

Monogenic sextic trinomials $x^6 + Ax^3 + B$ and their Galois groups

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Abstract. Let $f(x) = x^6 + Ax^3 + B \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$, with $A \neq 0$, and suppose that $f(x)$ is irreducible over \mathbb{Q} . We define $f(x)$ to be *monogenic* if $\{1, \theta, \theta^2, \theta^3, \theta^4, \theta^5\}$ is a basis for the ring of integers of $\mathbb{Q}(\theta)$, where $f(\theta) = 0$.

For each possible Galois group G of $f(x)$ over \mathbb{Q} , we use a theorem of Jakhar, Khanduja and Sangwan to give explicit descriptions of all monogenic trinomials $f(x)$ having Galois group G . We also investigate when these trinomials generate distinct sextic fields.

1. Introduction. Let

$$(1.1) \quad f(x) = x^6 + Ax^3 + B \in \mathbb{Z}[x], \quad \text{where } AB \neq 0.$$

If $f(x)$ is irreducible over \mathbb{Q} , then we define $f(x)$ to be *monogenic* if

$$\mathcal{B} = \{1, \theta, \theta^2, \theta^3, \theta^4, \theta^5\}$$

is a basis for the ring of integers of $\mathbb{Q}(\theta)$, where $f(\theta) = 0$. Such a basis \mathcal{B} is sometimes referred to in the literature as a *power basis*. We say that two such monogenic sextic trinomials $f_1(x) \neq f_2(x)$ having Galois group G are *distinct* if $K_1 \neq K_2$, where $K_i = \mathbb{Q}(\theta_i)$ with $f_i(\theta_i) = 0$.

The purpose of this article is to characterize the monogenic sextic trinomials $f(x)$ described in (1.1) in terms of their Galois groups. That is, for each possible Galois group $\text{Gal}(f)$ of $f(x)$ over \mathbb{Q} , we use a theorem of Jakhar, Khanduja and Sangwan [13] to derive conditions that allow us to provide an explicit description of all such monogenic sextic trinomials $f(x)$ having Galois group $\text{Gal}(f)$. We also investigate when these trinomials are distinct.

We point out that similar research involving the monogenicity and/or Galois groups of trinomials of various degrees has been conducted by many

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authors [1, 2, 4–6, 11, 12, 16–24, 28]. In particular, the results in this article extend previous work of the second author on sextic trinomials [16, 17, 22].

We make some notational remarks. Throughout this paper, for integers m and n with $m \geq 2$, we let $n \bmod m$ denote the unique integer $z \in \{0, 1, \dots, m-1\}$ such that $n \equiv z \pmod{m}$. That is, $n \bmod m = z$. We let C_n denote the cyclic group of order n , and S_3 denote the symmetric group of order 6. At certain times, it will be convenient to let $\delta = A^2 - 4B$. We also let $\nu_p(n)$ denote the p -adic valuation of the integer n for any prime p .

Using the groups C_n and S_3 , the familiar names of the possible Galois groups $\text{Gal}(f)$ [1, 8, 10] are provided in Table 1. For the convenience of the reader, we also include the ‘‘T’’-notation [7] for these groups, which is given in Maple when computing the Galois group.

Table 1. Possible Galois groups for $f(x) = x^6 + Ax^3 + B$

$\text{Gal}(f)$	C_6	S_3	$C_2 \times S_3$	$C_3 \times S_3$	$S_3 \times S_3$
T-notation	6T1	6T2	6T3	6T5	6T9

Our main theorem is:

THEOREM 1.1. *Let $f(x) = x^6 + Ax^3 + B \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$ be irreducible over \mathbb{Q} , with $AB \neq 0$. Then $f(x)$ is monogenic with $\text{Gal}(f)$ isomorphic to*

- (1) C_6 if and only if $f(x) \in \mathcal{F}_1 := \{x^6 - x^3 + 1, x^6 + x^3 + 1\}$;
- (2) S_3 never occurs;
- (3) $C_2 \times S_3$ if and only if $f(x) \in \mathcal{F}_i$ for some $i \in \{2, 3, 4\}$, where
 - (a) $\mathcal{F}_2 := \{x^6 - 2x^3 + 2, x^6 + 2x^3 + 2\}$,
 - (b) $\mathcal{F}_3 := \{x^6 + Ax^3 + 1 : A \bmod 9 \neq 0, A \neq \pm 1,$
with $A-2$ and $A+2$ squarefree $\}$,
 - (c) $\mathcal{F}_4 := \{x^6 + Ax^3 - 1 : A \bmod 4 \neq 0, A \bmod 9 \notin \{0, 4, 5\},$
with $(A^2 + 4)/\gcd(A^2 + 4, 4)$ squarefree $\}$;
- (4) $C_3 \times S_3$ if and only if $f(x) \in \mathcal{F}_5$, where
 $\mathcal{F}_5 := \{x^6 + Ax^3 + (A^2 + 3)/4 : A \bmod 2 = 1, A \neq \pm 1,$
with $(A^2 + 3)/4$ squarefree $\}$;
- (5) $S_3 \times S_3$ if and only if $f(x)$ is contained in one of 144 infinite pairwise-disjoint 2-parameter monogenic families.

Moreover, $\mathcal{F}_i \cap \mathcal{F}_j = \emptyset$ for $i \neq j$, and choosing all trinomials with positive coefficient on x^3 in each \mathcal{F}_i yields a complete set of distinct monogenic trinomials for the corresponding Galois groups.

2. Basic preliminaries. We begin with a theorem that provides conditions under which the possible Galois groups of $f(x) = x^6 + Ax^3 + B$ from Table 1 can occur.

THEOREM 2.1 ([8, 10]). *Let $f(x) = x^6 + Ax^3 + B \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$ be irreducible over \mathbb{Q} , and let $R(x) = x^3 - 3Bx + AB$. Let $\delta = A^2 - 4B$. Then*

$$\text{Gal}(f) \simeq \begin{cases} C_6 & \text{if and only if } -3\delta \text{ is a square, } R(x) \text{ is irreducible and} \\ & B = c^3 \text{ for some } c \in \mathbb{Z}, \\ S_3 & \text{if and only if } -3\delta \text{ is a square, } R(x) \text{ is reducible and} \\ & B \neq c^3 \text{ for any } c \in \mathbb{Z}, \\ C_2 \times S_3 & \text{if and only if } -3\delta \text{ is not a square and} \\ & \text{either } R(x) \text{ is reducible or } B = c^3 \text{ for some } c \in \mathbb{Z}, \\ C_3 \times S_3 & \text{if and only if } -3\delta \text{ is a square, } R(x) \text{ is irreducible and} \\ & B \neq c^3 \text{ for any } c \in \mathbb{Z}, \\ S_3 \times S_3 & \text{if and only if } -3\delta \text{ is not a square, } R(x) \text{ is irreducible} \\ & \text{and } B \neq c^3 \text{ for any } c \in \mathbb{Z}. \end{cases}$$

The next theorem is due to the authors [10, Theorem 3.1].

