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Fix a ground field F .

Every finite separable extension is $F(u)$ for some u . In particular every Galois extension is the splitting field of some irreducible polynomial.

Given $f(x) \in F[x]$ separable irreducible polynomial of degree n .

$$G = \text{Gal}(f) = \text{Gal}(\text{any splitting field of } f)$$

General Comments

f has exactly n roots, G permutes them transitively and faithfully.

$$G \hookrightarrow S_n$$

Orbit-Stabilizer Theorem

$$\#G = \#(\text{stabilizer of any root})n$$

Proposition

Let $F \subset \mathbb{R}$ e.g. $F \subset \mathbb{Q}$

Suppose $\text{deg } f = p$ prime.

Suppose f has exactly $p-2$ real roots

Then $G = S_p$.

proof

complex conjugation obviously $\in G$.

\uparrow a 2-cycle in S_p .

p divides $\#G$, \exists an element of order p .

The only elements of S_p of order p are p -cycles.

$$\langle \text{any 2-cycle} + \text{any } p\text{-cycle} \rangle = S_p$$

What are possible Galois groups by $\deg f$?

$$\deg f = 2 \quad G = \mathbb{Z}/2 = S_2$$

$$\deg f = 3 \quad G = S_3 \text{ or } A_3$$

Pick ordering of roots of f $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n$

$$\Delta_f := \prod_{i < j} (\alpha_i - \alpha_j)$$

Remark: $f(x) \mapsto f(x-a)$ doesn't change Δ

$$\forall f, g \in G, \quad g\Delta = \pm \Delta \quad \begin{cases} +\Delta & G \text{ alternating subgroup} \\ -\Delta & G \text{ not alternating subgroup} \end{cases}$$

We learn:

discriminant $D_i = \Delta^2$ is G -invariant

Δ is G -invariant iff $G \subseteq A_n$

$F \subset E$ Galois so G -invariant \leftrightarrow in F

Why? $D \in F, \sqrt{D} \in F$ iff $G \subseteq A_n$

Example $f(x) = x^2 + bx + c \quad \Delta = \sqrt{b^2 - 4c}$

Suppose $\text{char } F \neq 2$

$$f(x) \rightsquigarrow f\left(x - \frac{b}{2}\right)$$

$$f = x^2 - \cancel{bx} + \frac{b^2}{4} + b/x - \frac{b^2}{2} + c = x^2 - \frac{b^2}{4} + c$$

$$x = \pm \sqrt{\frac{b^2}{4} - c}$$

Cubic $f(x) = x^3 + ax^2 + bx + c \quad \text{char} \neq 2, 3$

$$f(x) \rightsquigarrow f\left(x - \frac{a}{3}\right) = x^3 + px + q$$

$$\Delta^2 = -4p^3 - 27q^2 = (\alpha_1 - \alpha_2)^2(\alpha_1 - \alpha_3)^2(\alpha_2 - \alpha_3)^2 = D$$

$$x^3 + px + q = (x - d_1)(x - d_2)(x - d_3)$$

$$= x^3 - (d_1 + d_2 + d_3)x^2 + (d_1d_2 + d_2d_3 + d_1d_3)x - d_1d_2d_3$$

Example $x^3 - 3x + 1$

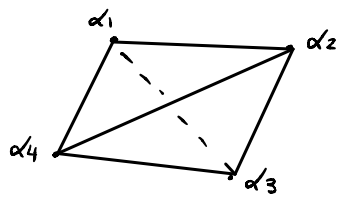
$$D = -4(-3)^3 - 27(1)^2 = 81 \quad \Delta = \sqrt{D} \in \mathbb{Q}$$

