

# Algebra Homework

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# 1 Week 1

## Ex 1.1.

1. Prove that if  $[K(\alpha) : K]$  is odd, then  $K(\alpha) = K(\alpha^2)$ .
2. Given  $L_1/K$  and  $L_2/K$  with  $L_1, L_2 \subseteq L$ , show that

$$L_1 \otimes_K L_2 \text{ is a field} \iff [L_1 L_2 : K] = [L_1 : K][L_2 : K]$$

## Ex 1.2.

1. Prove that  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3}) = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3})$ .
2. Determine  $[\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{3 + 2\sqrt{2}}) : \mathbb{Q}]$ ,  $[\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{3 + 4i} + \sqrt{3 - 4i}) : \mathbb{Q}]$ ,  $[\mathbb{Q}(\cos \frac{\pi}{6} + i \sin \frac{\pi}{6}) : \mathbb{Q}]$ .

## Ex 1.3. Let $R$ be a PID and $a \in R$ . TFAE:

1.  $a$  is an irreducible element.
2.  $\langle a \rangle$  is a maximal ideal.
3.  $\langle a \rangle$  is a prime ideal.
4.  $a$  is a prime element.

## Ex 1.4. Let $L/K$ be algebraic and $\tau : L \rightarrow L$ be a monomorphism fixing $K$ . Show that $\tau$ is onto. (so $\tau$ is isom.)

## Ex 1.5.

1. Determine the splitting field  $L$  for  $x^4 + 2$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$ ,  $[L : \mathbb{Q}]$  and  $\text{Aut}(L/\mathbb{Q})$ .
2. Determine the splitting field  $L$  for  $x^6 - 4$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$ ,  $[L : \mathbb{Q}]$  and  $\text{Aut}(L/\mathbb{Q})$ .

## Ex 1.6. Let $L_1, L_2 \subseteq L$ with $[L_1 : K] < \infty$ and $[L_2 : K] < \infty$ . Assume $L_1$ and $L_2$ are splitting fields over $K$ . Show that

1.  $L_1 L_2$  is a splitting fields over  $K$ .
2.  $L_1 \cap L_2$  is a splitting fields over  $K$ .

## 2 Week 2

### 3 Week 3

**Ex 3.1.** Let  $L/K$  be a finite extension with  $[L : K] = n$ . For any field extension  $M/K$ , there are at most  $n$  monomorphisms from  $L$  to  $M$  which fix  $K$ .

**Ex 3.2.**

1. If  $F$  is a finite field, then  $F$  is not algebraically closed.
2. Let  $F$  be a finite field and  $F(\alpha, \beta)/F$  be an algebraic extension. Show that  $\exists c \in F(\alpha, \beta)$  s.t.  $F(\alpha, \beta) = F(c)$ . i.e.  $F(\alpha, \beta)/F$  is a simple extension.

**Ex 3.3.**

1. Let  $F$  be a finite field and  $G, H$  be subgroups of  $(F^\times, \cdot, 1)$ . If  $|G| = |H| = n$ , then  $G = H$ .
2. If  $F$  is a field such that  $(F^\times, \cdot, 1)$  is cyclic, then  $F$  is a finite field.

**Ex 3.4.**

1. For any prime  $p$  and any nonzero  $a \in \mathbb{F}_p$ , prove that  $x^p - x + a$  is irreducible and separable.
2. Show that  $f(x) = x^3 + px + q \in K[x]$  is separable  $\iff 4p^3 + 27q^2 \neq 0$ .

**Ex 3.5.** Let  $L/K$  be a separable extension and  $f(x) \in K[x]$  be an irreducible polynomial. Assume that  $f(x) = f_1(x) \cdots f_n(x)$  for some  $f_i(x) \in L[x] \quad \forall i = 1, \dots, n$ . Show that if  $f_i$  is separable  $\forall i$ , then  $f$  is separable.

**Ex 3.6.**

1. If  $\text{char } K = p \neq 0$  and  $[L : K] < \infty$  with  $p \nmid [L : K]$ , then  $L$  is separable over  $K$ .
2. Let  $\text{char } K = p \neq 0$ . Show that an algebraic element  $\alpha \in L$  is separable over  $K \iff K(\alpha) = K(\alpha^{p^n})$  for all  $n \geq 1$ .