THEOREM 2.2. *Let $g(x) = x^2 + Ax + B \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$ be irreducible over \mathbb{Q} . Then*

$$f(x) := g(x^3) = x^6 + Ax^3 + B$$

is reducible over \mathbb{Q} if and only if $B = n^3$ and $A = m^3 - 3mn$ for some $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$.

The following immediate corollary of Theorem 2.2 will be useful in the proof of Theorem 1.1.

COROLLARY 2.3. *Let $g(x) = x^2 + Ax + B \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$ be irreducible over \mathbb{Q} , such that B is squarefree with $|B| \neq 1$. Then*

$$f(x) := g(x^3) = x^6 + Ax^3 + B$$

is irreducible over \mathbb{Q} .

The formula for the discriminant of an arbitrary trinomial is given in the next theorem.

THEOREM 2.4 ([27]). *Let $f(x) = x^n + Ax^m + B \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$, where $0 < m < n$, and let $d = \gcd(n, m)$. Then $\Delta(f)$ equals*

$$(-1)^{n(n-1)/2} B^{m-1} (n^{n/d} B^{(n-m)/d} - (-1)^{n/d} (n-m)^{(n-m)/d} m^{m/d} A^{n/d})^d.$$

We now present some basic information concerning the monogenicity of a polynomial. Suppose that $f(x) \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$ is monic and irreducible over \mathbb{Q} . Let $K = \mathbb{Q}(\theta)$ with ring of integers \mathbb{Z}_K , where $f(\theta) = 0$. Then we have [9]

$$(2.1) \quad \Delta(f) = [\mathbb{Z}_K : \mathbb{Z}[\theta]]^2 \Delta(K),$$

where $\Delta(f)$ and $\Delta(K)$ denote the discriminants over \mathbb{Q} , respectively, of $f(x)$ and the number field K . Thus, we have the following theorem from (2.1).

THEOREM 2.5. *The polynomial $f(x)$ is monogenic if and only if $\Delta(f) = \Delta(K)$, or equivalently, $\mathbb{Z}_K = \mathbb{Z}[\theta]$.*

We then have the following immediate corollary.

COROLLARY 2.6. *Let $f_1(x) \neq f_2(x)$ be two monogenic polynomials such that $\deg(f_1) = \deg(f_2)$. Let $K_i = \mathbb{Q}(\theta_i)$, where $f_i(\theta_i) = 0$. If $\Delta(f_1) \neq \Delta(f_2)$, then $f_1(x)$ and $f_2(x)$ are distinct.*

The next theorem, due to Jakhar, Khanduja and Sangwan [13], gives necessary and sufficient conditions for an irreducible trinomial $f(x) = x^n + Ax^m + B \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$, where $m \geq 1$ is a proper divisor of n , to be monogenic. Although the same authors have also proven a version of this theorem that addresses arbitrary irreducible trinomials [14], we do not require that more general version here.

THEOREM 2.7. *Let $n \geq 2$ be an integer. Let $K = \mathbb{Q}(\theta)$ be an algebraic number field with $\theta \in \mathbb{Z}_K$, the ring of integers of K , having minimal polynomial $f(x) = x^n + Ax^m + B$ over \mathbb{Q} , where $m \geq 1$ is a proper divisor of n . Let $t = n/m$. A prime factor p of $\Delta(f)$ does not divide $[\mathbb{Z}_K : \mathbb{Z}[\theta]]$ if and only if p satisfies one of the following conditions:*

- (1) *when $p \mid A$ and $p \mid B$, then $p^2 \nmid B$;*
- (2) *when $p \mid A$ and $p \nmid B$, then*

$$\text{either } p \mid a_2 \text{ and } p \nmid b_1 \quad \text{or} \quad p \nmid a_2(a_2^t B + (-b_1)^t),$$

$$\text{where } a_2 = A/p \text{ and } b_1 = \frac{B+(-B)^{p^j}}{p} \text{ with } p^j \parallel tm;$$

- (3) *when $p \nmid A$ and $p \mid B$, then*

$$\text{either } p \mid a_1 \text{ and } p \nmid b_2 \quad \text{or} \quad p \nmid a_1 b_2^{m-1} (A a_1^{t-1} + (-b_2)^{t-1}),$$

$$\text{where } a_1 = \frac{A+(-A)^{p^l}}{p} \text{ with } p^l \parallel (t-1)m, \text{ and } b_2 = B/p;$$

- (4) *when $p \nmid AB$ and $p \mid m$ with $n = s'p^k$, $m = sp^k$, $p \nmid \gcd(s', s)$, then*

$$H_1(x) := x^{s'} + Ax^s + B \quad \text{and} \quad H_2(x) := \frac{Ax^{sp^k} + B + (-Ax^s - B)^{p^k}}{p}$$

are coprime modulo p ;

- (5) *when $p \nmid ABm$, then $p^2 \nmid (t^t B^{t-1} - (-1)^t (t-1)^{t-1} A^t)$.*

3. The proof of Theorem 1.1. Before we begin the proof of Theorem 1.1, we present an adaptation of Theorem 2.7 to the specific trinomial $f(x) = x^6 + Ax^3 + B$.

THEOREM 3.1. *Suppose that $f(x) = x^6 + Ax^3 + B \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$ is irreducible over \mathbb{Q} . Note that*

$$(3.1) \quad \Delta(f) = 3^6 B^2 (A^2 - 4B)^3$$

by Theorem 2.4. Let $K = \mathbb{Q}(\theta)$, where $f(\theta) = 0$, and let \mathbb{Z}_K denote the ring of integers of K . A prime factor p of $\Delta(f)$ does not divide $[\mathbb{Z}_K : \mathbb{Z}[\theta]]$ if and only if p satisfies one of the following conditions:

(1) when $p \mid A$ and $p \mid B$, then $p^2 \nmid B$;

