

(1) Consider the field extension

$$\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})(\sqrt{3}) \text{ of } \mathbb{Q}.$$

(a) Prove that  $[\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})(\sqrt{3}) : \mathbb{Q}] = 4$ .

(b) Find an irreducible polynomial of degree 4,  $p(x) \in \mathbb{Q}[x]$ , such that  $p(\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3}) = 0$ .

(c) Conclude that

$$\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})(\sqrt{3}) = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3}).$$

(2) Let  $\zeta_n = e^{2\pi i/n}$ .

(a) What is

$$[\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_5) : \mathbb{Q}] ?$$

(b) What is

$$[\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_6) : \mathbb{Q}] ?$$

} Justify!

(3) A linear fractional transformation (LFT)

of  $\mathbb{C}$  is a function

$$f(z) = \frac{az + b}{cz + d} \quad \text{where}$$

$$a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{C} \quad \text{and} \quad ad - bc \neq 0.$$

[Its domain is  $\{z \mid cz + d \neq 0\}$ .]

(a) How are LFTs related to projective transformations of  $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{C}}^1$ ?

(b) What is the significance of the point  $z$  (if there is one) at which  $f(z)$  is not defined?

(4). Do problems 3-2, 3-3, 3-5,  
from Fulton. Also, do problem  
3-17 for curves A and C,  
for curves C and D, and  
for curves C and E.

(5) (a) Prove that if  $f_d, f_{d+1} \in \mathbb{C}[x, y]$   
are homogeneous polynomials of  
degrees  $d$  and  $d+1$  respectively  
( $d \geq 1$ ) and  $f_d + f_{d+1}$  is irreducible  
then the plane curve  $V(f_d + f_{d+1})$   
admits a rational parametrization.

(b) Show that, after a change of  
variables, this proves that the  
circle  $V(x^2 + y^2 - 1)$  can be  
rationally parametrized.