mathbb{F}_q[\alpha] : \mathbb{F}_q] = |\text{Gal}(\mathbb{F}_q[\alpha]/\mathbb{F}_q)|.$$

Argue why the restriction gives us a surjective map

$$\text{Gal}(E/\mathbb{F}_q) \rightarrow \text{Gal}(\mathbb{F}_q[\alpha]/\mathbb{F}_q).$$

Argue why  $\text{Gal}(E/\mathbb{F}_q) = \langle \sigma \rangle$ , where  $\sigma(x) = x^q$ . Show that  $\sigma(\alpha) = \alpha - 1$ , and deduce that for every integer  $i$ ,  $\sigma^i(\alpha) = \alpha - i$ . Hence  $\sigma^p(\alpha) = \alpha$  and  $\sigma^i(\alpha) \neq \alpha$  for every  $i \in [1, p)$ . Deduce that  $|\text{Gal}(\mathbb{F}_q[\alpha]/\mathbb{F}_q)| = p$ .

5. Suppose  $F$  is a field,  $f \in F[x]$  is irreducible, and  $E$  is a splitting field of  $f$  over  $F$ . Suppose there exists  $\alpha \in E$  such that

$$f(\alpha) = f(\alpha + 1) = 0.$$

- (a) Prove that the characteristic of  $F$  is  $p > 0$ .  
 (b) Prove that there exists  $K \in \text{Int}(E/F)$  such that  $E/K$  is Galois and  $[E : K] = p$ .

(**Hint.** Argue why there exists  $\theta \in \text{Aut}_F(E)$  such that  $\theta(\alpha) = \alpha + 1$ . Deduce that for every  $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ ,  $\theta^k(\alpha) = \alpha + k$ . Because  $\text{Aut}_F(E)$  is a finite group, deduce that  $F$  is of positive characteristic. Moreover,  $\theta(F[\alpha]) = F[\alpha]$  and the order of the restriction of  $\theta$  to  $F[\alpha]$  is  $p$ . This implies that the order of  $\theta$  is a multiple of  $p$ . Therefore,  $p$  divides the order of  $\text{Aut}_F(E)$ . Hence, there exists an element  $\sigma \in \text{Aut}_F(E)$  that has order  $p$ . Let  $K := \text{Fix}(\sigma)$ . Argue why  $E/K$  is Galois and  $\text{Gal}(E/K) = \langle \sigma \rangle$ ; deduce that  $[E : K] = p$ .)

6. Suppose  $p$  is an odd prime and  $\zeta_n = e^{2\pi i/n} \in \mathbb{C}$  for every positive integer  $n$ .

- (a) Prove that  $[\mathbb{Q}[\zeta_{4p}] : \mathbb{Q}[\sin(2\pi/p)]] = 2$ .
- (b) Prove that  $\mathbb{Q}[\sin(2\pi/p)] = \text{Fix}(1, \tau)$  where  $\tau$  is the restriction of the complex conjugation to  $\mathbb{Q}[\zeta_{4p}]$ .
- (c) Prove that  $\mathbb{Q}[\sin(2\pi/p)]/\mathbb{Q}$  is a Galois extension and

$$\text{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}[\sin(2\pi/p)]/\mathbb{Q}) \simeq \frac{(\mathbb{Z}/4p\mathbb{Z})^\times}{\{\pm 1\}};$$

in particular,  $[\mathbb{Q}[\sin(2\pi/p)] : \mathbb{Q}] = p - 1$ .

(**Hint.** For the first part, notice that  $\zeta_p i$  has multiplicative order  $4p$ , and its real part is  $\sin(2\pi/p)$ .)

7. Suppose  $n$  are positive integers.

- (a) Prove that there exists a prime  $p$  such that  $\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$  is a quotient of  $(\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^\times$ .
- (b) Suppose  $A$  is a finite abelian group. Prove that there exists a square-free integer  $m$  such that  $A$  is a quotient of  $(\mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z})^\times$ .
- (c) Suppose  $A$  is a finite abelian group. Prove that there exists a finite Galois extension  $E/\mathbb{Q}$  such that

$$\text{Gal}(E/\mathbb{Q}) \simeq A.$$

(**Hint.** For part (a), use problem 2. For part (c), use part (b), and  $\text{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}[\zeta_m]/\mathbb{Q}) \simeq (\mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z})^\times$ .)