# FINDING THE GALOIS GROUP OF A POLYNOMIAL: A DEMONSTRATION OF STAUDUHAR'S METHOD 

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#### Abstract

The purpose of this paper is to demonstrate an algorithm to find the Galois group of any monic irreducible polynomial over the field of the rationals with integer coefficients. This algorithm was invented by Richard Stauduhar [15], hence, for the rest it is called the Stauduhar's method. In order to identify the correct subgroup of $S_{n}$, several conditions are assumed. Since in every case complex roots, discriminants, and the conjugate values of some functions (to be defined later) must be computed the coefficients of input polynomial must be chosen so there will be relatively small round-off errors. It is further assumed that no two roots are very close to each other and there are no exceptionally large or small roots.


## 1. Historical notes

The definition of the Galois group itself already implies the course should be taken to solve this problem. Unfortunately, previous methods like one of van der Waerden, demands a factorization of a polynomial of degree $n$ !. This method could be described in short as follows:

Let $p(x)$ be the polynomial of degree $n$ over the field $\Delta$ (say this is the rational field), and let $\Sigma$ be the splitting field. We consider the ring $\Sigma\left(u_{1}, u_{2}, \ldots u_{n}, z\right)$ of polynomials with coefficients in $\Delta$, in the $(n+1)$ variables $u_{1}, u_{2}, \ldots, u_{n}, z$. From this ring we form the expression

$$
\Theta=\alpha_{1} u_{1}+\alpha_{2} u_{2}+\cdots+\alpha_{n} u_{n}
$$

where $\alpha_{i}$ are the roots of the polynomial (which are in $\Sigma$ ). For each permutation $s$ in the symmetric group $S_{n}$, we consider it as a permutation of the variables $u_{i}$, and we form the transformed expression $s \Theta$ (e.g if $s=(12)$ then $s=\alpha_{1} u_{2}+\alpha_{2} u_{1}+\cdots+\alpha_{n} u_{n}$. Finally, we form the product $F$ of all the expressions $z-s \Theta$ for all $s \in S$. Now $F$ is a symmetric function of the $\alpha_{i}$, and hence, can be expressed in terms of elementary symmetric function of the $\alpha_{i}$. These are precisely the coefficients of $p(x)$, and in fact lie in $\Delta$. So $F$ is actually in the smaller ring $\Delta\left(u_{1}, u_{2}, \ldots, u_{n}\right)$. We decompose $F$ into irreducible factors $F_{1} F_{2}, \ldots, F_{n}$ in this ring, and we apply the permutations $s$ as above to the resulting equation

$$
F=F_{1} F_{2} \cdots F_{n} .
$$

Now, for an arbitrary factor (say $F_{1}$ ), those permutations which carry this factor into itself form a group which is isomorphic to the galois group of the given equation.

Later, with the help of electronic computers, Zassenhaus and Cockayne put this method into more practice. However, this method doesn't compute the Galois group in all cases but leaves us with several choices. The advantages of this method is that the same program could be used for different values of $n$. In order to demonstrate this method the effective version of Tchabotareff density function is used.

The software MAPLE computes the Galois group of monic irreducible polynomials over infinite or finite fields, It computes the Galois group of polynomials up to degree seven. This software based on the works of L. Soicher, J. McKay, and Butler which in turn based on the van der Waerden's method.

Stauduhar's method, on the other hand, uses only the basic facts about galois group and will certainly give a single solution to the input polynomial provided that minimum accuracy of the roots is attained.

## 2. Overview of the method

In order to find the galois group of an irreducible monic polynomial with integer coefficients this method makes use of the complex roots of the given polynomial. Hence these roots are computed first and are placed in an initial ordering $r_{1}, r_{2}, \ldots, r_{n}$. Let $\Gamma$ be the galois group of $p(x)$ with respect to this ordering. Suppose $M$ is a maximal transitive subgroup of $S_{n}, M \neq A_{n}$, and $\left[S_{n}: M\right]=k$. To determine if $\Gamma$ is a subgroup of $M$, or some conjugate of $M$, we calculate a resolvent polynomial of
degree $k, Q_{\left(S_{n}, M\right)}(y)$ numerically, using a function $F\left(x_{1}, x_{2}, \ldots, x_{n}\right)$ belonging to $M$ in $S_{n}$, and a set $\pi_{1}, \pi_{2}, \ldots, \pi_{k}$ of right coset representatives for $M$ in $S_{n}$.

This resolvent is monic with integer coefficients (see theorem). It is tested for integer roots. If it has none, then $\Gamma$ is not contained in any of the conjugates of $M$, and similar resolvents may be computed, corresponding to other conjugacy classes of maximal transitive subgroups of $S_{n}$.

