

# 3202 Galois Theory Notes

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# GALOIS THEORY

iii) Geometric problems

Évariste Galois 1811-1832

i) Establishes a 1-1 correspondence between extensions of fields and groups

ii) Analyses the questions of solving polynomial equations in terms of roots ("radicals") and in particular shows that quintic equations cannot be solved in radicals.

iii) Solves some classical geometrical problems such as trisecting the angle and duplicating the cube using ruler and compasses.

i) Fields and Groups

The Fundamental Theorem of Galois Theory associates to a field extension  $K \subset F$  (e.g.  $\mathbb{R} \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ ) a group  $G$  called the Galois group of the extension and under certain conditions gives a 1-1 correspondence between fields  $L$  such that  $K \subseteq L \subseteq F$  and subgroups of  $G$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} L_1 & \longleftrightarrow & H_1 \\ \cap & & \cup \\ L_2 & \longleftrightarrow & H_2 \end{array}$$

Won't look at this in any detail now, but note 2 things,

a)  $G$  is the group of automorphisms of  $F$  which fix  $K$ .  
(An automorphism  $\varphi$  of algebraic structure is a bijective map which preserves the structure; fixing  $K$  means  $\varphi(k) = k \forall k \in K$ )  
Looking at the automorphism group is often a way of getting information about a structure (not just in this context).

b) More generally this is an example of attaching a group to some other structure. (In this case a field extension)

This also appears in many other contexts eg

eg. (co)-homology

This attaches to a geometrical object (eg surface) a group and the group tells you something about the surface

## iv) Solving Polynomial Equations

$$at + b = 0$$

$$t = -b/a$$

$$at^2 + bt + c = 0$$

$$t = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

**Cubic**  $at^3 + at^2 + bt + c = 0$

$$y = t + a/3 \text{ change variables}$$

$$y^3 + py + q = 0$$

$$y = U + V$$

$$(U + V)^3 + p(U + V) + q = 0$$

$$U^3 + V^3 + 3UV(U + V) + p(U + V) + q = 0$$

$$(U^3 + V^3 + q) + (U + V)(3UV + p) = 0$$

We have a solution if  $U^3 + V^3 + q = 0$  and  $3UV + p = 0$

$$U^3 + V^3 = -q \qquad 3UV = -p$$

$$u = U^3 \quad v = V^3 \quad u + v = -q \quad 27uv = -p^3$$

$$v = -p^3 / 27u \quad u - p^3 / 27u = -q$$

$$u^2 + qu - p^3 / 27 = 0$$

$$u = \frac{-q \pm \sqrt{q^2 + 4p^3/27}}{2} \qquad U = \sqrt[3]{u}$$

$$y = \sqrt[3]{\frac{-q}{2} + \sqrt{\frac{q^2}{4} + \frac{p^3}{27}}} + \sqrt[3]{\frac{-q}{2} - \sqrt{\frac{q^2}{4} + \frac{p^3}{27}}}$$

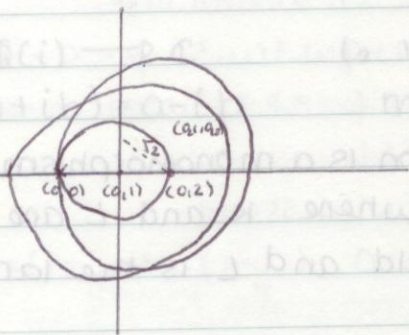
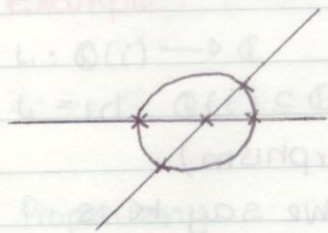
Similarly for quartic

Can all polynomial equations be solved in this way i.e. by radicals  
In particular, what about quintics?

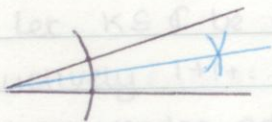
Galois Theory proves the answer is 'no'

Attach a field extension to the equation: show that the Galois group doesn't have a certain property: show that if equation is soluble by radicals, the field extension has the property (using the translation provided by the fundamental theorem)

iii) Geometric problems.

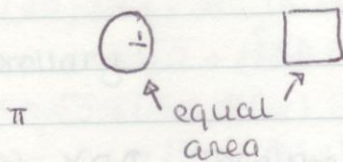


Q1)



Bisect angle.  
Can you trisect angle?

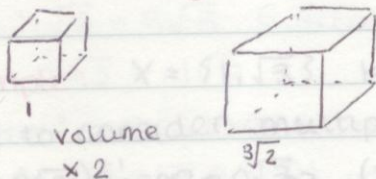
Q2) Squaring the circle



ie is  $\pi$  constructable?

Q3)

Duplicating the cube



ie is  $\sqrt[3]{2}$  constructable?

using the idea of the degree of a field extension one can prove all these are impossible.

Handout 1.

## Field Extensions

Definition:

A field extension is a monomorphism (injective homomorphism)  $i: K \rightarrow L$ , where  $K$  and  $L$  are subfields of  $\mathbb{C}$ . We say  $K$  is the small field and  $L$  is the large field.

Examples:

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} i_1: \mathbb{Q} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ i_2: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \\ i_3: \mathbb{Q} \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \end{array} \right\} \text{Inclusion maps.}$$

$$f: \mathbb{Q} \rightarrow \mathbb{P} \quad \mathbb{P} = \{a+bi : a, b \in \mathbb{Q}\} \quad (\mathbb{P} = \mathbb{Q}(i))$$

$$a \mapsto a \quad (b=0)$$

Need to check  $f$  is a monomorphism, ~~trivial~~

Need to check  $\mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{P}$  subfields of  $\mathbb{C}$

$\mathbb{Q}$  obviously subfield

Need to check multiplicative inverse for  $\mathbb{P}$

$$(a+bi) \left( \frac{a}{a^2+b^2} - \frac{bi}{a^2+b^2} \right) = 1$$

We can usually identify  $K$  with its image  $i(K)$ , so  $i$  is thought of as an inclusion map and  $K$  can be thought of as a subfield of  $L$ .

We then use the notation  $L:K$  (or  $L|K$ ) for the extension and say that  $L$  is the extension of  $K$ .

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Definition:

Let  $X \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ . Then the subfield <sup>of  $\mathbb{C}$</sup>  generated by  $X$  is the intersection of all subfields of  $\mathbb{C}$  that contain  $X$ .

This is equivalent to either of

1. The (unique) smallest subfield of  $\mathbb{C}$  that contains  $X$
2. The set of all elements ~~that~~ of  $\mathbb{C}$  that can be obtained from elements of  $X$  by a finite sequence of field operations provided  $X \neq \{0\}$  or  $\emptyset$ .

**Example:**

$$L_1: \mathbb{Q}(i) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$$

$$L_2: \mathbb{Q}(i) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$$

$L_2$  is also a field

$$L_1 = \text{id} \quad \mathbb{Q}(i) \subseteq \mathbb{C} \quad L_2(a+ib) = a-ib \quad \text{monomorphism}$$

**Proposition:**

Every subfield of  $\mathbb{C}$  contains  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

**Proof:** Let  $K \subseteq \mathbb{C}$  be a subfield. Then  $0, 1 \in K$  by def<sup>n</sup>.

So inductively  $1+1+\dots+1 = n \in K$  for every  $\mathbb{N}$  integer  $n > 0$ .

$K$  is closed under addition, so  $-n \in K \Rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \subseteq K$ .

If  $p, q \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $q \neq 0$ ,  $K$  closed under multiplication so  $q^{-1} \in K$ .

So  $pq^{-1} \in K \Rightarrow \mathbb{Q} \subseteq K$ .

**Corollary:**

Let  $X \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ . Then the subfield of  $\mathbb{C}$  generated by  $X$  contains  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

**Notation:** We denote the subfield of  $\mathbb{C}$  generated by  $X$  by  $\mathbb{Q}(X)$ .

**Example:**  $X = \{1, \sqrt{3}\}$   $K \supseteq \mathbb{Q}$   $K = \{q + p\sqrt{3} \mid p, q \in \mathbb{Q}\}$

Need to consider multiplicative inverses

$$(q + p\sqrt{3})^{-1} = \frac{q - p\sqrt{3}}{q^2 - 3p^2}$$

$$(q + p\sqrt{3})(q - p\sqrt{3}) = q^2 - 3p^2 = 1 \text{ if } q^2 - 3p^2 = 1$$

$$K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{3})$$

**Definition:**

If  $L:K$  is a field extension and  $Y$  is a subset of  $L$ , then the subfield of  $\mathbb{C}$  generated by  $K \cup Y$  is written  $K(Y)$  and is said to be obtained from  $K$  by adjoining  $Y$ .

**Example:**  $K(\omega)$ ,  $K = \mathbb{Q}$   $\omega = e^{2\pi i/3}$   $\omega^3 = 1$

$$\alpha = p + q\omega + r\omega^2$$

$$L = K(Y)$$

## Field Extensions

Want to show  $L$  is a subfield of  $\mathbb{C}$

$L$  closed -  $\alpha = p + qw + rw^2$ ,  $\beta = a + bw + cw^2$

$\alpha + \beta \in L$ ,  $\alpha\beta \in L \Rightarrow L$  closed

$\forall \alpha \in L \exists \alpha^{-1} \in L$

Consider  $p + qw$  instead

$(w^3 = 1, w^3 - 1 = 0, (w-1)(w^2 + w + 1) = 0 \Rightarrow w^2 + w + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow w^2 = -w - 1)$

$$(p + qw)(p + qw^2) = p^2 + pqw + pqw^2 + q^2$$

$$= p^2 - pq + q^2$$

$$\Rightarrow (p + qw)^{-1} = \frac{p + qw^2}{p^2 - pq + q^2} = A + Bw$$

$$\neq 0$$

OR  $\mathbb{Q}(w) = \mathbb{Q}(-\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i) = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{3})$  (since  $\frac{1}{2}, 2 \in \mathbb{Q}$ )

Note: if  $\alpha = \sqrt[3]{2}$ ,  $\mathbb{Q}(\alpha) = \{a + b\alpha + c\alpha^2 \mid a, b, c \in \mathbb{Q}\}$

Need to check  $f$  is a monomorphism, trivial

Need to check  $f$  is a homomorphism, trivial

## Rational Expressions

eg.  $\frac{t^2 + 1}{t^3 + 1}$

If  $R$  is an integral domain then there is a method of constructing a field of fractions of  $R$  i.e. a monomorphism  $\phi: R \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}$  such that

$\forall q \in \mathbb{Q} q = \frac{\phi(r)}{\phi(s)}$  for some  $r, s \in R$ .

eg.  $\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Q} = \{a/b \mid a, b \in \mathbb{Z}, b \neq 0\}$

In general, let  $S = R \times R \setminus \{0\} = \{(a, b) \mid a, b \in R, b \neq 0\}$  and define

$(a, b) \sim (a', b')$  if  $ab' = a'b$

Let  $\mathbb{Q} = \{[(a, b)]\}$  = set of equivalence classes

Define  $[(a, b)] + [(c, d)] = [(ad + bc, bd)]$  etc.

$K[t] = \{a_0 + a_1t + \dots + a_nt \mid a_i \in K\}$

$K(t) =$  field of fractions of  $K[t]$

$= \{f(t)/g(t) \mid f, g \in K[t]\}$

$K[t_1, \dots, t_n]$  eg  $t_1^2 + t_2^3 - ht_2$  etc

$K(t_1, \dots, t_n)$  field of fractions of  $K[t_1, \dots, t_n]$

$f(t) = \frac{t^2}{t^2-1} \in \mathbb{Q}(t)$  Transcendental Extensions

$\forall \alpha \in \mathbb{Q}, \alpha \neq 1, -1$   $f(\alpha)$  makes sense.

Simple Extensions

Definition:

A simple extension is a field extension  $L : K$  such that there exists  $\alpha \in L$  such that  $L = K(\alpha)$

eg. By def<sup>n</sup>  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{3}) : \mathbb{Q}$  is simple

$\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3}) : \mathbb{Q}$  is in fact simple

Let  $\alpha = \sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3}$ . What is  $\mathbb{Q}(\alpha)$ ?

$\alpha = \sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3} \in \mathbb{Q}(\alpha)$

$\alpha^2 = 5 + 2\sqrt{6} \in \mathbb{Q}(\alpha)$

$\alpha^3 = (\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3})(5 + 2\sqrt{6})$   
 $= 5\sqrt{2} + 5\sqrt{3} + 4\sqrt{3} + 6\sqrt{2}$

$= 11\sqrt{2} + 9\sqrt{3} \in \mathbb{Q}(\alpha)$

$11\alpha = 11\sqrt{2} + 11\sqrt{3}$

$11\alpha - \alpha^3 = 2\sqrt{3} \in \mathbb{Q}(\alpha)$

$\sqrt{3} \in \mathbb{Q}(\alpha), \sqrt{2} \in \mathbb{Q}(\alpha)$

$\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3}) =$  smallest subfield containing  $\mathbb{Q}, \sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3}$ .

$\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3}) \subseteq \mathbb{Q}(\alpha)$

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Q Are all extensions simple? No

eg  $\mathbb{Q}(t_1, t_2) : \mathbb{Q}$  is not simple

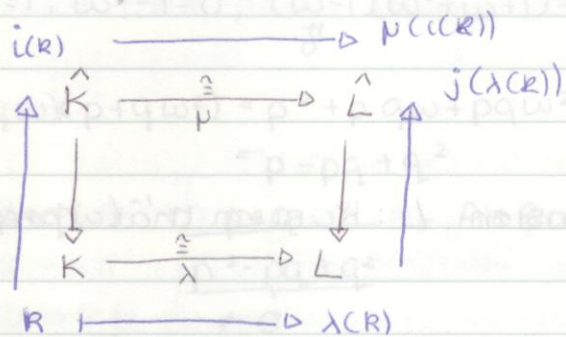
$\mathbb{R} : \mathbb{Q}$  is not simple

$\mathbb{Q}(\alpha)$  countable,  $\mathbb{R}$  uncountable  $\Rightarrow \mathbb{R} \neq \mathbb{Q}(\alpha)$ .



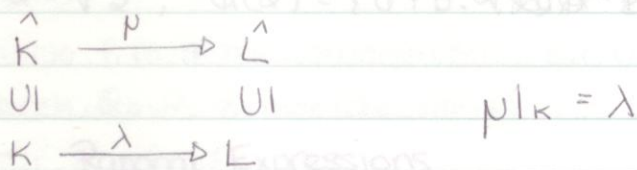
Definition:

An isomorphism between two field extensions  $\mathbb{B} i: K \rightarrow \hat{K}$  and  $j: L \rightarrow \hat{L}$  is a pair  $\lambda, \mu$  of isomorphisms  $\lambda: K \rightarrow L$ ,  $\mu: \hat{K} \rightarrow \hat{L}$  such that  $\forall k \in K \quad j(\lambda(k)) = \mu(i(k))$

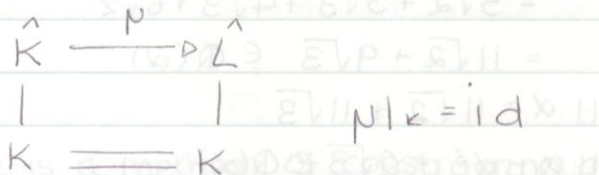


"commutative diagram"

Identify  $K$  with  $i(K)$  and  $L$  with  $j(L)$



If we identify  $K$  and  $L$



eg.  $\mu: \mathbb{Q}(i) \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}(i)$

$$\mu(a+bi) = a-bi$$

$$\mu|_a = id$$

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$k(x) = \text{field of fractions of } k[x]$

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$k[x]$  eg.  $x^2+1, x^2-1, \dots$

$k(x) = \text{field of fractions of } k[x]$

## Algebraic and Transcendental Extensions

There are two distinct types of simple extensions:

**Definition:**

Let  $K$  be a subfield of  $\mathbb{C}$  and let  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$ . Then  $\alpha$  is algebraic over  $K$  if there exists a non-zero polynomial over  $K$  such that  $p(\alpha) = 0$ . Otherwise,  $\alpha$  is transcendental.

