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§ 16.7 The MAIN THEOREM OF GALOIS THEORY:

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Let  $K \supset F$  be a Galois extension  
(with  $[K:F]$  finite) and  $\text{char}(F) \neq 0$ ,  
and  $G := G(K/F)$  the Galois group.

Then (a) one has a bijection,

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{intermediate fields } L \\ \text{with } F \subset L \subset K \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{f} \\ \xleftarrow{g} \end{array} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{subgroups } H \text{ with} \\ \{1\} \leq H \leq G \end{array} \right\}$$

sending  $L \longmapsto H := G(K/L)$

$$L := K^H \longleftarrow H$$

In particular, there are only finitely many such  $L$  with  $F \subset L \subset K$ .

(b) the bijections reverse inclusions:

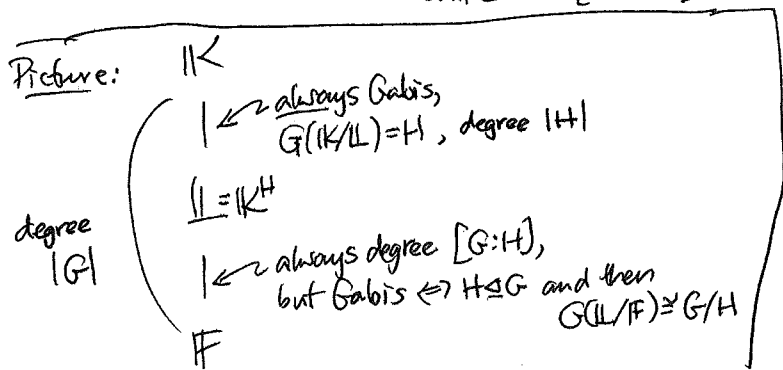
$$\begin{array}{ccc} K = K^{\{1\}} & & \{1\} \\ \cup & & \uparrow \\ L' = K^{H'} & & H' = G(K/L') \\ \cup & \longleftrightarrow & N \\ L = K^H & & H = G(K/L) \\ \cup & & \uparrow \\ F = K^G & & G \end{array}$$

(c) if  $L \leftrightarrow H$  then  $[K:L] = |H|$  with  $K/L$  always Galois  
and  $H = G(K/L)$

while  $[L:F] = [G:H]$ , but  $L/F$  is Galois

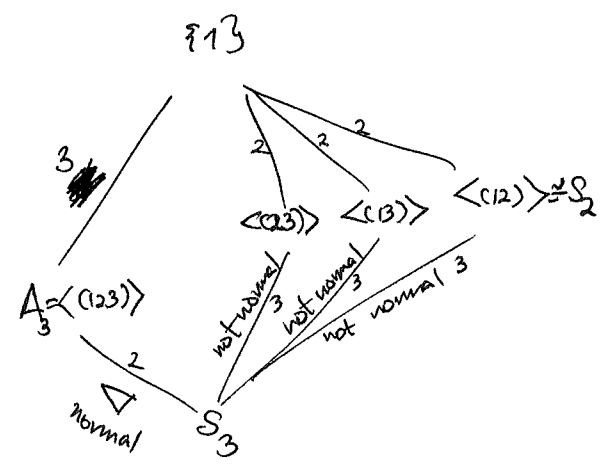
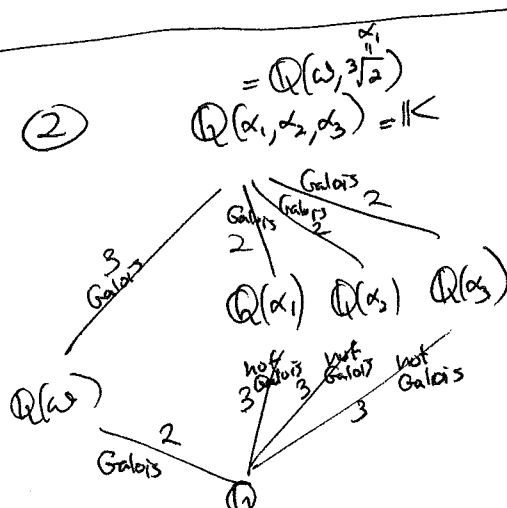
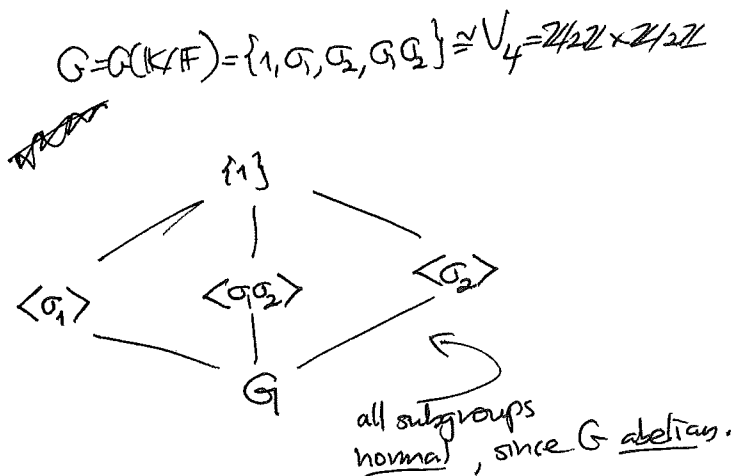
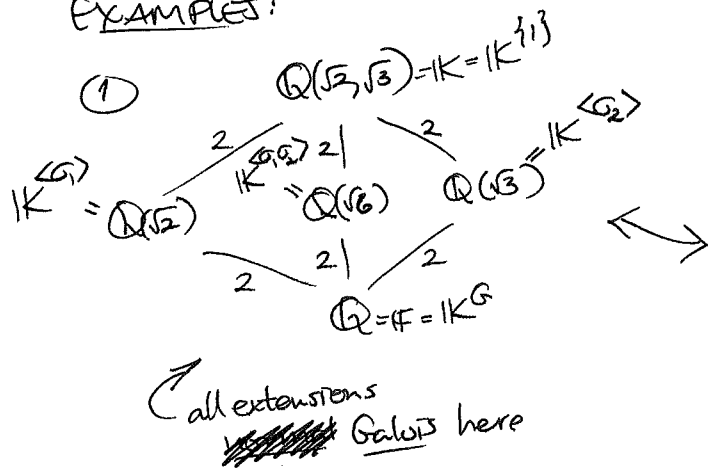
$$\iff H \trianglelefteq G \text{ normal}$$