Suppose $Q_{\left(S_{n}, M\right)}(y)$ has an integer root. Then this root is $\pi_{i} F\left(r_{1} r_{2}, \ldots r_{n}\right)$ where $\pi_{i}$ is one of the coset representatives, and hence, $\Gamma$ is a subgroup of $\pi_{i} M \pi_{i}^{-1}$.

The roots of $p(x)$ now is reordered so that $r_{j}^{\prime}=r_{\pi_{i}(j)}$. After the reordering, according to theorem, $\Gamma$ is a subgroup of $M$.

Assuming that $\Gamma$ is a subgroup of $M$, let $M^{*}$ be a maximal transitive subgroup of $M$, and $F^{*}$ is a function belonging to $M^{*}$ in $M$. The resolvent polynomial $Q_{\left(M, M^{*}\right)}(y)$ of degree $\left[M: M^{*}\right]$ is computed, and this new polynomial is tested for integer roots. If an integer root of $Q_{\left(M, M^{*}\right)}$ is found, the roots of $p(x)$ are once again reordered to ensure that $\Gamma$ is a subgroup of $M^{*}$.

The search is continued in this way until either none of the resolvents at a given level give an integer root or a minimal transitive subgroup of $S_{n}$ is located. At each level of searching, only groups not previously eliminated is considered. For example, if $S_{n}$ has maximal subgroups $M_{1}$ and $M_{2}$, and it is discovered that $Q_{\left(S_{n}, M_{1}\right)}$ has no integer roots, but $Q_{\left(S_{n}, M_{2}\right)}$ does, so $\Gamma$ is not a subgroup of $M_{1}$, and $\Gamma$ is a subgroup of $M_{2}$, then groups which lie within the intersection of $M_{1}$ and $M_{2}$ are ruled out as the candidates for $\Gamma$.

It is further assumed that those integer roots of resolvents with respect to which reordering is taking place are not repeated roots. In the case the integer roots of a resolvent have multiplicity greater than one, the resolvent can be calculated with respect to a new function.

The discriminant $D^{2}$ is used in two ways. First, if none of the resolvents associated with the maximal transitive subgroup of $S_{n}$ yield an integer root, then $\Gamma=A_{n}$ or $\Gamma=S_{n}$ depending on whether $D^{2}$ is a perfect square (van der Waerden's theorem ). Second, if $D^{2}$ is a square, and we have determined that $\Gamma$ is a subgroup of $M$ then $\Gamma$ is a subgroup of the intersection of $M$ and $A_{n}$. This will simplify the search procedure.
2.1. Ordering of the roots. Let $p(x)$ be a monic irreducible polynomial over the rationals. Let $K$ be the splitting field of Let $G$ be the group of all field automorphisms fixing the rationals. Let $s \in G$, then

$$
\begin{gathered}
s\left(r_{k}\right)=r_{s(k)}=r_{i_{k}} \\
r_{k} \xrightarrow{s} r_{i_{k}} \\
k \xrightarrow{\longrightarrow} i_{k}
\end{gathered}
$$

Hence, whenever the galois group is given as a group of permutation of $n$ letters, an ordering of the roots is also given, and vice versa. This happens because we have freedom to label the subgroups of $S_{n}$.

Let $+V_{4}$ be our example,

generators: $(14)(23),(12)(34)$, or,

generators: $(13)(24),(12)(34)$.
Let the first be the initial ordering $1,2,3,4$. Then the second ordering comes out as the result of mapping (34) works on $1,2,3,4$. So, if the galois group is $+V 4$ under the first ordering, then under the second ordering it is

$$
(34) V_{4}(34)^{-1}
$$

2.2. Function belongs to a subgroup of $S_{n}$. Let $F\left(x_{1}, x_{2}, \ldots, x_{n}\right)$ be a function of $n$ indeterminate.

Let $G$ be a group of permutations of $n$ letters. If $F$ is unchanged by precisely the permutations of $G$ we say that F belongs to $G$. Such functions are constructible.

Let $F^{*}\left(x_{1} x_{2}, \ldots x_{n}\right)=x_{1} x_{2}^{2} \cdots x_{n}^{n} . F=\sum_{\sigma \in G} \sigma F *\left(x_{1} x_{2}, \ldots x_{n}\right)$ where

$$
\sigma F\left(x_{1}, x_{2}, \ldots, x_{n}\right)=F\left(x_{\sigma(1)}, x_{\sigma(2)}, \ldots, x_{\sigma(n)}\right)
$$

This function belongs to $G$.
Example. For $n=3$, the function

$$
\begin{aligned}
F & =x_{1} x_{2}^{2} x_{3}^{3}+x_{2} x_{3}^{2} x_{1}^{3}+x_{3} x_{2}^{2} x_{2}^{3} \\
& =x_{1} x_{2} x_{3}\left(x_{2} x_{3}^{2}+x_{3} x_{1}^{2}+x_{1} x_{2}^{2}\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

