

**SEVENTH HOMEWORK, DUE WEDNESDAY MARCH  
1ST**

1. Show that we can extend the definition of the formal derivative to  $K(t)$  by defining

$$D(f/g) = \frac{(Df \cdot g - f \cdot Dg)}{g^2}.$$

Verify the relevant properties of  $D$ .

2. Which of the polynomials  $x^3+1$ ,  $x^2+x-1$ ,  $x^6+x^5+x^4+x^3+x^2+x+1$  and  $7x^5+x-1$  are separable, considered over the fields,  $\mathbb{Q}$ ,  $\mathbb{C}$ ,  $\mathbb{F}_2$ ,  $\mathbb{F}_3$ ,  $\mathbb{F}_5$ ,  $\mathbb{F}_7$  and  $\mathbb{F}_{17}$ ?

3. Which of the extensions

- (1)  $\mathbb{Q}(t)/\mathbb{Q}$ ,
- (2)  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-5})/\mathbb{Q}$ ,
- (3)  $\mathbb{Q}(\alpha)/\mathbb{Q}$ , where  $\alpha$  is the real seventh root of 5,
- (4)  $\mathbb{Q}(\alpha, \sqrt{5})/\mathbb{Q}$ , where  $\alpha$  is the real seventh root of 5,

are normal?

4. Show that every extension of degree two is normal.
5. Show that if  $L/K$  is separable and  $M$  is an intermediary field, then both  $L/M$  and  $M/K$  are separable extensions.
6. Is every normal extension of a normal extension, normal?
7. Find a finite extension that is not primitive.
8. Suppose that  $L = K(\alpha)/K$  is a primitive extension, where  $\alpha$  is transcendental over  $K$ . Show that  $L$  is not algebraically closed.
9. Suppose that  $L/K$  is algebraic. Show that there is a greatest intermediary field  $M$ , for which  $M/K$  is normal.
10. Suppose that  $L/K$  is a field extension and that  $M_1/K$  and  $M_2/K$  are two normal intermediary field extensions. Show that both  $K(M_1, M_2)$  and  $M_1 \cap M_2$  are normal.

**Challenge Problem:** 11. How many irreducible polynomials of degree  $d$  are there over a field with  $q = p^k$  elements?

12. Let  $\gamma = \sqrt{2 + \sqrt{2}}$ . Show that  $\mathbb{Q}(\gamma)/\mathbb{Q}$  is normal, with cyclic Galois group. Show that  $\mathbb{Q}(\gamma, i) = \mathbb{Q}(\phi)$ , where  $\phi^4 = i = \sqrt{-1}$ .