in which case  
 $G/H \cong G(L/F)$



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EXAMPLES:



4/15/2019 > proof of MAIN THEOREM:

(a): We've seen that starting with  $H \leq \text{Aut}(K/F)$  ( $\leq \text{Aut}(K)$ ), finite

one has  $H \xrightarrow{g} K^H \xrightarrow{f} G(K/K^H) = H$  ↑ The fixed field theorem (i.e.  $f \circ g = 1$ )

On the other hand, starting with any  $\mathbb{L}$  having  $F \subset \mathbb{L} \subset K$ ,  
 since ~~is~~  $K/F$  Galois  $\Rightarrow K = \text{split}_F(f(x))$  for some  $f(x) \in F[x]$   
 $\Rightarrow K = \text{split}_{\mathbb{L}}(f(x))$   
 $\Rightarrow K/\mathbb{L}$  is Galois,

one also has  $\mathbb{L} \xrightarrow{f} G(K/\mathbb{L}) \xrightarrow{g} K^{G(K/\mathbb{L})} = \mathbb{L}$  (i.e.  $g \circ f = 1$ )  
↑ since  $K/\mathbb{L}$  Galois

(b): The fact that  $f, g$  reverse inclusions is from their definitions!

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(c): We just showed in the proof of (a) that if  $\mathbb{L} = \mathbb{K}^H$

then  $\mathbb{K}/\mathbb{L}$  is always Galois, and  $\mathbb{L} = \mathbb{K}^{G(\mathbb{K}/\mathbb{L})}$  with  $H = G(\mathbb{K}/\mathbb{L})$ .

This also shows  $[\mathbb{K}:\mathbb{L}] = |H|$ , and hence  $[\mathbb{L}:\mathbb{F}] = \frac{[\mathbb{K}:\mathbb{F}]}{[\mathbb{K}:\mathbb{L}]} = \frac{|G|}{|H|} = [G:H]$ .

To show  $\mathbb{L}/\mathbb{F}$  Galois  $\iff H \trianglelefteq G$ ,

start by picking  $\beta \in \mathbb{L}$  with  $\mathbb{L} = \mathbb{F}(\beta)$  by the Prim. Element Thm.

