

Galois Theory 2.

Algebraic extension:

K/F field extension $\alpha \in K$ is algebraic/ F
if $\exists p(x) \in K[x]$ $p(x) \neq 0$ such that
 $p(\alpha) = 0$

Example

• $\sqrt{2}$ is algebraic over \mathbb{Q} root of $x^2 - 2$

• $F \subseteq F(x)$ x is not algebraic over F

why let $p(t) = \sum a_i t^i \in F[t]$ such that

$$p(x) = 0 \Rightarrow \sum a_i x^i = 0 \in F \subseteq F(x)$$

$$\Rightarrow a_i = 0$$

Lemma K/F $\alpha \in K$ algebraic

$\Leftrightarrow \text{eval}_\alpha : F[x] \rightarrow K$ is not injective,
 $p(x) \mapsto p(\alpha)$

Proof

\Leftarrow let $f \in \text{Ker eval}_\alpha \Rightarrow f(\alpha) = 0 \Rightarrow \alpha$ algebraic
 $f \neq 0$

\Rightarrow let $p \in F[x] \setminus \{0\}$ with $p(\alpha) \neq 0$ then $p \in$

$\text{Ker eval}_\alpha \Rightarrow \text{Ker eval}_\alpha \neq \{0\}$

We say that a field extension is algebraic
if for all $\alpha \in K$ we have that α is algebraic
/ F .

Finitely generated extensions

K/F field extension $\alpha \in K$

$$F \subseteq F(\alpha) := \bigcap_{\substack{K \supseteq L \supseteq F \\ \alpha \in L}} L$$

Universal property: it is the smallest intermediate extension containing α

For all

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} F & \hookrightarrow & L & \hookrightarrow & K \\ & & \searrow & \nearrow & \\ & & & \exists! & \\ & & & & F(\alpha) \end{array}$$

If $K = F(\alpha)$ we say that K is a simple extension of F and that α is a primitive element for K

(Digression on the theorem of element primitive)

Recursively: $- K/F: \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n \in K$

$$\therefore F(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) = F(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{n-1})(\alpha_n)$$

is the smallest intermediate extension containing $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n$

~~Theorem~~ K/F finitely

We say that K/F is finitely generated if \exists finitely many $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n \in K$ such that $K \simeq K(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)$

Theorem K/F finite \Leftrightarrow

\Leftrightarrow algebraic & finitely generated

Example

- $\mathbb{Q}(x)/\mathbb{Q}$ fg but not finite
- $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q}$ algebraic but not finite

Minimal polynomial

Def K/F and $\alpha \in K$ algebraic the minimal poly of α is the (unique) monic generator of $\ker \text{eval}_\alpha$ it is denoted by $m_{\alpha, F}(x)$

Remark: $F[x]$ PID

$\Rightarrow \ker \text{eval}_\alpha = (p(x))$

If $p(x)$ is monic then $p(x) = m_{\alpha, F}(x)$

otherwise $m_{\alpha, F}(x) = \frac{1}{\text{Lc}(p)} p(x)$

and $(p(x)) = (m_{\alpha, F}(x))$

Lemma: Given K/F and $\alpha \in K$ algebraic/ F we have that $p \in F[x]$ is the minimal polynomial of $\alpha \Leftrightarrow p$ is irreducible, monic and $p(\alpha) = 0$

Proof

\Rightarrow $m_{\alpha, F}$ is monic by definition.

$m_{\alpha, F} \in \ker \text{eval}_\alpha \Rightarrow m_{\alpha, F}(\alpha) = 0$

$F[x]/(m_{\alpha, F}) = F[x]/\ker \text{eval}_\alpha \stackrel{\text{FTI}}{\cong} K$ field

\Rightarrow it is a domain $\Rightarrow (m_{\alpha, F})$ is prime

$\Rightarrow m_{\alpha, F}$ irreducible

\Leftarrow) Let p monic irreducible with $p(\alpha) = 0$

(we want to show that)

$$\text{Ker eval}_\alpha = (p(x))$$

$(m_{\alpha, F})$

Certainly $p \in \text{Ker eval}_\alpha \Rightarrow (p(x)) \subseteq \text{Ker eval}_\alpha$

$\Rightarrow m_{\alpha, F} \mid p(x)$ irreducible

$\Rightarrow m_{\alpha, F} \sim p(x)$ but both are

monic

Example: minimal poly $\sqrt{2}$
 · minimal poly $\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3}$ \parallel

Prop K/F $\alpha \in K$

1) If α is algebraic then $F(\alpha) \cong F[x] / (m_{\alpha, F})$

2) If α is transcendental then $F(\alpha) \cong F(x)$

Proof

1) α algebraic.

