

1. Let  $K$  be a splitting field of  $x^7 - 5$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Prove that  $K$  contains a primitive 7<sup>th</sup> root of unity. Determine the degree of  $K/\mathbb{Q}$ .
2. Let  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[5]{3}, \zeta)$ , where  $\zeta$  is a primitive 15<sup>th</sup> root of unity.
  - (a) Prove that  $K$  is Galois over  $\mathbb{Q}$  and find the order the Galois group  $G$ .
  - (b) Show that  $\text{Gal}(K/\mathbb{Q}(\zeta))$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$ .
3. Let  $G$  be a finite group. Does there always exist a finite dimensional extension of fields  $E/F$  which is Galois with Galois group isomorphic to  $G$ ?
4. Let  $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta)/\mathbb{Q}$  be the extension  $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta) \subset \mathbb{C}$  of the rational numbers determined by

$$\zeta = \exp(2\pi i/29).$$

Let  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Q}(\zeta)$  be a number which is constructible over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . What are the possible values of

$$\dim_{\mathbb{Q}} \mathbb{Q}(\alpha)/\mathbb{Q}?$$

5. Let  $E$  be the splitting field of the polynomial  $x^4 - 2x^2 - 3$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . What is the degree of  $E/\mathbb{Q}$ ? Find all proper subextensions of  $E/\mathbb{Q}$ .
6. Solve the equation  $x^3 - 6x - 9 = 0$  using Cardano's formula.
7. Let  $\mathbb{F}_2$  be the field with 2 elements.
  - (a) Factor the polynomial

$$f(x) = x^4 + x^2 + x + 1 \in \mathbb{F}_2[x]$$

into irreducible factors in the ring  $\mathbb{F}_2[x]$ .

- (b) Let  $E$  be the splitting field of  $f$  over  $\mathbb{F}_2$ . How many elements does  $E$  have?
8. Is the regular 272-gon constructible by straightedge and compass?
9. Let  $\mathbb{C}(e_1, e_2, e_3) \subset \mathbb{C}(x_1, x_2, x_3)$  be the subfield of symmetric functions where

$$e_1 = x_1 + x_2 + x_3, \quad e_2 = x_1x_2 + x_1x_3 + x_2x_3, \quad e_3 = x_1x_2x_3.$$

What is the degree of the extension of  $\mathbb{C}(e_1, e_2, e_3)$  generated by the element

$$x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 \in \mathbb{C}(x_1, x_2, x_3)?$$

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What is the degree of the extension of  $\mathbb{C}(e_1, e_2, e_3)$  generated by the element

$$x_1^2x_2 + x_2^2x_3 + x_3^2x_1 \in \mathbb{C}(x_1, x_2, x_3)?$$

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$$e_1 = x_1 + x_2 + x_3, \quad e_2 = x_1x_2 + x_1x_3 + x_2x_3, \quad e_3 = x_1x_2x_3.$$

What is the minimal polynomial over  $\mathbb{C}(e_1, e_2, e_3)$  of the element

$$x_1 + x_2 \in \mathbb{C}(x_1, x_2, x_3)?$$

12. Factorize  $x^8 - 1$  and  $x^9 - 1$  into irreducible factors in the ring  $\mathbb{Q}[x]$ .

13. Does there exist an irreducible polynomial  $f(x) \in \mathbb{Q}[x]$  of degree 4 with Galois group over  $\mathbb{Q}$  isomorphic to  $S_3 \times S_3$ ? Does there exist an irreducible polynomial  $g(x) \in \mathbb{Q}[x]$  of degree 5 with Galois group over  $\mathbb{Q}$  isomorphic to  $S_3 \times S_3$ ?

14. What is the automorphism group of the field  $\mathbb{Q}$ ? What is the automorphism group of the field  $\mathbb{R}$ ? Answer with proof.

15. Let  $\mathbb{F}_{243}$  be the field with 243 elements.

(a) Let  $\tau : \mathbb{F}_{243} \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_{243}$  be defined by  $\tau(x) = x^{80}$ . Is  $\tau$  an automorphism of  $\mathbb{F}_{243}$ ? If so, calculate the number of elements of the fixed field of  $\tau$ .

