

## Conjugacy over $\mathbb{R},\mathbb{Q}$

• $k$ -tuples  $\underline{z}=(z_1,\ldots,z_k),\underline{w}=(w_1,\ldots,w_k)\in\mathbb{C}^k$  **conjugate** over  $K\in\{\mathbb{Q},\mathbb{R}\}$  if  $\forall p\in K[t_1,\ldots,t_n],p(\underline{z})=0\iff p(\underline{w})=0$ .  
• $z_1,z_2\in\mathbb{C}$  conjugate over  $\mathbb{R}\iff z_1=z_2\vee z_1=\bar{z}_2$ .  
( $\implies$ ): Let  $z_1=x+iy$ , then root of  $p(z)=(z-x)^2+y^2$ .  $z_1,z_2$  conjugate so  $p(z_2)=0\implies z_2-x=\pm iy$ . ( $\impliedby$ ):  $z_1,z_2$  conjugate. Let  $z_2=\bar{z}_1$ . Complex conjugation ring homomorphism  $\bar{\phantom{x}}$ .

$p(t)=\sum a_it^i\implies \overline{p(t)}=\sum a_i\overline{t^i}=p(\bar{t})\implies p(z_1)=0\iff \overline{p(z_1)}=\bar{0}\iff p(\bar{z}_2)=0$

### The Galois Group

#### Definition

• $f\in\mathbb{Q}[t]$  has roots  $\alpha_1,\ldots,\alpha_k$ , then  $Gal(f)=\{\sigma\in S_k|(\alpha_1,\ldots,\alpha_k),(\alpha_{\sigma(1)},\ldots,\alpha_{\sigma(k)})\text{ conjugate}\}\leq S_k$   
• $S_k$  acts on  $\mathbb{Q}[t_1,\ldots,t_k]$  via  $(\sigma p)(t_1,\ldots,t_k)=p(t_{\sigma(1)},\ldots,t_{\sigma(k)})$ .  $\sigma\in Gal(f)$  iff  $p(\alpha_1,\ldots,\alpha_k)=0\implies (\sigma p)(\alpha_1,\ldots,\alpha_k)=0$ . Then  $\iota\in Gal(f)\nRightarrow \sigma f\neq\emptyset$ . If  $\sigma\in Gal(f)\subseteq S_k$ ,  $\sigma^{-1}p\in\mathbb{Q}[t_1,\ldots,t_k]$ , so  $\sigma^{-1}p=0\implies \sigma(\sigma^{-1}p)=0\iff p=0$  so  $\sigma^{-1}\in Gal(f)$ . If  $\sigma,\tau\in Gal(f)$ ,  $\sigma p\in\mathbb{Q}[t_1,\ldots,t_k]$ , so  $\tau\sigma p=0\implies \tau(\sigma p)=0$  and  $\tau p=0\iff p=0$ , so  $(\tau\sigma)p=0\iff p=0$ , so  $\tau\sigma\in Gal(f)$

#### Examples for Simple Polynomials

• $f\in\mathbb{Q}[t]$  with rational roots then  $Gal(f)=\{i\}$ ; if  $f$  is quadratic with non-rational roots, these are conjugate, so  $Gal(f)=S_2$   
•if  $f=t^4+t^3+t^2+t+1$ , roots are non-1 roots of unity,  $Gal(f)\cong C_4=\langle(1243)\rangle$ ;

transpositions not part of Galois Group (use  $p(t_1,t_2,t_3,t_4)=t_1^2-t_2^2$ )

• $f(t)=t^5-6t+3$  has  $Gal(f)=S_5$ , so not solvable

## Chapter 2

### Group Actions

#### Definition

$G$  acts on set  $X$  via  $G\times X\rightarrow X,(g,x)\mapsto gx$  such that: 1)  $\forall x\in X,1_Gx=x,2)\forall g,h\in G,\forall x\in X,(gh)x=g(hx)$

#### Abstract Symmetry Group

• $Sym(X)$  is the set of all bijections  $X\rightarrow X$ . Forms a group under composition. If  $X=\{1,\ldots,n\}$ ,  $Sym(X)=S_n$ .

•if  $G$  acts on  $X,g\in G$  leads to  $\bar{g}:X\rightarrow X,\bar{g}(x)=gx$ . This induces homomorphism

$\Sigma:G\rightarrow Sym(X)$ , since  $\bar{g}$  is a bijection with inverse  $g^{-1}$ .

#### Equivalent Conditions for Faithful Actions

1. $G$  acts faithfully on  $X(\forall g,h\in G,\forall x\in X,gx=hx\implies g=h)$

2.for any  $g\in G$ , if  $\forall x\in X,gx=x$  then  $g=1_G$

3. $\Sigma:G\rightarrow Sym(X)$  is injective /  $\ker(\Sigma)=\{1_G\}$

#### Examples of Group Actions

1. $Sym(X)$  acts on  $X$  via  $gx=g(x)$ . If  $g\in Sym(X),\bar{g}=g$ , so  $\Sigma=i$ ; this is injective, so  $Sym(X)$  acts faithfully.

2. $Aut(X)\subseteq Sym(X)$  contains automorphisms of  $X$ .  $GL(\mathbb{R};n)$  acts on  $X=\mathbb{R}^n$  via matrix multiplication.  $\Sigma$  is the inclusion  $\Sigma(g)=g$ , which is injective, so  $Aut(X)$  acts faithfully. 3.48 isometries of cube (rotations + reflection) act on 6 faces, 12 edges, 8 vertices & 4 long diagonals. Action on vertices induces  $\Sigma:G\rightarrow S_{12},\Sigma(g)=\sigma_g$  where  $gx_i=\sigma_g(i)$ .

Action on faces/edges/vertices has  $\ker(\Sigma)=\{e\}$ , so faithful. Action on long diagonals not faithful ( $\Sigma$  cannot be injective, as  $|S_4|=24<48=|G|$ )  
4.the trivial action  $gx=x$  is only faithful if  $G$  trivial

#### $Sym(X)$ Contains a Copy of $G$ if Faithful (Lemma 2.1.11)

If  $\Sigma:G\rightarrow Sym(X)$  and  $G$  acts faithfully on  $X$ , then  $G\cong\text{im}(\Sigma)\leq Sym(X)$ .

$G$  faithful  $\iff \Sigma$  injective  $\iff$  induced isomorphism between  $G$  and  $\text{im}(\Sigma)$ .

No cube vertex isometry swaps vertices leaving the rest fixed, so  $\text{im}(\Sigma)\leq S_8$  contains no 2-cycles.

## The Fixed Set

#### Definition

$G$  acts on  $X,S\subseteq G$ . Define **fixed set** of  $S$  as  $\text{Fix}(S)=\{x\in X|\forall x\in S,sx=x\}$ .

#### Conjugating the Fixed Set (Lemma 2.1.15)

$\forall g\in G,\text{Fix}(gSg^{-1})=g\text{Fix}(S)$

$x\in\text{Fix}(gSg^{-1}\iff \forall s\in S,sgs^{-1}x=x\iff \forall s\in S,s(g^{-1}x)=g^{-1}x\iff g^{-1}x\in\text{Fix}(S)\iff x\in g\text{Fix}(S)$

## Rings

#### Definition

Set  $(R,+,\cdot)$ , with  $(R,+)$  abelian group with identity  $0_R,(R,\cdot)$  commutative monoid (multiplication associative & commutative,  $1_R$  is multiplicative identity) and distributivity holds in  $R$ .

#### Ideals, Subrings and the Trivial Ring

• $I\subseteq R$  where  $I\neq\emptyset,I$  closed under subtraction &  $\forall i\in I,\forall r\in R,ri,ir\in I$ .  
•If  $Y\subseteq R,\langle Y\rangle$  is the **ideal generated** by  $Y$  (smallest ideal containing  $Y$ ; either intersection of all ideals containing  $Y$ , or  $\langle Y\rangle=\{\sum a_iri|ri\in I,a_i\in R\}$ , since if  $Y\subseteq J$ , then  $r_i\in J$ , and any  $R$ -linear combination must be in  $J$  by ideal closure, so  $\langle Y\rangle\subseteq J$ ).

•a **principal ideal** is an ideal generated by one element  $\langle r\rangle,r\in R$   
• $S\subseteq R$  where  $0_R,1_R\in S$  and  $S$  closed under subtraction and multiplication.  
•the only subring which is also an ideal is  $R$  itself (if  $1_R\in I$ , then  $I=R$ )  
•any intersection of subrings/ideals of  $R$  is a subring/ideal of  $R$ .  
• $R=\{0_R\}$  is the **trivial ring**, where  $0_R=1_R$ ; the only such ring (if  $S$  has  $0_S=1_S$ , and  $s\in S\setminus\{0_S\}$ , then  $s\cdot 0_S=s\cdot 1_S\implies s=0_S$ ).

#### Ring Homomorphisms

•Mapping  $\varphi:R\rightarrow S$  such that if  $r_1,r_2\in R,1)\varphi(r_1+r_2)=\varphi(r_1)+\varphi(r_2),2)\varphi(r_1r_2)=\varphi(r_1)\varphi(r_2),3)\varphi(1_R)=1_S$ . From these, we get 4)  $\varphi(0_R)=0_S,5)\varphi(-r)=-\varphi(r)$ .

• $\ker(\varphi)$  is an ideal of  $R$ , and  $\text{im}(\varphi)$  is a subring of  $S$ .

#### The Characteristic Homomorphism: From $\mathbb{Z}$ to $R$

$\exists\chi:\mathbb{Z}\rightarrow\mathbb{R}$ , where  $\chi(n)=n\cdot 1_R=\sum_{j=1}^n1_R$  or recursively  $\chi(0)=0_R$ , if  $n>0,\chi(n)=\chi(n-1)+1_R$ , if  $n\leq 0,\chi(n)=-\chi(-n)$ .  
 $\chi(0)=0_R,\chi(1)=1_R$  immediate,  $\chi(n+m)=\chi(n)+\chi(m)$  immediate.

$\chi(nm)=\sum_{i=1}^n1_R\cdot\left[\sum_{j=1}^m1_R\right]=\chi(n)\chi(m)$ . If  $\exists\varphi:\mathbb{Z}\rightarrow\mathbb{R}$  with  $\chi\neq\varphi$ , since both homomorphisms, they preserve identity; inductively assume  $\chi(n)=\varphi(n)$ , then for  $n>0$   $\chi(n+1)=1_R+\varphi(n)=1_R+\chi(n)=\chi(n+1)$ , and result follows for  $n<0$ , so  $\chi$  unique.

#### The Universal Property of Factor Rings

Let  $I\triangleleft R$ . A **factor ring** is a ring  $R/I$ , whose elements are cosets  $r+I=\{r+i|i\in I\}$ .

Canonical homomorphism  $\pi_I:R\rightarrow R/I$  by  $r\mapsto r+I$ .

1. $\pi_I$  is surjective &  $\ker(\pi_I)=I$

2.if  $\varphi:R\rightarrow S$  ring homomorphism &  $\varphi(I)=\{0_S\}$  ( $I\subseteq\ker(\varphi)$ ), then  $\exists!\bar{\varphi}:R/I\rightarrow S$  via  $\varphi=\varphi\circ\pi_I$ .

The **First Isomorphism Theorem**: if  $\ker(\varphi)=I$ , then  $R/\ker(\varphi)\cong\text{im}(\varphi)$ .

#### Integral Domains

•ring where  $0_R\neq 1_R$  &  $\forall r_1,r_2\in R$ , if  $r_1r_2=0_R$  then  $r_1=0_R$  or  $r_2=0_R$   
•the cancellation law applies:  $r_1s=r_2s\implies r_1=r_2\vee s=0_R$   
•a **principal ideal domain** (PID) is an ID where every ideal is principal  
• $\mathbb{Z}$  is PID: it is ID; if  $I\triangleleft\mathbb{Z}$ , let  $n\in I$  be smallest non-zero integer. If  $b\in I$ , by division algorithm,  $b=nq+r,q,r\in\mathbb{Z},r<n$  so  $r=b-nq\in I$ . But  $r<n$  and  $n$  is smallest  $\therefore r=0$  so  $b=nq\implies I=\langle n\rangle$

#### Units in Rings

•a unit  $u\in R$  has a multiplicative inverse

• $u\in R$  is a unit  $\iff \langle u\rangle=R$  (if unit,  $u(u^{-1}r)=r\in\langle u\rangle$  for any  $r\in R$ ; else if  $\langle u\rangle=R$ , then  $1_R\in\langle u\rangle$  so  $\exists r\in R:1_R=ur$  and  $r=u^{-1}\in R$ )  
•if  $r,s\in R,r$  divides  $s$  ( $r|s$ ) if  $\exists a\in R:s=ar$  (equivalently:  $s\in\langle r\rangle$  or  $\langle s\rangle\subseteq\langle r\rangle$ )  
• $r,s\in R$  are **coprime** if  $\forall a\in R$  such that  $a|r,a|s$ ,  $a$  is a unit  
•set of units in  $R$  form a **group**  $R^\times$  under multiplication

#### Bezout's Identity (Proposition 2.2.16)

If  $R$  is PID and  $r,s\in R$ , then  $r,s$  coprime  $\iff \exists a,b\in R:ar+bs=1_R$ .  
( $\implies$ ):  $R$  is PID  $\therefore \exists u\in R:\langle r,s\rangle=\langle u\rangle$ .  $r\in\langle u\rangle,s\in\langle u\rangle$ , so  $u|r,u|s$ .  $r,s$  coprime  $\therefore u$  is unit  $\therefore R=\langle u\rangle=(r,s)\therefore \exists a,b\in R:ar+bs=1_R$ . ( $\impliedby$ ): if  $u|r,u|s$ , then  $u|ar+bs$   $u|1_R\therefore \exists x\in R:ux=1_R\therefore u$  unit  $\therefore r,s$  coprime.

#### Mutual Divisibility in Integral Domains (Exercise 2.2.15)

If  $r,s\in R$  PID and  $u$  unit, then  $r|s\iff \langle r\rangle\subseteq\langle s\rangle\iff \langle r\rangle=\langle s\rangle\iff s=u\cdot r$ .  
 $r|s|t\iff \langle s\rangle\subseteq\langle r\rangle\wedge\langle r\rangle\subseteq\langle s\rangle\iff \langle r\rangle=\langle s\rangle\iff \exists u,w\in R:s=ur,r=ws\iff s=uws\iff uw=1_R\iff u$  unit.

## Fields

#### Definition and Properties of Fields

•a field is a commutative ring  $R$  where  $0_R\neq 1_R$  and  $\forall r\in R$   $r$  is a unit (so if  $R^\times=R\setminus\{0_R\}$ , then  $R$  is a field).  
•every field is an integral domain; and every **finite** integral domain is a field (i.e  $\mathbb{Z}$  not a field)

•fields only have **trivial ideals**:  $\{0_R\}$ ,  $R$  (ideals generated by units are the whole ring)

•**subfields** are subrings which are also fields

• $\mathbb{Z}_m$  is a field  $\iff m$  is prime

#### The Field of Rational Expressions

•if  $K$  is a field,  $K(t)$  (set of rational expressions  $f/g,f,g\in K[t]$ ) is a field  
• $f_1/g_1,f_2/g_2\in K(t)$  are equal if  $f_1g_2=f_2g_1$

#### Field Homomorphisms are Injective (Lemma 2.3.3)

If  $\varphi:K\rightarrow L,\ker(\varphi)\triangleleft K\therefore\ker(\varphi)=\{0_K\}$  or  $\ker(\varphi)=K$ .  $\varphi$  homomorphism  $\therefore\varphi(1_K)=1_L\neq 0_L$  ( $L$  is field)  $\therefore\ker(\varphi)=\{0_K\}\therefore\varphi$  injective.  
**Subfields from Field Homomorphisms (Lemma 2.3.6)**

Let  $\varphi:K\rightarrow L$ . Then, if  $A\leq K,\varphi(A)\leq L$ . If  $B\leq L,\varphi^{-1}(B)\leq K$ .

$\varphi$  ring homomorphism  $\therefore\varphi(A)\leq L$ .  $A$  subfield, so  $a,a^{-1}\in A$  and  $\varphi(a^{-1})=\varphi(a)^{-1}\in\varphi(A)$ , so  $\varphi(A)$  subfield.  
**Equalisers and Subfields (Lemma 2.3.8)**  
• $X,Y$  sets,  $S\subseteq\{f:X\rightarrow Y\},Eq(S)=\{x\in X|\forall f,g\in S,f(x)=g(x)\}$   
•if  $K,L$  fields and  $S$  subset of homomorphisms  $K\rightarrow L,Eq(S)\leq K$   
•for example,  $S=\{\text{id}_\mathbb{C},\kappa\}$ ,  $\kappa$  complex conjugation, then  $Eq(S)=\mathbb{R}\leq\mathbb{C}$ .

$0_K,1_K\in Eq(S)$  &  $0_K\neq 1_K$ , since  $\varphi\in S$  field homomorphism. If  $a,b\in Eq(S)$ , let  $\varphi,\theta\in Eq(S)$ . Then  $\varphi(a-b)=\varphi(a)-\varphi(b)=\theta(a)-\theta(b)=\theta(a-b)\therefore a-b\in Eq(S)$ . Similarly,  $ab,a^{-1}\in Eq(S)$ .

