

## 7. Galois Work-Out.

1. Let  $E$  be the splitting field of  $f(X) = X^4 - 4X^2 + 1$  over  $K = \mathbf{Q}$ .
  - (i) Describe the Galois group of  $E/K$ .
  - (ii) Find the intermediate fields  $E \supset F \supset K$ .
2. Repeat Exercise 1 with  $f(X) = X^4 - 4X^2 - 1$ .
3. For any  $c \in \mathbf{Z}$ , let  $G_c$  be the Galois group of  $f_c(X) = X^4 - 4X^2 - c$ .
  - (i) Find an integer  $c$  such that  $G_c$  is isomorphic to the dihedral group of order 8.
  - (ii) Show that  $G_c$  is never isomorphic to the quaternion group.
4. For  $K = \mathbf{Q}$ , consider the polynomial  $f(X) = X^3 + X + 1 \in K[X]$ .
  - (i) Show that  $f(X)$  is irreducible in  $K[X]$ .
  - (ii) Find the splitting field  $E$  of  $f(X)$  over  $K$ , and describe  $\text{Aut}_K(E)$ .
5. If  $K = \mathbf{F}_2(t)$  is the rational function field, consider the polynomial  $f(X) = X^4 + tX^2 + 1$ .
  - (i) Show that  $f(X)$  is irreducible in  $K[X]$ .
  - (ii) Find the splitting field  $E$  of  $f(X)$  over  $K$ , and describe  $\text{Aut}_K(E)$ .
6. If  $K = \mathbf{F}_2(t, u)$  is the rational function field, consider the extension  $E = K(\sqrt{t}, \sqrt{u})$ .
  - (i) Show that there is no  $\theta \in E$  such that  $K(\theta) = E$ .
  - (ii) Show that there are infinitely many intermediate fields  $E \supset F \supset K$ .

### *Les petits riens.*

- Find the sum of all cubes in  $\mathbf{F}_{73}$ . Explain.
- Describe the subfield lattice of  $\mathbf{F}_q$  for  $q = 2^{75}$ .
- Find a quadratic polynomial having the same splitting field as  $X^{24} - 1$  over  $\mathbf{F}_5$ .
- Describe the set of polynomials  $f(X) \in \mathbf{F}_q[X]$  with  $f(a) = 0$  for all  $a \in \mathbf{F}_q$ .
- Show: if  $F/K$  is algebraic, every  $f(X) \in F[X]$  divides some  $g(X) \in K[X]$ .
- Find the Galois group of  $\alpha = 2^{1/4}$  over  $\mathbf{Q}$ . Ditto for  $\beta = \cos 40^\circ$ .
- Prove: if  $f(X), g(X) \in \mathbf{Q}[X]$  are relatively prime, they have no common root in  $\mathbf{C}$ .
- Prove: if  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbf{C}$  are algebraic over  $\mathbf{Q}$ , so are  $\alpha + \beta$  and  $\alpha\beta$ .
- Let  $E$  be a finite extension of  $K = \mathbf{F}_q$ . Prove that the trace  $E^+ \rightarrow K^+$  is surjective.
- Let  $E$  be a finite extension of  $K = \mathbf{F}_q$ . Prove that the norm  $E^\times \rightarrow K^\times$  is surjective.
- If  $L/K$  is a separable field extension, it has no  $K$ -linear derivations  $\neq 0$ .
- A separable polynomial is irreducible iff its roots are permuted transitively by the Galois group.