

## NAP 2019, MODULE-III, SOLUTIONS OF HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT # 1

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Comment: In case, you notice some typo or inaccuracy please let us know. **Problem 7.1 on page 59:**

Let  $f(X) \in \mathbb{R}[X]$  be a non-constant irreducible polynomial. By Fundamental theorem of algebra  $f(X)$  has all its roots in  $\mathbb{C}$ .

**Case 1:** One of the roots of  $f(X)$  is in  $\mathbb{R}$ , say  $\alpha$ . Then  $X - \alpha \in \mathbb{R}[X]$  is a factor of  $f(X)$ . But,  $f(X)$  is irreducible and therefore  $f(X) = \lambda(X - \alpha)$  which is of degree 1.

**Case 2:** None of the roots of  $f(X)$  are in  $\mathbb{R}$ . Let  $a + ib \in \mathbb{C}$  be a root of  $f(X)$  where  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $b \neq 0$  (as usual  $i = \sqrt{-1}$ ). Then (a hint was given in the class) that  $a - ib \in \mathbb{C}$  is also a root of  $f(X)$  [some details are needed here]. Since  $b \neq 0$ ,  $a + ib \neq a - ib$  therefore  $(X - (a + ib))(X - (a - ib))$  is a factor of  $f(X)$ . Therefore  $X^2 - 2aX + a^2 + b^2 \in \mathbb{R}[X]$  is a factor of  $f(X)$ . But,  $f(X)$  is irreducible in  $\mathbb{R}[X]$  therefore  $f(X) = \lambda(X^2 - 2aX + a^2 + b^2)$  for some  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  which is of degree 2.

### Problem 7.2 on page 62:

Want to show that  $f(X) = X^3 - X + 1 \in \mathbb{Z}_3[X]$  is irreducible. Note that if  $f(X)$  is reducible then at least one of the factors will be of degree one, that is,  $f(X)$  will have a root in  $\mathbb{Z}_3$ . Since  $\mathbb{Z}_3$  has only 3 elements we check that  $f(0) = 1 \neq 0$ ,  $f(1) = 1 \neq 0$ ,  $f(2) = 1 \neq 0$ . We find that  $f(X)$  has no root in  $\mathbb{Z}_3$  and therefore it is irreducible.

By Theorem 7.2 there is a simple extension  $\mathbb{Z}_3(\zeta) : \mathbb{Z}_3$  of degree 3 such that  $f(\zeta) = 0$ . Then, of course,  $\zeta + 1, \zeta - 1 \in \mathbb{Z}_3(\zeta)$ . We find that

$$\begin{aligned} f(\zeta + 1) &= (\zeta + 1)^3 - (\zeta + 1) + 1 = \zeta^3 + 3\zeta(\zeta + 1) + 1 - \zeta - 1 + 1 = \zeta^3 - \zeta + 1 = 0, \\ f(\zeta - 1) &= (\zeta - 1)^3 - (\zeta - 1) + 1 = \zeta^3 - 3\zeta(\zeta - 1) - 1 - \zeta + 1 + 1 = \zeta^3 - \zeta + 1 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

(since  $3 = 0$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_3$  and  $f(\zeta) = 0$ ). Note that all three elements  $\zeta, \zeta + 1, \zeta - 1$  are distinct. Therefore  $f(X) = X^3 - X + 1 = (X - \zeta)(X - \zeta - 1)(X - \zeta + 1) \in \mathbb{Z}_3(\zeta)[X]$ , that is  $f(X)$  splits over  $\mathbb{Z}_3(\zeta)$ .

Note that for any field  $K$  if  $\mathbb{Z}_3 \subset K \subset \mathbb{Z}_3(\zeta)$  then either  $K = \mathbb{Z}_3$  or  $K = \mathbb{Z}_3(\zeta)$ . But  $f(X)$  has no root in  $\mathbb{Z}_3$ , thus there is no proper subfield  $K$  of  $\mathbb{Z}_3(\zeta)$  such that  $f(X)$  splits over  $K$ . Therefore  $\mathbb{Z}_3(\zeta)$  is a splitting field for  $f(X)$ .

Since  $[\mathbb{Z}_3(\zeta) : \mathbb{Z}_3] = 3$ ,  $|\mathbb{Z}_3(\zeta)| = 3^3 = 27$ . We skip writing the multiplication table.

