

# DETERMINING GALOIS GROUPS OF REDUCIBLE POLYNOMIALS VIA DISCRIMINANTS AND LINEAR RESOLVENTS

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ABSTRACT. Let  $f(x)$  be a polynomial with integer coefficients of degree less than or equal to 7, and assume  $f$  is reducible over the rational numbers. We show how to compute the Galois group of  $f$ . The main tools we employ are composita of irreducible factors, discriminants, and in the case when  $f$  is a degree 7 polynomial, two linear resolvents. For each possible Galois group  $G$ , we provide a reducible polynomial whose Galois group over the rationals is  $G$ .

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $f(x)$  be a polynomial with integer coefficients. A fundamental task in computational number theory is the determination of the Galois group  $G$  of  $f$  over the rational numbers. When  $f$  is irreducible, then many algorithms for determining  $G$  appear in the literature, most of which are based on either the relative resolvent method [8] or the absolute resolvent method [7]. For example, the implementation in Magma [1] is based on the relative resolvent method, as described in [10]. The implementation Pari/GP [5] is based on the absolute resolvent method, as described in [2].

Less well studied is the case when  $f$  is reducible. Magma's implementation for computing Galois groups is able to accept reducible polynomials as inputs; the approach for reducible polynomials is essentially the same as for irreducible polynomials. See [9] for more details. An alternate approach to computing Galois groups of reducible polynomials is described in [4]; this method also uses relative resolvents.

The purpose of this paper is to introduce a method for computing Galois groups of reducible polynomials that uses linear resolvents [6] (which are absolute resolvents) instead of relative resolvents. Therefore, our approach is suitable for implementation in Pari/GP. Such an implementation is available by contacting the first author.

The remainder of the paper is organized as follows. Section 2 gives an overview of the tools we will use; namely, discriminants, polynomial composita, and linear resolvent. Sections 3–6 discuss algorithms for computing Galois groups of reducible polynomials of degrees 4–7, respectively. The final section lists sample reducible polynomials for each possible Galois group.

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## 2. PRELIMINARIES

Throughout the rest of the paper, we will assume that  $f(x)$  is a reducible polynomial of degree less than or equal to 7 with integer coefficients, defined over the rational numbers. Let  $f_1, \dots, f_k$  denote the nonlinear irreducible factors of  $f$ , and let  $G_i$  denote the Galois group of  $f_i$  over the rational numbers. Note that each  $G_i$  is a transitive subgroup of  $S_{n_i}$  (the symmetric group) where  $n_i = \text{degree}(f_i)$ , and therefore the Galois group  $G$  of  $f$  is a subgroup of  $\prod_{i=1}^k G_i$ . If  $k = 1$ , then this reduces to the case of computing the Galois group of an irreducible polynomial.

For  $i, j \in \{1, \dots, k\}$ , we can consider the compositum  $\text{comp}(f_i, f_j)$ ; that is, a polynomial defining the field extension obtained by adjoining a root of both  $f_i$  and  $f_j$  to the rationals. One way to obtain such a polynomial is to compute the characteristic polynomial of  $\alpha + \beta$  where  $f_i(\alpha) = f_j(\beta) = 0$ . Using resultants, this can be realized as:

$$\text{comp}(f_i, f_j) = \text{Resultant}_y(f_i(y), f_j(x - y)).$$

If the resultant is squarefree, we factor it and choose an irreducible factor of largest degree. Otherwise, we perform a tschirnhaus transformation (see Algorithm 3.6.4 in [2]) on  $f_i$  until the resultant is squarefree. Note, only finitely many transformations will yield a resultant that is not squarefree. Note, the Galois group of the compositum is a subgroup of  $G$ . In the case where  $f$  factors into two irreducible polynomials, the compositum of these two factors gives an irreducible polynomial that defines the splitting field of  $f$ . Thus the Galois group of the compositum is isomorphic to the Galois group of  $f$ . The Galois groups of these two factors are an invariant of  $G$ , as the next proposition shows.