## The Characteristic of a Ring

#### Definition

•the characteristic of  $R$  is smallest  $n\in\mathbb{N}$  such that  $n\cdot 1_R=0_R$  (if no such  $n$ ,  $\text{char}(R)=0$ . Alternatively,  $\mathbb{Z}$  is PID, so  $\exists n\geq 0:\ker(\chi)=\langle n\rangle$ ;  $\text{char}(R)=n$ .  
• $\text{char}(\mathbb{R})=\text{char}(\mathbb{Q})=\text{char}(\mathbb{C})=0$ , whereas  $\text{char}(\mathbb{Z}_p)=p$   
•if  $K$  field, then  $\text{char}(K)=\text{char}(K(t))$

#### Characteristic in Integral Domains (Lemma 2.3.11)

If  $K$  is ID (like fields), then  $\text{char}(K)=0$  or  $\text{char}(K)=p$  ( $p$  prime).  
Let  $R$  ID. If  $\text{char}(R)=0$ , done; assume  $\text{char}(R)=n\geq 1$ .  $n=1\implies 1\cdot 1_R=0_R$  but in ID  $1_R\neq 0_R$ , so  $n\geq 2$ .  $\exists k,m>0:km=n\therefore\chi(k)\chi(m)=\chi(n)=0_R$ .  $R$  is ID: WLOG  $\chi(k)=0_R$ . Then,  $k\in\ker(\chi)=\langle n\rangle\therefore n|k$ . But  $km=n\therefore k|n\therefore n=k\therefore n$  prime.

#### Field Homomorphisms and Characteristic (Lemma 2.3.12)

If  $\varphi:K\rightarrow L$  field homomorphism,  $\text{char}(K)=\text{char}(L)$ .  
 $\varphi(n\cdot 1_K)=n\cdot 1_L=\chi_L(n)$ .  $\varphi$  field homomorphism  $\therefore$  injective  $\therefore n\cdot 1_L=0_L\iff n\cdot 1_K=0_K\iff\text{char}(K)=\text{char}(L)$ .

## Prime Subfields

#### Definition

•the smallest subfield of  $K$  (any other subfield contains it)  
•either: intersection of all subfields of  $K$ , or  $\{(m\cdot 1_K)/(n\cdot 1_K)|m,n\in\mathbb{Z},n\cdot 1_K\neq 0_K\}$  (subfields contain  $1_K$ , must contain any  $n\cdot 1_K$  and closed under products and inverses  $1/(m\cdot 1_K)$ ).

#### Number of Prime Subfields (Lemma 2.3.16)

Let  $K$  field. If  $\text{char}(K)=0$ , prime subfield is  $\cong\mathbb{Q}$ . If  $\text{char}(K)=p$  prime, prime subfield is  $\cong\mathbb{F}_p$ .

If  $\text{char}(K)=0,n\cdot 1_K\neq 0$ . Define field homomorphism  $\varphi:\mathbb{Q}\rightarrow K,m/n\mapsto(m\cdot 1_K)/(n\cdot 1_K)$ .  $\varphi$  injective induces isomorphism  $\mathbb{Q}\cong\text{im}(\varphi)$ .  $\mathbb{Q}$  has no proper subfields  $\therefore\text{im}(\varphi)$  no proper subfields  $\therefore\text{im}(\varphi)\leq K$  smallest subfield. If  $\text{char}(K)=p$ ,  $\ker(\chi)=\langle p\rangle$ . By FIT,  $\text{im}(\chi)\cong\mathbb{Z}/\langle p\rangle\cong\mathbb{F}_p$ .  $\mathbb{F}_p$  no proper subfields (Lagrange), so  $\text{im}(\chi)$  doesn't have proper subfields  $\therefore\text{im}(\chi)\leq K$  smallest subfield.

#### Finite Fields Have Positive Characteristic (Lemma 2.3.17)

If  $K$  finite &  $\text{char}(K)=0,\mathbb{Q}$  prime subfield; but  $\mathbb{Q}$  infinite, so contradiction.

## Rings of Prime Characteristic

#### The Frobenius Map (Proposition 2.3.20)

Let  $\text{char}(R)=p$  prime.  $\theta:R\rightarrow R,r\mapsto r^p$  is homomorphism. If  $R$  field,  $\theta$  injective; if  $R$  finite field,  $\theta$  automorphism.

$\theta(0_R)=0_R,\theta(1_R)=1_R,\theta(rs)=\theta(r)\theta(s)$ . For additivity,  $\theta(r+s)=(r+s)^p=\sum_{i=0}^p\binom{p}{i}r^is^{p-i}$ . From definition:  $\left(\frac{p}{i}\right)=\frac{p!}{(p-i)!i!}\therefore p!=i!(p-i)!\left(\frac{p}{i}\right)$ . Then,  $p|p!$ ,

$p\nmid i!,p\nmid (p-i)!\therefore p\left|\binom{p}{i}\right.$ .  $\text{char}(R)=p$ , so  $\theta(r+s)=r^p+s^p=\theta(r)+\theta(s)$ . If  $|R|<\infty$ , injectivity induces bijectivity.

#### $p$ th Roots in Fields of Characteristic $p$ (Corollary 2.3.22)

Let  $\text{char}(R)=p$  prime. If  $R$  field, every  $a\in R$  has at most 1  $p$ th root. If  $R$  finite field, every  $a\in R$  has exactly 1  $p$ th root.

Frobenius map  $\theta$  injectively for fields,  $a\in R$  maps to unique  $a^p\therefore x^p$  has at most 1 root. If  $R$  finite,  $\theta$  is automorphism, so for each  $x\in R,x=a^p$ .

#### Examples of $p$ th Roots

•in  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ , using FLT,  $\theta(a)=a^p=a^{p-1}a=a$   
•if  $\text{char}(R)=2$ , there is at most 1 square root  
•over  $\mathbb{C}$ ,  $p$   $p$ th roots of unity; if  $\text{char}(K)=p$ , only 1 ( $1_K$ )  
• $t\in\mathbb{F}_p(t)$  has no  $p$ th root

## Irreducible Ring Elements

#### Irreducibles and Reducibles

• $r\in R$  irreducible if  $r\neq 0_R,r$  not unit &  $\forall a,b\in R$  if  $ab=r$ , then  $a$  or  $b$  is a unit (think of irreducibles as primes in  $\mathbb{Z}$ )  
• $r\in R$  reducible if  $r\neq 0_R,r$  not unit and  $r$  not irreducible  
• $0_R$  and units are neither reducible nor irreducible  
•there are no irreducibles in fields (every  $r\in R$  is unit)

#### Fields from Irreducibles in PIDs (Proposition 2.3.26)

Let  $R$  be PID, and  $0_R\neq r\in R$ .  $r$  irreducible  $\iff R/\langle r\rangle$  field.  
( $\implies$ ): let  $r$  irreducible, &  $F$  be the ring  $R/\langle r\rangle$ . Let  $\pi:R\rightarrow R/\langle r\rangle$  canonical map.  $\ker(\pi)=\langle r\rangle$ ;  $r$  not a unit, so  $1_R\notin\langle r\rangle\therefore\pi(1_R)=1_F\neq 0_F$ .  $F$  field if every  $0_F\neq s\in F$  is unit.  $\langle r\rangle\neq R$ , so let  $s\in R\setminus\langle r\rangle$ .  $s\notin\langle r\rangle\therefore r\nmid s$ .  $r$  only divisible by units (since irreducible), so if  $a|r$  and  $a|s$ ,  $a$  is unit  $\therefore r,s$  coprime  $\therefore$  by Bezout (2.2.16)  $\exists a,b\in R:ar+bs=1_R$ . Then,

$\pi(a)\pi(r)+\pi(b)\pi(s)=1_F\implies\pi(b)\pi(s)=1_F\iff\pi(s)^{-1}=\pi(b)\therefore\pi(s)$  unit  $\therefore$  non-zero elements of  $F$  are units. ( $\impliedby$ ): let  $F=R/\langle r\rangle$  field. Then,  $0_F\neq 1_F\therefore\pi(1_R)\neq 0_F\therefore 1_R\notin\ker(\pi)=\langle r\rangle\therefore r\nmid 1_R\therefore r$  no inverse. Assume  $r=ab$ . Then,  $\pi(a)\pi(b)=0_F$ .  $R$  is PID; WLOG  $\pi(a)=0_F\therefore a\in\langle r\rangle\therefore a=rz\therefore r=ab=rzb$ . By Cancellation Law,  $zb=1_R\therefore b$  unit.

## Chapter 3

### The Ring of Polynomials

#### Definition

• $R$  ring generates ring  $R[t]$  of polynomials over  $R$  ( $a_0,a_1,\ldots$ ) where  $|\{i|a_i\neq 0\}|<\infty$ .  
•additive identity:  $(0_R,0_R,\ldots)$ ; multiplicative identity:  $(1_R,0_R,\ldots)$   
•the **degree**  $\deg(f)=n$  is largest  $n$  such that  $a_n\neq 0$ ; if  $f=0_R$ ,  $\deg(f)=-\infty$ .

#### Polynomials Induce Ring Endomorphisms

•if  $r\in R$  ring and  $f\in R[t]$ ,  $f$  leads to endomorphism  $r\mapsto\sum a_iri^{deg}$   
•if  $R$  is finite, finitely many endomorphisms but infinitely many polynomials  $\therefore$  endomorphism isn't unique (i.e in  $\mathbb{F}_2,f=t$  and  $g=t^2$  generate same endomorphism, since  $0^2=0$  &  $1^2=1$ , but  $f\neq g$ ).

## Homomorphisms Over Polynomial Rings

#### Universal Property of the Polynomial Ring (Proposition 3.1.6)

Let  $R,B$  rings,  $\varphi:R\rightarrow B$  and  $b\in B$ .  $\exists!\theta:R[t]\rightarrow B$  such that  $\forall a\in R,\theta(a)=\varphi(a)$  &  $\theta(t)=b$ .

If  $\theta$  satisfies above,  $\theta\left(\sum a_iri^k\right)=\sum i\varphi(a_i)b^k$ , so  $\$

## Uniquely Determined Polynomials

**Non-Constant Polynomials Divisible by Irreducibles (Lemma 3.2.6)**

Let  $K$  field,  $f \in K[t]$  non-constant,  $f$  is divisible by irreducible in  $K[t]$ .

**Irreducibles Divide Elements of Product (Lemma 3.2.7)**

Let  $K$  field,  $f, g, h \in K[t]$ . If  $f$  irreducible &  $f|gh$ , then  $f|g$  or  $f|h$ .

**Polynomials Over Fields Factorise Uniquely (Theorem 3.2.8)**

Let  $K$  field,  $0_K \neq f \in K[t]$ . Then  $f = af_1 \cdots f_n$ , where  $n \geq 0$ ,  $a \in K$ ,  $f_1, \dots, f_n \in K[t]$  monic irreducible.  $n, a$  uniquely determined by  $f$ ;  $f_1, \dots, f_n$  uniquely determined up to reordering.

**Linear Factors and Roots (Lemma 3.2.9)**

Let  $K$  field,  $f \in K[t]$ ,  $a \in K$ . Then,  $f(a) = 0_K \iff (t - a)|f$ .

**Factorisation in Algebraically Closed Fields (Lemma 3.2.10)**

•  $K$  algebraically closed if every non-constant polynomial has at least 1 root in  $K$

• if  $K$  algebraically closed,  $0_K \neq f \in K[t]$ , then  $f(t) = c(t - a_1)^{m_1} \cdots (t - a_k)^{m_k}$ , where  $a_1, \dots, a_k$  are distinct roots of  $f$  in  $K$ ,  $m_1, \dots, m_k \geq 1$ .

## Irreducibility in Polynomials

**Fields from Irreducible Polynomials**

Let  $K$  field,  $0_K \neq f \in K[t]$ . Then,  $f$  irreducible  $\iff K[t]/\langle f \rangle$  is field.

**Primitive Polynomials**

$p \in \mathbb{Z}[t]$  is primitive if its coefficients have no common divisor, except  $\pm 1$ .

**From Primitives to Rational Polynomials (Lemma 3.3.7)**

If  $f \in \mathbb{Q}[t]$ ,  $\exists F \in \mathbb{Z}[t]$ ,  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Q}$  (with  $F$  primitive) such that  $f = \alpha F$ .

**Gauss's Lemma (Lemma 3.3.8)**

1.Product of primitive polynomials over  $\mathbb{Z}[t]$  is primitive

2.If non-constant  $p \in \mathbb{Z}[t]$  irreducible over  $\mathbb{Z}$ , it is irreducible over  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

**Irreducibility from Degree & Roots (Lemma 3.3.1)**

Let  $K$  field,  $f \in K[t]$ . Then:

1.If  $f$  constant, then  $f$  not irreducible.

2.If  $\deg(f) = 1$ ,  $f$  irreducible.

3.If  $\deg(f) \geq 2$  &  $f$  has root,  $f$  reducible.

4.If  $\deg(f) \in \{2, 3\}$  &  $f$  has no root,  $f$  irreducible.

•  $f = \sum_{i=0}^{p-1} t^i$  reducible in  $\mathbb{Z}_p[t]$ , as  $f(1) = 0$ .

•  $f = t^3 - 10 \in \mathbb{Q}[t]$  has no root in  $\mathbb{Q}$  &  $\deg(f) = 3 \therefore$  irreducible.

• over algebraically closed fields, the irreducibles are linear.

**Mod- $p$  Method (Proposition 3.3.9)**

Let  $f = \sum_{i=1}^p a_i t^i \in \mathbb{Z}[t]$ . Define  $\pi : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_p$ ,  $\pi_* : \mathbb{Z}[t] \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_p[t]$ ,  $p$  prime. If  $p \nmid a_n$  &  $\bar{f} \in \mathbb{Z}_p[t]$  irreducible, then  $f$  irreducible over  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

•  $f = 9 + 14t - 8t^3 \in \mathbb{Z}[t]$  reduces to  $\bar{f} = 2 - t^3$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_7$ . No roots & cubic  $\therefore$  irreducible in  $\mathbb{Z}_7 \therefore$  irreducible in  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

• in  $\mathbb{Z}_3$ ,  $\bar{f} = t(t^2 - 1)$  is reducible, but this doesn't imply reducibility in  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

• condition  $p \nmid a_n$  necessary:  $f = 6t^2 + t$  reducible, but in  $\mathbb{Z}_3$ ,  $\bar{f} = t$  irreducible.

**Eisenstein's Criterion (Proposition 3.3.12)**

Let  $f = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i t^i \in \mathbb{Z}[t]$ ,  $n \geq 1$ .  $f$  irreducible over  $\mathbb{Q}$  if  $\exists p$  prime, such that:

1. $p \nmid a_n$  2. $\forall i \in [0, n - 1]$ ,  $p|a_i$  3. $p^2 \nmid a_0$

•  $g = \frac{2}{3}t^5 - \frac{5}{3}t^4 + t^3 + \frac{1}{3}$ , by Gauss (3.3.8),  $g$  irreducible over  $\mathbb{Q} \iff 9g$  irreducible over  $\mathbb{Q}$ ;  $9g$  irreducible by Eisenstein with  $p = 3$ .

•  $p$ th cyclotomic polynomial is  $\Phi_p(t) = 1 + t + \cdots + t^{p-1} = \frac{t^p-1}{t-1}$ . Can't apply

Eisenstein on  $\Phi_p(t)$  immediately; but  $\Phi_p(t + 1) = \frac{1}{t} \sum_{i=1}^p \binom{p}{i} t^i$ , which is irreducible by Eisenstein with  $p$ .

## Chapter 4

### Field Extensions

#### Definition

• a field extension (FE) of field  $K$  is field  $M$  alongside homomorphism  $\iota : K \rightarrow M$ .

Written  $M : K$ .

•  $K(t)$  extends  $K$  with trivial homomorphism  $\iota(a) = a/1$ ;  $\mathbb{Q}$  trivially extends itself;  $\mathbb{R}$  extends  $\mathbb{Q}$ , again through the inclusion homomorphism.

**Generating Subfields**

• let  $K$  field,  $X \subseteq K$ . The subfield of  $K$  generated by  $X$  is intersection of all  $K$  subfields containing  $X$  (smallest subfield containing  $X$ )

• if  $M : K$  FE &  $Y \subseteq M$ ,  $K(Y)$  = subfield of  $M$  generated by  $K \cup Y$  (subfield generated by  $Y$  over  $K$ ,  $K$  with  $Y$  adjoined).

•  $K(Y)$  is the smallest subfield containing  $K$  &  $Y$

• subfield of  $K$  generated by  $\emptyset$  is prime subfield; subfield of  $\mathbb{C}$  generated by  $\{i\}$  is  $\mathbb{Q}(i)$ , since  $\mathbb{Q}$  is prime subfield.

### Algebraic and Transcendental Elements

#### Definition

• let  $M : K$  FE &  $\alpha \in M$ .  $\alpha$  algebraic over  $K$  if  $\exists 0_K \neq f \in K[t] : f(\alpha) = 0_K$ . If no such  $f$  exists,  $\alpha$  transcendental

•  $\pi$ ,  $e$  transcendental/algebraic over  $\mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{R}$ ;  $e^{2\pi i/n}$  algebraic over  $\mathbb{Q}$  (root of  $f = t^n - 1$ );  $t \in K(t)$  transcendental over  $K$ , as  $f(t) = 0_K \iff f = 0_K$ .

### The Minimal Polynomial

**Definition (Lemma 4.2.6)**

• if  $M : K$  FE, annihilating polynomial (AP) of  $\alpha \in M$  is  $f \in K[t] : f(\alpha) = 0$ .

• if  $M : K$  FE &  $\alpha \in M$ ,  $\exists m \in K[t] : \langle m \rangle$  = {APs of  $\alpha$  over  $K$ }.  $m$  is minimal polynomial (MP) of  $\alpha$  over  $K$ .

