

# Adjoining roots

② want to solve  $X^3 - X + 1 = 0$   
can ~~also~~ always "borrow" a sol<sup>n</sup> from  $\mathbb{C}$ .  
alg. closed.

$$\mathbb{F}_3 := \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$$

$$\mathbb{F}_p := \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$$

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Consider  $K = \mathbb{F}_3[x] / (x^3 - x + 1)$

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addition = component wise

mult = multiply polys, go mod  $t^3 - t + 1$ .

Example of a finite field of size 27.

Ex. of a field with 25 elements.

$$\mathbb{F}_5[t] / (t^2 + 3).$$

" $\mathbb{F}_5[\sqrt{-3}]$ "  
" $\mathbb{F}_5[i]$ "

NONSENSE.

## Finite fields - Basic facts

- ① A finite field has size  $p^n$  for  $p$  prime number &  $n \geq 1$ .
- ② For every  $p$  prime &  $n \geq 1$ , there is a finite field of size  $p^n$ .
- ③ A finite field of size  $p^n$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{F}_p[t]/f(t)$  where  $f(t) \in \mathbb{F}_p[t]$  is irred. of deg  $n$ .
- ④ Any two finite fields of the same size are isomorphic.

$$K \begin{matrix} \xrightarrow{\quad} \\ \xrightarrow{\quad} \\ \xrightarrow{\quad} \\ \xrightarrow{\quad} \\ \xrightarrow{\quad} \end{matrix} L$$

$n$  isomorphisms.

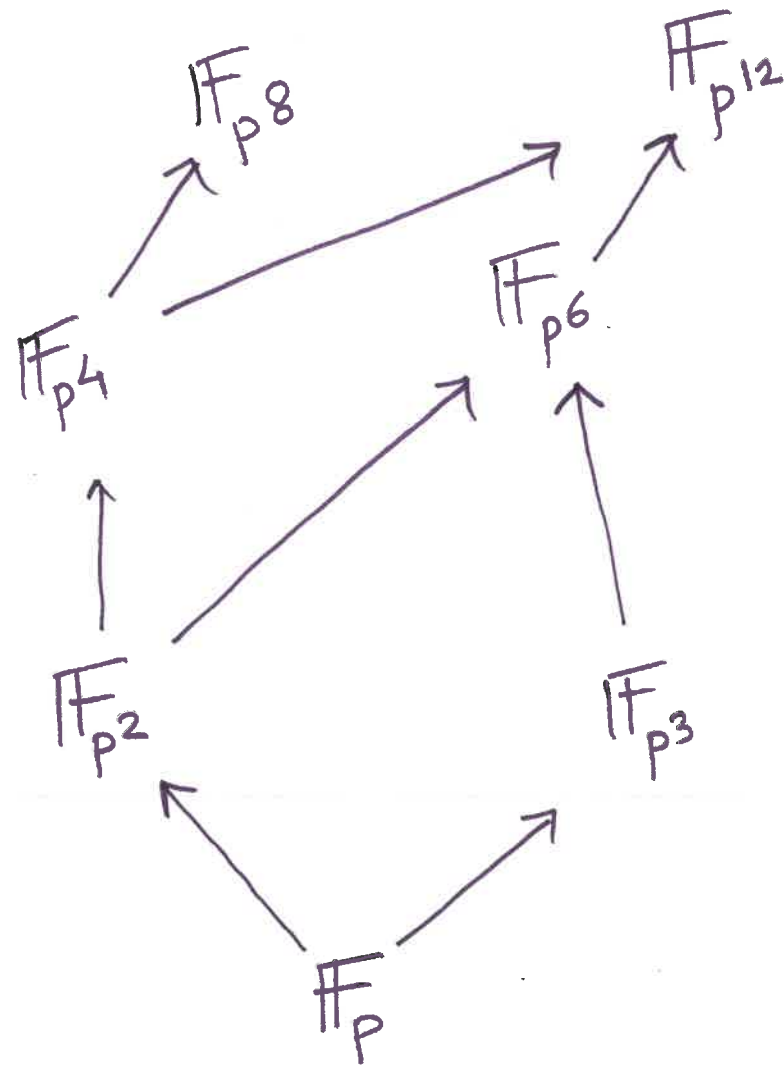
size  $p^n$

$$K = GF(243).$$

$K$ . modulus()

## Relationships :

Fields of size  $p^n$  &  $q^m$  have no homs between them if  $p \neq q$ .



$\mathbb{F}_{p^n} \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_{p^m}$   
exists iff  
 $n \mid m$   
& then there are  
exactly  $n$  of  
them.

Any hom. between  
fields is  
= inj.