

- 1) $x^4 - 5x^3 + 3x^2 + x = (x^2 + 1)(x^2 - 5x + 2) + (6x - 2)$.
- 2) Since $x^2 + x + 1$ is quadratic, either it is irreducible, or it can be factored into linear factors. The only linear polynomials in $\mathbb{Z}_2(X)$ are x and $x + 1$. However, $x^2 + x + 1 = x(x + 1) + 1$. Therefore, neither x nor $x + 1$ divide $x^2 + x + 1$. Ergo, $x^2 + x + 1$ is irreducible.
- 3) If we try to use the Euclidean algorithm, we will fail. In the second division, we would have to invert 29, which we cannot do in the integers. Therefore, we need a different technique for finding the greatest common divisor. We see that $b(-1) = 0$, and hence $x + 1$ is a factor of $b(x)$. Therefore, we can factor $b(x)$ as follows:

$$b(x) = (x + 1)(x^4 + 2x^2 + 1) = (x + 1)(x^2 + 1)^2$$

$x + 1$ and $x^2 + 1$ are both irreducible in $\mathbb{Z}[X]$. $x + 1$ does not divide $a(x)$, but $x^2 + 1$ does, precisely once.

$$a(x) = (x^2 + 1)(x^2 - 5x + 2)$$

Therefore, the gcd of $a(x)$ and $b(x)$ is $x^2 + 1$.

- 4) The key to this problem is to note that $\omega^{16} = -1$, and therefore $x + \omega^n = x - \omega^{16+n}$.

The proper ordering of factors is (leftmost column):

$$\begin{array}{cccccc}
x - \omega & x^2 - \omega^2 & x^4 - \omega^4 & x^8 - \omega^8 & x^{16} - \omega^{16} & x^{32} - \omega^0 \\
x - \omega^{17} & & & & & \\
x - \omega^9 & x^2 - \omega^{18} & & & & \\
x - \omega^{25} & & & & & \\
x - \omega^5 & x^2 - \omega^{10} & x^4 - \omega^{20} & & & \\
x - \omega^{21} & & & & & \\
x - \omega^{13} & x^2 - \omega^{26} & & & & \\
x - \omega^{29} & & & & & \\
x - \omega^3 & x^2 - \omega^6 & x^4 - \omega^{12} & x^8 - \omega^{24} & & \\
x - \omega^{19} & & & & & \\
x - \omega^{11} & x^2 - \omega^{22} & & & & \\
x - \omega^{27} & & & & & \\
x - \omega^7 & x^2 - \omega^{14} & x^4 - \omega^{28} & & & \\
x - \omega^{23} & & & & & \\
x - \omega^{15} & x^2 - \omega^{30} & & & & \\
x - \omega^{31} & & & & & \\
x - \omega^2 & x^2 - \omega^4 & x^4 - \omega^8 & x^8 - \omega^{16} & x^{16} - \omega^0 & \\
x - \omega^{18} & & & & & \\
x - \omega^{10} & x^2 - \omega^{20} & & & & \\
x - \omega^{26} & & & & & \\
x - \omega^6 & x^2 - \omega^{12} & x^4 - \omega^{24} & & & \\
x - \omega^{22} & & & & & \\
x - \omega^{14} & x^2 - \omega^{28} & & & & \\
x - \omega^{30} & & & & & \\
x - \omega^4 & x^2 - \omega^8 & x^4 - \omega^{16} & x^8 - \omega^0 & & \\
x - \omega^{20} & & & & & \\
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x - \omega^{24} & & & & & \\
x - \omega^{16} & x^2 - \omega^0 & & & & \\
x - \omega^0 & & & & &
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