

$F \subseteq E$ field

$[E:F]$ = dimension of E as a vector space over F

E.g. $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{2})$ = generated over \mathbb{Q} by $\underbrace{1, \sqrt[3]{2}, \sqrt[3]{2}^2}$
 $[\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{2}) : \mathbb{Q}] = 3$.

$[F:K][K:L] = [F:L]$.

Finite fields

p a prime \mathbb{F}_p = integers mod p

For each $k \geq 1$, \mathbb{F}_{p^k} is a field extension of \mathbb{F}_p ,
 size p^k , $[\mathbb{F}_{p^k} : \mathbb{F}_p] = k$.

$\mathbb{F}_{p^m} \subseteq \mathbb{F}_{p^n} \iff m|n$.

Every element of \mathbb{F}_{p^k} satisfies $x^{p^k} = x$

$x^{p^k} - x = \prod_{a \in \mathbb{F}_{p^k}} (x - a)$

\mathbb{F}_{p^k} is the splitting field of $x^{p^k} - x$ over \mathbb{F}_p .

The map $x \mapsto x^{p^k}$ is a field automorphism, (Frobenius automorphism)

$(x+y)^p \equiv x^p + y^p \pmod{p}$. fixes \mathbb{F}_p pointwise

← not necessary

F is a field of char $p > 0$, $p \neq 3$, α is a root of $x^p - x + 3$ in an extension of F .

Show $x^p - x + 3$ has p distinct roots in $F(\alpha)$.

$(\alpha+1)^p - (\alpha+1) + 3 = \alpha^p + 1^p - (\alpha+1) + 3 = \alpha^p - \alpha + 3 = 0$

$(\alpha+2)^p - (\alpha+2) + 3 = \alpha^p + 2^p - (\alpha+2) + 3 = \alpha^p - \alpha + 3 = 0$

$(2^p \equiv 2 \pmod{p})$

\vdots
 $(\alpha+(p-1))^p - (\alpha+(p-1)) + 3 = 0$

Number field (= finite extension of \mathbb{Q})

$[\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d}) : \mathbb{Q}] = 2$, assume d is squarefree
 (e.g., $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}) = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{3})$)

$$\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_n) = \mathbb{Q}(e^{2\pi i/n})$$

$$[\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_n) : \mathbb{Q}] = \varphi(n) = \# \text{ of integers } 1 \leq k \leq n \text{ coprime to } n.$$

Ex: Show $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{p}) \neq \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{q})$ for distinct primes p, q .

$\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{p})$ has a square root of p
 But $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{q})$ does not

$$\text{If } (a+b\sqrt{q})^2 = p$$

$$(a^2 + b^2q) + 2ab\sqrt{q} = p$$

$$\text{Then } \underbrace{a=0 \text{ or } b=0}$$

So $a^2 = p$ or $b^2q = p$
 which is a contradiction.

$$\theta \in \mathbb{R}. \quad F_\theta = \mathbb{Q}(\sin \theta)$$

$$E_\theta = \mathbb{Q}(\sin \frac{\theta}{3})$$

Show $F_\theta \subseteq E_\theta$, determine all possibilities for $[E_\theta : F_\theta]$

$$\downarrow$$

Show $\sin \theta \in \mathbb{Q}(\sin \frac{\theta}{3})$

$$(e^{i\theta/3})^3 = e^{i\theta}$$

$$(\cos \frac{\theta}{3} + i \sin \frac{\theta}{3})^3 = \cos \theta + i \sin \theta$$

$$3 \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{3} \sin \frac{\theta}{3} - \sin^3 \frac{\theta}{3} = \sin \theta$$

$$3(1 - \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{3}) \sin \frac{\theta}{3} - \sin^3 \frac{\theta}{3} = \sin \theta$$

$$\text{To understand } [E_\theta : F_\theta] = [F_\theta(\sin \frac{\theta}{3}) : F_\theta]$$

\neq degree of minimal polynomial of $\sin \frac{\theta}{3}$

$$-4 \sin^3 \frac{\theta}{3} + 3 \sin \frac{\theta}{3} - \sin \theta = 0$$

$$F(x) = x^n + a_{n-1}x^{n-1} + \dots = 0$$

$F(x)$ spanned by $1, x, x^2, \dots, x^{n-1}$

$$\sin^3 \frac{\theta}{3} - \frac{3}{4} \sin \frac{\theta}{3} + \frac{1}{4} \sin \theta = 0$$

$$\sin \frac{\theta}{3} \text{ satisfies } x^3 - \frac{3}{4}x + \frac{1}{4} \sin \theta = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow [E_\theta : F_\theta] \leq 3$$

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E.g., $F = \mathbb{Q}$, $\theta = \frac{\pi}{6}$, $F_\theta = \mathbb{Q}$, $\text{deg} = 3$ since

$$x^3 - \frac{3}{4}x + \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = 0 \text{ is irreducible}$$

(check no rational roots, finitely many possibilities using the rational root theorem)

Show that $\mathbb{Q}(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n)$ is isomorphic to a subfield of \mathbb{R} .

