

Math 395 - Fall 2019  
Homework 8

This homework is due on Friday, October 25.

- Let  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{3 + \sqrt{5}})$ .
  - Show that  $K/\mathbb{Q}$  is a Galois extension.
  - Determine the Galois group of  $K/\mathbb{Q}$ .
  - Find all subfields of  $K$ .
- Let  $K_1$  and  $K_2$  be finite abelian Galois extensions of  $F$  contained in a fixed algebraic closure of  $F$ . Show that their composite  $K_1K_2$  is a finite abelian Galois extension of  $F$  as well.
- Let  $E$  be the splitting field in  $\mathbb{C}$  of the polynomial  $p(x) = x^6 + 3x^3 - 10$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$ , and let  $\alpha$  be any root of  $p(x)$  in  $E$ .
  - Find  $[\mathbb{Q}(\alpha) : \mathbb{Q}]$ . Be sure to justify your answer.
  - Describe the roots of  $p(x)$  in terms of radicals involving rational numbers and roots of unity.
  - Find  $[E : \mathbb{Q}]$ . Be sure to justify your answer.
  - Prove that  $E$  contains a *unique* subfield  $F$  with  $[F : \mathbb{Q}] = 2$ .
- Let  $f(x) = x^6 - 6x^3 + 1$  and let  $\alpha, \beta$  be the two real roots of  $f$  with  $\alpha > \beta$ . You may assume  $f(x)$  is irreducible in  $\mathbb{Q}[x]$ . Let  $K$  be the splitting field of  $f(x)$  in  $\mathbb{C}$ .
  - Exhibit all six roots of  $f(x)$  in terms of radicals involving only integers and powers of  $\omega$ , where  $\omega$  is a primitive cube root of unity.
  - Prove that  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\alpha, \omega)$  and deduce that  $[K : \mathbb{Q}] = 12$ . (Hint: What is  $\alpha\beta$ ?)
  - Prove that  $G = \text{Gal}(K/\mathbb{Q})$  has a normal subgroup  $N$  such that  $G/N$  is the Klein group of order four (this is  $C_2 \times C_2$ ).
- Let  $K$  be the splitting field of  $(x^2 - 3)(x^3 - 5)$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$ .
  - Find the degree of  $K$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$ .
  - Find the isomorphism type of the Galois group  $\text{Gal}(K/\mathbb{Q})$ .
  - Find, with justification, all subfields  $F$  of  $K$  such that  $[F : \mathbb{Q}] = 2$ .
- Let  $\alpha = \sqrt{1 - \sqrt[3]{5}} \in \mathbb{C}$  (where  $\sqrt[3]{5}$  denotes the real cube root), let  $K$  be the splitting field of the minimal polynomial of  $\alpha$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$ , and let  $G = \text{Gal}(K/\mathbb{Q})$ .
  - Find the degree of  $\mathbb{Q}(\alpha)$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

- (b) Show that  $K$  contains the splitting field of  $x^3 - 5$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$  and deduce that  $G$  has a normal subgroup  $H$  such that  $G/H \cong S_3$ .
- (c) Show that the order of the subgroup  $H$  in (b) divides 8.