

HOMEWORK 3 SOLUTIONS

1. PROBLEM 1

From Artin, we may construct \mathbb{F}_4 as having the elements $\{0, 1, \alpha, \alpha + 1\}$ with characteristic 2 where α is a root of $x^2 + x + 1$. Now, in $\mathbb{F}_2[x]$ as per Artin,

$$x^{16} - x = x(x-1)(x^2 + x + 1)(x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + x + 1)(x^4 + x^3 + 1)(x^4 + x + 1)$$

We have $x^2 + x + 1 = (x - \alpha)(x - (\alpha + 1))$ in $\mathbb{F}_4[x]$. We now consider the degree 4 polynomials. These split completely in \mathbb{F}_{16} as they divide $x^{16} - x$. The minimal polynomial in $F_4[x]$ of any of the roots β is $(x - \beta)(x - \phi^2(\beta)) \cdots (x - \phi^{2n}(\beta))$ where ϕ is the Frobenius function and n is the minimal integer such that $\phi^{2n+2}(\beta) = \beta$. This n is equal to 1 as $\beta \in \mathbb{F}_{16}$, and so satisfies $\phi^4(\beta) = \beta^{16} = \beta$ and does not satisfy this condition for a lower n as this would imply it is an element of a subfield of \mathbb{F}_{16} . Then each degree 4 polynomial splits as $(x - \beta)(x - \phi^2(\beta)) \cdot (x - \phi(\beta))(x - \phi^3(\beta)) = (x^2 - (\beta + \beta^4) + \beta^5)(x^2 - (\beta^2 + \beta^8) + \beta^{10})$ in $F_4[x]$.

Let $\mathbb{F}_{16} = \mathbb{F}_2[\gamma]$ where γ is a root of $x^4 + x + 1$ (we may do this by a lecture result). Now γ^3 is a root of $x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + 1$ and $\gamma^3 + 1$ is a root of $x^4 + x^3 + 1$ by direct computation with the modulus. In the case of $x^4 + x + 1$, it splits into $x^2 + (\gamma + \gamma^4) + \gamma^5 = x^2 + x + (\gamma^2 + \gamma) = x^2 + x + \alpha$ and $x^2 + (\gamma^2 + \gamma^8) + \gamma^{10} = x^2 + x + (\alpha + 1)$. We note that we have set $\alpha = \gamma^2 + \gamma$, noting our choice is arbitrary as both $\gamma^2 + \gamma$ and $\gamma^2 + \gamma + 1$ satisfy $x^2 + x + 1 = 0$. Proceeding in a similar manner with the other polynomials by letting β equal γ^3 and $\gamma^3 + 1$, we find

$$\begin{aligned} x^{16} - x &= x(x-1)(x-\alpha)(x-(\alpha+1)) \cdot \\ &\quad (x^2 + \alpha x + 1)(x^2 + (\alpha+1)x + 1) \cdot \\ &\quad (x^2 + \alpha x + \alpha)(x^2 + (\alpha+1)x + (\alpha+1)) \cdot \\ &\quad (x^2 + x + \alpha)(x^2 + x + (\alpha+1)) \end{aligned}$$

gives the complete factorisation in $\mathbb{F}_4[x]$.

Over \mathbb{F}_8

Consider that the degree 2 and degree 4 polynomials split completely in $\mathbb{F}_{2^{12}}$, as they split completely in $\mathbb{F}_{16} \subset \mathbb{F}_{2^{12}}$ as above. Letting a root of the degree 2 polynomial be α , it splits as $(x - \alpha)(x - \phi(\alpha))$ as the degree of the polynomial is 2 and $\phi^n(\alpha)$ for $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ are the conjugates of α . Over $\mathbb{F}_8 \subset \mathbb{F}_{2^{12}}$, the minimal polynomial of α is given by $(x - \alpha)(x - \phi^3(\alpha)) \cdots (x - \phi^{3n}(\alpha))$ where n is minimal such that $\phi^{3n+3}(\alpha) = \alpha$. We must have $\phi^2(\alpha) = \alpha$ where $\phi(\alpha) \neq \alpha$ for the factorisation to hold, so $\phi^3(\alpha) = \phi(\alpha)$, $\phi^6(\alpha) = \alpha$, and the minimal polynomial over \mathbb{F}_8 is the same.

