

# Requirements

#### 0.1 Groups

**Definition 0.1** (Monoid). The set of elements M with defined binary operation  $\circ$  we will call as a monoid if the following conditions are satisfied.

- 1. Closure:  $\forall a, b \in M$ :  $a \circ b \in G$
- 2. Associativity:  $\forall a, b, c \in M$ :  $a \circ (b \circ c) = (a \circ b) \circ c$
- 3. Identity element:  $\exists e \in M \text{ such that } \forall a \in G : e \circ a = a \circ e = a$

**Definition 0.2** (Group). Let we have a set of elements G with a defined binary operation  $\circ$  that satisfied the following properties.

- 1. Closure:  $\forall a, b \in G$ :  $a \circ b \in G$
- 2. Associativity:  $\forall a, b, c \in G$ :  $a \circ (b \circ c) = (a \circ b) \circ c$
- 3. Identity element:  $\exists e \in G \text{ such that } \forall a \in G : e \circ a = a \circ e = a$
- 4. Inverse element:  $\forall a \in G \ \exists a^{-1} \in G \ such \ that \ a \circ a^{-1} = e$

In this case  $(G, \circ)$  is called as group.

Therefore the group is a Monoid with inverse element property.

**Example 0.1.1** (Group  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ ). Consider a set of 2 elements:  $G = \{0, 1\}$  with the operation  $\circ$  defined by the table 1.

The identity element is 0 i.e. e = 0. Inverse element is the element itself because  $\forall a \in G$ :  $a \circ a = 0 = e$ .

**Definition 0.3** (Subgroup). Let we have a Group  $(G, \circ)$ . The subset  $S \subset G$  is called as subgroup if  $(S, \circ)$  is a Group.

**Definition 0.4** (Abelian group). Let we have a Group  $(G, \circ)$ . The group is called an Abelian or commutative if  $\forall a, b \in G$  it holds  $a \circ b = b \circ a$ .

Table 1: Cayley table for  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ 

0	0	1
0	0	1
1	1	0

Table 2: Cayley table for  $S_2$ 

0	e	$\tau$
e	e	$\tau$
$\tau$	$\tau$	e

**Definition 0.5** (Coset). If G is a group, and H is a subgroup of G, and g is an element of G, then

$$gH = \{gh|h \in H\}$$

is the left coset of H in G with respect to g, and

$$Hg = \{hg | h \in H\}$$

is the right coset of H in G with respect to g.

#### 0.1.1 Permutations

**Example 0.1.2** ( $S_n$  group). If we a have a permutation of n elements then it's possible to do by means of n! ways.

 $S_1$  permutation of 1 element consists of only one element e - the simplest possible group

 $S_2$  permutation consists of 2 elements:

1. identity e:

$$\begin{array}{c} 1 \to 1 \\ 2 \to 2 \end{array}$$

2. transposition  $\tau$ :

$$\begin{array}{c} 1 \rightarrow 2 \\ 2 \rightarrow 1 \end{array}$$

It's easy to see that the Cayley table has the form 2

 $S_3$  permutation consists of 6 elements:  $e, \tau, \tau_1, \tau_2, \sigma, \sigma_1$ . The most important are  $e, \tau$  and  $\sigma$  and all others are represented via them.

1. identity e:

 $1 \rightarrow 1$  $2 \rightarrow 2$  $3 \rightarrow 3$ 

2. transposition  $\tau$ :

 $1 \rightarrow 2$  $2 \rightarrow 1$  $3 \rightarrow 3$ 

3. circle  $\sigma$ :

 $\begin{array}{c} 1 \rightarrow 2 \\ 2 \rightarrow 3 \\ 3 \rightarrow 1 \end{array}$ 

## 0.2 Rings, Ideals and Fields

**Definition 0.6** (Ring). Consider a set R with 2 binary operations defined. The first one  $\oplus$  (addition) and elements of R forms an Abelian group under this operation. The second one is  $\odot$  (multiplication) and the elements of R forms a Monoid under the operation. The two binary operations are connected each other via the following distributive law

- Left distributivity:  $\forall a, b, c \in R$ :  $a \odot (b \oplus c) = a \odot b \oplus a \odot c$
- Right distributivity:  $\forall a, b, c \in R$ :  $(a \oplus b) \odot c = a \odot c \oplus b \odot c$ The identity element for  $(R, \oplus)$  is denoted as 0 (additive identity). The identity element for  $(R, \odot)$  is denoted as 1 (multiplicative identity).

