

Galois theory II

Theorem $\Phi_n(x)$ is an irreducible polynomial in $\mathbb{Q}[x]$. So $[\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_n) : \mathbb{Q}] = \varphi(n)$

Proof: Suffices to show that $\Phi_n(x)$ is irreducible over $\mathbb{Z}[x]$

Let $\zeta :=$ a primitive n^{th} root of 1 in a splitting field of $\Phi_n(x)$

NTS: $f(x) := m_{\zeta, \mathbb{Q}}(x)$ the minimal polynomial of ζ over \mathbb{Q} is just $\Phi_n(x)$

Obviously, $f(x) \mid \Phi_n(x)$

Take p a prime not dividing n .

Claim. ζ^p is a zero of $f(x)$.

(This would imply: if $a = p_1^{\alpha_1} \cdots p_r^{\alpha_r}$ relatively prime to n , $\zeta^a = (\zeta)^{p_1^{\alpha_1} \cdots p_r^{\alpha_r}}$

So ζ is a zero of $f(x) \Rightarrow \zeta^a$ is a zero of $f(x)$

$\Rightarrow f(x) = \Phi_n(x)$.)

Proof of the claim: Suppose not.

Let $g(x) = m_{\zeta^p, \mathbb{Q}}(x)$ be the minimal polynomial of ζ^p over \mathbb{Q}

as $f(x) \neq g(x) \Rightarrow (f(x), g(x)) = (1) \Rightarrow f(x)g(x) \mid \Phi_n(x)$

But: $g(\zeta^p) = 0 \Rightarrow \zeta$ is a zero of $g(x^p)$

$\Rightarrow f(x) \mid g(x^p)$. Write $g(x^p) = f(x)h(x)$ in $\mathbb{Z}[x]$

Take this equation and mod p ,

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{g}(x^p) &= \bar{f}(x)\bar{h}(x) \text{ in } \mathbb{F}_p[x] \\ &\parallel \\ \bar{g}(x)^p & \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow \bar{f}(x)$ and $\bar{g}(x)$ have a common factor in $\mathbb{F}_p[x]$

Yet $\bar{f}(x) \cdot \bar{g}(x) \mid \bar{\Phi}_n(x) \mid x^n - 1 \Rightarrow x^n - 1$ has repeated factor in $\mathbb{F}_p[x]$

But $(x^n - 1, nx^{n-1}) = (x^n - 1, x^{n-1}) = (1)$. No repeated zero! ~~≠~~

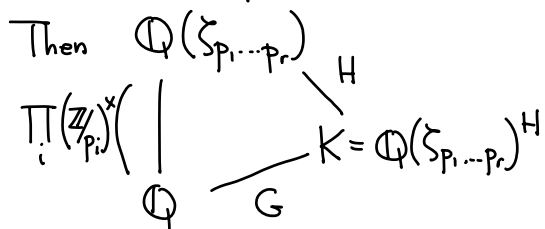
So $\mathbb{F}_n(x)$ is irreducible in $\mathbb{Z}[x]$. \square

Cor: For every finite abelian group, there exists a finite Galois extension K/\mathbb{Q} with Galois group G

Proof: Write $G = \mathbb{Z}/n_1 \times \dots \times \mathbb{Z}/n_r$

For each n_i , find a (distinct) odd prime number p_i s.t. $p_i \equiv 1 \pmod{n_i}$ (Dirichlet)

Then G is a quotient of $(\mathbb{Z}/p_1)^{\times} \times \dots \times (\mathbb{Z}/p_r)^{\times}$ (say by H)



Example: Find a cyclic extension \mathbb{Q} of order 3.

Write $\zeta = \zeta_7$.

$$(\mathbb{Z}/7\mathbb{Z})^{\times} \cong \mathbb{Z}_6 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \cup & & \cup \\ \{1, -1\} & \leftarrow & \ker = \{0, 3\} \end{array}$$

$$\mathbb{Q}(\zeta) \quad \text{Define } \alpha = \zeta + \zeta^{-1} \in \mathbb{Q}(\zeta)^{\{1, -1\}}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} | \\ \mathbb{Q}(\zeta)^{\{1, -1\}} \\ | \\ \mathbb{Q}(\alpha) \\ | \\ \mathbb{Q} \end{array}$$

Compute $\alpha^2 = \zeta^2 + \zeta^{-2} + 2$

$$\alpha^3 = \zeta^3 + \zeta^{-3} + 3\zeta + 3\zeta^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha^3 + \alpha^2 - 2 - 2\alpha = -1.$$

Theorem (Kronecker-Weber) Every finite abelian extension K/\mathbb{Q} is contained in some $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_n)$.

