

Q4a: We proceed by strong induction. For the case when  $n = 1$  we have that

$$x - 1 = \Phi_1(x) = \Phi_1(x) \cdot \prod_{d|1, 1 \leq d < 1} = \Phi_1(x)$$

Now suppose the statement is true for all  $k < n$ . Since

$$x^k - 1 = \Phi_k(x) \prod_{d|k, 1 \leq d < k} \Phi_d(x)$$

It is clear that  $\Phi_k(x) | x^k - 1$ . By the given fact, for each  $d \in \mathbb{N}$  where  $d|n$ , we know that  $\gcd(x^n - 1, x^d - 1) = x^d - 1$  which implies that  $x^d - 1 | x^n - 1$ . Hence  $\Phi_d(x) | x^n - 1$ . We know that  $\Phi_{d_1}(x)$  is coprime to  $\Phi_{d_2}(x)$  for all  $d_1, d_2 | n$ , we have that  $\prod_{d|n, 1 \leq d < n} \Phi_d(x) | x^n - 1$ . We now define  $\Phi_n(x) = \frac{x^n - 1}{\prod_{d|n, 1 \leq d < n} \Phi_d(x)}$ . We will verify that indeed  $\Phi_n(x)$  is monic, primitive and  $\deg(\Phi_n) = \phi(n)$ . We see that

$$\begin{aligned} n = \deg(x^n - 1) &= \deg(\Phi_n(x)) + \sum_{d|n, 1 \leq d < n} \deg(\Phi_d(x)) \\ &= \deg(\Phi_n(x)) + \sum_{d|n, 1 \leq d < n} \phi(d) \\ &= \deg(\Phi_n(x)) + \sum_{d|n} \phi(d) - \phi(n) \\ &= \deg(\Phi_n(x)) + n - \phi(n) \end{aligned}$$

Which implies that  $\deg(\Phi_n) = \phi(n)$ . Next note that for some  $a_{\phi(n)}$  we can write

$$x^n - 1 = \Phi_n(x) \cdot \prod_{d|n, 1 \leq d < n} \Phi_d(x) = (a_{\phi(n)} x^{\phi(n)} + \dots) \cdot (x^{n-\phi(n)} + \dots)$$

We see that the coefficient on  $x^n$  must be 1. Hence  $\Phi_n(x)$  is monic. Finally, we see that  $\Phi_n(x)$  is primitive since it has at least one coefficient equal to 1, hence the gcd over all of its coefficients is 1.

Q4b: Using the definition of  $\Phi_n(x)$

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_3(x) &= x^2 + x + 1 \\ \Phi_4(x) &= \frac{x^4 - 1}{(x - 1)(x + 1)} = x^2 + 1 \\ \Phi_6(x) &= \frac{x^6 - 1}{(x - 1)(x + 1)(x^2 + x + 1)} = x^2 - x + 1 \\ \Phi_8(x) &= \frac{x^8 - 1}{(x - 1)(x + 1)(x^2 + 1)} = x^4 + 1 \\ \Phi_{10}(x) &= \frac{x^{10} - 1}{(x - 1)(x + 1)(x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + x + 1)} = x^4 - x^3 + x^2 - x + 1 \end{aligned}$$

4c: We see that the roots to  $\Phi_3(x)$  take the form of  $x = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{1-4}}{2}$ . This is not in  $\mathbb{Z}$ . Similarly, for  $\Phi_4(x)$  the roots must be of the form  $x = \frac{\pm \sqrt{-4}}{2} \notin \mathbb{Z}$ . Finally the roots of  $\Phi_6(x)$  must be of the form  $\frac{1 \pm \sqrt{1-4}}{2}$ . Once again this is not in  $\mathbb{Z}$ . We conclude that these polynomials are irreducible.