MATH 601 (DUE 11/22)

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1. THE THEOREM ON SYMMETRIC POLYNOMIALS

Exercise. (Problem 1) By substituting $u_4 = 0$, we get $u_1^2u_2u_3 + u_1u_2^2u_3 + u_1u_2u_3^2 = s_3s_1$. s_3s_1 with 4 variables expands to $u_1^2u_2u_3 + u_1^2u_2u_4 + u_1^2u_3u_4 + u_1u_2^2u_3 + u_1u_2^2u_4 + u_1u_2u_3^2 + 4u_1u_2u_3u_4 + u_1u_2u_4^2 + u_1u_3^2u_4 + u_1u_3u_4^2 + u_2^2u_3u_4 + u_2u_3^2u_4 + u_2u_3u_4^2$. Then $s_3s_1 - f$ where f is the original polynomial gives us $4u_1u_2u_3u_4 = 4s_4$. Therefore, $f = s_3s_1 - 4s_4$.

Exercise. (Problem 2) We are given that $|M - xI| = x^3 - ax^2 + bx - c$. This implies that $|M - (-x)I| = -x^3 - ax^2 - bx - c$. Since the determinant function preserves multiplication, $|M - xI||M - (-x)I| = |M^2 - x^2I|$. This implies $|M^2 - x^2I| = -x^6 + (a^2 - 2b)x^4 + (b^2 + 2ac)x^2 + c^2$. Therefore, the characteristic polynomial of M is $-x^3 + (a^2-2b)x^2 + (b^2+2ac)x + c^2$.

2. Galois Theory VI

Exercise. (Problem 3)

(a) $\{(123), (132), e\}$ is clearly a subgroup of the stabilizer group S_v of v. Since $(12) \notin S_v$, $3 \leq |S_v| \leq 5$. By Lagrange's Theorem, $S_v = \langle (123) \rangle$.

(b) By (i), S_3v contains only $[S_3 : S_v] = 2$ elements. Thus $v' = (12) \cdot v = u_2u_1^2 + u_1u_3^2 + u_3u_2^2$.

(c) By substituting $u_3 = 0$ for $v + v'$, we get $u_1u_2^2 + u_2u_1^2 = s_1s_2$. Then $v + v' - s_1s_2 = -3u_1u_2u_3 = -3s_3$. Therefore, $v + v' = s_1s_2 + 3s_3$.

(d) We will use the fundamental theorem of Galois Theory. $F(v) = K^{\langle (123) \rangle}$, so $|\langle (123) \rangle| = 3 = [K : F(v)]$. Moreover, $|\langle \mathrm{Gal}(K/F) \rangle| = [K : F]$. Therefore, $[F(v) : F] = [K : F]/[K : F(v)] = |\langle \mathrm{Gal}(K/F) \rangle|/3$.

(e) Calculation shows that $vv' = 9s_3^2 + s_3s_1^3 - 6s_3s_1s_2 + s_2^3$. By substituting $s_1 = 0, s_2 = p, s_3 = q$, we get $9q^2 + p^3$.

Exercise. (Problem 4)

(a) The discriminant can be expressed as $-4s_1^3s_3 + s_1^2s_2^2 + 18s_1s_2s_3 - 4s_2^3 - 27s_3^2$. By substituting $s_1 = 1, s_2 = -2, s_3 = -1$, we get 49.

```python
from sympy.polys.polyfuncs import symmetrize
from sympy import *
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```python
u1, u2, u3 = symbols('u1 u2 u3')

u = [u1, u2, u3]

discriminant = 1
for i in range(3):
    for j in range(i + 1, 3):
        discriminant *= (u[i] - u[j]) * (u[i] - u[j])

print(latex(symmetrize(discriminant, formal = True)[0]))
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Exercise. (Problem 5)

(a)

(b) $x^4 + x + 1$ is irreducible because

- It does not have a linear factor by the rational root theorem.
- If it factors into two rational quadratic polynomials, they will factor into two monic integer quadratic polynomials, namely, $x^2 + ax + b$ and $x^2 - ax + 1/b$ based on the coefficients. This implies $b = \pm 1$. Since the coefficient of x is 1, $-ab + a/b = 1$, but this implies $b \neq \pm 1$.

We will use the discussion presented in the Galois Theory IV handout. By (i), the discriminant is 229, so $h(y) = y^2 - 229$. Also, $g(y) = y^3 - 4y - 1$ since $a = b = 0, c = -1, d = 1$. Therefore, both $h(y)$ and $g(y)$ are irreducible, so the Galois group is S_4.

(c) It does not have a linear factor by the rational root theorem. Based on coefficients, if it factors into quadratic polynomials, it will be $(x^2 + ax + b)(x^2 - ax + c)$ for some $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$ by Gauss' lemma. This gives $bc = 12$ and $-ab + ac = -8$, so $a(c - 12/c) = -8$. This is a quadratic polynomial in c with the discriminant $64 - 48a$. This must be a square for c to exist. By checking each possible value of a, we get $64 - 48 \cdot -8 = 448, 64 - 48 \cdot -4 = 256, 64 - 48 \cdot -2 = 160, 64 - 48 \cdot -1 = 112, 64 - 48 \cdot 1 = 16$. (For other a, $64 - 48a < 0$.) Thus the only two possible values are $a = 1, -4$. $a = 1$ gives $c - b = -8$ and $bc = 12$, which we can confirm to be impossible by examining the divisors of 12. Similarly, $a = -4$ gives $c - b = 2$ and $bc = 12$ and this is impossible to satisfy. Therefore, $x^4 - 8x + 12$ is irreducible over $\mathbb{Q}$.

(d) Again, we will use the discussion presented in the Galois Theory IV handout. By calculating the discriminant, we have $h(y) = h(y) = y^2 - 331776$ and $g(y) = y^3 - 48y - 64$. $h(y)$ factors as $576^2 = 331776$. $g(y)$ does not factor by the rational root theorem. Therefore, the Galois group is A_4.