The inverse element to a in  $(R, \oplus)$  is denoted as -a

In this case  $(R, \oplus, \odot)$  is called as ring.

The Ring is a generalization of integer numbers conception.

**Example 0.2.1** (Ring of integers  $\mathbb{Z}$ ). The set of integer numbers  $\mathbb{Z}$  forms a Ring under + and  $\cdot$  operations i.e. addition  $\oplus$  is + and multiplication  $\odot$  is  $\cdot$ . Thus for integer numbers we have the following Ring:  $(\mathbb{Z}, +, \cdot)$ 

**Definition 0.7** (Ideal). Lets we have the Ring  $(R, \oplus, \odot)$ . Subset  $I \subset R$  will be an ideal if it satisfied the following conditions

1.  $(I, \oplus)$  is Subgroup of  $(R, \oplus)$ 

2.  $\forall i \in I \text{ and } \forall r \in R : i \odot r \in I \text{ and } r \odot i \in I$ 

**Example 0.2.2** (Ideal  $2\mathbb{Z}$ ). Consider even numbers. They forms an Ideal in  $\mathbb{Z}$ . Because multiplication of any even number to any integer is an even. The ideal's symbolic name is  $2\mathbb{Z}$ .

**Example 0.2.3** (Ring of integers modulo  $n: \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$ ). Let  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  and n > 1. Then  $n\mathbb{Z}$  is an Ideal.

Two integer  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$  are said to be congruent modulo n, written

$$a \equiv b(modn)$$

if their difference a - b is an integer multiple of n.

Thus we have a separation of set  $\mathbb{Z}$  into subsets of numbers that are congruent. Each subset has the following form

$$\{r\}_n = r + n\mathbb{Z} = \{r + nk \mid k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

, thus

$$\mathbb{Z} = \{0\}_n \cup \{1\}_n \cup \cdots \cup \{n-1\}_n$$
.

Very often use the following notation

$$\bar{r} = \{r\}_n$$
.

We can define the following operations

$$\bar{k} \oplus \bar{l} = \overline{k+l}$$
$$\bar{k} \odot \bar{l} = \overline{k \cdot l}$$

The Ring where the objects are defined is called as  $\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$ .

**Definition 0.8** (Principal ideal). The ideal that is generated by one element a is called as principal ideal and is denoted as (a) i.e. left principal ideal:  $(a) = \{ra \mid \forall r \in R\}$  and right principal ideal:  $(a) = \{ar \mid \forall r \in R\}$ 

**Definition 0.9** (Integral domain). In mathematics, and specifically in abstract algebra, an integral domain is a nonzero commutative Ring in which the product of any two nonzero elements is nonzero.

**Definition 0.10** (Principal ideal domain). In abstract algebra, a principal ideal domain, or PID, is an Integral domain in which every ideal is principal, i.e., can be generated by a single element.

**Definition 0.11** (Maximal ideal). I is a maximal ideal of a ring R if there are no other ideals contained between I and R.

**Definition 0.12** (Proper ideal). I is a proper ideal of a ring R if  $I \subseteq R$ .

**Definition 0.13** (Quotient ring). Quotient ring is a construction where one starts with a ring R and a two-sided ideal I in R, and constructs a new ring, the quotient ring R/I, whose elements are the Cosets of I in R subject to special + and  $\cdot$  operations.

Given a ring R and a two-sided ideal  $I \subset R$ , we may define an equivalence relation  $\sim$  on R as follows:  $a \sim b$  if and only if  $a - b \in I$ . The equivalence class of the element a in R is given by

$$[a] = a + I := \{a + r : r \in I\}.$$

This equivalence class is also sometimes written as a mod I and called the "residue class of a modulo I".

**Definition 0.14** (Field). The ring  $(R, \oplus, \odot)$  is called as a field if  $(R \setminus \{0\}, \odot)$  is an Abelian group.

The inverse element to a in  $(R \setminus \{0\}, \odot)$  is denoted as  $a^{-1}$ 

**Example 0.2.4** (Field  $\mathbb{Q}$ ). Note that  $\mathbb{Z}$  is not a field because not for every integer number an inverse exists. But if we consider a set of fractions  $\mathbb{Q} = \{a/b \mid a \in \mathbb{Z}, b \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}\}$  when it will be a field.

