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1.(a): False: $\frac{x^2-1}{x-1}, \frac{x^3-1}{x-1}$ are nontrivial proper factors of $\frac{x^6-1}{x-1}$

(b): True: We've proven on class that $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-1}]$ is a Euclid Domain,
and recall that $\text{Field} \subseteq \text{Euclid Domain} \subseteq \text{Principal Ideal Domain}$
 $\subseteq \text{Unique Factorization Domain} \subseteq \text{Integral Domain}$
 $\subseteq \text{Commutative Ring with Unity}$

(c): True: $f: \mathbb{F}_{p^n} \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_{p^n}, a \mapsto a^p$ is injective because $x^p = 0$ has a unique solution.
 f is surjective because f is injective and the domain and codomain of f have cardinality p^n .



(d) True: Let l_1, \dots, l_n be a basis of L over K .

Let $p_1(x), \dots, p_n(x)$ be the minimal polynomials of l_1, \dots, l_n over K .

$p_1(x), \dots, p_n(x) \in K[x]$ l_1, \dots, l_n generates L
 $\text{Aut}(L/K)$ acts faithfully on the set of roots of $p(x) = p_1(x) \cdots p_n(x)$,
so $\text{Aut}(L/K)$ is a finite group.

(e) False: Let $K = \mathbb{F}_p(x, y)$, $L = K(x^{1/p}, y^{1/p})$ be a degree p^2 extension.

For all slope $k \in \mathbb{F}_p(x, y)$, $|\mathbb{F}_p(x, y)| = +\infty$, $K(x^{1/p} + ky^{1/p})$
is an intermediate extension of degree p , where $K(x^{1/p} + ky^{1/p})$ are distinct.



2.11) Proof: $a = \sqrt{2} + \sqrt{5}$

$$a^2 - 2\sqrt{2}a + 2 = 5$$

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$$\sqrt{5} = \frac{a^2 + 3}{2a} \in \mathbb{Q}(a)$$

(2) Solution: $(a^2 - 3)^2 - 8a^2 = a^4 - 14a^2 + 9$ is a polynomial with root $\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{5}$.

To see why it is irreducible over \mathbb{Q} , it suffices to see the degree of $\mathbb{Q}[a]/\mathbb{Q}$
 $\cong \mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{5}]/\mathbb{Q} \cong (\mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{2}]/\mathbb{Q})[\sqrt{5}]/\mathbb{Q} \cong (\mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{2}]/\mathbb{Q}) \otimes \mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{5}]/\mathbb{Q} \cong 2 \cdot 2 = 4$.

(3) Solution: Present L in the form $\mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{5}] = \{a + b\sqrt{2} + c\sqrt{5} + d\sqrt{10} : a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{Q}\}$.

Since $\mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{5}] = \text{Split}_{\mathbb{Q}}(x^4 - 14x^2 + 9)$, $\text{char}(\mathbb{Q}) = 0$, $\mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{5}]/\mathbb{Q}$ is Galois,

$|\text{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{5}]/\mathbb{Q})| = [\mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{5}]:\mathbb{Q}] = 4$, so it suffices to show

that the \mathbb{Q} -linear maps $f_{1,0}(a + b\sqrt{2} + c\sqrt{5} + d\sqrt{10}) = a + b\sqrt{2} + c\sqrt{5} + d\sqrt{10}$,
 $f_{1,0}(a + b\sqrt{2} + c\sqrt{5} + d\sqrt{10}) = a - b\sqrt{2} + c\sqrt{5} - d\sqrt{10}$, $f_{0,1}(a + b\sqrt{2} + c\sqrt{5} + d\sqrt{10})$