For any of the degree 4 polynomials, we again set a root as α and note that the polynomial must split as $(x - \alpha)(x - \phi(\alpha))(x - \phi^2(\alpha))(x - \phi^3(\alpha))$. The minimal polynomial of α over \mathbb{F}_8 is $(x - \alpha)(x - \phi^3(\alpha)) \cdots (x - \phi^{3n}(\alpha))$ where n is minimal such that $\phi^{3n+3}(\alpha) = \alpha$ as before. Then noting $\phi^4(\alpha) = \alpha$ (and this is minimal), we have $\phi^6(\alpha) = \phi^2(\alpha)$, $\phi^9(\alpha) = \phi(\alpha)$, $\phi^{12}(\alpha) = \alpha$. Then the minimal polynomial is the same over \mathbb{F}_8 . Thus

$$x^{16} - x = x(x - 1)(x^2 + x + 1)(x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + x + 1)(x^4 + x^3 + 1)(x^4 + x + 1)$$

gives the complete factorisation in $\mathbb{F}_8[x]$

2. PROBLEM 2

Let $R \subset S$ be an inclusion of rings. Suppose we have an isomorphism

$$S \cong R[x_1, \dots, x_n]/I,$$

where x_1, \dots, x_n are variables and $I \subset R[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ is an ideal. Such an isomorphism is called a *presentation* of S over R .

Let A be another ring and suppose a ring homomorphism $i: R \rightarrow A$ is given. A presentation of S over R gives us all the ways of extending i to a ring homomorphism $S \rightarrow A$. This is because a ring homomorphism $R[x_1, \dots, x_n] \rightarrow A$ extending i is determined uniquely by the images of x_1, \dots, x_n and such a homomorphism is well-defined modulo I if and only if it sends I to 0.

2. a

Find a presentation for $\mathbb{Q}[\sqrt[3]{2}]$ over \mathbb{Q} . Use it to determine all homomorphisms

$$\mathbb{Q}[\sqrt[3]{2}] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}.$$

What are the images of these homomorphisms?

Answer

Firstly note in assignment 1 it was shown $x^3 - 2$ is the minimal rational polynomial with $\sqrt[3]{2}$ as a root. Hence it follows from proposition 15.2.6 that

$$\mathbb{Q}[\sqrt[3]{2}] \cong \mathbb{Q}[x]/(x^3 - 2)$$

which indicates $\mathbb{Q}[x]/(x^3 - 2)$ is the presentation of $\mathbb{Q}[\sqrt[3]{2}]$ over \mathbb{Q} . As the only homomorphism from \mathbb{Q} to \mathbb{C} is the identity homomorphism it follows that for a homomorphism $f: \mathbb{Q}[x]/(x^3 - 2) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ to exist it must satisfy $f(x)^3 - 2 = 0$. This leads to three possible homomorphisms each defined by how they uniquely act on x

$$f_1: \mathbb{Q}[x]/(x^3 - 2) \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \text{ where } f_1(x) = \sqrt[3]{2} \text{ with image } \mathbb{Q}[\sqrt[3]{2}]$$

$$f_2: \mathbb{Q}[x]/(x^3 - 2) \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \text{ where } f_2(x) = \zeta_3 \sqrt[3]{2} \text{ with image } \mathbb{Q}[\zeta_3 \sqrt[3]{2}]$$

$$f_3: \mathbb{Q}[x]/(x^3 - 2) \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \text{ where } f_3(x) = \zeta_3^2 \sqrt[3]{2} \text{ with image } \mathbb{Q}[\zeta_3^2 \sqrt[3]{2}]$$

2. b

Do the same for $\mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3}]$ over \mathbb{Q} .

Answer

It is important to note that $\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3}$ is a primitive element of $\mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3}]$. Trivially $\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3} \in \mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3}]$ which indicates $\mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3}] \subset \mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3}]$. Now consider that Example 15.4.4 indicates the set $1, \sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3}, \sqrt{6}$ forms a basis for the vector space $\mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3}]$ over \mathbb{Q} , hence $\mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3}]$ is a degree 4 extension of \mathbb{Q} . Examples 15.4.1 and 15.4.4 also provide that $\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3}$ is a root of the irreducible polynomial $x^4 - 10x^2 + 1$ hence it follows that $\mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3}]$ is a degree 4 extension of \mathbb{Q} . Two degree four extensions of \mathbb{Q} cannot be subfields of one another hence it follows that $\mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3}] \subset \mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3}]$ implies $\mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3}] = \mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3}]$.

