

# Galois Theory Exam February 11 2025

## Exercise 1

(a) Eisenstein with  $p=2$

(b) let  $\zeta$  a primitive 11-root of 1

$$L = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[11]{98}, \zeta)$$

The roots of  $f(x)$  are  $\zeta^i \sqrt[11]{98}$   $i=0 \dots 10$

Thus the polynomial splits in  $L$ . Suppose that the polynomial splits over  $F$  then

$$\sqrt[11]{98} \in F \quad \text{and}$$

$$\zeta = \frac{\zeta \sqrt[11]{98}}{\sqrt[11]{98}} \in F \Rightarrow F \supseteq L$$

proving that  $L$  is the splitting field.

$$(c) \quad [L : \mathbb{Q}] = [L : \mathbb{Q}(\zeta)] [\mathbb{Q}(\zeta) : \mathbb{Q}] \leq 11 \cdot 10$$

$\wedge$   
 $\vee$   
 since  $\sqrt[11]{98}$  is a root  
 of a deg 11 poly on  $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta)[x]$

$$\text{but both } [\mathbb{Q}(\zeta) : \mathbb{Q}] \nmid [L : \mathbb{Q}]$$

$$[\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[11]{98}) : \mathbb{Q}] \mid [L : \mathbb{Q}]$$

$$\Rightarrow [L : \mathbb{Q}] \geq \text{lcm}(11, 10) = 11 \cdot 10$$

we conclude  $[L : \mathbb{Q}] = 110$ .

(d)  $L$  is the splitting field of  $f$  which is irreducible & hence separable since char  $\mathbb{Q} = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow L$  is Galois

## Exercise 2

(a) let  $G = \text{Gal}(F)$   $|G| = 110$

$n_{11}$  = number of 11-sylow group

$$n_{11} \equiv 1 \pmod{11} \quad \text{and } n_{11} | 10$$

$$\Rightarrow n_{11} = 1$$

There is a unique subgroup of  $G$  of order 11 (and index 10) which is normal by Sylow theorem.

$L^N / \mathbb{Q}$  is going to be Galois with

$$[L^N : \mathbb{Q}] = 10 \quad \text{thus } L^N = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{3})$$

In fact  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{3}) / \mathbb{Q}$  is Galois  $[\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{3}) : \mathbb{Q}] = 10$  by the correspondence

$$\text{Gal}(L / \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{3})) = N$$

since  $N$  unique of index 10

$$\text{Thus } \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{3})' = L^N$$

(b) ~~Let~~  $\sqrt[3]{3}^2$  generates  $H_{11}$

Thus we have two generators

$$\tau(\sqrt[3]{3}) = \sqrt[3]{3}^2 \quad \tau(\sqrt[11]{98}) = (\sqrt[11]{98})$$

$$\sigma(\sqrt[3]{3}) = \sqrt[3]{3} \quad \sigma(\sqrt[11]{98}) = \sqrt[3]{3}^2 \sqrt[11]{98} \quad N = \langle \sigma \rangle$$

For the relations we have just how  $\langle \tau \rangle$  acts by conjugation on  $\sigma$

$$\tau \sigma \tau^{-1}(\sqrt[3]{3}) = \sqrt[3]{3}$$

$$\tau \sigma \tau^{-1}(\sqrt[11]{98}) = \tau(\sqrt[3]{3} \sqrt[11]{98}) = \sqrt[3]{3}^2 \sqrt[11]{98} = \sigma^2(\sqrt[11]{98})$$

thus

$$G = \langle \sigma, \tau \mid \sigma^{11} = \tau^{10} = 1 \quad \tau\sigma = \sigma^2\tau \rangle$$

(c) The extension is clearly radical, so  $G$  is solvable. More accurately

$$\mathbb{Q} \triangleleft N \triangleleft G$$

$G/N$  is a cyclic group  
generated by  
 $\tau N$ .