$= a + b\sqrt{2} - c\sqrt{5} - d\sqrt{10}$, $f_{1,1}(a + b\sqrt{2} + c\sqrt{5} + d\sqrt{10}) = a - b\sqrt{2} - c\sqrt{5} + d\sqrt{10}$ preserves multiplication. For simplicity, we do the case $f_{1,0}$, and it follows that

$$\text{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{5}]/\mathbb{Q}) = \{f_{1,0}, f_{1,1}, f_{0,1}, f_{0,0}\} \cong \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2.$$

$$f_{1,0}((a + b\sqrt{2} + c\sqrt{5} + d\sqrt{10})(a' + b'\sqrt{2} + c'\sqrt{5} + d'\sqrt{10}))$$

$$= f_{1,0}(aa' + 2bb' + 5cc' + 10dd' + (ab' + ba' + 5cd' + 5dc')\sqrt{2} + (ac' + 2bd' + ca' + 2db')\sqrt{5} + (ad' + bc' + cb' + da')\sqrt{10})$$

$$= (aa' + 2bb' + 5cc' + 10dd') - (ab' + ba' + 5cd' + 5dc')\sqrt{2} + (ac' + 2bd' + ca' + 2db')\sqrt{5} - (ad' + bc' + cb' + da')\sqrt{10}$$

$$= (a - b\sqrt{2} + c\sqrt{5} - d\sqrt{10})(a' - b'\sqrt{2} + c'\sqrt{5} - d'\sqrt{10})$$

$$= f_{1,0}(a + b\sqrt{2} + c\sqrt{5} + d\sqrt{10})f_{1,0}(a' + b'\sqrt{2} + c'\sqrt{5} + d'\sqrt{10})$$

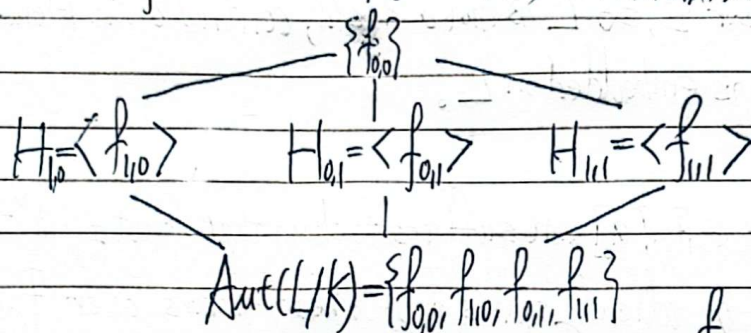




(4) Solution: According to the Galois correspondence,
the following maps are inverses to each other:

- i: An intermediate field $K \subseteq M \subseteq L$
 \mapsto A subgroup $\text{Aut}(L/K) \supseteq \text{Aut}(L/M) \supseteq \{e\}$
- ii: A subgroup $\text{Aut}(L/K) \supseteq H \supseteq \{e\}$
 \mapsto An intermediate field $K \subseteq L^H \subseteq L$

In particular, for the case $\text{Aut}(L/K) = \{f_{0,0}, f_{1,0}, f_{0,1}, f_{1,1}\}$,

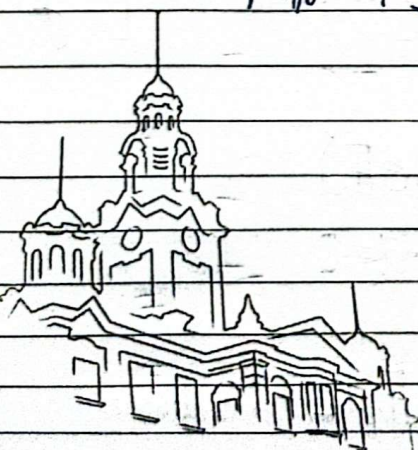
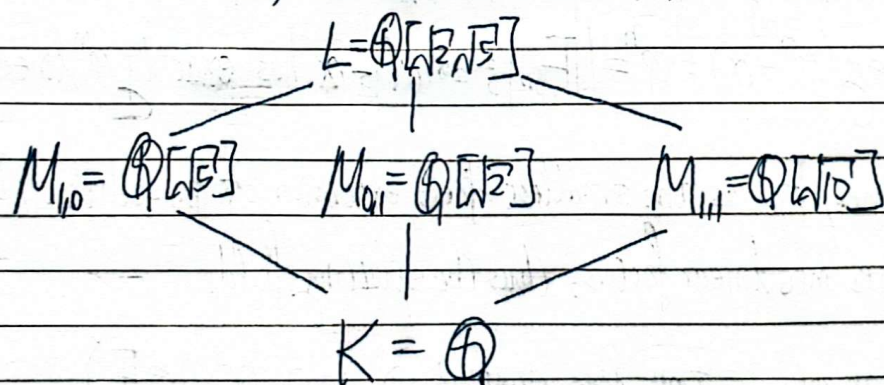