(b) Let  $\sigma : \mathbb{F}_{243} \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_{243}$  be defined by  $\tau(x) = x^{81}$ . Is  $\sigma$  an automorphism of  $\mathbb{F}_{243}$ ? If so, calculate the number of elements of the fixed field of  $\sigma$ .

16. Let  $\mathbb{F}_2$  be the field with 2 elements. Consider the polynomial

$$f(x) = x^3 + x^2 + 1 \in \mathbb{F}_2[x].$$

Is  $f(x)$  irreducible in  $\mathbb{F}_2[x]$ ? What is the Galois group  $f(x)$  over  $\mathbb{F}_2$ ?

17. Consider the real number

$$\alpha = \sqrt{17} + \frac{2}{\sqrt{17}}.$$

Is  $\alpha$  algebraic over  $\mathbb{Q}$ ? If so, find the minimal polynomial of  $\alpha$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

18. What is the Galois group of the polynomial  $x^{17} - 1$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$ ? Does there exist a subextension of the splitting field over  $\mathbb{Q}$  of dimension 4?

19. Let  $G$  be the group of rotational symmetries of a solid tetrahedron. What is the order of  $G$ ? Is  $G$  a solvable group?

20. Let  $f(x) = x^3 + 2x^2 + 3x + 4$ . Let  $r_1, r_2, r_3 \in \mathbb{C}$  be the three roots of  $f(x)$ . Calculate

$$r_1^3 + r_2^3 + r_3^3.$$

21. Let  $E$  be a Galois extension of  $F$  with Galois group  $S_3$ .

(a) What is the degree of the extension  $E/F$ ?

(b) How many proper subextensions of  $E/F$  are there?

(c) How many of the proper subextensions of  $E/F$  are Galois extensions of  $F$ ?

22. Let  $f(x) \in \mathbb{Q}[x]$  be a polynomial of degree 4 with distinct roots

$$r_1, r_2, r_3, r_4 \in \mathbb{C}$$

which satisfy the equation

$$\prod_{i < j} (r_i - r_j) = 9.$$

Can the Galois group of  $f$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$  be  $S_4$ ? Answer with proof.

23. Let  $\omega = \exp(2\pi i/3)$ . Consider the complex number

$$\alpha = \omega + 2\omega^{-1}.$$

Is  $\alpha$  algebraic over  $\mathbb{Q}$ ? If so, find the minimal polynomial of  $\alpha$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

24. Let  $f(x) \in \mathbb{Q}[x]$  be an irreducible polynomial of degree 17. Let  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$  satisfy

$$f(\alpha) = 0.$$

- (a) Can  $\alpha$  be a rational number?
- (b) What is the degree of the extension  $\mathbb{Q}(\alpha)/\mathbb{Q}$ ?
- (c) What is the degree of the extension  $\mathbb{Q}(\alpha^2 + 17)/\mathbb{Q}$ ?

25. Let  $E/\mathbb{Q}$  be a finite dimensional field extension of  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

- (a) Suppose  $\dim E/\mathbb{Q} = 6$  and

$$\mathbb{Q} \subset F_1 \subset E, \quad \mathbb{Q} \subset F_2 \subset E$$

are subextensions with

$$\dim F_1/E = 2, \quad \dim F_2/E = 3.$$

Let  $z_1 \in F_1$  and  $z_2 \in F_2$  with  $z_1, z_2 \notin \mathbb{Q}$ . Must there exist  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in \mathbb{Q}$  such that

$$\mathbb{Q}(\lambda_1 z_1 + \lambda_2 z_2) = E?$$

- (b) Suppose  $\dim E/\mathbb{Q} = 12$  and

$$\mathbb{Q} \subset F_1 \subset E, \quad \mathbb{Q} \subset F_2 \subset E$$

are subextensions with

$$\dim F_1/E = 4, \quad \dim F_2/E = 3.$$

Let  $z_1 \in F_1$  and  $z_2 \in F_2$  with  $z_1, z_2 \notin \mathbb{Q}$ . Must there exist  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in \mathbb{Q}$  such that

$$\mathbb{Q}(\lambda_1 z_1 + \lambda_2 z_2) = E?$$