

**Math 6320, Assignment 3****Due: Weekend of March 4th**

1. For each of the following polynomials, determine the number of distinct roots in  $\mathbb{F}_{49}$ .

$$x^{48} - 1, \quad x^{49} - 1, \quad x^{54} - 1.$$

2. Let  $k$  be a field of characteristic  $p > 0$ . Set  $E = k(x, y)$  and  $F = k(x^p, y^p)$ .

- (a) Prove that  $[E : F] = p^2$ .  
(b) Prove that  $E \neq F(\alpha)$  for any  $\alpha \in E$ .

3. Prove that the extension  $\mathbb{Q} \subset \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3})$  is normal (also called Galois), and compute its Galois group.

4. Determine the Galois group of  $x^4 - 2 \in \mathbb{Q}[x]$ .

5. Determine the Galois group of  $x^4 + 4x^2 + 2 \in \mathbb{Q}[x]$ .

6. Compute the cyclotomic polynomials  $\Phi_{30}(x)$  and  $\Phi_{81}(x)$ . Use the formula given by Möbius inversion.

7. This exercise and the next give a quick method for computing cyclotomic polynomials.

- (a) Prove that  $\Phi_n(x) = x^{\varphi(n)} \Phi_n(1/x)$ , so that the coefficients of  $\Phi_n(x)$  are palindromic.  
(b) Prove that  $\Phi_n(x)$  is determined by its value in the residue ring  $\mathbb{Z}[x]$  modulo  $(x^{\lceil \varphi(n)/2 \rceil + 1})$ .

8. Prove the following identities.

- (a)  $\Phi_n(x) = \Phi_m(x^{n/m})$  when  $m$  is the product of the distinct prime factors dividing  $n$ .  
(b)  $\Phi_{pn}(x) = \Phi_n(x^p) / \Phi_n(x)$  when  $p$  is a prime not dividing  $n$ .  
(c)  $\Phi_{2n}(x) = \Phi_n(-x)$  when  $n$  is an odd integer  $\geq 3$ .

9. Use the preceding exercises to compute  $\Phi_n(x)$  for  $n = 30, 81, 105$ ; compare with your answer for (6).