

All rings and algebras (over a field k) are assumed to be commutative.

Problem 1. Prove or disprove the following statements.

- (1) Let $f : R \rightarrow S$ be a ring homomorphism. If m is a maximal ideal of S , then $f^{-1}(m)$ is a maximal ideal of R .
- (2) Let E/F and F/K be finite Galois field extensions. If both $\text{Gal}(E/F)$ and $\text{Gal}(F/K)$ are abelian, then E/K is also a Galois extension with abelian Galois group.
- (3) $\text{SO}(2, \mathbb{R})$ is normal in $\text{SL}(2, \mathbb{R})$.
- (4) There exists a representation $\rho : G \rightarrow \text{GL}(n, \mathbb{C})$ of finite group such that $\text{Tr}(\rho(g)) = \sqrt[3]{2}$ for some $g \in G$.

Problem 2. Let $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ and let A be an $n \times n$ matrix with coefficients in \mathbb{C} . Show that

$$\det(e^A) = e^{\text{Trace}(A)}.$$

Problem 3. Show that there is no finite simple group of order 72.

Problem 4. Let p and q be two prime numbers. Compute

$$\mathbb{Z} \left[\frac{1}{p} \right] \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Z} \left[\frac{1}{q} \right].$$

Problem 5. Let

$$z = \cos(2\pi/13) + \cos(10\pi/13).$$

Show that $\mathbb{Q}(z)/\mathbb{Q}$ is a Galois extension of degree 3.

Problem 6. Let k be a field. We admit the following statement:

Theorem (Zariski's lemma). *Let K/k be a field extension. If K/k is finitely generated as a k -algebra, then $[K : k]$ is finite.*

- (1) Let $f : A \rightarrow B$ be a k -algebra morphism of finitely generated k -algebras. Show that if m is a maximal ideal of B , then $f^{-1}(m)$ is a maximal ideal of A .
- (2) Let R be a finitely generated k -algebra and let $f \in R$. Show that if f is contained in every maximal ideal of R , then f is nilpotent. (Possible hint: consider the localization map $R \rightarrow R_f$.)
- (3) (Bonus: do only after you finish all the problems) Prove Zariski's lemma.