

Recall: $G \subseteq \text{Aut}(E) \rightarrow E_G = \{\alpha \in E \mid \sigma(\alpha) = \alpha, \forall \sigma \in G\}$

Prop Let $G \subseteq \text{Aut}(E)$ be a finite subgroup, with E a field, and let $F = E_G$. Then $[E:F] \leq |G|$.

(Proof.) Write $G = \{\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n\} \subseteq \text{Aut}(E)$.

WTS: E has dim'n at most n over F .

So we'll show that any collection $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{n+1} \in E$ is linearly dependent over F .

i.e., $\exists c_1, \dots, c_{n+1} \in F$, not all 0, s.t.

$$c_1 \alpha_1 + c_2 \alpha_2 + \dots + c_{n+1} \alpha_{n+1} = 0. \quad (\star)$$

To this end, consider the following system of equations in E :

$$\sigma_1(\alpha_1) x_1 + \sigma_1(\alpha_2) x_2 + \dots + \sigma_1(\alpha_{n+1}) x_{n+1} = 0$$

$$\sigma_2(\alpha_1) x_1 + \sigma_2(\alpha_2) x_2 + \dots + \sigma_2(\alpha_{n+1}) x_{n+1} = 0$$

$$\vdots \qquad \qquad \qquad \vdots \qquad \qquad \qquad \vdots \qquad \qquad \qquad = \qquad \vdots$$

$$\sigma_n(\alpha_1) x_1 + \sigma_n(\alpha_2) x_2 + \dots + \sigma_n(\alpha_{n+1}) x_{n+1} = 0$$

Here, $x_1, \dots, x_{n+1} \in E$ are indeterminates.

$|G| = n \Rightarrow n$ equations.

Underdetermined $\Rightarrow \exists a_1, \dots, a_{n+1} \in E$ not all zero satisfying the eqns.

Notice that if $\sigma_i = \text{id} \in G$, then then the i th equation of our system is (\star) .

So we win if $a_1, \dots, a_{n+1} \in F$.

Suppose $(a_1, \dots, a_{n+1}) \in E^{n+1}$ is a nontrivial sol'n with minimal # of nonzero entries.

WLOG, $a_1 \neq 0$.

Scaling by a_1^{-1} gives us another sol'n, so we can assume $a_1 = 1$.

§ $a_2 \notin F = E_G$.

Then $\exists \sigma_i \in G$ with $\sigma_i(a_2) \neq a_2$.

Now set $x_j = a_j - \sigma_i(a_j)$, for $1 \leq j \leq n+1$.

$$\text{i.e., } x_1 = a_1 - \sigma_i(a_1) = 1 - \sigma_i(1) = 0$$

$$x_2 = a_2 - \sigma_i(a_2) \neq 0$$

⋮

$$x_{n+1} = a_{n+1} - \sigma_i(a_{n+1})$$

But (a_1, \dots, a_{n+1}) & $(\sigma_i(a_1), \dots, \sigma_i(a_{n+1}))$

are sol'n's to the system.

◦◦ (x_1, \dots, x_{n+1}) is a nontrivial sol'n with

fewer nonzero entries than (a_1, \dots, a_{n+1}) ✗. 

Def'n. Let $E \supset F$ be an algebraic extension field. Call E a **normal extension** if every irreducible polynomial in $F[x]$ with at least one root in E splits in E .

Ex $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[4]{5}) \supset \mathbb{Q}$ is not normal.

$x^4 - 5 \in \mathbb{Q}[x]$ does not split in $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[4]{5})$

Thm. Let $E \supset F$ be an extension field. TFAE:

- ① E is a finite, normal, separable extension of F .
- ② E is the S.F. of a separable polynomial in $F[x]$.
- ③ $F = E_G$ for some finite subgroup $G \subseteq \text{Aut}(E)$.

Ex. $\text{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[4]{5})/\mathbb{Q}) = \{\text{id}, \tau\} \cong \mathbb{Z}_2$,

with τ fixes $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{5}) \subset \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[4]{5})$.

the actual fixed field
strictly contains the base field.

Cor. Let $K \supset F$ be a field extension s.t. $F = K_G$ for some finite subgroup $G \subseteq \text{Aut}(K)$. Then $G = G(K/F)$.

Thm (Fundamental Theorem of Galois Theory)

Let F be a field of characteristic 0, $E \supset F$ a finite, normal extension of F with Galois group $G(E/F)$.

Then:

① The map $K \mapsto G(E/K)$ is a bijection from subfields of E containing F to the subgroups of $G(E/F)$.

② For any $E \supseteq K \supseteq F$,

$$[E:K] = |G(E/K)| \quad \& \quad [K:F] = [G(E/F):G(E/K)].$$

③ Subfields $F \subseteq K, L \subseteq E$ satisfy $K \subseteq L$ iff

$$\{\text{id}\} \subseteq G(E/L) \subseteq G(E/K) \subseteq G(E/F).$$

④ A subfield $K \subseteq E$ is a normal extension of F iff $G(E/K)$ is a normal subgroup of $G(E/F)$.