**Proposition 2.1.** *Suppose  $f = f_1 f_2$  where each  $f_i$  is irreducible. Let  $g = \text{comp}(f_1, f_2)$  and let  $G, G_1$ , and  $G_2$  denote the Galois groups of  $g, f_1$ , and  $f_2$  respectively. Then  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  are invariants of  $G$ . In other words, any irreducible polynomial whose degree equals that of  $g$  and whose Galois group is  $G$  must define a field that contains subfields of the same degrees as  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  such that the Galois groups of the normal closures of these subfields are  $G_1$  and  $G_2$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $K$  denote the splitting field of  $g$  and  $F$  its stem field (obtained by adjoining one root of  $g$  to the rationals). By the Galois correspondence,  $F$  corresponds to a subgroup  $H$  which is the point stabilizer of 1 in  $G$ . Since  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  define subfields of  $K$ , there exist subgroups  $H_1$  and  $H_2$  of  $G$  such that  $H \leq H_1, H_2 \leq G$ . For  $i = 1, 2$ , the Galois group of  $f_i$  is therefore isomorphic to the image of the permutation representation of  $G$  acting on the cosets  $G/H_i$ .  $\square$

Let  $d_i = \text{disc}(f_i)$  denote the discriminant of  $f_i$ . Then  $d_i$  is a perfect square if and only if  $G_i$  is a subgroup of  $A_{n_i}$  (the alternating group). For each subset  $S$  of  $\{1, \dots, k\}$ , we can consider the integer  $d_S = \prod_{i \in S} d_i$ , which is a product of discriminants of some collection of irreducible factors of  $f$ . It follows from the Galois correspondence that the parity of  $d_S$  (i.e., whether or not it is a perfect square) is an invariant of  $G$ . We can also utilize the product of  $d_S$  with various composita to yield additional invariants of  $G$ . Clearly we can simply take the composita of all  $f_i$  to obtain an irreducible polynomial of degree  $1 + \dots + k$ . One drawback of this approach is that the degree can be greater than 11, which is beyond the capability of PARI/GP (but not for Magma). Another drawback is that it is sometimes not

necessary to compute the Galois group of such a large degree polynomial, since we can leverage discriminant data and other information instead.

In Section 6, we will make use of two linear resolvent polynomials (as defined in [7]). In this case, we need an irreducible polynomial  $g(x)$  of degree  $n$ . For us,  $n$  will be 12. For now, we describe how to compute these resolvents in general.

$$dp(x^2) = \frac{\text{comp}(g, g)}{2^n \cdot g(x/2)}$$

$$tp(x^3) = \frac{\text{comp}(dp(g), g) \cdot 3^n \cdot g(x/3)}{\text{comp}(g, 2^n \cdot g(x/2))}$$

The degree of  $dp(x)$  is  $\binom{n}{2} = n(n-1)/2$  while the degree of  $tp(x)$  is  $\binom{n}{3} = n(n-1)(n-2)/6$ . In the language of [2, §6.3],  $dp(x)$  is the linear resolvent of  $g$  associated to the multivariable function  $T = x_1 + x_2$  that is stabilized by a subgroup of  $S_n$  that is isomorphic to  $S_2 \times S_{n-2}$ . Similarly,  $tp(x)$  is the linear resolvent of  $g$  associated to the function  $T = x_1 + x_2 + x_3$  that is stabilized by a subgroup isomorphic to  $S_3 \times S_{n-3}$ . If the resolvent is squarefree, the degrees of the irreducible factors correspond to orbit lengths of the Galois group of  $G$  acting on the cosets of the associated subgroup (see [7] for a proof).

In the remaining sections, we reference Table 1, which gives all possible Galois groups of reducible polynomials up to degree 7. Our notation is of the form  $nRj$  where  $n$  is the degree of  $f$  and  $j$  is an integer. We note that our numbering system is not standard, as there is no standard numbering system for reducible Galois groups. Consequently, we also give a structural description of each Galois group as well as an identification of the group in GAP's [3] SmallGroups library; the notation  $[s, k]$  means `SmallGroup(s, k)` in GAP. The structural descriptions are standard;  $C_n$  denotes the cyclic group of order  $n$ ,  $E_n$  the elementary abelian group of order  $n$ ,  $S_n$  the symmetric group of order  $n!$ ,  $A_n$  the alternating group of order  $n!/2$ ,  $D_n$  the dihedral group of order  $2n$ ,  $F_p = C_p : C_{p-1}$  the Frobenius group of order  $p(p-1)$  for primes  $p$ ,  $\times$  a direct product, and  $:$  a semi-direct product.