### Problem 7.3 on page 62:

Note that the simple transcendental extension  $K(t)$  of  $K$  is the quotient field of the the polynomial ring  $K[t]$  which is a unique factorization domain (UFD). Note that  $X^n - t \in K[t][X]$  as well as in  $K(t)[X]$ . By Gauss lemma,

$$X^n - t \text{ is irreducible over } F[t] \text{ if and only if it is irreducible over } F(t).$$

As an application to the Exercise 5.4, one can prove that  $X^n - t$  is irreducible in  $K[t][X] = K[X, t]$ . We prove this below.

Method 1 for irreducibility: Let  $X^n - t = F(X, t)G(X, t)$  where  $F(X, t), G(X, t) \in K[X, t]$ . Since  $t$ -degree of the polynomial  $X^n - t$  is 1 exactly one of the polynomial  $F(X, t), G(X, t)$  has  $t$ -degree

1 and the other has  $t$ -degree 0. Say  $F(X, t) = f(X)$  and  $G(X, t) = g(X)t + h(X)$ . Then we have

$$X^n - t = f(X)(g(X)t + h(X)) = f(X)g(X)t + f(X)h(X).$$

Thus we get  $f(X)g(X) = -1$ , i.e.  $f(X)$  is invertible in  $K[X]$ , i.e.  $f(X) \in K^*$ . Thus  $F(X) = f(X)$  is a unit. This prove that  $X^n - t$  is irreducible in  $K[X, t]$ .

Method 2 for irreducibility: Since  $t$  is prime (or irreducible) in  $K[t]$  we use Eisenstein criterion to conclude that  $X^n - t$  is irreducible. Note that  $t$  divides all the coefficients of  $X^n - t$  except the leading coefficient but  $t^2$  does not divide the constant term  $-t$ .

Since  $f(X) = X^n - t \in K(t)[X]$  is irreducible. Let  $s$  be a root of  $f(X)$  is an extension  $K(t)(s) : K(t)$  which is of degree  $n$  (by Theorem 7.2). First observation is that  $s^n = t$  therefore  $K(t)(s) = K(s)$ . If  $s'$  is another root of  $f(X)$  then  $(s'/s)^n = t/t = 1$ , that is  $s'/s$  is a root of  $X^n - 1$  which has all its roots in  $K$ . Then  $s' = \omega s$  where  $\omega \in K$  is a root of  $X^n - 1$ . Thus the set of all the roots of  $X^n - t$  is  $S = \{\omega s : \omega \text{ is a root of } X^n - 1\}$ . Since roots of  $X^n - 1$  are in  $K$ , as splitting field of  $f(X)$  is

$$K(t)(S) = K(t)(s) = K(s).$$

The extension  $K(s) : K(t)$  has  $s^n = t$  and  $K(t) \rightarrow K(s)$  is given by fixing  $K$  and  $t \mapsto s^n$ .

**Problem 7.4 on page 67:** Given that  $f(X) = X^4 - 2X^3 + 7X^2 - 6X + 12 \in \mathbb{Q}[X]$  and  $i\sqrt{3}, 1 + i\sqrt{3}$  are roots of  $f(X)$ . Let  $L : \mathbb{Q}$  be a splitting field extension for  $f(X)$ . Assume that  $\sigma : L \rightarrow L$  is an automorphism such that  $\sigma(i\sqrt{3}) = 1 + i\sqrt{3}$ . Then

$$\sigma(-3) = \sigma(i\sqrt{3} \cdot i\sqrt{3}) = \sigma(i\sqrt{3})\sigma(i\sqrt{3}) = (1 + i\sqrt{3})(1 + i\sqrt{3}) = -2 + 2i\sqrt{3}.$$

But  $\sigma$  is a field automorphism  $\sigma(1) = 1 \Rightarrow \sigma(-3) = -3 \neq -2 + 2i\sqrt{3}$ , a contradiction. Thus no  $\sigma$  is possible with desired property.

**Problem 7.5 on page 70:**

Suppose that  $M : L$  and  $L : K$  are extensions, and that  $\alpha \in M$  is algebraic over  $K$ . It is NOT always the case that  $[L(\alpha) : L]$  divides  $[K(\alpha) : K]$ .

**[Heuristic idea:** Let  $m_K(X) \in K[X]$  and  $m_L(X) \in L[X]$  be the minimal polynomial of  $\alpha$  over  $K$  and  $L$  respectively. Then there is a  $g(X) \in L[X]$  such that  $m_K(X) = m_L(X) \cdot g(X)$ . Note that

$$[K(\alpha) : K] = \text{degree}(m_K(X)) \text{ and } [L(\alpha) : L] = \text{degree}(m_L(X)).$$

Moreover,  $\text{degree}(m_K(X)) = \text{degree}(m_L(X)) + \text{degree}(g(X))$ . There is no reason why  $\text{degree}(m_L(X))$  should divide  $\text{degree}(m_K(X))$ . Here is an example.]