• if  $\alpha$  transcendental over  $K$ ,  $m = 0_K$ ; if algebraic,  $m$  is unique & monic.

By Universal Property of Polynomial Rings (3.1.6), unique evaluation homomorphism  $\theta : K[t] \rightarrow M$  evaluates at  $\alpha$ , so  $\ker(\theta)$  = {APs of  $\alpha$  over  $K$ }. By (3.2.2),  $K[t]$  PID  $\therefore \exists m \in K[t] : \langle m \rangle = \ker(\theta)$ . If  $\alpha$  transcendental,  $\ker(\theta) = \{0_K\}$ , so  $m = 0_K$ . Else, multiply  $m$  by  $0_k \neq k \in K$  &  $\langle m \rangle$  doesn't change  $\therefore$  assume monic. If  $\langle \bar{m} \rangle = \ker(\bar{\theta})$ ,  $\bar{m} = cm$ , but  $\bar{m}$ ,  $m$  monic  $\therefore c = 1$ .

**Equivalent Conditions for Minimal Polynomial (Lemma 4.2.10)**

Let  $M : K$  FE,  $\alpha \in M$  algebraic over  $K$ ,  $m \in K[t]$  monic. Equivalent:

1.  $m$  is MP of  $\alpha$  over  $K$

2.  $\langle \alpha \rangle = 0_K$  &  $m|f$ ,  $\forall$  APs  $f \in K[t]$  of  $\alpha$ .

3.  $m(\alpha) = 0$  &  $\deg(m) \leq \deg(f)$ ,  $\forall$  APs  $0_k \neq f \in K[t]$  of  $\alpha$

4.  $m(\alpha) = 0$  &  $m$  irreducible over  $K$ .

## Field Extensions from Polynomials (Lemma 4.3.1)

Let  $K$  field.

1. Let  $M = K[t]$  monic, irreducible,  $\pi : K[t] \rightarrow K[t]/\langle m \rangle$  canonical homomorphism. Write  $\pi(t) = \alpha \in K[t]/\langle m \rangle$ . Then,  $m$  is MP of  $\alpha$  over  $K$ , and  $K[t]/\langle m \rangle \cong K(\alpha)$ .

2.  $t \in K(t)$  is transcendental over  $K$ , and  $K(t)$  generated by  $t$  over  $K$ .

1. Let  $M = K[t]/\langle m \rangle$ .  $\pi(\sum_i a_i t^i) = \sum a_i \alpha^i \therefore \ker(\pi) = \langle m \rangle$  contains APs of  $\alpha$  over  $K \therefore m$  MP of  $\alpha$  over  $K$ . If  $L \leq M$  &  $L$  contains  $K$ ,  $\alpha$ , then contains every polynomial in  $\alpha$  over  $K \therefore M \leq L \therefore L = M \therefore M = K(\alpha)$ .

2.  $t$  transcendental in  $K(t)$ . Let  $L \leq K(t)$  contain  $K$ ,  $t$ . If  $f, g \in K[t]$  are in  $L$ , then  $f/g \in L \therefore L = M \therefore M = K(t)$ .

### Homomorphisms Over Fields

**Definition**

• let  $K$  field with extensions  $\iota_1 : K \rightarrow M_1$ ,  $\iota_2 : K \rightarrow M_2$ . Homomorphism  $\varphi : M_1 \rightarrow M_2$  is homomorphism over  $K$  if  $\forall a \in K$ ,  $\varphi(\iota_1(a)) = \iota_2(a)$

• if  $\iota_1, \iota_2$  inclusions,  $\forall a \in K$ ,  $\varphi(a) = a$

**Homomorphisms Over Fields Defined by Subsets (Lemma 4.3.6)**

Let  $M_1 : K$ ,  $M_2 : K$  FE,  $\varphi, \psi : M_1 \rightarrow M_2$  homomorphisms over  $K$ . Let  $Y \subseteq M_1 : M_1 = K(Y)$ . If  $\forall a \in Y$ ,  $\varphi(a) = \psi(a)$ , then  $\varphi = \psi$ .

$\varphi = \psi$  on  $K \cup Y \therefore K \cup Y \subseteq \{\varphi, \psi\}$ . By (2.3.8),  $\{\varphi, \psi\} \leq M$  containing  $K \cup Y$ ;  $K(Y)$  smallest such subfield  $\therefore \{\varphi, \psi\} = K(Y) = M$ .

### Universal Properties of $K[t]/\langle m \rangle$ , $K(t)$ (Proposition 4.3.7)

Let  $K$  field.

1. Let  $m \in K[t]$  monic, irreducible,  $L : K$  FE,  $\beta \in L$  with MP  $m \in K[t]$ ,  $\alpha = \pi(t)$ .  $\exists!$  homomorphism  $\varphi : K[t]/\langle m \rangle \rightarrow L$  over  $K$ , such that  $\varphi(\alpha) = \beta$ .

2.  $L : K$  FE,  $\beta \in L$  transcendental.  $\exists!$  homomorphism  $\varphi : K(t) \rightarrow L$  over  $K$  such that  $\varphi(t) = \beta$ .

1. There is at least 1 homomorphism  $\varphi : K[t]/\langle m \rangle \rightarrow L$  over  $K$  with  $\varphi(\alpha) = \beta$ . By (3.1.6),  $\exists!$  homomorphism  $\theta : K[t] \rightarrow L$  with  $\forall a \in K$ ,  $\theta(a) = a$  &  $\theta(t) = \beta$ . Then,  $\theta(m(t)) = \theta(m(\beta)) = 0 \therefore \langle m \rangle \subseteq \ker(\theta)$ , by Universal Property of Quotient Rings,  $\exists!$  homomorphism  $\varphi : K[t]/\langle m \rangle \rightarrow L$  with  $\theta = \varphi \circ \pi$ .  $\varphi$  is homomorphism over  $K$ , since  $\forall a \in K$ ,  $\varphi(a) = \varphi(\pi(a)) = \theta(a) = a$ . Moreover,  $\varphi(a) = \varphi(\pi(t)) = \theta(t) = \beta$ . There is at most 1 homomorphism as the one described. Assume there are 2 such homomorphisms  $\varphi \varphi'$ . Then,  $\varphi(a) = \varphi'(\alpha)$ . By (4.3.1, i),  $K(\alpha) = K[t]/\langle m \rangle$ , so  $\varphi = \varphi'$  by (4.3.6).

2. There is at least one homomorphism  $\varphi : K(t) \rightarrow L$  over  $K$  with  $\varphi(t) = \beta$ . Elements in  $K(t)$  are of form  $f/g$  where  $f, g \in K[t]$ ,  $g \neq 0_K$ .  $\beta$  transcendental over  $K \therefore g(\beta) \neq 0_K \therefore f(\beta)/g(\beta) \in L$  well defined. This defines homomorphism  $\varphi : K(t) \rightarrow L$ ,  $f/g \mapsto f(\beta)/g(\beta)$ .  $\varphi$  homomorphism over  $K$  &  $\varphi(t) = \beta$  as required. At most one such  $\varphi$  similar to 1) above.

### Isomorphisms Over Fields

**Definition**

$M_1 : K$ ,  $M_2 : K$  FE.  $\varphi : M_1 \rightarrow M_2$  is isomorphism over  $K$  if its homomorphism over  $K$  & isomorphism.  $M_1, M_2$  can be isomorphic, but not isomorphic over  $K$ .

**Corollary to Universal Property (Corollary 4.3.11)**

Let  $K$  field.

1. Let  $m \in K[t]$  monic, irreducible,  $L : K$  FE,  $\beta \in L$  with MP  $m \in K[t]$ ,  $L = K(\beta)$ ,  $\alpha = \pi(t)$ .  $\exists!$  isomorphism  $\varphi : K[t]/\langle m \rangle \rightarrow L$  over  $K$ , st  $\varphi(\alpha) = \beta$ .

2.  $L : K$  FE,  $\beta \in L$  transcendental,  $L = K(\beta)$ .  $\exists!$  isomorphism  $\varphi : K(t) \rightarrow L$  over  $K$  st  $\varphi(t) = \beta$ .

1.(4.3.7.i) implies  $\exists!$  homomorphism  $\varphi : K[t]/\langle m \rangle \rightarrow L$  over  $K$  with  $\varphi(\alpha) = \beta$ .  $\varphi$  isomorphism if surjective (since  $\varphi$  homomorphism of fields  $\therefore$  injective). By (2.3.6, i)  $\text{im}(\varphi) \leq L$  &  $\varphi$  homomorphism over  $K \therefore K \subseteq \text{im}(\varphi)$  &  $\beta \in \text{im}(\varphi)$  (since  $\varphi(\alpha) = \beta$ )  $\therefore \text{im}(\varphi) = K(\beta) = L$

2. Similar to above.

### Simple Field Extensions

**Definition**

•  $M : K$  simple if  $\exists \alpha \in M$  st  $M = K(\alpha)$

•  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3})$  simple: computing  $(\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3})^3 = 11\sqrt{2} + 9\sqrt{3}$  shows that  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3}) = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3})$ .

**Classification of Simple Extensions (Theorem 4.3.16)**

Let  $K$  field.

1. Let  $m \in K[t]$  monic, irreducible.  $\exists M : K$ ,  $\exists \alpha \in M : M = K(\alpha)$  where  $\alpha$  algebraic with MP  $m$ . If  $(M_1, \alpha_1)$ ,  $(M_2, \alpha_2)$  are 2 such pairs,  $\exists!$  isomorphism  $\varphi : M_1 \rightarrow M_2$  over  $K$  st  $\varphi(\alpha_1) = \alpha_2$ .

2. There exists FE  $M : K$ ,  $\alpha \in M$  transcendental st  $M = K(\alpha)$  If  $(M_1, \alpha_1)$ ,  $(M_2, \alpha_2)$  are 2 such pairs,  $\exists!$  isomorphism  $\varphi : M_1 \rightarrow M_2$  over  $K$  st  $\varphi(\alpha_1) = \alpha_2$ .

Take  $M = K[t]/\langle m \rangle$ ,  $\alpha = \pi(t)$ . By (4.3.1, i),  $\alpha$  has MP  $m \in K[t]$  &  $M = K(\alpha)$  Lastly, use (4.3.11, i). For 2) use (4.3.1, ii), (4.3.11, ii).

## Chapter 5

### The Degree of an Extension

**Definition**

• Degree of  $M : K$  is  $[M : K]$ : dimension of  $M$  as vector space over  $K$ .

•  $M : K$  is finite if  $[M : K] < \infty$ .  $\mathbb{C} : \mathbb{R}$  finite ( $\{1, i\}$  basis);  $K(t) : K$  infinite ( $\{1, t, t^2, \dots\}$  infinite basis).

**Extensions of Degree 1 (Example 5.1.3, i)**

$[M : K] = 1 \iff M = K$

If  $M = K$ ,  $\{1_K\}$  basis. If  $[M : K] = 1$ ,  $\{1_K\}$  basis  $\therefore m = 1_K \therefore m$ .

### Basis for Simple Extensions (Theorem 5.1.5)

Let  $K(\alpha) : K$  simple FE.

1. Let  $\alpha \in M$  algebraic with MP  $m \in K[t]$ ,  $n = \deg(m)$ .  $\{1, \alpha, \dots, \alpha^{n-1}\}$  basis for  $K(\alpha) : K \therefore [K(\alpha) : K] = \deg(m)$ .

2. Let  $\alpha \in M$  transcendental over  $K$ .  $\{1, \alpha, \dots\}$  LiD &  $[K(\alpha) : K] = \infty$ .

1.  $\alpha$  algebraic  $\therefore 1, \alpha, \dots, \alpha^{n-1}$  LiD (else  $\deg(m) < n$ ). By (4.3.1,i) & (4.3.16, i),  $K(\alpha) = K[t]/\langle m \rangle$ ,  $\alpha = \pi(t)$ .  $\pi$  surjective  $\therefore \forall a \in K(\alpha)$ ,  $\exists f \in K[t] : \pi(f) = a$ . By (3.2.1),  $\exists q, r \in K[t] : f = qm + r$ ,  $\deg(r) < n \therefore r$  unique polynomial st  $f - r \in \langle m \rangle \therefore \pi(f) = \pi(r)$ . Then, unique  $a_i$  st  $\pi(f) = \pi(\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} a_i t^i) = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} a_i \alpha^i \therefore 1, \dots, \alpha^{n-1}$  is spanning set.

2.(4.3.16, ii) implies  $K(\alpha) \cong K(t)$  over  $K$  &  $K(t) : K$  infinite.

### Field Extension with Cube Root of 2

$\sqrt[3]{2}$  has MP  $t^3 - 2 \therefore [\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{2}) : \mathbb{Q}] = 3 \therefore \{1, 2^{1/3}, 2^{2/3}\}$  is a basis. This shows that  $2^{2/3}$  can't be written as  $\mathbb{Q}$ -linear combination of  $1, 2^{1/3}$ .

## Degree of Field Elements

**Definition**

Let  $M : K$  FE,  $\alpha \in M$  with MP  $m \in K[t]$ ,  $\deg_K(\alpha) = [K(\alpha) : K] = \deg(m)$

**Degree of Algebraic Field Elements (Corollary 5.1.10)**

Let  $M : K$  FE,  $\alpha \in M$ .  $\deg_K(\alpha) < \infty \iff \alpha$  algebraic over  $K$ .

**Adjoining Elements to Chained Extensions (Corollary 5.1.12)**

Let  $M : L : K$  FE,  $\beta \in M$ . Then,  $[L(\beta) : L] \leq [K(\beta) : K]$ .

If  $\beta$  transcendental,  $[K(\beta) : K] = \infty$  & follows. If  $\beta$  algebraic over  $K$ , let  $m \in K[t]$  be MP.

$L : K \therefore m$  AP of  $\beta$  over  $L \therefore$  degree of MP  $p$  of  $\beta$  over  $L$  is at most  $\deg(m) \therefore$

$[L(\beta) : L] = \deg(p) \leq \deg(m) = [K(\beta) : K]$

**Generating Field Elements from Algebraics (Corollary 5.1.14)**

Let  $M : K$  FE,  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n \in M$  algebraic over  $K$  with  $\deg_K(\alpha_i) = d_i$ . Then:

$\forall \alpha \in K(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)$ ,  $\exists cr_1, \dots, r_n \in K : \alpha = \sum_{r_1, \dots, r_n} cr_1, \dots, r_n \prod_{i=1}^n \alpha_i^{r_i}$  where:

$r_i \in [0, d_i - 1]$ .

Apply induction. Base Case:  $K(\alpha) : K$ . For inductive step,  $\alpha \in K(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) \therefore \alpha \in (K(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{n-1}))(\alpha_n) \therefore \alpha$  algebraic in simple extension and can use inductive hypothesis.

### The Tower Law

**Tower Law (Theorem 5.1.17)**

Let  $M : L : K$  FE.

1.If  $(\alpha_i)_{i \in I}$  basis  $L$  over  $K$ ,  $(\beta_j)_{j \in J}$  basis  $M$  over  $L$ , then  $(\alpha_i \beta_j)_{(i,j) \in I \times J}$  basis of  $M$  over  $K$ .

2.  $M : K$  finite  $\iff M : L, L : K$  finite

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

Prove 1, then 2,3 follow. Let  $(c_{ij})_{(i,j) \in I \times J} \subseteq K$  st  $\sum_{i,j} c_{ij} \alpha_i \beta_j = 0$  where  $\forall j \in J$ ,  $\sum_i c_{ij} \alpha_i \in L$  ( $\alpha_i$  basis of  $L$  over  $K$ ).  $(\beta_j)_{j \in J}$  is LiD over  $L \therefore \sum_{i,j} c_{ij} \alpha_i \beta_j = 0 \iff \sum_i c_{ij} \alpha_i = 0$ . But  $(\alpha_i)_{i \in I}$  LiD over  $K \therefore \forall i \in I, \forall j \$

### Uniqueness of iterated Quadratic Subfields (Lemma 5.3.8)

Let  $K, L$  subfields of  $\mathbb{R}$ , such that  $K : \mathbb{Q}, L : \mathbb{Q}$  **iterated quadratic**. Exists subfield  $M$  of  $\mathbb{R}$  st  $M : \mathbb{Q}$  iterated quadratic &  $K, L \subseteq M$ .

$\exists K_i, L_i$  st  $\mathbb{Q} = K_0 \subseteq K_1 \subseteq K_2 \subseteq \dots \subseteq K_n = \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\forall i, \mathbb{Q}$

$\exists K_i, 0 \leq L_1 \subseteq L_2 \subseteq \dots \subseteq L_m = \mathbb{R}$  where  $\forall i, \mathbb{Q}, [K_i : K_{i-1}] = 2 = [L_j : L_{j-1}]$

Consider chain of subfields of  $\mathbb{R}$ :

$\mathbb{Q} = K_0 \subseteq K_1 \subseteq \dots \subseteq K_n = K = KL_0 \subseteq KL_1 \subseteq \dots \subseteq KL_m = KL$  Claim:  $M = KL$  is iterated quadratic extension of  $K$  ( $K, L \subseteq KL$  clearly).  $L_{j_j}, KL_{j-1}$  subfields of  $\mathbb{R}$  containing  $L_{j-1}$ . By (5.3.6),  $[L_j : L_{j-1}] = 2$ .

$[KL_j : KL_{j-1}] = [L_j(KL_{j-1}) : KL_{j-1}] \in \{1, 2\}$  Successive degrees in subfield chain are 1 or 2. If degree 1, equality  $\therefore$  ignore. Thus,  $KL : \mathbb{Q}$  iterated quadratic extension containing  $K, L$ .