### 3. DEGREE 4

The algorithm for reducible quartic polynomials is straightforward. The only case we consider is when  $f$  factors as two quadratics  $f_1, f_2$  and the compositum of  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  has degree 4. Otherwise,  $f$  is irreducible (once linear factors are removed and redundant factors are eliminated). In this case, the Galois group  $G$  must be isomorphic to a transitive subgroup of  $S_4$  that is itself a subgroup of  $E_4$ . Thus  $G = E_4$ .

### 4. DEGREE 5

For reducible quintic polynomials, we only consider the case where  $f$  factors as the product of an irreducible quadratic and an irreducible cubic. Otherwise, we can use Section 3 or irreducible algorithms. In this case, the compositum of the two factors will be a degree 6 polynomial whose Galois group is isomorphic to a transitive subgroup  $G$  of  $S_6$  that is a subgroup of  $S_3 \times C_2 = D_6$ . Thus there are three possible Galois groups; namely,  $C_6$ ,  $S_3$ , and  $D_6$ . Among these 3, only  $C_6$  has a cyclic cubic subfield; which will occur precisely when the discriminant of the cubic is a perfect square. Otherwise, we can consider the discriminants of the quadratic and cubic polynomials (which are necessarily not perfect squares). Thus each discriminant

TABLE 1. Possible Galois groups of reducible polynomials up to degree 7. Column **R** gives the  $R$  number of the group, **Name** gives a structural description of the group, **Size** gives the order of the group, and **GAP** gives a pair  $[s,k]$  such that the group is `SmallGroup(s,k)` in GAP's SmallGroups library.

<b>R</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Size</b>	<b>GAP</b>
4R1	$E_4$	2	(4,2)
5R1	$S_3$	6	(6,1)
5R2	$C_6$	6	(6,2)
5R3	$D_6$	12	(12,4)
6R1	$C_4 \times C_2$	8	(8,2)
6R2	$D_4$	8	(8,3)
6R3	$E_8$	8	(8,5)
6R4	$D_4 \times C_2$	16	(16,11)
6R5	$S_4$	24	(24,12)
6R6	$A_4 \times C_2$	24	(24,13)
6R7	$S_4 \times C_2$	48	(48,48)
6R8	$E_9$	9	(9,2)
6R9	$S_3 \times C_3$	18	(18,3)
6R10	$E_9 : C_2$	18	(18,4)
6R11	$S_3 \times S_3$	36	(36,10)
7R1	$D_5$	10	(10,1)
7R2	$C_{10}$	10	(10,2)
7R3	$F_5$	20	(20,3)
7R4	$D_{10}$	20	(20,4)
7R5	$F_5 \times C_2$	40	(40,12)
7R6	$S_5$	120	(120,34)
7R7	$A_5 \times C_2$	120	(120,35)
7R8	$S_5 \times C_2$	240	(240,189)
7R9	$C_3 : C_4$	12	(12,1)
7R10	$C_{12}$	12	(12,2)
7R11	$A_4$	12	(12,3)
7R12	$D_6$	12	(12,4)
7R13	$C_6 \times C_2$	12	(12,5)
7R14	$C_4 \times S_3$	24	(24,5)
7R15	$D_{12}$	24	(24,60)
7R16	$(C_6 \times C_2) : C_2$	24	(24,8)
7R17	$C_3 \times D_4$	24	(24,10)
7R18	$S_4$	24	(24,12)
7R19	$E_4 \times S_3$	24	(24,14)
7R20	$A_4 \times C_3$	36	(36,11)
7R21	$D_4 \times S_3$	48	(48,38)
7R22	$S_4 \times C_3$	72	(72,42)
7R23	$(A_4 \times C_3) : C_2$	72	(72,43)
7R24	$A_4 \times S_3$	72	(72,44)
7R25	$S_4 \times S_3$	144	(144,183)

defines a quadratic subfield of the splitting field of the compositum. By the Galois correspondence, these two quadratic subfields correspond to index 2 subgroups of  $G$ . Direct computation shows that these two subgroups are the same when  $G = S_3$  and they are not equal when  $G = D_6$ .

