

\*1. Lemma. Suppose  $G$  be a finite abelian group such that  $|G| = mn$  where  $m$  and  $n$  are relatively prime. Let  $H = \{x \in G : x^n = e\}$  and  $K = \{x \in G : x^m = e\}$ .

Then  $H$  and  $K$  are subgroups of  $G$  and  $G = H \times K \simeq H \oplus K$ .

2. Lemma. Suppose  $G$  is an abelian group,  $p$  a prime,  $|G| = p^n$  and  $a \in G$  has maximal order. Then there exists a subgroup  $H$  of  $G$  such that  $G = \langle a \rangle \times H$ .

3. Theorem. If  $G$  is a finite abelian group, then  $G$  is isomorphic to the finite product of cyclic groups.

\*4. Theorem. If  $F$  is a finite, then  $F^*$  the nonzero elements of  $F$  are a cyclic group under multiplication.

5. Define  $V$  is a vector space over the field  $F$ , subspace, linearly dependent, linearly independent, span, basis, dimension.

6. (Exchange Lemma) Suppose for some vectors in a vector space  $V$  that  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{k+1}$  are linearly independent, and  $\text{span}(\{v_1, \dots, v_k, w_1, \dots, w_m\}) = V$ . Then for some  $i$   $\text{span}(\{v_1, \dots, v_{k+1}, w_1, \dots, w_{i-1}, w_{i+1}, \dots, w_m\}) = V$ .

\*7. Theorem. If a vector space  $V$  can be spanned by  $n$  vectors, then any set of  $n + 1$  vectors in  $V$  is linearly dependent.

8. Theorem. Any two bases of a vector space  $V$  have the same size.

\*9. Theorem. If  $F$  is a field and  $f(x) \in F[x]$  is a polynomial, then there exists a field  $E \supseteq F$  and  $\alpha \in E$  such that  $f(\alpha) = 0$ .

10. Theorem. If  $F$  is a field and  $f(x) \in F[x]$  is a polynomial of degree  $n$ , then there exists a field  $E \supseteq F$  and  $\alpha_i \in E$  such that  $f(x) = a(x - \alpha_1)(x - \alpha_2) \cdots (x - \alpha_n)$ .

11. For a field  $F$  and  $\alpha$  in an extension field of  $F$  define  $F(\alpha)$ .

\*12. Theorem. If  $p(x)$  is an irreducible polynomial of degree  $n$  in  $F[x]$  and  $\alpha$  a root of  $p$  in some extension field, then

$$F(\alpha) = \{a_0 + a_1\alpha + a_2\alpha^2 + \cdots + a_{n-1}\alpha^{n-1} : a_0, \dots, a_{n-1} \in F\}$$

13. Theorem. If  $p(x) \in F[x]$  is an irreducible polynomial and  $\alpha$  a root of  $p$  in some extension field, then there is an isomorphism  $\sigma : F[x]/\langle p(x) \rangle \rightarrow F(\alpha)$  such that  $\sigma(a + \langle p(x) \rangle) = a$  for each  $a \in F$  and  $\sigma(x + \langle p(x) \rangle) = \alpha$ .

14. Theorem. If  $p(x) \in F[x]$  is an irreducible polynomial and  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are two roots of  $p$ , then  $F(\alpha) \simeq F(\beta)$  with an isomorphism which fixes  $F$  and takes  $\alpha$  to  $\beta$ .

\*15. Theorem. Minimal polynomials are irreducible: If  $\alpha$  is in some extension field of  $F$  and define:

$$I = \{f(x) \in F[x] : f(\alpha) = 0\}$$

Then:

- (a)  $I$  is an ideal in  $F[x]$
- (b) (assuming  $I$  is nontrivial)  $I = \langle p(x) \rangle$  where  $p(x)$  is any polynomial of minimal positive degree in  $I$  and
- (c)  $p(x)$  is irreducible and so  $I$  is a maximal ideal.

16. For fields  $F \subseteq E$  define  $[E : F]$ .

\*17. Theorem. If  $p(x)$  is an irreducible polynomial of degree  $n$  in  $F[x]$  and  $\alpha$  a root of  $p$  in some extension field, then  $1, \alpha, \alpha^2, \dots, \alpha^{n-1}$  is a basis for  $F(\alpha)$  as a vector space over  $F$  and hence  $[F(\alpha) : F] = n$ .

\*18. Theorem. If  $F_1 \subseteq F_2 \subseteq F_3$  are fields then  $[F_3 : F_1] = [F_3 : F_2][F_2 : F_1]$  and furthermore the left side is infinite iff at least one of the two on the right is infinite.