$$F[x] \longrightarrow K$$



$$F[x] / (m_{\alpha, F}) \cong \text{Im eval}_\alpha \cong K(\alpha)$$

this is a subfield of K that contains $\alpha = \text{eval}_\alpha(x)$

$\Rightarrow \text{Im eval}_\alpha \cong K(\alpha)$

conversely let $\beta \in \text{Im eval}_\alpha$

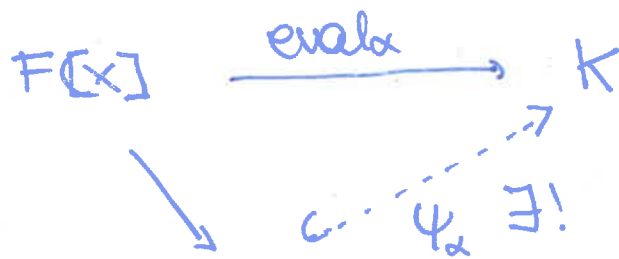
$$\beta = \sum a_i \alpha^i \quad a_i \in F \in F(\alpha)$$

2) α transcendental

$$\text{eval}_\alpha : F[x] \longrightarrow K$$

$p \in F[x]$ $p(\alpha) \neq 0 \Rightarrow p(\alpha)$ is invertible

thus we use the universal property of the field of fractions



$$F(x) \cong Q(F[x])$$

want $\text{Im } \psi_\alpha = F(\alpha)$

$$\psi_\alpha(x) = \text{eval}_\alpha(x) = \alpha \Rightarrow F(\alpha) \subseteq \text{Im } \psi_\alpha$$

on the other side $\alpha, \beta \in \text{Im } \psi_\alpha$

$$\beta = \frac{p(\alpha)}{q(\alpha)} \quad p, q \in F[x] \quad q \neq 0$$

$$= \frac{\sum a_i \alpha^i}{\sum b_i \alpha^i} \in F(\alpha) \quad \#$$

Example

$p(x) = x^3 - 2 \in \mathbb{Q}[x]$ we have 3 roots $\sqrt[3]{2}, \omega\sqrt[3]{2}, \omega^2\sqrt[3]{2} \in \mathbb{C}$

where ω is a root of $x^2 + x + 1$

$\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{2}) \cong \mathbb{Q}(\omega\sqrt[3]{2})$ but they are not equal as subfield of \mathbb{C} !

Cor: if α, β are roots of the same polynomial then $F(\alpha) \cong F(\beta)$

Conversely: Suppose that we have an isomorphism α, β algebraic.

$$\varphi: F(\alpha) \longrightarrow F(\beta)$$

Such that $\varphi|_F = \text{id}$ and $\varphi(\alpha) = \beta$

$$\Rightarrow m_{F, \alpha} \neq m_{F, \beta}$$

Proof:

$$m_{\alpha F} = \sum a_i x^i$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 m_{\beta F}(\varphi(\alpha)) &= \sum a_i \varphi(\alpha)^i = \sum \varphi(a_i) \varphi(\alpha)^i \\
 &= \sum \varphi(a_i \alpha^i) = \varphi\left(\sum a_i \alpha^i\right) = \varphi(0) = 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow m_{\alpha, F}(B) \neq 0 \Rightarrow m_{\beta, F} \mid m_{\alpha, F}$$

$$\Rightarrow m_{\beta, F} = m_{\alpha, F}$$

Example

$$\varphi: \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}) \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{2}) = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})$$

identity on \mathbb{Q} = identity

$$\sqrt{2} \mapsto \sqrt{2} \neq 2 + \sqrt{2}$$

but they are maximal

They have different minimal poly

$$x^2 - 2$$

$$x^2 - 4\sqrt{2}x + 2$$

Rmk another point of view:

F field $p(x)$ irreducible poly

$F[x]/(p(x))$ is a field extension of F where p has a root (might not split completely)

$$F \hookrightarrow F[x] \longrightarrow F[x]/(p(x)) \text{ injective}$$

$$p(x + (p(x))) = \sum a_i (x + (p(x)))^i$$

$$= \sum a_i p(x) + (p(x)) = 0$$

The proof of the theorem

Lemma finite \Rightarrow algebraic

Finite \Rightarrow f.g.
 $v_1 \dots v_n \in K$ basis
 $\mathbb{K}(v_1, \dots, v_n) = \mathbb{K}$

Proof Let $m = [K:F] < \infty$ $\alpha \in K$

$1, \alpha, \alpha^2, \dots, \alpha^m$ are F -linearly dep

$\exists a_i \in F$ not all 0 st

$$\sum_{i=0}^m a_i \alpha^i = 0$$

$$\text{let } p(x) = \sum_{i=0}^m a_i x^i$$

$p(\alpha) = 0$ α algebraic \cup

Lemma L/k finite k/F finite $\Rightarrow L/F$ finite
and $[L:F] = [L:k][k:F]$

Proof

$[L:k] = k$ $v_1 \dots v_k \in k$ basis for L/k

$[k:F] = m$ $w_1 \dots w_m$ ——— k/F

$d \in L$

$$d = \sum_i a_i v_i \quad a_i \in k \quad a_i = \sum_j b_{ij} w_j$$

$$= \sum_i \left(\sum_j b_{ij} w_j \right) v_i$$

$$= \sum_j b_{ij} w_j \cdot v_i$$

$\Rightarrow \langle w_j \cdot v_i \rangle L$ over F

They are linearly independent

$$\sum_j \beta_{ij} w_j v_i = 0$$

$$\sum_j \left(\sum_i \beta_{ij} w_j \right) v_i \Rightarrow \sum_j \beta_{ij} w_j = 0$$