## 4 Week 4

**Ex 4.1.**

1. Determine the Galois group of  $f(x) = x^5 - 4x + 2$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$ .
2. Determine the Galois group of  $f(x) = x^3 - 3x + 1$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

**Ex 4.2.** Let  $\text{char } K = 0$  and  $F/K$  be finite, normal. Let  $g(x) \in K[x]$  and  $L$  be a splitting field of  $g(x)$  over  $F$ . Show that  $L/K$  is a normal extension.

(Note:  $g(x) \in K[x]$  but  $L$  is over  $F$ )

**Ex 4.3.**

**Def 1.**

- A character  $\chi$  of a group  $G$  with values in a field  $L$  is a homomorphism  $\chi : G \rightarrow L^\times$ .
- The characters  $\chi_1, \dots, \chi_n$  of  $G$  are said to be linearly independent over  $L$  if there is no nontrivial relation

$$a_1\chi_1 + \dots + a_n\chi_n = 0, \quad a_1, \dots, a_n \in L \text{ are not all } 0$$

as a function on  $G$ .

1. Show that if  $\chi_1, \dots, \chi_n$  are distinct characters of  $G$  with values in  $L$ , then they are linearly independent over  $L$ .
2. Show that if  $\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n$  are distinct monomorphisms from  $K$  to  $L$ , then they are linearly independent over  $L$ .
3. Show that distinct automorphisms of  $K$  are linearly independent over  $K$ .

**Ex 4.4.**

1. If  $L/K$  is Galois, then  $\exists f$ : irr. in  $K[x]$  s.t.  $L$  is a splitting field of  $f(x)$  over  $K$ .
2. TFAE
  - (a)  $L/K$  is a Galois extension.
  - (b)  $K$  is the fixed field of a subgroup of  $\text{Aut}(L)$ .
  - (c)  $K$  is the fixed field of  $\text{Aut}(L/K)$ .

**Ex 4.5.** Find the Galois group of  $x^4 - 2$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Find all subgroups of this group and find all corresponding intermediate fields between the splitting field of  $x^4 - 2$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$  and  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

**Ex 4.6.** Find all proper subfields of  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{5}, \frac{-1+i\sqrt{3}}{2})$  and  $\mathbb{Q}(i, \sqrt{7})$  respectively.

## 5 Week 5

### Ex 5.1.

1. Let  $p$  be an odd prime with  $p \nmid m$ . Suppose  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$  s.t.  $\Phi_m(a) \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ . then  $\text{ord}(a) = m$  in  $(\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^\times$ . (hint:  $x^m - 1 = \prod_{d|m} \Phi_d(x)$ )
2. Let  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Show that if  $p$  is an odd prime dividing  $\Phi_m(a)$ , then either  $p \mid m$  or  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$ .

### Ex 5.2.

1. Show that  $\left[ \mathbb{Q} \left( \zeta_n + \frac{1}{\zeta_n} \right) : \mathbb{Q} \right] = \frac{\varphi(n)}{2}$ .
2. Find  $\Phi_8, \Phi_9$ .
3. Show that  $x^{16} + 1$  is irreducible in  $\mathbb{Q}[x]$  and is reducible in  $\mathbb{F}_7[x]$  as a product of 4 quartic polynomials.

**Ex 5.3.** show that  $p$ : odd prime,  $(\mathbb{Z}/p^e\mathbb{Z})^\times$  is cyclic of order  $p^{e-1}(p-1)$  and  $(\mathbb{Z}/2^e\mathbb{Z})^\times \cong \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/2^{e-2}\mathbb{Z}$ ,  $e \geq 2$ .

Hints:

1. Check  $(1+p)^{p^{e-1}} \equiv 1 \pmod{p^e}$  but  $(1+p)^{p^{e-2}} \not\equiv 1 \pmod{p^e}$ . And for  $e \geq 3$ ,  $(1+2^2)^{2^{e-2}} \equiv 1 \pmod{2^e}$  but  $(1+2^2)^{2^{e-3}} \not\equiv 1 \pmod{2^e}$ .
2. If each Sylow  $p$ -subgroup of  $G$  is normal, then  $G$  is isomorphic to the product of all sylow  $p$ -subgroups.