(2) when $p \mid A$ and $p \nmid B$, then $p \in \{2, 3\}$ with

$$(A \bmod 4, B \bmod 4) \in \{(0, 1), (2, 3)\} \quad \text{if } p = 2,$$

$$\text{and } (A \bmod 9, B \bmod 9) \in \{(0, 2), (0, 4), (0, 5), (0, 7),$$

$$(3, 1), (3, 4), (3, 7), (3, 8),$$

$$(6, 1), (6, 4), (6, 7), (6, 8)\} \quad \text{if } p = 3;$$

(3) when $p \nmid A$ and $p \mid B$, then $p^2 \nmid B$ and

$$(A \bmod 9, B \bmod 9) \in \{(1, 3), (1, 6), (2, 3), (4, 6),$$

$$(5, 6), (7, 3), (8, 3), (8, 6)\} \quad \text{if } p = 3;$$

(4) when $3 \nmid AB$, then

$$(A \bmod 9, B \bmod 9) \in \{(1, 1), (1, 2), (1, 4), (1, 5), (1, 8), (2, 2), (2, 4),$$

$$(2, 5), (2, 7), (2, 8), (4, 1), (4, 2), (4, 5), (4, 7),$$

$$(5, 1), (5, 2), (5, 5), (5, 7), (7, 2), (7, 4), (7, 5),$$

$$(7, 7), (7, 8), (8, 1), (8, 2), (8, 4), (8, 5), (8, 8)\};$$

(5) when $p \nmid 3AB$, then $p^2 \nmid (A^2 - 4B)$.

Proof. Since the methods used for the adaptation of Theorem 2.7 to the specific trinomial $f(x) = x^6 + Ax^3 + B$ are straightforward and mainly computational, we provide details only for condition (2). Suppose that $p \mid A$ and $p \nmid B$. Then, from condition (2) of Theorem 2.7, we have $n = 6$, $m = 3$, $t = 2$ and $p^j \parallel 6$. Hence, $p \in \{2, 3\}$ with $a_2 = A/p$ and

$$b_1 = \begin{cases} \frac{B+B^2}{2} & \text{if } p = 2, \\ \frac{B-B^3}{3} & \text{if } p = 3. \end{cases}$$

Then it is easy to calculate the congruence classes of A and B modulo p^2 for which either $p \mid a_2$ and $p \nmid b_1$, or $p \nmid a_2(a_2^2B + b_1^2)$. ■

We observe that further refinements of Theorem 3.1 are possible. In particular, if $f(x)$ is monogenic, then B must be squarefree from conditions (1) and (3). Consequently,

$$(3.2) \quad \Gamma := (A^2 - 4B)/(2^{\nu_2(A^2-4B)}3^{\nu_3(A^2-4B)})$$

must also be squarefree from condition (5) of Theorem 3.1. These observations will be useful in establishing the converse of each part of Theorem 3.1. More precisely, for a given Galois group G and a monogenic trinomial $f(x) = x^6 + Ax^3 + B$ with $\text{Gal}(f) \simeq G$, the fact that both B and Γ

are squarefree will be especially helpful in showing that $f(x) \in \mathcal{F}_i$ for the appropriate value of i .

Proof of Theorem 1.1. Considering, one at a time, each of the possible Galois groups

$$C_6, S_3, C_2 \times S_3, C_3 \times S_3,$$

we use (3.1), Theorem 2.1 and Theorem 3.1 to show that each $f(x) \in \mathcal{F}_i$ is monogenic with the prescribed Galois group. We then establish the claim concerning when the trinomials in \mathcal{F}_i are distinct, and show that each \mathcal{F}_i , with $i \geq 3$, contains infinitely many distinct trinomials. Finally, we prove the converse for each of these groups. For the special case $\text{Gal}(f) \simeq S_3 \times S_3$, we use Theorem 3.1 to illustrate how to construct infinite 2-parameter families to “capture” all monogenic trinomials $f(x)$.

We recall that

$$(3.3) \quad R(x) = x^3 - 3Bx + AB.$$

The case C_6

Trinomials in \mathcal{F}_1 . Let $f^-(x) = x^6 - x^3 + 1$ and $f^+(x) = x^6 + x^3 + 1$. Straightforward calculations (using Maple, (3.1), Theorem 2.1 and Theorem 3.1) confirm that $f^-(x)$ and $f^+(x)$ are irreducible and monogenic with

$$\Delta(f^-) = \Delta(f^+) = -3^9 \quad \text{and} \quad \text{Gal}(f^-) = \text{Gal}(f^+) \simeq C_6.$$

Furthermore, if $f^+(\theta) = 0$, then since $f^-(-\theta) = 0$, it follows that $f^-(x)$ and $f^+(x)$ are not distinct.

For the converse, suppose that $f(x) = x^6 + Ax^3 + B$ is monogenic with $\text{Gal}(f) \simeq C_6$. Then $B = c^3$ for some nonzero integer c , by Theorem 2.1. But B is squarefree, since $f(x)$ is monogenic. Hence, $B = \pm 1$. Also, by Theorem 2.1, we find that $-3(A^2 - 4B)$ is a square, which is impossible if $B = -1$. Thus, $B = 1$ so that

$$-3(A^2 - 4B) = -3(A^2 - 4) = 12 - 3A^2$$

is a square. Note that $12 - 3A^2 \neq 0$ since $f(x)$ is irreducible. Therefore, $A = \pm 1$, which completes the proof of (1).

The case S_3 . Suppose that $f(x) = x^6 + Ax^3 + B \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$ is irreducible over \mathbb{Q} with $\text{Gal}(f) \simeq S_3$. Observe that if $2 \nmid AB$, then

$$(3.4) \quad R(x) \equiv x^3 + x + 1 \pmod{2}$$

is irreducible in $\mathbb{F}_2[x]$, and consequently, $R(x)$ is irreducible over \mathbb{Q} , which contradicts Theorem 2.1. Therefore, $2 \mid AB$. Note that if $2 \nmid A$ and $2 \mid B$, then

$$-3(A^2 - 4B) \equiv 5 \pmod{8},$$

which contradicts the fact that $-3(A^2 - 4B)$ is a square from Theorem 2.1. To rule out the final two possibilities

$$(A \bmod 2, B \bmod 2) \in \{(0, 0), (0, 1)\},$$

we assume that $f(x)$ is monogenic, and proceed by way of contradiction invoking Theorem 3.1.

If $2 \mid A$ and $2 \mid B$, then $B \bmod 4 = 2$ by condition (1) of Theorem 3.1, and $4 \mid (A^2 - 4B)$. Thus,

$$\frac{-3(A^2 - 4B)}{4} = -3((A/2)^2 - B) \equiv \begin{cases} 2 \pmod{4} & \text{if } 4 \mid A, \\ 3 \pmod{4} & \text{if } 4 \nmid A, \end{cases}$$

which contradicts the fact that $-3(A^2 - 4B)$ is a square from Theorem 2.1.

