

Exercises for Algebra II
List 5

To hand in at 24.9.2018 in the exercise class

Exercise 1.

Show that there is an n_i for $i = 1, 2, 3$ such that the following fields E_i are contained in $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{n_i})$. What are the smallest values for n_i ?

1. $E_1 = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})$;
2. $E_2 = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{3})$;
3. $E_3 = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-3})$;

Hint: Try to realize $\sqrt{2}$ and $\sqrt{3}$ as the side length of certain rectangular triangles. Which angles do occur?

Exercise 2.

Let ζ_{12} be a primitive 12-th root of unity. What is $\text{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{12})/\mathbb{Q})$? Find primitive elements for all subfields E of $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{12})$.

Exercise 3. Let L be the splitting field of $T^3 - 2$ over \mathbb{Q} . Show that $\sqrt[3]{2}$, $\sqrt{-3}$ and ζ_3 are elements of L . Calculate $N_{L/\mathbb{Q}}(a)$ and $\text{Tr}_{L/\mathbb{Q}}(a)$ for $a = \sqrt[3]{2}$, $a = \sqrt{-3}$ and $a = \zeta_3$. Calculate $N_{\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_3)/\mathbb{Q}}(\zeta_3)$ and $\text{Tr}_{\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_3)/\mathbb{Q}}(\zeta_3)$.

Exercise 4.

Let L be the splitting field of $f = T^4 - 3$ over \mathbb{Q} . What is the Galois group of L/\mathbb{Q} ? Make a diagram of all subgroups of $\text{Gal}(L/\mathbb{Q})$ that illustrates which subgroups are contained in others. Which of the subextensions of L/\mathbb{Q} are elementary radical? Is L/\mathbb{Q} radical?

Hint: Find the four complex roots a_1, \dots, a_4 of f . Which permutations of a_1, \dots, a_4 extend to field automorphisms of L ?

***Exercise 5** (Bonus). ¹

Let L/K be a Galois extension and let

$$\begin{aligned} M_a : L &\longrightarrow L \\ b &\longmapsto a \cdot b \end{aligned}$$

be the K -linear map associated with an element $a \in L$. Show that the trace of M_a equals $\text{Tr}_{L/K}(a)$ and that the determinant of M_a equals $N_{L/K}(a)$.

Hint: Use Exercise 1 from List 2.

***Exercise 6** (Bonus).

Find all composition series and their factors for the dihedral group

$$D_6 = \langle r, s \mid r^6 = s^2 = e, srs = r^{-1} \rangle.$$

***Exercise 7** (not to hand in).

Let p be a prime number and $n \geq 1$ and $\zeta \in \mathbb{F}_{p^n}$ a generator of $\mathbb{F}_{p^n}^\times$. Exhibit an embedding $i : \text{Gal}(\mathbb{F}_{p^n}/\mathbb{F}_p) \rightarrow (\mathbb{Z}/(p^n - 1)\mathbb{Z})^\times$ and conclude that n divides $\varphi(p^n - 1)$. Can you find a proof for $n \mid \varphi(p^n - 1)$ that does not use Galois theory?

¹It is advised to work on the bonus exercises and to hand in solution. The resulting points count as a bonus.