**Algorithm 4.1** (Reducible Quintics). *Let  $f(x) = f_1 f_2$  be a reducible quintic polynomial where  $f_1$  is an irreducible quadratic and  $f_2$  is an irreducible cubic. This algorithm returns the Galois group of  $f$ .*

- (1) Set  $d_1 = \text{disc}(f_1)$  and  $d_2 = \text{disc}(f_2)$ .
- (2) If  $d_2$  is a perfect square, return 5R2 and terminate.
- (3) Else, if  $d_1 d_2$  is a perfect square, return 5R1 and terminate. Otherwise return 5R3 and terminate.

## 5. DEGREE 6

For reducible sextic polynomials, we consider three cases: where  $f$  factors as (1) three irreducible quadratics; (2) two irreducible cubics; (3) and the product of an irreducible quadratic and an irreducible quartic.

**5.1. Three Quadratics.** This case is similar to Section 3. In particular, we will assume that the compositum of all three quadratics has degree 8. Otherwise, we can reduce down to either a quartic polynomial (in which case the Galois group is  $E_4$ ) or a quadratic. In this case, the Galois group must be a transitive subgroup  $G$  of  $S_8$  that is itself a subgroup of  $E_8$ . Thus  $G = E_8$ .

**5.2. A Quadratic and a Quartic.** If  $f$  factors as the product of an irreducible quadratic  $f_1$  and an irreducible quartic  $f_2$ , we will assume the compositum  $g$  of  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  has degree 8. Otherwise, this reduces to the case of an irreducible quartic. Thus the Galois group  $G$  must be a transitive subgroup of  $S_8$  that is itself a subgroup of  $S_2 \times S_4$ . Furthermore,  $G$  contains at least one quadratic subfield and at least one quartic subfield. There are exactly 7 possibilities for  $G$ ; namely,  $C_4 \times C_2$ ,  $D_4$ ,  $E_8$ ,  $D_4 \times C_2$ ,  $S_4$ ,  $A_4 \times C_4$ , or  $S_4 \times C_4$ . If the Galois group  $H$  of  $f_2$  is either  $C_4$ ,  $E_4$ , or  $A_4$ , then  $G = H \times C_2$ . Otherwise,  $G$  is determined by whether or not  $d_1 d_2$  is a perfect square. As before, all statements follow from Proposition 2.1 and direct computation on the possible Galois groups.

**Algorithm 5.1** (Reducible Sextics (An Irreducible Quadratic and Irreducible Quartic)). *Let  $f(x) = f_1 f_2$  be a reducible sextic polynomial where  $f_1$  is an irreducible quadratic and  $f_2$  is an irreducible quartic. Let  $g(x) = \text{comp}(f_1, f_2)$  and assume  $\text{degree}(g) = 8$ . This algorithm returns the Galois group of  $f$ .*

- (1) Set  $H$  equal to the Galois group of  $f_2$ .
- (2) Partial answer.
  - (a) If  $H = C_4$ , return 6R1 and terminate.
  - (b) If  $H = E_4$ , return 6R3 and terminate.
  - (c) If  $H = A_4$ , return 6R5 and terminate.
- (3) Set  $d_1 = \text{disc}(f_1)$  and  $d_2 = \text{disc}(f_2)$ .
- (4) If  $H = D_4$ , then
  - (a) If  $d_1 d_2$  is a perfect square, return 6R2 and terminate.
  - (b) Otherwise return 6R4 and terminate.
- (5) If  $H = S_4$ , then
  - (a) If  $d_1 d_2$  is a perfect square, return 6R6 and terminate.