The final situation to consider is when $2 \mid A$ and $2 \nmid B$. Since $f(x)$ is monogenic and $4 \mid (A^2 - 4B)$, we deduce from condition (2) of Theorem 3.1 with $p = 2$ that

$$(A \bmod 4, B \bmod 4) \in \{(0, 1), (2, 3)\}.$$

But it is then easy to verify that

$$\frac{-3(A^2 - 4B)}{4} \equiv \begin{cases} 3 \pmod{4} & \text{if } (A \bmod 4, B \bmod 4) = (0, 1), \\ 2 \pmod{4} & \text{if } (A \bmod 4, B \bmod 4) = (2, 3), \end{cases}$$

which again contradicts the fact that $-3(A^2 - 4B)$ is a square from Theorem 2.1. This final contradiction completes the proof of (2).

The case $C_2 \times S_3$

Trinomials in \mathcal{F}_2 . Since the arguments here for the monogenicity of the two elements of \mathcal{F}_2 , and the fact that they are not distinct, are similar to the case \mathcal{F}_1 , we omit the details.

Trinomials in \mathcal{F}_3 . Let $f(x) = x^6 + Ax^3 + 1$ such that

$$A \bmod 9 \neq 0, \quad A \neq \pm 1, \quad \text{with } A - 2 \text{ and } A + 2 \text{ squarefree.}$$

The restriction $A \bmod 9 \neq 0$ is to avoid the reducibility of $f(x)$ when $A = 0$, and the nonmonogenicity of $f(x)$ otherwise. The restriction that $A \neq \pm 1$ is to avoid overlap with \mathcal{F}_1 . The restriction that $A - 2$ and $A + 2$ be squarefree is required for the irreducibility and monogenicity of $f(x)$, as we shall see below.

We show first that $f(x)$ is irreducible over \mathbb{Q} . Let $h(x) = x^2 + Ax + 1$. It is easy to see that the only solutions to the Diophantine equation $A^2 - 4 = y^2$ are $(A, y) \in \{(-2, 0), (2, 0)\}$. Hence, $h(x)$ is irreducible over \mathbb{Q} since $A - 2$ and $A + 2$ are squarefree. Thus, if $f(x) = h(x^3)$ is reducible over \mathbb{Q} , we see by Theorem 2.2 that $A = m^3 - 3m$ for some $m \in \mathbb{Z}$. But then

$$A - 2 = (m - 2)(m + 1)^2 \quad \text{and} \quad A + 2 = (m + 2)(m - 1)^2,$$

which is impossible since $A-2$ and $A+2$ are squarefree, and $A \neq 0$. Therefore, $f(x)$ is irreducible over \mathbb{Q} .

Observe that

$$(3.5) \quad \Delta(f) = 3^6(A-2)^3(A+2)^3$$

from (3.1). For the monogenicity of $f(x)$, we first consider the prime divisor $p = 3$ of $\Delta(f)$. If $3 \mid A$, then

$$(A \bmod 9, B \bmod 9) \in \{(3, 1), (6, 1)\},$$

so that condition (2) of Theorem 3.1 is satisfied. If $3 \nmid A$, then $A \not\equiv \pm 2 \pmod{9}$ since $A \mp 2$ is squarefree. Hence,

$$(A \bmod 9, B \bmod 9) \in \{(1, 1), (4, 1), (5, 1), (8, 1)\},$$

so that condition (3) of Theorem 3.1 is satisfied.

Next, suppose that $p \mid (A-2)$ with $p \neq 3$. If $p \mid A$, then $p = 2$. It follows that $A \bmod 4 = 0$ since $A-2$ and $A+2$ are squarefree. Hence, $(A \bmod 4, B \bmod 4) = (0, 1)$ so that condition (2) of Theorem 3.1 is satisfied. If $p \nmid A$, then $p \neq 2$ and $p \nmid (A+2)$ so that $p^2 \nmid (A^2-4)$ since $A-2$ and $A+2$ are squarefree. A similar argument shows that $p^2 \nmid (A^2-4)$ if $p \mid (A+2)$ with $p \neq 3$. Hence, condition (5) of Theorem 3.1 is satisfied, and we conclude from Theorem 3.1 that $f(x)$ is monogenic.

Note that $A^2 - 4 > 0$ from the restrictions on A . Thus, $-3(A^2 - 4B)$ is not a square. Since $B = c^3$ with $c = 1$, we conclude from Theorem 2.1 that $\text{Gal}(f) \simeq C_2 \times S_3$.

Suppose that

$$f_1(x) = x^6 + A_1x^3 + 1 \in \mathcal{F}_3 \quad \text{and} \quad f_2(x) = x^6 + A_2x^3 + 1 \in \mathcal{F}_3,$$

such that $f_1(x) \neq f_2(x)$ and $f_i(\theta_i) = 0$. Since $A_1 \neq A_2$ and $A_i^2 - 4 > 0$, we see from (3.5) that if $\Delta(f_1) = \Delta(f_2)$, then

$$(A_1 - A_2)(A_1 + A_2) ((A_1^2 - 4)^2 + (A_1^2 - 4)(A_2^2 - 4) + (A_2^2 - 4)^2) = 0,$$

which implies that $A_1 = -A_2$. Consequently, trinomials in \mathcal{F}_3 with positive coefficient on x^3 are distinct by Corollary 2.6.

Since $9 \nmid A$, suppose that $A = 9k + r$ for some fixed integer r with $9 \nmid r$. Then, there exist infinitely many integers $k > 0$ such that

$$(A-2)(A+2) = (9k-r-2)(9k+r+2)$$

is squarefree [3]. Hence, we conclude that there exist infinitely many distinct trinomials in \mathcal{F}_3 .

Trinomials in \mathcal{F}_4 . Let $f(x) = x^6 + Ax^3 - 1$ such that

$$A \bmod 4 \neq 0, \quad A \bmod 9 \notin \{0, 4, 5\},$$

$$\text{with } (A^2 + 4)/\gcd(A^2 + 4, 4) \text{ squarefree.}$$

The argument for the irreducibility of $f(x)$ here is similar to the situation of \mathcal{F}_3 , and we omit the details.

From (3.1), we have

$$\Delta(f) = 3^6(A^2 + 4)^3.$$

To establish monogenicity, we proceed as before, starting with $p = 3$. If $3 \mid A$, then

$$(A \bmod 9, B \bmod 9) \in \{(3, 8), (6, 8)\},$$

so that condition (2) of Theorem 3.1 is satisfied. If $3 \nmid A$, then

$$(A \bmod 9, B \bmod 9) \in \{(1, 8), (2, 8), (7, 8), (8, 8)\},$$

so that condition (4) of Theorem 3.1 is satisfied.