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

• Lemma $[F(\alpha):F] = \deg m_{\alpha,F}$

Proof: let $d = \deg m_{\alpha,F}$

I claim that $1, \alpha, \dots, \alpha^{d-1}$ gives a basis for $F(\alpha)/F$

• They are li $\sum_0^{d-1} a_i \alpha^i = 0$

$$\Rightarrow p(x) = \sum_0^{d-1} a_i x^i \quad p(\alpha) = 0$$

but $\deg p(x) < \deg m_{\alpha,F}(x)$

$$\Rightarrow p(x) = 0 \Rightarrow a_i = 0$$

• They generate. We use the iso

$$F[x]/(m_{\alpha,F}) \cong F(\alpha)$$

$\alpha, \beta \in F(\alpha)$ then $\exists p(x) + (m_{\alpha, F}(x))$

such that $\beta = p(\alpha)$

By the Euclidean algorithm we can choose

$p(x)$ such that $\deg p \leq \deg m_{\alpha, F}$

$$p(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{d-1} a_i x^i$$

$$\beta = \sum_{i=0}^{d-1} a_i \alpha^i$$

Prop: $fg + alg \Rightarrow$ finite.

Proof $K = F(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)$ Induction on n : $!$

\Rightarrow they are algebraic
① $n=1$ $K = F(\alpha)$ $\alpha \in K \Rightarrow alg / F$

$$[K : F] = \deg m_{\alpha, F} < \infty$$

② Suppose that the statement is true for

$K = F(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)$ we show that

it is true for $K = F(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{n+1})$
algebraic

$$F(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) \subseteq F(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{n+1})$$

This is fg
+ algebraic

$$[F(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) : F] = m < \infty$$

α_{n+1} is algebraic / $F \Rightarrow$ it is alg / $F(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)$

$$\Rightarrow [F(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{n+1}) : F(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)] = \deg m_{\alpha_{n+1}, F(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)} < \infty$$

$$\Rightarrow [F(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{n+1}) : F] \text{ is finite} \quad \checkmark$$

Corollary: K/F α, β algebraic so

are $\alpha \pm \beta$ $\alpha\beta$ $\alpha\beta^{-1}$ if $\beta \neq 0$

$\{\alpha \in K \mid \alpha \text{ algebraic over } F\}$ is a field

Proof All these are elements of $F(\alpha, \beta)$ which is finite \Rightarrow algebraic.

β algebraic / F $m_{\beta, F} \subseteq F(\alpha)[x]$
it might be reducible

$$[F(\alpha, \beta) : F(\alpha)] < \deg m_{\beta, F} < \infty$$

$$[F(\alpha) : F] = \deg m_{\alpha, F} < \infty$$

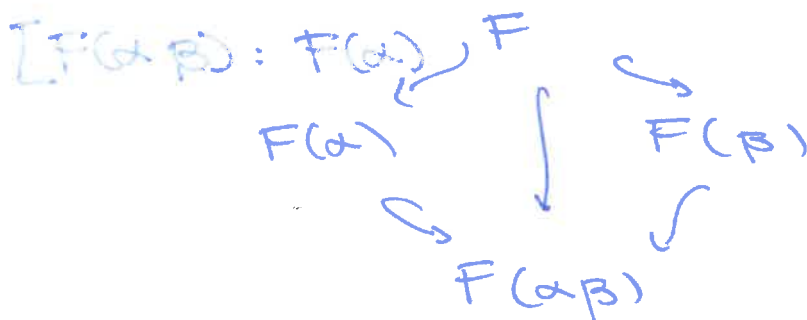
$$\Rightarrow [F(\alpha, \beta) : F] \leq \deg m_{\alpha, F} \cdot \deg m_{\beta, F} < \infty$$

$\Rightarrow F(\alpha, \beta)$ algebraic / F

Cor $(\deg m_{\alpha, F}, \deg m_{\beta, F}) = 1 \Rightarrow$

$$[F(\alpha, \beta) : F] = \deg m_{\alpha, F} \cdot \deg m_{\beta, F}$$

Proof



$$[F(\alpha) : F] \mid [F(\alpha, \beta) : F] \rightarrow \text{common multiple}$$

$$[F(\beta) : F] \mid [F(\alpha, \beta) : F]$$

\geq lcm = the product use (*).

Application $\overline{\mathbb{Q}} / \mathbb{Q}$ is not finite.

α_p root of $x^p - 2$ p prime (irreducible)

Suppose that $\overline{\mathbb{Q}} / \mathbb{Q}$ finite

$$[\overline{\mathbb{Q}} : \mathbb{Q}] = \prod p_i^{m_i}$$

q a prime
 q not in the factor

$$\exists \alpha_q \in \overline{\mathbb{Q}}$$

$$[\mathbb{Q}(\alpha_q) : \mathbb{Q}] \mid [\overline{\mathbb{Q}} : \mathbb{Q}].$$

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