**Note:** We shorten algebraic over  $\mathbb{Q}$  to algebraic and transcendental over  $\mathbb{Q}$  to transcendental.

**Example:**

1. The number  $\alpha = \sqrt{2}$  is algebraic (over  $\mathbb{Q}$ ) because  $\alpha^2 - 2 = 0$

2. The number  $\alpha = \sqrt[3]{2}$  is algebraic because  $\alpha^3 - 2 = 0$

3.  $\pi$  is transcendental (proof later)

4.  $\alpha = \sqrt{\pi}$  is algebraic over  $\mathbb{Q}(\pi)$  because  $\alpha^2 - \pi = 0$

5.  $\alpha = \sqrt{\pi}$  is transcendental over  $\mathbb{Q}$

Suppose  $p(\sqrt{\pi}) = 0$ ,  $p(t) \neq 0$

$$p(\sqrt{\pi}) = \underbrace{a(\pi)}_{\text{even degree}} + \underbrace{\sqrt{\pi} b(\pi)}_{\text{odd degree}} = 0$$

$$a(\pi) = -\sqrt{\pi} b(\pi)$$

$$a^2(\pi) = \pi b^2(\pi)$$

$$a^2(\pi) - \pi b^2(\pi) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow f(\pi) = 0 \text{ for } f(t) = \underbrace{a^2(t)}_{\text{even}} - \underbrace{t b^2(t)}_{\text{odd}} \neq 0$$

~~$\Rightarrow \pi$  is algebraic, contradiction~~

**Theorem:**

$K(t)$ , the field of rational expressions of  $K[t]$  is a simple

transcendental extension of  $K \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ .

Proof:  $K(t):K$  is clearly a simple extension generated by  $t$ .  
 $p$ , polynomial over  $K$  st  $p(t) = 0$   
 $p = 0$  by defn of  $K(t)$ , so it is transcendental.

### The Minimal Polynomial

Definition:

A polynomial  $f(t) = a_0 + a_1t + \dots + a_nt^n$  over a subfield  $K$  of  $\mathbb{C}$  is monic if  $a_n = 1$ .

Clearly, every polynomial is a constant multiple of some monic polynomial and for a non-zero polynomial this monic polynomial is unique.

Suppose that  $K(\alpha):K$  is a simple algebraic extension.

there is a polynomial  $p$  over  $K$  such that  $p(\alpha) = 0$ . We may ~~assume~~

~~assume~~ suppose that  $p$  is monic.

Therefore there exists at least one monic polynomial of smallest degree that has  $\alpha$  as a zero.

We claim  $p$  is unique.

Suppose  $p, q$  are two such polynomials.

Then  $p(\alpha) - q(\alpha) = 0$ , so if  $p \neq q$  then some constant multiple of  $p - q$  is a monic polynomial with  $\alpha$  as a zero, contrary to the definition.

Definition:

Let  $L:K$  be a field extension and suppose that  $\alpha \in L$  is algebraic over  $K$ . Then the minimal polynomial of  $\alpha$  over  $K$  is the unique monic polynomial  $m$  over  $K$  of smallest degree such that  $m(\alpha) = 0$ .

**Example:**  $i \in \mathbb{C}$  is algebraic over  $\mathbb{R}$

$$m(t) = t^2 + 1 \quad m \text{ is monic}$$

$$m(i) = i^2 + 1 = 0$$

are there are monic polynomials of smaller degree st  $i$  is a zero.

$t+r, 1$  are only options (if minimal polynomial  $\Rightarrow i \in \mathbb{R}$ )  
 $\Rightarrow$  minimal polynomial of  $i$  over  $\mathbb{R}$  is  $m(t) = t^2 + 1$ .

**Lemma:**

If  $\alpha$  is algebraic over  $K \subseteq \mathbb{C}$  subfield, then  $m_\alpha$  is irreducible over  $K$ .  $m_\alpha$  divides every polynomial of which  $\alpha$  is a zero.

**Proof:** Suppose  $m_\alpha$  is reducible,  $m = fg$ ,  $\partial f < \partial m$ ,  $\partial g < \partial m$

assume  $f, g$  are monic

$$m(\alpha) = 0, f(\alpha)g(\alpha) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow f(\alpha) = 0 \text{ or } g(\alpha) = 0$$

contradiction to definition of  $m_\alpha$ .

Let  $p$  be a polynomial over  $K$  st  $p(\alpha) = 0$

$\exists$  polynomials  $q, r$  st  $p = qm + r$ ,  $\partial r < \partial m$

$$p(\alpha) = q(\alpha)m(\alpha) + r(\alpha) = 0 \Rightarrow r(\alpha) = 0$$

If  $r \neq 0$ , contradiction

$$\Rightarrow r = 0, \Rightarrow p = qm \Rightarrow m \mid p.$$

**Theorem**

$K \subseteq \mathbb{C}$  subfield and  $m$  is irreducible, monic polynomial over  $K$ .

Then  $\exists \alpha \in \mathbb{C}$  such that  $\alpha$  is algebraic over  $K$  and  $m$  is minimal polynomial of  $\alpha$ .

**Proof:** Let  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$  such that  $m(\alpha) = 0 \Rightarrow m_\alpha \mid m$  but  $m$  monic irreducible  
 $\Rightarrow m_\alpha = m$ .

It turns out that finding the minimal polynomial of some  $\alpha$  is a fundamental bit of calculation. This tells us ~~what~~ what to do: find some polynomial  $f$  such that  $f(\alpha) = 0$  and check for irreducibility.

If  $f$  is irreducible then  $f$  is the minimal polynomial.  
If not factorise to get poly  $g$  of smaller degree such that  $g(\alpha) = 0$

**Example:** Minimal polynomial  $\sqrt[3]{2}$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$

$$\alpha = \sqrt[3]{2}$$

$$\alpha^3 - 2 = 0$$

$$f(t) = t^3 - 2, f(\alpha) = 0$$

$f$  irreducible (Eisenstein's prime 2) so  $f$  is minimal polynomial

**Example:** Minimal polynomial  $\alpha = i + \sqrt{2}$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$

$$\alpha^2 = -1 + 2 + 2i\sqrt{2}$$

$$\alpha^2 - 1 = 2i\sqrt{2}$$

$$(\alpha^2 - 1)^2 = -8$$

$$\alpha^4 - 2\alpha^2 + 9 = 0$$

$$\text{If } f(t) = t^4 - 2t^2 + 9, f(\alpha) = 0$$

Clearly no linear factors since roots are  $\pm i \pm \sqrt{2}$

Quadratic factor would have to be of the form

$$(t^2 + (a \pm i \pm \sqrt{2})t + (b \pm i \pm \sqrt{2}))$$

Check this never  $\in \mathbb{Q}[t]$  (look at coeffs of  $t$  and constants)

$\therefore f$  irreducible, so  $f$  minimal polynomial.

**Recall:**

$R$  ring,  $I \triangleleft R$

$\uparrow$   
ideal

$$r_1, r_2 \in I \Rightarrow r_1 - r_2 \in I$$

$$r \in I, r \in R \Rightarrow r \in I$$

eg.  $6\mathbb{Z} \triangleleft \mathbb{Z}$

If  $r \in R$  then  $rR = \{rs : s \in R\} \triangleleft R$

The quotient ring  $R/I$  has elements which are cosets

$$I + r = \{i + r : i \in I\}$$

$$(I + r) + (I + s) = I + (r + s)$$

$$(I + r)(I + s) = I + rs$$

Why do these operations make sense?

$$I+r = I+r' \quad (\text{eg } 6\mathbb{Z}+1 = 6\mathbb{Z}+7)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow i'+r' = i+r$$

$$r' = i' - i + r$$

$$r' - r = i' - i \in I$$

Hence  $I+r = I+i+r'$ ,  $I+s = I+i+s'$  then

$$(r'+s') - (r+s) = (r'-r) + (s'-s) \in I$$

Thus  $I+(r'+s') = I+(r+s)$   $\therefore$  addition is well defined.

Similarly  $r's' - rs = r's - r's' + r's' - rs$

$$= r'(s'-s) + (r'-r)s \in I$$

$\therefore I+rs = I+r's'$  multiplication is well defined.

$\varphi$  is also surjective (since any element of  $R/I$  is of the form  $I+r$ )

Check ring axioms.

The zero is  $I+0 = I$ .

**Example:**  $\mathbb{Z}/6\mathbb{Z} = \{6\mathbb{Z}, 6\mathbb{Z}+1, 6\mathbb{Z}+2, 6\mathbb{Z}+3, 6\mathbb{Z}+4, 6\mathbb{Z}+5\}$   
 $= \{\bar{0}, \bar{1}, \bar{2}, \bar{3}, \bar{4}, \bar{5}\}$

$$\bar{4} \times \bar{3} = (6\mathbb{Z}+4)(6\mathbb{Z}+3)$$

$$= 6\mathbb{Z}+12 = 6\mathbb{Z} = \bar{0}$$

There is a ring homomorphism  $\varphi: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/6\mathbb{Z}$  given by  $\varphi(r) = I+r$

eg:  $\varphi: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/6\mathbb{Z}$  sends  $a$  to  $a \pmod{6}$

$$5 \mapsto \bar{5}$$

$$11 \mapsto \bar{5}$$

$$\text{Ker } \varphi = I$$

It is useful to have a unique way of representing elements in  $R/I$  as  $I+r$ .

eg. for  $\mathbb{Z}/6\mathbb{Z} = \{\bar{0}, \bar{1}, \bar{2}, \bar{3}, \bar{4}, \bar{5}\}$ .

This is well defined: if  $\bar{f} = \bar{g}$  then  $f - g \in I$ , then  $g + f \in I$ .

**Lemma:** Let  $f \in K[t]$ . Then  $\bar{f} = \bar{g}$  if and only if  $f - g \in I$ .

$$\bar{f} = \bar{g} \Leftrightarrow f - g \in I$$

Let  $m \in K[t]$ . Then each element of  $K[t]/(m) = (m) = mK[t]$  can be written uniquely as  $(m) + f(t)$ , where  $\partial f < \partial m$ .

Any ring homomorphism  $\varphi: K[t] \rightarrow R$  with  $\varphi(m) = 0$  factors through  $K[t]/(m)$ .

Then  $\varphi$  induces an isomorphism  $\bar{\varphi}: K[t]/(m) \rightarrow R$ .

eg.  $\mathbb{R}[t]/(t^2+1) = \{(t^2+1) + at + b : a, b \in \mathbb{R}\}$

$= \{ \overline{at+b} : a, b \in \mathbb{R} \} \cong \mathbb{C}$

$(t+1)(t+2) = \overline{t^2+3t+2}$

$= \overline{(t^2+1) + (3t+1)}$

$= \overline{3t+1}$

Proof: Let  $(m) + f(t)$  be any element of  $K[t]/(m)$ .

Write  $f(t) = m(t) + q(t) + r(t)$  where  $\deg r < \deg m$ .

Then  $(m) + f(t) = (m) + r(t)$ , i.e. every coset is of required form.

Suppose  $(m) + f(t) = (m) + g(t)$  where  $\deg f, \deg g < \deg m$ .

Then  $f(t) - g(t) \in (m)$ .

$f(t) - g(t) = m(t)s(t) \Rightarrow s(t) = 0$

$\deg < \deg m$

$\Rightarrow f(t) = g(t)$ .

Theorem:  $K[t]/(m)$  is a field  $\Leftrightarrow m$  is irreducible over  $K$ .

Proof:  $\Leftarrow$  Suppose  $m$  is irreducible. Let  $0 \neq (m) + f \in K[t]/(m)$ .

Then  $m \nmid f$ . Since  $m$  is irreducible, this means  $m$  and  $f$  are coprime.

By Thm 3.9 (book)  $\exists r(t), s(t) \in K[t]$  st  $m(t)r(t) + f(t)s(t) = 1$ .

Then  $((m) + f)((m) + s) = (m) + fs = (m) + 1$

i.e.  $\bar{f}\bar{s} = \bar{1}$

$\Rightarrow$  suppose  $m(t) = f(t)g(t)$

Then  $\bar{0} = (m) + m = ((m) + f)((m) + g) = \bar{f}\bar{g}$

Since  $K[t]/(m)$  is a field,  $\bar{f} = \bar{0}$  or  $\bar{g} = \bar{0}$

i.e.  $f(t) \in (m)$  or  $g(t) \in (m)$

$\therefore$  Factorisation  $m = fg$  is trivial

### Classifying simple extensions

Theorem:

Any simple transcendental extension  $K(\alpha) : K$  is isomorphic to  $K(t) : K$  with an isomorphism  $\phi : K(t) \rightarrow K(\alpha)$  such that

$\varphi(t) = \alpha$  and  $\varphi|_K = \text{id}$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccc} K(t) & \xrightarrow[t \mapsto \alpha]{\varphi} & K(\alpha) \\ | & & | \\ K & \xrightarrow{\text{id}} & K \end{array}$$

**Proof:** define  $\varphi(f(t)/g(t)) = f(\alpha)/g(\alpha)$

This is well defined [since  $\alpha$  is transcendental,  $g(\alpha) \neq 0$ ] and is a ring homomorphism and  $\varphi(K) = K, \forall K \in K$ .

$$\varphi(f(t)/g(t)) = 0 \Rightarrow f(\alpha)/g(\alpha) = 0 \Rightarrow f(\alpha) = 0 \Rightarrow f = 0$$

So  $\text{Ker } \varphi = \{0\}$  and  $\varphi$  is injective.

$\varphi$  is also surjective (since any element of  $K(\alpha)$  is of the form  $f(\alpha)/g(\alpha)$ ),  $\varphi(t) = \alpha$ .

This  $\varphi$  is in the required form.

**Theorem:**

Let  $K(\alpha): K$  be a simple algebraic extension. Let  $m(t)$  be minimal polynomial of  $\alpha$  over  $K$ . Then  $\exists$  an isomorphism  $\varphi: K[t]/(m) \rightarrow K(\alpha)$  st  $\varphi(\bar{t}) = \alpha$  and  $\varphi|_K = \text{id}$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccc} K[t]/(m) & \xrightarrow[\bar{t} \mapsto \alpha]{\varphi} & K(\alpha) \\ | & & | \\ K & \xrightarrow{\text{id}} & K \end{array}$$

eg.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{R}[t]/(t^2+1) & \xrightarrow[\varphi(a+ib) = a+bi]{\varphi} & \mathbb{R}(i) = \mathbb{C} \\ | & & | \\ \mathbb{R} & \xrightarrow{\text{id}} & \mathbb{R} \end{array}$$

**Proof:** Define  $\varphi: K[t]/(m) \rightarrow K(\alpha)$  by  $\varphi(\bar{f}) = f(\alpha)$

This is well defined: if  $\bar{f} = \bar{g}$  i.e.  $f = (m) + g$ , then  $g - f \in (m)$  say  $g(t) - f(t) = m(t)r(t)$ : Then  $g(\alpha) - f(\alpha) = m(\alpha)r(\alpha) = 0$  so  $f(\alpha) = g(\alpha)$ .

clearly ring homomorphism and is injective

(if  $\varphi(f) = 0$ , then  $f(\alpha) = 0$ , so  $f$  is multiple of  $m$ , so  $\bar{f} = \bar{0}$ ).