Next, suppose that $p \mid (A^2 + 4)$ with $p \neq 3$. If $p = 2$, then $2 \mid A$ so that $(A \bmod 4, B \bmod 4) = (2, 3)$ since $4 \nmid A$. Hence, condition (2) of Theorem 3.1 is satisfied. Assume then that $p \neq 2$. Note that $p \nmid A$. Thus, $p^2 \nmid (A^2 + 4)$ since $(A^2 + 4) / \gcd(A^2 + 4, 4) = A^2 + 4$ is squarefree. Therefore, condition (5) of Theorem 3.1 is satisfied, and $f(x)$ is monogenic.

Arguments similar to the situation of \mathcal{F}_3 verify here that $\text{Gal}(f) \simeq C_2 \times S_3$ and that trinomials in \mathcal{F}_4 with positive coefficient on x^3 are distinct. Moreover, if $A = 36k + 1$, then there exist infinitely many positive integers k such that

$$\frac{A^2 + 4}{\gcd(A^2 + 4, 4)} = \frac{(36k + 1)^2 + 4}{\gcd((36k + 1)^2 + 4, 4)} = 1296k^2 + 72k + 5$$

is squarefree [25], which implies that \mathcal{F}_4 contains infinitely many distinct trinomials.

We turn now to the converse. That is, we assume that $f(x) = x^6 + Ax^3 + B$ is monogenic with $\text{Gal}(f) \simeq C_2 \times S_3$, and we show that $f(x) \in \mathcal{F}_2 \cup \mathcal{F}_3 \cup \mathcal{F}_4$. Since $f(x)$ is monogenic, we recall that B and Γ (from (3.2)) are squarefree from conditions (1), (3) and (5) of Theorem 3.1.

Suppose first that $|B| \geq 2$. Then, since B is squarefree, it follows that $B \neq c^3$ for any $c \in \mathbb{Z}$. Hence, $R(x)$ must be reducible by Theorem 2.1 since $\text{Gal}(f) \simeq C_2 \times S_3$. Consequently, $2 \mid AB$ since otherwise $R(x)$ is irreducible over \mathbb{Q} , as in the case of S_3 in (3.4). Furthermore, if p is a prime such that $p \mid B$ and $p \nmid A$, then $R(x)$ is p -Eisenstein since B is squarefree, which implies the contradiction that $R(x)$ is irreducible over \mathbb{Q} . We deduce therefore that all primes dividing B must also divide A . Hence, since B is squarefree, it follows that

$$(3.6) \quad B \mid A \quad \text{and} \quad 2 \mid A.$$

Since $R(x)$ is reducible over \mathbb{Q} , we have

$$(3.7) \quad R(x) = (x - r)(x^2 + rx + r^2 - 3B),$$

for some $r \in \mathbb{Z}$. Calculating $\Delta(R)$ in two ways, using Theorem 2.4 for (3.3) and [15] for (3.7), yields

$$(3.8) \quad \Delta(R) = -27(A^2 - 4B)B^2 = -27(r^2 - 4B)(r^2 - B)^2.$$

Since B is squarefree, it follows from (3.8) that $B \mid r$, so that

$$(3.9) \quad A^2 - 4B = (r^2 - 4B) \left(\frac{r^2}{B} - 1 \right)^2.$$

Hence,

$$\Gamma = \frac{A^2 - 4B}{2\nu_2(A^2 - 4B)3\nu_3(A^2 - 4B)} = \frac{(r^2 - 4B) \left(\frac{r^2}{B} - 1 \right)^2}{2\nu_2(A^2 - 4B)3\nu_3(A^2 - 4B)}$$

is squarefree, and consequently

$$(3.10) \quad \left| \frac{r^2}{B} - 1 \right| = 2^a 3^b$$

for some nonnegative integers a and b .

We claim that $b = 0$ in (3.10). Suppose, by way of contradiction, that $b \geq 1$. Then

$$(3.11) \quad r^2/B - 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{3},$$

so that $9 \mid (r^2/B - 1)^2$, which implies that

$$(3.12) \quad 9 \mid (A^2 - 4B)$$

from (3.9). Hence, since B is squarefree and $B \mid r$, we have $3 \mid (r^2/B)$, which contradicts (3.11). Thus, $B \equiv r^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$, so that $3 \nmid A$ from (3.12). Consequently, we have

$$A \pmod{9} \in \{1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8\} \quad \text{and} \quad B \pmod{9} \in \{1, 4, 7\}.$$

Thus, in light of (3.12), straightforward calculations reveal that

$$(A \pmod{9}, B \pmod{9}) \in \{(1, 7), (2, 1), (4, 4), (5, 4), (7, 1), (8, 7)\},$$

which contradicts condition (4) of Theorem 3.1 since $f(x)$ is monogenic. Thus, the claim that $b = 0$ is established and

$$(3.13) \quad \left| \frac{r^2}{B} - 1 \right| = 2^a$$

for some nonnegative integer a .

We claim next that $a \leq 1$ in (3.13). Assume, by way of contradiction, that $a \geq 2$. Then $16 \mid (r^2/B - 1)^2$ from (3.13), so that

$$(3.14) \quad 16 \mid (A^2 - 4B)$$

from (3.9). If $2 \mid B$, then $r^2/B - 1 \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ since B is squarefree, which

contradicts (3.13). Hence, $2 \nmid B$. Thus, since $2 \mid A$ from (3.6), we see that

$$\begin{aligned} A \bmod 16 &\in \{0, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14\}, \\ B \bmod 16 &\in \{1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15\}. \end{aligned}$$

Checking these values with the added restriction of (3.14) produces

$$(A \bmod 16, B \bmod 16) \in S = \{(2, 1), (2, 5), (2, 9), (2, 13), (6, 1), (6, 5), (6, 9), (6, 13), (10, 1), (10, 5), (10, 9), (10, 13), (14, 1), (14, 5), (14, 9), (14, 13)\}.$$

Observe that the reduction modulo 4 of every pair in S results in the same pair $(A \bmod 4, B \bmod 4) = (2, 1)$, which contradicts condition (2) of Theorem 3.1 since $f(x)$ is monogenic. Thus, we have established the claim that $a \leq 1$ in (3.13).

Suppose then that $a = 0$ in (3.13). If $r^2/B - 1 < 0$, then $r = 0$, which yields the contradiction that $AB = 0$ from (3.3) since $R(r) = 0$. If $r^2/B - 1 > 0$, then, since B is squarefree, we get the two solutions

$$(A, B, r) \in \{(2, 2, 2), (-2, 2, -2)\}$$

from (3.3) since $R(r) = 0$, which correspond precisely to the elements of \mathcal{F}_2 .