#### Iterated Quadratic Extensions Contain Constructible Points (Proposition 5.3.9)

Let  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ . If  $(x, y)$  constructible from  $\Sigma = \{(0, 0), (1, 0)\}$  then  $\exists$  iterated quadratic extension of  $\mathbb{Q}$  containing both  $x, y$ .

Induction on steps  $n$  to construct  $(x, y)$ . If  $n = 0$ ,  $(x, y) \in \Sigma$   $\therefore x, y \in \mathbb{Q}$  (iterated quadratic over  $\mathbb{Q}$  itself). Suppose  $(x, y)$  constructible in  $\leq k$  steps. In iterated quadratic extension of  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Let  $(x, y)$  constructible in  $k + 1$  steps from  $\Sigma$ .  $(x, y)$  intersection of lines/circles through points constructible in  $\leq k$  steps  $\therefore$  by inductive hypothesis, intermediate points lie in iterated quadratic extension  $\therefore$  by (5.3.8) there is iterated quadratic extension  $L$  of  $\mathbb{Q}$  containing all intermediate points. If  $x, y$  satisfy line equation:  $ax + by + c = 0$ ; if satisfy circle equation:  $x^2 + y^2 + dx + ey + f = 0$ . If  $x, y$  intersection of 2 lines,  $x$  satisfies linear equation  $\therefore x \in L$   $\therefore \deg_L(x) = 1$ . If  $x, y$  intersection of line & circle,  $x$  satisfies linear or quadratic over  $L$ , so  $\deg_L(x) \in \{1, 2\}$ . If  $x, y$  intersection of 2 circles, reduces to case of line, circle intersection, so  $\deg_L(x) \in \{1, 2\}$ . Hence,  $[L(x) : L] \in \{1, 2\}$   $\therefore$  either  $L$  or  $L(x)$  iterated quadratic extension of  $\mathbb{Q}$  containing  $x$ . Same applies to  $y$ . Combining these with (5.3.8) yields iterated quadratic extension containing  $x, y$ .

#### Constructible, Algebraic Points Have Power of 2 Degree (Theorem 5.3.10)

Let  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ . If  $(x, y)$  constructible from  $\Sigma = \{(0, 0), (1, 0)\}$  then:

1. $x, y$  algebraic over  $\mathbb{Q}$  2.their degrees over  $\mathbb{Q}$  are powers of 2

By (5.3.9),  $\exists$  iterated quadratic extension  $M$  of  $\mathbb{Q}$  with  $x \in M$ . By Tower Law:

$\exists n \geq 0 : [M : \mathbb{Q}] = 2^n$ . Again by Tower Law:  $[M : \mathbb{Q}] = [M : \mathbb{Q}(x)][\mathbb{Q}(x) : \mathbb{Q}]$   $\therefore$

$[\mathbb{Q}(x) : \mathbb{Q}] \mid 2^n \therefore \deg_{\mathbb{Q}}(x) < \infty$  (so  $x$  algebraic), and power of 2.

### The Problems Which Stumped the Greeks

#### Can't Trisect Angles by Ruler & Compass (Proposition 5.3.11)

If possible, construct triangle with vertices at  $(0, 0)$  &  $(1, 0)$ . Trisect angle at  $(0, 0)$ . Let  $(x, y)$  be intersection of trisector & circle (centre  $(0, 0)$ , radius 1). Then,  $x = \cos(\pi/9)$ . But MP  $x$  is  $t^3 - \frac{3}{2}t - \frac{1}{6}$  (use DeMoivre for identity of  $\cos(3x)$  & Mod- $p$  method with  $p = 5$ ), so  $\deg_{\mathbb{Q}}(\cos(\pi/9)) = 3$ , but if  $x$  constructible, degree power of 2 by (5.3.10).

#### Can't Duplicate Cube by Ruler and Compass (Proposition 5.3.12)

If possible, if  $A, B$  distance 1 apart, can construct  $A', B'$  distance  $\sqrt[3]{2}$  apart  $\therefore (\sqrt[3]{2}, 0)$  constructible. MP of  $\sqrt[3]{2}$  is  $t^3 - 2$   $\therefore$  not power of 2, so can't be constructible by (5.3.10).

#### Can't Square Circle by Ruler and Compass (Proposition 5.3.13)

If true, given circle of radius 1 with centre  $(0, 0)$  (with area  $\pi$ ), construct square with side length  $\sqrt{\pi}$ .  $(\sqrt{\pi}, 0)$  constructible. By (5.3.10),  $\sqrt{\pi}$  algebraic over  $\mathbb{Q}$   $\therefore \pi$  algebraic over  $\mathbb{Q}$  (subfield), but it's transcendental.

#### Fermat Primes

A regular  $n$ -polygon is constructible  $\iff n = 2^r p_1 \dots p_k$  where  $r, k \geq 0$  &  $p_i$  is a

**Fermat Prime** ( $p_i = 2^u + 1$ ; 3,5,17,257,65537, ...).

### Chapter 6

## Homomorphism Extensions

#### Definition

•let  $\iota_1 : K_1 \rightarrow M_1, \iota : K_2 \rightarrow M_2$  FE,  $\psi : K_2 \rightarrow K_2$  field homomorphism.

$\varphi : M_1 \rightarrow M_2$  extends  $\psi$  if  $\varphi \circ \iota_1 = \iota_2 \circ \psi$ . If  $\iota_1, \iota_2$  inclusions,  $\varphi$  extends  $\psi$  if  $\forall \alpha \in K_1$ ,  $\varphi(\alpha) = \psi(\alpha)$ .

•if  $M_1 : K, M_2 : K$  &  $\varphi : M_1 \rightarrow M_2$  extends  $\text{id}_K$ ,  $\varphi$  is homomorphism over  $K$

#### Homomorphism Extensions Preserve Roots (Lemma 6.1.3)

Let  $M_1 : K_1, M_2 : K_2$  FE,  $\psi : K_1 \rightarrow K_2$  homomorphism,  $\varphi : M_1 \rightarrow M_2$  homomorphism extending  $\psi$ ,  $\psi_* : K_1[t] \rightarrow K_2[t]$  induced homomorphism. Let  $\alpha \in M_1, f \in K_1[t]$ . Then,  $f(\alpha) = 0K_1 \iff (\psi_*f)(\varphi(\alpha)) = 0K_2$

$f = \sum \alpha_i t^i$   $\therefore \psi_*f = \sum \psi(\alpha_i) t^i$   $\therefore (\psi_*f)(\varphi(\alpha)) = \sum \psi(\alpha_i) \varphi(\alpha)^i = \sum \varphi(\alpha_i) \varphi(\alpha)^i = \varphi(f(\alpha))$ , using that  $\varphi$  equal to  $\psi$  on  $K_1$ .  $\varphi$  field homomorphism  $\therefore$  injective by (2.3.3), so  $f(\alpha) = 0 \iff \varphi(f(\alpha)) = 0$ .

#### Homomorphism Over Fields Preserve APs (Example 6.1.4)

Let  $M_1 : K, M_2 : K$  FE,  $\varphi : M_1 \rightarrow M_2$  homomorphism over  $K$ . AP of  $\alpha \in M_1$  same as  $\varphi(\alpha) \in M_2$ .

Apply (6.1.3) with  $\psi = \text{id}_K$ , then  $f(\alpha) = 0_K \iff f(\varphi(\alpha)) = 0_K$ .

#### Isomorphism Extensions Over Simple Fields (Proposition 6.1.6)

Let  $\psi : K_1 \rightarrow K_2$  field isomorphism,  $K_1(\alpha_1) : K_1$  simple extension ( $\alpha_1$  with MP  $m \in K_1[t]$ ),  $K_2(\alpha_2) : K_2$  simple extension ( $\alpha_2$  with MP  $\psi_*m \in K_2[t]$ ). Then,  $\exists!$  isomorphism  $\varphi : K_1(\alpha_1) \rightarrow K_2(\alpha_2)$  extending  $\psi$  &  $\varphi(\alpha_1) = \alpha_2$ .

View  $K_2(\alpha_2)$  as FE of  $K_1 : K_1 \rightarrow K_2 \rightarrow K_2(\alpha_2)$   $\therefore$  MP of  $\alpha_2$  over  $K_1$  is  $m$ . By (4.3.16),  $\exists!$  isomorphism  $\varphi : K_1(\alpha_1) \rightarrow K_2(\alpha_2)$  over  $K_1$  with  $\varphi(\alpha_1) = \alpha_2$ .

## Splitting Fields of Polynomials

#### Definition

• $f \in M[t]$  **splits** in  $M$  if irreducible factors linear:  $f = \beta(t - \alpha_1) \dots (t - \alpha_n)$  with  $n \geq 0, \beta, \alpha_i \in M$ .

•**splitting field** of  $0_K \neq f \in K[t]$  is extension  $M : K$  st:

1. $f$  splits in  $M$  2. $M = K(\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_n)$ ,  $\alpha_i$  roots of  $f$  in  $M$

#### Bounding Degree of Splitting Field (Theorem 6.2.10)

Let  $0_K \neq f \in K[t]$ ,  $\therefore$  splitting field  $M$  of  $f$  over  $K$  st  $[M : K] \leq \deg(f)!$ . Induction on  $\deg(f)$   $\therefore$  n. If  $\deg(f) = 0$ ,  $f \in K$  so  $M = K$  is SF (irreducible factors linear), so  $[M : K] = 1 \leq 0!$ . Assume  $\deg(f) \leq k!$ , then  $[M : K] \leq k!$ . Let  $f \in K[t]$  with  $\deg(f) = k + 1$ . Let  $m \in K[t]$  irreducible factor of  $f$ , by (4.3.16),  $\exists K(\alpha_1) : K$  where  $m(\alpha) = 0$ . In  $K(\alpha_1)[t]$ ,  $t - \alpha$   $f$   $\therefore$  let  $g = f/(t - \alpha) \in K(\alpha_1)[t]$ .  $\deg(g) = k < k + 1$   $\therefore$  by inductive hypothesis,  $M : K(\alpha)$  is SF of  $g$  &  $M : K(\alpha)$   $\leq k!$ . Since  $\alpha \in M$  &  $g$  splits in  $M$ ,  $f = (t - \alpha)g$  splits over  $M$ . By Tower Law,  $[M : K] = [M : K(\alpha)][K(\alpha) : K] \leq k! \deg(m) \leq (k + 1)!$ .

#### Isomorphisms Between Splitting Fields (Proposition 6.2.11)

Let  $\psi : K_1 \rightarrow K_2$  field isomorphism,  $0_{K_1} \neq f \in K_1[t]$ ,  $M_1$  a SF of  $f$  over  $K_1$ ,  $M_2$  a SF of  $\psi_*f$  over  $K_2$ . Then, there are at most  $[M : K]$  isomorphisms  $\varphi : M_1 \rightarrow M_2$  extending  $\psi$ .

### Uniqueness of Splitting Fields (Theorem 6.2.13)

Let  $0_K \neq f \in K[t]$ ,  $K$  field. Then:

1.there exists a SF of  $f$  over  $K$  2.any 2 SFs of  $f$  are **isomorphic** over  $K$  3.if  $M$  SF of  $f$  over  $K$ ,  $\#$  automorphisms of  $M$  over  $K < [M : K] \leq \deg(f)!$

1. (6.2.10) 2. (6.2.11) with  $K_1 = K_2, \psi = \text{id}_K$  3. (6.2.11) & (6.2.10)

We denote the splitting field of  $f$  over  $K$  with  $SF_K(f)$ .

#### Splitting Fields from Subsets (Lemma 6.2.14)

1.Let  $M : S : K$  FE,  $0_K \neq f \in K[t]$ ,  $Y \subseteq M$ . If  $S = SF_K(f)$ , then  $S(Y) = SF_{K(Y)}(f)$ .

2.Let  $0_K \neq f \in K[t]$ ,  $L$  subfield  $SF_K(f)$  with  $K \subseteq K$  (so  $SF_K(f) : L : K$ ). Then,  $SF_K(f) : L = SF_L(f)$ .

1. $f$  splits in  $S$   $\therefore$  splits in  $S(Y)$ . If  $X$  roots of  $f$ ,  $S = K(X)$   $\therefore$

$S(Y) = K(X)(Y) = K(X \cup Y) = K(Y)(X) = SF_{K(Y)}(f)$ .

2.By 1.,  $S(L) = S$  is SF of  $f$  over  $K(L) = L$ , so  $SF_K(f) = SF_L(f)$ .

## The Galois Group

#### Galois Group of Field Extension

•let  $M : K$  FE. The **Galois Group** of  $M : K$ ,  $Gal(M : K)$ , is the **group of automorphisms** of  $M$  over  $K$  (composition as group operation). •if  $\theta \in Gal(M : K)$ , then  $\theta : M \rightarrow M$  automorphism &  $\forall a \in K, \theta(a) = a$ .

#### Galois Group of Polynomial

•let  $0_K \neq f \in K[t]$ . The **Galois Group** of  $f$  over  $K$  is  $Gal_K(f) = Gal(SF_K(f) : K)$ . •by (6.2.13),  $|Gal_K(f)| \leq |SF_K(f) : K| \leq \deg(f)!$  so  $Gal_K(f)$  always finite.

## Action of the Galois Group

#### Galois Group Restricts to Action on Roots (Lemma 6.3.7)

Let  $0_K \neq f \in K[t]$ ,  $K$  field. The action of  $Gal_K(f)$  on  $SF_K(f)$  restricts to action on the set of roots of  $f$  in  $SF_K(f)$  (if  $X \subseteq SF_K(f)$  set of roots,  $\forall g \in Gal_K(f), \forall x \in X, gx = g(x) \in X$ ).

Let  $\theta \in Gal_K(f)$ . By (6.1.4), if  $\alpha \in SF_K(f)$  root,  $\theta(\alpha) \in SF_K(f)$  also root.

#### Galois Group Acts Faithfully (Lemma 6.3.8)

Let  $0_K \neq f \in K[t]$ ,  $K$  field. Action of  $Gal_K(f)$  on roots of  $f$  is faithful.

Let  $X \subseteq SF_K(f)$  be roots of  $f$ ,  $\theta \in Gal_K(f)$ . Then,  $SF_K(f) = K(X)$ . If  $\forall x \in X, \theta(x) = x$ , by (4.3.6),  $\theta = \text{id}_K$  faithful.

In other words, elements in  $Gal_K(f)$  completely determined by how they permute roots of  $f$ . If roots  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k$  for each  $\theta \in Gal_K(f)$ , there is  $\sigma_{\theta} \in S_k$  defined by  $\theta(\alpha_i) = \alpha_{\sigma_{\theta}(i)}$ .  $\theta \rightarrow \sigma_{\theta}$  is isomorphism &  $Gal_K(f) \cong \{\sigma_{\theta} | \theta \in Gal_K(f)\} \leq S_k$ .

## Galois Group Isomorphic to Subgroup of $S_k$

#### Conjugacy Over Field Extensions

Let  $M : K$  FE. Consider  $k$ -tuples of elements of  $M$ :  $k \geq 0, (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k), (\alpha'_1, \dots, \alpha'_k)$

These tuples are **conjugate** over  $K$  if  $\forall p \in K[t_1, \dots, t_k]$   $p(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k) = 0 \iff p(\alpha'_1, \dots, \alpha'_k)$ .

#### Equivalence of Galois Group Definitions (Proposition 6.3.10)

Let  $0_K \neq f \in K[t]$ ,  $K$  field., with  $k$  **distinct roots**  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k \in SF_K(f)$  Then:  $\{\sigma \mid \sigma \in S_k, (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k)$  and  $(\alpha_{\sigma(1)}, \dots, \alpha_{\sigma(k)})$  are conjugate over  $K\} \leq S_k$  is isomorphic to  $Gal_K(f)$ .

#### Galois Subgroups from Extensions (Corollary 6.3.12)

Let  $L : K$  FE and  $0 \neq f \in K[t]$ .  $Gal_L(f)$  isomorphic to subgroup of  $Gal_K(f)$ .  $K \subseteq L$   $\therefore$  if tuples conjugate over  $L$ , conjugate over  $K$   $\therefore Gal_L(f) \subseteq Gal_K(f)$ .  $Gal$  isomorphic to subgroup of  $S_k$   $\therefore Gal_L(f) \leq Gal_K(f)$ .

#### Order of Galois Group Divides $k!$ (Corollary 6.3.14)

Let  $0_K \neq f \in K[t]$  have  $k$  distinct roots in  $SF_K(f)$ .  $Gal_K(f)$  isomorphic to subgroup of  $S_k$ , so by Lagrange's Theorem,  $|Gal_K(f)| \mid k!$ .

## Chapter 7

## Normal Field Extension

#### Definition

•**algebraic FE**  $M : K$  is **normal** if  $\forall \alpha \in M$ , MP of  $\alpha$  splits in  $M$ .

•all SFs are normal;  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{2}) : \mathbb{Q}$  prototypical example of non-normality:  $t^3 - 2$  doesn't split, since  $i \notin \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{2})$ .

#### Normality from Irreducible Polynomials (Lemma 7.1.2)

Let  $M : K$  algebraic FE.  $M : K$  normal  $\iff$  every irreducible  $f \in K[t]$  either has no roots in  $M$  or splits in  $M$ .