### Exercise 3

$$(a) \text{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_3)/\mathbb{Q}) \cong (\mathbb{Z}/10)^* \cong (\mathbb{Z}/2)^* \times (\mathbb{Z}/5)^* \\ \cong \mathbb{Z}/4$$

$$(b) \text{deg } \Phi_{10} = 4$$

We know that if  $p \neq 2, 5$  then

$$p \bmod 10 \in (\mathbb{Z}/10)^* = \{1, 3, 7, 9\}$$

if  $p \equiv 1, 9 \pmod{10}$  then we have that

$$p^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{10}$$

$$10 \mid p^2 - 1$$

$$x^{10} - 1 \mid x^{p^2 - 1} - 1 \mid x^{p^2} - x$$

$x^{10} - 1$  has irreducible factor of most of degree 2.

If  $p \equiv 3, 7 \pmod{10}$  then  $p$  has order 4 in  $(\mathbb{Z}/10)^*$

This means that

$$x^{10} - 1 \mid x^{p^4} - x$$

but  $x^{10} - 1$  does not divide any  $x^{p^k} - x$  for  $k < 4$

$\Rightarrow x^{10} - 1$  has factors of degree 4 and

thus  $\Phi_{10}$  is irreducible.

(c) for  $p=5$

$x^{10}-1 = (x^2-1)^5$  has only factor of degree 2

so  $\Phi_{10}$  is irreducible.

for  $p=1$   $\Phi_5 \equiv \Phi_{10} \pmod{2}$

$\Phi_5$  and 2 has order 4 in  $(\mathbb{Z}/5)^\times$

$\Rightarrow \Phi_{10}(x)$  is irreducible

(d)  $10 = 2 \cdot 5 = 2 \cdot (2^2+1)$  is a product of a power of 2 and an M-prime  
YES, it is constructible

(e)  $(\mathbb{Z}/10)^\times \cong \mathbb{Z}/4$  which has a unique subgroup of index 2

Thus there is only one quadratic extension /  $\mathbb{Q}$

This is given by  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{5}) \subseteq \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{5}) \subseteq \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{5})$

$\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{3+\sqrt{3}})$

## Exercise 4

(a) Denote by  $\alpha$  a real root of  $f(x)$

$V_4$  has a subgroup of index 2  
which correspond to an extension

$$L \subseteq \mathbb{Q} \text{ Spl}(f(x))$$

$$[L : \mathbb{Q}] = 2$$

CONSTRUCTIBLE

Note that in this case

$$\text{Spl}(f(x)) = \mathbb{Q}(\alpha)$$

$$\text{since } [\text{Spl}(f(x)) : \mathbb{Q}] = 4$$

$C_4$ . Same as before  $\text{Spl}(f(x)) = \mathbb{Q}(\alpha)$

$\text{Spl}(f(x))$  has a subextension

$L$  quadratic /  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

CONSTRUCTIBLE

$D_8$  See solution exam 21 / 01 / 2025  
CONSTRUCTIBLE

---

$A_4$  NOT CONSTRUCTIBLE

$S_4$  Done in class  
Not constructible.

## Exercise 5

(a) it is a polynomial of degree 3 so it is easy to check that it has no roots.

possible roots  $\pm p$   $\pm p^2$

$$r(p) = p^3 - 4p^2 - p^2 = p^3 - 5p^2 = p^2(p-5) \\ = 0 \quad \text{iff} \quad p=5$$

$$r(-p) = -p^3 + 4p^2 - p^2 = -p^3 + 3p^2 = p^2(3-p) \\ = 0 \quad \text{iff} \quad p=3$$

$$r(p^2) = p^6 - 4p^3 - p^2 = p^2(p^4 - 4p + 1) \neq 0$$

cannot be 0  
since it is not divisible  
by  $p$

$$r(-p^2) = -p^6 + 4p^3 - p^2 = p^2(-p^4 + 4p - 1) \neq 0$$

Thus the polynomial has a root iff  $p=3, 5$

(b)  $f'(x) = 1$  thus  $\gcd(f(x), f'(x)) = 1$   
and  $f$  is separable.

It is irreducible since it has no root and  $\neq (x^2+x+1)^2$  which is the only way a poly of deg 4 can be written as product of two mod of deg 2 in  $\mathbb{F}_2[x]$

(c)  $f(x)$  is irreducible over  $\mathbb{F}_2[x] \Rightarrow$   
 $\text{Gal}(f)$  contains a 4-cycle  
 $\text{Gal}(f) \not\cong A_4$

Since the resolvent is irreducible we have that

$$\text{Gal}(f) = S_4, A_4$$

but we just excluded the latter.