Suppose next that $a = 1$ in (3.13). Then

$$\frac{r^2}{B} - 1 = \pm 2,$$

from which we deduce that

$$(3.15) \quad (r, B) \in \{(-1, -1), (1, -1), (-3, 3), (3, 3)\}.$$

The first two pairs in (3.15) are impossible since $|B| \geq 2$, while the last two pairs both produce the contradiction that $A = 0$ by (3.3) since $R(r) = 0$. Therefore, we may assume that $|B| = 1$.

We first consider $B = 1$, so $f(x) = x^6 + Ax^3 + 1$. Note that if $|A| = 1$, then

$$-3\delta = -3(A^2 - 4B) = 9,$$

which contradicts the fact that -3δ is not a square from Theorem 2.1. Hence, $|A| \neq 1$. If $9 \mid A$, then

$$(A \bmod 9, B \bmod 9) = (0, 1),$$

which contradicts condition (2) of Theorem 3.1 since $f(x)$ is monogenic. Thus, $9 \nmid A$. Next, we prove that $A - 2$ is squarefree. Assume, by way of contradiction, that $A - 2$ is not squarefree, and let p be a prime divisor of $A - 2$ such that $p^2 \mid (A - 2)$. Then $p^2 \mid (A^2 - 4)$, and $p \mid 3A$ by condition (5) of Theorem 3.1. Suppose that $p \mid A$. Then $p^2 \mid A^2$, so that $p^2 \mid 4$. Hence, $p = 2$ and $2 \mid A$. Thus, since $B \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$, we must have $(A \bmod 4, B \bmod 4) = (0, 1)$ from condition (2). But then $A - 2 \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$, contradicting the assumption that $2^2 \mid (A - 2)$. Therefore, $p = 3$ and $p \nmid A$. Since $3^2 \mid (A - 2)$, it follows that $A \equiv 2 \pmod{9}$, which implies that $(A \bmod 9, B \bmod 9) = (2, 1)$,

contradicting condition (4) of Theorem 3.1. Hence, $A - 2$ is squarefree. The proof that $A + 2$ is squarefree is similar, and so we omit the details. Thus, $f(x) \in \mathcal{F}_3$, and the proof for $B = 1$ is complete.

Suppose now that $B = -1$, so that $f(x) = x^6 + Ax^3 - 1$. If $4 \mid A$, then $(A \bmod 4, B \bmod 4) = (0, 3)$ which contradicts condition (2) of Theorem 3.1. Thus, $4 \nmid A$. Similarly, if $9 \mid A$, then $(A \bmod 9, B \bmod 9) = (0, 8)$ which contradicts condition (2) of Theorem 3.1; and if $3 \nmid A$ with $(A \bmod 9, B \bmod 9) \in \{(4, 8), (5, 8)\}$, we have a contradiction with (4) of Theorem 3.1. Consequently, $A \bmod 9 \notin \{0, 4, 5\}$. Next, we claim that $\Omega := (A^2 + 4)/\gcd(A^2 + 4, 4)$ is squarefree. Note that

$$\Omega = \begin{cases} (A^2 + 4)/4 & \text{if } 2 \mid A, \\ A^2 + 4 & \text{if } 2 \nmid A. \end{cases}$$

By way of contradiction, assume that $p^2 \mid \Omega$ for some prime p . If $2 \mid A$, then $2 \parallel \Omega$ since $4 \nmid A$. Thus, $p \geq 3$ regardless of the parity of A . Since $f(x)$ is monogenic, we see by condition (5) of Theorem 3.1 that $p \mid 3A$. Observe that $3 \nmid \Omega$ since -1 is not a square modulo 3; and if $p \mid A$, we arrive at the contradiction that $p = 2$. Hence, the claim that Ω is squarefree has been established, which verifies that $f(x) \in \mathcal{F}_4$, and completes the proof of (3).

The case $C_3 \times S_3$

Trinomials in \mathcal{F}_5 . Let $f(x) = x^6 + Ax^3 + (A^2 + 3)/4$ such that

$$A \bmod 2 = 1, \quad A \neq \pm 1, \quad \text{with } B = (A^2 + 3)/4 \text{ squarefree.}$$

Let $h(x) = x^2 + Ax + (A^2 + 3)/4$, which is irreducible over \mathbb{Q} since $\Delta(h) = -3$. Then, if $f(x) = h(x^3)$ is reducible, it follows from Theorem 2.2 that the Diophantine equation

$$(3.16) \quad \mathcal{D} : \quad (A^2 + 3)/4 = n^3$$

has a solution. Hence, $n = \pm 1$ since $(A^2 + 3)/4$ is squarefree. If $n = -1$, then \mathcal{D} in (3.16) has no integer solutions, and if $n = 1$, we see that $A = \pm 1$, which contradicts the restriction on A . Hence, $f(x)$ is irreducible over \mathbb{Q} .

From (3.1), we have

$$\Delta(f) = -3^9 \left(\frac{A^2 + 3}{4} \right)^2.$$

For the monogenicity of $f(x)$, we consider first the prime divisor $p = 3$ of $\Delta(f)$. If $3 \mid A$, then $3 \mid (A^2 + 3)/4$. Thus, condition (1) of Theorem 3.1 is satisfied since $(A^2 + 3)/4$ is squarefree. If $3 \nmid A$, then $3 \nmid (A^2 + 3)/4$ and, with the restrictions on A , we have

$$(A \bmod 9, B \bmod 9) \in \{(1, 1), (2, 4), (4, 7), (5, 7), (7, 4), (8, 1)\}.$$

Thus, condition (4) of Theorem 3.1 is satisfied.

Suppose next that $p \neq 3$ is a prime divisor of $(A^2 + 3)/4$. Observe that $p \neq 2$ since $2 \nmid A$, and that $p \nmid A$. Thus, condition (3) of Theorem 3.1 is satisfied since $(A^2 + 3)/4$ is squarefree. Hence, $f(x)$ is monogenic.

To show that $\text{Gal}(f) \simeq C_3 \times S_3$, we use Theorem 2.1. We have already shown that the equation \mathcal{D} in (3.16) has no integer solutions. An easy calculation reveals that $-3\delta = 3^2$. Finally, we must show that

$$R(x) = x^3 - 3\left(\frac{A^2 + 3}{4}\right)x + A\left(\frac{A^2 + 3}{4}\right)$$

is irreducible over \mathbb{Q} . From the previous discussion, we see that

$$d := \gcd(A, (A^2 + 3)/4) \in \{1, 3\}.$$

If $d = 1$, then there exists a prime divisor $p \neq 3$ of $(A^2 + 3)/4$ such that $p \nmid A$. Since $(A^2 + 3)/4$ is squarefree, it follows that $R(x)$ is p -Eisenstein, and therefore irreducible over \mathbb{Q} . If $d = 3$, then we can let $A = 3k$ for some $k \in \mathbb{Z}$. Then

$$A\left(\frac{A^2 + 3}{4}\right) = 3^2k\left(\frac{3k^2 + 1}{4}\right).$$

If $|k| > 1$, then $(3k^2 + 1)/4 > 1$ and there exists a prime divisor p of $(3k^2 + 1)/4$ such that $p \nmid 3^2k$. Since $(3k^2 + 1)/4$ is squarefree, it follows that $R(x)$ is p -Eisenstein and irreducible over \mathbb{Q} . If $|k| = 1$, then

$$R(x) = x^3 - 9x - 9 \quad \text{or} \quad R(x) = x^3 - 9x + 9,$$

both of which are irreducible in $\mathbb{F}_2[x]$, and hence irreducible over \mathbb{Q} . Thus, $\text{Gal}(f) \simeq C_3 \times S_3$.

