

1. Let  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{3}, \sqrt{7})$ .

(a) Use Galois theory to prove that  $\alpha = \sqrt{3} + \sqrt{7}$  is a primitive element for  $K/\mathbb{Q}$ , i.e. that  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\alpha)$ .  
**(6 points)**

(b) Consider the  $\mathbb{Q}$ -linear transformation  $T: K \rightarrow K$  where  $T(\beta) = \alpha \cdot \beta$ . Give the matrix  $A$  of  $T$  with respect to the  $\mathbb{Q}$ -basis  $\{1, \sqrt{3}, \sqrt{7}, \sqrt{21}\}$  of  $K$ . **(2 points)**

(c) Describe how you could use the matrix  $A$  to find express  $\alpha^{-1}$  as  $a + b\sqrt{3} + c\sqrt{7} + d\sqrt{21}$ , where  $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{Q}$ . **(2 points)**

2. Let  $\mathbb{Q} \subset K \subset \mathbb{C}$ , where  $K/\mathbb{Q}$  is a finite Galois extension. Let  $\tau \in \text{Aut}(\mathbb{C})$  by complex conjugation. Prove or disprove:  $\tau(K) = K$  and so  $\tau$  gives an element of  $\text{Gal}(K/\mathbb{Q})$ .  
**(8 points)**

3. Let  $R$  be a principal ideal domain.

(a) If  $\alpha$  is an irreducible element of  $R$ , prove that the ideal  $I = (\alpha)$  is maximal. **(4 points)**

(b) Prove that any proper ideal  $I$  of  $R$  is contained in a maximal ideal. **(6 points)**

(c) Does (a) remain true if  $R$  is just a UFD? Prove your answer. **(2 points)**

4. Consider the cyclotomic field  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta)$  where  $\zeta = e^{2\pi i/5}$ . We know  $K/\mathbb{Q}$  is Galois with group  $G \cong (\mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z})^\times$ .

(a) What is the minimal polynomial of  $\zeta$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$ ? **(2 points)**

(b) How many subfields  $L$  of  $K$  are there with  $[L : \mathbb{Q}] = 2$ ? **(2 points)**

(c) Let  $\sigma \in G$  send  $\zeta \mapsto \zeta^2$ . Find the corresponding fixed field  $K_{\langle\sigma\rangle}$ . **(4 points)**

(d) Find the minimal polynomial of  $\zeta^2 + \zeta^3$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Your answer should not involve  $\zeta$ . **(4 points)**

5. Let  $F$  be a field of characteristic 0. Let  $K$  be the splitting field of an irreducible cubic  $f(x) \in F[x]$ . Let  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3 \in K$  be the roots of  $f$ , and suppose that  $G = \text{Gal}(K/F)$  is all of  $S_3$ .

(a) Show that  $F = \mathbb{Q}$  and  $f(x) = x^3 + x + 1$  is an example of this situation, i.e. that  $f$  is irreducible in  $\mathbb{Q}[x]$  and  $G = S_3$ . **(4 points)**

(b) Returning to the general case, for each  $j$  find the subgroup of  $G$  that corresponds to  $F(\alpha_j)$ . **(2 points)**

(c) Prove that  $F(\alpha_1) \cap F(\alpha_2) = F$ . **(2 points)**

(d) Prove that  $\text{Aut}(F(\alpha_1)/F)$  is trivial. **(4 points)**

(e) Consider  $\beta = \alpha_1\alpha_2^2 + \alpha_2\alpha_3^2 + \alpha_3\alpha_1^2$ . Prove that  $K \neq F(\beta)$ . **(2 points)**

6. Consider the plane curve  $X = \mathbf{V}(x^2 - y^2 - 1) \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ .

(a) Prove that  $X$  is smooth, and draw a picture of it. **(4 points)**

(b) Let  $\bar{X}$  be the corresponding curve in  $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{R}}^2$ . Find the defining equation for  $\bar{X}$  in  $\mathbb{R}[x, y, z]$ , and find all the points in  $\bar{X} - X$ , i.e. all points at infinity. **(2 points)**

(c) Explain why your answers in (a) and (b) are consistent with the view that  $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{R}}^2$  is  $\mathbb{R}^2$  plus one point for each family of parallel lines in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . **(2 points)**

(d) What is the topology of  $\bar{X}$ ? What about if we replace with  $\mathbb{R}$  with  $\mathbb{C}$ ? You do not need to justify your answer, but should draw pictures. **(2 points)**

7. Let  $V$  be the plane curve  $\mathbf{V}(x^2 - y^2 - 1) \subset \mathbb{C}^2$ , which is irreducible. Let  $K = \mathbb{C}(V)$  be the function field.

(a) Consider the rational function on  $V$  given by

$$f = \frac{x^2 - y - 1}{y - 1} \in K$$

Prove that  $\text{dom}(f) = V$ , even though the denominator vanishes at  $(\sqrt{2}, 1) \in V$ . **(4 points)**

(b) Consider  $h(x, y) = x$  in  $\mathbb{C}[V]$  as a map  $V \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ . Let  $F = \mathbb{C}(\mathbb{C}) = \mathbb{C}(t)$ , and consider  $h^*: F \rightarrow K$  be the induced homomorphism of fields. As this is 1-1, identify  $F$  with its image under  $h^*$ . Describe the extension  $K/F$  as  $F[u]/(p(u))$  for some *irreducible* polynomial  $p(u) \in F[u]$ . **(6 points)**

(c) Is  $K/F$  Galois? If it is, describe how each element of  $\text{Gal}(K/F)$  acts on  $K$ . **(2 points)**

8. Throughout, let  $k$  be an algebraically closed field.

(a) Suppose  $V_1, V_2 \subset k^n$  are affine varieties defined by  $V_i = \mathbf{V}(I_i)$ . Prove directly from the definitions that  $V_1 \cup V_2 = \mathbf{V}(I_1 \cap I_2)$  **(4 points)**

(b) Let  $J_1$  and  $J_2$  be radical ideals in  $k[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ . Prove that  $I = J_1 \cap J_2$  is also a radical ideal, i.e. that  $f^n \in I \Rightarrow f \in I$ . **(2 points)**

(c) Show that  $\mathbf{I}(V_1 \cup V_2) = \mathbf{I}(V_1) \cap \mathbf{I}(V_2)$ . **(4 points)**