Proof of main theorem of Galois theory

Lemma. For K/F finite Galois, we have

$$\#\text{Gal}(K/F) = [K:F] \quad (*)$$

Theorem Let K/F be a finite Galois extension with $G = \text{Gal}(K/F)$

Then there is a one-to-one correspondence between

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \{\text{subgroups } H \leq G\} & \longleftrightarrow & \{\text{Intermediate field } K/E/F\} \\ H & \longmapsto & K^H \\ \text{Gal}(K/E) & \longleftarrow & E \end{array}$$

Proof: K/F finite normal $\Rightarrow K/F$ is a splitting field for some $f(x) \in F[x]$

$\Rightarrow K$ is also the splitting field for $f(x)$ over any intermediate field E .

$\Rightarrow \text{Gal}(K/E)$ makes sense and $\#\text{Gal}(K/E) = [K:E]$ by (*)

• Given $H \leq G$, need to show $\text{Gal}(K/K^H) = H$

$$\forall h \in H, h \text{ fixes } K^H \Rightarrow H \subseteq \text{Gal}(K/K^H)$$

So we need to show $\#H \geq \#\text{Gal}(K/K^H) \stackrel{\text{by (*)}}{=} [K:K^H] \leftarrow \text{two proofs} \begin{cases} \text{primitive element theorem} \\ \text{Artin's lemma} \end{cases}$

Proof 1: By primitive element theorem, $K = K^H(\alpha)$ for some α

$$\text{and } [K:K^H] = \deg m_{\alpha, K^H}(x)$$

But consider the polynomial $f(x) = \prod_{h \in H} (x - h(\alpha)) = x^{\#H} + \dots \in K^H[x]$
has α as a zero.

$$\Rightarrow m_{\alpha, K^H}(x) \mid f(x) \Rightarrow \deg m_{\alpha, K^H}(x) \leq \#H \quad \square$$

Proof 2 Let u_1, \dots, u_{n+1} be any $n+1$ elements in K (WTS u_1, \dots, u_{n+1} are K -linearly dependence.)

(Artin's lemma) $\rightsquigarrow \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1(u_1) & \dots & \sigma_1(u_{n+1}) \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ \sigma_n(u_1) & \dots & \sigma_n(u_{n+1}) \end{pmatrix} \quad n \times (n+1) \text{ matrix with values in } K.$
($H = \{\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n\}$)

\Rightarrow column vectors $\vec{u}_1, \dots, \vec{u}_{n+1}$ are K -linearly dependent.

So $\exists r$ s.t. $\vec{u}_1, \dots, \vec{u}_r$ are K -linearly independent, yet $\vec{u}_1, \dots, \vec{u}_{r+1}$ is not.

$$\Rightarrow \vec{u}_{r+1} = \alpha_1 \vec{u}_1 + \dots + \alpha_r \vec{u}_r \quad (*)$$

WTS all $\alpha_i \in K^H$ (then \Rightarrow taking 1st coordinate $u_{r+1} = \alpha_1 u_1 + \dots + \alpha_r u_r$.)

Applying $\sigma \in H \Rightarrow \sigma(\vec{u}_{r+1}) = \sigma(\alpha_1)\sigma(\vec{u}_1) + \dots + \sigma(\alpha_r)\sigma(\vec{u}_r)$

But $\sigma \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1(u_i) \\ \vdots \\ \sigma_n(u_i) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma \sigma_1(u_i) \\ \vdots \\ \sigma \sigma_n(u_i) \end{pmatrix}$ just permutes the rows.

$$\Rightarrow \vec{u}_{r+1} = \sigma(\alpha_1)\vec{u}_1 + \dots + \sigma(\alpha_r)\vec{u}_r \quad (**)$$

But $(*)(**)$ must be the same relations $\Rightarrow \forall i \sigma(\alpha_i) = \alpha_i$. So $\alpha_i \in F$

So u_1, \dots, u_{n+1} are linearly independent / $F \Rightarrow [K:K^H] \leq \#H$.