(Note: $x_{1} x_{2} x_{3}$ is a constant)

$$
F^{\prime}=x_{2} x_{3}^{2}+x_{3} x_{1}^{2}+x_{1} x_{2}^{2}
$$

belongs to $A_{3}$.
Particularly for any alternating groups $A_{n}$, a function of the form

$$
D^{2}=\Pi_{i<j}\left(x_{i}-x_{j}\right)^{2}
$$

belongs to $A_{n}$.
Given the function $F\left(x_{1} x_{2}, \ldots, x_{n}\right)$ and a permutation $\pi \in S_{n}$, the function $\pi F\left(x_{1}, x_{2}, \ldots, x_{n}\right)$ is called the conjugate function or the conjugate value of the function $F\left(x_{1}, x_{2}, \ldots x_{n}\right)$.

Let $H$ be a subgroup of $S_{n}$. Let $F$ belong to $G$ in $S_{n}$. Then $F$ takes exactly $\left[H: H^{G}\right]$ distinct conjugate values under the permutations of $H$, exactly those of $G^{\prime}=G^{H}$ leave unchanged. Suppose $G$ and $H$ are subgroups of $S_{n}, G$ is in $H$, and $F$ belong to $G$ in $H$. Then for $\pi \in H, \pi F$ belongs to $\pi G \pi^{-1}$ in $H$.
2.3. Generating the polynomial resolvents. Let $p(x) \in Q[x]$, monic, irreducible with integral coefficients. Let $r_{1}, r_{2}, \ldots, r_{n}$ be the initial ordering of the roots.

Let $H$ be a transitive subgroup of $S_{n}$. Suppose with respect to this ordering, $\Gamma$ the galois group of $p(x)$ is a subgroup of $H$. For any $G$ in $H$ and $F$, a function belonging to $G$, let $\pi_{1}, \pi_{2}, \ldots \pi_{k}$, be the set of coset representatives w.r.t $H$, then

$$
Q_{(H, G)}(y)=\Pi_{i=1}^{k}\left(y-\pi_{i}\left(F\left(r_{1}, r_{2}, \ldots, r_{n}\right)\right)\right.
$$

is called the resolvent polynomial of $G$ with respect to $H$ and having integral coefficients.
$F\left(r_{1}, r_{2}, \ldots, r_{n}\right)$ is a root of of $Q_{(H, G)}(y)$ since the identity $(e)$ is one of coset representatives.
Theorem 2.1. If $F\left(r_{1}, r_{2}, \ldots, r_{n}\right)$ is not a repeated root of $Q_{(H, G)}(y)$ then $\Gamma$ is a subgroup of $G$ if and only if $F\left(r_{1}, r_{2}, \ldots, r_{n}\right)$ is an integer.
Theorem 2.2. Assume $\pi_{i}\left(F\left(r_{1}, r_{2}, \ldots r_{n}\right)\right)$ is not a repeated root of $Q_{(H, G)}(y)$; then $\Gamma$ is a subgroup of $\pi_{i} G \pi^{-1}$ if and only if

$$
\pi_{i} F\left(r_{1}, r_{2}, \ldots, r_{n}\right) \text { is an integer. }
$$

Theorem 2.3. Then if $\Gamma$ is a subgroup of $\pi_{i} G \pi_{i}^{-1}$ and is not a repeated root of $Q_{(H, G)}(y)$ under a new ordering

$$
r_{j}^{\prime}=r_{\pi_{i}(j)^{\prime}}
$$

$\Gamma$ is a subgroup of $G$.
The following theorem is useful to simplify our search:
Theorem 2.4 (van der Waerden). Let $p(x)$ be irreducible, monic polynomial of degree $n$ with integral coefficients. If the discriminant $D^{2}$ is a perfect square then the galois group is a subgroup of the alternating group.

Note: perfect square means integer, or $\sqrt{D^{2}} \in \mathbb{Q}$.

## 3. How to apply theorems and result

For polynomials of degree three van der Waerden's theorem is used to determine the galois group. If the discriminant $D^{2}$ is a perfect square then the Galois group is $+A_{n}$, otherwise it is $S_{n}$, since the only candidates for it are $+A_{3}$ and $S_{3}$.
EXAMPLE. Let $p(x)=1+x+x^{3}$.

$$
\begin{aligned}
& r_{1}=0.341163901914+1.1615414 i \\
& r_{2}=0.341163901914-1.1615414 i \\
& r_{3}=-0.682327803828
\end{aligned}
$$

$D^{2}=-31$ (not a square) Then the Galois group is full, $S_{3}$.
EXAMPLE. Let $p(x)=-1-2 x+x 2+x 3$.

$$
\begin{aligned}
& r_{1}=-7.80193773581 \\
& r_{2}=1.24697960372 \\
& r_{3}=-0.445041867913
\end{aligned}
$$

$D^{2}=49$ (a perfect square). Then the galois group is the alternating group $A_{3}$. For polynomials of degree four, a simplified form of the lattice of $S_{4}$, which is called a search tree, is needed.