Then  $\text{Im } \varphi$  is a subfield of  $K(\alpha)$  (since  $K[t]/(m)$  is a field) and it contains  $K$  and  $\alpha = \varphi(\bar{t})$



By definition  $K(\alpha) = \text{Im } \varphi$ .  
 i.e.  $\varphi$  is an isomorphism with required properties.

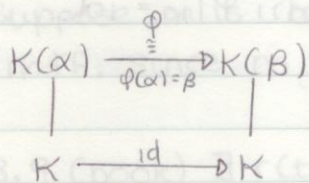
Since every element of  $K[t]$  is uniquely of the form  
 $(m) + f(t)$   $\partial f < \partial m (= n)$  i.e.  $a_0 + a_1 t + \dots + a_{n-1} t^{n-1}$   
 any element of  $K(\alpha)$  is uniquely of the form  
 $a_0 + a_1 \alpha + \dots + a_{n-1} \alpha^{n-1}$ .

[c.f.  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}) = \{a + b\sqrt{2} : a, b \in \mathbb{Q}\}$ , we showed this directly by  
 showing  $(a + b\sqrt{2})^{-1}$  is of the form  $x + y\sqrt{2}$ , but it now  
 follows immediately from the result]

eg.  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{2}) = \{a + b\sqrt[3]{2} + c(\sqrt[3]{2})^2 : a, b, c \in \mathbb{Q}\}$

Corollary:

Suppose  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  have the same minimum polynomial over  $K$   
 Then  $\exists$  an isomorphism  $\varphi : K(\alpha) \rightarrow K(\beta)$  st  $\varphi|_K = \text{id}$  and  
 $\varphi(\alpha) = \beta$ .



eg.  $\alpha = \sqrt[3]{2}$   $\beta = \sqrt[3]{2}\omega$   $\omega = e^{2\pi i/3}$

$\alpha$  and  $\beta$  both have the minimal polynomial  $t^3 - 2$

$\mathbb{Q}(\alpha) \cong \mathbb{Q}(\beta)$

$\alpha \mapsto \beta$   
 $q \mapsto q$

Lemma:

Let  $\alpha$  be algebraic over  $K$ , with minimal polynomial  $m$  of degree  $n$ .  
 Then  $\{1, \alpha, \alpha^2, \dots, \alpha^{n-1}\}$  is a  $K$ -basis for  $K(\alpha)$   
 i.e. every element of  $K(\alpha)$  can be written uniquely as  
 $k_0 + k_1 \alpha + \dots + k_{n-1} \alpha^{n-1}$  ( $k_i \in K$ )

Proof: Restatement of previous lemma:  $T \cong \mathbb{Q}[x]/(m(x))$

eg.  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}) = \{a + b\sqrt{2} : a, b \in \mathbb{Q}\}$   $K$  is the dimension of  $L$  as a vector space

$\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{2}) = \{a + b\sqrt[3]{2} + c\sqrt[3]{4} : a, b, c \in \mathbb{Q}\}$

$w = e^{2\pi i/3}$

$w^3 = 1$

$w^3 - 1 = 0$

$(w-1)(w^2 + w + 1) = 0$

so min poly  $t^2 + t + 1$

$\mathbb{Q}(w) = \{a + bw : a, b \in \mathbb{Q}\}$  ← unique

if  $K, L = \{a + bw + cw^2 : a, b, c \in \mathbb{Q}\}$

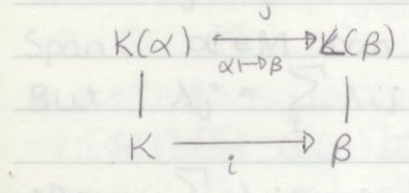
Definition:

Let  $i: K \rightarrow L$  be a field <sup>mono</sup> isomorphism. Then there exists an <sup>mono</sup> isomorphism  $\hat{i}: K[t] \rightarrow L[t]$  given by  $\hat{i}(a_0 + a_1t + \dots + a_nt^n) = i(a_0) + i(a_1)t + \dots + i(a_n)t^n$

Usually write  $i$  instead of  $\hat{i}$

Theorem:

Suppose  $K, L \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $i: K \rightarrow L$  is an isomorphism. Let  $K(\alpha): K$  and  $L(\beta): L$  be simple algebraic extensions and st  $\hat{i}(m_\alpha) = m_\beta$ , where  $m_\alpha$  and  $m_\beta$  are the minimal polynomials of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  respectively. Then  $\exists$  an isomorphism  $j: K(\alpha) \rightarrow L(\beta)$  st  $j(\alpha) = \beta$  and  $j|_K = i$

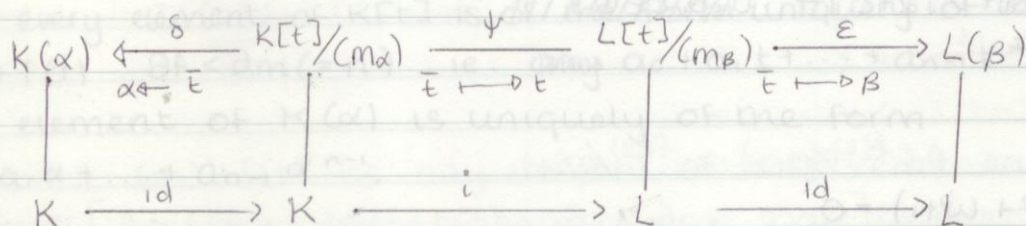


Proof:  $K[t] \xrightarrow{\hat{i}} L[t] \xrightarrow{\pi} L[t]/(m_\beta)$   $\phi$  is a surjective homomorphism

Example:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Ker } \phi &= \{f(t) \in K[t] : \phi(f) = 0\} \\
 &= \{f(t) \in K[t] : \pi(\hat{i}(f)) = 0\} \\
 &= \{f(t) \in K[t] : i(f) = m_\beta(t)r(t)\} \\
 &= \{f(t) \in K[t] : f = m_\alpha(t)s(t)\} = (m_\alpha)
 \end{aligned}$$

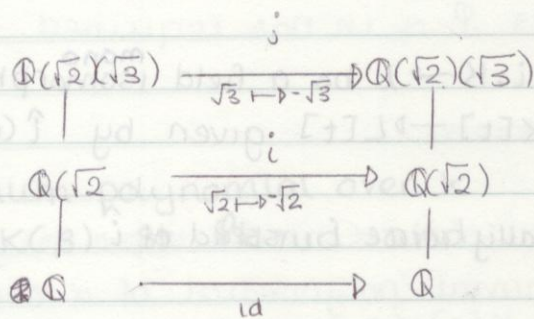
1<sup>st</sup> isomorphism theorem:  $K[t]/\ker \phi \cong \text{Im } \phi$   
 $K[t]/(m_\alpha) \cong L[t]/(m_\beta)$        $\psi(\bar{t}) = \bar{t}$   
 $\psi(\bar{k}) = i(\bar{k})$



Let  $j = \varepsilon \psi \delta^{-1}: K(\alpha) \rightarrow L(\beta)$   
 $j(\alpha) = \varepsilon \psi \delta^{-1}(\alpha) = \varepsilon \psi(\bar{t}) = \varepsilon(\bar{t}) = \beta$   
 $j|_K = \text{id} \circ \text{id} = i$

$j$  is required isomorphism

Example:  $i: \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}) \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})$



$i(a+b\sqrt{2}) = a-b\sqrt{2}$

Consider  $\alpha = \sqrt{3}$ ,  $\beta = \sqrt{3}$

$m_\alpha = t^2 - 3$        $m_\beta = t^2 - 3$

over  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})$       over  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})$

ie  $\exists$  an isomorphism  $j: \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3}) \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3})$  st  $j(\sqrt{3}) = -\sqrt{3}$

$j(\sqrt{2}) = -\sqrt{2}$

$j$  is in fact an element of the Galois group of  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3}) : \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})$

### DEGREE!

Theorem:

If  $L:K$  is a field extension, then  $L$  forms a vector space over  $K$ .

Proof: We have addition on  $L: L_1 + L_2$

If  $\lambda \in K$ ,  $L \in L$  then  $\lambda L \in L$  using field multiplication.

Easy check that normal vector space rules apply.

To get a vector space we just 'forget' some of the structure.

Definition:

The degree of the extension  $L:K$  is the dimension of  $L$  as a vector space over  $K$ , denoted  $[L:K]$ .

eg.  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}):\mathbb{Q}$ ,  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}) = \{a+b\sqrt{2} : a, b \in \mathbb{Q}\}$

$\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})$  has a basis over  $\mathbb{Q} = \{1, \sqrt{2}\}$  so  $[\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}):\mathbb{Q}] = 2$ .

Theorem: (Short Tower Law)

If  $K, L, M$  are subfields of  $\mathbb{C}$  and  $K \subseteq L \subseteq M$  then

$$[M:K] = [M:L][L:K]$$

Proof: Let  $[M:L] = d$ ,  $[L:K] = e$

$\{x_1, \dots, x_d\}$  basis for  $M$  over  $L$  as a vector space over  $L$

$\{y_1, \dots, y_e\}$  basis for  $L$  as a vector space over  $K$

Want to show  $\{x_i y_j\}_{\substack{1 \leq i \leq d \\ 1 \leq j \leq e}}$  is a basis for  $M$  as a vector space over  $K$ .

Need to prove linear independence and spanning.

$$\text{LI: } \sum_{i,j} k_{ij} x_i y_j = 0 \quad (k_{ij} \in K)$$

$$\sum_j \underbrace{\left( \sum_i k_{ij} x_i \right)}_{\in L} \underbrace{y_j}_{\text{LI}} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_i \underbrace{k_{ij}}_{\in M} \underbrace{x_i}_{\text{LI}} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow k_{ij} = 0$$

Span:  $x \in M$  can be written  $x = \sum_j \lambda_j y_j$   $\lambda_j \in L$

But  $\lambda_j = \sum_i \lambda_{ij} x_i$   $\lambda_{ij} \in K$ .

$$\Rightarrow x = \sum_{i,j} \lambda_{ij} x_i y_j$$

Example:  $[\mathbb{Q}(i, \sqrt{2}):\mathbb{Q}] = [\mathbb{Q}(i, \sqrt{2}):\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})][\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}):\mathbb{Q}]$

have already shown that  $[\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}):\mathbb{Q}] = 2$ .

Want to show  $\{1, i\}$  is a basis for  $\mathbb{Q}(i, \sqrt{2})$  over  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{span: } \mathbb{Q}(i, \sqrt{2}) &= a + bi + c\sqrt{2} + di\sqrt{2} \\ &= \underbrace{(a + c\sqrt{2})}_{\in \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})} + \underbrace{(b + d\sqrt{2})i}_{\in \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{LI: } a + c\sqrt{2} + (b + d\sqrt{2})i &= 0 \\
 \Rightarrow a + c\sqrt{2} = 0, \quad b + d\sqrt{2} &= 0 \\
 \Rightarrow [\mathbb{Q}(i, \sqrt{2}) : \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})] &= 2 \\
 \Rightarrow [\mathbb{Q}(i, \sqrt{2}) : \mathbb{Q}] &= 2 \times 2 = 4.
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l}
 \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}, i) \\
 | \\
 \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}) \\
 | \\
 \mathbb{Q}
 \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l}
 \{1, i\} \\
 \{1, \sqrt{2}\}
 \end{array} \rightarrow \{1 \times 1, 1 \times \sqrt{2}, i \times 1, i \times \sqrt{2}\} = \{1, \sqrt{2}, i, i\sqrt{2}\}$$

**Note:** The tower law is analogous to Lagrange's theorem

$$|G/M| = |G/N| |N/M|$$

Corollary:

If  $K_0 \subseteq K_1 \subseteq \dots \subseteq K_n$  are subfields of  $\mathbb{C}$ , then

$$[K_n : K_0] = [K_n : K_{n-1}] [K_{n-1} : K_{n-2}] \dots [K_1 : K_0]$$

**Proof:** Induction on  $n$ .

**Proposition:**

Let  $K(\alpha) : K$  be a simple extension. If it is transcendental, then  $[K(\alpha) : K] = \infty$ . If it is algebraic, then  $[K(\alpha) : K] = \deg \alpha$ .

**Proof:** If  $K(\alpha) : K$  is transcendental

claim: The set  $\{1, \alpha, \dots, \alpha^n\}$  is LI over  $K$  for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$

Proof of claim: Assume  $\{1, \alpha, \dots, \alpha^n\}$  is not LI over  $K$ .

ie  $\exists k_i \in K$  (not all  $k_i = 0$ ) st  $k_0 + k_1\alpha + \dots + k_n\alpha^n = 0$

$\Rightarrow \alpha$  is root of  $k_0 + k_1t + \dots + k_nt^n \neq 0$

contradiction.

So  $\{1, \alpha, \dots, \alpha^n\}$  lies in  $K(\alpha)$  and is LI  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Since  $n$  arbitrary, this means we can find an arbitrary large set in  $K(\alpha)$  which is LI.

$\Rightarrow [K(\alpha) : K] > n \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

$\Rightarrow [K(\alpha) : K] = \infty$

If  $K(\alpha):K$  is algebraic, then by Lemma 5.14  $\{1, \alpha, \dots, \alpha^{n-1}\}$  is a basis for  $K(\alpha)$  over  $K$  where  $n$  is the degree of  $m_\alpha$  over  $K$ . So  $[K(\alpha):K] = \deg m_\alpha$ .

**Example:** Find  $[\mathbb{Q}(i+\sqrt{3}):\mathbb{Q}]$

$$\alpha = i + \sqrt{3}$$

$$\alpha^2 = 2 + 2i\sqrt{3}$$

$$\alpha^2 - 2 = 2i\sqrt{3}$$

$$(\alpha^2 - 2)^2 = -12$$

$$\alpha^4 - 4\alpha^2 + 16 = 0$$

Let  $f(t) = t^4 - 4t^2 + 16$ .  $f$  is monic,  $f(\alpha) = 0$ . Need to show  $f$  is irreducible over  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

$$\text{Let } y = t^2 \Rightarrow y^2 - 4y + 16 = 0$$

$$t^2 = y = \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{16 - 4 \cdot 16}}{2}$$

roots of  $f(t)$  are  $\pm\sqrt{3} \pm i \in \mathbb{Q}$  so no linear factors in  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

Quadratic factors would have to be of the form

$$(t - (\pm\sqrt{3} \pm i))(t - (\pm\sqrt{3} \pm i)) \text{ this is not possible in } \mathbb{Q}[t].$$

$\Rightarrow f(t)$  irreducible.

$$f(t) = m_\alpha$$

$$\deg f = 4 \Rightarrow [\mathbb{Q}(i+\sqrt{3}):\mathbb{Q}] = 4$$

**Alternative method:**

Claim:  $\mathbb{Q}(i+\sqrt{3}) = \mathbb{Q}(i, \sqrt{3})$  check

$$(i+\sqrt{3})^{-1} = \frac{1}{i+\sqrt{3}} \times \frac{i-\sqrt{3}}{i-\sqrt{3}} = \frac{i-\sqrt{3}}{-1-3} = \frac{1}{4}(\sqrt{3}-i)$$

$$[\mathbb{Q}(i, \sqrt{3}):\mathbb{Q}] = [\mathbb{Q}(i, \sqrt{3}):\mathbb{Q}(i)][\mathbb{Q}(i):\mathbb{Q}]$$

$m = t^2 + 1$  min polynomial for  $i$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$

$$\Rightarrow [\mathbb{Q}(i):\mathbb{Q}] = 2$$

$p = t^2 - 3$  is min polynomial for  $\sqrt{3}$  over  $\mathbb{Q}(i)$  ( $\mathbb{Q}(i, \sqrt{3}) = \mathbb{Q}(i)(\sqrt{3})$ )

$$\Rightarrow [\mathbb{Q}(i, \sqrt{3}):\mathbb{Q}(i)] = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow [\mathbb{Q}(i, \sqrt{3}):\mathbb{Q}] = 2 \times 2 = 4.$$

**Definition:**

An extension is called finite if it has finite degree.

