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科目:代數

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- 1. Let  $S_n$  denote the group of permutations on the set  $\{1, 2, ..., n\}$  of n letters. In the following, we fix a prime number p.
  - (a) (10 %) Determine the number of p-Sylow subgroups of  $S_p$ .
  - (b) (15 %) Now consider the group  $S_{p^2}$  of permutations on  $\{1, 2, ..., p^2\}$ . Let  $A = \{\tau \in S_{p^2} \mid \tau(i) = i \text{ for } i > p\}$  and let Q be the subgroup of A generated by the cycle (1, 2, ..., p). Define  $\sigma \in S_{p^2}$  by the formula

$$\sigma(j) = \begin{cases} j+p & \text{if } j+p \leq p^2, \\ j+p-p^2 & \text{if } j+p > p^2 \end{cases}$$

where  $j=1,2,\ldots,p^2$  and let  $T=Q\left(\sigma Q\sigma^{-1}\right)\cdots\left(\sigma^{p-1}Q\sigma^{-(p-1)}\right)$ . Show that T is a subgroup of  $S_{p^2}$  and the subgroup generated by T and  $\sigma$  is a p-Sylow subgroup of  $S_{p^2}$ .

- 2. By definition, a finite field is a field with finitely many elements. Let  $\mathbb{F}_q$  denote a finite field with q elements.
  - (a) (5 %) Prove that  $q = p^f$  for some prime number p with integer  $f \ge 1$ .
  - (b) (5 %) Construct a finite field of q = 125 elements.
- 3. (10 %) For a given positive integer n, the reduction of a polynomial  $h(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{n} a_i x^i \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$  is the polynomial  $\tilde{h}(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{n} \tilde{a}_i x^i$  where  $\tilde{a}_i \equiv a_i \pmod{n}$  is the reduction of integer  $a_i$  modulo n. Thus,  $\tilde{h}(x) \in \mathbb{Z}_n[x]$  where  $\mathbb{Z}_n := \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$ . Let f(x) be a non-constant, monic polynomial with integer coefficients. Assume that f(x) is a separable polynomial (i.e., all roots of f(x) are simple). Prove or disprove that for all but finitely many prime numbers p, the reduction  $\tilde{f}$  of f modulo p is still a separable polynomial.
- 4. Let  $\mathfrak{a}=(n,f(x))$  be the ideal of  $\mathbb{Z}[x]$  generated by a positive integer n and a non-constant, monic polynomial  $f(x)\in\mathbb{Z}[x]$ .
  - (a) (10 %) Give a necessary and sufficient condition on n and f(x) so that  $\mathfrak{a}$  is a maximal ideal of  $\mathbb{Z}[x]$ . You need to prove your assertion.
  - (b) (10 %) Prove or disprove that a, as a  $\mathbb{Z}[x]$ -module, is free over  $\mathbb{Z}[x]$ .

5. Let K be a field and let n be a positive integer. Define

$$\Phi_n(x) := \prod_{d|n} \left( x^d - 1 \right)^{\mu(n/d)} \in K(x)$$

where  $\mu(m)$  is the Möbius  $\mu$  function defined by  $\mu(1) = 1, \mu(m) = 0$  if m is not square free, and  $\mu(p_1p_2\cdots p_l) = (-1)^l$  where  $p_1,\ldots,p_l$  are distinct prime numbers.

- (a) (5 %) Show that for all positive integer n,  $\Phi_n(x)$  is in fact a polynomial of degree  $\phi(n)$  over K where  $\phi$  is the Euler phi-function. (You only need to prove this result under the assumption that K is a field of characteristic 0.)
- (b) (10 %) Suppose that  $K = \mathbb{F}_p$  a finite field of p elements. Assume that n is a positive integer relatively prime to p. Let r be the smallest positive integer such that  $p^r \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$ . Prove that

$$\Phi_n(x) = g_1(x) \cdots g_m(x)$$

where  $g_1(x), \ldots, g_m(x)$  are distinct irreducible polynomials of  $\mathbb{F}_p[x]$  such that  $\deg g_1(x) = \ldots = \deg g_m(x) = r$  and  $m = \phi(n)/r$ .

- 6. Let k be a field and let k[t] be the ring of polynomials in t with coefficients in k. Let M be a k[t]-module.
  - (a) (10 %) Let  $\widetilde{M}$  be the sum of all k[t]-submodule V such that  $\dim_k V < \infty$ . Prove that  $\widetilde{M} = M_{\text{tor}}$  where  $M_{\text{tor}}$  denotes the torsion k[t]-submodule of M.
  - (b) (10 %) Suppose that  $M_{\text{tor}}$  is a direct sum of cyclic modules  $N_1, \ldots, N_4$  whose annhilators are the ideals generated by the polynomials  $p_1(t)^{l_1}, p_1(t)^{l_2}p_2(t)^{m_1}, p_1(t)^{l_3}p_3(t)^{n_1}$  and  $p_2(t)^{m_2}p_3(t)^{n_2}$  with  $l_1 \leq l_2 \leq l_3$ ,  $m_1 \geq m_2$  and  $n_1 \leq n_2$ . Here  $p_1(t), p_2(t), p_3(t)$  are distinct irreducible polynomials. Compute the invariants of  $M_{\text{tor}}$ . (The invariants of a finitely generated torsion module N is a decreasing sequence of ideals  $\mathfrak{q}_1 \supseteq \cdots \supseteq \mathfrak{q}_r$  of k[t] such that  $N \simeq \bigoplus_{i=1}^r k[t]/\mathfrak{q}_i$ .)