( $\implies$ ): let  $f \in K[t]$  irreducible with root  $\alpha \in M$ .  $f$  is irreducible  $\therefore$  MP of  $\alpha$  is  $f/c$  ( $c \in K$  lead coefficient of  $f$ ).  $M : K$  normal  $\therefore f/c$  splits in  $M$   $\therefore f$  splits too. ( $\impliedby$ ): let  $\alpha \in M : M : K$  is algebraic  $\therefore \alpha$  has MP  $f \in K[t]$ .  $f$  irreducible & has at least one root in  $M$  ( $\alpha$ )  $\therefore f$  splits in  $M$   $\therefore M : K$  normal.

#### Extensions of Degree 2 (Workshop 4, Q4)

Every extension of degree 2 is normal.

If  $[M : K] = 2$ ,  $M : K$  finite  $\therefore$  algebraic,  $\alpha \in M$ . By Tower Law, either  $M = K(\alpha)$  or  $K(\alpha) = K$ . If  $K(\alpha) = K, \alpha \in K$   $\therefore t - \alpha$  is MP, which splits in  $M$ . If  $K(\alpha) = M, \alpha$  has quadratic MP  $m \in K[t]$ . Since  $m(\alpha) = 0, m = (t - \alpha)g$ , with  $g \in M[t]$  &  $\deg(g) = 1$   $\therefore m$  splits in  $M$ .

## Normality and Splitting Fields (Theorem 7.1.5)

Let  $M : K$  FE. Then, if  $0_K \neq f \in K[t]$ ,  $M = SF_K(f) \iff M : K$  finite & normal.

( $\implies$ ):  $M : K$  finite  $\therefore$  by (5.2.4)  $\exists$  basis of algebraics  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n$  of  $M$  over  $K$  with  $M = K(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)$ . Let  $m_i \in K[t]$  MP of  $\alpha_i$ .  $M : K$  normal  $\therefore m_i$  splits over  $M$   $\therefore f = m_1 m_2 \dots m_n \in K[t]$  also splits in  $M$ . Then, set of roots of  $f$  in  $M$  contains  $\{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n\}$ ; since  $M = K(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)$ ,  $M$  generated by roots of  $f$  over  $K$   $\therefore M = SF_K(f)$ . ( $\implies$ ): let  $f \in K[t] : M = SF_K(f)$ . Firstly,  $M$  is finite.  $f$  splits over  $M = SF_K(f)$ ; let  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n$  be roots of  $f$  in  $M$ . Then,  $M = K(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)$  &  $\alpha_i$  algebraic  $\therefore$  by 5.2.4,  $M : K$  is finite. Let  $\delta \in M$  have MP  $m \in K[t]$ .  $m$  splits in  $SF_M(m)$ .

Claim: if  $\varepsilon \in SF_M(m)$  root of  $m$ , then  $\varepsilon \in M$  (which implies that any  $f \in K[t]$  splits in  $M$ ).  $m$  is MP of  $\delta$  over  $K$   $\therefore$  monic, irreducible over  $K$ . It annihilates  $\varepsilon$   $\therefore$  MP of  $\varepsilon$ . By (4.3.16),  $\exists!$  isomorphism over  $K$   $\theta : K(\delta) \rightarrow K(\varepsilon)$  with  $\theta(\delta) = \varepsilon$ . By (6.2.14, ii),  $M = SF_K(f) : K(\delta) : K$   $\therefore M = SF_K(f) = SF_{K(\delta)}(f)$ . Moreover,

$SF_K(f) = K(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)$   $\therefore$  by (6.2.14, ii) with  $Y = \{\varepsilon\} \subseteq M$ ,  $K(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n, \varepsilon) = SF_{K(\varepsilon)}(f)$ . Lastly,  $\theta$  homomorphism over  $K$ , and  $f \in K[t]$   $\therefore$

$\theta_*f = f$ . Since  $\theta$  isomorphism from  $K(\delta)$  to  $K(\varepsilon)$ ,  $0_K \neq f \in K[t]$   $\therefore 0_K \neq f \in K(\delta)[t]$ ,  $M_1 = M = SF_{K(\delta)}(f)$ ,  $M_2 = K(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n, \varepsilon) = SF_{K(\varepsilon)}(f)$   $\therefore$  by (6.2.11),  $\exists$

isomorphism  $\varphi : M \rightarrow K(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n, \varepsilon)$  extending  $\theta$ . Since  $\theta$  is isomorphism over  $K$  &  $\varphi$  extends  $\theta$ ,  $\varphi$  also isomorphism over  $K$ . Then,  $\delta \in M = K(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)$ . Since  $\varphi$  isomorphism over  $K$ ,  $\varphi(\delta) \in K(\varphi(\alpha_1), \dots, \varphi(\alpha_n))$   $\therefore \varphi$  extends  $\theta$   $\therefore \varphi(\delta) = \theta(\delta) = \varepsilon \in \varepsilon \in K(\varphi(\alpha_1), \dots, \varphi(\alpha_n))$ . By (6.1.4),  $\alpha_i$  has AP  $f$   $\therefore \varphi(\alpha_i)$  also has AP  $f$   $\therefore f(\varphi(\alpha_i)) = 0 \Rightarrow \varphi(\alpha_i) \in \{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n\}$   $\therefore \varepsilon \in K(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) = M$   $\therefore$  any root  $\varepsilon$  of  $f$  is also in  $M$ , so  $M : K$  normal.

## Normality of Intermediate Fields (Corollary 7.1.6)

Let  $M : L : K$  FE. If  $M : K$  finite & normal,  $M : L$  finite & normal.

$M : K$  finite & normal  $\therefore$  by (7.1.5),  $M = SF_K(f)$ . By (6.2.14, ii),  $SF_K(f) : L : K$   $\therefore SF_K(f) = SF_L(f)$   $\therefore M : L$  finite & normal.

$L : K$  needn't be normal: if  $\omega = e^{2\pi i/3}$ , consider  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{2}, \omega) : \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{2}) : \mathbb{Q}$ :

$\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{2}, \omega) : \mathbb{Q} = SF_{\mathbb{Q}}(t^3 - 2)$   $\therefore$  normal, but  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{2}) : \mathbb{Q}$  not normal.

## Galois Action on Normal Extensions

#### Galois Maps Between Conjugates (Proposition 7.1.9)

Let  $M : K$  finite, normal FE &  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2 \in M$ . Then  $\alpha_1, \alpha$

**Separability from Formal Derivative (Proposition 7.2.10)**

Let  $f \in K[t]$  irreducible,  $K$  field,  $f$  inseparable  $\iff Df = 0, \kappa_K$ .

By (7.2.9),  $f$  inseparable  $\iff f$  has repeated root  $\iff f, Df$  have non-constant common factor.  $f$  irreducible  $\therefore f|Df$ . Since  $\deg(Df) < \deg(f)$ ,  $f|Df \iff Df = 0$ .

**Separability from Field Characteristic (Corollary 7.2.11)**

Let  $K$  field. Then:

1.If  $\text{char}(K) = 0$ , every irreducible  $f \in K[t]$  is separable..

2.If  $\text{char}(K) = p > 0$ , any irreducible  $f \in K[t]$  is inseparable  $\iff f(t) = \sum_{i=0}^r b_i t^{ip}$ , where  $b_0, \dots, b_r \in K$ .

Let  $f = \sum_{i=0}^n a_i t^i \in K[t]$  irreducible.  $f$  inseparable  $\iff Df = 0$  (by 7.2.10)  $\iff \forall i \geq 1, ia_i = 0$ . When  $\text{char}(K) = 0$ , only follows if  $\forall i \geq 1, a_i = 0 \therefore f$  constant  $\therefore f$  not irreducible.  $\therefore$  if  $\text{char}(K)$  &  $f$  irreducible,  $f$  can't be inseparable. If  $\text{char}(K) = p$ ,  $ia_i = 0$  whenever  $i$  divides  $p$  & for remaining cases,  $a_i = 0 \therefore$  polynomials in  $t^p$ . are inseparable when  $\text{char}(K) = p$ .

In fact, irreducible polynomials over **finite fields** are separable; inseparability can only arise in infinite fields of prime characteristic.

## Separable Extensions

### Definition

- let  $M : K$  algebraic.  $\alpha \in M$  **separable** over  $K$  if its MP over  $K$  is separable.
- let  $M : K$  algebraic.  $M : K$  **separable** if every  $\alpha \in M$  separable over  $K$ .
- any  $M : K$  with  $\text{char}(K) = 0$  is separable (7.2.11); any algebraic extension of finite fields is separable (by remark at end of (7.2.11)).
- the SF of  $t^p - u$  over  $\mathbb{F}_p(u)$  inseparable, as the MP of  $\alpha$  (root of  $u$ ) is inseparable (since  $t^p - u$  isn't separable).

### Algebraicity of Intermediate Field (Exercise 7.2.15)

Let  $M : L : K$  FE. If  $M : K$  algebraic,  $M : L : L : K$  algebraic.

If  $M : K$  algebraic,  $\alpha \in M$  has MP  $f \in K[t]$ .  $L \subseteq M \therefore L : K$  algebraic.  $K \subseteq L \therefore$  if  $\alpha$  has AP  $f \in K[t]$ , then  $f \in L[t]$  also annihilating,  $\therefore M : L$  algebraic.

### Separability of Intermediate Field (Lemma 7.2.16)

Let  $M : L : K$  FE,  $M : K$  algebraic. If  $M : K$  separable,  $M : L : L : K$  separable.

By (7.2.15),  $M : L, M : L : K$  algebraic. Every  $\alpha \in M$  separable over  $K$  &  $L \subseteq M \therefore L : K$  separable. Let  $\alpha \in M$  have MP  $m_L, m_K$  for  $L, K$ .  $m_K$  annihilates  $\alpha$  over  $L \therefore m_L | m_K$  in  $L[t]$ .  $M : K$  separable  $\forall \therefore m_K$  splits into distinct linear factors in  $SF_K(m_K) \therefore$  so does  $m_L \therefore m_L$  separable in  $L[t] \therefore \alpha$  separable over  $L : L : K$  separable.

## Isomorphisms Over Separable Extensions

### Isomorphisms between Separable Splitting Fields (Proposition 7.2.17)

Let  $\psi : K_1 \rightarrow K_2$  field isomorphism,  $0_{K_1} \neq f \in K_1[t]$ ,  $M_1 = SF_{K_1}(f)$ ,

$M_2 = SF_{K_2}(\psi*f)$ . If  $M_2 : K_2$  separable, there are **exactly**  $[M : K]$  isomorphisms  $\psi : M_1 \rightarrow M_2$  extending  $\psi$ .

Follows from (6.2.11), but in the proof separability means that there are precisely  $\deg(\psi*m)$  roots.

### Order of Galois Group in Finite, Normal, Separable Extensions (Theorem 7.2.18)

For every finite, normal, separable FE  $M : K$ ,  $[Gal(M : K)] = [M : K]$ .

$M : K$  finite & normal  $\therefore$  by (7.1.5),  $M = SF_K(f)$ . Use (7.2.17) with  $M_2 = M_1 = M$ ,  $K_2 = K_1 = K$ ,  $\psi = \text{id}_{K_1}$ .

- if  $\text{char}(K) = 0$ , then  $|Gal_K(f)| = |SF_K(f) : K|$
- separability is required: if  $K = \mathbb{F}_p(u)$  &  $M = SF_K(t^p - u)$ ,  $M = K(\alpha) \therefore [M : K] = p$ ; but  $|Gal(M : K)| = 1$ , since  $i Gal(M : K)$  isomorphic to subgroup of  $S_1$ .

## The Fixed Field (Lemma 7.3.1)

Let  $\text{Aut}(M)$  group of automorphisms of field  $M$ . If  $S \subseteq \text{Aut}(M)$ ,  $\text{Fix}(S)$  is subfield of  $M$  (known as the **fixed field** of  $S$ ).

$\text{Fix}(S)$  is  $S \cup \{\text{id}_M\}$  & by (2.3.8), equaliser is subfield.

## Bounding Extensions Over Fixed Fields (Theorem 7.3.3)

Let  $M$  field,  $H \leq \text{Aut}(M)$ ,  $|H| < \infty$ . Then,  $[M : \text{Fix}(H)] \leq |H|$ .

Let  $|H| = n$ . If any  $n + 1$  elements of  $M$  are LD over  $\text{Fix}(H)$ , a LiD set has at most  $n$  elements  $\therefore [M : \text{Fix}(H)] \leq |H|$ . Define

$W = \left\{ (x_0, \dots, x_n) \in M^{n+1} \mid \forall \theta \in H, \sum_{i=0}^n x_i \theta(\alpha_i) = 0_M \right\}$  where  $\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_n$  are

$n + 1$  arbitrary elements of  $M$ .  $W$  contains  $n + 1$ -tuples in  $M^{n+1}$ .  $|H| = n \therefore W$  is solutions to system of  $n$  homogeneous equations in  $n + 1$  variables  $\therefore$  non-trivial  $M$ -linear subspace of  $M^{n+1}$ . Claim: if  $(x_0, \dots, x_n) \in W$  and  $\varphi \in H$ , then

$(\varphi(x_0), \dots, \varphi(x_n)) \in W$ . Since  $(x_0, \dots, x_n) \in W$  &  $\varphi^{-1} \circ \theta \in H$ , by definition of  $W$ ,  $\sum_{i=0}^n x_i (\varphi^{-1} \circ \theta)(\alpha_i) = 0$  Applying  $\varphi$  to both sides, for all  $\theta \in H$   $\sum_{i=0}^n \varphi(x_i) \theta(\alpha_i) = 0 \therefore (\varphi(x_0), \dots, \varphi(x_n)) \in W$ .

Now, let  $\underline{x} = (x_0, \dots, x_n)$  be non-zero vector. Define its length as the unique  $\ell \in [0, n]$  such that  $x_\ell \neq 0$  &  $\forall j \in (\ell, n]$ ,  $x_j = 0$ .  $W$  non-trivial subspace  $\therefore$  there always exists an element of minimum length  $\ell$ .  $W$  closed under scalar multiplication by elements of  $M \therefore$  WLOG assume  $x_\ell = 1$ . Element of minimum length is of form  $\underline{x} = (x_0, \dots, x_{\ell-1}, 1, 0, \dots, 0)$ .  $\underline{x}$  has minimal length  $\therefore$  only element of  $W$  of the form  $(y_0, \dots, y_{\ell-1}, 0, 0, \dots, 0)$  is  $\underline{0}$ . Claim:  $\forall i \in [0, n]$ ,  $x_i \in \text{Fix}(H)$ . Let  $\varphi \in H \therefore$

$(x_0, \dots, x_n) \in W \Rightarrow (\varphi(x_0), \dots, \varphi(x_n)) \in W$ . Define  $\underline{y} = (\varphi(x_0), \dots, \varphi(x_n) - x_n)$ . By closure of subspaces  $\underline{y} \in W$ .  $\varphi$  field homomorphism  $\therefore \forall i \in (\ell, n]$ ,  $x_i = 0 \implies \varphi(x_i) = 0$  &  $\varphi$  preserves the multiplicative identity  $\therefore \varphi(x_\ell) = 1 \implies \varphi(x_\ell) - x_\ell = 0$ . Hence,  $\underline{y} = (\varphi(x_0) - x_0, \dots, \varphi(x_{\ell-1}) - x_{\ell-1}, 0, \dots, 0) \therefore \underline{y} = \underline{0} \therefore$

$\forall i \in [0, n]$ ,  $\varphi(x_i) = x_i \implies x_i \in \text{Fix}(H)$ . Overall,  $\nexists$  non-zero  $\underline{x} \in \text{Fix}(H)^{n+1}$ . Taking  $\theta = \text{id}$  in definition of  $W$ , and using  $\underline{x}$ , we have found coefficients in  $\text{Fix}(H)$ , not all of which are 0, such that  $\sum_{i=0}^n x_i \theta(\alpha_i) = \sum_{i=0}^n x_i \alpha_i = 0$ . Hence, set of  $n + 1$  elements in  $M$   $\{\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_n\}$  is LD over  $\text{Fix}(H) \therefore [M : \text{Fix}(H)] \leq n = |H|$ .

## Fixed Fields as Normal Extensions (Proposition 7.3.7)

Let  $M : K$  finite, normal FE &  $H \triangleleft Gal(M : K)$ . Then,  $\text{Fix}(H)$  normal extension of  $K$ . Every  $\theta \in H$  automorphism over  $K \therefore$  subfield  $\text{Fix}(H) \leq M$  contains  $K$ . For any

$\varphi \in Gal(M : K)$ , by (2.1.15)  $\varphi \text{Fix}(H) = \text{Fix}(\varphi H \varphi^{-1})$ . Since  $H \triangleleft Gal(M : K)$ ,  $\text{Fix}(\varphi H \varphi^{-1}) = \text{Fix}(H) \therefore \varphi \text{Fix}(H) = \text{Fix}(H) \therefore$  by (7.1.15, i),  $\text{Fix}(H) : K$  normal.

## Chapter 8

## The Galois Correspondence

### Intermediate Fields and Galois Subgroups

- let  $M : K$  be FE (view  $K$  as subfield). An **intermediate field** of  $M : K$  is a subfield of  $M$  containing  $K$ . We write  $\mathcal{F} = \{\text{intermediate fields of } M : K\}$ .
- let  $M : K$  be FE (view  $K$  as subfield). We write  $\mathcal{G} = \{\text{subgroups of } Gal(M : K)\}$

• we can move from subgroups to fixed fields with  $Fix : \mathcal{G} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}$  where  $H \mapsto Fix(H)$  ( $H \subseteq Gal(M : K) \therefore$  every element of  $H$  fixes  $K \therefore K \subseteq \text{Fix}(H) \therefore \text{Fix}(H)$  intermediate field).