(b) *Otherwise return 6R7 and terminate.*

**5.3. Two Cubics.** If  $f$  factors as two irreducible cubics  $f_1$  and  $f_2$ , we will assume that  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  do not define the same extension (i.e., their compositum has degree 9). Otherwise, this reduces to the case of an irreducible cubic polynomial. Thus the Galois group  $G$  must be a transitive subgroup of  $S_9$  that is itself a subgroup of  $S_3 \times S_3$ . Furthermore,  $G$  contains either two cyclic cubic subfields, two  $S_3$  cubic subfields, or one of each. There are only 4 possibilities:  $E_9$ ,  $S_3 \times C_3$ ,  $E_9 : C_2$ , and  $S_3 \times S_3$ . If there are two cyclic cubic subfields, the  $G = E_9$ . If there is only one cyclic cubic subfield,  $G$  is  $S_3 \times C_3$ . Otherwise,  $G$  is determined by the parity of the discriminant of the compositum of the two cubic subfields. If the discriminant is a perfect square,  $G = E_9 : C_2$ ; otherwise,  $G = S_3 \times S_3$ . All statements follow by direct computation on the four possibilities, utilizing Proposition 2.1.

**Algorithm 5.2** (Reducible Sextics (2 Irreducible Cubics)). *Let  $f(x) = f_1 f_2$  be a reducible sextic polynomial where each  $f_i$  is an irreducible cubic polynomial. Let  $g(x) = \text{comp}(f_1, f_2)$  and assume  $\text{degree}(g) = 9$ . This algorithm returns the Galois group of  $f$ .*

- (1) *Set  $d_1 = \text{disc}(f_1)$  and  $d_2 = \text{disc}(f_2)$ .*
- (2) *If both  $d_1$  and  $d_2$  are perfect squares, return 6R8 and terminate.*
- (3) *If exactly one of  $d_1$  and  $d_2$  is a perfect square, return 6R9 and terminate.*
- (4) *Set  $g = \text{comp}(f_1, f_2)$  and  $d_3 = \text{disc}(g)$ .*
- (5) *If  $d_3$  is a perfect square, return 6R10 and terminate. Otherwise return 6R11 and terminate.*

## 6. DEGREE 7

For reducible septic polynomials, we again consider three cases: where  $f$  factors as the product of (1) an irreducible quadratic and an irreducible quintic; (2) two irreducible quadratics and an irreducible cubic; (3) and an irreducible cubic and an irreducible quartic.

**6.1. A Quadratic and a Quintic.** If  $f$  factors as the product of an irreducible quadratic  $f_1$  and an irreducible quintic  $f_2$ , then the compositum  $g$  of  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  has degree 10. Thus the Galois group  $G$  must be a transitive subgroup of  $S_{10}$  that is itself a subgroup of  $S_2 \times S_5$ . Furthermore,  $G$  contains at least one quadratic subfield and at least one quintic subfield. There are 8 possibilities for  $G$ ; namely,  $C_{10}$ ,  $D_5$ ,  $F_5$ ,  $D_{10}$ ,  $F_5 \times C_2$ ,  $S_5$ ,  $A_5 \times C_2$ , and  $S_5 \times C_2$ . If the Galois group  $H$  of  $f_2$  is either  $C_5$  or  $A_5$ , then  $G = H \times C_2$ . When  $H$  is either  $F_5$  or  $S_5$ , then  $G$  is determined by whether or not  $d_1 d_2$  is a perfect square. When  $H = D_5$ , then  $G$  is determined by the degree of  $\text{comp}(g, g)$ .

**Algorithm 6.1** (Reducible Septics (An Irreducible Quadratic and Irreducible Quintic)). *Let  $f(x) = f_1 f_2$  be a reducible septic polynomial where  $f_1$  is an irreducible quadratic and  $f_2$  is an irreducible quintic. Let  $g(x) = \text{comp}(f_1, f_2)$ . This algorithm returns the Galois group of  $f$ .*

- (1) *Set  $H$  equal to the Galois group of  $f_2$ .*
- (2) *Partial answer.*
  - (a) *If  $H = C_5$ , return 7R2 and terminate.*
  - (b) *If  $H = A_5$ , return 7R7 and terminate.*
- (3) *Set  $d_1 = \text{disc}(f_1)$  and  $d_2 = \text{disc}(f_2)$ .*

- (4) If  $H = F_5$ , then
  - (a) If  $d_1d_2$  is a perfect square, return 7R3 and terminate.
  - (b) Otherwise return 7R5 and terminate.
- (5) If  $H = S_5$ , then
  - (a) If  $d_1d_2$  is a perfect square, return 7R6 and terminate.
  - (b) Otherwise return 7R8 and terminate.
- (6) Set  $h = \text{comp}(g, g)$ .
- (7) If the degree of  $h$  is 10, return 7R1 and terminate. Otherwise return 7R4 and terminate.

