

Selected Hints for the Exercises

Chapter 1

6. Use Exercise 4.
8. Do it for the case $d = 1$ and then use Exercise 7 to do it in general.
9. Use Exercise 4.
15. Here is a generalization; a is an n th power iff $n \mid \text{ord}_p a$ for all primes p .
16. Use Exercise 15.
17. Use Exercise 15 to show that $a^2 = 2b^2$ implies that 2 is the square of an integer.
23. Begin by writing $4(a/2)^2 = (c - b)(c + b)$.
28. Show that $n^5 - n$ is divisible by 2, 3, and 5. Then use Exercise 9.
30. Let s be the largest integer such that $2^s \leq n$, and consider $\sum_{k=1}^n 2^{s-1}/k$. Show that this sum can be written in the form $a/b + \frac{1}{2}$ with b odd. Then use Exercise 29.
31. $2 = (1 + i)(1 - i) = -i(1 + i)^2$.
34. Since $\omega^2 = -1 - \omega$ we have $(1 - \omega)^2 = 1 - 2\omega + \omega^2 = -3\omega$, so $3 = -\omega^2(1 - \omega)^2$.

Chapter 2

1. Imitate the classical proof of Euclid.
2. Use $\text{ord}_p(a + b) \geq \min(\text{ord}_p a, \text{ord}_p b)$.
3. If p_1, p_2, \dots, p_t were all the primes, then $\phi(p_1 p_2 \cdots p_t) = 1$. Now use the formula for ϕ and derive a contradiction.
5. Consider $2^2 + 1, 2^4 + 1, 2^8 + 1, \dots$. No prime that divides one of these numbers can divide any other, by the previous exercise.
6. Count! Consider the set of pairs (s, t) with $p^s t \leq n$.
12. In each case the summand is multiplicative. Hence evaluate first at prime powers and then use multiplicativity.

17. Use the formula for $\sigma(n)$.
20. If $d|n$, then n/d also divides n .
22. If $(t, n) = 1$, then $(n - t, n) = 1$, so you can pair those numbers relatively prime to n in such a way that the sum of each pair is n .

Chapter 3

1. Suppose that p_1, p_2, \dots, p_t are all congruent to -1 modulo 6. Consider $N = 6p_1p_2 \cdots p_t - 1$.
3. 10^k is congruent to 1 modulo 3 and 9 and congruent to $(-1)^k$ modulo 11.
5. If a solution exists, then $x^3 \equiv 2 \pmod{7}$ has a solution. Show that it does not.
10. If n is not a prime power, write $n = ab$ with $(a, b) = 1$. If $n = p^s$ with $s > 1$, then $(n - 1)!$ is divisible by $p \cdot p^{s-1} = p^s = n$. If $n = p^2$ and $p \neq 2$; then $(n - 1)!$ is divisible by $p \cdot 2p = 2n$.
13. Show that $n^p \equiv n \pmod{p}$ for all n by induction. If $(n, p) = 1$, then one can cancel n and get Fermat's formula.
17. Let x_i be a solution to $f(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{p_i^{a_i}}$ and solve the system $x \equiv x_i \pmod{p_i^{a_i}}$.
23. Since $i \equiv -1 \pmod{1+i}$, we have $a + bi \equiv a - b \pmod{1+i}$. Write $a - b = 2c + d$, where $d = 0$ or 1. Then $a + ib \equiv d \pmod{1+i}$.
25. Write $\alpha = 1 + \beta\lambda$, cube both sides and take congruence modulo λ^4 to get $\alpha^3 \equiv 1 + (\beta^3 - \omega^2\beta)\lambda^3 \pmod{\lambda^4}$. Then show that the term in parentheses is divisible by λ .