**Definition:** An extension  $L:K$  is algebraic if every element of  $L$  is algebraic over  $K$ .

eg. Any finite extension  $L:K$  is algebraic. ~~Let~~

Let  $\alpha \in L$  and let  $[L:K] < \infty$ .

Then the set  $\{1, \alpha, \dots, \alpha^n\}$  is a set of size  $n+1$  in a vector space ~~over~~  $K(\alpha)$  of degree  $\leq n$  over  $K$ .

Then the set is linearly dependent over  $K$ .

i.e.  $\exists k_i \in K$  (not all 0) st  $\sum_{i=0}^n k_i \alpha^i = 0$

$f(t) = \sum_{i=0}^n k_i t^i$   $f \neq 0$   $f(\alpha) = 0 \Rightarrow \alpha$  algebraic over  $K$ .

eg.  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}):\mathbb{Q}$  is algebraic

Any simple algebraic extension is algebraic

eg. Let  $L = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}, \sqrt[3]{2}, \sqrt[4]{2}, \sqrt[5]{2}, \dots)$

Claim i)  $L:\mathbb{Q}$  algebraic

ii)  $[L:\mathbb{Q}] = \infty$

i) Let  $\alpha \in L$ . Then  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}, \sqrt[3]{2}, \dots, \sqrt[n]{2})$  for some  $n$ .

eg  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}, \sqrt[3]{2}, \sqrt[4]{2})$

$$[\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}, \sqrt[3]{2}, \sqrt[4]{2}) : \mathbb{Q}] \leq 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 = 24$$

$$[\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}, \sqrt[3]{2}) : \mathbb{Q}] \leq 3 \cdot 2 = 6$$

$$[\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}) : \mathbb{Q}] = 2$$

By tower law

$$[\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}, \dots, \sqrt[n]{2}) : \mathbb{Q}] \leq n! < \infty$$

$\alpha$  is algebraic over  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

ii) Let  $L:K$  be a simple extension. If it is transcendental, then

$$[L:K] = \infty. \text{ If } [L:\mathbb{Q}] = [L:\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})][\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}):\mathbb{Q}]$$

$$[\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}):\mathbb{Q}] \geq 1 \times n = n \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

$$\Rightarrow [L:\mathbb{Q}] = \infty$$

Lemma:

$[L:K] < \infty \Leftrightarrow L:K$  algebraic and  $L:K$  is finitely generated.

Proof:  $\Rightarrow$  We already saw  $L:K$  algebraic

Let  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n$  be  $K$ -basis for  $L$  then  $L = K(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)$  so

$L$  is finitely generated over  $K$ .

$\Leftarrow$  Suppose  $L:K$  algebraic and finitely generated.

Say  $L = K(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_r)$

Then  $[L:K] = [K(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_r) : K(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{r-1})] \times \dots \times [K(\alpha_1) : K]$

Since  $L:K$  is algebraic each  $[K(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{r-1}, \alpha_r) : K(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{r-1})] < \infty$

By tower law  $[L:K] < \infty$ .

## Polynomials and Extensions

Definition:

Let  $L:K$  be a field extension, ( $L \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ ).

A  $K$ -automorphism of  $L$  is a field automorphism  $\alpha: L \rightarrow L$   
s.t.  $\alpha(k) = k \quad \forall k \in K$

(we say  $\alpha$  fixes  $K$ ).

$$\begin{array}{ccc} L & \xrightarrow{\alpha} & L \\ | & & | \\ K & \xrightarrow{\text{id}} & K \end{array}$$

(ie it is an automorphism of the extension)

Theorem:

The set of  $K$ -auts of  $L$  forms a group under composition of mappings.

Proof: Suppose  $\alpha, \beta$  are  $K$ -auts of  $L$

Then  $\alpha \circ \beta: L \rightarrow L$  which is again a field homomorphism and bijective and  $\forall k \in K \quad (\alpha \circ \beta)(k) = \alpha(\beta(k)) = \alpha(k) = k$

ie  $\alpha \circ \beta$  is a  $K$ -aut of  $L$ .

$\text{id}: L \rightarrow L$  by  $\text{id}(x) = x \quad \forall x \in L$

$\text{id}$  is clearly a  $K$ -aut of  $L$ .

Composition of maps is associative.

if  $\alpha$  is a  $K$ -aut of  $L$ , since  $\alpha$  is bijective there is an inverse map  $\alpha^{-1}: L \rightarrow L$ .  $\alpha^{-1}$  is again a field homomorphism

$$\begin{aligned} \text{eg. } \alpha(\alpha^{-1}(x) + \alpha^{-1}(y)) &= \alpha(\alpha^{-1}(x)) + \alpha(\alpha^{-1}(y)) \\ &= x + y \end{aligned}$$

so  $\alpha^{-1}(x+y) = \alpha^{-1}(x) + \alpha^{-1}(y)$ .



Also ~~then~~  $\forall x \in K \quad \alpha(\alpha^{-1}(x)) = x$  so  $\alpha^{-1}(\alpha(x)) = x$ .

ie  $\alpha^{-1}$  is a  $K$ -aut of  $L$ .

Definition:

The Galois Group  $\Gamma(L:K)$  of the extension  $L:K$  is the group of  $K$ -automorphisms of  $L$ .

Example:  $\Gamma(\mathbb{C}:\mathbb{R})$

Let  $\alpha: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be an  $\mathbb{R}$ -aut of  $\mathbb{C}$ .

$$\alpha(i)^2 = \alpha(i^2) = \alpha(-1) = -1$$

$$\alpha(i) = \pm i$$

There are only two possible  $\mathbb{R}$ -auts of  $\mathbb{C}$ :

$\alpha_1$  where  $\alpha_1(i) = i$  and  $\alpha_2$  where  $\alpha_2(i) = -i$

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_1(a+bi) &= \alpha_1(a) + \alpha_1(b)\alpha_1(i) \\ &= a+bi \end{aligned}$$

ie  $\alpha_1 = \text{id}$

Then identity is an  $\mathbb{R}$ -aut of  $\mathbb{C}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_2(a+bi) &= a + b\alpha_2(i) \\ &= a - bi \end{aligned}$$

Is this an  $\mathbb{R}$ -aut of  $\mathbb{C}$ ?

Yes, complex conjugation is a field automorphism.

$$\overline{z\bar{w}} = \overline{z}\bar{\bar{w}}, \quad \overline{z+w} = \overline{z} + \overline{w} \quad \overline{\bar{r}} = r \quad \forall r \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\alpha_2 \in \Gamma(\mathbb{C}:\mathbb{R})$$

$$\Gamma(\mathbb{C}:\mathbb{R}) = \{\text{id}, \alpha_2\} \cong C_2$$

Example:  $\Gamma(\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{2}):\mathbb{Q})$

Let  $\alpha: \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{2}) \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{2})$  be a  $\mathbb{Q}$ -aut

$$\alpha(\sqrt[3]{2})^3 = \alpha((\sqrt[3]{2})^3) = \alpha(2) = 2$$

$\therefore \alpha(\sqrt[3]{2})$  is a <sup>cube</sup> root of 2 inside  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{2}) \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ .

$$\therefore \alpha(\sqrt[3]{2}) = \sqrt[3]{2}$$

$$\alpha(a + b\sqrt[3]{2} + c(\sqrt[3]{2})^2) = a + b\sqrt[3]{2} + c(\sqrt[3]{2})^2$$

ie  $\alpha = \text{id}$

$$\Gamma(\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{2}):\mathbb{Q}) = \{\text{id}\}$$

**Example:**  $G = \Gamma(\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3}) : \mathbb{Q})$

If  $\alpha \in G$ , then  $\alpha(\sqrt{2}) = \pm\sqrt{2}$ ,  $\alpha(\sqrt{3}) = \pm\sqrt{3}$ .

$\alpha(\sqrt{2})$  and  $\alpha(\sqrt{3})$  determine  $\alpha$  completely.

This gives 4 possible elements of  $G$ :

$$\text{id} : \sqrt{2} \mapsto \sqrt{2} \quad \sqrt{3} \mapsto \sqrt{3}$$

$$\alpha_1 : \sqrt{2} \mapsto \sqrt{2} \quad \sqrt{3} \mapsto -\sqrt{3}$$

$$\alpha_2 : \sqrt{2} \mapsto -\sqrt{2} \quad \sqrt{3} \mapsto \sqrt{3}$$

$$\alpha_3 : \sqrt{2} \mapsto -\sqrt{2} \quad \sqrt{3} \mapsto -\sqrt{3}$$

Are these all in  $G$ ?

eg  $\alpha_3$   $\sqrt{2}$  and  $-\sqrt{2}$  have the same min polynomial  $t^2 - 2$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

By 5.13  $\exists \phi : \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}) \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}(-\sqrt{2})$  st  $\phi(\sqrt{2}) = -\sqrt{2}$  and  $\phi|_{\mathbb{Q}} = \text{id}$ .

$\sqrt{3}$  and  $-\sqrt{3}$  have the same min poly  $t^2 - 3$  over  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})$

(need to check this is irreducible over  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})$ ). Use 5.13.

$$\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3}) \xrightarrow[\sqrt{3} \mapsto -\sqrt{3}]{\alpha_3} \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}, -\sqrt{3})$$

$$\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}) \xrightarrow[\sqrt{2} \mapsto -\sqrt{2}]{\phi} \mathbb{Q}(-\sqrt{2}) = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})$$

$$\mathbb{Q} \xrightarrow{\text{id}} \mathbb{Q}$$

$$\Gamma(\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3}) : \mathbb{Q}) = \{\text{id}, \alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3\} = C_2 \times C_2$$

$L : K$

$\Gamma(L : K)$  = group of  $K$ -automorphisms of  $L$ .

Main theorem sets up a correspondence between

Correspondence is as follows:

Let  $\mathcal{F} = \{\text{fields } M \text{ st } K \subseteq M \subseteq L\}$  (intermediate field)

If  $K \subseteq H \subseteq L$ ,  $\mathcal{G} = \{H : H \subseteq \Gamma(L : K)\}$  (subgroups of Galois group)

If  $M \in \mathcal{F}$ , define  $M^* = \{g \in \Gamma(L : K) : g(m) = m \ \forall m \in M\}$

Then  $M^* \subseteq \Gamma(L : K)$  in fact  $M^* = \Gamma(L : M)$

If  $H \in \mathcal{G}$ , define  $H^+ = \{x \in L : h(x) = x \ \forall h \in H\}$ .

$*$  and  $+$  are order-reversing i.e.  $M \subseteq N \Rightarrow M^* \supseteq N^*$   
 $H \leq J \Rightarrow H^+ \geq J^+$

(Suppose  $M \subseteq N$  and  $g \in N^*$ . Then  $g(n) = n \forall n \in N$   
 Hence  $g(m) = m \forall m \in M$  so  $g \in M^*$ . Thus  $N^* \subseteq M^*$ )

$$M \subseteq M^{*+}, \quad H \subseteq H^{+*}$$

$M^*$  is group element fixing  $M$

$M^{*+}$  is all field elements fixed by  $M^*$

is all field elements fixed by all groups elements that fix  $M$  includes  $M$ .

Let  $\alpha \in M$

If  $g \in M^*$ , then  $g(\alpha) = \alpha$  (def<sup>n</sup>  $M^*$ )

i.e.  $\forall g \in M^*, g(\alpha) = \alpha$

i.e.  $\alpha \in M^{*+}$

The Fundamental Theorem of Galois Theory shows that, (under some extra hypothesis  $M = M^{*+}$  and  $H = H^{+*}$  for all  $M, H$ )

i.e.  $*$  and  $+$  are mutual inverses:  $*+ = \text{id}_F$

$$+* = \text{id}_G$$

This then means there is a 1-1 order reversing correspondence between intermediate fields and subgroups.

Information can then be transferred from subgroups to fields

eg. what are all subfields of  $\mathbb{Q}$

eg. what are all subfields of  $\mathbb{Q}(i, \sqrt{2})$ ?

The hypothesis needed for the fundamental theorem

So we can use it to answer this.

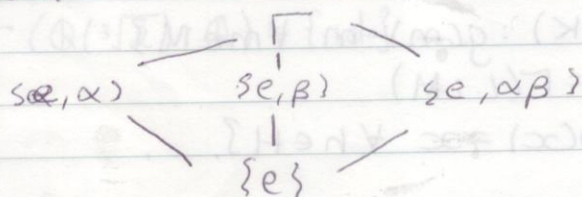
$$\Gamma(\mathbb{Q}(i, \sqrt{2}) : \mathbb{Q}) = \{ \text{id}, \alpha, \beta, \alpha\beta \}$$

$$\alpha(i) = -i \quad \beta(i) = i \quad \alpha\beta(i) = -i$$

$$\alpha(\sqrt{2}) = \sqrt{2} \quad \beta(\sqrt{2}) = -\sqrt{2} \quad \alpha\beta(\sqrt{2}) = -\sqrt{2}$$

$$\alpha(i\sqrt{2}) = -i\sqrt{2} \quad \beta(i\sqrt{2}) = -i\sqrt{2} \quad \alpha\beta(i\sqrt{2}) = i\sqrt{2}$$

What is  $G$ ?



By Fundamental Theorem  $\mathbb{H} \neq \mathbb{F} = \mathbb{C}$   $\{e, s\}^\dagger = \mathbb{Q}(i, \sqrt{2})$

$\mathbb{H} \neq \mathbb{F} / \mathbb{R}$ .  $\{e, \alpha\}^\dagger = \{x \in \mathbb{Q}(i, \sqrt{2}) \mid \alpha(x) = x\}$   $\{e, \alpha\}^\dagger = \mathbb{Q}(i, \sqrt{2})$   
 $\{e, \alpha\}^\dagger = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})$   $\{e, \beta\}^\dagger = \mathbb{Q}(i)$   $\{e, \alpha\beta\}^\dagger = \mathbb{Q}(i, \sqrt{2})$   
 $\Gamma^\dagger = \mathbb{Q}$

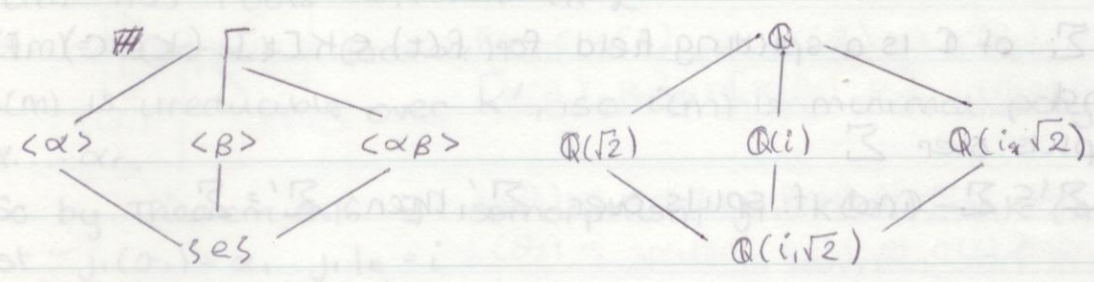
$x = a + bi + c\sqrt{2} + di\sqrt{2}$  ( $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{Q}$ )

$\alpha(x) = a - bi + c\sqrt{2} - di\sqrt{2}$

Since  $\{1, i, \sqrt{2}, i\sqrt{2}\}$   $\mathbb{Q}$  basis

$x = \alpha(x) \iff b = -b, d = -d$

$\iff x = a + c\sqrt{2}$  ( $a, c \in \mathbb{Q}$ ).



### NORMALITY & SEPERABILITY

There are two properties (to do with roots of irreducible polynomials) which  $L:K$  needs for Fundamental Theorem to hold.