### Ex 5.4.

- (a) Let  $\mathbb{C}(t)$  be the field of rational functions over  $\mathbb{C}$  and  $L$  be a splitting field of  $x^n - t$  over  $\mathbb{C}(t)$ . Find  $\text{Gal}(L/\mathbb{C}(t))$ .
- (b) Let  $\mathbb{F}_p(t)$  be the field of rational functions over  $\mathbb{F}_p$  and  $L$  be a splitting field of  $x^3 - 2t$  over  $\mathbb{F}_p(t)$ . Find  $\text{Gal}(L/\mathbb{F}_p(t))$ .

**Ex 5.5.** Let  $\text{char } K \neq 2, 3$  and  $f(x) = x^4 + px^2 + qx + r$  be irr. and separable with roots  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_4$ . Let  $L = K(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3, \alpha_4)$  and  $G_f = \text{Gal}(L/K) \leq S_4$ . Set  $\beta_1 = \alpha_1\alpha_2 + \alpha_3\alpha_4$ ,  $\beta_2 = \alpha_1\alpha_3 + \alpha_2\alpha_4$ ,  $\beta_3 = \alpha_1\alpha_4 + \alpha_2\alpha_3$ .

- (a) Show that  $L^{G_f \cap V} = K(\beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_3)$  and  $\text{Gal}(K(\beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_3)/K) \cong G_f/G_f \cap V$  where  $V = \{1, (1\ 2)(3\ 4), (1\ 3)(2\ 4), (1\ 4)(2\ 3)\} \leq S_4$ .
- (b) Show that there exists  $i$  s.t.  $\beta_i \in K \iff G_f \leq D_4$ .
- (c) Let  $h(x) = (x - \beta_1)(x - \beta_2)(x - \beta_3) \in K[x]$  with discriminant  $D(h)$ , Show that
  - (1) If  $h(x)$  is irr. and  $D(h) \notin K^2$ , then  $G_f \cong S_4$ .
  - (2) If  $h(x)$  is irr. and  $D(h) \in K^2$ , then  $G_f \cong A_4$ .
  - (3) If  $h(x)$  splits completely in  $K[x]$ , then  $G_f \cong V$ .
  - (4) Let  $h(x)$  has one root in  $K$ . Then
    - (i) If  $f(x)$  is irr. over  $K(\beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_3)$ , then  $G_f \cong D_4$ .
    - (ii) If  $f(x)$  is reducible over  $K(\beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_3)$ , then  $G_f \cong C_4$ .

## 6 Week 6

**Ex 6.1.** Is  $f(x) = 2x^5 - 10x + 5 \in \mathbb{Q}[x]$  solvable by radicals? Justify your answer!

**Ex 6.2.** Show that if  $|G| = p^2q$  where  $p, q$  are distinct primes, then  $G$  is solvable.

**Ex 6.3.** Solve  $x^4 + ax + b = 0$  in terms of radicals.

**Ex 6.4.** power sum:  $p_k = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^k$ . show that newton identities:  $s_0 = 1$ ,

$$ks_k = \sum_{i=1}^k (-1)^{i-1} s_{k-i} p_i, \quad p_k = \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} (-1)^{i+k-1} s_{k-i} p_i + (-1)^{k-1} k s_k$$

( $s_k$  are the elementary symmetric polynomials in  $x_1, \dots, x_n$ .)

**Ex 6.5.** For any prime  $p \geq 5$ . Let  $k, m, n_1, \dots, n_{k-2} \in \mathbb{Z}$  s.t.

$$\begin{cases} k \text{ is odd and } > 3, \\ m \text{ is even and } > 0, \\ n_1, \dots, n_{k-2} \text{ are even and } n_1 < n_2 < \dots < n_{k-2}. \end{cases}$$

Consider  $g(x) = (x^2 + m)(x - n_1) \dots (x - n_{k-2})$  and  $f(x) = g(x) - 2 \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$ .

1. Show that  $f$  is irr. in  $\mathbb{Z}[x]$
2. Show that  $f$  has exactly two non-real roots for  $m \gg 0$ . If  $k = p$ , then  $G_f \cong S_p$ .