• Conversely, given an intermediate field E of K/F , need to show that $K^{\text{Gal}(K/E)} = E$

* $E \subseteq K^{\text{Gal}(K/E)}$ as any $h \in \text{Gal}(K/E)$ fixes E

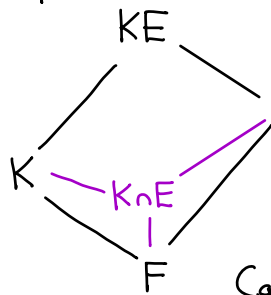
* But $[K:E] = \# \text{Gal}(K/E) = [K:K^{\text{Gal}(K/E)}]$

as K/E Galois proved above

$$\Rightarrow E = K^{\text{Gal}(K/E)}$$

Case of composite field (for Galois extension)

Proposition Consider the following. K/F is finite Galois and



E/F is any extension (not necessarily algebraic)

Then KE/E is Galois and $\text{Gal}(KE/E) \cong \text{Gal}(K/K \cap E)$

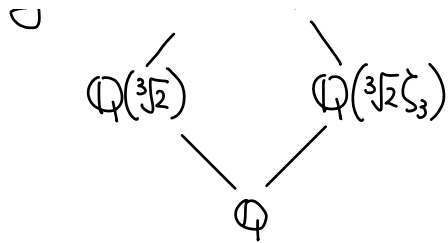
Cor. $[KE:K \cap E] = [K:K \cap E] \cdot [E:K \cap E]$ if they are finite

Caution: We have seen earlier that with no Galois assumption that

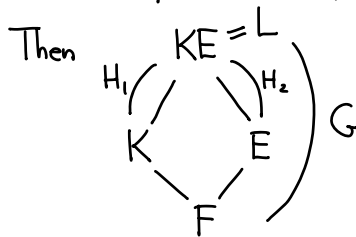
$$[KE:K \cap E] \geq [K:K \cap E] \cdot [E:K \cap E].$$

But if $K/K \cap E$ is not Galois, this inequality can be strict:

e.g. $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_3, \sqrt[3]{2})$



So what happened? Suppose that $L = KE/F$ is Galois with Galois group $G = \text{Gal}(L/F)$



and that $F = K \cap E$.

Set $H_1 = \text{Gal}(L/K)$, $H_2 = \text{Gal}(L/E) \leq G$

$$F = K \cap E = L^{H_1} \cap L^{H_2} = L^{\langle H_1, H_2 \rangle} \iff \langle H_1, H_2 \rangle = G$$

$$L = KE \implies H_1 \cap H_2 = \{1\}$$

Obviously, $H_1 H_2 \leq \langle H_1, H_2 \rangle = G$ but typically not equal as set.

$$\implies \#G \geq \#H_1 \cdot \#H_2$$

$$\implies [L:F] \geq [L:K] \cdot [L:E]$$

$$\implies [E:F] \cdot [K:F] \geq [L:F]$$

But if one of H_i is normal in G , $\langle H_1, H_2 \rangle = H_1 H_2 = G$. The equality holds.

Proof of Proposition.

K/F Galois $\implies K$ is the splitting field of some separable polynomial $f(x)$ over F

$\implies KE \xrightarrow{f(x)} \text{over } E \implies KE/E$ is Galois

Moreover, there's a natural homomorphism

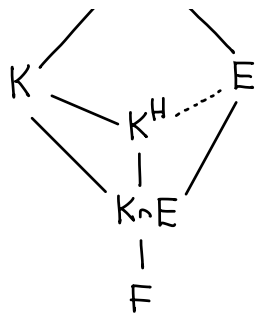
$$\Psi: \text{Gal}(KE/E) \longrightarrow \text{Gal}(K/K \cap E)$$

$$\sigma \longmapsto \sigma|_K : \text{note: } K \text{ is normal}/F \implies \text{stable under } \sigma.$$

$$\ker \Psi = \{ \sigma \in \text{Gal}(KE/E) \text{ s.t. } \sigma|_K = \text{id} \} = \{1\}$$

$$(\sigma|_E = \text{id}, \sigma|_K = \text{id} \implies \sigma|_{KE} = \text{id}.)$$

