

ICTP 2018 Summer School: Galois Theory Homework #4

- 1) Let ζ_{11} be a primitive 11th root of unity. The minimal polynomial of ζ_{11} is $h(x) = x^{10} + x^9 + x^8 + x^7 + x^6 + x^5 + x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + x + 1$. Let K be the splitting field of $h(x)$. Then K/\mathbb{Q} is Galois with Galois group $(\mathbb{Z}/11)^* \simeq \mathbb{Z}/10$. Let $H \subset \mathbb{Z}/10$ be the unique subgroup of order 2. Then K^H/\mathbb{Q} is a $\mathbb{Z}/5$ -extension. Find its minimal polynomial.
- 2) The extension \mathbb{C}/\mathbb{R} is a $\mathbb{Z}/2$ Galois extension of fields. Complex conjugation generates the Galois group. Note that $N_{\mathbb{R}}^{\mathbb{C}}(i) = i \cdot -i = -i^2 = 1$ so Hilbert's Theorem 90 implies there exists a $z \in \mathbb{C}$ such that $i = z/\bar{z}$. Find such a z . Can you find them all?
- 3) In class we proved the fundamental theorem of algebra, that any $h(x) \in \mathbb{C}[x]$ factors to linear terms. This of course implies there are no finite extensions of \mathbb{C} . Alternatively, one can use Kummer theory to prove, for $n \geq 2$, there are no \mathbb{Z}/n -extensions of \mathbb{C} . Do this. Which result is stronger? (Remember, each nontrivial \mathbb{Z}/n -extension of \mathbb{C} corresponds to a nontrivial element of $\mathbb{C}^*/(\mathbb{C}^*)^n$).