#### Splitting fields

Definition:  $\mathbb{H}$

If  $K$  is a subfield of  $\mathbb{C}$ ,  $f$  is a polynomial over  $K$  then  $f$  splits over  $K$  if it can be written as a product of linear factors over  $K$  i.e.  $f(x) = k(x - \alpha_1) \dots (x - \alpha_n)$  for some  $k, \alpha_i \in K$ .

eg.  $x^3 - 1$  splits over  $\mathbb{C}$ .  
 $x^3 - 1 = (x - 1)(x - \omega)(x - \omega^2)$

$x^2 - 2$  splits over  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})$

$$x^2 - 2 = (x - \sqrt{2})(x + \sqrt{2})$$

$x^2 - 2$  does not split over  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

Clearly  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n$  are roots of  $f$  in  $\mathbb{C}$ .

Every polynomial has all its roots in  $\mathbb{C}$ , so  $f$  splits over  $K$  iff all roots lie in  $K$ .

If  $f(t) \in K[t]$  and  $K \subseteq L \subseteq \mathbb{C}$  then  $f$  can be regarded as a polynomial over  $L$  so it makes sense to talk about  $f$  splitting over  $L$ .

**Definition:**

A subfield  $\Sigma$  of  $\mathbb{C}$  is a splitting field for  $f(t) \in K[t]$  ( $K \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ ) if  $K \subseteq \Sigma$  and

1.  $f$  splits over  $\Sigma$
2. If  $K \subseteq \Sigma' \subseteq \Sigma$  and  $f$  splits over  $\Sigma'$  then  $\Sigma' = \Sigma$

**Theorem:**

If  $K \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ ,  $f(t) \in K[t]$  then there exists a unique splitting field  $\Sigma$  for  $f$  over  $K$  and  $[\Sigma : K] < \infty$ .

**Proof:** Let  $f = c(x - \alpha_1) \dots (x - \alpha_n)$  over  $\mathbb{C}$

Let  $\Sigma_1 = K(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)$

Then  $f$  splits over  $\Sigma_1$  and if  $f$  splits over  $\Sigma' \subseteq \Sigma_1$  then by unique factorisation  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n \in \Sigma'$  so  $\Sigma_1 \subseteq K(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) = \Sigma'$

$\therefore \Sigma' = \Sigma_1$

Clearly only field with this property.

$\Sigma_1 = K(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)$

Each  $\alpha_i$  is algebraic over  $K$  i.e. each  $[K(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{i-1})(\alpha_i) : K(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{i-1})] < \infty$

By Tower Law  $[\Sigma_1 : K] < \infty$ .

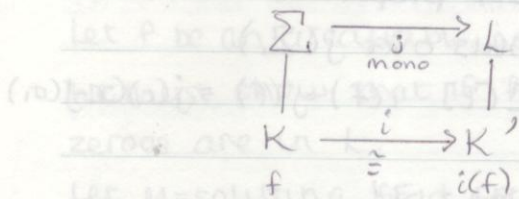
**Lemma:**

Let  $i: K \rightarrow K'$  be an isomorphism of subfields of  $\mathbb{C}$ ,  $f \in K[t]$ .

Let  $\Sigma_1$  be splitting field for  $f$  over  $K$ .

Let  $L \supseteq K'$  be st  $i(f)$  splits over  $L$ .

Then  $\exists$  monomorphism  $j: \Sigma \rightarrow L$  st  $j|_K = i$



**Proof:** Use induction on  $\deg f$ .

Let  $f = c(x - \sigma_1) \dots (x - \sigma_n)$  over  $\Sigma$ .

Let  $m = \text{min poly of } \sigma_1 \text{ over } K$

Then  $m|f$ . Hence  $i(m) | i(f)$  and if  $i(f)$  splits over  $L$  so

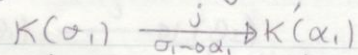
$i(m)$  has roots  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_r$  in  $L$

$i(m) = k(x - \alpha_1) \dots (x - \alpha_r)$ .

$i(m)$  is irreducible over  $K'$ , so  $i(m)$  is minimal poly of  $\alpha_i$  over  $K'$ .

So by Theorem 5.6  $\exists$  isomorphism  $j_1: K(\sigma_1) \rightarrow K'(\alpha_1)$ .

st  $j_1(\sigma_1) = \alpha_1$ ,  $j_1|_K = i$



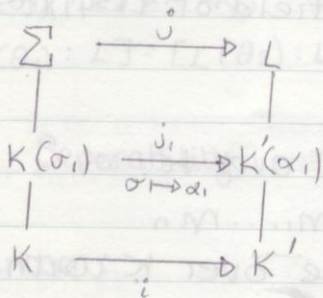
Now let  $g(t) = f(t) / (t - \sigma_1) \in K(\sigma_1)[t]$ .

$\Sigma$  is splitting field of  $g$  over  $K(\sigma_1)$

$j_1(g) \in K'(\alpha_1)[t]$  and  $j_1(g)$  splits over  $L$

$\deg g = n-1$ .

By induction  $\exists j: \Sigma \rightarrow L$  monomorphism st  $j|_{K(\sigma_1)} = j_1$



**Theorem:**

Let  $i: K \rightarrow K'$  be an isomorphism

$f(t) \in K[t]$ , let  $\Sigma$  be splitting field of  $f$

over  $K$  and  $\Sigma'$  the splitting field

of  $i(f)$  over  $K'$ . Then  $\exists$  iso  $j: \Sigma \rightarrow \Sigma'$

st  $j|_K = i$

ie  $\Sigma': K \cong \Sigma': K'$

Proof: By lemma  $\exists$  monomorphism  $J$  with these properties

$$\Sigma \xrightarrow{j} \Sigma'$$

Now  $j(\Sigma) \subseteq \Sigma'$  but  $i(f)$  splits over  $j(\Sigma)$

$$| \quad |$$

$[f(t) = c(x-\sigma_1) \dots (x-\sigma_n) \text{ is } \Sigma[t] \quad i(f) = j(f) = j(c)(x-j(\sigma_1) \dots (x-j(\sigma_n)))]$

$$K \xrightarrow{i} K'$$

Since  $\Sigma'$  splitting field  $j(\Sigma) = \Sigma'$

ie  $J$  surjective so isomorphism.

## Normality

Definition:

A field extension  $L:K$  is normal if any irreducible polynomial over  $K$  with one root in  $L$  splits over  $L$ .

The only obvious normal extension is  $\mathbb{C}:K$ .

$\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{2}):\mathbb{Q}$  is not normal.

$f(t) = t^3 - 2$ . Then  $f$  is irreducible over  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

$f$  has one root in  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{2})$  namely  $\sqrt[3]{2}$ .

$f$  does not split over  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{2})$  because other two roots are complex

$f(t) = t^3 - 2 = (t - \sqrt[3]{2})(t^2 + \sqrt[3]{2}t + \sqrt[3]{4})$ . irreducible over  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{2})$ .

Theorem:  $L:K$  is normal

$L:K$  is normal and finite  $\iff L$  is a splitting field over  $K$ .

(eg  $\mathbb{Q}(i, \sqrt{2}):\mathbb{Q}$  is normal since it is splitting field of  $(t^2+1)(t^2-2)$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$ ).

Proof:  $\implies$  Suppose  $L:K$  normal and finite.

By 6.11  $L = K(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)$  for some  $\alpha_i$  algebraic over  $K$ .

Let  $m_i = \text{min poly of } \alpha_i \text{ over } K$  and let  $f = m_1 \dots m_n$

since  $L:K$  is normal and  $m_i$  is irreducible over  $K$  with one root  $\alpha_i$  in  $L$ ,  $m_i$  splits over  $L$ .

Hence  $f$  splits over  $L$ . Also any field over which  $f$  splits contains  $K$  and  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n$ .

Hence contains  $K(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) = L$ .  $\therefore L$  is splitting field of  $f$  over  $K$ .

⇐ Suppose  $L$  = splitting field of  $g(t) \in K[t]$

$[L:K] < \infty$  since  $L$  is obtained from  $K$  by adjoining the roots of  $g$  i.e. a finite number of algebraic elements.

Let  $f$  be an irreducible polynomial over  $K$ .

We must show that if  $f$  has at least one zero in  $L$  then all its zeros are in  $L$ .

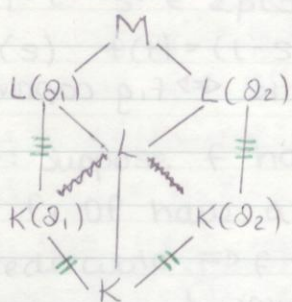
Let  $M$  = splitting field for  $fg$  over  $K$ .

$$M = K(\text{roots of } f, g)$$

Let  $\theta_1, \theta_2$  be two roots of  $f$  in  $M$

We show  $[L(\theta_1):L] = [L(\theta_2):L]$

(this implies  $\theta_1 \in L \Rightarrow \theta_2 \in L$ ).



$\theta_1$  and  $\theta_2$  are roots of irreducible polynomial  $f(t) \in K[t] \Rightarrow K(\theta_1):K \cong K(\theta_2):K$  and  $[K(\theta_1):K] = [K(\theta_2):K]$  (Thm 5.13).

$L(\theta_1)$  is splitting field of  $g(t)$  over  $K(\theta_1)$

$L(\theta_2)$  is splitting field of  $g(t)$  over  $K(\theta_2)$ .

$$L(\theta_1) \xrightarrow{j} L(\theta_2)$$

$$K(\theta_1) \xrightarrow[\substack{\theta_1 \mapsto \theta_2 \\ g \mapsto g}]{i} K(\theta_2)$$

$$K \xrightarrow{id} K$$

By 9.6  $\exists$  iso  $j: L(\theta_1) \rightarrow L(\theta_2)$  st  $j|_{K(\theta_1)} = i$

Hence  $[L(\theta_1):K(\theta_1)] = [L(\theta_2):K(\theta_2)]$ .

By Tower Law:  $[L(\theta_1):L][L:K] = [L(\theta_1):K] = [L(\theta_1):K(\theta_1)][K(\theta_1):K]$

$[L(\theta_2):L][L:K] = [L(\theta_2):K] = [L(\theta_2):K(\theta_2)][K(\theta_2):K]$

Two right hand sides are equal

$$[L(\theta_1):L][L:K] = [L(\theta_2):L][L:K]$$

$$[L(\theta_1):L] = [L(\theta_2):L]$$

## Separability

Definition:

An irreducible polynomial over  $K(\subseteq \mathbb{C})$  is separable if it has no repeated roots (in  $\mathbb{C}$  or in a splitting field).



Definition:

If  $f(t) = a_n t^n + \dots + a_0$ , define  $Df(t) = n a_n t^{n-1} + \dots + a_1$

NB: This is a formal derivative - no limits needed!

Properties:  $D(f+g) = Df + Dg$

$$D(fg) = Df g + f Dg$$

$$D(\lambda f) = \lambda D(f)$$

Weak Proposition:

Suppose  $f, g \in K[t]$  and  $K \subseteq L$ . Then  $f, g$  coprime over  $K \iff f, g$  coprime over  $L$

Proof:  $\Leftarrow f, g$  coprime over  $L \Rightarrow$  over  $K$ .

$\Rightarrow f, g$  coprime over  $K$

$\Rightarrow \exists h, k \in K[t]$  st  $fh + gk = 1 \Rightarrow f, g$  coprime over  $L$ .

Lemma:

Let  $f(t) \in K[t]$  be polynomial over  $K \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ . Let  $\Sigma$  = splitting field.  
Then  $f$  has repeated root  $\iff f$  and  $Df$  are not coprime in  $K[t]$ .  
(in  $\Sigma$  or  $\mathbb{C}$ )

Proof:  $\Rightarrow$  Suppose  $f(t) = (t-\alpha)^2 g(t) \in \Sigma[t]$

$$Df(t) = (t-\alpha)^2 Dg(t) + 2(t-\alpha)g(t)$$

$$= (t-\alpha)[(t-\alpha)Dg(t) + 2g(t)]$$

$f, Df$  not coprime in  $\Sigma[t]$  (non trivial common factor  $t-\alpha$ ).

$f, Df$  not coprime in  $K[t]$ .

$\Leftarrow$  Suppose  $f$  has no repeated root

Prove by induction on  $\deg$  that  $f$  and  $Df$  are coprime in  $\Sigma[t]$ , hence in  $K[t]$

In  $\Sigma[t]$ ,  $f(t) = (t-\alpha)g(t)$ ,  $t-\alpha \nmid g$  and let  $f = m_1 \dots m_r$

$$Df = g + (t-\alpha)Dg$$

Suppose  $f$  and  $Df$  have a common irreducible common factor say

$h \mid f, h \mid Df$

~~$h \mid g, h \mid Df$  so  $h \mid (t-\alpha)Dg$  so  $h \mid Dg$~~

If  $h = t-\alpha$ ,  $t-\alpha \mid Df = g + (t-\alpha)Dg$  so  $t-\alpha \mid g$  contradiction

otherwise  $h|g$ ,  $h|Df$  so  $h|(t-\alpha)Dg$  so  $h|Dg$   
 So  $h$  is common factor of  $g$  and  $Dg$   
 $h|g$  and  $h|Dg$  and  $Dg < Df$  By induction, contradiction  
 So  $f$  and  $Df$  are coprime.

**Proposition:**

If  $K$  is a subfield of  $\mathbb{C}$ ,  $f \in K[t]$  is ~~irreducible~~ separable  
 (ie doesn't have repeated roots)

Not true in fields of characteristic  $p$  eg  $\mathbb{Z}_p(s^p) \subseteq \mathbb{Z}_p(s)$   
 $f(t) = t^p - s^p \in \mathbb{Z}_p(s^p)[t]$   $f(t)$  irreducible over  $\mathbb{Z}_p(s^p)$ , but over  
 $\mathbb{Z}_p(s)$   $f(t) = (t-s)^p$  ie  $f$  has the root  $s$  repeated  $p$  times

**Proof:** Suppose  $f$  has a repeated root in  $\mathbb{C}$ .  
 Then  $f, Df$  have a common factor of degree  $\geq 1$  in  $K[t]$   
 $f$  irreducible  $\Rightarrow f$  divides  $Df$ . But  $D(Df) < Df$ , so  $Df = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow f$  constant.

Any irreducible polynomial (over  $K \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ ) of degree  $n$  has exactly  $n$   
 distinct (not repeated) roots in a splitting field.

**COUNTING PRINCIPLES.**

**Lemma:**

If  $K$  and  $L$  are subfields of  $\mathbb{C}$ , then every set of distinct monomorphisms  
 $K \rightarrow L$  is linearly independent over  $L$ .

**Theorem:**

Let  $G$  be a finite subgroup of automorphisms of a field  $K$  and let  $K_0$  be the  
 fixed field of  $G$ . Then  $[K : K_0] = |G|$ .

**Proof:** Let  $n = |G|$   $G = \{g_1, g_2, \dots, g_n\}$   
 $m = [K : K_0]$   $\{x_1, \dots, x_m\}$  basis for  $K$  over  $K_0$ .

$\varphi(x^2 - 2) = \varphi(x)^2 - 2$   
 $\varphi(1) = 0$

Want to prove  $m=n$ .

Suppose  $m < n$ .

