

Due by 5pm on October 2. Do not forget to attach the honor code. Each problem is worth 10 points.

- (1) Let  $f(x) = (2 + 2x^2)(2 + x^2 + x^3)^2(-1 + x^4) \in \mathbb{F}_3[x]$  and  $g(x) = (1 + x^2)(-2 + 2x^2)(2 + x^2 + x^3) \in \mathbb{F}_3[x]$ . Determine  $\gcd(f(x), g(x))$  and  $\text{lcm}(f(x), g(x))$ .
- (2) Find the order of the elements  $\alpha$ ,  $\alpha^3$ ,  $\alpha + 1$  and  $\alpha^3 + 1$  in  $\mathbb{F}_{16}$ , where  $\alpha$  is a root of  $1 + x + x^4$ .
- (3) (a) Let  $\alpha$  be a primitive element of  $\mathbb{F}_q$ . Show that  $\alpha^i$  is also a primitive element if and only if  $\gcd(i, q - 1) = 1$ .  
(b) Determine the number of primitive elements in the following fields:  $\mathbb{F}_{19}$ ,  $\mathbb{F}_{25}$  and  $\mathbb{F}_{32}$ .  
(c) Determine all the primitive elements of the following fields:  $\mathbb{F}_7$ ,  $\mathbb{F}_8$ ,  $\mathbb{F}_9$
- (4) Let  $\alpha$  be a root of  $1 + x^3 + x^4 \in \mathbb{F}_2[x]$ .  
(a) List all the cyclotomic cosets of 2 modulo 15.  
(b) Find the minimal polynomial of  $\alpha^i \in \mathbb{F}_{16}$ , for all  $1 \leq i \leq 14$ .  
(c) Find all the irreducible polynomials of degree 4 over  $\mathbb{F}_2$ .  
  
**Hint:** Each monic irreducible polynomial of  $\mathbb{F}_q[x]$  of degree  $m$  is the minimal polynomial of some element of  $\mathbb{F}_{q^m}$  with respect to  $\mathbb{F}_q$ .
- (5) (a) Find all the cyclotomic cosets of 2 modulo 31.  
(b) Find the minimal polynomials of  $\alpha$ ,  $\alpha^4$  and  $\alpha^5$ , where  $\alpha$  is a root of  $1 + x^2 + x^5 \in \mathbb{F}_2[x]$ .
- (6) (a) Factorize the polynomial  $x^{31} - 1$  over  $\mathbb{F}_2$ .  
(b) Factorize the polynomial  $x^{12} - 1$  over  $\mathbb{F}_5$ .