

5. LIST OF TOPICS FROM GARRET'S „ABSTRACT ALGEBRA“

Below, sections marked with ■ are either less important for the course or assumed known; thus we skip them. They are to be consulted only as necessary to understand the rest of the text. ~~Crossed-out~~ sections are definitely assumed to be known. The sections marked with ■ can be treated less thoroughly than the others.

2 Groups I

2.1 Groups

2.2 Subgroups, Lagrange's theorem

✕ 2.3 Homomorphisms, kernels, normal subgroups

2.4 Cyclic groups

✕ 2.5 Quotient groups

2.6 Groups acting on sets

2.7 The Sylow theorem

✕ 2.8 Trying to classify finite groups, part I

✕ 2.9 Worked examples

— — — → 1st meeting

3 The players: rings, fields, etc.

3.1 Rings, fields

3.2 Ring homomorphisms

3.3 Vectorspaces, modules, algebras

3.4 Polynomial rings I

— — — → 2nd meeting

4 Commutative rings I

4.1 Divisibility and ideals

4.2 Polynomials in one variable over a field

4.3 Ideals and quotients

4.4 Ideals and quotient rings

4.5 Maximal ideals and fields

4.6 Prime ideals and integral domains

— — — → 3rd meeting

4.7 Fermat-Euler on sums of two squares

4.8 Worked examples

5 Linear Algebra I: Dimension

5.1 Some simple results

5.2 Bases and dimension

5.3 Homomorphisms and dimension

6 Fields I

- 6.1 Adjoining things
- 6.2 Fields of fractions, fields of rational functions
- 6.3 Characteristics, finite fields
- 6.4 Algebraic field extensions
- 6.5 Algebraic closures

— — —→ 4th meeting

7 Some Irreducible Polynomials

- 7.1 Irreducibles over a finite field
- 7.2 Worked examples

8 Cyclotomic polynomials

- 8.1 Multiple factors in polynomials
- 8.2 Cyclotomic polynomials

— — —→ 5th meeting

8.3 Examples

- 8.4 Finite subgroups of fields

8.5 Infinitude of primes $p \equiv 1 \pmod n$

- 8.6 Worked examples

9 Finite fields

9.1 Uniqueness

9.2 Frobenius automorphisms

9.3 Counting irreducibles

10 Modules over PIDs

- 10.1 The structure theorem
- 10.2 Variations
- 10.3 Finitely-generated abelian groups

10.4 Jordan canonical form

10.5 Conjugacy versus $k[x]$ -module isomorphism

10.6 Worked examples

— — —→ 6th meeting

11 Finitely-generated modules

- 11.1 Free modules
- 11.2 Finitely-generated modules over a domain
- 11.3 PIDs are UFDs

11.4 Structure theorem, again

11.5 Recovering the earlier structure theorem

- 11.6 Submodules of free modules

12 Polynomials over UFDs

- 12.1 Gauss' lemma
- 12.2 Fields of fractions
- 12.3 Worked examples

~~13 Symmetric groups~~

- ~~13.1 Cycles, disjoint cycle decompositions~~
- ~~13.2 Transpositions~~
- ~~13.3 Worked examples~~

14 Naive Set Theory

- 14.1 Sets
- 14.2 Posets, ordinals
- 14.3 Transfinite induction
- 14.4 Finiteness, infiniteness
- 14.5 Comparison of infinities
- 14.6 Example: transfinite Lagrange replacement
- 14.7 Equivalents of the Axiom of Choice

— — —→ 7th meeting

15 Symmetric polynomials

- 15.1 The theorem
- 15.2 First examples
- 15.3 A variant: discriminants

16 Eisenstein's criterion

- 16.1 Eisenstein's irreducibility criterion
- 16.2 Examples

17 Vandermonde determinants

17.1 Vandermonde determinants

- 17.2 Worked examples
(for symmetric polynomials)

— — —→ 8th meeting

18 Cyclotomic polynomials II

- 18.1 Cyclotomic polynomials over \mathbb{Z}
- 18.2 Worked examples

19 Roots of unity

- 19.1 Another proof of cyclicity
- 19.2 Roots of unity
- 19.3 \mathbb{Q} with roots of unity adjoined

19.4 Solution in radicals, Lagrange resolvents

19.5 Quadratic fields, quadratic reciprocity

19.6 Worked examples

20 Cyclotomic III

— — —→ 9th meeting

20.1 Prime-power cyclotomic polynomials over \mathbb{Q}

20.2 Irreducibility of cyclotomic polynomials over \mathbb{Q}

20.3 Factoring $\Phi_n(x)$ in $F_p[x]$ with $p|n$

20.4 Worked examples (about radicals)

21 Primes in arithmetic progressions

21.1 Euler's theorem and the zeta function

21.2 Dirichlet's theorem

21.3 Dual groups of abelian groups

21.4 Non-vanishing on $\operatorname{Re}(s)=1$

21.5 Analytic continuations

21.6 Dirichlet series with positive coefficients

22 Galois theory

22.1 Field extensions, imbeddings, automorphisms

22.2 Separable field extensions

22.3 Primitive elements

22.4 Normal field extensions

22.5 The main theorem

22.6 Conjugates, trace, norm

— — —→ 10th meeting

22.7 Basic examples

22.8 Worked examples

— — —→ 11th meeting

23 Solving equations by radicals

23.1 Galois' criterion

23.2 Composition series, Jordan-Hölder theorem

23.3 Solving cubics by radicals

23.4 Worked examples

— — —→ 12th meeting