

Some Classes of Generalized Cyclotomic Polynomials

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Definition (Galois Subgroup-Polynomial)

Let H be a subgroup of $(\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z})^\times$ and $(\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z})^\times / H = \{h_1H, h_2H, \dots, h_lH\}$ be its corresponding quotient group. For each k , let

$$a_k = \sum_{h \in H} w^{h_k h}, \quad k = 1, \dots, l. \quad (1)$$

The monic polynomial having a_1, \dots, a_l as its roots denoted by $J_{n,H}(x)$ will be called the Galois Subgroup-Polynomial. That is,

$$J_{n,H}(x) = (x - a_1)(x - a_2) \cdots (x - a_l).$$

Example

If we take $n = 7$, then $G = (\mathbb{Z}/7\mathbb{Z})^\times = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$ and $w = e^{\frac{2\pi i}{7}}$. G has the subgroups

$$H_1 = \{1\}, H_2 = \{1, 6\}, H_3 = \{1, 2, 4\}, H_4 = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} J_{7, H_1}(x) &= (x - w)(x - w^2)(x - w^3)(x - w^4)(x - w^5)(x - w^6) \\ &= x^6 + x^5 + x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + x + 1 = \Phi_7(x). \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} J_{7, H_2}(x) &= (x - (w + w^6))(x - (w^2 + w^5))(x - (w^3 + w^4)) \\ &= x^3 + x^2 - 2x - 1. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} J_{7, H_3}(x) &= (x - (w + w^2 + w^4))(x - (w^3 + w^5 + w^6)) \\ &= x^2 + x + 2. \end{aligned}$$

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Let n be a square-free integer. Then $J_{n,H}(x)$ is irreducible over \mathbb{Q} for any subgroup H of $(\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z})^\times$.

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Let $J_{p,H}(x) = x^m + x^{m-1} + b_{m-2}x^{m-2} + \dots + b_0$. Then

$$b_{m-2} = \begin{cases} \frac{p-1}{2} - \frac{|H|}{2}, & \text{if } |H| \text{ is even,} \\ \frac{|H|+1}{2}, & \text{if } |H| \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$$

Theorem

For any prime $p > 2$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} J_{p,\{1,-1\}}(x) &= \prod_{k=1}^{\frac{p-1}{2}} \left(x - 2 \cos \left(\frac{2\pi k}{p} \right) \right) \\ &= U_{\frac{p-1}{2}} \left(\frac{x}{2} \right) + U_{\frac{p-1}{2}-1} \left(\frac{x}{2} \right) \\ &= \frac{(-1)^{\frac{p-1}{2}}}{\sqrt{\frac{1}{2} - \frac{x}{4}}} T_p \left(\sqrt{\frac{1}{2} - \frac{x}{4}} \right), \end{aligned}$$

where $T_n(x)$ denotes the n -th Chebyshev polynomial of the first kind and $U_n(x)$ denotes the n -th Chebyshev polynomial of the second kind.

Conjecture

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Let $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ and $|H| = 4$. Then the constant coefficient of $J_{p,H}(x)$ is always equal to 1.

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n	H	$J_{n, H}(x)$
7	{1}	$x^6 + x^5 + x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + x + 1$
7	{1, 6}	$x^3 + x^2 - 2x - 1$
7	{1, 9, 11}	$x^2 - x + 2$
7	{1, 3, 5, 9, 11, 13}	$x - 1$
14	{1}	$x^6 - x^5 + x^4 - x^3 + x^2 - x + 1$
14	{1, 13}	$x^3 - x^2 - 2x + 1$
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Let $p \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ be a prime, and the integer c be such that $4p = c^2 + 27b^2$ and $c \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$. Then

$$J_{p,H_3}(x) = x^3 + x^2 - \frac{p-1}{3}x - \frac{1}{27}(p(c+3) - 1).$$

Theorem

Let $p \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$ be a prime, and the integer s be such that $p = s^2 + 4t^2$ and $s \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$. Then

$$J_{p,H_4}(x) = x^4 + x^3 - \frac{3(p-1)}{8}x^2 + \frac{1}{16}((2s-3)p+1)x + \frac{1}{256}(p^2 - (4s^2 - 8s + 6)p + 1).$$

