

1 Cyclotomic Polynomials

Theorem 1.1. For prime p , we have $x^p - 1 = (x - 1)(x^{p-1} + \cdots + 1)$ and $\mu_{\varepsilon_p}^{\mathbb{Q}} = x^{p-1} + \cdots + 1$.

Definition 1 (n^{th} cyclotomic polynomial).

$$\Phi_n(x) = \prod_{\substack{\varepsilon \in \sqrt[n]{1} \\ |\varepsilon|=n}} (x - \varepsilon) = \frac{x^n - 1}{\prod_{d|n, d < n} \Phi_d(x)}$$

Theorem 1.2. Φ_n is irreducible over \mathbb{Q} .

Corollary 1. (a) $[\mathbb{Q}(\exp(\frac{2\pi i}{n})) : \mathbb{Q}] = \varphi(n)$ (where φ is Euler's totient function);

(b) $[\mathbb{Q}(\cos(\frac{2\pi}{n})) : \mathbb{Q}] = \frac{1}{2}\varphi(n)$. Furthermore, all algebraic conjugates of $\cos \frac{2\pi}{n}$ are $\cos \frac{2\pi k}{n}$ for $\gcd(k, n) = 1$.

(c) Let $c = \frac{a+bi}{a-bi} \in \sqrt[n]{1}$, where $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$. Then $c \in \{\pm i, \pm 1\}$

Lemma 1.3. Let \mathbb{F} be a finite field. Then $\mathbb{F}^\times = \mathbb{F} \setminus \{0\}$ is a cyclic group.