Chapter 4

4. If $(-a)^n \equiv 1$, and n is even, then $p - 1|n$. If n is odd, then $p - 1|2n$, which implies that $2|n$ is a contradiction.
6. This is a bit tricky. If 3 is not a primitive element, show that 3 is congruent to a square. Use Exercise 4 to show there is an integer a such that $-3 \equiv a^2 \pmod{p}$. Now solve $2u \equiv -1 + a \pmod{p}$ and show that u has order 3. This would imply that $p = 1 \pmod{3}$, which cannot be true.
7. Use the fact that 2 is not a square modulo p .
9. See Exercise 22 of Chapter 2 and use the fact that $g^{(p-1)/2} \equiv -1 \pmod{p}$ for a primitive root g .
11. Express the numbers between 1 and $p - 1$ as the powers of a primitive root and use the formula for the sum of a geometric progression.
14. If $(ab)^s = e$, then $a^{ns} = 1$, implying that $m|ns$. Thus $m|s$. Similarly, $n|s$. Thus $mn|s$.
18. Choose a primitive element (e.g., 2) and construct the elements of order 7.
22. Show first that $1 + a + a^2 \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$.
23. Use Proposition 4.2.1.

Chapter 5

3. Use the identity $4(ax^2 + bx + c) = (2ax + b)^2 - (b^2 - 4ac)$.
9. Using $k \equiv -(p - k) \pmod{p}$, show first that $2 \cdot 4 \cdot \dots \cdot (p - 1) \equiv (-1)^{(p-1)/2} 1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot \dots \cdot p - 2 \pmod{p}$.
10. Use Exercise 9.

13. If $x^4 - x^2 + 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$, then $(2x^2 - 1)^2 \equiv -3 \pmod{p}$ and $(x^2 - 1)^2 \equiv -x^2 \pmod{p}$. Conclude that $p \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ and $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ by using quadratic reciprocity.
18. Let $D = p_1 p_2 \cdots p_m$ and suppose that n is a nonresidue modulo p_1 . Find a number b such that $b \equiv 1 \pmod{p_i}$ and $b \equiv n \pmod{p_1}$ for $1 < i \leq m$. Then use the definition of the Jacobi symbol to show that $(b/D) = -1$.
23. Since $s^2 + 1 = (s + i)(s - i)$, if p is prime in $\mathbb{Z}[i]$, then either $p|s + i$ or $p|s - i$, but neither alternative is true.
26. To prove (b) notice that $a + b$ is odd, so from $2p = (a + b)^2 + (a - b)^2$ we see that $(2p/a + b) = 1$. Now use the properties of the Jacobi symbol.
29. It is useful to consider the cases $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ and $p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ separately.
30. To evaluate the sum notice that $(n(n + 1)/p) = ((2n + 1)^2 - 1)/p$.

Chapter 6

- Find an equation of degree 4.
- If $a_0 \alpha^s + a_1 \alpha^{s-1} + \cdots + a_s = 0$, with $a_i \in \mathbb{Z}$, multiply both sides with α_0^{s-1} and conclude that $a_0 \alpha$ is an algebraic integer.
- Suppose that α and β satisfy monic equations with integer coefficients of degree m and n , respectively. Let γ be a root of $x^2 + \alpha x + \beta$ and show that the \mathbb{Z} module generated by $\alpha^i \beta^j \gamma^k$, where $0 \leq i < m$, $0 \leq j < n$, and $k = 0$ or 1 , is mapped into itself by γ .
- Use $g_a = (a/p)g$ and the fact that $\sum_a (a/p) = 0$.
- Remember that $1 + (t/p)$ is the number of solutions to $x^2 \equiv t \pmod{p}$ and that $\sum_t \zeta^t = 0$.
- Use Exercise 12.
- Show that otherwise $f'(\alpha) = 0$ and apply Proposition 6.1.7.
- Use Exercise 4 to show that it is enough to show that $f(x)$ is irreducible in $\mathbb{Z}[x]$. Then write $f(x) = g(x)h(x)$, reduce modulo p , and use the fact that $F_p[x]$ is a unique factorization domain.