G in this case is A_3

$\mathbb{Q}(d)$ is splitting field

Quartics

$$\deg f = 4$$



← has S_4 as rotations
also A_4

There is a group homomorphism
ker

$$(\mathbb{Z}/2)^2 = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 1 \\ (12)(34) \\ (13)(24) \\ (14)(23) \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow S_4 \rightarrow S_3$$

$$S_4 \cong (\mathbb{Z}/2)^2 \times S_3$$

$$A_4 \cong (\mathbb{Z}/2)^2 \times A_3$$

$$\beta_1 = d_1d_2 + d_3d_4$$

$$\beta_2 = d_1d_3 + d_2d_4$$

$$\beta_3 = d_1d_4 + d_2d_3$$

$G \subseteq S_4$ permutes the β_i 's via this
homomorphism

$g(x) = (x - \beta_1)(x - \beta_2)(x - \beta_3) \in F[x]$ (called resolving cubic)
of f

What are the possible Galois groups?

$G \subseteq S_4$ acting transitively

So, G is

- A_4
 - S_4
 - $(\mathbb{Z}/2)^2$
- } normal transitive subgroups
($(\mathbb{Z}/2)^2 \subseteq A_4, S_4, D_8$)

- $C_4 = \mathbb{Z}_4$ (three of these all conjugate)
 - D_8 (dihedral group of order 8, also three of these all conjugate)
- } non-normal

$$F \subset K = \text{splitting field of } g \subset E = \text{splitting field of } f$$

$$= F(\beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_3) \quad = F(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_4)$$

$$G = \text{Gal}(E/F) \subseteq S_4$$

$$\text{image of } G \text{ under } S_3 \longrightarrow S_4 = \text{Gal}(K/F) \subset S_3$$

$$G \cap (\mathbb{Z}/2)^2 = \text{Gal}(E/K)$$

$$G = S_4 \text{ iff } \text{Gal}(K/F) = S_3 \iff \sqrt{\text{disc of } g} \notin F$$

$$G = A_4 \text{ iff } \text{Gal}(K/F) = A_3 \iff [K:F] = 3$$

$$G = (\mathbb{Z}/2)^2 \text{ iff } \text{Gal}(K/F) = 1 \iff \beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_3 \in F$$

$$G = C_4 \text{ or } D_8 \text{ iff } \text{Gal}(K/F) = 2\text{-cycles } \beta_i \in F$$

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Char = 0 (automatically separable)

Let $K \subset L$ be any finite field extension. Pick an algebraic closure \bar{K} .

Then we can look at $\text{hom}_K(L, \bar{K}) \subseteq \text{Gal}(\bar{K}/K)$

is

$$\text{Gal}(\bar{K}/K) / \text{Gal}(\bar{K}/L) = X$$

Given $u \in L$,

$L = \bar{K}$ -valued functions

on X equiv for $\text{Gal}(\bar{K}/K)$

$$\text{Tr}_K^{\bar{K}}(u) = \sum_{\varphi: L \rightarrow \bar{K}} \varphi(u)$$

$$N_K^{\bar{K}}(u) = \prod_{\varphi: L \rightarrow \bar{K}} \varphi(u)$$

obviously both Galois and invariant so $\in K$

$$K = \mathbb{R} \quad L \cong \mathbb{C} \quad \bar{K} = \mathbb{C} \quad X = \cdot \quad \cdot \quad u \mapsto (u, \bar{u}) \text{ as fct}$$

$$\text{Tr}(u) = 2\text{Re}(u) \quad N(u) = \|u\|^2$$

Study cyclic extensions: Galois extensions $K \subset L$ such that $\text{Gal}(L/K) \cong \mathbb{Z}/n$

Remark If $K \subset L$ Galois, then Tr and N are Σ and Π indexed by $\text{Gal}(L/K)$.

$$N(u) = \prod_{\sigma \in \text{Gal}(L/K)} \sigma(u)$$

In general, if $K \subset L$ separable, $\# \text{hom}(L, \bar{K}) = [L:K]$
 \cong
 $\text{Gal}(\bar{K}/K) / \text{Gal}(\bar{K}/L)$