As $\mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3}] = \mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3}]$ it is equivalent to find a presentation of $\mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3}]$ over \mathbb{Q} . Note as stated earlier $x^4 - 10x^2 + 1$ is an irreducible polynomial over \mathbb{Q} with $\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3}$ as a root of the polynomial. Therefore by proposition 15.2.6 it follows

$$\mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3}] \cong \mathbb{Q}[x]/(x^4 - 10x^2 + 1)$$

which indicates $\mathbb{Q}[x]/(x^4 - 10x^2 + 1)$ is the presentation of $\mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3}]$ over \mathbb{Q} . As the only homomorphism from \mathbb{Q} to \mathbb{C} is the identity homomorphism it follows that for a homomorphism $f : \mathbb{Q}[x]/(x^4 - 10x^2 + 1) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ to exist it must satisfy $f(x)^4 - 10f(x)^2 + 1 = 0$. This leads to four possible homomorphisms each defined by how they uniquely act on x . Note example 15.4.3 of the textbook gives all of the roots of the polynomial $x^4 - 10x^2 + 1$ hence the homomorphisms are given by

$$f_1 : \mathbb{Q}[x]/(x^4 - 10x^2 + 1) \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \text{ where } f_1(x) = \sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3} \\ \text{with image } \mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3}]$$

$$f_2 : \mathbb{Q}[x]/(x^4 - 10x^2 + 1) \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \text{ where } f_2(x) = -\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{3} \\ \text{with image } \mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3}]$$

$$f_3 : \mathbb{Q}[x]/(x^4 - 10x^2 + 1) \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \text{ where } f_3(x) = \sqrt{2} - \sqrt{3} \\ \text{with image } \mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{3}]$$

$$f_4 : \mathbb{Q}[x]/(x^4 - 10x^2 + 1) \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \text{ where } f_4(x) = -\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3} \\ \text{with image } \mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{3}]$$

Here one observes that

$$4 = \dim_{\mathbb{Q}} \mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3}]$$

$$\leq \dim_{\mathbb{Q}} \mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3}] \leq 4.$$

It is not necessary to know that $\{1, \sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3}, \sqrt{6}\}$ is a basis. You only require the weaker and immediate condition that the set spans, so that

$$\dim_{\mathbb{Q}} \mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3}] \leq 4.$$

0 Need to make clear that the images of $\mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3}] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ are all the same field ...

3. PROBLEM 3

Problem 3.

Let p be a prime number and let $\zeta_p = e^{\frac{2\pi i}{p}}$. ~~Then~~ let $F = \mathbb{Q}[\zeta_p]$. ~~Then~~ consider that ζ_p satisfies the polynomial $x^p - 1$. Which is reducible as

$$x^p - 1 = (x - 1)(x^{p-1} + \dots + x + 1)$$

~~Then~~ consider $f(x) = x^{p-1} + \dots + x + 1$ for $p > 2$ then p is odd and so there are $p - 1$ non constant terms so consider $f(x)$ in $\mathbb{F}_2[x]$ then since $p - 1$ is even it holds that

$$1^{p-1} + \dots + 1 + 1 = 1$$

and

$$0^{p-1} + \dots + 0 + 1 = 1$$

and so $f(x) = x^{p-1} + \dots + x + 1$ is irreducible and $f(\zeta_p) = 0$. ~~Then~~ consider the substitution map

$$\mathbb{Q}[x] \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}[\zeta_p]$$

given by the substitution $x \mapsto \zeta_p$. ~~Then~~ the kernel of this map is the ideal $(x^{p-1} + \dots + x + 1)$ and so by the first isomorphism theorem we have an isomorphism

$$\varphi : \mathbb{Q}[x]/(x^{p-1} + \dots + x + 1) \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}[\zeta_p]$$

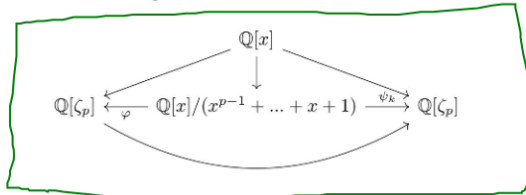
Therefore we have a presentation of $\mathbb{Q}[\zeta_p]$. ~~Then~~ taking $i : \mathbb{Q} \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}[\zeta_p]$ to be the inclusion map of \mathbb{Q} in $\mathbb{Q}[\zeta_p]$, ~~Then~~ we can extend this to a map $\mathbb{Q}[x] \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}[\zeta_p]$ by choosing where to send x . To be well defined modulo $(x^{p-1} + \dots + x + 1)$, ~~then~~ it must send $(x^{p-1} + \dots + x + 1)$ to 0. Therefore x must be sent to a root of $(x^{p-1} + \dots + x + 1)$ in $\mathbb{Q}[\zeta_p]$ these are the complex p roots of unity.

$$\zeta_p, \zeta_p^2, \dots, \zeta_p^{p-1}$$

Hence we have $p - 1$ choices of isomorphisms

$$\psi_k : \mathbb{Q}[x]/(x^{p-1} + \dots + x + 1) \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}[\zeta_p]$$

and so we have the commutative diagram



This argument only shows that

$$x^{p-1} + \dots + 1$$

has no roots. It does not show that it is irreducible.

