

1. Determine the Galois groups of the following polynomials:
  - (a)  $x^3 - x^2 - 4$ ,
  - (b)  $x^3 - x + 1$ ,
  
2. Determine the Galois group of  $x^4 + 8x + 12$ .
  
3. Determine the Galois group of  $x^4 + 2x^2 + x + 3$ .
  
4. Show that  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{2})$  is not a sub-field of any cyclotomic extension of  $\mathbb{Q}$ .
  
5. Let  $\pm\alpha, \pm\beta$  be the roots of  $f(x) = x^4 + ax^2 + b \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$ . Prove that  $f(x)$  is irreducible if and only if  $\alpha^2, \alpha \pm \beta \notin \mathbb{Q}$ . If  $f(x)$  is irreducible and  $G$  is the Galois group of the splitting field of  $f$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$  then show that
  - (a)  $G \cong V$  the Klein 4 group if and only if  $\alpha\beta \in \mathbb{Q}$ ,
  - (b)  $G \cong \mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}$  if and only if  $b(a^2 - 4b)$  is a square in  $\mathbb{Q}$ ,
  - (c)  $G \cong D_8$  the dihedral group if and only if  $b$  and  $b(a^2 - 4b)$  are not squares in  $\mathbb{Q}$ .
  
6. Prove that  $x^4 + px + p \in \mathbb{Q}[x]$  is irreducible for all primes  $p \in \mathbb{Z}$ . If  $p \neq 3, 5$  then show that the Galois group  $G$  of the splitting field over  $\mathbb{Q}$  is  $S_4$ . For  $p = 3$  show that  $G \cong D_8$  and when  $p = 5$ ,  $G \cong \mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}$ .
  
7. Show that any finite extension of  $\mathbb{F}_{p^n}$  is Galois. What is the Galois group?
  
8. Find all the monic irreducible polynomials of degree 4 over  $\mathbb{F}_2$ .