

Pt 3: Fields

Review of Course topics (Cont.)

Characteristic: 0 or a prime p, means F contains Q or $\mathbb{F}_p = \mathbb{Z}_p$.
ideals in fields are trivial or whole field \Rightarrow homs are 0 or injective.
So we usually study field extns.

Given $\frac{K}{F}$, is, $K \supseteq F$, K is an F-vector space. this $\dim_{\mathbb{R}}$ is called the degree of K/F .

key example: $p(x) \in F[x]$ irreducible $\leadsto K = F[x] / (p(x))$

Then p has a root in the field K.

If p has degree n, $[K:F] = n$, an F-basis of K is $\{1, \alpha, \dots, \alpha^{n-1}\}$, $\alpha := \bar{x}$.

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irred.
 \Rightarrow prime
 \Rightarrow max deg
(PEP) \Rightarrow field
quotient.

Can do field arithmetic in K by polynomial division.

Further $K = F[x] / (p) \cong F(\alpha)$ for a root α of p.

Special extn: Algebraic: all elts satisfy polts over F.

If $\alpha \in L/K$ is alg., $\{p(x) \in K[x] \mid p(\alpha) = 0\} = (\min_K(\alpha))$ (you'll gen. by min. poly.)

If α is alg. of degree n, $K(\alpha)/K$ has degree n, basis $\{1, \alpha, \dots, \alpha^{n-1}\}$

If $\alpha \in L$, α alg./K $\Leftrightarrow [K(\alpha):K] < \infty$

Algebraic/algebraic = alg: $L/F, F/K$ alg. $\Rightarrow L/K$ alg.
Can take algebraic closures.

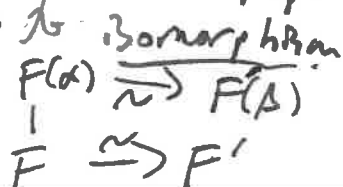
Towers: $\frac{L}{F} / \frac{K}{K}$ $[L:K] = [L:F] \cdot [F:K]$ as a basis of L/K is $\{\alpha_i \beta_j\}$, $\{\alpha_i\}$ basis of L/F

Constructibility: Ex: $\sqrt[3]{2}$ not constructible as $[K(\sqrt[3]{2}):K] = 3$, can't live in a tower of 2-ext of K by degree. $\{\beta_j\}$ basis of F/K .

Splitting fields: splitting field of $g(x) \in F[x]$ is an extn L/K g factors into linear terms over L , but not over a proper subfield of L .

Fact: They exist and are unique up to isomorphism.

Key: Extension of isomorphisms:



deg. of splitting field $\leq n!$

Ex: $x^n - 1 / \mathbb{Q} \leadsto$ Cyclotomic field $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_n)$, $\zeta_n = e^{2\pi i/n}$
min poly = $\phi_n(x) = \prod_{\substack{1 \leq a \leq n \\ \gcd(a, n) = 1}} (x - \zeta_n^a) \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$

• finite fields: \forall primes p , $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $\exists!$ (up to \cong) field \mathbb{F}_{p^n} of size p^n ,
the splitting field \mathbb{F}_{p^n} of $x^{p^n} - x$, Frobenius map: $x \rightarrow x^p$ are simple.

Normal ext: Def 1: Every irred poly $f(x) \in K[x]$ splits in L . (Also $\mathbb{F}_{p^n} \subseteq \mathbb{F}_{p^m} \iff m|n$)
 L/K also Def 2: L is a splitting field of a family of polys $f_i(x) \in K[x]$.

Normal closure: throw in missing roots!

Ex: $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})/\mathbb{Q}$ not normal, adjoint $\zeta_3 = \omega$
 $\rightarrow \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}, \omega)/\mathbb{Q}$ is normal.