If $D^{2}$ is not a perfect square, then $+A_{4}$ and $+V_{4}$ are ruled out. The search starts form the left. If the polynomial resolvent $Q_{\left(S_{4}, D_{4}\right)}$ gives an integer root and not a repeated root then the galois group $\Gamma$ is a subgroup of $D_{4}$ under a suitable ordering. If $\Gamma$ is also a subgroup of $Z_{4}$ then $\Gamma=Z_{4}$ since $Z_{4}$ is a minimal transitive subgroup in $S_{4}$. If $\Gamma$ is not a subgroup of $D_{4}$ then $\Gamma=S_{4}$. If $\Gamma$ is a subgroup of $D_{4}$ but not of $Z_{4}$ then $\Gamma=D_{4}$. In case $D^{2}$ is a perfect square, $S_{4}, D_{4}$, and $Z_{4}$ are ruled out. The candidates are $+A_{4}$ and $+V_{4}$. We check whether $\Gamma$ is a subgroup of $D_{4}$, if it is, then $\Gamma=+V_{4}$, if it is not then $\Gamma=+A_{4}$.
EXAMPLE. Let $p(x)=1+x 4$. Initial ordering of the roots:

$$
\left\{\begin{array}{l}
r_{1}=-0.707106781186+0.707106781186 i \\
r_{2}=-0.707106781186-0.707106781186 i \\
r_{3}=0.707106781186+0.707106781186 i \\
r_{4}=0.707106781186-0.707106781186 i
\end{array}\right.
$$

$D^{2}=256$ (a perfect square). The candidates are $+A_{4}$ and $+V_{4}$. If $\Gamma$ is also a subgroup of $D_{4}$ then $\Gamma=+V_{4}$. To decide whether this is the case we compute $\pi_{i} F$ for every coset representative of $D_{4}$ with respect to $S_{4}$

$$
F=\sum_{\sigma \in D_{4}} x_{\sigma(1)} x_{\sigma(2)}^{2} \cdots x_{\sigma(4)}^{4}
$$

after cancelling constant factors we get

$$
F=x_{1} x_{3}+x_{2} x_{4}
$$

(see Appendix Two).
The coset representatives of $D_{4}$ with respect to $S_{4}$ are $\{(e),(23),(34)\}$ (see Appendix Three). So,
$(e) F=-2$
(23) $F=2$
(34) $F=0$

Since at least one of the conjugate values of $F$ give an integer root then the galois group of $p(x)=1+x^{4}$ is $+V_{4}$.

For polynomials of degree five the search tree is as follows:


Suppose $D^{2}$ is not a perfect square, then $\Gamma$ is not one of these: $+A_{5},+D_{5},+Z_{5}$. The remaining candidates of $\Gamma$ are $S_{5}$ and $F_{20}$. Computing the polynomial resolvent of $F_{20}$ with respect to $S_{5}$ we could decide whether $\Gamma$ is a subgroup of $F_{20}$ or not. If $\Gamma$ is a subgroup of $F_{20}$ then $\Gamma=F_{20}$. If none of the conjugate functions give an integer then $\Gamma$ is not a subgroup of $F_{20}$, in this case the galois group $\Gamma$ is full, the symmetric group $S_{5}$.

Suppose $D^{2}$ is a perfect square, then the candidates for $\Gamma F$ are $+A_{5},+D_{5},+Z_{5}$. Hence there is no need to find out whether $\Gamma$ is a subgroup of $F_{20}$ or not. We proceed further to find out whether $\Gamma$ is a subgroup of $+D_{5}$ or not. If it is, then we check whether it is a subgroup of $+Z_{5}$. If once again $\Gamma$ is a subgroup of $+Z_{5}$ then $\Gamma=+Z_{5}$ since $+Z_{5}$ is a minimal subgroup and in fact the only minimal transitive subgroup of the search tree. If $\Gamma$ is not a subgroup of $+Z_{5}$ but it is a subgroup of $+D_{5}$ then $\Gamma=+D_{5}$. If $\Gamma$ is not a subgroup of $+D_{5}$ then $\Gamma=+D_{5}$.