$$f_{0,0}(a+b\sqrt{2}+c\sqrt{5}+d\sqrt{10}) = a+b\sqrt{2}+c\sqrt{5}+d\sqrt{10}, \quad L^{f_{0,0}} = \mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{5}]$$

$$f_{1,0}(a+b\sqrt{2}+c\sqrt{5}+d\sqrt{10}) = a-b\sqrt{2}+c\sqrt{5}-d\sqrt{10}, \quad L^{f_{1,0}} = \mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{5}]$$

$$f_{0,1}(a+b\sqrt{2}+c\sqrt{5}+d\sqrt{10}) = a+b\sqrt{2}-c\sqrt{5}-d\sqrt{10}, \quad L^{f_{0,1}} = \mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{2}]$$

$$f_{1,1}(a+b\sqrt{2}+c\sqrt{5}+d\sqrt{10}) = a-b\sqrt{2}-c\sqrt{5}+d\sqrt{10}, \quad L^{f_{1,1}} = \mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{10}]$$



3. (1) Proof: Assume to the contrary that $\text{char}(L) = 0$.

That is, the kernel of the ring homomorphism $\phi: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow L, m \mapsto m$ is trivial.

According to the first isomorphism, $\text{Im}(\phi) \cong \mathbb{Z}/\text{Ker}(\phi) \cong \mathbb{Z}$,
so an infinite set \mathbb{Z} is embedded on L , contradiction.

(2) Proof: It suffices to show that $\text{char}(L)$ is a prime number.

Assume to the contrary that $\text{char}(L)$ is not a prime number,

for some $s, t \geq 2$, $\text{char}(L) = st$. As $s \neq 0, t \neq 0, st = 0$, L contains a zero divisor s , so L is not a field, contradiction. Hence, $\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z} = \mathbb{Z}/\text{Ker}(\phi) \cong \text{Im}(\phi)$ is embedded on L .

(3) Proof: As $x^{p^n} - x \in \mathbb{F}_p[x]$, it suffices to show that $\text{Root}_{\mathbb{F}_{p^n}}(x^{p^n} - x) = \mathbb{F}_{p^n}$ and $x^{p^n} - x$ already splits into linear factors over \mathbb{F}_{p^n} , having cardinality $|\mathbb{F}_{p^n}| = p^n$ as $\dim_{\mathbb{F}_p} L = n$.

Part 1: $0^{p^n} - 0 = 0 - 0 = 0$, so $0 \in \text{Root}_{\mathbb{F}_{p^n}}(x^{p^n} - x)$

For all $a \in \mathbb{F}_{p^n}^\times$, according to Lagrange's theorem, $\text{ord}(a) \mid |\mathbb{F}_{p^n}^\times| = p^n - 1$
so $a^{p^n-1} = a^{\frac{p^n-1}{\text{ord}(a)} \cdot \text{ord}(a)} = 1^{\frac{p^n-1}{\text{ord}(a)}} = 1, a^{p^n} - a = 0, a \in \text{Root}_{\mathbb{F}_{p^n}}(x^{p^n} - x)$.

Hence, any proper subfield of \mathbb{F}_{p^n} misses at least one root, thus not the splitting field.

Part 2: $\deg(x^{p^n} - x) = p^n = |\mathbb{F}_{p^n}|$, so $x^{p^n} - x$ has exactly p^n linear factors.