Surjective? KE , Let $H := \text{Im } \Psi \subseteq \text{Gal}(K/K \cap E)$ subgroup



Consider $K^H \supseteq K \cap E$

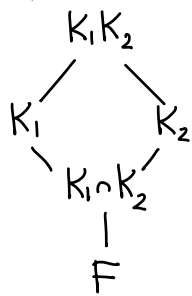
If we can show $K^H \subseteq E$, then $K^H = K \cap E$. Done

Note: $\forall \sigma \in \text{Gal}(KE/E), \sigma|_E = \text{id}, \sigma|_{K^H} = \text{id}$

$$\Rightarrow \sigma|_{K^H E} = \text{id}$$

$$\Rightarrow K^H E \text{ is fixed by } \text{Gal}(KE/E) \Rightarrow K^H E = E \Rightarrow K^H \subseteq E. \square$$

Proposition Suppose that we have a tower of extensions, in which K_1 and K_2 are Galois over F



Then ① $K_1 \cap K_2$ is Galois over F

② $K_1 K_2$ is Galois over F , and

$$\text{Gal}(K_1 K_2 / F) \cong \{ (g_1, g_2) \in \text{Gal}(K_1 / F) \times \text{Gal}(K_2 / F), g_1|_{K_1 \cap K_2} = g_2|_{K_1 \cap K_2} \}$$

(In particular, if $K_1 \cap K_2 = F$, then $\text{Gal}(K_1 K_2 / F) = \text{Gal}(K_1 / F) \times \text{Gal}(K_2 / F)$.)

Proof: ① Need to show $K_1 \cap K_2$ is normal / F

Suppose that $f(x) \in F[x]$ is an irreducible polynomial that has a zero in $K_1 \cap K_2$

Then all zeros of $f(x)$ are in K_1 and in $K_2 \Rightarrow f(x)$ splits in $K_1 \cap K_2$.

② $K_i =$ splitting field of separable polynomial $f_i(x), i=1,2$

$$\Rightarrow K_1 K_2 = \text{splitting field of } f_1(x) f_2(x)$$

So $K_1 K_2$ Galois / F

$$\varphi: \text{Gal}(K_1 K_2 / F) \rightarrow \text{Gal}(K_1 / F) \times \text{Gal}(K_2 / F)$$

$$\sigma \mapsto (\sigma|_{K_1}, \sigma|_{K_2}) \quad (\sigma \text{ stabilizes each } K_i \text{ b/c } K_i / F \text{ is normal.})$$

$$\ker \varphi = \{ \sigma \in \text{Gal}(K_1 K_2 / F), \sigma|_{K_1} = \text{id}, \sigma|_{K_2} = \text{id} \} = \{ \text{id} \}$$

$$\text{Im } \varphi \subseteq \{ (\sigma_1, \sigma_2) \in \text{Gal}(K_1 / F) \times \text{Gal}(K_2 / F), \sigma_1|_{K_1 \cap K_2} = \sigma_2|_{K_1 \cap K_2} \} =: A$$

$$\text{Now we count: } [K_1 K_2 : F] = [K_1 K_2 : K_2] [K_2 : F] \stackrel{\uparrow}{=} [K_1 : K_1 \cap K_2] \cdot [K_2 : F]$$

$$\stackrel{\uparrow}{=} \# \text{Gal}(K_1 K_2 / F)$$

$$\stackrel{\uparrow}{=} \text{previous prop. } [K_1 : K_1 \cap K_2] [K_2 : K_1 \cap K_2] [K_2 : F]$$

$[K_1 : K_1 \cap K_2][K_2 : K_1 \cap K_2][K_1 K_2 : K_1]$

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$$\#A = \#Gal(K_1/K_1 \cap K_2) \cdot \#Gal(K_2/K_1 \cap K_2) \cdot \#Gal(K_1 K_2/F) \quad \square$$