Separable: poly $f(x) \in F[x]$ sep. if all roots (over a splitting field) are simple.
test: $(f(x), f'(x)) = 1$.

perfect field: char $(F) = 0$ or char $(F) = p$, Frobenius is surjective
 \Rightarrow irred. polys of perfect fields are sep.

if $f(x)$ is inseparable, $\exists!$ irred. sep. poly $f_{sep} \in \mathbb{F}[x]$:
inseparable, $f(x) = f_{sep}(x^{p^r})$ char $(F) = p$.

sep. ext: all elts are roots of sep polys (base \Leftrightarrow min polys of all elts are sep).
Fact: finite exts of perfect fields are sep.

Thm 4: Galois theory: field aut. of K fixing F : $\text{Aut}(K/F)$

Idea: $\text{Aut}(K/F)$ permute roots of irred. polys.

For splitting fields $K \subseteq \mathbb{C} = \text{split}(f(x))$, $|\text{Aut}(K/F)| \leq [K:F]$,
 $= [K:F]$ if $f(x)$ is F -separable.

Def 1: K/F is finite. its Galois if $|\text{Aut}(K/F)| = [K:F]$

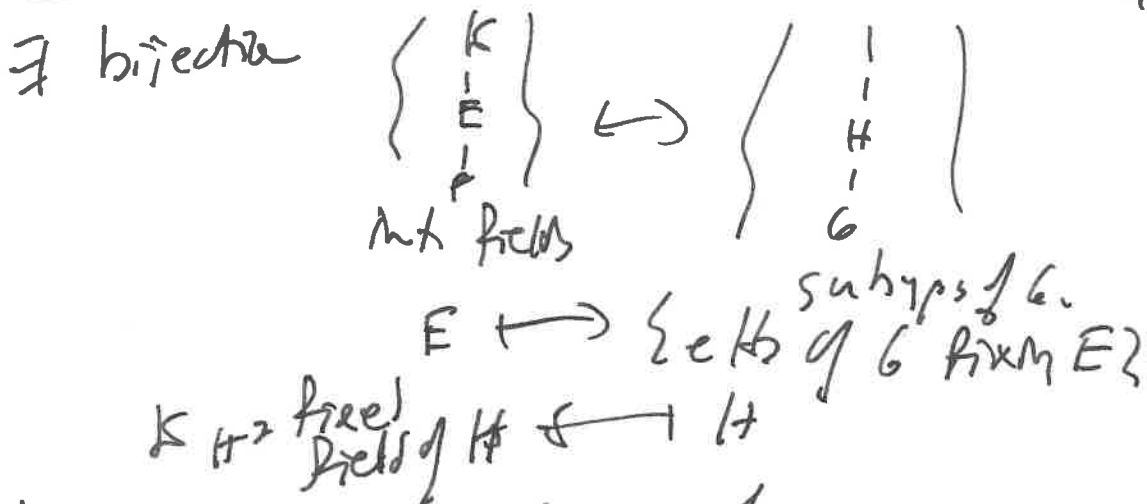
Def 2: K/F is Galois if its normal + separable.

Ex: $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})/\mathbb{Q}$ not Galois as its missing aut: only 1 as seen above

Ex: $\text{Gal}(\mathbb{F}_p^n/\mathbb{F}_p) = \langle \text{Frob}_p \rangle \cong \mathbb{Z}_n$ Explaining simple structure of lattice of subfields.

Ex: $\text{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_n)/\mathbb{Q}) \cong \mathbb{Z}_n^\times$: Explicitly, given $a \in \mathbb{Z}_n^\times$, the Galois elt. maps $\zeta \mapsto \zeta^a$

Fundamental Th^m of Galois Theory K/F finite Galois, $G = \text{Gal}(K/F)$ another primitive n^{th} r.o.u.



+ a number of properties.

• Be familiar with these! Review examples!

Further properties: K/F Galois, $F \subseteq F' \Rightarrow KF'/F'$ Galois, $\text{Gal}(KF'/F') \cong \text{Gal}(K/K \cap F')$ Compos.