Hence, \mathbb{F}_{p^n} is the smallest field extension of \mathbb{F}_p such that $x^{p^n} - x$ completely splits into linear factors, thus the splitting field.

(4) Proof: An element $a \in \mathbb{F}_{p^n}$ lies in $\mathbb{F}_{p^d} \Rightarrow a = 0$ or $a \in \mathbb{F}_{p^d}^\times$

$\Rightarrow 0^{p^d} - 0 = 0 - 0 = 0$, or $a^{p^d-1} = 1, a^{p^d} - a = 0$

$\Rightarrow a$ is a root of $x^{p^d} - x = 0$.

However, $x^{p^d} - x$ has exactly p^d roots in \mathbb{F}_{p^n} , so $\mathbb{F}_{p^d} \subseteq \mathbb{F}_{p^n}$ is unique.





4. (1) Proof: I is a nonzero prime ideal of $K[x]$, where K is a field

$\Rightarrow I$ is generated by a prime polynomial $p(x) \in K[x]$, because $K[x]$ is a principal ideal ring

\Rightarrow The prime polynomial $p(x) \in K[x]$ is irreducible, because $K[x]$ is an integral domain

$$p(x) \neq \text{const}, p(x) = a(x)b(x) \Rightarrow p(x) \mid a(x)b(x) \\ \Rightarrow p(x) \mid a(x) \text{ or } p(x) \mid b(x) \Rightarrow \frac{a(x)}{p(x)}b(x) = 1 \text{ or } a(x)\frac{b(x)}{p(x)} = 1$$

\Rightarrow The irreducible polynomial $p(x) \in K[x]$ generates a maximal ideal I because $K[x]$ is a principal ideal ring.

$$\langle p(x) \rangle \subseteq \langle q(x) \rangle \subseteq K[x]$$

$$\Rightarrow q(x) \mid p(x) \Rightarrow q(x) \sim 1 \text{ or } q(x) \sim p(x)$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle q(x) \rangle = K[x] \text{ or } \langle q(x) \rangle = \langle p(x) \rangle, p(x) \notin K[x]$$

(2) Proof: $f(x) \in \bigcap_{\langle p(x) \rangle \in S} \langle p(x) \rangle \Rightarrow$ Infinitely many distinct irreducible polynomials $p(x)$ divides $f(x) \Rightarrow f(x) = 0$ is generic

(3) Proof: Assume to the contrary that $\text{supp}(M)$ is infinite.

$$\text{As } \text{ann}(M) \text{ is contained in every } \langle p(x) \rangle \in \text{supp}(M), \text{ann}(M) \subseteq \bigcap_{\langle p(x) \rangle \in \text{supp}(M)} \langle p(x) \rangle$$

$$= \{0\}, \text{ contradicting to } M \text{ is torsioned.}$$

(4) Solution:

As $R = K[x]$ is a principal ideal domain, and M is finitely R -generated,

for some irreducible polynomials $p_1(x), p_2(x), \dots, p_k(x)$, not necessarily pairwise

non-associated, and for some $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_k \geq 1, \beta \geq 0, M \cong (R/p_1^{\alpha_1}(x)R) \oplus$

$(R/p_2^{\alpha_2}(x)R) \oplus \dots \oplus (R/p_k^{\alpha_k}(x)R) \oplus R^\beta$. As $\text{supp}(M) = \{xR\}$,

$p_1(x) = p_2(x) = \dots = p_k(x) = x$, and we are done.



5 (1) Type 1: $(x-\alpha)R$, where $\alpha \in R$

Type 2: $(x^2-2\alpha x+\alpha^2+\beta^2)R$, where $\alpha \in R, \beta > 0$.

(2) Factorize $x^4+x^3+x^2$ over R : $x^4+x^3+x^2 = x^2(x^2+x+1)$, $\Delta = 1^2-4 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 = -3 < 0$

Hence, $\text{supp}(M) = \{xR, (x^2+x+1)R\}$.