Consider  $f(X) = X^5 - 20X + 2 \in \mathbb{Q}[X]$ . By Eisenstein criterion  $f(X)$  is irreducible. Use real analysis (maxima, minima principle etc.) to say that  $f(X)$  has exactly 3 roots in  $\mathbb{R}$  and 2 roots in  $\mathbb{C}$  which are not in  $\mathbb{R}$ . Write  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3$  be roots in  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $\alpha, \bar{\alpha}$  the roots in  $\mathbb{C}$  which are not in  $\mathbb{R}$ . Here  $\bar{\alpha}$  is the complex conjugate of  $\alpha$  and we have seen in Exercise 7.1 that if  $\alpha$  is a root of a polynomial over real numbers then  $\bar{\alpha}$  is also a root. Then

$$f(X) = (X - \alpha_1)(X - \alpha_2)(X - \alpha_3)(X - \alpha)(X - \bar{\alpha}).$$

Note that  $f(X)$  is a minimal polynomial for all the elements  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3, \alpha, \bar{\alpha}$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

Now take  $K = \mathbb{Q}, L = \mathbb{Q}(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3)$  and  $M = \mathbb{C}$ . Take  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$ .

Then  $m_K(X) = m_{\mathbb{Q}}(X) = f(X)$  therefore  $[K(\alpha) : K] = \text{degree}(f(X)) = 5$ .

Note that  $f(X)$  has a root in  $L$ , it is not irreducible over  $L$ . Then  $f(X)$  is not the minimal polynomial for  $\alpha$  over  $L$ . Note that  $g(X) = (X - \alpha)(X - \bar{\alpha}) = \frac{f(X)}{(X - \alpha_1)(X - \alpha_2)(X - \alpha_3)} \in L[X]$  is irreducible because it has no roots in  $L$  (since  $L \subset \mathbb{R}$  but  $\alpha, \bar{\alpha} \notin \mathbb{R}$ ). Therefore the minimal polynomial of  $\alpha$  over  $L$  is  $m_L(X) = g(X)$  which is of degree 2. Therefore  $[L(\alpha) : L] = \text{degree}(g(X)) = 2$ . But 2 does not divide 5.

**Problem 7.6 on page 70:**

For a 3 degree polynomial over  $\mathbb{Z}_2 = \{0, 1\}$ , it is reducible if and only if it has a root in  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ . Here is the list of all monic cubic polynomials in  $\mathbb{Z}_2[X]$  and their factorization.

- (a)  $X^3 = X \cdot X \cdot X$ .
- (b)  $X^3 + 1 = (X + 1)(X^2 + X + 1)$ .
- (c)  $X^3 + X = X(X^2 + 1) = X(X + 1)(X + 1)$ .
- (d)  $f(X) := X^3 + X + 1$  is irreducible (since no roots in  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ ).
- (e)  $X^3 + X^2 = X^2(X + 1)$ .
- (f)  $g(X) := X^3 + X^2 + 1$  is irreducible (since no roots in  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ ).
- (g)  $X^3 + X^2 + X = X(X^2 + X + 1)$ .
- (h)  $X^3 + X^2 + X + 1 = (X^2 + 1)(X + 1) = (X + 1)^3$ .

For the polynomials in (a), (c), (e) and (h) the field  $\mathbb{Z}_2$  is a splitting field since all the roots of these polynomials are in  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ .

For the polynomials in (b) and (g) one root is there in  $\mathbb{Z}_2$  but the roots of  $X^2 + X + 1$  are not in  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ . By Example 4 discussed in the book, its splitting field is a two degree extension which we can write as  $\mathbb{Z}_2(\alpha) = \{0, 1, \alpha, 1 + \alpha\}$ . Thus the splitting fields for  $X^3 + 1$  and  $X^3 + X^2 + X$  are isomorphic.