EXAMPLE. Let $p(x)=2+x 5$.

$$
\left\{\begin{array}{l}
r_{1}=-1.148698355 \\
r_{2}=-0.354967313105+1.09247705578 i \\
r_{3}=-0.354967313105-1.09247705578 i \\
r_{4}=0.929316490603+0.67518795240 i \\
r_{5}=0.929316490603-0.67518795240 i
\end{array}\right.
$$

$D^{2}=50000$ (not a perfect square).

$$
F=\left(x_{1} x_{2}+x_{2} x_{3}+x_{3} x_{4}+x_{4} x_{5}+x_{5} x_{1}-x_{1} x_{3}-x_{3} x_{5}-x_{5} x_{2}-x_{2} x_{4}-x_{4} x_{1}\right)^{2} .
$$

$(e) F=10.7605967409-33.1177114395 i$

$$
(12)(34) F=-28.1716080068+20.467871299 i
$$

$$
(12435) F=0
$$

$$
(15243) F=10.7605967409+33.1177114395 i
$$

$$
(12453) F=34.8220225319
$$

$$
(12543) F=-28.1716080068-20.4678712992 i
$$

Since (12435) $F$ is an integer then $\Gamma$ is a subgroup of $F_{20}$ under the new ordering

$$
\left\{\begin{array}{l}
r_{1}=0.929316490603-0.6751879524 i \\
r_{2}=-1.148698355 \\
r_{3}=0.929316490603+0.6751879524 i \\
r_{4}=-0.354967313105+1.09247705578 i \\
r_{5}=-0.354967313105-1.092477055781 i
\end{array}\right.
$$

Conclusion: $\Gamma=F_{20}$.
EXAMPLE. Let $p(x)=1+x+x^{5}$.

Initial ordering:

$$
\left\{\begin{array}{l}
r_{1}=0.877438833123+0.74486176662 i \\
r_{2}=0.877438833123-0.74486176662 i \\
r_{3}=-0.500000000000+0.8660254037841 \\
r_{4}=-0.500000000000-0.8660254037841 \\
r_{5}=-0.754877666247
\end{array}\right.
$$

$D^{2}=3381$ (not a perfect square).

$$
\begin{aligned}
F=\left(x_{1} x_{2}+x_{2} x_{3}+x_{3} x_{4}\right. & \left.+x_{4} x_{5}+x_{5} x_{1}-x_{1} x_{3}-x_{3} x_{5}-x_{5} x_{2}-x_{2} x_{4}-x_{4} x_{1}\right)^{2} . \\
(e) F & =14.1901768507+21.9903048657 i \\
(12)(34) F & =14.1901768507-21.9903048657 i \\
(12435) F & =-6.62872926169+12.263503695 i \\
(15243) F & =0.030963071708 \\
(12453) F & =24.8461417502 \\
(12543) F & =-4.55952615721-3.69442145371 i
\end{aligned}
$$

None of the conjugates give an integer, then $\Gamma$ is not a subgroup of $F_{20} . \Gamma=S_{5}$.
Example. $p(x)=12-5 x+x^{5}$.
Initial ordering:

$$
\left\{\begin{array}{l}
r_{1}=-1.84208596619 \\
r_{2}=-0.351854240828+1.70956104337 i \\
r_{3}=-0.351854240828-1.70956104337 i \\
r_{4}=1.27289722392+0.719798681484 i \\
r_{5}=1.27289722392-0.719798681484 i
\end{array}\right.
$$

$D^{2}=64000000$ (a perfect square).

$$
\begin{aligned}
& F=\left(x_{1} x_{2}+x_{2} x_{3}+x_{3} x_{4}+x_{4} x_{5}+x_{5} x_{1}-x_{1} x_{3}-x_{3} x_{5}-x_{5} x_{2}-x_{2} x_{4}-x_{4} x_{1}\right)^{2} \\
& e F=0.621045428367-145.295693239 i \\
&(12)(34) F=-3.08195506973-1.36227509475 i \\
&(12435) F=100 \\
&(15243) F=0.024236798106 \\
&(12453) F=-150.633163828-92.6277364613 i \\
&(12543) F=0.621045428367+145.295693239 i
\end{aligned}
$$

Hence, $\Gamma$ is a subgroup of $(12435) F_{20}(12435)^{-1}$, since $\Gamma$ is also a subgroup of $A_{5}$ then $\Gamma$ is a subgroup of $F_{20} \& A_{5}=D_{5}$. The roots are reordered:

$$
\left\{\begin{array}{l}
r_{1}=1.27289722392-0.719798681484 i \\
r_{2}=-1.84208596619 \\
r_{3}=1.2728922392+0.719798681484 i \\
r_{4}=-0.351854240828+1.70956104337 i \\
r_{5}=-0.351854240828-1.70956104337 i
\end{array}\right.
$$

The following function belongs to $Z_{5}$ :

$$
\begin{gathered}
F=x_{1} x_{2}^{2}+x_{2} x_{3}^{2}+x_{3} x_{4}^{2}+x 4 x_{5}^{2}+x_{5} x_{1}^{2} \\
e F=-5-15.8113883008 i \\
(35)(12) F=-5+15.8113883008 i
\end{gathered}
$$

Since none of the conjugate values of $F$ gives an integer, then $\Gamma$ is not a subgroup of $Z_{5}$. $\Gamma=+D_{5}$.
Example. $p(x)=1+3 x-3 x^{2}-4 x^{3}+x^{4}+x^{5}$.