• K_1, K_2 Galois/ $F \Rightarrow K_1 \cap K_2, K_1 K_2$ Galois/ F , and $\text{Gal}(K_1 K_2/F) \cong \{ (\sigma, \tau) \mid \sigma|_{K_1 \cap K_2} = \tau|_{K_1 \cap K_2} \} \subseteq \text{Gal}(K_1/F) \times \text{Gal}(K_2/F)$

Cor: If K_1, K_2 Gal/ $F, K_1 \cap K_2 \supseteq F, \text{Gal}(K_1 K_2/F) \cong \text{Gal}(K_1/F) \times \text{Gal}(K_2/F)$
 \leadsto Cor: Galois closures.

Primitive elt. Theorem: K/F simple $\Leftrightarrow \exists$ finite many intermediate fields
 So K/F finite + separable $\Rightarrow K/F$ simple

Examples: Just take linear comb. of generators, "most" comb work.

Galois groups of polys: (splitting field of polys).

$\text{Gal}(\text{irred. poly of deg } n/F)$ is a transitive subgroup of S_n .

Discriminant: $D = \prod_{i < j} (x_i - x_j)^2$, x_1, \dots, x_n

$\text{Disc}(\text{poly}) = \text{disc}(\text{roots})$

$D = 0 \Leftrightarrow f$ is inseparable, over perfect fields $\Rightarrow f$ is reducible.

Fact: $\text{Gal}(f) \leq A_n \Leftrightarrow D$ is a square in F .

Small degree polys: Flowchart in book: know up to deg 4.

For deg. 4, use resolvent cubic, know formula for deg. 3

Over \mathbb{C} : (also over field of fractions of a UFD...) disc .

Pick any prime p not dividing $\text{disc}(f)$. The degrees of factorization into irred. polys mod p gives the cycle type of an elt. in $\text{Gal}_{\mathbb{C}}(f)$.

Guaranteed to find all elt's cycle types in $\text{Gal}_{\mathbb{C}}(f)$ eventually.

Tricks: One example (see notes):

Transitive subgroups of S_n cont. a transposition ~~and~~

and $(n-1)$ cycle are S_n .

Basics = free: not all modules are free

problem: torsion, and weirder stuff

Over commutative rings, $R^m \cong R^n \Rightarrow m=n$ (idea: descend to vector spaces)

Hom., isomorphism theorems, etc. similar to ring theory 14

Cyclic module: $M = R \cdot a$, gen. by one elt.

Recognizing direct products like f.g. ps.

Worst case: $R = \text{PID} \Rightarrow R$ Noetherian (a.c.c.)

inc. Chains terminate

$$\text{Tor}(M) = \{x \in M \mid rx = 0 \text{ some } r \in R \setminus \{0\}\}$$

torsion $\text{Ann}(M) = \{r \in R \mid rM = 0 \forall M\}$
 $N \subseteq M$

module over a domain: rank = $\max^m \#$ of R -lin. ind. elt.

Fund. Th^m of f.g. modules / PIDs!

$$M \cong \underbrace{R^n}_{\text{free part}} \oplus \underbrace{R/(a_1) \oplus \dots \oplus R/(a_m)}_{\text{torsion part}}$$

Invariant factors
 $a_1 | a_2 | \dots | a_m$
 \downarrow non-zero, non-unit
 \uparrow inv. factors.

$$\text{Ann}(\text{Tor}(M)) = (a_m).$$

$$M \cong R^n \oplus R/(p_1^{a_1}) \oplus \dots \oplus R/(p_t^{a_t}) \quad (\text{elementary divisors})$$

p_1, \dots, p_t primes in R .

Moreover, these are unique.

To convert: inv. factors \rightarrow factor a_i into prime powers \rightarrow elem. divs. OR
 elem. divisors \rightarrow take away highest power of each prime \rightarrow inv. factors.

Ex: Fund. Th^m of f.g. abelian gps; "one at a time"
 ab. groups are just \mathbb{Z} -modules!