Using arguments similar to previous situations show that trinomials in \mathcal{F}_5 with positive coefficient on x^3 are all distinct, and that there exist infinitely many such trinomials in \mathcal{F}_5 .

For the converse, we assume that $f(x) = x^6 + Ax^3 + B$ is monogenic with $\text{Gal}(f) \simeq C_3 \times S_3$, and we show that $f(x) \in \mathcal{F}_5$. We first note that $2 \nmid A$, and since the proof is identical to the proof given in the last two paragraphs of ‘‘The case S_3 ’’, we omit the details here. Then, $2 \nmid (A^2 - 4B)$ so that

$$\Gamma = \frac{A^2 - 4B}{3\nu_3(A^2 - 4B)}.$$

Since Γ is squarefree, and $-3(A^2 - 4B)$ is a square by Theorem 2.1, it follows that

$$-3(A^2 - 4B) = 3^{2b}$$

for some integer $b \geq 1$, which implies that

$$(3.17) \quad B = \frac{A^2 + 3^{2b-1}}{4}.$$

Next, we claim that $A \neq \pm 1$. Assume, by way of contradiction, that $A = \pm 1$. If $B = 1$, then $f(x) \in \mathcal{F}_1$, and if $B = -1$, then $f(x) \in \mathcal{F}_4$. Thus, $|B| \geq 2$. Observe that if $b = 1$ in (3.17), then $B = 1$, which contradicts the fact that $|B| \geq 2$. Hence, $b \geq 2$, so that $B \equiv 7 \pmod{9}$. Therefore, $(A \bmod 9, B \bmod 9) \in \{(1, 7), (8, 7)\}$, which contradicts condition (4) of Theorem 3.1. Thus, $A \neq \pm 1$.

Suppose that $b \geq 2$ in (3.17). If $3 \mid A$, then $9 \mid B$, which contradicts the fact that B is squarefree. Hence, $3 \nmid A$ and $B \equiv 7A^2 \pmod{9}$ from (3.17), so that $3 \nmid B$. Consequently,

$$(A \bmod 9, B \bmod 9) \in \{(1, 7), (2, 1), (4, 4), (5, 4), (7, 1), (8, 7)\},$$

which contradicts condition (4) of Theorem 3.1. Thus, $b = 1$ and $B = (A^2 + 3)/4$ from (3.17). Since $f(x)$ is monogenic, we deduce that B is square-free, which completes the proof of (4).

The case $S_3 \times S_3$. Aside from B and Γ being squarefree, the main focus in Theorem 3.1 is on primes $p \in \{2, 3\}$ for the monogenicity of $f(x)$. An examination of Theorem 3.1 reveals that

- condition (2) addresses $p = 2$ in the cases $A \bmod 4 \in \{0, 2\}$ when $2 \mid A$, while $p = 3$ is handled in 12 separate cases when $3 \mid A$;
- condition (3) addresses $p = 3$ in exactly 8 separate cases;
- condition (4) addresses $p = 3$ in exactly 28 separate cases.

Certainly, $p = 2$ does not necessarily divide $\Delta(f)$, but $p = 3$ always divides $\Delta(f)$. Thus, we must also consider the third possibility for $p = 2$, that $2 \nmid A$, together with the possibilities for $p = 3$ found in Theorem 3.1. This analysis leads to a total of $3(12+8+28)=144$ mutually exclusive cases. In each of these cases, an infinite 2-parameter family of monogenic trinomials $f(x)$ can be constructed, and with suitable additional restrictions if necessary, there exist infinitely many trinomials in each of these families with $\text{Gal}(f) \simeq S_3 \times S_3$. We point out that such an approach could have been used for the other Galois groups, but it does not seem to lend itself so readily to yield single-parameter families.

Since the methods are similar in each of the 144 cases, we provide details in only two cases. The first case is

$$(3.18) \quad 2 \nmid A \quad \text{and} \quad 3 \mid A \quad \text{with} \quad (A \bmod 9, B \bmod 9) = (0, 2).$$

By the Chinese Remainder Theorem, we have $A \equiv 9 \pmod{18}$, and so we can let $A = 18s + 9$, where s is an integer parameter. Letting $B = 9t + 2$, where t is an integer parameter, we then have

$$(3.19) \quad f(x) = x^6 + Ax^3 + B = x^6 + (18s + 9)x^3 + 9t + 2,$$

with

$$\Gamma = \delta = A^2 - 4B = 324s^2 + 324s - 36t + 73$$

and

$$\Delta(f) = 3^6(9t + 2)^2(324s^2 + 324s - 36t + 73)^3.$$

There exist infinitely many integers t such that $B = 9t + 2$ is squarefree [26], and for each such value of t , there exist infinitely many integers s such that Γ is squarefree [25]. Let s and t be such integers with $\Gamma \neq 1$. Then $f(x)$ is irreducible over \mathbb{Q} by Corollary 2.3, and is therefore monogenic by construction.

Since $3 \nmid (A^2 - 4B)$, we see that -3δ is not a square. If $B = 9t + 2 = c^3$ for some $c \in \mathbb{Z}$, then $9t + 2 = \pm 1$ since $9t + 2$ is squarefree, which yields the contradiction that $t \in \{-1/3, -1/9\}$. Thus, $9t + 2 \neq c^3$ for any $c \in \mathbb{Z}$. Finally, if $2 \nmid (9t + 2)$, then $R(x)$ is irreducible in $\mathbb{F}_2[x]$, and if $2 \mid (9t + 2)$, then $R(x)$ is 2-Eisenstein since B is squarefree. Hence, $R(x)$ is irreducible over \mathbb{Q} and $\text{Gal}(f) \simeq S_3 \times S_3$ by Theorem 2.1. We note that no additional restrictions on the parameters s and t are required in this case to achieve $\text{Gal}(f) \simeq S_3 \times S_3$.