19. Define  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$  is constructible using straight edge and compass.

20. Theorem. The set of constructible numbers is a field  $F_c$  such that for any  $\alpha \in F_c$  with  $\alpha > 0$  we have  $\sqrt{\alpha} \in F_c$ .

\*21. Theorem.  $\alpha$  is constructible iff there exists an  $n$  and fields  $F_i$

$$\mathbb{Q} = F_0 \subseteq F_1 \subseteq \dots \subseteq F_n \subseteq \mathbb{R}$$

such that  $\alpha \in F_n$  and for each  $k = 0, \dots, n-1$  there exists  $\alpha_k$  such that  $\alpha_k^2 \in F_k$  and  $F_{k+1} = F_k(\alpha_k)$ .

\*22. Theorem. If  $\alpha$  is constructible, then  $[\mathbb{Q}(\alpha) : \mathbb{Q}] = 2^n$  for some integer  $n$ .

\*23. Theorem.  $\sqrt[3]{2}$  is not constructible.

24. Theorem. The angle of 20 degrees is not constructible.

25. Theorem.  $\pi$  is not constructible.

26. Define  $\alpha$  is algebraic over  $F$ .

\*27. Theorem. If  $[E : F] < \infty$ , then every  $\alpha \in E$  is algebraic over  $F$ .

\*28. Theorem. If  $F \subseteq E$  are fields and  $K = \{\alpha \in E : \alpha \text{ is algebraic over } F\}$  then  $K$  is a subfield of  $E$ .

29. Define  $\alpha$  is a multiple root of  $f(x)$ , define  $f'(x)$ .

\*30. Theorem. Suppose  $f(x) \in F[x]$  and  $\alpha$  is root of  $f(x)$  in some extension of  $F$ . Then  $\alpha$  is a multiple root of  $f$  iff  $\alpha$  is a root of  $f'$ .

\*31. Theorem. Suppose  $\text{char}(F)=0$  and  $p(x) \in F[x]$  is irreducible, then  $p$  does not have any multiple roots.

32. Lemma. Suppose  $\text{char}(F)=0$  and  $[F(\alpha, \beta) : F] < \infty$ . Then there exist  $\gamma$  such that  $F(\alpha, \beta) = F(\gamma)$ .

\*33. Theorem. Suppose  $\text{char}(F)=0$  and  $[E : F] < \infty$ , then there exists  $\alpha \in E$  such that  $E = F(\alpha)$ .

34. Theorem. Suppose  $F \supseteq \mathbb{Z}_p$  is a finite field and  $[F : \mathbb{Z}_p] = n$ , then  $(F, +) \simeq \mathbb{Z}_p \oplus \cdots \oplus \mathbb{Z}_p = \mathbb{Z}_p^n$  and so  $|F| = p^n$ .

\*35. Theorem. Given  $p$  a prime and  $n$  a positive integer, there exists a field  $F$  with  $|F| = p^n$ .

36. Define  $E$  is a splitting field of the polynomial  $f(x)$  over  $F$ .

\*37. Theorem. If  $|F| = p^n$  is a field with  $F \supseteq \mathbb{Z}_p$ , then  $F$  is a splitting field of the polynomial  $f(x) = x^{p^n} - x$  over  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ .

38. Lemma. If  $\sigma : F \rightarrow F'$  is an isomorphism,  $p(x) \in F[x]$  irreducible,  $p(\alpha) = 0$ , and  $\sigma(p)(\beta) = 0$  in some extension fields, then there exists an isomorphism  $\rho \supseteq \sigma$  such that  $\rho : F(\alpha) \rightarrow F'(\beta)$  and  $\rho(\alpha) = \beta$ .

39. Lemma. If  $\sigma : F \rightarrow F'$  is an isomorphism,  $f \in F[x]$  any polynomial,  $E \supseteq F$  a splitting field of  $f$  over  $F$ , and  $E' \supseteq F'$  a splitting field of  $\sigma(f)$  over  $F'$ , then there exists an isomorphism  $\rho \supseteq \sigma$  such that  $\rho : E \rightarrow E'$ .

40. Theorem. Splitting fields are unique up to isomorphism, i.e., if  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  are splitting fields of  $f(x) \in F[x]$ , then there exists an isomorphism  $\phi : E_1 \rightarrow E_2$  which is the identity on  $F$ .

\*41. Theorem. Any two finite fields of the same size are isomorphic.