Let $p \equiv 5 \pmod{8}$ be a prime, and the integer s be such that $p = s^2 + 4t^2$ and $s \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$. Then

$$J_{p,H_4}(x) = x^4 + x^3 + \frac{1}{8}(p+3)x^2 + \frac{1}{16}((2s+1)p+1)x + \frac{1}{256}(9p^2 - (4s^2 - 8s - 2)p + 1).$$

Theorem

The constant coefficient b_0 of the Cyclotomic Subgroup-Polynomial $J_{n,H}(x)$ is given by the integral formula

$$b_0 = |a_1| \cdot |a_2| \cdots |a_N| \frac{(2i)^N}{\pi} \int_0^\pi \prod_{k=1}^N \sin \left(t - \frac{\alpha_k}{N} \right) e^{i(Nt + \frac{\alpha}{2})} dt,$$

where N is the degree of $J_{n,H}(x)$, and $\alpha = \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \dots + \alpha_N$ with $\arg(a_k) = \alpha_k$, and a_1, \dots, a_N given by (1).

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$$\rho(J_{m, \{-1, 1\}}, J_{n, \{-1, 1\}}) = \begin{cases} \pm p^{\frac{\varphi(m)}{2}} & \text{if } n/m \text{ is a power of a prime } p, \\ \pm 1 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

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If $n = p^m$, then for each subgroup $H \leq (\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^\times$ and corresponding subgroup $H' \leq (\mathbb{Z}/p^m\mathbb{Z})^\times$ such that $|H'| = |H|$, we have

$$J_{p^m,H'}(x) \equiv J_{p,H}(x^{p^{m-1}}) \pmod{p}.$$

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Theorem (Harrington)

Let n and c be positive integers with $c \geq 2$. Then the polynomials

$$f(x) = x^n + \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} cx^j,$$

$$g(x) = x^n + \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} (-1)^{n-j} cx^j,$$

$$h(x) = x^n - \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} cx^j,$$

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$$f(x) = x^2 + 4x + 4 = (x + 2)^2 \text{ and } g(x) = x^2 - 4x + 4 = (x - 2)^2.$$

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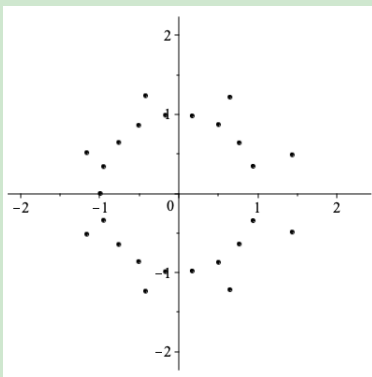
Let n, c and a be positive integers with $c \geq 2$ and $a < n$. Then the polynomials

$$\begin{aligned} f_n^{a,c}(x) &= x^n + \sum_{j=0}^{n-a-1} cx^j, & g_n^{a,c}(x) &= x^n + \sum_{j=0}^{n-a-1} (-1)^{n-j} cx^j, \\ h_n^{a,c}(x) &= x^n - \sum_{j=0}^{n-a-1} cx^j, & k_n^{a,c}(x) &= x^n - \sum_{j=0}^{n-a-1} (-1)^{n-j} cx^j, \end{aligned}$$

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Example

Consider $f_{25}^{7,12}(x) = x^{25} + 12 \cdot \sum_{n=0}^{17} x^n$. The following diagram is an illustration of the roots of $f_{25}^{7,12}(x)$ in the plane:



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For $f_n^{a,c}(x)$, $g_n^{a,c}(x)$, $h_n^{a,c}(x)$, and $k_n^{a,c}(x)$, we have

$$D(f_n^{a,c}(x)) \equiv D(g_n^{a,c}(x)) \equiv D(h_n^{a,c}(x)) \equiv D(k_n^{a,c}(x)) \equiv 0 \pmod{c^{n-1}},$$

for all $n \geq 2$ and all values of a and c .

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For any prime $p \geq 5$ and nonnegative integers m, s we have

$$u(mp^{s+1}) \equiv u(mp^s) \pmod{p^{s+3}}.$$

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With the prime $p \geq 5$ fixed we have

$$P_{np-1}(1 + 2t) \equiv P_{n-1}(1 + 2t^p) \pmod{np}, \quad (3)$$

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where $n = 1, 2, p, 2p, p^2, 2p^2, \dots$.

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where $n = 2^i p^j$, $i, j \geq 0$.

Thank you very much for your time and patience ! Please feel free to ask any questions and I will do my best to answer them.