

**Exercise 1.** Let  $p$  be a prime number and  $f(X) = X^4 + pX + p \in \mathbb{Q}[X]$ .

- (a) Compute  $R_f(X)$  and  $D(f)$ . Conclude that the zeros of  $R_f(X)$  satisfy  $Z_R \subset \{\pm 1, \pm p, \pm p^2\}$ . Check that  $\pm 1$  and  $\pm p^2$  are not roots of  $R_f(X)$  for any  $p$ , but  $R_f(p) = p^2(p - 5)$  and  $R_f(-p) = p^2(p - 3)$ . Conclude that  $R_f(X)$  has a root in  $\mathbb{Q}$  if and only if  $p = 3, 5$ .
- (b) Prove that  $G_f = S_4$  if  $p \neq 3, 5$ .
- (c) If  $p = 3$ , prove that  $G_f = D_4$ .
- (d) If  $p = 5$ , prove that  $G_f = C_4$ .

**Exercise 2.** (a) List all irreducible polynomials of degree 2 in  $\mathbb{F}_5[X]$ .

(b) Let  $\mathbb{F}_5[X]/(X^2 + 3) = \mathbb{F}_5[\alpha]$ ,  $\mathbb{F}_5[X]/(X^2 + 2) = \mathbb{F}_5[\beta]$  and  $\mathbb{F}_5[X]/(X^2 + X + 1) = \mathbb{F}_5[\gamma]$ . Construct explicit isomorphisms  $\mathbb{F}_5[\alpha] \xrightarrow{\varphi} \mathbb{F}_5[\beta] \xrightarrow{\psi} \mathbb{F}_5[\gamma]$ .

(c) Find a generator  $g$  for  $\mathbb{F}_5[\alpha]^\times$ , and use  $g$  and the isomorphisms  $\varphi$  and  $\psi$  found in (b) to produce generators of  $\mathbb{F}_5[\gamma]^\times$  and  $\mathbb{F}_5[\beta]^\times$ .

**Exercise 3.** Let  $f(X)$  be a polynomial of degree 6 in  $\mathbb{F}_5[X]$ , and let  $K = \mathbb{F}_5[X]/(f)$ . How many elements  $\alpha \in K$  satisfy  $K^\times = \langle \alpha \rangle$ ? How many elements  $\beta \in K$  satisfy  $K = \mathbb{F}_5[\beta]$ ?

**Exercise 4.** Let  $K = \mathbb{F}_{3^n}$ , with  $n \geq 2$ .

- (a) How many elements have their square in  $K$ ?
- (b) Prove that the product  $P$  of all elements of  $K^\times$  equals 2.
- (c) Prove that the additive group  $(K, +)$  is not cyclic.