Thus, with $f(x)$ from (3.19), we have shown that

$$\mathcal{F}_6 := \{f(x) : B \text{ and } \Gamma \text{ are squarefree}\}$$

is the infinite set of all monogenic trinomials $f(x)$ satisfying (3.18) such that $\text{Gal}(f) \simeq S_3 \times S_3$. Let

$$\widehat{\mathcal{F}}_6 := \{f(x) \in \mathcal{F}_6 : A > 0 \text{ and } B = 2\}.$$

Observe that since

$$A = 18s + 9 = 9(2s + 1) > 0,$$

we have $A \geq 9$. We claim next that $f_1(x), f_2(x) \in \widehat{\mathcal{F}}_6$, where

$$f_1(x) = x^6 + A_1x^3 + 2 \quad \text{and} \quad f_2(x) = x^6 + A_2x^3 + 2 \in \widehat{\mathcal{F}}_6,$$

with $A_1 \neq A_2$, are distinct. By way of contradiction, assume that $f_1(x)$ and $f_2(x)$ are not distinct. Then, by Corollary 2.6, we have $\Delta(f_1) = \Delta(f_2)$, or equivalently,

$$(3.20) \quad 2^23^6(A_1 + A_2)(A_1 - A_2)(A_2^4 + (A_1^2 - 24)A_2^2 + A_1^2(A_1^2 - 24) + 192) = 0,$$

since

$$\Delta(f_i) = 2^23^6(A_i^2 - 8)^3.$$

Since $A_i \geq 9$, it follows that

$$A_1 + A_2 > 0 \quad \text{and} \quad A_2^4 + (A_1^2 - 24)A_2^2 + A_1^2(A_1^2 - 24) + 192 > 0,$$

which yields the contradiction that $A_1 = A_2$ in (3.20). Thus, since there exist infinitely many positive integers A such that $A^2 - 8$ is squarefree [25], we have shown that \mathcal{F}_6 contains infinitely many distinct monogenic trinomials.

The second case we consider is

$$(3.21) \quad \begin{aligned} &2 \mid A \quad \text{and} \quad 3 \nmid AB \quad \text{with} \\ &(A \bmod 4, B \bmod 4) = (0, 1), \quad (A \bmod 9, B \bmod 9) = (1, 1). \end{aligned}$$

Then, by the Chinese Remainder Theorem, we have

$$(A \bmod 36, B \bmod 36) = (28, 1).$$

Hence, we can write

$$A = 36s + 28 \quad \text{and} \quad B = 36t + 1,$$

where s and t are integer parameters. Thus,

$$(3.22) \quad f(x) = x^6 + Ax^3 + B = x^6 + (36s + 28)x^3 + 36t + 1$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} A^2 - 4B &= (36s + 28)^2 - 4(36t + 1) \\ &= 1296s^2 + 2016s - 144t + 780 \\ &= 2^2 3(108s^2 + 168s - 12t + 65), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$(3.23) \quad \Gamma = 108s^2 + 168s - 12t + 65.$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta(f) &= 3^6 B^2 (A^2 - 4B)^3 \\ &= 3^6 (36t + 1)^2 ((36s + 28)^2 - 4(36t + 1))^3 \\ &= 2^6 3^9 (36t + 1)^2 \Gamma^3. \end{aligned}$$

There exist infinitely many integers t such that $36t + 1$ is squarefree [26], and for each such value of t , there exist infinitely many integers s for which Γ is squarefree [25]. Let s and t be such integers. Since Γ is squarefree, then $A^2 - 4B$ is a square if and only if $\Gamma = 3$, which is impossible since $\Gamma \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ from (3.23). Thus, $g(x) = x^2 + Ax + B$ is irreducible over \mathbb{Q} , so that $f(x)$ is irreducible over \mathbb{Q} by Corollary 2.3, and is therefore monogenic by construction.

If $-3\delta = -2^2 3^2 \Gamma$ is a square, then $\Gamma = -1$ since Γ is squarefree. Then, $\Gamma + 1 = 0$ and $4 \mid (\Gamma + 1)$. However, we see from (3.23) that $\Gamma + 1 \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$, and this contradiction establishes the fact that -3δ is not a square. If $B = 36t + 1 = c^3$ for some $c \in \mathbb{Z}$, then $36t + 1 = \pm 1$ since B is squarefree. If $36t + 1 = -1$, then $t = -1/18$, which is impossible. However, if $36t + 1 = 1$, then $t = 0$, and we must exclude the value $t = 0$ from the set of possible values of t . Finally, since $2 \nmid B$, then $R(x)$ is irreducible in $\mathbb{F}_2[x]$, and therefore $R(x)$ is irreducible over \mathbb{Q} . Hence, $\text{Gal}(f) \simeq S_3 \times S_3$ by Theorem 2.1.

Thus, with $f(x)$ from (3.22), we have shown that

$$\mathcal{F}_7 := \{f(x) : t \neq 0; B \text{ and } \Gamma \text{ are squarefree}\}$$

is the infinite set of all monogenic trinomials $f(x)$ satisfying (3.21) such that $\text{Gal}(f) \simeq S_3 \times S_3$. Let

$$\widehat{\mathcal{F}}_7 := \{f(x) \in \mathcal{F}_7 : A > 0 \text{ and } B = 37\}.$$

Observe that since

$$A = 36s + 28 = 4(9s + 7) > 0,$$

we have $A \geq 28$. We claim next that $f_1(x), f_2(x) \in \widehat{\mathcal{F}}_7$, where

$$f_1(x) = x^6 + A_1x^3 + 37 \quad \text{and} \quad f_2(x) = x^6 + A_2x^3 + 37 \in \widehat{\mathcal{F}}_7,$$

with $A_1 \neq A_2$, are distinct. By way of contradiction, assume that $f_1(x)$ and $f_2(x)$ are not distinct. Recall from (3.1) that

$$\Delta(f_i) = 3^6 37^2 (A_i^2 - 148)^3.$$

Then, by Corollary 2.6, we have $\Delta(f_1) = \Delta(f_2)$, or equivalently,

$$(3.24) \quad 3^6 37^2 (A_1 + A_2)(A_1 - A_2)A = 0,$$

where

$$A = A_2^4 + (A_1^2 - 144)A_2^2 + A_1^2(A_1^2 - 144) + 65712.$$

Since $A_i \geq 28$, it follows that

$$A_1 + A_2 > 0 \quad \text{and} \quad A > 0,$$

which yields the contradiction that $A_1 = A_2$ in (3.24). Thus, since there exist infinitely many positive integers A such that $A^2 - 148$ is squarefree [25], we have shown that \mathcal{F}_7 contains infinitely many distinct monogenic trinomials, and the proof of the theorem is complete. ■

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