**6.2. Two Quadratics and a Cubic.** If  $f$  factors as the product of two irreducible quadratics  $f_1, f_2$  and an irreducible cubic  $f_3$ , we will assume the compositum  $g$  of  $f_1, f_2$ , and  $f_3$  has degree 12. Otherwise, this reduces to the case of a reducible quintic. Thus the Galois group  $G$  must be a transitive subgroup of  $S_{12}$  that is itself a subgroup of  $E_4 \times S_3$ . Furthermore,  $G$  contains at least two quadratic subfields and at least one cubic subfield. There are 3 possibilities for  $G$ ; namely,  $D_6, C_6 \times C_2$ , and  $E_4 \times S_3$ . If the Galois group of  $f_3$  is  $C_3$ , then  $G = C_6 \times C_2$ . Otherwise,  $G$  has three quadratic subfields whose discriminants are  $d_1, d_2$ , and  $d_1d_2$ . If one of these fields defines the same field as  $x^2 - \text{disc}(f_3)$ , then  $G = D_6$ . Otherwise  $G = E_4 \times S_3$ .

**Algorithm 6.2** (Reducible Septics (Two Irreducible Quadratics and an Irreducible Cubic)). *Let  $f(x) = f_1f_2f_3$  be a reducible septic polynomial where  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  are irreducible quadratics and  $f_3$  is an irreducible cubic. Let  $g(x) = \text{comp}(\text{comp}(f_1, f_2), f_3)$  and assume  $\text{degree}(g) = 12$ . This algorithm returns the Galois group of  $f$ .*

- (1) Set  $d_1, d_2$ , and  $d_3$  equal to the discriminant of  $f_1, f_2$ , and  $f_3$  respectively.
- (2) If  $d_3$  is a perfect square, return 7R13 and terminate.
- (3) Set  $c_1 = d_1d_3, c_2 = d_2d_3$ , and  $c_3 = d_1d_2d_3$ .
- (4) If none of  $c_1, c_2, c_3$  are perfect squares, return 7R20 and terminate. Otherwise return 7R12 and terminate.

**6.3. A Cubic and a Quartic.** If  $f$  factors as the product of an irreducible cubic  $f_1$  and an irreducible quartic  $f_2$ , then their compositum  $g$  has degree 12. Then the Galois group  $G$  of  $f$  is isomorphic to the Galois group of  $g$ . Thus  $G$  must be a transitive subgroup of  $S_{12}$  that is itself a subgroup of  $S_3 \times S_4$ . Furthermore,  $G$  contains a cubic subfield and a quartic subfield. This is the most difficult case considered in this paper, as there are 17 possibilities for  $G$ . These are  $C_3 : C_4, C_{12}, A_4, D_6, C_6 \times C_2, C_4 \times S_3, D_{12}, (C_6 \times C_2) : C_2, C_3 \times D_4, S_4, E_4 \times S_3, A_4 \times C_3, D_4 \times S_3, S_4 \times C_3, (A_4 \times C_3) : C_2, A_4 \times S_3$ , and  $S_4 \times S_3$ . If  $H_1$  is the Galois group of  $f_1$  and  $H_2$  is the Galois group of  $f_2$ , then  $H_1$  and  $H_2$  determine  $G$  in 5 cases. If  $\text{degree}(\text{comp}(g, g)) = 12$ , then  $H_1$  and  $H_2$  determine  $G$  in 6 additional cases. The remaining cases require the absolute resolvents  $tp(x)$  and  $dp(x)$  referenced in Section 2.

