

**PROBLEM SET # 7**  
**MATH 251**

Due October 25.

1. Let  $G$  be a finite abelian group, and  $m$  be the least common multiple of orders of all elements. Show that  $k$  is a splitting field for  $G$  if and only if  $k$  contains a primitive  $m$ -th root of 1.

2. Let  $G$  be a finite abelian group,  $k$  be a splitting field for  $G$ .

(a) The set  $\hat{G}$  of irreducible representations of  $G$  over  $k$  is a group with operation of tensor product.

(b) If the characteristic of  $k$  does not divide  $|G|$ , then  $\hat{G}$  is isomorphic to  $G$ .

3. Let  $G$  and  $H$  be two finite groups,  $V$  and  $W$  be two absolutely simple  $k[G]$  and  $k[H]$ -modules respectively.

(a) Prove that  $V \otimes W$  is absolutely simple  $k[G \times H]$ -module. Note that the statement is true in any characteristic.

(b) Show by counterexample that if  $V$  and  $W$  are simple  $k[G]$  and  $k[H]$ -modules respectively, the tensor product  $V \otimes W$  may not be simple as  $k[G \times H]$ -module.

4. (Lam 8.21) Show that over  $\mathbb{Q}$ ,  $G = A_5$  has four irreducible representations of dimensions 1, 4, 5 and 6 respectively.

5. (Lam 8.23) If a finite group  $G$  has at most three irreducible complex representations, show that  $G \simeq \{1\}, Z_2, Z_3$  or  $S_3$ .

6. (Lam 8.24) Suppose the character table of a finite group  $G$  has the following two rows:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} g_1 & g_2 & g_3 & g_4 & g_5 & g_6 & g_7 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \omega^2 & \omega & \omega^2 & \omega \\ 2 & -2 & 0 & -1 & -1 & 1 & 1 \end{array}$$

where  $\omega = e^{2\pi i/3}$ . Determine the rest of the character table.