Irreducibility can be proved via Eisenstein (Artin Theorem 12.4.9, or Lecture March 6 notes, p. 6).

The presentation φ and the maps ψ_k to be constructed are two completely independent maps. In fact ψ_k is simply an...

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Masterpiece.

Then we have $p - 1$ automorphisms $F \rightarrow F$.

We now seek to describe the automorphism group $\text{Aut}(F)$. To do this consider the automorphism ϕ_i acquired from sending x to ζ_p^i and the automorphism ϕ_j acquired from sending x to ζ_p^j . Then consider the composition $\phi_i \circ \phi_j$. ~~Then~~ if we begin with ζ_p then this maps to ζ_p^i which then is mapped to by x^j which then maps to ζ_p^{ij} which then corresponds to the automorphism acquired by

4. PROBLEM 4

Q4

A presentation for k over F is $F[x]/(x^{p-2}) \cong F[\alpha]$.

Proof: Consider $\phi: F[x] \rightarrow F[\alpha]$ which acts as the identity on F and sends x to α .

It is a ring homomorphism following the same reason as before.

Then, $\ker(\phi) = \{f(x) \in F[x] \mid f(\alpha) = 0\}$ and $\text{Im}(\phi) = F[\alpha]$.

Claim that x^{p-2} is irreducible over F .

It suffices to show that $\deg_F k = p$.

We know that $\mathbb{Q} \subseteq \mathbb{Q}[\zeta_p] \subseteq \mathbb{Q}[\zeta_p, \alpha]$, $\mathbb{Q} \subseteq \mathbb{Q}[\alpha] \subseteq \mathbb{Q}[\zeta_p, \alpha]$, $\deg_{\mathbb{Q}}(\zeta_p) = p-1$ and $\deg_{\mathbb{Q}}(\alpha) = p$ by Eisenstein Criteria.

By multiplicative property, we have $p(p-1) \mid \deg_{\mathbb{Q}} \mathbb{Q}[\zeta_p, \alpha]$ and hence $p(p-1) \leq \deg_{\mathbb{Q}} \mathbb{Q}[\zeta_p, \alpha]$ since $p \mid \deg_{\mathbb{Q}} \mathbb{Q}[\zeta_p, \alpha]$, $p-1 \mid \deg_{\mathbb{Q}} \mathbb{Q}[\zeta_p, \alpha]$, and $(p, p-1) = 1$.

As α satisfies x^{p-2} which is irreducible over \mathbb{Q} , then $\deg_{\mathbb{Q}[\zeta_p]}(\alpha) \leq p$.

Then, by multiplicative property, we have $\deg_{\mathbb{Q}} \mathbb{Q}[\zeta_p, \alpha] \leq p(p-1)$.

So, $\deg_{\mathbb{Q}} \mathbb{Q}[\zeta_p, \alpha] = p(p-1)$ and hence $\deg_{\mathbb{Q}[\zeta_p]} \mathbb{Q}[\zeta_p, \alpha] = p$.

Hence, x^{p-2} is irreducible over $\mathbb{Q}[\zeta_p]$.

Then, $\ker(\phi) = (x^{p-2})$ since $F = \mathbb{Q}[\zeta_p]$ is a field and hence $F[x]$ is a principal ideal domain by theorem.

By the first isomorphism theorem, we have $F[x]/(x^{p-2}) \cong F[\alpha] = k$.

• There are $p-1$ homomorphisms from F to $F[\alpha]$: Following the same construction from Q3, as roots of $x^{p-1} + x^{p-2} + \dots + 1$: $\zeta_p, \zeta_p^2, \dots, \zeta_p^{p-1} \in F[\alpha]$, then there are $p-1$ homomorphisms

(or by inspection that

$$(2^{1/p} \zeta_p^k)^p = 2$$

for all $k = 0, \dots, p-1$.)

from F to $F[\zeta_p]$.

- By fundamental theorem of algebra, there are p roots of $x^p - 2$ in \mathbb{C} : $2^{1/p}, 2^{1/p} \zeta_p, 2^{1/p} \zeta_p^2, \dots, 2^{1/p} \zeta_p^{p-1}$.

