

47) Let F be a field of characteristic p . (I.e. $\underbrace{1 + \cdots + 1}_{p \text{ times}} = 0$ in F .) Show that $(a + b)^p = a^p + b^p$.

Conclude that the map $x \rightarrow x^p$ is a field automorphism of F .

48) Let p be a prime, n a natural number and $q = p^n$. Let $f(x) = x^{p^n} - x = x^q - x \in \mathbb{F}_p[x]$.

a) Suppose E is a field with q elements. Show that $f(\alpha) = 0$ for every element $\alpha \in E$.

b) Vice versa, suppose that E is the splitting field of f in a suitable algebraic closure of \mathbb{F}_p . Let $S = \{\alpha_0 = 0, \alpha_1 = 1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_{q-1}\}$ be the set of roots of f in E . Show that S itself is a field (and thus $E = S$). (You just need to show that sum/difference, product, quotient of two roots is again a root. Use problem 47!)

Note: This shows, that for every prime power q , there is — up to isomorphism — exactly one field with q elements, namely the splitting field of $x^q - x$ over \mathbb{F}_p .

49) Let E be the splitting field of $x^3 - 5$ over \mathbb{Q} (cf. problem 44). Determine the field automorphisms of E . Which one is complex conjugation? Can you identify the group formed by them?

50) Let E be the splitting field over F of the polynomial $f(x) \in F[x]$. Suppose that f has degree n and $f(x) = \prod_{i=1}^n (x - \alpha_i)$ over E .

a) Let $\varphi: E \rightarrow E$ be a field automorphism, fixing F . Show that φ permutes the roots of f , i.e. that $\alpha_i^\varphi = \alpha_j$ for some j .

b) Show that this defines for each $\varphi \in \text{Aut}(E/F)$ a permutation $\pi_\varphi \in S_n$. (It is sufficient to show that the map $\alpha_i^\varphi = \alpha_j$ is one-to-one.)

c) Show that the map $\gamma: \text{Aut}(E/F) \rightarrow S_n, \varphi \mapsto \pi_\varphi$ is a homomorphism.

d) Show that $\ker \gamma$ is trivial. We can thus consider $\text{Aut}(E/F)$ as a subgroup of S_n .

Note: One can show further that if f is irreducible, the image of γ must be *transitive*, i.e. it for any pair i, j there exists an element g such that $i^g = j$. GAP contains an algorithm for computing this image (up to labelling of the roots). For an irreducible rational polynomial f , the commands

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t:=GaloisType(f);
g:=TransitiveGroup(Degree(f),t);
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return the image group g . This can be used to determine abstract properties of the group (e.g. its cardinality), though it does not give actual field automorphisms.

For example

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gap> f:=x^6+x^3+1;Factors(f); # check that the polynomial is irreducible
[ x^6+x^3+1 ]
gap> t:=GaloisType(f);
1
gap> g:=TransitiveGroup(Degree(f),t);
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C(6) = 6 = 3[x]2
gap> Size(g); # test for some properties of the group
6
gap> IsAbelian(g);
true
gap> IsCyclic(g);
true
gap> f:=x^6+x^3-x+1;Factors(f);
x^6+x^3-x+1
[ x^6+x^3-x+1 ]
gap> t:=GaloisType(f);
16
gap> g:=TransitiveGroup(Degree(f),t);
S6
gap> Size(g);
720

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51* There are 5 classes of transitive groups of degree 4: 1 : $\langle (1, 2, 3, 4) \rangle \cong C_4$, 2 : $\langle (1, 2)(3, 4), (1, 3)(2, 4) \rangle \cong V_4$, 3 : $\langle (1, 2, 3, 4), (1, 3) \rangle \cong D_8$, 4 : $\langle (1, 2, 3), (2, 3, 4) \rangle \cong A_4$, and 5 : $\langle (1, 2, 3, 4), (1, 2) \rangle \cong S_4$. Using GAP, find polynomials of degree 4 that have each of these groups as GaloisType.

Problems marked with a *are bonus problems for extra credit.