Initial ordering of the roots:

$$
\left\{\begin{array}{l}
r_{1}=-1.91898594723 \\
r_{2}=1.68250706566 \\
r_{3}=-1.30972146789 \\
r_{4}=0.830830026004 \\
r_{5}=-0.284629676546
\end{array}\right.
$$

$D^{2}=14641$ (a perfect square).

$$
\begin{aligned}
F=\left(x_{1} x_{2}+x_{3} x_{4}+x_{4} x_{5}+x_{5} x_{1}\right. & \left.-x_{1} x_{3}-x_{3} x_{5}-x_{5} x_{2}-x_{2} x_{4}-x_{4} x_{1}\right)^{2} . \\
(e) F & =70.9219146335 \\
(12)(34) F & =64.5554503713 \\
(12435) F & =1.07701459367 \\
(15243) F & =95.6627758542 \\
(12543) F & =0
\end{aligned}
$$

Hence $\Gamma$ is a subgroup of $F_{20}$ and since it is also a subgroup of $A_{5}$ then $\Gamma$ is a subgroup of $D_{5}$. The new ordering:

$$
\begin{aligned}
r_{1} & =-1.30972146789 \\
r_{2} & =-1.91898594723 \\
r_{3} & =0.830830026004 \\
r_{4} & =-0.284629676546 \\
r_{5} & =1.68250706566
\end{aligned}
$$

The following function belongs to $Z_{5}$ :

$$
\begin{gathered}
F=x_{1} x_{2}^{2}+x_{2} x_{3}^{2}+x_{3} x_{4}^{2}+x_{4} x_{5}^{2}+x_{5} x_{1}^{2} \\
(e) F=-4 \\
(12)(35) F=8
\end{gathered}
$$

Hence, $\Gamma=Z_{4}$. For polynomials of degree six the search tree:


Suppose $D^{2}$ is a perfect square, then the candidates are:

$$
+G_{36}^{1},+Z_{6},+G_{24}^{3},+A_{4},+\operatorname{PSL} 2(5), \text { and }+A_{6}
$$

The search starts from the left. If $\Gamma$ is a subgroup of $3^{2} D_{4}$ then $\Gamma=+G_{36}^{1}$. If it is not, we proceed to the second left branch of the tree. If $\Gamma$ is a subgroup of $2 S_{4}$ then there are two possibilities: $+G_{24}^{3}$ and $+A_{4}$. If $\Gamma$ is a subgroup of $+A_{4}$ then $\Gamma=+A_{4}$. If it is not then $\Gamma=+G_{24}^{3}$. If $\Gamma$ is not a subgroup of $2 S_{4}$ we proceed to PGL2(5). If $\Gamma$ is a subgroup of PGL2(5) then $\Gamma=+$ PSL2(5). If it is not then $\Gamma=+A_{6}$. Similar procedure is applied for $D^{2}$ is not a square.

For polynomials of degree seven, the search tree:


Suppose $D^{2}$ is a perfect square then the candidates are $A_{7},+\operatorname{PSL} 3(2),+F_{21}$, and $Z_{7}$. If $\Gamma$ is a subgroup of $+\mathrm{PSL} 3(2)$ then $A_{7}$ is ruled out. If $\Gamma$ is not a subgroup of $F_{21}$ then $\Gamma=+\mathrm{PSL} 3(2)$. If it is then we proceed further to find out whether it is a subgroup of $+Z_{7}$. If it is then $\Gamma=+Z_{7}$. Suppose $D^{2}$ is not a perfect square. Then the candidates are $S_{7}, F_{42}$, and $D_{7}$. If $\Gamma$ is a subgroup of $F_{42}$ then $S_{7}$ is ruled out. If $\Gamma$ is a subgroup of $D_{7}$ then $\Gamma=D_{7}$. It is important to notice that in each level of searching the roots are reordered.

## APPENDIX ONE

Transposition. Transposition is a mapping of the form $(i j)$ where $i, j \in N$, the set of $n$ letters.
Even permutations. An even permutation is a permutation consists of even number of transpositions, e.g $(i j)(\ell k)$ is an even permutation, where $i, j, k, \ell \in N$.

Proposition. A mapping $\sigma \in S_{n}$ could be represented in an infinitely many ways as product of transpositions.
Proposition. If $n$ is even, the rotation of $n$ side polygon is always odd, other wise, if $n$ is odd the rotation is even.

$$
(1234)=(12)(13)(14)
$$

while

$$
(12345)=(12)(13)(14)(15)
$$

Hence, if $n$ is even $Z_{n}$, is not a subgroup of $A_{n}$, while in case $n$ is odd, $Z_{n}$ is a subgroup of $A_{n}$. Proposition. The set of all even permutations of $S_{n}$ forms a group, the alternating group $A_{n}$. Transitivity. A subgroup $G$ of $S_{n}$ is transitive whenever for any $i, j \in N$, there exists a mapping $\sigma \in G$ such that $\sigma(i)=j$, e.g., for $n \geq 3, Z_{2}$ is not transitive, $Z_{n}$ is always transitive, $D_{n}$ is always transitive.