Consider the equations in  $y_1, \dots, y_n$ ,

$$y_1 g_1(x_1) + \dots + y_n g_n(x_1) = 0$$

$$y_1 g_1(x_2) + \dots + y_n g_n(x_2) = 0$$

$\vdots$

$$y_1 g_1(x_m) + \dots + y_n g_n(x_m) = 0$$

Then for any  $x \in K$ ,  $x = \alpha_1 x_1 + \dots + \alpha_m x_m$  for some  $\alpha_i \in K_0$ .

$$\text{Then } y_1 g_1(x) + \dots + y_n g_n(x) = y_1 g_1(\alpha_1 x_1 + \dots + \alpha_m x_m) + \dots + y_n g_n(\alpha_1 x_1 + \dots + \alpha_m x_m)$$

$$= y_1 (\alpha_1 g_1(x_1) + \dots + \alpha_m g_1(x_m)) +$$

$$y_2 (\alpha_1 g_2(x_1) + \dots + \alpha_m g_2(x_m)) +$$

$\dots$

$$y_n (\alpha_1 g_n(x_1) + \dots + \alpha_m g_n(x_m))$$

$$= \alpha_1 \cdot 0 + \alpha_2 \cdot 0 + \dots + \alpha_m \cdot 0 = 0.$$

$$\therefore y_1 g_1 + \dots + y_n g_n = 0$$

$\therefore g_1, \dots, g_n$  are linearly dependent over  $K$

Contradiction, Dedekind's Lemma.

Suppose  $n < m$

Then there exists a set of  $n+1$  elements of  $K$ , linearly independent over  $K_0$

say  $\{x_1, \dots, x_{n+1}\}$

Then there exist  $y_i$ , not all zero such that

$$y_1 g_1(x_1) + \dots + y_{n+1} g_1(x_{n+1}) = 0$$

$$y_1 g_2(x_1) + \dots + y_{n+1} g_2(x_{n+1}) = 0$$

$\vdots$

$$y_1 g_n(x_1) + \dots + y_{n+1} g_n(x_{n+1}) = 0$$

Take shortest such relation by renumbering  $y_1, \dots, y_r \neq 0$ ,  $y_{r+1} = \dots = y_{n+1} = 0$ .

$$y_1 g_1(x_1) + \dots + y_r g_1(x_r) = 0$$

$\vdots$

$$y_1 g_n(x_1) + \dots + y_r g_n(x_r) = 0$$

Let  $g \in G$ .

$$g(y_1) g_1(x_1) + \dots + g(y_r) g_1(x_r) = 0$$

$\vdots$

$$g(y_1) g_n(x_1) + \dots + g(y_r) g_n(x_r) = 0$$

$\vdots$

$$g_2(y_1) g_1(x_1) + \dots + g_2(y_r) g_1(x_r) = 0$$

$$g_2(y_1) g_2(x_1) + \dots + g_2(y_r) g_2(x_r) = 0$$

$\vdots$

$$g(y_1) g_n(x_1) + \dots + g(y_r) g_n(x_r) = 0$$

Multiply system ① by  $g(y_1)$  and system ② by  $y_1$  and subtract:

$$(g(y_1)y_2 - g(y_2)y_1)g_1(x_1) + \dots = 0$$

$$(g(y_1)y_2 - g(y_2)y_1)g_2(x_2) + \dots = 0$$

$$\vdots$$

$$(g(y_1)y_2 - g(y_2)y_1)g_n(x_n) + \dots = 0$$

This is a system like (1) with  $y_i' = g(y_1)y_i - y_1g(y_i)$  ( $i=2, \dots, r$ ).

This would be a system with less non-zero terms, a contradiction unless all  $y_i' = 0$ .

$$\therefore g(y_1)y_i - y_1g(y_i) = 0 \quad \forall i$$

$$g(y_1)y_i = y_1g(y_i)$$

$$y_i y_i^{-1} = g(y_i y_i^{-1})$$

This is true for all  $g \in \mathcal{G}$ , so  $y_i y_i^{-1} \in K_0$ .

$$\text{Say } y_i y_i^{-1} = z_i \in K_0$$

$$\text{Then } y_i = y_1 z_i \quad (z_i \neq 0)$$

Now the first equations (1) with  $g_1 = \text{id}$  is

$$y_1 x_1 + \dots + y_r x_r = 0$$

$$\therefore y_1 z_1 x_1 + \dots + y_1 z_r x_r = 0$$

$$z_1 x_1 + \dots + z_r x_r = 0$$

Then  $\{x_1, \dots, x_r\}$  are linearly independent over  $K_0$ .

Contradiction to assuming  $m > n$ .

Hence  $m = n$ . Hence  $L:K$  is a finite extension of  $K$ . QED.

## Field Automorphisms

### $K$ -monomorphisms

Definition:

Let  $K \subseteq M, L \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ . Then a  $K$ -monomorphism  $\phi: L \rightarrow M$  is a field monomorphism such that  $\phi|_K = \text{id}$ .

$$\text{i.e. } \phi(x) = x \quad \forall x \in K.$$

eg.  $\alpha = \sqrt[3]{2}, \omega = e^{2\pi i/3}$  then there are 3  $\mathbb{Q}$ -monomorphism

$$\phi: \mathbb{Q}(\alpha) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$$

$$\phi(\alpha^3 - 2) = \phi(\alpha^3) - \phi(2) = \phi(\alpha)^3 - 2$$

$$\phi(0) = 0$$

Want to prove that

Suppose  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

$$\Phi(\alpha)^3 = 2$$

$$\Phi(\alpha) = \alpha \text{ or } \alpha\omega \text{ or } \alpha\omega^2$$

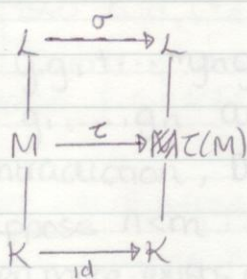
$$\Phi_1 = \text{id}, \Phi_2(\alpha) = \alpha\omega, \Phi_3(\alpha) = \alpha\omega^2$$

$$\mathbb{Q}(\alpha) \cong \mathbb{Q}(\alpha\omega)$$

**Theorem:**

Let  $L:K$  be a finite, normal extension,  $K \subseteq M \subseteq L$ .

Let  $\tau: M \rightarrow L$  be a  $K$ -monomorphism. Then  $\exists \sigma: L \rightarrow L$   $K$ -automorphism st  $\sigma|_M = \tau$



**Proof:**  $L =$  splitting field for some poly  $f$  over  $K$

$L =$  splitting field for some poly  $f$  over  $M$

( $L = K(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)$   $\alpha_i$  roots of  $f \in K[t]$ )

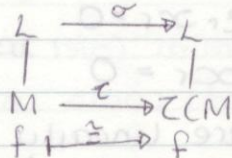
$$M(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) \subseteq L, M(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) \supseteq K(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) = L$$

$$\Rightarrow L = M(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)$$

$L =$  splitting field for  $f$  over  $\tau(M)$ . ( $\tau(f) = f$ )

By thm 9.6  $\exists$  isomorphism

$$\sigma: L \rightarrow L \text{ st } \sigma|_M = \tau$$



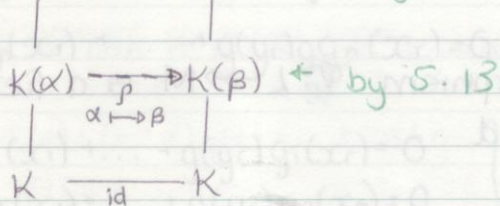
**Proposition:**

Suppose  $L:K$  is a finite normal extension and  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are roots of the same poly  $p(t) \in K[t]$  irreducible polynomial  $m(t) \in K[t]$ .

Then  $\exists$  a  $K$ -automorphism of  $L$ ,  $\sigma$ , st  $\sigma(\alpha) = \beta$

(note  $\sigma \in \Gamma(L:K)$ ).

**Proof:**  $L \xrightarrow{\sigma} L$   $\leftarrow$  by 11.3



Now  $p: K(\alpha) \rightarrow K$

## Normal Closures

Definition:

Let  $L$  be a finite extension  $K$ . A normal closure of  $L:K$  is an extension  $N$  of  $L$  such that

1.  $N:K$  is normal
2. If  $L \subseteq M \subseteq N$  and  $M:K$  is normal, then  $M=N$ .

eg. Normal closure of  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[4]{2}) : \mathbb{Q}$

$$\alpha = \sqrt[4]{2}, \quad \alpha^4 - 2 = 0$$

$$f(x) = x^4 - 2, \quad \text{roots are } \sqrt[4]{2}, -\sqrt[4]{2}, \sqrt[4]{2}i, -\sqrt[4]{2}i$$

$N = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[4]{2}, i)$   $N$  normal since it is splitting field for  $f$ .

No smaller normal extension.

eg. Normal closure of  $\mathbb{Q}(e^{2\pi i/5}) : \mathbb{Q}$

$$\omega = e^{2\pi i/5}, \quad \omega^5 = 1, \quad \omega^5 - 1 = 0, \quad \text{roots are } 1, \omega, \omega^2, \omega^3, \omega^4$$

$\mathbb{Q}(\omega) : \mathbb{Q}$  is in fact a normal closure.

Theorem:

If  $L:K$  a finite extension in  $\mathbb{C}$ , then there exists a unique normal closure  $N \subseteq \mathbb{C}$  of  $L:K$ , which is a finite extension of  $K$ .

Proof: Need field extension  $N:K$  normal finite  $\Leftrightarrow N$  splitting field.

Existence: Let  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_r$  be a basis for  $L$  over  $K$  and let  $m_j$  be minimal polynomial of  $\alpha_j$  over  $K$ . Let  $N$  be splitting field for  $f = \prod_{j=1}^r m_j$  over  $L$ . As  $K \subseteq L$  and  $N$  splitting field for  $f$  over  $L$ ,  $N$  is also a splitting field for  $f$  over  $K$ . Hence  $N:K$  normal and finite.

Suppose  $L \subseteq P \subseteq N$  where  $P:K$  is normal. Each polynomial  $m_j$  has a zero at  $\alpha_j \in P$ , so by normality  $f$  splits in  $P$ . Since  $N$  is splitting field for  $f$ , we have  $P=N$ .

Therefore  $N$  is normal closure.

Uniqueness: Suppose  $M$  and  $N$  are both normal closures. Then  $f$  splits in  $M$  and  $N$ , so  $\Sigma \subseteq M$ ,  $\Sigma \subseteq N$ ,  $\Sigma$  splitting field of  $f$ .  $L \subseteq \Sigma$ , so  $L \subseteq \Sigma \subseteq M$ ,  $L \subseteq \Sigma \subseteq N$ .  $\Sigma:K$  is normal.

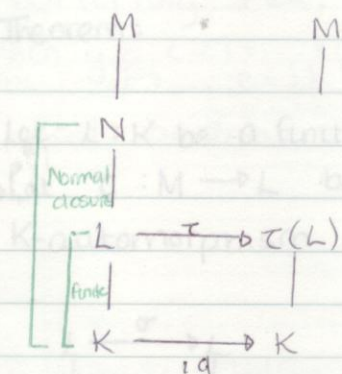
So by def<sup>n</sup> of normal closure  $\Sigma = M$ ,  $\Sigma = N \Rightarrow N = M$ .

Normal closure of  $K(\alpha)$  = splitting field of  $m_\alpha$

Normal closure of  $K(\alpha, \beta)$  = splitting field of  $m_\alpha m_\beta$ .

$\varphi_1 = \text{id}$ ,  $\varphi_2(\alpha) = \alpha\omega$ ,  $\varphi_3(\alpha) = \alpha\omega^2$

Lemma:  $\tau(L) \subseteq N$



Then  $\tau(L) \subseteq N$

ie  $K$ -monomorphism from  $L$  can't get outside  $N$ .

In particular if  $L:K$  is normal, so  $N=L$  then any  $K$ -monomorphism  $L \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  has  $\tau(L) \subseteq L$ .

Proof: Let  $\alpha \in L$  with min poly  $m$  over  $K$ .

$$m(\alpha) = 0$$

$$\tau(m(\alpha)) = 0$$

$$m(\tau(\alpha)) = 0 \text{ since } \tau \text{ is a homomorphism}$$

ie  $\tau(\alpha)$  is another root of  $m$ .

$m$  irreducible,  $N:K$  normal,  $m$  has one root  $\alpha$  in  $N$

$\Rightarrow$  all roots of  $m$  are in  $N \Rightarrow \tau(\alpha) \in N$ .

Theorem:

For a finite extension  $L:K$ , F.A.E

1.  $L:K$  normal

2.  $\exists$  finite, normal extension  $N$  of  $K$  containing  $L$  st every  $K$ -monomorphism

$\tau: L \rightarrow N$  is a  $K$ -aut of  $L$ .

3. For every finite extension  $M$  of  $K$  containing  $L$ , every  $K$ -monomorphism

$\tau: L \rightarrow M$  is a  $K$ -automorphism of  $L$ .

Proof: First note any  $K$ -mono,  $\tau: L \rightarrow L$  is in fact a  $K$ -aut of  $L$ .

This is because if  $\tau: L \rightarrow L$   $K$ -mono,  $K \subseteq \tau(L) \subseteq L$  and

$$L:K \cong \tau(L):K, \text{ so } [L:K] = [\tau(L):K]$$

By Tower Law  $\tau(L) = L$

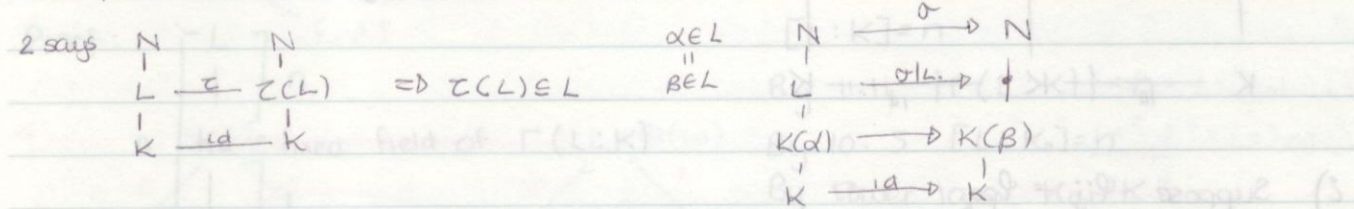
$${}^n \begin{bmatrix} L \\ \tau(L) \\ K \end{bmatrix}$$

1  $\Rightarrow$  3 By last result,  $\tau(L) \subseteq L$  so by remark above,  $\tau$  is  $K$ -aut of  $L$ .

3  $\Rightarrow$  2. Take  $N =$  normal closure of  $L:K$ , by 3,  $N$  has required property.

2  $\Rightarrow$  1. Let  $f$  be irreducible over  $K$  with one root  $\alpha$  in  $L$ . Let  $\beta$  be any other root of  $f$ : then  $\beta \in N$  since  $N:K$  is normal.

By 11.4  $\exists$  a  $K$ -aut  $\sigma$  of  $N$  st  $\sigma(\alpha) = \beta$ . Then  $\sigma|_L$  is a  $K$ -mono from  $L$  into  $N$ . By 2, this is a  $K$ -aut of  $L$  i.e.  $\sigma(L) \subseteq L$  so  $\beta = \sigma(\alpha) \in L$ .  $\therefore L:K$  normal.



**Theorem:**

Let  $L:K$  be a finite extension of degree  $n$ . Then there are exactly  $n$   $K$ -automorphisms from  $L$  into  $N$ , the normal closure of  $L:K$  (and hence into any normal extension  $M:K$  contains  $L$ ).

In particular:

**Corollary:**

Let  $L:K$  be finite and normal. Then there are precisely  $[L:K]$   $K$ -automorphisms of  $L$  i.e.  $|\Gamma(L:K)| = [L:K]$ .

**Proof of thm:** Use induction on  $n = [L:K]$ .

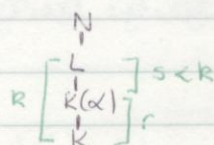
$n=1$ , nothing to prove.

Suppose  $[L:K] = k > 1$  and result holds for all extensions of degree  $< k$ .

Let  $\alpha \in L \setminus K$ . Let  $m =$  min poly of  $\alpha$  over  $K$ .

$\partial m = [K(\alpha):K] = r, r > 1$

$s = k/r < k$ .



