

Midterm exam: tonight 7-9 pm here (Rm 200-205)

Handwritten reference sheet allowed (9.4, 13.1-13.6, 14.1)

Next h/w due week after next

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Today: exam review

A partial list of some things we know how to do:

- Prove (ir)reducibility

Eisenstein, rational root thm., reduction mod  $p$

- Computations in ext'n fields

e.g.  $F(\theta)$ ; compute powers of  $\theta$ , use fact that  $m_{\theta}(\theta) = 0$

- Determine constructability

degree must be a power of 2

- Compute field ext'n's & degrees

e.g. cyclotomic ext'n's,  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{2})/\mathbb{Q}$ , splitting field of  $x^3 - 2$

- Compute field automorphisms & determine if ext'n is Galois  
roots of poly must map to each other

- Determine whether a poly/ext'n is separable, compute sep, inseparable degrees

check whether  $\gcd(f, Df) = 1$

- Computations w/ roots of unity, cyclotomic polys

Isomorphisms involving extn fields:

Thm 6: Let  $f(x) \in F[x]$  be irred. Let  $\alpha$  be a root of  $f$

Then,

$$F[x]/(f(x)) \longrightarrow F(\alpha)$$

$$x \longmapsto \alpha$$

Thm 8: Let  $\varphi: F \xrightarrow{\sim} F'$  be an isom. of fields,  $f(x) \in F[x]$  irred.

Let  $f' = \varphi(f)$ . Let  $\alpha$  be a root of  $f$ ,  $\beta$  a root of  $f'$ .

Then  $\exists$  isom.

$$\sigma: F(\alpha) \xrightarrow{\sim} F'(\beta)$$

$$\alpha \longmapsto \beta$$

$$a \longmapsto \varphi(a), \quad a \in F$$

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$$\varphi: F \xrightarrow{\sim} F'$$

Can add roots in inductively:  $\sigma$  becomes  $\varphi$  when we add the next root

e.g.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \sigma : F(\alpha, \gamma) & \xrightarrow{\sim} & F'(\beta, \delta) \\ | & & | \\ \sigma' : F(\alpha) & \xrightarrow{\sim} & F'(\beta) \\ | & & | \\ \varphi : F & \xrightarrow{\sim} & F' \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \gamma \text{ root of } g \\ \delta \text{ root of } g' \\ \alpha \text{ root of } f \\ \beta \text{ root of } f' \end{array}$$

Thm 27: Let  $\varphi : F \xrightarrow{\sim} F'$  be an isom. of fields,  $f(x) \in F[x]$  irred  
 Let  $f' = \varphi(f)$ . Let  $K$  be a splitting field for  $f/F$   
 and  $K'$  be a splitting field for  $f'/F'$ .

Then  $\exists$  isom.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \sigma : K & \xrightarrow{\sim} & K' \\ | & & | \\ \varphi : F & \xrightarrow{\sim} & F' \end{array} \quad a \mapsto \varphi(a), a \in F$$

To use together (as we did in Prop 14.5):

$$\begin{array}{l}
 \text{Thm 13.27} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \sigma : K \xrightarrow{\sim} K' \\ \tau : F(\alpha) \xrightarrow{\sim} F(\beta) \end{array} \right. \\
 \text{Thm 13.8} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \psi : F \xrightarrow{\sim} F' \end{array} \right.
 \end{array}
 \quad
 \begin{array}{l}
 K: \text{splitting field of } f \\
 K': \text{splitting field of } f' \\
 \alpha: \text{root of } f \\
 \beta: \text{root of } f'
 \end{array}$$

Similar ideas for alg. closures

13.5.11: Let  $F \subseteq K$ . If  $f$  is perfect and  $f \in F[x]$  has no repeated irred. factors in  $F[x]$ , prove that  $f(x)$  has no repeated irred. factors in  $K[x]$

PF: Write  $f = f_1 \cdots f_n$ ,  $f_i$  irred.

Since  $F$  is perfect each of  $f_1, \dots, f_n$  are sep., so split into distinct irred. factors/ $K$ . If  $f_i, f_j$  share an irred factor/ $K$ , they share a root  $\alpha \in K$ .

Therefore,  $(x - \alpha) \mid \gcd(f_i, f_j)$  in  $K$ , but since  $\gcd(f_i, f_j) \in F$ ,

$f_i \mid \gcd(f_i, f_j)$  &  $f_j \mid \gcd(f_i, f_j)$ , so  $f_i = f_j$ .

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Ex 14.1.4:  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3})$ ,  $F = \mathbb{Q}$

Galois since splitting field of  $(x^2-2)(x^2-3)$

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

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

and  $[K:F] > 2$  since  $[\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}):\mathbb{Q}] = 2$  and  $\sqrt{3} \notin \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})$

$$\text{So } \text{Gal}(K/F) = [K:F] = 4$$

$\sqrt{2}$  must be mapped to a root of  $x^2-2$

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4 possibilities:

$$\begin{cases} \sqrt{2} \mapsto \sqrt{2} \\ \sqrt{3} \mapsto \sqrt{3} \end{cases} \quad \begin{cases} \sqrt{2} \mapsto \sqrt{2} \\ \sqrt{3} \mapsto -\sqrt{3} \end{cases}$$

Must all give  
automs.

$$\begin{cases} \sqrt{2} \mapsto -\sqrt{2} \\ \sqrt{3} \mapsto \sqrt{3} \end{cases}$$

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Ex: Let  $\vartheta := \sqrt[6]{2}$ . Compute  $[\mathbb{Q}(\vartheta) : \mathbb{Q}(\vartheta + \vartheta^{-1})]$

$$\text{Then } (\vartheta + \vartheta^{-1})^2 = \vartheta^2 + 2 + \vartheta^6 = 2 \in \mathbb{Q},$$

$$\text{so } [\mathbb{Q}(\vartheta + \vartheta^{-1}) : \mathbb{Q}] \leq 2$$

$$\text{but } \vartheta + \vartheta^{-1} \notin \mathbb{Q}, \text{ so } [\mathbb{Q}(\vartheta + \vartheta^{-1}) : \mathbb{Q}] = 2$$

Also,  $[\mathbb{Q}(\vartheta) : \mathbb{Q}] = 6$ , so by the Tower Law,

$$[\mathbb{Q}(\vartheta) : \mathbb{Q}(\vartheta + \vartheta^{-1})] = 2$$

$$\text{Minimal poly.: } x^2 - (\vartheta + \vartheta^{-1})x - 1$$