## APPENDIX TWO

| Degrees | Group | Contained in | Function | Generators |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 4 | $D_{4}$ | $S_{4}$ | $x_{1} x_{3}+x_{2} x_{4}$ | (1234), (13) |
| 4 | $Z_{4}$ | $D_{4}$ | $x_{1} x_{2}^{2}+x_{2} x_{3}^{2}+x_{3} x_{4}^{2}+x_{4} x_{1}^{2}$ | (1234) |
| 4 | $+V_{4}$ | - | - | (12)(34), (13)(24) |
| 5 | $F_{20}$ | $S_{5}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \left(x_{1} x_{2}+x_{2} x_{3}+x_{3} x_{4}+x_{4} x_{5}+x_{5} x_{1}\right. \\ & \left.-x_{1} x_{3}-x_{3} x_{5}-x_{5} x_{2}-x_{2} x_{4}-x_{4} x_{1}\right)^{2} \\ & - \\ & x_{1} x_{2}^{2}+x_{2} x_{3}^{2}+x_{3} x_{4}^{2}+x_{4} x_{5}^{2}+x_{5} x_{1}^{2} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & (1234) \\ & (12345),(25),(34) \\ & (12345) \end{aligned}$ |
| 5 | $+D_{5}$ | - |  |  |
| 5 | $+Z_{5}$ | $+D_{5}$ |  |  |
| 6 | $3^{2} D_{4}$ | $S_{6}$ | $x_{1} x_{2} x_{3}+x_{4} x_{5}+x_{6}$ | (123),(456),(12),(45),(14)(25)(36) |
| 6 | $+G_{36}^{1}$ | - | $-\quad$ | (123),(456),(12)(45),(1425)(36) |
| 6 | $+G_{36}^{2}$ | $3^{2} D_{4}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \left(x_{1}-x_{2}\right)\left(x_{2}-x_{3}\right)\left(x_{3}-x_{1}\right) \\ & \left(x_{4}-x_{5}\right)\left(x_{5}-x_{6}\right)\left(x_{6}-x_{4}\right) \end{aligned}$ | (123),(456),(12)(45),(1425)(36) |
| 6 | $3 S_{3}$ | $G_{36}^{2}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \left(x_{1}-x_{2}\right)\left(x_{2}-x_{3}\right)\left(x_{3}-x_{1}\right) \\ & \left(x_{4}-x_{5}\right)\left(x_{5}-x_{6}\right)\left(x_{6}-x_{4}\right) \end{aligned}$ | (123),(456),(14)(25)(36) |
| 6 | $D_{6}$ | $G_{36}^{2}$ | $\left(x_{1} x_{4}+x_{2} x_{5}+x_{3} x_{6}\right)$ | (123)(456),(12)(45),(14)(25)(36) |
| 6 | $S_{3}$ | $3 S_{3}$ | $x_{1} x_{4}+x_{2} x_{6}+x_{3} x_{5}$ | (123)(456),(1425)(36) |
| 6 | $Z_{6}$ | $3 S_{3}$ | $\begin{aligned} & x_{1} x_{6}^{2}+x_{2} x_{4}^{2}+x_{3} x_{5}^{2} \\ & +x_{4} x_{2}^{2}+x_{5} x_{1}^{2}+x_{6} x_{2}^{2} \end{aligned}$ | (123)(456),(14)(25)(36) |
| 6 | $2 S_{4}$ | $S_{6}$ | $x_{1} x_{2}+x_{3} x_{4}+x_{5} x_{6}$ | (12),(34),(56)(135),(246),(13)(24) |
| 66 | $G_{24}^{1}$ | $2 S_{4}$ | $\left(x_{1}+x_{2}-x_{3}-x_{4}\right)$ | (12)(34) |
|  |  |  | $\left(x_{3}+x_{4}-x_{5}-x_{6}\right)$ | (34)(56) |
|  |  |  | $\left(x_{5}-x_{6}-x_{1}-x_{6}\right)$ | (12)(56) |
|  |  |  | ( $x_{1}-x_{2}$ ) | (135)(246) |
|  |  |  | $\left(x_{3}-x_{4}\right)\left(x_{5}-x_{6}\right.$ | (14)(23)(56) |
|  | $G_{24}^{2}$ | $2 S_{4}$ | $\left(x_{1}+x_{2}-x_{3}-x_{4}\right)$ | (12)(34)(56) |
| 6 |  |  | $\left(x_{3}+x_{4}-x_{5}-x_{6}\right)$ | (34)(56),(56) |
|  |  |  | $\left(x_{5}+x_{6}-x_{1}-x_{2}\right)$ | (135)(246) |
| 6 | $+S_{4} / V_{4}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2 S_{4} \\ & +S_{4} / V_{4} \\ & S_{6} \end{aligned}$ |  | (135)(246),(13)(24),(12)(34),(34)(56) |
| 6 | $+A_{4}$ |  | see $G_{24}^{2}$ | (12)(34),(34)(56),(12)(56),(135),(246) |
| 6 | PGL2(5) |  | $\left(x_{1} x_{2}+x_{3} x_{5}+x_{4} x_{6}\right)$ | (126)(354), |
|  |  |  | $\left(x_{1} x_{3}+x_{4} x_{5}+x_{2} x_{6}\right)$ | (2354) |
|  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \left(x_{3} x_{4}+x_{1} x_{6}+x_{2} x_{5}\right) \\ & \left(x_{1} x_{5}+x_{2} x_{4}+x_{3} x_{6}\right) \end{aligned}$ |  |
| 6 | +PSL2(5) |  |  | (126)(354), |
|  |  |  |  | (12345), |
| 7 | +PSL3(2) | $S_{7}$ | $x_{1} x_{2} x_{4}+x_{1} x_{3} x_{7}+x_{1} x_{5} x_{6}$ | (1234567), |
|  |  |  | $+x_{2} x_{3} x_{5}+x_{2} x_{6} x_{7}+x_{3} x_{4} x_{6}+x_{4} x_{5} x_{7}$ | (235)(476),(2743)(56) |
| 7 | $F_{42}$ | $S_{7}$ | $x_{1} x_{2} x_{4}+x_{1} x_{2} x_{6}+x_{1} x_{3} x_{4}+x_{1} x_{3} x_{7}$ | (1234567), |
|  |  |  | $+x_{1} x_{5} x_{6}+x_{1} x_{5} x_{7}+x_{2} x_{3} x_{5}+x_{2} x_{3} x_{7}$ | (243756) |
|  |  |  | $+x_{2} x_{4} x_{5}+x_{2} x_{6} x_{7}+x_{3} x_{4} x_{6}+x_{3} x_{5} x_{6}$ |  |
|  |  |  | $+x_{4} x_{5} x_{7}+x_{4} x_{6} x_{7}$ |  |
| 7 | $+F_{21}$ | +PSL3(2) | see $F_{42} \preceq S_{7}$ | (1234567),(235)(476) |
| 77 | $D_{7}$ | $F_{42}$ | $x_{1} x_{2}+x_{2} x_{3}+x_{3} x_{4}$ | (1234567), |
|  |  |  | $x_{4} x_{5}+x_{5} x_{6}+x_{6} x_{7}+x_{7} x_{1}$ | (27)(45)(36) |
|  | $+Z_{7}$ | $+F_{21}$ | see $D_{7} \preceq F_{42}$ | (1234567) |