**Algorithm 6.3** (Reducible Septics (Irreducible Cubic and Irreducible Quartic)). *Let  $f(x) = f_1f_2$  be a reducible septic polynomial where  $f_1$  is an irreducible cubic polynomial and  $f_2$  is an irreducible quartic polynomial. Let  $g(x) = \text{comp}(f_1, f_2)$ . This algorithm returns the Galois group of  $f$ .*

- (1) Set  $d_1 = \text{disc}(f_1), d_2 = \text{disc}(f_2)$ ,  $H_1$  the Galois group of  $f_1$ , and  $H_2$  the Galois group of  $f_2$ .
- (2) Partial answer.

- (a) If  $(H_1, H_2) = (C_3, C_4)$ , return 7R10 and terminate.
- (b) If  $(H_1, H_2) = (C_3, E_4)$ , return 7R13 and terminate.
- (c) If  $(H_1, H_2) = (C_3, D_4)$ , return 7R17 and terminate.
- (d) If  $(H_1, H_2) = (C_3, S_4)$ , return 7R22 and terminate.
- (e) If  $(H_1, H_2) = (S_3, A_4)$ , return 7R24 and terminate.
- (3) Set  $h = \text{comp}(g, g)$ .
- (4) If  $(H_1, H_2) = (C_3, A_4)$ , then
  - (a) If  $\text{degree}(h) = 12$ , return 7R11 and terminate.
  - (b) Otherwise return 7R20 and terminate.
- (5) If  $(H_1, H_2) = (S_3, C_4)$ , then
  - (a) If  $\text{degree}(h) = 12$ , return 7R9 and terminate.
  - (b) Otherwise return 7R14 and terminate.
- (6) If  $(H_1, H_2) = (S_3, E_4)$ , then
  - (a) If  $\text{degree}(h) = 12$ , return 7R12 and terminate.
  - (b) Otherwise return 7R19 and terminate.
- (7) Set  $t$  equal to the list of degrees of irreducible factors of  $tp(g)$ .
- (8) If  $(H_1, H_2) = (S_3, S_5)$ , then
  - (a) If  $t = [4, 4, 8, 12, 12, 12, 24, 24, 24, 24, 24, 24, 24]$ , return 7R18 and terminate.
  - (b) If  $t = [4, 12, 12, 12, 36, 72, 72]$ , return 7R23 and terminate.
  - (c) If  $t = [4, 12, 24, 36, 72, 72]$ , return 7R25 and terminate.
- (9) If  $t = [4, 12, 12, 24, 24, 24, 24, 48, 48]$ , return 7R21 and terminate.
- (10) If  $t = [4, 12, 12, 12, 12, 12, 12, 24, 24, 24, 24, 24, 24]$ , return 7R16 and terminate.
- (11) Set  $d$  equal to the list of degrees of irreducible factors of  $dp(g)$ .
- (12) If  $d = [6, 12, 12, 12, 12, 12]$ , return 7R15 and terminate. Otherwise return 7R16 and terminate.

We note that in Steps (10) and (12) of Algorithm 6.3, a Galois group of 7R16 =  $(C_6 \times C_2) : C_2$  is returned. The reason why the Galois group occurs twice here is because as a transitive subgroup of  $S_{12}$ , the group 7R16 occurs as two non-conjugate representations. Using GAP's transitive group library, Step (10) returns `TransitiveGroup(12,15)` while Step (12) returns `TransitiveGroup(12,13)`.

## 7. POLYNOMIAL LIST

In this section we list reducible polynomials for each possible Galois group appearing in Table 1. Table 2 lists the polynomials (in factored form). Column headers are the same as in Table 1.

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TABLE 2. Sample polynomials for each possible Galois group appearing in Table 1.