• we can move from fixed fields to subgroups with  $Gal(M : -) : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$  where  $L \mapsto Gal(M : L)$  ( $K \subseteq L \therefore$  if  $\varphi \in Gal(M : L)$ ,  $\varphi$  fixes  $K \therefore Gal(M : L) \leq Gal(M : K)$ ).

### The Galois Correspondence

• the functions  $Fix, Gal$  are called the **Galois Correspondence** for  $M : K$  if they are mutually inverse, so that  $L = \text{Fix}(Gal(M : L))$  &  $H = Gal(M : \text{Fix}(H))$

• correspondence sometimes fails: let  $M : K$  be  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{2}) : \mathbb{Q}$ .  $[M : K] = 3 \therefore$  by Tower Law, no non-trivial intermediate fields, so  $\mathcal{F} = \{M, K\}$ .  $G = Gal(M : K)$  trivial, so  $\mathcal{G} = \{G\}$

$\therefore$  no 1-1 correspondence can exist. Indeed,  $Fix(Gal(\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{2}) : \mathbb{Q})) = Fix(\{\text{id}_{\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{2})}\}) = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{2}) \neq \mathbb{Q}$ .

### Properties of Fix and Gal (Lemma 8.1.2)

Let  $M : K$  FE. Then:

- For  $L_1, L_2 \in \mathcal{F}$ ,  $L_1 \subseteq L_2 \Rightarrow Gal(M : L_2) \subseteq Gal(M : L_1)$ . Similarly, for  $H_1, H_2 \in \mathcal{G}$ ,  $H_1 \subseteq H_2 \Rightarrow Fix(H_2) \subseteq Fix(H_1)$
- For  $L \in \mathcal{F}$ ,  $H \in \mathcal{G}$ ,  $L \subseteq Fix(H) \iff H \subseteq Gal(M : L)$
- $\forall L \in \mathcal{F}, L \subseteq \text{Fix}(Gal(M : L))$ . Similarly,  $\forall H \in \mathcal{G}, H \subseteq Gal(M : \text{Fix}(H))$ .
- Let  $L_1, L_2 \in \mathcal{F}$ ,  $L_1 \subseteq L_2$ . If  $\varphi \in Gal(M : L_2)$ ,  $\varphi$  fixes  $L_2 \therefore \varphi$  fixes  $L_1 \therefore Gal(M : L_2) \subseteq Gal(M : L_1)$ . Similarly, let  $H_1, H_2 \in \mathcal{G}$ ,  $H_1 \subseteq H_2$ . If  $\alpha \in \text{Fix}(H_2)$ , for any  $\theta \in H_2$ ,  $\theta(\alpha) = \alpha$ .  $H_1 \subseteq H_2 \therefore$  if  $\theta \in H_2$ ,  $\theta(\alpha) = \alpha \therefore \alpha \in \text{Fix}(H_1) \therefore \text{Fix}(H_2) \subseteq \text{Fix}(H_1)$ .
- Both equivalent to  $\forall \theta \in H, \forall \alpha \in L$ ,  $\theta(\alpha) = \alpha$ .
- Follows from 2) with  $H = Gal(M : L)$ .

## The Fundamental Theorem of Galois Theory (Theorem 8.2.1)

Let  $M : K$  be a **finite, normal, separable** extension. Write

$\mathcal{F} = \{\text{intermediate fields of } M : K\}$ ,  $\mathcal{G} = \{\text{subgroups of } Gal(M : K)\}$

- The functions:  $Gal(M : -) : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$ ,  $Fix : \mathcal{G} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}$  are **mutually inverse**.
- $\forall L \in \mathcal{F}$ ,  $|Gal(M : L)| = [M : L]$  &  $\forall H \in \mathcal{G}$ ,  $[M : \text{Fix}(H)] = |H|$
- Let  $L \in \mathcal{F}$ . Then,  $L : K$  normal  $\iff Gal(M : L) \triangleleft Gal(M : K)$ . Moreover, in that case  $Gal(M : K) \cong Gal(L : K)$ .  
 $Gal(M : L) \cong Gal(L : K)$ .  
Firstly, for  $L \in \mathcal{F}$ ,  $M : L$  is finite and normal (by (7.1.6)) and separable (by (7.2.16)).  $Gal(M : K)$  finite group (by (7.2.18)), so any  $H \in \mathcal{G}$  also finite. Prove 1 & 2 together. If  $H \in \mathcal{G}$ , then  $|H| \leq |Gal(M : \text{Fix}(H))| = [M : \text{Fix}(H)] \leq |H|$ .  
If  $H \in \mathcal{G}$ ,  $[M : \text{Fix}(H)] = |H|$  (since  $H \subseteq Gal(M : \text{Fix}(H))$  by (8.1.2, iii),  $|Gal(M : \text{Fix}(H))| = [M : \text{Fix}(H)]$  (by using (7.2.18), as  $M : \text{Fix}(H)$  if finite, normal & separable) &  $[M : \text{Fix}(H)] \leq |H|$  (by (7.3.3, since  $H$  finite). Thus,  $H = Gal(M : \text{Fix}(H))$  &  $[M : \text{Fix}(H)] = |H|$ . Now, let  $L \in \mathcal{F}$ . Taking  $H = Gal(M : L)$ , the equality  $|H| = [M : \text{Fix}(H)]$  above becomes  $[M : \text{Fix}(Gal(M : L))] = |Gal(M : L)|$ . By (7.2.18),  $|Gal(M : L)| = [M : L]$ . Overall,  $[M : \text{Fix}(Gal(M : L))] = |Gal(M : L)| = [M : L]$ . By (8.1.2, iii),  $L \subseteq \text{Fix}(Gal(M : L))$  & by the Tower Law,  $[M : \text{Fix}(Gal(M : L))] = [M : L] = [M : \text{Fix}(Gal(M : L))][\text{Fix}(Gal(M : L)) : L] \iff [\text{Fix}(Gal(M : L)) : L] = 1 \iff L = \text{Fix}(Gal(M : L))$ . We have proved most of 3) in (7.1.5, ii): remains to show that if  $L$  intermediate field with  $Gal(M : L) \triangleleft Gal(M : K)$ , then  $L : K$  normal. Assume that  $H = Gal(M : L) \triangleleft Gal(M : K)$ . By (7.3.7),  $Fix(Gal(M : L)) : K$  is a normal extension. But by 1),  $Fix(Gal(M : L)) = L \therefore L : K$  normal.

## Using the Fundamental Theorem

### Useful Remarks

- The Galois Group permutes roots of polynomials: its action is completely determined by its effect on the roots, and it is faithful (by (6.3.7) & (6.3.8)).
- The Galois Group is isomorphic to a subgroup of  $S_k$ , so its order divides  $k!$  (by (6.3.10) & (6.3.14)).
- The Galois Group maps conjugates to conjugates (by (7.1.9)). Recall, 2 elements are conjugate if they have the same MP (by (6.1.4)).
- If  $f$  irreducible, the action of the Galois Group on the roots of  $f$  is transitive (by (7.1.11)).

### Finding Fixed Fields for Subgroups

Let  $H$  be a subgroup of  $Gal(M : K)$ . Then:

- Find elements  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_r$  fixed by  $H$ . Then  $K(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_r) \subseteq \text{Fix}(H)$ .
- Ensure that  $[M : K(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_r)] = |H|$ .
- Then, using the Fundamental Theorem  $[M : \text{Fix}(H)] = |H|$  so by the Tower Law,  $[M : \text{Fix}(H)] = [M : K(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_r)] = [M : \text{Fix}(H)][\text{Fix}(H) : K(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_r)] \iff K(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_r) = \text{Fix}(H)$ .

### Corollary to the Fundamental Theorem (Corollary 8.2.7)

Let  $M : K$  be a **finite, normal, separable** FE. Then:  $\forall \alpha \in M \setminus K$ ,  $\exists \varphi : \varphi(\alpha) \neq \alpha$  where  $\varphi$  is automorphism of  $M$  over  $K$ .

By (8.2.1, i),  $Fix(Gal(M : K)) = K$ . If  $\alpha \in M \setminus K$ ,  $\alpha \notin K \therefore \alpha \notin \text{Fix}(Gal(M : K)) \therefore$  no elements of Galois Group fix  $\alpha$ .

## Worked Examples of the Fundamental Theorem

### Galois Group for Extensions of Prime Degree

If  $[M : K] = p$ , then  $Gal(M : K) = p \therefore$  only trivial intermediate fields/subgroups.

### Galois Group for Reducible Polynomial

Let  $f = (t^2 + 1)(t^2 - 2) \in \mathbb{Q}[t]$ .  $M = SF_{\mathbb{Q}}(f) = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}, i)$  &  $G = Gal(M : K) = Gal_{\mathbb{Q}}(f)$ .  $M$  is SF  $\therefore$  finite and normal. Over  $\mathbb{Q} \therefore$  separable. By FTGT,

$|G| = [M : K] = [\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}, i) : \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})][\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}) : \mathbb{Q}]$ . MP of  $\sqrt{2}$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$  is  $t^2 - 2 \therefore$

$[\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}) : \mathbb{Q}] = 2$ . Similarly,  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}) \subseteq \mathbb{R} \therefore i$  has MP  $t^2 + 1$  over  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}) \therefore$

$[\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}, i) : \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})] = 2$ . Hence,  $|G| = 4$ . Roots of  $f$  are  $\pm\sqrt{2}, \pm i$ , so the action of  $G$  on  $SF_{\mathbb{Q}}(f)$  restricts to an action on these roots. Moreover,  $\pm\sqrt{2}$  are conjugate, whereas  $\pm i$  are conjugate. Thus, for any  $\varphi \in G$ , we must have that:  $\varphi(i) = \pm i$  &  $\varphi(\sqrt{2}) = \pm\sqrt{2}$ . The choice of sign for where  $i, \sqrt{2}$  get sent to determine  $\varphi$  entirely, and since  $|G| = 4 \therefore$  all 4 possibilities occur. Let  $G = \{\iota, \varphi_+, \varphi_-, \varphi_{--}\}$ . Each element of  $G$  has order 2  $\therefore$

$G \cong C_2 \times C_2$ . By construction,  $\varphi_{+-}(\sqrt{2}) = \sqrt{2} \therefore \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}) \subseteq \text{Fix}(\langle \varphi_{+-} \rangle)$ . Moreover,  $[\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}, i) : \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})] = 2$ . By the FTGT,  $[\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}, i) : \text{Fix}(\langle \varphi_{+-} \rangle)] = |\langle \varphi_{+-} \rangle| = 2$ . By Tower Law,  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}) = \text{Fix}(\langle \varphi_{+-} \rangle)$ . Similarly,  $\varphi_{-+}(i) = i \implies \text{Fix}(\langle \varphi_{-+} \rangle) = \mathbb{Q}(i)$  &

$\varphi_{--}(\sqrt{2}i) = \sqrt{2}i \implies \text{Fix}(\langle \varphi_{--} \rangle) = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}i)$ . The Galois Correspondence then tells

us that, for example,  $Gal(\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}, i) : \mathbb{Q}(i)) = \langle \varphi_{-+} \rangle$ . Every subgroup of an abelian group is normal, so in particular all the intermediate fields lead to normal extensions.

## Galois Group for $t^3 - 2$

Let  $f = t^3 - 2 \in \mathbb{Q}[t]$ . Let  $\alpha$  be real root of  $f$  & let  $\omega = e^{2\pi i/3}$  be non-real root of  $t^3 - 1 \in \mathbb{Q}[t]$ . Roots of  $f$  are  $\{\alpha, \alpha\omega, \alpha\bar{\omega} = \alpha\omega^2\}$ . Let  $M = SF_{\mathbb{Q}}(f) = \mathbb{Q}(\alpha, \omega)$ . Since  $f$  irreducible & annihilating, it is MP of roots  $\therefore$  they are conjugate &  $G$  acts transitively on them  $\therefore |G| \geq 3$ . Since  $G \leq S_3$ , either  $G \cong A_3$  or  $G \cong S_3$ . Conjugation (restricted to  $M$ ) must be element of  $G$ , which has order 2  $\therefore$  by Lagrange's Theorem,  $G \cong S_3$ . The elements of  $G$  are  $\iota, \rho, \rho^{-1} = \rho^2$  (3-cycles,  $\rho : \alpha \mapsto \alpha\omega \mapsto \alpha\omega^2 \mapsto \alpha$ ) & 3 transpositions  $\sigma_i$  ( $\sigma_i$  fixes  $\alpha\omega^i$ ). Non-trivial proper subgroups are  $\langle \rho \rangle \cong A_3$  (only non-trivial normal subgroup) &  $\langle \sigma_i \rangle \cong C_2$ .  $\sigma_i$  fixes  $\alpha\omega^i \therefore \mathbb{Q}(\alpha\omega^i) \subseteq \text{Fix}(\langle \sigma_i \rangle)$ .  $[\mathbb{Q}(\alpha\omega^i) : \mathbb{Q}] = 3$  (MP is  $t^3 - 2$ ), so  $6 = [M : \mathbb{Q}] = [M : \text{Fix}(\langle \sigma_i \rangle)][\text{Fix}(\langle \sigma_i \rangle) : \mathbb{Q}]$  &  $|\langle \sigma_i \rangle| = 2 \therefore$  by FTGT,

$[M : \text{Fix}(\langle \sigma_i \rangle)] = 2 \therefore [\text{Fix}(\langle \sigma_i \rangle) : \mathbb{Q}] = 3 \therefore \text{Fix}(\alpha\omega^i) = \mathbb{Q}(\alpha\omega^i)$ .  $\rho$  is homomorphism  $\therefore \alpha\omega^2 = \rho(\alpha\omega) = \rho(\alpha)\rho(\omega) = \alpha\rho(\omega) \therefore \rho(\omega) = \omega$ . Thus,  $\mathbb{Q}(\omega) \subseteq \text{Fix}(\langle \rho \rangle)$ . By FTGT,  $[M : \text{Fix}(\langle \rho \rangle)] = |\langle \rho \rangle| = 3 \therefore [\text{Fix}(\langle \rho \rangle) : \mathbb{Q}] = 2 \therefore \text{Fix}(\langle \rho \rangle) = \mathbb{Q}(\omega)$ .

### Galois Group for $t^4 - 2$

Let  $f = t^4 - 2 \in \mathbb{Q}$ . Let  $\alpha$  be unique real positive root. Roots are  $\pm\alpha, \pm\alpha i$ . Let  $M = SF_{\mathbb{Q}}(f) = \mathbb{Q}(\alpha, i)$ ,  $G = Gal(M : \mathbb{Q})$ . By Tower Law,  $|G| = [M : \mathbb{Q}] = [M : \mathbb{Q}(\alpha)][\mathbb{Q}(\alpha) : \mathbb{Q}] = 2 \cdot 4 = 8$ . Claim:  $G \cong D_4$ .  $\kappa$  (complex conjugation restricted to  $M$ ) in  $G$ . Using transitivity ( $f$  irreducible),  $\exists \rho \in G : \rho(\alpha) = \alpha$  &  $\rho(i)$  (argue by transitivity of elements in  $G$ , alongside the fact that  $i$  conjugate to  $-i$ ). To show that  $G = \langle \rho, \kappa \rangle$ , construct table & apply (4.3.6), which shows that since elements are distinct on  $\alpha, i$ , they are distinct on all of  $M$ . To confirm  $G \cong D_4$ , prove that  $\kappa\rho(i) = \rho^{-1}\kappa(i)$  &  $\kappa\rho(\alpha) = \rho^{-1}\kappa(\alpha)$ . The subgroups of order 2 are  $\langle \rho^2 \rangle, \langle \kappa \rangle, \langle \kappa\rho \rangle, \langle \kappa\rho^2 \rangle, \langle \kappa\rho^3 \rangle, \langle \rho^2 \rangle$  commutes with all elements of  $G \therefore$  normal. The others aren't normal, since  $\rho(\kappa\rho^r)^{\rho^{-1}} \notin \langle \kappa\rho^r \rangle$ .  $\langle \rho \rangle$  subgroup of order 4. 2 other groups of order 4, which are isomorphic to  $C_2 \times C_2$  and must contain  $\rho^2$ , which are  $\langle \kappa, \rho^2 \rangle$  &  $\langle \kappa\rho, \rho^2 \rangle$ . All subgroups

of order 4 are normal, since they have index 2. For intermediate fields,  $\rho^2$  fixes  $i$  (but not enough); it also fixes  $\alpha^2$ , and  $\text{Fix}(\langle \rho^2 \rangle) = \mathbb{Q}(\alpha^2, i)$ .  $\kappa$  fixes any real, and  $\text{Fix} \kappa = \mathbb{Q}(\alpha)$ .  $\kappa\rho$

is diagonal reflection, which fixes  $\alpha(1 - i)$ . Since  $\alpha(1 - i)^2 \notin \mathbb{Q}$  & the order of its MP divides 8 (Tower Law),  $[\mathbb{Q}(\alpha(1 - i)) : \mathbb{Q}] \geq 4 \iff [M : \mathbb{Q}(\alpha(1 - i))] \leq 8/4 = 2$ . But  $[M : \mathbb{Q}(\alpha(1 - i))] > 1$  since  $\alpha \notin \mathbb{Q}(\alpha(1 - i)) \therefore [M : \mathbb{Q}(\alpha(1 - i))] = 2 \therefore$

$\text{Fix}(\kappa\rho) = \mathbb{Q}(\alpha(1 - i))$ . Similarly,  $\text{Fix}(\kappa\rho^2) = \mathbb{Q}(\alpha i)$  &  $\text{Fix}(\kappa\rho^3) = \mathbb{Q}(\alpha(1 + i))$ . Lastly,  $\rho$  fixes  $i \there$

## Useful Theorems

### DeMoivre's Theorem

Given  $e^{i\theta} = \cos(\theta) + i \sin(\theta)$ , then  $(e^{i\theta})^n = (\cos(\theta) + i \sin(\theta))^n = \cos(n\theta) + i \sin(n\theta) = e^{in\theta}$ . Can be used to derive trig identities, like  $\cos(3\theta) = Re(\cos(3\theta) + i \sin(3\theta)) = Re\left((\cos(\theta) + i \sin(\theta))^3\right) = Re\left(\cos^3(\theta) + 3 \cos^2(\theta)(i \sin(\theta)) + 3 \cos(\theta)(i \sin(\theta))^2 + (i \sin(\theta))^3\right) = \cos^3(\theta) - 3 \cos(\theta) \sin^2(\theta) = \cos^3(\theta) - 3 \cos(\theta)(1 - \cos^2(\theta)) = 4 \cos^3(\theta) - 3 \cos(\theta)$ . This shows that  $\cos(\pi/9)$  has annihilating polynomial  $4t^3 - 3t - \frac{1}{2}$ .