$m$  has one root,  $\alpha$  in  $N$ , so  $m$  splits in  $N$ .

Let roots be  $\alpha = \alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_s$  (all distinct)

Now  $L:K(\alpha)$  is a finite extension,  $N:K(\alpha)$  is normal closure of  $L:K(\alpha)$  and  $[L:K(\alpha)] = s < k$ .

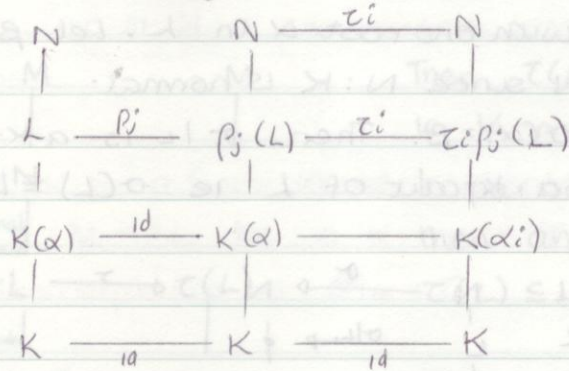
By induction there are exactly  $s$   $K(\alpha)$ -monomorphisms  $L \rightarrow N$  say  $e_1, \dots, e_s$



Now  $\alpha$  and  $\alpha_i$  have the same minimal polynomial  $m$  over  $K$  and  $\alpha_i \in N$  and  $N:K$  normal

By 11.4  $\exists K$ -aut  $\tau_i$  of  $N$  st  $\tau_i(\alpha) = \alpha_i$  ( $i=1,2,\dots,r$ )

Let  $\phi_{ij} = \tau_i \circ \rho_j$



It remains to show

- i) all  $\phi_{ij}$  distinct
- ii) any  $K$ -mono  $\sigma: L \rightarrow N$  is = some  $\phi_{ij}$

i) Suppose  $\phi_{ij} = \phi_{pq}$

$$\tau_i \rho_j = \tau_p \rho_q$$

$$\tau_i \rho_j(\alpha) = \tau_p \rho_q(\alpha)$$

$$\tau_i(\alpha) = \tau_p(\alpha)$$

$$\alpha_i = \alpha_p \Rightarrow i = p$$

$$\tau_i \rho_j = \tau_i \rho_q$$

$$\tau_i^{-1} \tau_i \rho_j = \tau_i^{-1} \tau_i \rho_q$$

$$\rho_j = \rho_q \Rightarrow j = q$$

ii) Let  $\tau: L \rightarrow N$  be a  $K$ -mono

$\alpha$  has min poly  $m$  over  $K$ ,  $\tau(\alpha)$  root of  $m$

$$\tau(\alpha) = \alpha_i \text{ for some } i.$$

$$(\tau^{-1} \tau)(\alpha) = \tau^{-1}(\alpha_i) = \alpha$$

$\tau^{-1} \tau$  is a  $K$ -mono that fixes  $\alpha$

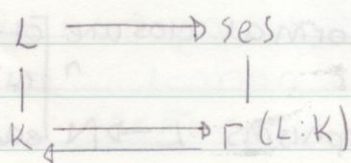
so  $\tau^{-1} \tau: L \rightarrow N$  is a  $K(\alpha)$ -mono

$$\tau^{-1} \tau = \rho_j \text{ for some } j$$

$$\tau = \tau \circ \rho_j = \phi_{ij}$$

**Theorem:**

Let  $L:K$  be a finite normal extension. Then the fixed field of  $\Gamma(L:K)$  is  $K$ .



eg.  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}) : \mathbb{Q}$

$$\Gamma(\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}) : \mathbb{Q}) = \{id, \tau\}, \tau(\sqrt{2}) = -\sqrt{2}$$

$$\Gamma(\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}) : \mathbb{Q})^\dagger = \{x \in \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}) : \tau(x) = x\}$$

$$= \mathbb{Q}$$

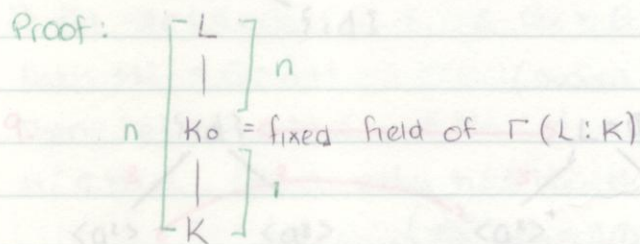
Compare  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{2}) : \mathbb{Q}$  (not normal)

$$\Gamma(\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{2}) : \mathbb{Q}) = \{id\}$$

$$\Gamma(\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{2}) : \mathbb{Q})^\dagger = \{x \in \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{2}) : id(x) = x\}$$

$$\langle \sigma \rangle = \langle \sigma, \sigma^2 \rangle = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{2}) \neq \mathbb{Q}$$

Proof:



$$[L:K] = n$$

By 11.11  $|\Gamma(L:K)| = n = [L:K]$

By 10.5  $[L:K_0] = n$

By tower law  $K_0 = K$

Theorem:

Suppose  $K \subseteq L \subseteq M$  and  $M:K$  finite. Then the number of  $K$ -monomorphisms  $L \rightarrow M$  is less than or equal to  $[L:K]$ .

Proof: Let  $N$  be normal closure of  $M:K$

$N:K$  is finite and there are exactly  $[L:K]$   $K$ -monomorphisms

$L \rightarrow N$  (by 11.10)

Any  $K$ -mono  $L \rightarrow M$  is a  $K$ -mono  $L \rightarrow N$

$\therefore$  Number of  $K$ -monos  $L \rightarrow M$  is  $\leq [L:K]$

Theorem:

Let  $L:K$  be a finite extension s.t. fixed field of  $\Gamma(L:K)$  is  $K$

Then  $L:K$  is normal.

Proof: Apply 10.5 to  $\Gamma(L:K)$

$$[L:K] = |\Gamma(L:K)| = n \text{ say}$$

Let  $N =$  normal closure of  $L:K$

There are  $[L:K] = n$   $K$ -monos  $L \rightarrow N$

But there are  $|\Gamma(L:K)| = n$   $K$ -auts of  $L$

Hence very.  $K$ -mon  $L \rightarrow N$  is a  $K$ -aut of  $L$ . By 11.9  $L:K$  normal

## A Worked Example

Using handout 8:

Find splitting field  $L$  of  $t^7-1$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

Find  $\Gamma(L:\mathbb{Q})$

Find all intermediate fields.

1.  $t^7-1=0 \Leftrightarrow t=e^{2\pi i r/7}$

$\omega=e^{2\pi i/7}$ , roots are  $1, \omega, \omega^2, \dots, \omega^6$

$L=\mathbb{Q}(\omega)$ .

2.  $\omega^7-1=0$

$$m(t) = \frac{t^7-1}{t-1}$$

$$t=s+1 \quad m = \frac{(s+1)^7-1}{s}$$

$$= (s^6 + 7s^5 + \dots + 7)$$

By Eisenstein's (prime 7)  $m$  is irreducible ( $7 \mid 7 \nmid 7^r \nmid 7^r \forall 1 \leq r \leq 6$ ).

$\therefore m$  is min polynomial of  $\omega$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$

$\therefore [L:\mathbb{Q}] = \deg m = 6$

3.  $G = \Gamma(L:\mathbb{Q})$  By Fundamental Thm  $|G|=6$ .

4. Let  $g \in G$ ,  $g$  is determined by  $g(\omega)$

$g(\omega)$  must be a root of  $m$

ie  $g(\omega) = \omega^i$  for some  $1 \leq i \leq 6$ .

This gives us 6 possible elements of  $G$ :  $g_i$  where  $g_i(\omega) = \omega^i$

5. Since  $|G|=6$  and only possible elements for elements of  $G$  are

$g_1, \dots, g_6$ , they must be in fact be  $K$ -aut and make up  $G$

ie  $G = \{g_1, g_2, g_3, g_4, g_5, g_6\}$

6.  $g_2(\omega) = \omega^2$

$g_2^2(\omega) = g_2(\omega^2) = (g_2(\omega))^2 = \omega^4$

$g_2^3(\omega) = g_2(\omega^4) = \omega^8 = \omega \quad g_2^3 = id$

$g_3(\omega) = \omega^3$ ,

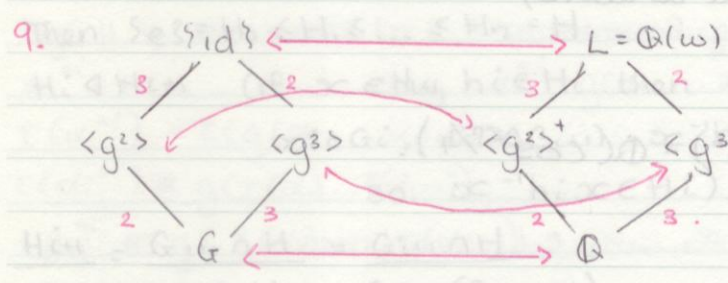
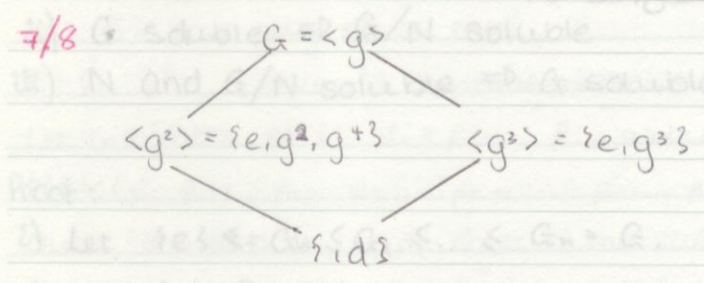
$g_3^2(\omega) = \omega^9 = \omega^2 \quad g_3^3(\omega) = g_3(\omega^2) = \omega^6$

$\therefore o(g^3) > 3$

$\therefore o(g^3) = 6$

$G = C_6 = \langle g : g^6 = id \rangle$

Rename  $g^2 = g$   $G = \langle g : g^6 = id \rangle \cong C_6$   $g(w) = w^3$



Find  $\langle g^2 \rangle^+$

Two methods:

i) "Literal minded"

Let  $x \in L$   $x = a + bw + cw^2 + dw^3 + ew^4 + fw^5$  ( $a, b, c, d, e, f \in \mathbb{Q}$ ) uniquely

$\langle g^2 \rangle^+ = \{x \in L : h(x) = x \ \forall h \in \langle g^2 \rangle\}$

$= \{x \in L : g^2(x) = x\}$

$g^2(w) = w^4 = w^2$

$$g^2(a + bw + cw^2 + dw^3 + ew^4 + fw^5) = a + bw^2 + cw^4 + dw^6 + ew^8 + fw^{10}$$

$$= a + bw + cw^4 + d(-1 - w - w^2 - w^3 - w^4 - w^5) + ew + fw^3$$

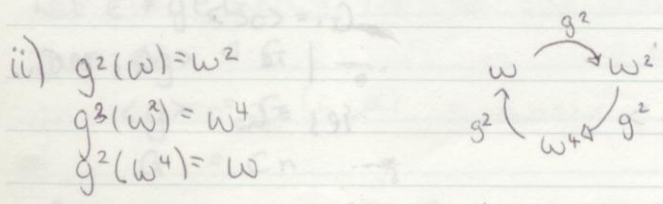
$$= (a - d) + w(e - d) + w^2(b - d) + w^3(f - d) + w^4(c - d) - dw^5$$

$\Rightarrow d = 0, b = e, c = d, f = d = 0$

~~$x = a + bw^2 + bw^4$~~  ( $a, b \in \mathbb{Q}$ )  $x = a + bw + bw^2 + bw^4$  ( $a, b \in \mathbb{Q}$ )

$\langle g^2 \rangle^+ = \{a + b(w + w^2 + w^4) : a, b \in \mathbb{Q}\}$

$= \mathbb{Q}(w + w^2 + w^4)$



$\therefore x = w + w^2 + w^4 \in \langle g^2 \rangle^+ \quad \mathbb{Q}(x) \subseteq \langle g^2 \rangle^+$

# A Worked Example

By Fundamental Thm  $\mathbb{Q}(x) = \mathbb{Q}$  or  $\langle g^2 \rangle^\dagger$

If  $\mathbb{Q}(x) = \mathbb{Q} \Rightarrow x \in \mathbb{Q}$

$w + w^2 + w^4 = q \in \mathbb{Q}$

$f(t) = t^4 + t^3 + t - q \quad f(w) = 0$

Contradiction on min poly of  $w$  of degree 6.

So  $\mathbb{Q}(x) = \langle g^2 \rangle^\dagger$

$g^3(w) = w^6, \quad g^3(w^6) = w$

$w + w^6 \in \langle g^3 \rangle^\dagger$

$\mathbb{Q}(w + w^6) = \mathbb{Q}$  or  $\langle g^3 \rangle^\dagger$

$\mathbb{Q}(w + w^6) \neq \mathbb{Q}$  (similar argument as above)

$\mathbb{Q}(w + w^6) = \langle g^3 \rangle^\dagger$

$w^6$  conjugate of  $w$  so  $\mathbb{Q}(w + w^6) = \mathbb{Q}(\cos^{2\pi/7})$ .

$\alpha = w + w^2 + w^4$

$\alpha^2 = w^2 + w^4 + w + 2w^3 + 2w^5 + 2w^6$

$\alpha + \alpha^2 = 2w + 2w^2 + 2w^3 + 2w^4 + 2w^5 + 2w^6$

$= -2$

$\alpha^2 + \alpha + 2 = 0$

$\alpha = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{-7}}{2}$

## Solvable Subgroups.

Definition:

A group  $G$  is soluble if  $\exists$  subgroups  $G_0, \dots, G_n$  of  $G$  such that  $\{e\} = G_0 \leq G_1 \leq \dots \leq G_n = G$  such that  $G_i \triangleleft G_{i+1}$  and  $G_{i+1}/G_i$  is abelian

eg.  $G$  abelian  $\Rightarrow G$  soluble

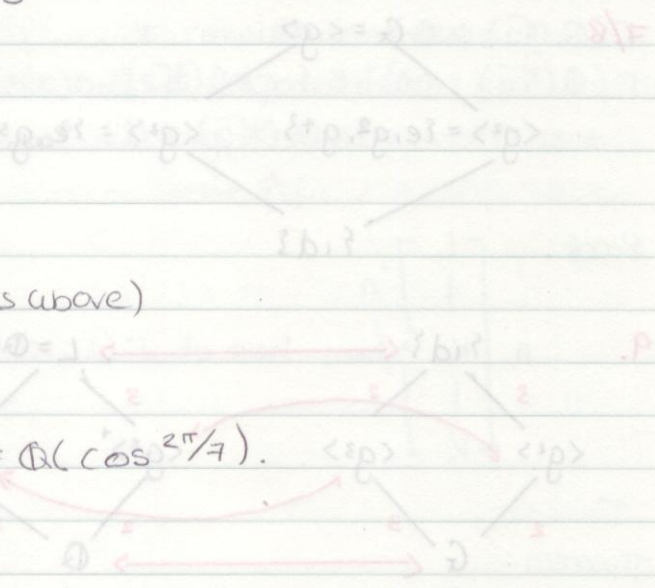
$\{e\} = G_0 \leq G_1 = G$

$G_1/G_0 = G$  abelian

$D_n$  is soluble

$D_n = \langle x, y : x^n = y^2 = e, yx = x^{-1}y \rangle$

$\{e\} = G_0 \leq G_1 = \langle x \rangle \leq G_n = G$



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Theorem:

Let  $G$  be a group,  $H \leq G$ ,  $N \trianglelefteq G$ .

- i)  $G$  soluble  $\Rightarrow H$  soluble.
- ii)  $G$  soluble  $\Rightarrow G/N$  soluble
- iii)  $N$  and  $G/N$  soluble  $\Rightarrow G$  soluble.

