

1. Let  $F^{\text{alg}}$  be an algebraic closure of  $F$  containing both  $K$  and  $L$ . Now let  $\sigma$  an extension of an embedding  $F \rightarrow F^{\text{alg}}$  to  $KL$ . Then for any  $x \in KL, x = \frac{\sum_1^n k_i \ell_i}{\sum_1^m k'_j \ell'_j}$ . For  $k_i, k'_j \in K$  and  $\ell_i, \ell'_j \in L$ . Then by the homomorphism property,

$$\sigma(x) = \sigma\left(\frac{\sum_1^n k_i \ell_i}{\sum_1^m k'_j \ell'_j}\right) = \frac{\sum_1^n \sigma(k_i) \sigma(\ell_i)}{\sum_1^m \sigma(k'_j) \sigma(\ell'_j)} \in \sigma(K) \sigma(L)$$

Furthermore, any  $y \in \sigma(K) \sigma(L)$  is of the form  $\frac{\sum_1^n \sigma(k_i) \sigma(\ell_i)}{\sum_1^m \sigma(k'_j) \sigma(\ell'_j)}$ , so the  $\sigma$  is onto with range  $\sigma(K) \sigma(L)$ . In other words we have proven  $\sigma(KL) = \sigma(K) \sigma(L)$ . But since  $K, L$  are normal we have  $K = \sigma(K)$  and  $L = \sigma(L)$ .

The converse is **not** true, since taking  $F = \mathbb{Q}, K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{2}), L = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_3)$  we have  $KL = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{2}, \zeta)$  is normal over  $\mathbb{Q}$  (it is the splitting field of  $x^3 - 2$  as shown in the previous homework), whereas  $K$  is not normal over  $\mathbb{Q}$  (Take the extension of the identity on  $\mathbb{Q}$  mapping  $\sqrt[3]{2} \mapsto \zeta_3 \sqrt[3]{2}$  which is not in  $\text{Aut}(K)$ ).

2. Consider the polynomial  $f := x^k - n$  in  $\mathbf{F}_p$ . Since  $k = 2$  or  $3$ ,  $f$  either has a factor of degree one, hence a root or  $f$  is irreducible over  $\mathbf{F}_p$ . If  $f$  has a root we are done, so assume not. Then we can consider the extension  $\mathbf{F}_p(\alpha)$ , where  $\alpha$  is a root of  $f$ . This extension has degree  $k$ , hence  $\mathbf{F}_p(\alpha)$  is a finite field of cardinality  $p^k$ . Since all finite fields of equal cardinality  $p^k$  are  $\mathbf{F}_p$  isomorphic, we have an isomorphism  $\sigma : \mathbf{F}_p \rightarrow F$ , so that  $0 = \sigma(0) = \sigma(f(\alpha)) = f(\sigma\alpha)$  so that  $\sigma\alpha \in F$  is a root of  $x^k - n$ , hence  $\sigma\alpha$  satisfies the equation  $\sigma\alpha^k = n$ .

3. 1. **True** Firstly,  $F$  is finite, hence perfect and since  $K$  is a finite field,  $K/F$  is a finite extension so it is algebraic over a perfect field, hence separable. Secondly, since  $K, F$  are finite, they must have characteristic  $p$ . It follows that  $\#K = p^n, \#F = p^m, n \geq m$ . Then we have that  $K$  is the splitting field of  $x^{p^n} - x$ , so that  $K/\mathbf{F}_p$  is normal. Then any extension of a map from  $\mathbf{F}_p$  to an algebraic closure extends to an automorphism of  $K$ , and since any extension of a map  $\sigma$  from  $F$  into an algebraic closure to  $K$  is just an extension of  $\sigma|_{\mathbf{F}_p}$  to  $K$  this extension must also be in  $\text{Aut}(K)$ , proving that  $K/F$  is normal. This proves the extension is Galois.

2. **True** First let  $u$  denote  $t^4 + t^{-4}$ , then  $K$  is the splitting field of the polynomial  $f = X^8 - uX^4 + 1$  in  $F[X]$ . This is easily seen, since  $t \in \{t\zeta_4^n, t^{-1}\zeta_4^n\}_{n=1}^4 \subset \mathbb{C}(t)$  are the roots of  $f$ .

3. **False** Since  $K/F$  is finite, it is algebraic.  $K/F$  admits a normal closure  $M/K/F$ , so that  $M/F$  is normal.

4. **False** Consider  $K = \mathbf{F}_3$ , then  $f(K) = \{0, 1\} \neq K$

5. **True** For every element  $x$  of  $K$  not equal to zero,  $p \neq 2 \implies 2x \neq 0 \implies x \neq -x$ , so that  $f(x) = f(-x)$ . Now we need only show that  $y \notin \{x, -x\}$  implies that  $f(y) \neq f(x)$ . As proof note that the polynomial  $T^2 - x^2 \in K[T]$  can have at most two roots in  $K$  by the factor theorem. Hence  $f$  is 1-1 on 0 and 2-1 on each other element. This implies that  $\#f(K) = 1 + \frac{\#K-1}{2} = \frac{p^n+1}{2}$ .

6. **True**  $\mathbb{Q}(S)$  is the splitting field of the collection of polynomials  $\{x^2 - p\}_{p \text{ prime}}$ , so  $K/\mathbb{Q}$  is normal. Furthermore,  $\mathbb{Q}$  has characteristic zero, so is perfect hence  $K/\mathbb{Q}$  is separable making it Galois.