Then we know  $m_{\mathbb{F},\beta}(x) = (x - \beta_1)(x - \beta_2) \cdots (x - \beta_r)$  where  $\{\beta_1, \dots, \beta_r\} \subseteq \mathbb{K}$  are the  $G$ -orbit of  $\beta$ , i.e.  $\{g(\beta)\}_{g \in G}$  (since  $\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{K}^G$ )

Also, note that  $\sigma \in G$  has  $g(\beta) = \beta \iff \sigma$  acts as  $1_{\mathbb{L}}$  on  $\mathbb{L} = \mathbb{F}(\beta)$   
 $\iff \sigma \in G(\mathbb{K}/\mathbb{L}) = H$  where  $\mathbb{L} = \mathbb{K}^H$

Now  $\mathbb{L}/\mathbb{F}$  is Galois  $\iff \mathbb{L} = \text{split}_{\mathbb{F}}(m_{\mathbb{F},\beta}(x))$

since  $\beta \in \mathbb{L} = \mathbb{F}(\beta)$   $\{g(\beta)\}_{g \in G}$

$\iff \{\beta_1, \dots, \beta_r\} \subset \mathbb{L}$

$\iff g(\beta) \in \mathbb{L} \subseteq \mathbb{K}^H \quad \forall g \in G$

$\iff hg(\beta) = g(\beta) \quad \forall g \in G, h \in H$

i.e.  $ghg^{-1}(\beta) = \beta$

i.e.  $ghg^{-1} \in H$

$\iff H \trianglelefteq G$

Furthermore, when this holds (i.e.  $\mathbb{L}/\mathbb{F}$  Galois, so  $H \trianglelefteq G$ )

since  $g(\beta) \in \{\beta_1, \dots, \beta_r\} \subset \mathbb{L} \quad \forall g \in G$ ,

$g(\mathbb{L}) \subset \mathbb{L} \quad \forall g \in G$ , i.e.  $G$  acts on  $\mathbb{L}$  via restriction.

So we get a homomorphism  $G \xrightarrow{\varphi} G(\mathbb{L}/\mathbb{F})$   
 $g \mapsto g|_{\mathbb{L}}$

which is surjective since we can find  $g$  sending  $\beta \mapsto \beta_i$  for each  $i=1, 2, \dots, r$

and has  $\ker \varphi = \{g \in G : g|_{\mathbb{L}} = 1_{\mathbb{L}}\} = G(\mathbb{K}/\mathbb{L}) = H$ . Thus  $G/H \cong G(\mathbb{L}/\mathbb{F})$   
 by Noether's 1st iso thm.  $\square$

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# §16.2, 16.8, 16.9 Galois groups and the discriminant

How to describe the Galois group  $G(K/F)$  for  $K/F$  Galois?

It's a bit tricky in general, but there are some things we can say easily.

THEOREM: (16.6.6) If  $\text{char}(F)=0$  and  $K/F$  is Galois with  $K = \text{split}_F(f(x))$  having roots  $f(x) = (x-\alpha_1)(x-\alpha_2)\dots(x-\alpha_n)$ ,  $\alpha_i \in K$  then  $G = G(K/F)$  permutes  $\{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n\}$  giving an injective homomorphism  $G \rightarrow S_n$ , i.e.  $G \subset S_n$ . Furthermore, if  $f(x)$  is irreducible, then  $G$  is a transitive subgroup of  $S_n$ , i.e.  $G$  has only one orbit on  $\{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n\}$ .

proof: We know  $G$  must permute  $\{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n\}$  since  $f(x) \in F[x]$  so  $\sigma(f) = f \ \forall \sigma \in G = G(K/F)$ . We also know  $K = F(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)$  so every  $\sigma \in G$  is determined by how it permutes  $\{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n\}$ , giving injectivity. We also know when  $f(x)$  is irreducible, so  $f(x) = m_{F, \alpha_i}(x)$  for  $i=1, \dots, n$ , we can find  $\sigma_i \in G$  sending  $\alpha_1 \xrightarrow{\sigma_i} \alpha_i \ \forall i=1, \dots, n$ , so there is only one  $G$ -orbit.  $\blacksquare$

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## EXAMPLES:

① If  $[K:F]=2$  then  $K = F[\sqrt{a}]$  for some  $a \in F$  that is not a square

(since any  $\gamma \in K \setminus F$  has  $m_{F, \gamma}(x) = x^2 + bx + c$ , so  $\gamma = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4c}}{2}$  and  $a = \frac{b^2 - 4c}{4}$  works)

Here  $G = S_2$  where  $\sigma: \sqrt{a} \mapsto -\sqrt{a}$   
 $\cong \langle \sigma \rangle$

② If ~~irreducible~~  $K = \text{split}_F(f(x))$  for some irreducible cubic  $f(x) = x^3 + bx^2 + cx + d \in F[x]$   
 $= (x-\alpha_1)(x-\alpha_2)(x-\alpha_3) \in [K:F]$

then  $G = G(K/F)$  is a transitive subgroup of  $S_3$ , so either  $A_3 = \langle (123) \rangle$  and  $[K:F]=3$  or  $S_3$  itself and  $[K:F]=6$