Using Theorem 7.2, for the polynomial  $f(X) = X^3 + X + 1 \in \mathbb{Z}_2[X]$  which is irreducible, let  $\alpha$  be a root in an extension  $\mathbb{Z}_2(\alpha) : \mathbb{Z}_2$  which is of degree 3. Then

$$\mathbb{Z}_2(\alpha) = \{0, 1, \alpha, 1 + \alpha, \alpha^2, 1 + \alpha^2, \alpha + \alpha^2, 1 + \alpha + \alpha^2\}.$$

Then we find that  $f(X) = X^3 + X + 1 = (X - \alpha)(X - \alpha^2)(X - \alpha - \alpha^2)$ , i.e. all the roots of  $f(X)$  are in  $\mathbb{Z}_2(\alpha)$  and there is no proper subfield where  $f(X)$  splits into linear polynomials. Thus  $\mathbb{Z}_2(\alpha) : \mathbb{Z}_2$  is a splitting field extension for  $f(X)$ .

Now consider  $g(X) = X^3 + X^2 + 1 \in \mathbb{Z}_2[X]$  which is irreducible. Let  $\alpha$  be a root of  $f(X)$  considered above. Then verify that

$$g(1 + \alpha) = (1 + \alpha)^3 + (1 + \alpha)^2 + 1 = 0.$$

Since  $\alpha, \alpha^2, \alpha + \alpha^2$  are roots of  $f(X)$ , the roots of  $g(X)$  are  $1 + \alpha, 1 + \alpha^2, 1 + \alpha + \alpha^2$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_2(\alpha)$ . Therefore

$$g(X) = X^3 + X^2 + 1 = (X - 1 - \alpha)(X - 1 - \alpha^2)(X - 1 - \alpha - \alpha^2).$$

Thus  $\mathbb{Z}_2(\alpha) : \mathbb{Z}_2$  is also a splitting field extension for  $g(X)$ . Therefore splitting fields for  $f(X)$  and  $g(X)$  are isomorphic.

**Problem 7.7 on page 70:**

Let  $f(X) = X^4 - 5X^2 + 6$ ,  $g(X) = X^4 + 5X^2 + 6$  and  $h(X) = X^4 - 5$  in  $\mathbb{Q}[X]$ . We will find a splitting field extension for all these polynomials. By fundamental theorem of algebra, these polynomials split over  $\mathbb{C}$ . The linear factors over  $\mathbb{C}$  are as follows:

- (a)  $f(X) = (X^2 - 2)(X^2 - 3) = (X + \sqrt{2})(X - \sqrt{2})(X + \sqrt{3})(X - \sqrt{3})$ ,
- (b)  $g(X) = (X^2 + 2)(X^2 + 3) = (X + i\sqrt{2})(X - i\sqrt{2})(X + i\sqrt{3})(X - i\sqrt{3})$ ,
- (c)  $h(X) = (X^2 - \sqrt{5})(X^2 + \sqrt{5}) = (X - 5^{\frac{1}{4}})(X + 5^{\frac{1}{4}})(X - i5^{\frac{1}{4}})(X + i5^{\frac{1}{4}})$ .

By Theorem 7.1, a splitting field for these polynomials  $f(X)$ ,  $g(X)$  and  $h(X)$  is given by

- (a)  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}, -\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3}, -\sqrt{3}) = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3})$ ,
- (b)  $\mathbb{Q}(i\sqrt{2}, -i\sqrt{2}, i\sqrt{3}, -i\sqrt{3}) = \mathbb{Q}(i\sqrt{2}, i\sqrt{3})$  and
- (c)  $\mathbb{Q}(5^{\frac{1}{4}}, -5^{\frac{1}{4}}, i5^{\frac{1}{4}}, -i5^{\frac{1}{4}}) = \mathbb{Q}(i, 5^{\frac{1}{4}})$

respectively.

The degrees are as follows (justify each equality below):

- (a)  $[\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3}) : \mathbb{Q}] = [\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3}) : \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})] \cdot [\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}) : \mathbb{Q}] = 2 \cdot 2 = 4$ ,
- (b)  $[\mathbb{Q}(i\sqrt{2}, i\sqrt{3}) : \mathbb{Q}] = [\mathbb{Q}(i\sqrt{2}, i\sqrt{3}) : \mathbb{Q}(i\sqrt{2})] \cdot [\mathbb{Q}(i\sqrt{2}) : \mathbb{Q}] = 2 \cdot 2 = 4$  and
- (c)  $[\mathbb{Q}(i, 5^{\frac{1}{4}}) : \mathbb{Q}] = [\mathbb{Q}(i, 5^{\frac{1}{4}}) : \mathbb{Q}(5^{\frac{1}{4}})] \cdot [\mathbb{Q}(5^{\frac{1}{4}}) : \mathbb{Q}] = 2 \cdot 4 = 8$ .