<b>R</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Size</b>	<b>Polynomial</b>
4R1	$E_4$	2	$(x^2 + 1)(x^2 + 2)$
5R1	$S_3$	6	$(x^2 + 3)(x^3 + 2)$
5R2	$C_6$	6	$(x^2 + 1)(x^3 - 3x + 1)$
5R3	$D_6$	12	$(x^2 + 1)(x^3 + 2)$
6R1	$C_4 \times C_2$	8	$(x^2 + 1)(x^4 + 4x^2 + 2)$
6R2	$D_4$	8	$(x^2 - 2)(x^4 + 2)$
6R3	$E_8$	8	$(x^2 + 2)(x^4 + 1)$
6R4	$D_4 \times C_2$	16	$(x^2 + 1)(x^4 + 2)$
6R5	$S_4$	24	$(x^2 - 229)(x^4 + x + 1)$
6R6	$A_4 \times C_2$	24	$(x^2 + 1)(x^4 - 7x^2 - 3x + 1)$
6R7	$S_4 \times C_2$	48	$(x^2 + 1)(x^4 + x + 1)$
6R8	$E_9$	9	$(x^3 - 3x + 1)(x^3 - x^2 - 2x + 1)$
6R9	$S_3 \times C_3$	18	$(x^3 - 3x + 1)(x^3 + 2)$
6R10	$E_9 : C_2$	18	$(x^3 + 2)(x^3 + 3)$
6R11	$S_3 \times S_3$	36	$(x^3 + 2)(x^3 + 4)$
7R1	$D_5$	10	$(x^2 - x + 12)(x^5 - 2x^4 + 2x^3 - x^2 + 1)$
7R2	$C_{10}$	10	$(x^2 + 1)(x^5 - x^4 - 4x^3 + 3x^2 + 3x - 1)$
7R3	$F_5$	20	$(x^2 - 2x - 12)(x^5 - x^4 + 2x^3 - 4x^2 + x - 1)$
7R4	$D_{10}$	20	$(x^2 + 1)(x^5 - 2x^4 + 2x^3 - x^2 + 1)$
7R5	$F_5 \times C_2$	40	$(x^2 + 1)(x^5 - x^4 + 2x^3 - 4x^2 + x - 1)$
7R6	$S_5$	120	$(x^2 + 1)(x^5 - x^4 + 3x^2 - 6x + 2)$
7R7	$A_5 \times C_2$	120	$(x^2 + 1)(x^5 - x^4 + 2x^2 - 2x + 2)$
7R8	$S_5 \times C_2$	240	$(x^2 + 1)(x^5 - x^4 - x^3 + x^2 - 1)$
7R9	$C_3 : C_4$	12	$(x^3 - 12x - 14)(x^4 - x^3 + x^2 - x + 1)$
7R10	$C_{12}$	12	$(x^3 - 3x + 1)(x^4 + 4x^2 + 2)$
7R11	$A_4$	12	$(x^3 - x^2 - 20x + 9)(x^4 - 7x^2 - 3x + 1)$
7R12	$D_6$	12	$(x^3 - 3)(x^4 - 2x^2 + 4)$
7R13	$C_6 \times C_2$	12	$(x^3 - 3x + 1)(x^4 + 1)$
7R14	$C_4 \times S_3$	24	$(x^3 + 2)(x^4 + 4x^2 + 2)$
7R15	$D_{12}$	24	$(x^3 + 3x - 3)(x^4 - x^3 - x^2 - x + 1)$
7R16	$(C_6 \times C_2) : C_2$	24	$(x^3 - x^2 - 3x + 1)(x^4 - x^3 - 2x^2 + 3)$ $(x^3 - x^2 + x + 1)(x^4 - x^3 + x^2 + x + 1)$
7R17	$C_3 \times D_4$	24	$(x^3 - 3x + 1)(x^4 + 2)$
7R18	$S_4$	24	$(x^3 - 4x - 1)(x^4 - x + 1)$
7R19	$E_4 \times S_3$	24	$(x^3 + 2)(x^4 + 1)$
7R20	$A_4 \times C_3$	36	$(x^3 - 3x + 1)(x^4 - 7x^2 - 3x + 1)$
7R21	$D_4 \times S_3$	48	$(x^3 + 2)(x^4 + 2)$
7R22	$S_4 \times C_3$	72	$(x^3 - 3x + 1)(x^4 + x + 1)$
7R23	$(A_4 \times C_3) : C_2$	72	$(x^3 - 2)(x^4 - 2x^3 - 6x + 3)$
7R24	$A_4 \times S_3$	72	$(x^3 + 2)(x^4 - 7x^2 - 3x + 1)$
7R25	$S_4 \times S_3$	144	$(x^3 + 2)(x^4 + x + 1)$

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