## APPENDIX THREE

| Degree four | Coset representatives |
| :--- | :--- |
| $D_{4}$ in $S_{4}$ | $e,(23),(34)$ |
| $Z_{4}$ in $D_{4}$ | $e,(12)(34)$ |
| Degree five | Coset representatives |
| $F_{20}$ in $S_{5}$ | $e,(12)(34),(12345),(15243),(12453),(12543)$ |
| $Z_{5}$ in $+D_{5}$ | $e,(12)(35)$ |
| Degree six | Coset representatives |
| $3^{2} D_{4}$ in $S_{6}$ | $\mathrm{e},(2543),(236)(45),(25436),(25)(34),(2453),(25),(2345),(24536),((3645)$ |
| $G_{36}^{2}$ in $3^{2} D_{4}$ | $\mathrm{e},(56))$ |
| $3 S_{3}$ in $3^{2} D_{4}$ | $\mathrm{e},(12)(45),(56),(12)(465)$ |
| $S_{3}$ in $3 S_{3}$ | $\mathrm{e},(123),(132)$ |
| $Z_{6}$ in $3 S_{3}$ | $\mathrm{e},(123),(132)$ |
| $D_{6}$ in $3^{2} D_{4}$ | $\mathrm{e},(123),(132),(56),(123)(56),(132)(56)$ |
| $2 S_{4}$ in $S_{6}$ | $\mathrm{e},(24635),(26)(35),(345),(2345),(253),(345),(256)(34),(26435),(2346)$ |
| $G_{24}^{1}$ in $2 S_{4}$ | (234),(25)(36),(2435),(24)(35),(26543) |
| $G_{24}^{2}$ in $2 S_{4}$ | $\mathrm{e},(12)$ |
| $+A_{4}$ in $+S_{4} / V_{4}$ | $\mathrm{e},(13)(24)$ |
| PGL2(24) in $S_{6}$ | $\mathrm{e},(13),(123),(132),(12)$ |

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