Chapter 7

- Since $q \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$, there are n solutions to $x^n = 1$. If $\beta^n = \alpha$, then the other solutions to $x^n = \alpha$ are given by $\gamma\beta$, where γ runs through the solutions of $x^n = 1$.
- $q^n - 1 = (q - 1)(q^{n-1} + \cdots + q + 1)$. Since $q \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$, we have $q^{n-1} + \cdots + q + 1 \equiv n \equiv 0 \pmod{n}$. Thus $n(q - 1)$ divides $q^n - 1$.
- Let $m = [K : F]$. α is a square in K iff $\alpha^{(q^m - 1)/2} = 1$. If α is not a square in F , then $\alpha^{(q - 1)/2} = -1$. Show that $\alpha^{(q^m - 1)/2} = (-1)^m$. This formula yields the result.
- Use the method of Exercise 7.
- One can prove this by exactly the same method as for F_p . Alternatively, suppose that $q = p^m$. Let $f(x) \in F_p[x]$ be an irreducible of degree mn and let $g(x)$ be an irreducible factor of $f(x)$ in $F_q[x]$. Let α be a root of $g(x)$ and show that $F_q \subset F_p(\alpha)$. Conclude that $F_q(\alpha) = F_p(\alpha)$ and that $[F_q(\alpha) : F_q] = n$. It follows that $g(x)$ has degree n .

15. If $x^n - 1$ splits into linear factors in E , where $[E : F] = f$, then E has q^f elements and $n | q^f - 1$ since the roots of $x^n - 1$ form a subgroup of E^* of order n .
23. If β is a root of $x^p - x - \alpha$, then so are $\beta + 1, \beta + 2, \dots, \beta + (p - 1)$. Using this, one can show the statement about irreducibility. To prove the final assertion, notice that $\beta^p = \beta + \alpha$ implies that $\beta^{p^2} = \beta^p + \alpha^p = \beta + \alpha + \alpha^p$, etc. Thus $\beta^{p^n} = \beta + \text{tr}(\alpha)$ and so $\beta \in F$ iff $\text{tr}(\alpha) = 0$.

Chapter 8

1. Use the Corollary to Proposition 8.1.3 and Proposition 8.1.4.
4. Make the substitution $t = (k/2)(u + 1)$ and use Exercise 3.
6. It follows from Exercise 5 together with part (d) of Theorem 1, or directly from Exercise 4 by substituting $k = 1$.
8. Use Proposition 8.1.5 and imitate the proof of Exercise 3.
14. Use Proposition 8.3.3.
19. First show that the number of solutions is given by $p^{r-1} + J_0(\chi, \chi, \dots, \chi)$, where χ is a character of order 2 and there are r components in J_0 . Then use Proposition 8.5.1 and Theorem 3. Notice in particular that if r is odd, the answer is simply p^{r-1} .
28. For (a): Write

$$\sum_{x=1}^{p-1} x\chi(x) = \sum_{x=1}^{(p-1)/2} x\chi(x) + \sum_{x=1}^{(p-1)/2} (p-x)\chi(p-x).$$

For (b): Write

$$\sum_{x=1}^{p-1} x\chi(x) = \sum_{x=1}^{(p-1)/2} 2x\chi(2x) + \sum_{x=1}^{(p-1)/2} (p-2x)\chi(p-2x).$$

For (c) and (d): Equate (a) and (b).

Chapter 9

3. Use the fact that $N\gamma = a^2 - ab + b^2 \equiv 3(m+n) + 1 \pmod{9}$.
4. Rewrite γ as $3(m+n) - 1 - 3n\lambda$. Thus $\gamma \equiv 3(m+n) - 1 \pmod{3\lambda}$.
5. Remember that $3 = -\omega^2\lambda^2$.
7. $2 + 3\omega$, $-7 - 3\omega$, and $-4 - 3\omega$.
10. $D/5D$ has 25 elements. Thus $x^{24} - 1$ factors completely into linear factors in D .
13. Use Exercise 9 to show that the elements listed represent all the cubes in $D/5D$.
15. Remember that every element in $D/\pi D$ is represented by a rational integer.
19. Use Exercise 18, the law of cubic reciprocity, and induction on the number of primary primes dividing γ .
23. Let $p = \pi\bar{\pi}$, where π is primary. By Exercise 15 $x^3 \equiv 3 \pmod{p}$ is solvable iff $\chi_\pi(3) = 1$. By Exercise 5 $\chi_\pi(3) = \omega^{2n}$, where $\pi = a + b\omega$ and $b = 3n$. It follows that $x^3 \equiv 3 \pmod{p}$ is solvable iff $9 | b$.