Moreover, we have the following (justify each of these):

- (a)  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3}) = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3})$ ,
- (b)  $\mathbb{Q}(i\sqrt{2}, i\sqrt{3}) = \mathbb{Q}(i\sqrt{2} + i\sqrt{3})$  and
- (c)  $\mathbb{Q}(i, 5^{\frac{1}{4}}) = \mathbb{Q}(i + 5^{\frac{1}{4}})$ .

### Problem 7.8 on page 70:

Write  $f_1(X) = X^4 + 1$ ,  $f_2(X) = X^4 + 4$ ,  $f_3(X) = (X^4 + 1)(X^4 + 4)$  and  $f_4(X) = (X^4 - 1)(X^4 + 4)$  in  $\mathbb{Q}[X]$ . As in Exercise 7.7, using Fundamental theorem of algebra. We first factor them over  $\mathbb{C}$  and using Theorem 7.1 we find splitting fields. We find that

- (a)  $f_1(X) = X^4 + 1 = (X^2 + i)(X^2 - i) = (X - \frac{1+i}{\sqrt{2}})(X - \frac{1-i}{\sqrt{2}})(X - \frac{-1+i}{\sqrt{2}})(X - \frac{-1-i}{\sqrt{2}})$ ,
- (b)  $f_2(X) = X^4 + 4 = (X^2 + 2i)(X^2 - 2i) = (X - 1 - i)(X - 1 + i)(X + 1 + i)(X + 1 - i)$ ,
- (c)  $f_3(X) = f_1(X)f_2(X)$  which is product of linear factors in  $f_1(X)$  and  $f_2(X)$ ,
- (d)  $f_4(X) = (X^4 - 1)f_2(X) = (X - 1)(X + 1)(X - i)(X + i)f_2(X)$  and we already have linear factors of  $f_2(X)$ .

We write  $L_1, L_2, L_3$  and  $L_4$  a splitting field for  $f_1(X), f_2(X), f_3(X)$  and  $f_4(X)$  respectively. We have

- (a)  $L_1 = \mathbb{Q}(\frac{1+i}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1-i}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{-1+i}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{-1-i}{\sqrt{2}}) = \mathbb{Q}(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, i) = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}, i)$
- (b)  $L_2 = \mathbb{Q}(1 + i, 1 - i, -1 + i, -1 - i) = \mathbb{Q}(i)$
- (c)  $L_3 = \mathbb{Q}(\frac{1+i}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1-i}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{-1+i}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{-1-i}{\sqrt{2}}, 1 + i, 1 - i, -1 + i, -1 - i) = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}, i)$  and
- (d)  $L_4 = \mathbb{Q}(1, -1, i, -i, 1 + i, 1 - i, -1 + i, -1 - i) = \mathbb{Q}(i)$ .

There degrees are as follows:

- (a)  $[L_1 : \mathbb{Q}] = [\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}, i) : \mathbb{Q}] = [\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}, i) : \mathbb{Q}(i)] \cdot [\mathbb{Q}(i) : \mathbb{Q}] = 2 \cdot 2 = 4$ ,
- (b)  $[L_2 : \mathbb{Q}] = [\mathbb{Q}(i) : \mathbb{Q}] = 2$ ,
- (c)  $[L_3 : \mathbb{Q}] = [\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}, i) : \mathbb{Q}] = 4$  and
- (d)  $[L_4 : \mathbb{Q}] = [\mathbb{Q}(i) : \mathbb{Q}] = 2$ .

Verify the following:  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}, i) = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2} + i)$ .

**Problem 7.9 on page 70:**

Let  $K$  be a field and let  $f(X) \in K[X]$  be a monic polynomial of degree  $n > 0$ . Let  $L : K$  be a splitting field extension for  $f(X)$ . We want to prove that  $[L : K]$  divides  $n!$ . We prove this by induction on the degree  $\deg(f(X)) = n$ .

If  $n = 1$ ,  $f(X)$  splits in  $K$  then  $L = K$  and there is nothing to prove.

Assume the theorem true for all  $n' > 0$  and  $n' < n$ .

**Case 1:  $f(X)$  is irreducible.** By Theorem 7.2,  $K(\alpha) \simeq K[X]/(f)$  is a field in which  $f(X)$  has a root, and  $[K(\alpha) : K] = n$ . So  $f(X) = (X - \alpha)g(X) \in K(\alpha)[X]$  for some  $g(X) \in K(\alpha)[X]$  and  $\deg(g(X)) = n - 1$ . By induction hypothesis, if  $L : K(\alpha)$  is a splitting field for  $g(X)$  then  $[L : K(\alpha)]$  divides  $(n - 1)!$ . Then  $[L : K] = [L : K(\alpha)] \cdot [K(\alpha) : K] = [L : K(\alpha)]n$  which divides  $n!$ .