#### Roots of Unity

From DeMoivre's Theorem, we can solve equations of the form  $z^n = k$ , by assuming  $x = e^{i\theta}$ . In particular, the  $n$ th **roots of unity** are the complex solutions to  $z^n - 1 = 0$ . The roots are  $\omega^i$ , where  $i \in [1, n]$ ,  $\omega = e^{2\pi i/n}$ . Recall,  $e^{2\pi i} = 1$ ,  $e^{i\pi} = -1$ ,  $e^{i\pi/2} = i$ . Then, to solve  $z^n - k = 0$ , the roots are  $\alpha\omega^i$ , where  $\alpha = k^{1/n}$ .

### Trigonometric Identities

- $\sin(\pi/6) = \cos(\pi/3) = \frac{1}{2}$        $\sin(\pi/3) = \cos(\pi/6) = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$
- $\sin(\pi/4) = \cos(\pi/4) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$        $\sin(\pi/2) = \cos(0) = 1$
- $\sin(n\pi) = 0$  for  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$        $\cos(n\pi) = (-1)^n$  for  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$
- $\cos(2x) = \cos^2(x) - \sin^2(x) = 2 \cos^2(x) - 1 = 1 - 2 \sin^2(x)$
- $\sin(2x) = 2 \sin(x) \cos(x)$        $\sin^2(x) + \cos^2(x) = 1$

### Vieta's Theorem

Let  $p(t) = \sum_{i=0}^n a_it^i$ . Then if  $p$  has roots  $r_1, \dots, r_n$ :

- $\sum_{i=1}^n r_i = -\frac{a_{n-1}}{a_n}$        $\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j>i} r_i r_j = \frac{a_{n-2}}{a_n}$
- $\dots$        $\prod_{i=1}^n r_i = (-1)^n \frac{a_0}{a_n}$

For example, if  $p = at^2 + bt + c$ , then:

- $r_1 + r_2 = -\frac{b}{a}$        $r_1 r_2 = \frac{c}{a}$

If  $p = at^3 + bt^2 + ct + d$ , then:

- $r_1 + r_2 + r_3 = -\frac{b}{a}$        $r_1 r_2 + r_1 r_3 + r_2 r_3 = \frac{c}{a}$        $r_1 r_2 r_3 = -\frac{d}{a}$

### Past Papers

#### Sample Paper

1.Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{Q}$ . **Prove that**  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{a}, \sqrt{b})$ . **Hence or otherwise, prove that**  $\deg_{\mathbb{Q}}(\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b})$  **is** 1,2, or 4.

$\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b}) \subseteq \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{a}, \sqrt{b})$  is immediate. Sufficient to show that  $\sqrt{a}, \sqrt{b} \in \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b})$ . 2 methods:  $\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b} \in \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b}) \therefore \frac{1}{\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b}} = \frac{\sqrt{a} - \sqrt{b}}{a - b} \in \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b}) \therefore$

$\sqrt{a} - \sqrt{b} \in \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b}) \therefore \sqrt{a} \in \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b})$  since  $\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b} + (\sqrt{a} - \sqrt{b}) = 2\sqrt{a}$ .

Alternatively,  $(\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b})^3 = (a + 3b)\sqrt{a} + (b + 3a)\sqrt{b}$ . Since  $(a + 3b)(\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b}) \in \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b}) \therefore$  subtracting yields  $\sqrt{b} \in \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b})$ . Thus,  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b}) : \mathbb{Q} = [\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{a}, \sqrt{b}) : \mathbb{Q}]$ . Then, can use Tower Law arguments to show that for different choices of  $\sqrt{a}, \sqrt{b}$ , the intermediate degrees are 1 or 2, which yields result.

2.Call a **FE** special if it is **fnite, normal and Galois Group has order less than or equal to 10**. Let  $K, M \subseteq \mathbb{C}$  with  $K \subseteq M$ . Let  $0_K \neq f \in K[t]$ . **Show that if**  $SF_K(f) : K$  **special, then**  $SF_M(f)$  **M special**. By 6.3.12,  $Gal_M(f)$  isomorphic to subgroup of  $Gal_K(f) \therefore [SF_M(f) : M] \leq [SF_K(f) : K]$ . Splitting fields are fnite and normal by 7.1.5. Hence,  $SF_M(f)$  special.

3.**Prove that**  $Gal_{\mathbb{Q}}(t^7 - 12)$  **is not abelian**. Use irreducibility of  $t^7 - 12$ , then  $G$  acts transitively, which yields  $\kappa$  (complex conjugation) and  $\varphi$  as an element of order 7 mapping  $\varphi(\alpha) = \alpha\omega$ , where  $\alpha$  real root of  $t^7 - 12$  and  $\omega = e^{2\pi i/7}$ . But  $\varphi \circ \kappa \neq \kappa \circ \varphi$  (for example, evaluate on  $\alpha\omega$ )  $\therefore G$  not abelian. Alternatively, Since  $t^7 - 12$  irreducible of degree 7,  $|G|$  divisible by 7  $\therefore$  by Cauchy's Theorem, contains element of order 7. Moreover, contains complex conjugation (order 2). If  $G$  abelian, then if orders of elements are coprime  $m, n$ , their product yields element of order  $mn$ . Hence, if  $G$  abelian, it contains element of order 14. But  $G$  subgroup of  $S_7$ , and no element in  $S_7$  has order 14 (look at cycle decompositions).

4.Let  $M : K$  **FE of degree n**. Let  $\theta \in Gal(M : K)$ . **Prove that at most n elements of**  $X = \{\theta(\alpha) | \alpha | 0_K \neq \alpha \in M\}$  **belong to**  $K$ . Let  $a \in K \cap X$ . Then,  $\exists \alpha \in M$  such that  $a = \theta(\alpha) / \alpha \therefore \theta(\alpha) = \alpha a$ . Hence,  $a \in K$  is an eigenvalue, and there are at most  $n$  eigenvalues for a  $K$ -linear map like  $\theta$ .

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1.Justify whether the following are irreducible or not.

- $t^5 - 2t^4 + 3t^3 - t - 1$  is reducible,  $t = -1$  is a root
- $t^6 - t^5 + t^4 - t^3 + t^2 - t + 1$  is irreducible. The mapping  $t \mapsto -t$  is a bijection  $\therefore$  preserves irreducibility. The result under the map is the 7th cyclotomic polynomial, which is irreducible.
- $t^4 - 2t^2 - t - 1$  is irreducible: reduce modulo 2, results in  $t^3 + t + 1$  which has no roots in  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ .
- $t^4 - 14t^2 + 49$  is reducible. Let  $y = t^2$ , then this becomes  $y^2 - 14y + 49 = (y - 7)^2 \therefore$  polynomial factorises into  $(t^2 - 7)^2$

2.Let  $K(\alpha)$  be a simple extension of a field  $K$  by element  $\alpha$  with MP  $m \in K[t]$ . Let  $L$  be an extension of  $K$ . Show by example that there need not exist a homomorphism  $K(\alpha) \rightarrow L$  over  $K$ .

- no homomorphism over  $\mathbb{Q}$  can exist between  $\mathbb{Q}(\alpha) : \mathbb{Q}$ , since there is no element of  $\mathbb{Q}$  to which  $\sqrt{2}$  can be sent to if the mapping fixes  $\mathbb{Q}$
- no homomorphism over  $\mathbb{Q}$  can exist  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}) \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}(i)$ , as we'd require that  $\sqrt{2} \mapsto a + ib$ . Expanding  $(a + ib)^2$  shows that this can never be mapped to from  $\mathbb{Z} \therefore$  no homomorphism can exist

3.Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{Q}$  with  $\sqrt{a}, \sqrt{b} \notin \mathbb{Q}$ . **Prove that if**  $\sqrt{ab} \in \mathbb{Q}$ , **then**  $[\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{a}, \sqrt{b}) : \mathbb{Q}] = 2$ . If  $\sqrt{ab} \notin \mathbb{Q}$ , **then**  $[\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{a}, \sqrt{b}) : \mathbb{Q}] = 4$ .

## Workshops

### Workshop 1

1.**Let  $f$  be quadratic over  $\mathbb{Q}$  with roots  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2 \in \mathbb{C}$ . Show that it is impossible that**  $\alpha_1 \in \mathbb{Q}$  **but**  $\alpha_2 \notin \mathbb{Q}$ . Let  $f = at^2 + bt + c$ . By quadratic formula, the rationality of the roots is dependant on whether  $\sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}$  is rational or not. If rational, both roots rational. Otherwise, neither root can be rational.

2.**Let  $f \in \mathbb{Q}[t]$  quadratic. Prove  $Gal(f)$  is  $S_2$  if  $f$  has 2 distinct irrational roots, and trivial otherwise (using original definition of  $Gal$ ).** By 1), either both roots are rational or irrational. If both rational, trivial galois group. Other wise, let  $\Delta = b^2 - 4ac$ . Define  $\varphi(\sqrt{\Delta})$ . Adapting conjugation,  $p(\alpha, \beta) = p(\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\beta})$ . By quadratic formula,  $\alpha_1, \alpha - 2 \in \mathbb{Q}(\Delta)$ , and by above,  $\bar{\alpha}_1 = \alpha, \alpha_2 = \alpha_2$ , so  $p(\alpha_1, \alpha_2) = 0 \iff p(\alpha_2, \alpha_2) = 0$  so conjugate.

3.(a)**Let  $f = \sum_{i=0}^n a_it^i \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Let  $c/d$  be a rational root of  $f$ , with  $c, d$  coprime.**

**Prove that**  $c|a_0$  **and**  $d|a_n$ .  $\sum_i a_ic^i/d^i = 0 \therefore d^n \sum_i a_ic^i/d^i = 0 \therefore \sum_i a_ic^i/d^{n-i} = 0$  where we have a sum of integers. Notice,  $c|0$ , so  $c$  divides the LHS. In particular, it must thus divide  $a_0d^n$ . Since  $c, d$  coprime,  $c|a_0$ . Similarly,  $d|0$  so  $d$  divides the LHS  $\therefore d|a_n c^n$ .  $c, d$  coprime  $\therefore d|a_n$ .

(b)**Deduce that every rational root of a monic polynomial over  $\mathbb{Z}$  is an integer.** If  $c/d$  is a rational root, we must have  $d|1$ , so  $d = \pm 1$  and  $c/d \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

(c)**Show that**  $2t^3 + 4t + 3$  **has no rational roots.** By rational roots theorem above, the roots are  $c/d$  such that  $c \in \{\pm 1, \pm 3\}$  and  $d \in \{\pm 1, \pm 2\}$ . The polynomial has no positive roots, and we can check that none of the negative combinations work.

(d)**Let  $K$  be a field such that for  $\alpha, \beta \in K$ ,  $\alpha$  square root of  $\beta \iff \beta$  square root of  $\alpha$ .** If  $\alpha$  square root of  $\beta$ , then  $\alpha^2 = \beta$ . Similarly,  $\beta = \alpha^2$ . Equivalently,  $\forall \alpha \in K, \alpha^4 =$ .

Every element of  $K$  is root of  $t^4 - t$ , which has at most 4 roots in  $K$ , so  $|K| \leq 4$ . A field has at most 2 elements ( $0_K \neq 1_K$ ). Suppose  $|K| = 3$ . Then,  $\exists \alpha \in K, \alpha \neq 0_K, 1_K$  such that  $\alpha^2 = 1$ . Then,  $\alpha^4 = 1_K \neq \alpha$ . Hence,  $|K| \in \{2, 4\}$ . Now, if  $|K| = 2$ , this forces  $K = \{0_K, 1_K\}$ , so certainly  $0_K^4 = 0_K, 1_K^4 = 1_K$ . If  $|K| = 4$ ,  $K^{\times}$  forms a group of order 3, so if  $0_K \neq \alpha \in K^{\times}$ ,  $\alpha^3 = 1_K$  so  $\alpha^4 = \alpha$ . Hence, the condition is satisfied  $\iff |K| = 2$  or  $|K| = 4$ .

### Workshop 2

1.(a)**Can  $C_6$  act faithfully on a 4-element set?** No. Assume  $C_6$  acts faithfully. Then, by (2.1.11),  $C_6$  is isomorphic to a subgroup of  $S_4$ .  $C_6$  contains element of order 6, but  $S_4$  doesn't (consider cycle decompositions).

(b)**Let  $G$  be a finite group acting transitively on non-empty set  $X$ . Prove that  $|X|$  divides  $|G|$ .**  $|G|$  acts transitively, so it has a single orbit. Then, by Orbit-Stabilizer Theorem,  $|G| = |X||Stab_G(x)$  for some  $x \in X$ .

2.(a)**Let  $F$  ring and  $I_0 \subseteq I_1 \subseteq \dots$  ideals of  $R$ . Prove that  $\bigcup_{n=0}^{\infty} I_n$  is an ideal of  $R$ .** Let  $I = \bigcup_n I_n$ . Then,  $0_R \in I_0 \subseteq I$ , so  $0_R \in I$ . Let  $r, s \in I$ . Then  $\exists n, m \geq 0$  such that  $r \in I_n, s \in I_m$ . Let  $p = \max\{m, n\}$ . Then  $r, s \in I_p \therefore r - s \in I_p \subseteq I \therefore r - s \in I$ . Lastly, let  $r \in I, a \in R$ . Then  $r \in I_p$  for some  $n : ar \in I_p \subseteq I \therefore ar \in I$ .

(b)**Let  $R$  be a PID, and let  $I_0 \subseteq I_1 \subseteq \dots$  be ideals of  $R$ . Prove that  $\exists n \geq 0 : I_n = I_{n+1} = I_{n+2} = \dots$**  By part above,  $I = \bigcup_n I_n$  is ideal.  $R$  is PID, so  $\exists r \in R : I = \langle r \rangle$ . Since  $r \in I_1$ , choose  $n \geq 0 : r \in I_n$ .  $\forall m \geq n, r \in I_m \therefore \langle r \rangle \subseteq I_m \therefore IIm$ . By definition,  $I_m \subseteq I \therefore I = Im$ .

(c)**Let  $R$  ID. Let  $r, s \in R, r \neq 0$  s not unit. Prove that  $\langle rs \rangle$  is a proper subset of  $\langle r \rangle$ .** Certainly,  $\langle rs \rangle \subseteq \langle r \rangle$ , since  $rs \in \langle r \rangle$  and  $\langle rs \rangle$  is smallest ideal containing  $rs$ . Assume  $\langle rs \rangle = \langle r \rangle$ . Then,  $r \in \langle rs \rangle$ .  $\exists a \in R : r = rsa$ .  $r \neq 0$  &  $R$  is ID, so by cancellation,  $1_R = sa$ .  $s$  is unit, a contradiction.

(d)**Let  $R$  be PID. Let  $r \in R$  be neither  $0_R$  nor unit. Prove that some irreducible divides  $r$ .** Suppose by contradiction that no irreducible divides  $r$ . Let  $r_0 = r$ . Then,  $r_0$  not irreducible,  $0_R$  or a unit, so  $r_0$  is reducible &  $r_0 = r_1s_1$ , where neither  $r_1$  nor  $s_1$  are units.  $r_1$  is non-zero ( $r$  is not), can't be irreducible (it divides  $r$ ) and isn't a unit by assumption, so  $r_1$  reducible. Continuing logic, we obtain an infinite sequence  $\langle r_n \rangle_{n \geq 0}$  and  $\langle s_n \rangle_{n \geq 1}$  where non of the elements are  $0_r$  or units, and  $r_n = r_{n+1}s_{n+1}$  for each  $n \geq 0$ . By work above,  $\langle r_n \rangle$  is proper subset of  $r_{n+1}$ , so  $\langle r_0 \rangle \subset \langle r_1 \rangle \subset \dots$  But  $R$  is PID, so we should have that  $\langle r_n \rangle = \langle r_{n+1} \rangle = \dots$ , but since we have proper subsets, this can never be the case.

3.**Let  $K$  field.**

(a)**For  $f \in K[t]$ , (3.1.6) guarantees that there is a unique homomorphism  $\theta_f : K[t] \rightarrow K[t]$  such that  $\theta_f(t) = f, \theta_f(a) = a$  for  $K$ . Let  $f, g \in K[t]$ . What is  $\theta_f(g)$  in explicit terms? What is its degree?** Let  $g = \sum_i b_it^i$ . Then,  $\theta_f(g) = \sum_i b_i\theta_f(t)^i = \sum_i b_if(t)^i = g(f(t)) = (g \circ f)(t)$ . Then,  $\deg(\theta_f(g)) = \deg(g) \cdot \deg(f)$ .