24. (c) Use cubic reciprocity with $\pi \equiv b\omega(a)$.
 (d) Write $(a + b) = (a + b)\omega \cdot \omega^{-1}$ and note that $a + b\omega \equiv a(1 - \omega)(\pi)$.
25. (a) Use Exercise 18 and the corollary to Proposition 9.3.4 to show that $\chi_{a+b}(b) = 1$. Note that $\pi \equiv -b(1 - \omega)(a + b)$.
 (b) $\chi_{a+b}(1 - \omega) = (\chi_{a+b}(1 - \omega)^2)^2$
 $= (\chi_{a+b}(-3\omega))^2$ etc.
39. Combine Exercises 6 and 27 of Chapter 8 with Proposition 9.6.1.
40. See the hint to the previous exercise.
43. Use Exercise 23, Chapter 6.

Chapter 10

2. Map $[x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}]$ to $[0, x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}]$.
3. Since the number of points in $A^n(F)$ is q^n , the decomposition of $P^n(F)$ shows that the number of points in $P^n(F)$ is q^n plus the number of points in $P^{n-1}(F)$. One now proceeds by induction.
4. It is no loss of generality to assume that $a_0 \neq 0$. If $[x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n]$ is a solution, map it to the point $[x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n]$ of $P^{n-1}(F)$. Show this map is well defined, one to one, and onto.
5. Substitute, “dehomogenize,” and use the fact that a polynomial of degree n has at most n roots.
9. The k th partial derivative is $ma_k x_k^{m-1}$. Since each $a_k \neq 0$ and m is prime to the characteristic, the only common zero of all the partial derivatives has all its components zero. This, however, does not correspond to a point of projective space.
12. The “homogenized” equation is $t^2x^2 + t^2y^2 + x^2y^2 = 0$. Setting $t = 0$ we see that the points at infinity are $(0, 0, 1)$ and $(0, 1, 0)$. Calculating partial derivatives and substituting shows that both these points are singular.
14. Consider the associated homogeneous equation and calculate the three partial derivatives. Assuming that a common solution exists, show that $4a^3 + 27b^2 = 0$.
19. The trace is identically zero on F_p iff $p|n$.
20. Consider the mapping $h(x) = x^p - x$ from F_q to F_q . Prove that it is a homomorphism and that its image has q/p elements. Prove also that the image of h is contained in the kernel of the trace mapping. Show that the latter map has less than or equal to q/p elements in its kernel. The result follows.
21. Count the number of such maps.
23. Substitute and calculate.

Chapter 11

4. In F_q there are $2q + 1$ points at infinity and q^2 finite points. Thus $N_s = 3p^{2s} - p^s - 1$.

7. The number of lines in $P^n(F)$ is equal to the number of planes $A^{n+1}(F)$ which pass through the origin. The answer is $(q^{n+1} - 1)(q^{n+1} - q)(q^2 - 1)^{-1}(q^2 - q)^{-1}$.
9. There is one point at infinity. For $x = 0$ there is only one point $(0, 0)$ on the curve. If $x \neq 0$, let $t = y/x$ and consider $t^2 = x + 1$. This has $p - 2$ solutions with $x \neq 0$. Altogether there are p solutions in F_p . Similarly, there are q solutions in F_q . Thus the answer is $(1 - pu)^{-1}$.
12. To begin with, calculate the number of solutions to $u^2 - v^4 = 4D$.
16. The important facts are that $N_{F_s/F}$ is a homomorphism which is onto, and that the group of multiplicative characters of a finite field is cyclic.
18. Use the relation between Gauss sums and Jacobi sums and the Hasse–Davenport relation.
19. After expanding the terms of the product into geometric series, the result reduces to the fact that every monic polynomial is the product of monic irreducible polynomials in a unique way.
20. Use the identity $1 - T^s = \prod_{k=0}^{s-1} (1 - \zeta^k T)$, where $\zeta = e^{2\pi i/s}$.