Proof:

i) Let  $\{e\} = G_0 \leq G_1 \leq \dots \leq G_n = G$ ,  $G_i \triangleleft G_{i+1}$ ,  $G_{i+1}/G_i$  abelian.

Let  $H_i = G_i \cap H$

Then  $\{e\} = H_0 \leq H_1 \leq \dots \leq H_n = H$

$H_i \triangleleft H_{i+1}$  (if  $x \in H_{i+1}$ ,  $h_i \in H_i$  then  $x^{-1}h_i x \in G_i$  (because  $h_i \in G_i$ )

$x^{-1}h_i x \in H$  (because  $x, h_i \in H$ )

so  $x^{-1}h_i x \in H_i$ .

$$\frac{H_{i+1}}{H_i} = \frac{G_{i+1} \cap H}{G_i \cap H} = \frac{G_{i+1} \cap H}{G_i \cap (G_{i+1} \cap H)}$$

$$\cong \frac{G_i (G_{i+1} \cap H)}{G_i} \leq \frac{G_{i+1}}{G_i} \triangleleft \text{abelian}$$

$H_{i+1}/H_i$  is abelian

$H_i$

$H$  soluble.

Theorem:

Let  $G$  be a finite simple soluble group. Then  $G \cong C_p$ .

Proof: We have  $\{e\} = G_0 \leq G_1 \leq \dots \leq G_{n-1} \leq G_n = G$  st  $G_i \triangleleft G_{i+1}$  and

$G_{i+1}/G_i$  is abelian.

$G_{n-1} \triangleleft G$ . By simplicity  $G_{n-1} = \{e\}$ .

$G = G_n/G_{n-1}$  is abelian

$G$  abelian simple

let  $e \neq g \in G$ .

Then  $\langle g \rangle \triangleleft G$

$\langle g \rangle = G$

$G = C_n$

If  $n$  is not prime,  $C_n$  has subgroups, so  $G = C_p$ .

Corollary: If  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $\alpha^n = 1$  for  $n \geq 5$ , then  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Q}$ .

$S_n$  is not solvable for  $n \geq 5$ .

Proof: Suppose  $S_n$  is solvable. Then  $A_n \triangleleft S_n$  is solvable.

But  $A_n$  is simple (proof omitted, look in book).

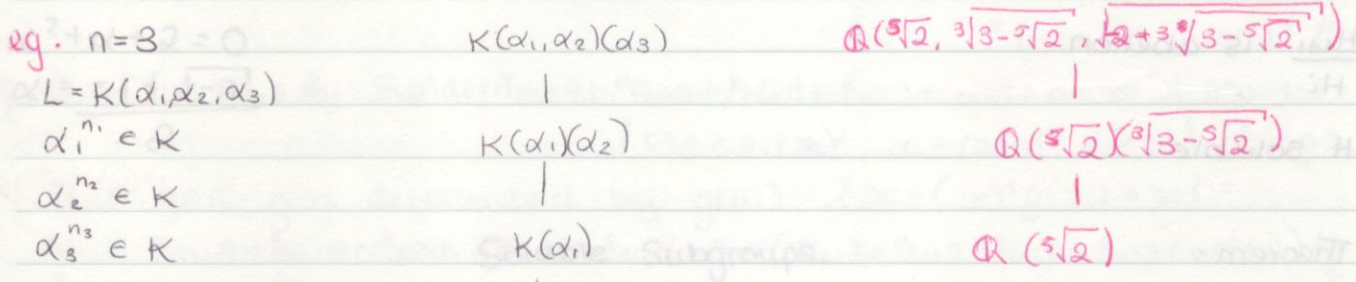
$A_n \cong C_p$ , not true,  $A_n$  not solvable.  $S_n$  not solvable.

### Solutions By Radicals.

Definition:

An extension  $L:K$  is radical if  $\exists \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n \in L$  such that

- 1)  $L = K(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)$
- 2)  $\exists n_i \in \mathbb{N}$  st  $\alpha_i^{n_i} \in K(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{i-1})$  ( $i=1, \dots, n$ ).



The  $\alpha_i$  are called the radical sequence for  $L:K$ .

Idea to show quintic not solvable by radicals.

1.  $S_5$  not solvable
2.  $M:K$  radical then  $\Gamma(L:K)$  is solvable for any  $K \leq L \leq M$ .
3.  $\exists$  quintic  $f$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$ , splitting field  $\Sigma$ , st  $\Gamma(\Sigma:\mathbb{Q}) \cong S_5$ .

Lemma:  $L$  = splitting field of  $t^p - \alpha$  over  $M$ .

By 15.6  $\Gamma(M(\alpha):M)$  is abelian.

Let  $L:K$  be radical,  $M:K$  radical closure of  $L:K$ . Then  $M:K$  is radical.

Proof: Let  $L = K(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_r)$   $\alpha_i^{n_i} \in K(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{i-1})$ .

Let  $f_i = \text{min poly of } \alpha_i \text{ over } K(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{i-1})$   
 $f = f_1 \dots f_r$ . Then  $M$  splitting field of  $f$  over  $K$ .

Let the roots of  $f_i$   $\alpha_i = \beta_{i,1}, \dots, \beta_{i,p_i}$

$M = K(\beta_{1,1}, \beta_{1,2}, \dots, \beta_{1,p_1}, \beta_{2,1}, \dots, \beta_{2,p_2}, \dots, \beta_{r,1}, \dots, \beta_{r,p_r})$ .

Since  $\alpha_i$  and  $\beta_{ij}$  are roots of the same min poly  $f_i$ , by 6.13

$\exists$   $K$ -isomorphism  $\sigma: K(\alpha_i) \rightarrow K(\beta_{ij})$ .

By 11.4  $\sigma$  extends to a  $K$ -automorphism  $\tau: M \rightarrow M$ .

$\alpha_i^{n_i} \in K(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{i-1})$  say  $\alpha_i^{n_i} = g(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{i-1})$

$\tau(\alpha_i^{n_i}) = \tau(g(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{i-1}))$

$\tau(\alpha_i^{n_i}) = g(\tau(\alpha_1), \dots, \tau(\alpha_{i-1}))$

$\beta_{ij}^{n_i} \in g(\tau(\alpha_1), \dots, \tau(\alpha_{i-1}))$

$\beta_{ij}^{n_i} \in K(\beta_{1,1}, \dots, \beta_{1,p_1}, \dots, \beta_{i-1,1}, \dots, \beta_{i-1,p_{i-1}})$

$\tau(f_i(\alpha_i)) = \tau(0) = 0$

$f_i(\tau(\alpha_i)) = 0$

$\tau(\alpha_i) = \text{some } \beta_{i,q_i}$

$\beta_{ij}^{n_i} = g(\beta_{1,q_1}, \dots, \beta_{i-1,q_{i-1}})$

$\beta_{ij}^{n_i} \in K(\beta_{1,1}, \dots, \beta_{1,p_1}, \dots, \beta_{i-1,1}, \dots, \beta_{i-1,p_{i-1}})$ .

$\beta_{1,1}, \beta_{1,2}, \dots, \beta_{1,p_1}, \beta_{2,1}, \dots, \beta_{2,p_2}, \dots, \beta_r$  is a radical sequence for  $M$ .

Lemma:

Let  $p$  be a prime,  $L$  splitting field of  $t^p - 1$  over  $K$ . Then  $\Gamma(L:K)$  is abelian.

Proof: Roots of  $t^p - 1$  are  $w^i$  ( $i=0, 1, \dots, p-1$ )  $w = e^{2\pi i/p}$ , so  $L = K(w)$ .

Any  $g \in \Gamma(L:K)$  is determined by  $g(w)$  and  $g(w) = w^i$  for some  $i$ .

Suppose  $g(w) = w^i$ ,  $h(w) = w^j$

$(gh)(w) = g(h(w)) = g(w^j) = g(w)^j = w^{ij}$

$(hg)(w) = h(g(w)) = h(w^i) = h(w)^i = w^{ji}$

$gh = hg$  so  $\Gamma(L:K)$  is abelian.



Lemma:

Suppose  $t^{n-1}$  splits in  $K$  (ie  $w = e^{2\pi i/n} \in K$ ). Let  $a$  be splitting field of  $t^n - a$  over  $K$  for some  $a \in K$ . Then  $\Gamma(L:K)$  is abelian.

Proof: Let  $\alpha$  be a root of  $t^n - a$  in  $L$ .

Then the other roots are  $\alpha w, \alpha w^2, \dots, \alpha w^{n-1}$ .

So  $L = K(\alpha, w) = K(\alpha)$ .

Any  $g \in \Gamma(L:K)$  is determined by  $g(\alpha)$  and  $g(\alpha) = \alpha w^i$  for some  $i$ .

Then if  $h(\alpha) = \alpha w^j$ , then  $(gh)(\alpha) = \alpha w^{i+j} = (hg)(\alpha)$ .

$gh = hg$ .

$\Gamma(L:K)$  abelian.

Lemma:

$L:K$  normal and radical  $\Rightarrow \Gamma(L:K)$  soluble.

Proof:  $L = K(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m)$   $\alpha_i^{n_i} \in K(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{i-1})$

wlog, all  $n_i$  prime

Prove by induction on  $m$ , write  $p = n_1$ .

$\alpha_1^p \in K$ , may assume  $\alpha_1 \notin K$ .

Let  $f = \text{min poly of } \alpha_1 \text{ over } K$ .

Since  $L:K$  normal,  $f$  splits in  $L$ .

Let  $\beta$  be another root of  $f$  in  $L$ .

Let  $\epsilon = \alpha_1/\beta$  so  $\epsilon^p = \alpha_1^p/\beta^p = 1$ .

Hence  $\epsilon \neq 1$  has order  $p$ , and  $1, \epsilon, \dots, \epsilon^{p-1}$  are the  $p^{\text{th}}$  roots of unity.

$t^p - 1$  splits in  $L$ .

Let  $M \subseteq L$  be the splitting field of  $t^p - 1$  over  $K$ .

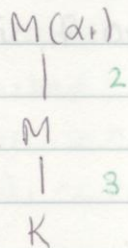
ie  $M = K(\epsilon)$ .

consider  $L$   $L:M(\alpha_1)$  normal

$L:M(\alpha_1)$  is radical, with radical

sequence  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_m$ .

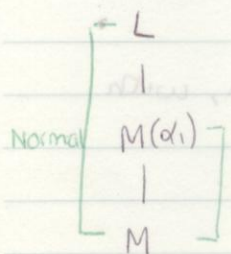
By induction  $\Gamma(L:M(\alpha_1))$  is soluble



2.  $M(\alpha_1)$  = splitting field of  $t^p - \alpha_1^p$  over  $M$ .

By 15.6  $\Gamma(M(\alpha_1):M)$  is abelian.

3.  $\Gamma(M:K)$  is an abelian by 15.5.



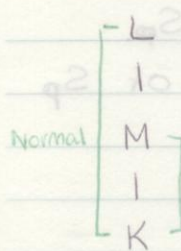
By Fundamental Thm

$$\frac{\Gamma(M(\alpha_1):M)}{\Gamma(M(\alpha_1):M)} \cong \frac{\Gamma(L:M)}{\Gamma(L:M(\alpha_1))}$$

$\Gamma(L:M)$  has a normal subgroup  $\Gamma(L:M(\alpha_1))$  which

is soluble with soluble quotient

By 14.4(3)  $\Gamma(L:M)$  is soluble.



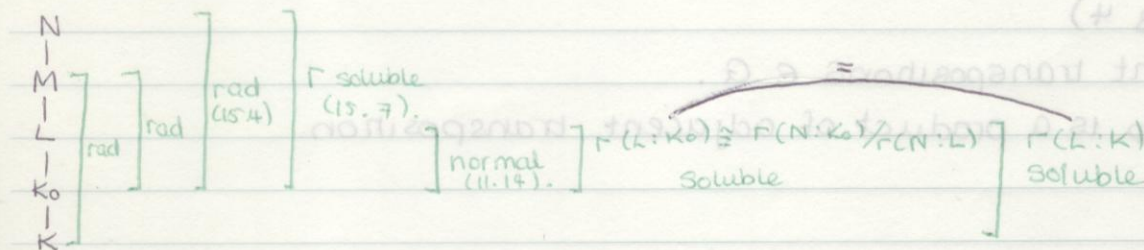
$$\frac{\Gamma(M:K)}{\Gamma(M:K)} \cong \frac{\Gamma(KL:K)}{\Gamma(KL:K)}$$

By same argument  $\Gamma(L:K)$  is soluble.

Theorem:

Let  $K \subseteq L \subseteq M$  and  $M:K$  radical. Then  $\Gamma(L:K)$  soluble.

Proof: Let  $K_0$  = fixed field of  $\Gamma(L:K)$  and let  $N:K_0$  = normal closure of  $M:K_0$ .

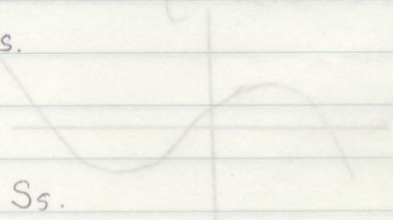


Theorem:

Let  $f(t) = t^5 - 6t + 3 \in \mathbb{Q}[t]$  is not soluble by radicals.

Proof:

1.  $L$  = splitting field of  $f$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Show  $\Gamma(L:\mathbb{Q}) \cong S_5$ .



2. Hence  $\Gamma(L:\mathbb{Q})$  is not soluble

3. Hence by 15.3 if  $K \subseteq L \subseteq M$ ,  $M$  is not radical.

4. So by def<sup>n</sup>,  $f$  is not soluble by radicals.

Lemma

Let  $f$  be an irreducible polynomial of degree  $p$  (prime) over  $\mathbb{Q}$ , with exactly 2 non-real roots.

Let  $L = \text{splitting field of } f \text{ over } \mathbb{Q}$ . Then  $\Gamma(L:\mathbb{Q}) \cong S_p$ .

Proof: If roots of  $f$  are  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_p$  (all distinct since  $f$  irr), then any  $g \in \Gamma(L:\mathbb{Q})$  is determined by  $g(\alpha_1), \dots, g(\alpha_p)$ , and each  $g(\alpha_i) = \alpha_j$  for some  $j$ .

Say  $g(\alpha_i) = \alpha_{\sigma(i)}$ . Then  $\sigma \in S_p$ .

The map  $g \mapsto \sigma$  is a group homomorphism  $\Gamma(L:\mathbb{Q}) \rightarrow S_p$ .

We can think of ~~the~~ Galois group  $\Gamma(L:\mathbb{Q})$  as a subgroup of  $S_p$ .

So  $G \subseteq S_p$ .

$[L:\mathbb{Q}]$  is divisible by  $p$  (Tower Law:  $\mathbb{Q} \subseteq \mathbb{Q}(\alpha_1) \subseteq L$ ).

$\therefore p$  divides  $|G|$ .

$\therefore G$  has an element of order  $p$  (Cauchy's Thm or from Sylow Thm).

Only elements of order  $p$  in  $S_p$  are the  $p$ -cycles.

$t = \text{complex conjugation}$  includes an element of  $G$ , which is a 2-cycle (switches 2 non-real roots, fixes others).

wlog  $t = (1\ 2)$

Also by taking a power of  $p$ -cycle, wlog  $c = (1\ 2\ 3 \dots p) \in G$ .

$c^* t c^{-1} = (2\ 3)$

$c^2 t c^{-2} = (3\ 4)$

all adjacent transpositions  $\in G$ .

every  $\sigma \in S_p$  is a product of adjacent transposition

$\therefore G \cong S_p$ .

it only remains to show that  $f(t) = t^5 - 6t + 3$  is irreducible with exactly 2 non-real roots

Irreducible by Eisenstein's prime 3