(b)**For  $f_1, f_2 \in K[t]$ , what can you say about the composite homomorphism  $\theta_{f_2} \circ \theta_{f_1}$ ?** By previous part,  $(\theta_{f_2} \circ \theta_{f_1})(t) = (f_1 \circ f_2)(t)$  and  $(\theta_{f_2} \circ \theta_{f_1})(a) = a$ . By Universal Property, there is only one homomorphism mapping  $t \mapsto f_1 \circ f_2$  and  $a \mapsto a$ , namely  $\theta_{f_1 \circ f_2}$ , so  $\theta_{f_2} \circ \theta_{f_1} = \theta_{f_1 \circ f_2}$ .

(c)**Find all isomorphisms  $K[t] \rightarrow K[t]$  over  $K$ .** Let  $\theta : K[t] \rightarrow K[t]$  be isomorphism over  $K$ . Let  $f = \theta(t)$ . By uniqueness,  $\theta = \theta_f$ . Similarly,  $\theta^{-1}(t) = \tilde{f}$  implies  $\theta^{-1} = \theta_{\tilde{f}}$ . Hence,  $\theta_f \circ \theta_{\tilde{f}} = \text{id}$ . But then,  $\tilde{f} \circ f = t$  and taking degrees of both sides implies that

$\deg(f) = \deg(\tilde{f}) = 1$ . Write  $f = at + b$ . By direct calculation,  $\tilde{f} = (t - b)/a$ , such that  $\deg(f) = \deg(\tilde{f}) = 1$ . Thus,  $\theta_f$  is isomorphism with inverse  $\theta_{\tilde{f}}$  with  $\theta_f(g) = g(at + b)$ .

4.**Let  $f = t^4 + t^3 + t^2 + t + 1$  have roots  $\omega, \omega^2, \omega ega^3, \omega^4$ , where  $\omega = e^{2\pi i/5}$ . One of the elements of  $Gal(f)$  is  $\sigma = (1243)$ . Prove that  $Gal(f)$  is generated by  $\sigma$  and deduce that  $Gal(f)$  is  $C_4$ . Let  $\tau \in Gal(f)$ .** Every non-zero integer mod 5 is a power of 2:  $2^0 \cong 1, 2^1 \cong 2, 2^2 \cong 4, 2^3 \cong 3$ . Then,  $\exists r \geq 0 : \tau(1) = 2^r \pmod{5}$ . Claim:  $\tau = \sigma^r$ . Let  $i \in [1, 4]$  and define  $p(t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4) = t_i - t_i^2$ . Then,  $p(\omega, \omega^2, \omega^3, \omega^4) = \omega^i - \omega^i = 0$ , so by definition of Galois Group,  $p(\omega\tau(1), \omega\tau(2), \omega\tau(3), \omega\tau(4)) = 0 \therefore \omega\tau(i) = \omega\tau(1)^i \therefore \tau(i) \cong \tau(1)i \pmod{5} \therefore \tau(i) \cong 2^ri \pmod{5}$ . Now,  $\sigma(i) \cong 2i \pmod{5} \therefore \sigma\tau(i) \cong 2^ri \pmod{5} \therefore \tau = \sigma^r \therefore Gal(f) \langle \sigma \rangle$ . Since  $o(\sigma) = 4$  (as  $\sigma^2 \neq \text{id}$ ),  $\langle \sigma \rangle \cong C_4$ .

### Workshop 3

1.**Which of the following are irreducible over  $\mathbb{Q}$ ?**

- (a)  $1 + 2t - 5t^3 + 2t^6$  is reducible, as  $t = 1$  is a root.
- (b)  $4 - 3t - 2t^2$  is irreducible, as it is quadratic without rational (discriminant is 41)
- (c)  $4 - 13t - 2t^3$  is irreducible: reduce mod 3, becomes  $1 - t + t^3$  which has no roots in  $\mathbb{Z}_3$ .
- (d)  $1 + t + t^2 + t^3 + t^4 + t^5$  is reducible, as  $-1$  is a root (it factorises as  $(1 + t + t^2)(1 + t^3)$ )

- (e)  $2 + 3.3t - 1.1t^3 + t^7$  is irreducible, by multiplying by 10 and using Eisenstein with  $p = 11$ .
- (f)  $1 + t^4$  is irreducible. Either substitute  $t = u + 1$  & use Eisenstein with  $p = 2$ . alternatively, assume reducible, so by Gauss, can be factorised as  $(t^2 + a_1 + a_0)(t^2 + b_1t + b_0)$  with  $a_0, a_1, b_0, b_1$  integers, which leads to contradiction.
- 2.**Find irreducible  $f \in \mathbb{R}[t]$  such that  $\mathbb{R}[t]/\langle f \rangle \cong \mathbb{C}$ .** Let  $f = t^2 + 1$ . Since  $\mathbb{C} = \mathbb{R}(i)$  and  $i$  has MP  $f$  over  $\mathbb{R}$ , so (4.3.11, i) implies  $\mathbb{R}[t]/\langle f \rangle \cong \mathbb{C}$ .
- 3.**Let  $M : K$  finite,  $\alpha \in M$  with MP  $m \in K[t]$ . Show that  $\deg(m)$  divides  $[M : K]$ .**  $[K(\alpha) : K] = \deg(m)$  by (5.1.5) & by Tower Law,  $[M : K] = [M : K(\alpha)][K(\alpha) : K]$ .
- 4.**Let  $M : K$  be FE with  $\alpha, \beta \in M$ .**

(a)**Prove that  $\alpha, \beta$  conjugate over  $K \iff$  either both are transcendental or both are algebraic and have the same MP.** By (4.2.6), APs of  $\alpha$  over  $K$  are  $\langle m_{\alpha} \rangle$ . Similarly, APs of  $\beta$  over  $K$  are  $\langle m_{\beta} \rangle$ . Then,  $\alpha, \beta$  conjugate over  $K \iff \langle m_{\alpha} \rangle = \langle m_{\beta} \rangle$ . Since  $m_{\alpha}, m_{\beta}$  are either zero or monic, this is true if and only if  $m_{\alpha} = m_{\beta}$ .  $m_{\alpha} = m_{\beta} \iff$  either  $m_{\alpha} = 0 = m_{\beta}$  (so  $\alpha, \beta$  transcendental) or  $0 \neq m_{\alpha} = m_{\beta} \neq 0$  ( $\alpha, \beta$  algebraic with same MP).

(b)**Show that if there exists irreducible  $p \in K[t]$  with  $p(\alpha) = 0 = p(\beta)$ , then  $\alpha, \beta$  conjugate over  $K$ .** Can assume  $p$  monic (divide by constant). By 4.2.10,  $p$  is MP of  $\alpha, \beta$ , so by result above,  $\alpha, \beta$  conjugate

5.**Let  $M : L : K$  be FE, which you may not assume to be fnite. Let  $\alpha \in M$ . Prove that if  $\alpha$  algebraic over  $L$ , and  $L$  algebraic over  $K$ , then  $\alpha$  algebraic over  $K$ . Thus, deduce that if  $M : L, L : K$  are algebraic, then so is  $M : K$ .**  $\alpha$  algebraic over  $L$ , so  $\exists b_i \in L$  such that  $\sum_{i=0}^n b_it^i$ , not all of which are 0. By the Tower Law,

$[K(b_0, \dots, b_n, \alpha) : K] = [K(b_0, \dots, b_n, \alpha) : K(b_0, \dots, b_n)][K(b_0, \dots, b_n) : K]$ . Since  $\alpha$  algebraic over  $K(b_0, \dots, b_n)$  (since not all  $b_i$  are 0), then

$[K(b_0, \dots, b_n, \alpha) : K] = [K(b_0, \dots, b_n)] < \infty$ . Since the  $b_i$  are algebraic over  $K$ , by (5.2.4) then  $[K(b_0, \dots, b_n) : K] < \infty$ . Thus,  $K(b_0, \dots, b_n, \alpha) : K$  is an algebraic extension, so  $\alpha$  algebraic over  $K$ . For any  $\alpha \in M$ , since  $M : L$  algebraic,  $\alpha$  algebraic over  $L$ , so by the previous part, and since  $L : K$  algebraic, it follows that  $\alpha$  algebraic over  $K$ , so  $M : K$  algebraic.

6.**Prove that  $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}$  is algebraically closed.** Let  $f \in \overline{\mathbb{Q}}[t]$  be non-constant.  $\mathbb{C}$  is algebraically closed, so  $\exists \alpha \in \mathbb{C}$  with  $f(\alpha) = 0$ . Then,  $\alpha$  algebraic over  $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}$ . But also,  $\overline{\mathbb{Q}} : \mathbb{Q}$  is algebraic, so by the question above,  $\alpha$  algebraic over  $\mathbb{Q}$ , so  $\alpha \in \overline{\mathbb{Q}}$  &  $f$  has root in  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

7.**Show that  $\forall X \subseteq K$  and filed homomorphism  $\varphi : K \rightarrow L, \varphi(X) = \langle \rangle$ . Thus, if  $M : K$  and  $M' : K$  are FE, and  $\varphi : M \rightarrow M'$  is homomorphism over  $K$ , show that  $\varphi(K(\cdot)) = K'(\varphi(Y))$  for all subsets  $Y \subseteq M$ .** The first part follows by using the fact that  $\langle X \rangle$  is the smallest subfield containing  $X$ , and employing (2.3.6, ii) (to show that  $\varphi(X) \subseteq \langle \varphi(X) \rangle$ ) and (2.3.6, ii) (to show that  $\langle \varphi(X) \rangle \subseteq \varphi(X)$ ). Then, taking  $X = K \cup Y$ , it follows that  $\varphi(K(Y)) = \langle \varphi(K \cup Y) \rangle$ . Using  $\varphi(K \cup Y) = \varphi(K) \cup \varphi(Y)$ , the result follows.

8.**Let  $f$  be a non-constant polynomial over  $\mathbb{Z}$ . Prove that  $f$  is primitive and irreducible over  $\mathbb{Q} \iff f$  is irreducible over  $\mathbb{Z}$ .** ( $\implies$ ): let  $f$  primitive, irreducible over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Then,  $\deg(f) \geq 1$ , so  $f$  not unit or 0. Suppose  $f = gh, g, h \in \mathbb{Z}[t]$ .  $f$  irreducible over  $\mathbb{Q} \therefore$  WLOG, let  $g$  unit in  $\mathbb{Q}[t]$ , so that  $g = a \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Then,  $a$  divides every coefficient of  $f$ , which is primitive, so  $a = \pm 1 \therefore g$  is unit in  $\mathbb{Z}[t] \therefore g$  irreducible. ( $\impliedby$ ): by Gauss's Lemma,  $f$  irreducible over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Let  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$  divide every coefficient of  $f$ , such that  $f/a \in \mathbb{Z}[t]$ . Then,  $f = a \cdot f/a$ . But  $f$  irreducible over  $\mathbb{Z}$ , so  $a$  is unit in  $\mathbb{Z}[t] \therefore a = \pm 1 \therefore f$  primitive.

9.**This question is about extensions of degree 2.**

(a)**Let  $K$  field,  $a \in K$ . Show that  $[K(\sqrt{a}) : K] = 1$  if  $a$  has square root in  $K$ , and 2 otherwise.** If  $\sqrt{a} \in K$ , then  $[K(\sqrt{a}) : K] = 1$ . Else,  $t^2 - a$  irreducible and MP of  $\sqrt{a}$ , so  $[K(\sqrt{a}) : K] = 2$ .

(b)**Let  $L$  field,  $\text{char}(L) \neq 2, a, b, c, \alpha \in L, a \neq 0$ . Suppose that  $aa^2 + ba + c = 0$ .**

**Prove that**  $b^2 - 4ac$  **has a square root**  $\sigma \in L$ , **and that**  $\alpha \in \{(-b \pm \sigma)/(2a)\}$ . Complete square of quadratic, and since  $\text{char}(L) \neq 2$ , we can divide by 2 to get that

$b^2 - 4ac = (2aa + b)^2$ . Rearranging gives result.

(c)**Let  $L : K$  be FE of degree 2 and  $\text{char}(K) \neq 2$ . Prove that  $L \cong K(\sqrt{d})$  for some  $d \in K$ .** Pick  $\alpha \in L \setminus K$  with MP  $m \in K[t]$ . Then,  $\deg(m) = 2$ , so write  $m = t^2 + bt + c$  and  $d = b^2 - 4c \in K$ . By part above,  $\sqrt{d} = \sigma \text{ in } L$  and  $\alpha \in K(\sigma)$ , so  $L = K(\alpha) \subseteq K(\sigma) \therefore L = K(\sigma) = K(\sqrt{d})$ .

10.**Prove that  $\overline{\mathbb{Q}} : \mathbb{Q}$  is not finite.**  $t^n - 2$  is an irreducible polynomial over  $\mathbb{Q}$ , call it  $m_n$ , and let it have root  $\alpha_n$ . Then, since  $\alpha_n \in \overline{\mathbb{Q}}$ , by Tower law,  $[\overline{\$

5. **Let  $K$  field,  $f, g \in K[t]$  non-zero. Let  $L = SF_K(g)$ . Show that  $SF_L(f) \cong SF_K(fg)$  over  $K$ .** Sufficient to show that  $SF_L(f)$  is SF of  $fg$  over  $K$ . Both  $f, g$  split in  $SF_L(f)$ . Let  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n$  be roots of  $f$  in  $SF_L(f)$  and  $\beta_1, \dots, \beta_m$  roots of  $g$  in  $L$ . Then,  $SF_L(f) = L(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) = K(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_m) \therefore SF_L(f)$  generated over  $K$  by roots of  $fg$ . For second part,  $SF_{\mathbb{Q}}(f) = \mathbb{Q}(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)$   $SF_{\mathbb{Q}}(g) = \mathbb{Q}(\beta_1, \dots, \beta_m)$  so compositum contains generated by all roots of  $fg$ .

6. **Let  $0 \neq f \in \mathbb{Q}[t]$  with distinc complex roots  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k$ . Prove that  $\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i^{10}$  is rational.** Let  $\alpha = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i^{10}$ . Each element of Galois group permutes distinct roots of  $f$  so it fixes  $\alpha$  (since  $\alpha$  is symmetric function of these roots). By (8.2.7) applied on  $SF_{\mathbb{Q}}(f) : \mathbb{Q}, \alpha \in \mathbb{Q}$ .

7. **State whether True or False**

(a) **Let  $f \in K[t]$  irreducible of degree  $n$ . Then  $[SF_K(f) : K] \leq n$ .** False, let  $f = t^3 - 2$ , then SF has degree 6.  
(b) **Let  $M : K$  FE and  $\alpha, \beta \in M$ . Then  $[K(\alpha\beta) : K] \leq [K(\alpha, \beta) : K]$ .** True, use Tower Law and the fact that  $K(\alpha\beta)$  subfield of  $K(\alpha, \beta)$ .  
(c) **Let  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ . Suppose that  $x, y$  have AP of degree 4 over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Then,  $(x, y)$  are construcible by ruler and compass from  $(0, 0), (1, 0)$ .** False,  $(2^{1/3}, 0)$  not constructible, but have AP  $x^4 - 2x = 0, y^4 = 0$ .  
(d) **For all non-trivial finite FE, Galois group is non trivial.** False, if  $\alpha = 2^{1/3}$ , Galois Group of  $\mathbb{Q}(\alpha) : \mathbb{Q}$  is trivial (Example 6.3.3, ii) of the notes).  
(e) **For all finite FE  $M : K, M' : K'$ , every isomorphism  $\psi : K \rightarrow K'$  can be extended to a homomorphism  $\varphi : M \rightarrow M'$ .** False, let  $M = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})$  and  $K = M' = K' = \mathbb{Q}$ , with  $\psi$  as the identity. Then,  $\varphi(\sqrt{2})$  would be a square root of 2 in  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

(f) **The Galois Group of  $(t^4 - 2t^3 + t^2 - 4t + 1)^3$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$  is solvable.** True, it hass at most 4 distinct roots, so Galois Group embeds in  $S_4$ , which is solvable, and all subgroups of solvable groups are solvable.

8. **Let  $L : K$  algebraic. Prove that  $L : K$  normal  $\iff$  for every extension  $M : L$  the field  $L$  is a union of conjugacy classes in  $M$  voer  $K$ .** Suppose  $L.K$  is normal & consider  $M : L$ . Let  $\alpha, \beta \in M$  conjugate over  $K$ , and suppose  $\alpha \in L$ . Claim:  $\beta \in L$ . Since  $\alpha \in L$  and  $L : K$  normal, MP  $m$  of  $\alpha$  splits in  $L$ . Hence, the roots of  $m$  in  $M$  are all in  $L$ .  $\alpha$  conjugate to  $\beta$  over  $K$ , and  $m(\alpha) = 0$  so  $m(\beta)00$  so  $\beta \in L$ . Conversely, let  $L$  be union of conjugacy classes in  $M$  over  $K$  for every extension  $M$  of  $L$ . Let  $\alpha \in L$  have MP  $m \in K[t]$ . Take  $M$  as SF of  $m$  over  $L$ . Then,  $m$  splits in  $M$ , and all its roots in  $M$  are conjugate over  $K$ . But  $\alpha \in L$ , so by assumption all roots of  $M$  in  $M$  are in  $L$ , so  $m$  splits in  $L$ . Hence,  $L : K$  is normal.