Idea: the t_1, \dots, t_n need to correspond to real numbers with no algebraic relations between them.

Pick $t_1 \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \underbrace{\mathbb{Q}}_{\text{countable}}$

Pick $t_2 \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \underbrace{\mathbb{Q}(t_1)}_{\text{countable}}$
 \vdots

1) Show $G = GL(2, \mathbb{F}_{p^n})$ has order $(p^{2n}-1)(p^{2n}-p^n)$

2) Show that a Sylow p -subgroup is isomorphic to $(\mathbb{F}_{p^n}, +)$

→ 1) $\left(\begin{array}{|c|} \hline \square \\ \hline \end{array}, \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \square \\ \hline \end{array} \right)$
 $p^{2n}-1$ possibilities. Can't be one of the p^n multiples of the first column.

2) Amounts to checking that the subgroup

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & * \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \cong (\mathbb{F}_{p^n}, +)$$

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The field \mathbb{F}_{p^n} has multiplicative group

$\mathbb{F}_{p^n}^\times$, cyclic of order $p^n - 1$.

(Because $x^d = x$ has $\leq d$ solutions in \mathbb{F}_{p^n} ,
and then some abstract group theory says that $\mathbb{F}_{p^n}^\times$ must be cyclic)

(This is true for any finite multiplicative subgroup of a field (e.g., $\{1, \zeta_n, \zeta_n^2, \dots, \zeta_n^{n-1}\}$))

How many elements of \mathbb{F}_p have square roots?
... have cube roots?

0 has a square root,

$\mathbb{F}_p^\times \cong \mathbb{Z}/(p-1)\mathbb{Z}$ half of these can be divided by 2.

$$\mathbb{F}_p^\times \xrightarrow{x^2} \mathbb{F}_p^\times$$

$$\mathbb{Z}/(p-1)\mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{2x} \mathbb{Z}/(p-1)\mathbb{Z}$$

$$1 + \frac{p-1}{2}$$

Cuberoots

$$\mathbb{Z}/(p-1)\mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{3x} \mathbb{Z}/(p-1)\mathbb{Z}$$

If $3 \mid p-1$, then $1 + \frac{p-1}{3}$

else, 3 invertible mod $p-1$, so all p elements have square roots
cube

Show $[n \geq 2 \text{ and } 2^n + n^2 \text{ prime}] \Rightarrow n \equiv 3 \pmod{6}$

Two strategies: - Check divisibility by a small prime

- Or use an algebraic factorization (e.g., $n^4 + 4$)

$$(n^2 + 2n + 2)(n^2 - 2n + 2)$$

Here: Look mod 2 and mod 3.

$$2^n + n^2 \equiv n^2 \equiv n \pmod{2}$$

So divisible by 2 unless

$$2^n + n^2 \equiv ? \pmod{3}$$

Since n odd,

$$2^n \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$$

So divisible by 3 unless

$$n \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$$

(so $n^2 \equiv 0$, rather than $n^2 \equiv 1$)

Combine CRT: $n \equiv 3 \pmod{6}$

$$n \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$$

n	$2^n \pmod{3}$	$n^2 \pmod{3}$
0	1	0
1	2	1
2	$4 \equiv 1$	$4 \equiv 1$
3	2	$3^2 \equiv 0^2 \equiv 0$
4	1	$4^2 \equiv 1^2 \equiv 1$
...	...	$5^2 \equiv 2^2 \equiv 1$

Euler's Theorem: If $\gcd(a, n) = 1$, then $a^{\varphi(n)} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$

$$\varphi(n) = |(\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z})^\times|$$

Ex: $17^{17^{17}} \pmod{10}$

$$17^1 \equiv 7 \pmod{10}$$

$$17^2 \equiv 7^2 \equiv 9 \pmod{10}$$

$$17^3 \equiv 3 \pmod{10}$$

$$17^4 \equiv 1 \pmod{10}$$

$$17^5 \equiv 7 \pmod{10}$$

$$17^4 \equiv 1 \pmod{10}$$

since $\gcd(17, 10) = 1$
and $\varphi(10) = 4$

$$17^{(17^{17})} \equiv 17^1 \pmod{10} \equiv 7 \pmod{10}$$

since $17^{17} \equiv 17 \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$

M real, symmetric

M positive definite \iff Eigenvalues > 0

$$\iff x^T M x > 0 \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{same} \\ \text{for } x \neq 0 \end{array} \right.$$

$$\iff \langle x, Mx \rangle > 0$$

$$\iff M = A^T A \quad (\text{note } (A^T A)^T = A^T A^{TT} = A^T A)$$

for A invertible

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positive semi-definite

$$\Leftrightarrow x^T M x \geq 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \langle x, Mx \rangle \geq 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow M = A^T A \text{ for some } A.$$

strongest
use this if
pos def is an
assumption