Let $K \subset L$ cyclic, $\text{Gal} = \langle \sigma \rangle$ $\sigma^m = \text{id}$
 Pick $v \in L^\times$, $\frac{\sigma(v)}{v} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{iff } v \in K \\ \text{some element of } L^\times \end{cases}$

$$1 \longrightarrow K^\times \longrightarrow L^\times \xrightarrow{v \mapsto \frac{\sigma(v)}{v}} L^\times \longrightarrow K^\times$$

id

$$N\left(\frac{\sigma(v)}{v}\right) = \frac{\sigma(v)}{v} \frac{\sigma(\sigma(v))}{\sigma(v)} \frac{\sigma^2(\sigma(v))}{\sigma(v)} \dots \frac{\sigma^{n-1}(\sigma(v))}{\sigma(v)} = 1$$

Theorem (Hilbert 90)

If $u \in L^\times$ such that $N(u) = 1$, then $\exists v$ such that $u = \frac{\sigma(v)}{v}$

$$\longrightarrow \frac{\text{Ker}(N)}{\text{Im}(v \mapsto \frac{\sigma(v)}{v})} = \{1\} \text{ trivial}$$

" $H^1(\)$

Special Case of Theorem of Noether:

For any finite Galois extension, $H^1(K, L^\times) = \{1\}$

proof

Fix $K \subset L$ Galois with $\text{Gal}(L/K) = \langle \sigma \rangle = G$
 Fix $u \in L$ such that $N(u) = 1$

Want to solve $\frac{v}{\sigma(v)} = u$.

In other words, we want to show that the K -linear map $T: V \rightarrow V$ given $u \cdot \sigma(-)$ has 1 as an eigenvalue. where $V = L$

\hookrightarrow this happens iff $\underbrace{V \otimes L \rightarrow V \otimes L : T \otimes id_L}_{\text{map of } L\text{-vector spaces}}$ has 1 as an eigenvalue.

$G \curvearrowright V \otimes L$ as an L -vector space \cong L -valued fcts on G
 G -module
 $\cong \bigoplus_{g \in G} Lg$

Under this isomorphism,

mult by $u \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} u & & & & \\ & \sigma_1(u) & & & \\ & & \sigma^2(u) & & \\ & & & \ddots & \\ & & & & \sigma^{n-1}(u) \end{pmatrix}$

$\sigma(-) \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & & \\ & 1 & & & \\ & & \ddots & & \\ & & & 1 & \\ & & & & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

To prove the Theorem is to show that the product of these operators has 1 as an eigenvalue.

$(u, \sigma(u), \sigma(u)\sigma^2(u), \sigma(u)\sigma^2(u)\sigma^3(u), \dots, \sigma(u)\dots\sigma^{n-1}(u))$ is an eigenvector with eigenvalue 1.

Theorem

Suppose F is a field which contains the primitive m th roots of unity ξ . $(x^m - 1)$ completely splits over F .

Then $F \subset E = F[\sqrt[m]{a}]$ where $a \in F^\times$ is cyclic with Galois group $\leq \mathbb{Z}/m$

Converse if $F \subseteq E$ is Galois with Galois group $\cong \mathbb{Z}/m$ then $E = F[\sqrt[m]{a}]$ for some $a \in F^\times$

Note $x^m - a$ splits completely over E

$\mathbb{Z}/m \cong \mu_m =$ group of m 'th roots of unity. $\subseteq F^\times$

proof

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Gal}(E/F) & \longrightarrow & \mu_m \\ \parallel & & \\ G & & \\ g & \longmapsto & \frac{g(\alpha)}{\alpha} \end{array} \quad \left. \vphantom{\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Gal}(E/F) & \longrightarrow & \mu_m \\ \parallel & & \\ G & & \\ g & \longmapsto & \frac{g(\alpha)}{\alpha} \end{array}} \right\} \text{ is a homomorphism}$$