

1 Let  $\alpha = \sqrt{2 + \sqrt{2}}$ .

- (a) Compute the degree  $[\mathbb{Q}(\alpha) : \mathbb{Q}]$ .
- (b) Prove that  $\mathbb{Q}(\alpha) \supseteq \mathbb{Q}$  is a Galois extension.
- (c) Prove that the Galois group  $\text{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}(\alpha)/\mathbb{Q})$  is a cyclic group.
- (d) Use the Fundamental Theorem of Galois Theory to draw the lattice of intermediate fields between  $\mathbb{Q}$  and  $\mathbb{Q}(\alpha)$ .

2 On HW 9, you proved that the splitting field for  $x^4 + 1$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$  is  $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta)$ , where  $\zeta^4 = -1$ . You also showed that  $[\mathbb{Q}(\zeta) : \mathbb{Q}] = 4$ .

- (a) Prove that  $\text{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}(\zeta)/\mathbb{Q})$  is isomorphic to the Klein 4-group.
- (b) Use the Fundamental Theorem of Galois Theory to draw the lattice of intermediate fields between  $\mathbb{Q}$  and  $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta)$ .

3 Recall that, if  $p$  is a prime number, the  $p$ th cyclotomic polynomial is

$$\Phi_p(x) = \frac{x^p - 1}{x - 1} = 1 + x + x^2 + \cdots + x^{p-1}.$$

We now define a cyclotomic polynomial  $\Phi_n(x) \in \mathbb{Q}[x]$  for every positive integer  $n$ . Set  $\Phi_1(x) = x - 1$ . If  $n > 1$ , then we inductively define  $\Phi_n(x)$  so that

$$x^n - 1 = \prod_{d|n} \Phi_d(x),$$

where the product is over all divisors  $d$  of  $n$ . That is, we are assuming (by induction) that the cyclotomic polynomials  $\Phi_d(x)$  for all *proper* divisors  $d < n$  have already been defined, and so the only unknown in the above equation is  $\Phi_n(x)$ .

- (a) Check that this inductive definition is consistent with the original definition of  $\Phi_p(x)$  for  $p$  prime.
- (b) Use this definition to compute  $\Phi_8(x)$ ,  $\Phi_{10}(x)$ , and  $\Phi_{12}(x)$ .
- (c) Show that

$$n = \sum_{d|n} \phi(d),$$

where  $\phi$  denotes the Euler totient function. [HINT: Count the number of integers  $k \in \{1, \dots, n\}$  such that  $\gcd(k, n) = \frac{n}{d}$ .]

- (d) Prove that  $\Phi_n(x)$  has degree  $\phi(n)$ .

4 Let  $\Phi_n(x) \in \mathbb{Q}[x]$  be the  $n$ th cyclotomic polynomial, as defined in the previous problem.

Recall that  $\zeta$  is an  **$n$ th root of unity** if  $\zeta^n = 1$ , and  $\zeta$  is a **primitive  $n$ th root of unity** if additionally  $\zeta^i \neq 1$  for  $1 \leq i < n$ .

- (a) Show that  $\zeta$  is an  $n$ th root of unity if and only if  $\zeta$  is a root of  $x^n - 1$ , and  $\zeta$  is a primitive  $n$ th root of unity if and only if  $\zeta$  is a root of  $\Phi_n(x)$ .
- (b) Show that, for any odd positive integer  $n$ ,  $\Phi_{2n}(x) = \Phi_n(-x)$ . [HINT: If  $\zeta$  is a primitive  $n$ th root of 1, show that  $-\zeta$  is also a root of unity. What is its order?]
- (c) Let  $\zeta$  be a primitive  $n$ th root of unity. Prove that  $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta)$  is the splitting field of  $x^n - 1$ . (The field  $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta)$  is called the  **$n$ th cyclotomic field**.)

5 Let  $n$  be a positive integer, and let  $U_n = (\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z})^\times$  be the group of units in the ring  $\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$ . That is,

$$U_n = \{\bar{k} \in \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z} \mid \gcd(k, n) = 1\}.$$

(You considered this group on HW 11 in MA 361.)

Let  $\zeta$  be a primitive  $n$ th root of unity.

- (a) Use the fact that  $\Phi_n(x)$  is irreducible over  $\mathbb{Q}$  (a result due to Gauss and Dedekind) to show that  $\text{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}(\zeta)/\mathbb{Q})$  is a group of order  $\phi(n)$ .
- (b) Prove that  $\text{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}(\zeta)/\mathbb{Q}) \cong U_n$ .

[HINT: Any automorphism of  $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta)$  is determined by where it maps  $\zeta$ . Show that there is an automorphism  $\sigma_k: \zeta \mapsto \zeta^k$  if and only if  $\gcd(k, n) = 1$ .]