Moreover, in this case we have an isomorphism

$$G(K/F) \cong \frac{G(E/F)}{G(E/K)}.$$

Ex. Consider $f(x) = x^4 - 2 \in \mathbb{Q}[x]$.

$$F := \mathbb{Q}$$

① The splitting field.

$$\begin{aligned}x^4 - 2 &= (x^2 - \sqrt{2})(x^2 + \sqrt{2}) \\ &= (x - \sqrt[4]{2})(x + \sqrt[4]{2})(x - i\sqrt[4]{2})(x + i\sqrt[4]{2}),\end{aligned}$$

So the S.F. of $f(x)$ is $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[4]{2}, i\sqrt[4]{2}) = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[4]{2}, i) =: E$

② The order of $G(E/F)$.

$$\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[4]{2}) \supset \mathbb{Q} \text{ has basis } \{1, \sqrt[4]{2}, (\sqrt[4]{2})^2, (\sqrt[4]{2})^3\}$$

$$E \supset \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[4]{2}) \text{ has basis } \{1, i\}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{So } [E:F] &= [E:\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[4]{2})] \cdot [\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[4]{2}):\mathbb{Q}] \quad \left. \vphantom{[E:F]} \right\} \text{ by FT \& GT} \\ &= 2 \cdot 4 = 8.\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{So } |G(E/F)| = [E:F] = 8. \quad \left. \vphantom{|G(E/F)|} \right\} E \text{ is the S.F. of a separable polynomial}$$

③ Identifying $G(E/F)$

Let's define $\sigma, \tau: E \rightarrow E$ by

$$\begin{array}{l} 90^\circ \\ \text{CCW} \\ \text{rotation} \end{array} \left[\begin{array}{l} \sigma(\sqrt[4]{2}) := i\sqrt[4]{2} \\ \sigma(i) := i \end{array} \right] \quad \left. \vphantom{\left[\right]} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \tau(\sqrt[4]{2}) := \sqrt[4]{2} \\ \tau(i) := -i \end{array} \quad \left. \vphantom{\left[\right]} \right\} \text{reflection}$$

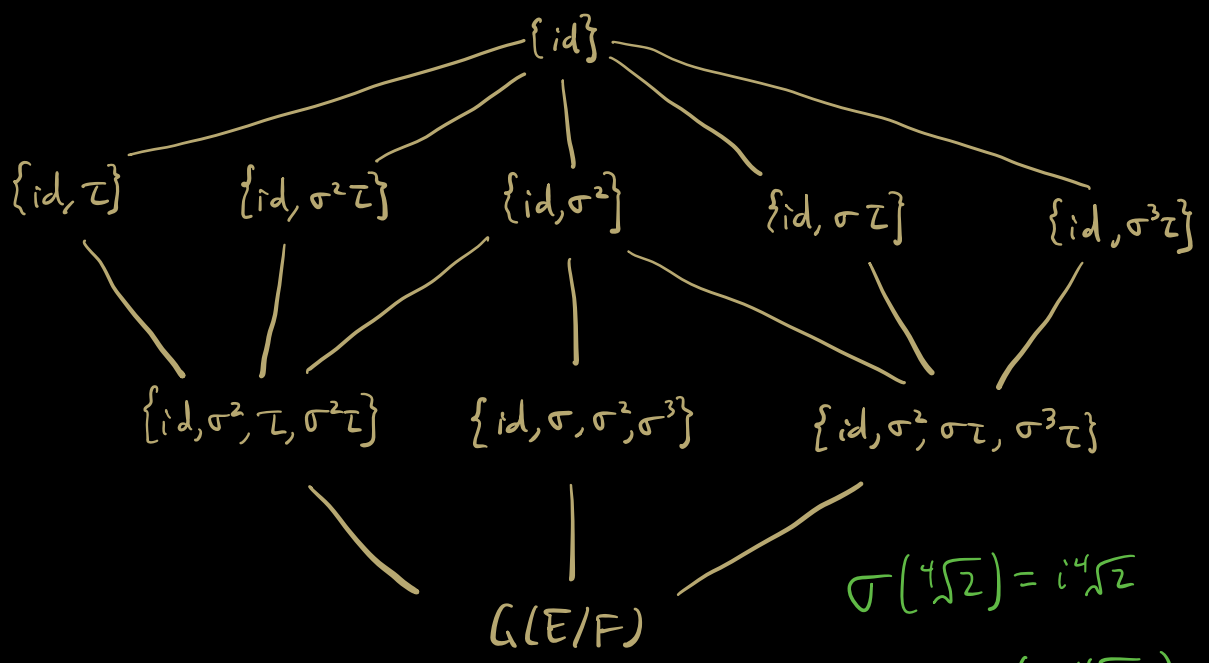
Check: $\text{id}, \sigma, \sigma^2, \sigma^3, \tau, \sigma\tau, \sigma^2\tau, \sigma^3\tau$ are all distinct.

Upshot: 8 distinct elements of $G(E/F)$.

Since we know $|G(E/F)| = 8$,

$$G(E/F) = \{\text{id}, \sigma, \sigma^2, \sigma^3, \tau, \sigma\tau, \sigma^2\tau, \sigma^3\tau\} \cong D_4$$

④ The subgroups of $G(E/F)$.



$$\begin{aligned} \sigma(\sqrt[4]{2}) &= i\sqrt[4]{2} \\ \sigma^2(\sqrt[4]{2}) &= \sigma(i\sqrt[4]{2}) \\ &= \sigma(i)\sigma(\sqrt[4]{2}) \\ &= i(i\sqrt[4]{2}) = -\sqrt[4]{2} \end{aligned}$$

⑤ The fixed fields