RCF/JCF:

Given a vector space V/F a field,

$F[x]$ -modules extending the V -space structure are just determined by linear transf. $T: V \rightarrow V$ by sending: $x \cdot v = T(v)$.

(and submodules are just T -~~invariant~~^{stable} vector subspaces)

RCF: Apply fund. theorem in invariant factor form

Basis of $F[x]/(a_i(x)) = \{ \bar{1}, \bar{x}, \dots, \bar{x}^{k-1} \}$

\Rightarrow Companion matrix $\varphi_{a(x)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \dots & -a_0 \\ 1 & 0 & \dots & -a_1 \\ 0 & 1 & \dots & -a_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & -a_{k-1} \end{pmatrix}$

$RCF(A) = \begin{pmatrix} \varphi_{a_1(x)} & & \\ & \dots & \\ & & \varphi_{a_m(x)} \end{pmatrix}$

This determines similarity types of matrices.

$\text{Char}(A) = \text{prod. of inv. factors}$; $\text{min poly} = \text{dcm}(x)$

(or: Cayley-Hamilton)

(last inv. factor)

$\text{Char}(A), \text{min}(A)$ have same roots,

$\text{Char}(A) \mid \text{min}(A)^m$, $\text{min}(A) \mid \text{Char}(A)$

$\Rightarrow \text{Char}(A)$ applied to A

Computing: Trick: small ($2 \times 2, 3 \times 3$ mat.): gives \odot .

Larger alg: Use row col. ops to diagonalize $(xI - A)$ (Smith normal form) \rightarrow determine

JCF: take a field where eigenvalues are contained.

Basis of $F[x]/(x-\lambda)^k : \{ \overline{(x-\lambda)^{k-1}}, \dots, \overline{1} \}$

\rightarrow To run blocks: $\begin{pmatrix} \lambda & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \lambda \end{pmatrix}$

$$T(A) = \begin{pmatrix} T_1 & & \\ & \dots & \\ & & T_m \end{pmatrix}$$

Closest you can get to diagonalizability:

A is diagonalizable \Leftrightarrow all roots of $\min(A)$ are simple.
(over field cont. eigenvalues)

Computing JCF: Compute elem. inv. factors first

Suggested problems?

1). Prove that if K/\mathbb{C} is a finite extⁿ,

there are only finitely many roots of unity in K .

2). Suppose $K = \mathbb{Q}(\alpha) = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{D_1}, \sqrt{D_2})$, $D_1, D_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$,

$$\alpha = a + b\sqrt{D_1} + c\sqrt{D_2} + d\sqrt{D_1 D_2}, \quad a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{Q}.$$

Prove the min. poly for α/\mathbb{C} is irred. of degree 4,
but reducible mod every prime p . In particular,

show that $x^4 - 10x^2 + 1$ is irred in $\mathbb{Z}[x]$ but is

reducible mod every prime. [Hint: are there any

biquadratic extⁿ / finite fields?

3). Let α be a root in \mathbb{C} of $f(x) := x^6 + 3$.

Let $K := \mathbb{Q}(\alpha)$.

a). Show K contains a primitive 6th r. o. u.

b). Show K/\mathbb{Q} is Galois.

c). Find, with proof, the number of intermediate fields $\mathbb{Q} \subseteq F \subseteq K$ with $[F:\mathbb{Q}] = 3$.

4). Let F be a field, $f(x) \in F[x]$ irreducible / F ,
 K the splitting field of $f(x)$ over F .

Show that if $\text{Gal}(K/F)$ is abelian, then $K = F(\alpha)$,
where α is a root of $f(x)$.

5). Use Rational Canonical Form to
find representatives for all conjugacy classes
in $GL_3(\mathbb{F}_2)$, the group of ~~the~~ 3×3 invertible
matrices over the field of 2 elements.

6). Let M be an R -module and N an R -submodule
of M . Prove that M is Noetherian if and only if
 N and M/N are Noetherian.