As $2^{1/p}, 2^{1/p} \zeta_p, 2^{1/p} \zeta_p^2, \dots, 2^{1/p} \zeta_p^{p-1} \in K$, then there are p roots of $x^p - 2$ in K :

$$2^{1/p}, 2^{1/p} \zeta_p, 2^{1/p} \zeta_p^2, \dots, 2^{1/p} \zeta_p^{p-1}.$$

So, by mapping property of polynomial ring we have $p(p-1)$ ring homomorphisms $\psi_{k,\ell}$ from $K = F[\zeta_p] \cong \frac{F[x]}{(x^p - 2)}$ to K with $1 \leq k \leq p$:

$$\psi_{1,\ell}(a_{p-1}x^{p-1} + a_{p-2}x^{p-2} + \dots + a_0) = \varphi_\ell(a_{p-1})(2^{1/p})^{p-1} + \varphi_\ell(a_{p-2})(2^{1/p})^{p-2} + \dots + \varphi_\ell(a_0),$$

$$\psi_{2,\ell}(a_{p-1}x^{p-1} + a_{p-2}x^{p-2} + \dots + a_0) = \varphi_\ell(a_{p-1})(2^{1/p} \zeta_p)^{p-1} + \varphi_\ell(a_{p-2})(2^{1/p} \zeta_p)^{p-2} + \dots + \varphi_\ell(a_0),$$

$$\vdots$$

$$\psi_{p,\ell}(a_{p-1}x^{p-1} + a_{p-2}x^{p-2} + \dots + a_0) = \varphi_\ell(a_{p-1})(2^{1/p} \zeta_p^{p-1})^{p-1} + \varphi_\ell(a_{p-2})(2^{1/p} \zeta_p^{p-1})^{p-2} + \dots + \varphi_\ell(a_0)$$

where $a_i \in F$ with $0 \leq i \leq p-1$ and $\varphi_\ell: F \rightarrow F$ defined as in Q3 with $1 \leq \ell \leq p-1$.

As $\psi_{k,\ell}|_F = \varphi_\ell$ for all $1 \leq k \leq p$, $1 \leq \ell \leq p-1$ and $\varphi_1 = \text{Id}$, then $\psi_{k,\ell}|_F = \text{Id}|_F$ if

$\ell = 1$ and hence there are p homomorphisms from K to K restricting to the identity on F .

5. PROBLEM 5

\mathbb{Q}_5

There are $\frac{p^n+1}{2}$ perfect square if p is odd, p^n perfect square if p is even.

There are $\frac{p^n-1}{\gcd(p^n-1, d)} + 1$ perfect d th power.

We know that K^\times is a cyclic group, say $K^\times = \{1, g, g^2, \dots, g^{p^n-2}\}$ where $g \in K^\times$ is a generator of K^\times .

Then, the number of elements in K are perfect d th power = the number of distinct elements in $\{1, g^d, (g^d)^2, \dots, (g^d)^{p^n-2}\} \cup \{0\} = \text{ord}(g^d) + 1$ as $0 \notin K^\times$ but 0 is a perfect d th power in K .

Claim that $\text{ord}(g^d) = \frac{\text{ord}(g)}{\gcd(\text{ord}(g), d)} = \frac{p^n-1}{\gcd(p^n-1, d)}$.

First, we have $(g^d)^{\frac{p^n-1}{\gcd(p^n-1, d)}} = g^{p^n-1} = 1$ since $\text{ord}(g) = |K^\times| = p^n-1$ and $\gcd(p^n-1, d) \mid d$.

So, $\text{ord}(g^d) \mid \frac{p^n-1}{\gcd(p^n-1, d)}$ $\implies \text{ord}(g^d) \mid \frac{\text{ord}(g)}{\gcd(\text{ord}(g), d)}$

Let $r_1 = \text{ord}(g)$, $n' = \text{ord}(g^d)$, $\lambda = \gcd(n, d)$, $n_0 = \frac{n}{\lambda}$, and $d_0 = \frac{d}{\lambda}$.

Then, we have $(n_0, d_0) = 1$. (E.g., by Bezout)

As $1 = \alpha^{dn'} = \alpha^{\lambda d_0 n'}$, then $n \mid \lambda d_0 n'$ and hence $\frac{\lambda d_0 n'}{n} = \frac{d_0 n'}{n_0} \in \mathbb{Z}$.

As $(n_0, d_0) = 1$, then $n_0 \mid n'$ and hence $\frac{\text{ord}(g)}{\gcd(\text{ord}(g), d)} \mid \text{ord}(g^d)$.

So, $\text{ord}(g^d) = \frac{\text{ord}(g)}{\gcd(\text{ord}(g), d)}$ and hence there are $\frac{p^n-1}{\gcd(p^n-1, d)} + 1$ perfect d th power.

Should use a symbol other than n , since n is already used as the exponent for the cardinality p^n . In fact

$$n = \log_p(\text{ord}(g) + 1).$$