

1. The polynomial  $x^2 + 1$  is irreducible over  $\mathbb{F}_3$ . Thus  $\mathbb{F}_9 \cong \frac{\mathbb{F}_3[x]}{(x^2+1)}$   
 Let  $\Theta$  be a root of  $x^2 + 1$ , for example  $\Theta := x + (x^2+1)$ .

$\mathbb{F}_9^*$  is cyclic of order 8,  $\phi(8) = 4$  elements are generators, i.e. primitive roots.

We have  $\Theta^2 = -1$ ,  $\Theta^3 = -\Theta$  and  $\Theta^4 = 1$  thus  $\Theta$  has order 4.

That is, all other elements of  $\mathbb{F}_9^*$  are primitive roots:  $\{\Theta+1, \Theta+2, 2\Theta+1, 2\Theta+2\}$

Take  $\Theta+1$ , we get its conjugates by repeatedly powering up to exponent 3:

$$(\Theta+1)^3 = \Theta^3 + 1 = \Theta(\Theta^2) + 1 = \Theta(-\Theta - 1) + 1 = 2\Theta + 1$$

Thus, the conjugates of  $\Theta+1$  are  $\{\Theta+1, 2\Theta+1\}$ , all are primitive roots.

2. Let  $\varphi: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be an automorphism of  $\mathbb{C}$  which fixes  $\mathbb{R}$  elementwise.

Then since  $x^2 + 1 = (x+i)(x-i) = x^2 + (i + (-i))x + (i)(-i)$  we see that  
 $\varphi$  permutes the set  $\{i, -i\}$ , here we have extended  $\varphi$  to a ring automorphism  
 of  $\mathbb{C}[x]$  by applying it to all coefficients of a polynomial.

Another proof: Let  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$  be  $\varphi(i)$ . Since  $-i = (-1) \cdot i$  we have

$$\varphi(-i) = \varphi(-1) \cdot \varphi(i) = -1 \cdot \alpha = -\alpha. \text{ Since } \varphi(i \cdot (-i)) = \alpha \cdot (-\alpha) = -\alpha^2$$

we have  $\alpha \in \{i, -i\}$ . Because  $\{1, i\}$  is a basis of  $\mathbb{C}$  as  $\mathbb{R}$ -vector space,  
 both proofs show that there is exactly two such automorphisms:

① the identity

② complex conjugation  $i \mapsto -i$

3. Assume  $\alpha = \gamma^q - \gamma = \beta^q - \beta$  with  $\beta, \gamma \in F \Rightarrow \beta^q - \gamma^q = (\beta - \gamma)^q = \beta - \gamma$   
 and thus  $\beta - \gamma \in K = \mathbb{F}_q$ .

Assume  $\beta - \gamma \in \mathbb{F}_q \Rightarrow (\beta - \gamma)^q = \beta^q - \gamma^q = \beta - \gamma \Rightarrow \beta^q - \beta = \gamma^q - \gamma$ .

$$4. N_{F/K}(\alpha) = \alpha^{\frac{(q^m-1)}{q-1}}.$$

If  $\alpha = \beta^{q-1}$  for some  $\beta \in F$  then  $N_{F/K}(\alpha) = \alpha^{\frac{(q^m-1)}{q-1}} = \beta^{\frac{q^m-1}{q-1}} = 1$ .

Let  $N_{F/K}(\alpha) = 1$ , that is:  $\alpha \cdot \alpha^q \cdot \alpha^{q^2} \cdots \alpha^{q^{m-1}} = 1 \Rightarrow \alpha =$

$N_{F/K}$  is a surjective group hom. from  $F^*$  to  $K^*$ , both are cyclic groups of orders  $q^m-1$  and  $q-1$  respectively. Let  $\gamma$  be a primitive root of  $F^*$  then  $N_{F/K}(\gamma)$  is a primitive root of  $K^*$  since  $N_{F/K}$  is surjective. Thus  $\gamma^{q-1}$  generates the kernel,  $\langle \gamma^{q-1} \rangle$  is the subgroup

of elements of  $F^*$  which are  $(q-1)$ -st powers.

5. There are  $q^m - 1$  possible values for the first vector  $b_1$  in a basis (has to be  $\neq 0$ ). The second must not lie in the  $\mathbb{F}_q$ -span of  $b_1$ , thus for every  $b_1$  there are  $q^m - q$  choices for the second basis vector  $b_2$ . For the  $i$ -th basis vector to be linearly independent from the first  $i-1$  vectors, it must not lie in the  $\mathbb{F}_q$ -span. That leaves  $q^m - q^{i-1}$  choices for  $b_i$  for every choice of  $(b_1, \dots, b_{i-1})$ . The result follows.

NOTE: A vector space of dimension  $k$  over  $\mathbb{F}_q$  has  $q^k$  elements.