**Case 2:  $f(X)$  is reducible.**

Say that  $f(X) = g(X)h(X)$ , where  $\deg(g(X)) = r$  and  $\deg(h(X)) = s$ , with  $0 < r, s < n$  and  $r + s = n$ . By induction hypothesis, if  $L_1 : K$  is a splitting field extension for  $g(X)$  then  $[L_1 : K]$  divides  $r!$ . Consider  $h(X) \in L_1[X]$ . If  $L : L_1$  is a splitting field extension for  $h(X)$  then  $[L : L_1]$  divides  $s!$  (by the induction hypothesis). Note that  $f(X)$  splits in  $L$ . In fact, it is clear that  $L : K$  is a splitting field extension for  $f(X)$  since it is generated by all the roots of  $f(X)$  which are precisely the roots of  $h(X)$  and  $g(X)$ . Now the degree  $[L : K] = [L : L_1] \cdot [L_1 : K]$ , which divides  $r!s!$ . Since  $n = r + s$ , we know that  $r!s!$  divides  $n!$ , so  $[L : K]$  divides  $n!$ .

**Problem 7.10 on page 70:** Let  $f(X) = X^3 - 5 \in K[X]$  where  $K = \mathbb{Z}_7, \mathbb{Z}_{11}$  or  $\mathbb{Z}_{13}$ . Note that  $f(X)$  is irreducible over  $K$  if and only if  $f(X)$  has a root in  $K$ .

**Case 1:  $K = \mathbb{Z}_7$**

We see that  $f(0) = -5 \neq 0, f(1) = -4 \neq 0, f(2) = 3 \neq 0, f(3) = 1 \neq 0, f(4) = -32 = 3 \neq 0, f(5) = -13 = 1 \neq 0, f(6) = -6 = 1 \neq 0$  therefore  $f(X)$  is irreducible over  $\mathbb{Z}_7$ . Let  $\alpha$  be a root of  $f(X)$  in an extension  $\mathbb{Z}_7(\alpha) : \mathbb{Z}_7$  which has degree 3. Then we get that

$$f(X) = X^3 - 5 = (X - \alpha)(X - 2\alpha)(X - 4\alpha)$$

that is  $f(X)$  splits over  $\mathbb{Z}_7(\alpha)$ . Therefore  $\mathbb{Z}_7(\alpha) : \mathbb{Z}_7$  is a splitting field extension for  $f(X)$ .

**Case 2:  $K = \mathbb{Z}_{11}$**

Note that  $f(5) = 22 = 0$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_{11}$ , therefore  $f(X)$  is reducible whose one factor is  $X - 3$ . We get  $f(X) = (X - 3)(X^2 + 3X - 2)$ . We check that  $g(X) := X^2 + 3X - 2$  is irreducible since it does not have a root in  $\mathbb{Z}_{11}$ . Checking:  $g(0) = -2 \neq 0, g(1) = 2 \neq 0, g(2) = 8 \neq 0, g(3) = 5 \neq 0, g(4) = 4 \neq 0, g(5) = 5 \neq 0, g(6) = 8 \neq 0, g(7) = 2 \neq 0, g(8) = -2 \neq 0, g(9) = -4 \neq 0, g(10) = -4 \neq 0$ . Note that a splitting field for  $g(X)$  is also a splitting field for  $f(X)$ . Let  $\beta$  be a root of  $g(X)$  in an extension  $\mathbb{Z}_{11}(\beta) : \mathbb{Z}_{11}$  then  $\mathbb{Z}_{11}(\beta)$  is a splitting field for  $g(X)$ . By Example 4 in the book  $\mathbb{Z}_{11}(\beta)$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Z}_{11}(\sqrt{6})$  since 6 is the discriminant of  $g(X)$ .

**Case 3:  $K = \mathbb{Z}_{13}$**

Check that  $7, 8, 11 \in \mathbb{Z}_{13}$  are roots of  $f(X) = X^3 - 5 \in \mathbb{Z}_{13}[X]$ . Then

$$f(X) = (X - 7)(X - 8)(X - 11).$$

That is  $f(X)$  splits over  $\mathbb{Z}_{13}$  itself. Therefore  $\mathbb{Z}_{13}$  itself is a splitting field for  $f(X)$ .