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Galois group of the algebraic closure of a finite field

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Let  $q$  be a power of a prime number and  $\overline{\mathbb{F}}_q$  a fixed algebraic closure of  $\mathbb{F}_q$ .

- (1) For  $n \geq 1$ , recall the definition of the subfield  $\mathbb{F}_{q^n}$  of  $\overline{\mathbb{F}}_q$ .
- (2) Show that

$$\overline{\mathbb{F}}_q = \bigcup_{n \geq 1} \mathbb{F}_{q^n}$$

and that  $\overline{\mathbb{F}}_q/\mathbb{F}_q$  is a Galois extension. Denote by  $G$  its Galois group. Let

$$F_q : \overline{\mathbb{F}}_q \longrightarrow \overline{\mathbb{F}}_q \\ x \longmapsto x^q$$

- (3) Show that  $F_q \in G$ .
- (4) Describe the subgroup of  $G$  generated by  $F_q$ .
- (5) For any  $n \geq 1$ , give a natural surjective morphism

$$\phi_n : G \longrightarrow \text{Gal}(\mathbb{F}_{q^n}/\mathbb{F}_q)$$

such that

$$\bigcap_{n \geq 1} \ker(\phi_n)$$

is trivial.

- (6) Denote by  $\hat{\mathbb{Z}}$  the set of all sequences

$$(a_n)_{n \geq 1} \in \prod_{n \geq 1} \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$$

such that for any  $m, n \geq 1$ , the image of  $a_{mn}$  by the natural projection  $\mathbb{Z}/mn\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$  is  $a_n$ . Show that  $\hat{\mathbb{Z}}$  is a group for the addition (defined coordinate by coordinate) and that  $\hat{\mathbb{Z}}$  and  $G$  are isomorphic.

- (7) Is  $G$  generated by  $F_q$ ?
- (8) Show that an orbit  $\mathcal{O}$  in  $\overline{\mathbb{F}}_q$  under the action of  $G$  is finite. Show that for  $x, x' \in \mathcal{O}$  we have  $\mathbb{F}_q[x] = \mathbb{F}_q[x']$ .
- (9) Show that there is a surjection from the set of  $G$ -orbits in  $\overline{\mathbb{F}}_q$  to the set of finite extensions of  $\mathbb{F}_q$  contained in  $\overline{\mathbb{F}}_q$ . Is it a bijection?