Chapter 12

7. $21 = (1 + 2\sqrt{-5})(1 + 2\sqrt{-5})$.
8. Write $\det(\omega_i^{j^p})$ as $P - N$, where P is the sum of terms corresponding to the even permutations and N is the corresponding sum for odd permutations. Then notice that $(P - N)^2 = (P + N)^2 - 4PN$. A standard argument shows that $P + N$ and PN are integers.
9. Use Proposition 12.1.4 and elementary symmetric functions.
14. Consider $\zeta + \zeta^{-1}$ where ζ is a primitive seventh root of unity.
- 21–23. See Part 2, Section 5.
26. Choose a primitive g for the residue field. Lift it to D and consider the corresponding minimal polynomial over the fixed field of the decomposition group (see [207], p. 223).

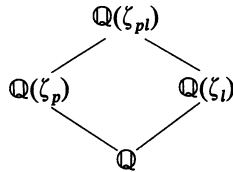
Chapter 13

1. Show that $\phi(n)$ is even if $n > 2$.
2. Use Proposition 13.1.3.
3. $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{p}) \subset \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_p)$.
24. The discriminant of a quadratic field is 0 or 1 modulo 4.
27. The order of σ_p cannot be 4. See Theorem 2.

Chapter 14

1. (a) Use the definition of $J(\chi, \psi)$, the binomial theorem and Exercise 11, Chapter 4. See also Lemma 1, Chapter 9.
12. See Exercise 17(e).
14. Let P be a prime ideal dividing p . Show $(\alpha/P)(\alpha/\bar{P}) = 1$. See [166], Satz 1034.

17. (b) Examine the ramification of l in the diagram



(c) Note that $\zeta_l^{\sigma^t} = \zeta_l^t = (1 - (1 - \zeta_l))^t$.

(e) Use Theorem 1, Chapter 8 and the fact that $g(\chi_p^t) = g(\chi_p)^{\sigma^t}$.

Chapter 15

- 2. Use Theorem 3.
- 3. Use Theorem 3 and Proposition 15.2.4.
- 9. As a function of a complex variable $(e^t - 1)^{-1}$ is analytic for $|t| < 2\pi$.
- 13. Use Exercise 12.
- 21. Set $F = 2$ in Exercise 19.

Chapter 16

- 4. For another evaluation note that $\int_0^1 t^{3k}(1-t) dt = 1/[(3k+1)(3k+2)]$.
- 7. Show that if $p \nmid m$ and $p \mid \Phi_m(N)$ for an integer N then $p \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$.
- 11. For an integer m choose a prime $p \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$ and consider subfields of $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_p)$.
- 12. If $p \equiv t \pmod{m}$ then $p \mid f(\zeta^p) = f(\zeta^t)$ where ζ is a primitive m th root of unity and $f(x) \in \mathbb{Z}[x], f(\zeta) = 0$.
- 14. Use Theorem 1, Chapter 6.

Chapter 17

- 2. $y^2 + 4 = x^3 - 27$.
- 3. Imitate the proof of Proposition 17.8.1 ([60], Theorem 121).
- 8. $(y + 2i)(y - 2i) = x^3$.
- 12. Consider $(x_1 + y_1\sqrt{d})^2$ for a solution (x_1, y_1) of $x^2 - dy^2 = -1$.
- 13. $1^3 + 2^3 + \dots + n^3 = (n(n+1)/2)^2$.
- 16. Consider the map

$$(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) \rightarrow \left(\frac{x_1 + x_2}{2}, \frac{x_1 - x_2}{2}, \frac{x_3 + x_4}{2}, \frac{x_3 - x_4}{2} \right).$$

- 18. $\binom{4}{2} = 6$.
- 19. Consider the hint for Problem 16.

Chapter 18

- 4. If t is the order of the torsion subgroup of E then for $p \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$, $p \equiv -1 \pmod{t}$. The density of the set of primes $\equiv -1 \pmod{t}$ is $1/\phi(t)$ while the density of primes $p \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ is $\frac{1}{2}$.

8. (a) Prove first for $\mathfrak{A} = P$ using $(N(P) - 2)(N(P)) = (N(P) - 1)^2 - 1$.
(b) See Exercise 4, Chapter 14. For $|u(a, b)| = 1$, apply σ_{-1} (cf. Lemma 4, Section 5, Chapter 14).
(c) Show that \hat{u} is invariant under the action of the appropriate Galois group.
12. (a) See Chapter 11.
(b) See Exercise 4.
(c) See Exercise 17.

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