The inverse element to a/b in  $(\mathbb{Q} \setminus \{0\}, \cdot)$  will be b/a.

**Definition 0.15** (Unique factorization domain). Unique factorization domain (UFD) is a commutative ring, which is an Integral domain, and in which every non-zero non-unit element can be written as a product of prime elements (or irreducible elements), uniquely up to order and units, analogous to the fundamental theorem of arithmetic for the integers.

#### 0.3 Linear algebra

**Definition 0.16** (Vector space). Let F is a Field. The set V is called as vector space under F if the following conditions are satisfied

1. We have a binary operation  $V \times V \to V$  (addition):  $(x,y) \to x+y$  with the following properties:

$$(a) x + y = y + x$$

(b) 
$$(x + y) + z = x + (y + z)$$

- (c)  $\exists 0 \in V \text{ such that } \forall x \in V : x + 0 = x$
- (d)  $\forall x \in V \exists -x \in V \text{ such that } x + (-x) = x x = 0$
- 2. We have a binary operation  $F \times V \to V$  (scalar multiplication) with the following properties
  - (a)  $1_F \cdot x = x$
  - (b)  $\forall a, b \in F, x \in V : a \cdot (b \cdot x) = (ab) \cdot x$ .
  - (c)  $\forall a, b \in F, x \in V : (a+b) \cdot x = a \cdot x + b \cdot x$
  - (d)  $\forall a \in F, x, y \in V : a \cdot (x + y) = a \cdot x + a \cdot y$

**Lemma 0.17** (About vector space isomorphism). 2 vector spaces L and M with same dimension dimL = dimM then there exists an Isomorphism between them

#### 0.4 Functions

**Definition 0.18** (Surjection). The function  $f: X \to Y$  is surjective (or onto) if  $\forall y \in Y$ ,  $\exists x \in X$  such that f(x) = y.

**Definition 0.19** (Injection). The function  $f: X \to Y$  is injective (or one-to-one function) if  $\forall x_1, x_2 \in X$ , such that  $x_1 \neq x_2$  then  $f(x_1) \neq f(x_2)$ .

**Definition 0.20** (Bijection). The function  $f: X \to Y$  is bijective (or one-to-one correspondence) if it is an Injection and a Surjection.

**Definition 0.21** (Homomorphism). The homomorphism is a function (map) between two sets that preserves its algebraic structure. For the case of groups  $(X, \circ)$  and  $(Y, \odot)$  the function  $f: X \to Y$  is called homomorphism if  $\forall x_1, x_2 \in X$  it holds  $f(x_1 \circ x_2) = f(x_1) \odot f(x_2)$ .

**Definition 0.22** (Isomorphism). If a map is Bijection as well as Homomorphism when it is called as isomorphism.

We use the following symbolic notation for isomorphism between X and  $Y: X \cong Y$ .

**Definition 0.23** (Automorphism). Automorphism is an isomorphism from a mathematical object to itself.

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# **0.5** Polynomial ring K[X]

Let we have a commutative Ring K. Lets create a new Ring B with the following infinite sets as elements:

$$f = (f_0, f_1, \dots), f_i \in K,$$
 (1)

such that only finite number of elements of the sets are non zero.

We can define addition and multiplication on B as follows

$$f + g = (f_0 + g_0, f_1 + g_1, \dots),$$
  
 $f \cdot g = h = (h_0, h_1, \dots),$  (2)

where

$$h_k = \sum_{i+j=k} f_i g_j.$$

The sequences (1) forms a Ring with the following identities:

- Additive identity:  $(0,0,\ldots)$
- Multiplicative identity:  $(1,0,\ldots)$

The sequences k = (k, 0, ...) added and multiplied as elements of K this allows say that such elements are elements of original Ring K. Thus K is sub-ring of the new ring B.

Let

$$X = (0, 1, 0, \dots),$$
  
 $X^2 = (0, 0, 1, \dots)$ 

thus if we have

$$f = (f_0, f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n, 0, \dots)$$

where  $f_n$  is the last non-zero element of (1), when one can get

$$f = f_0 + f_1 X + f_2 X^2 + \dots + f_n X^n.$$

**Definition 0.24** (Polynomial ring). The Ring of sequences (1) with operations defined by (2) is called as polynomial ring K[X].

**Lemma 0.25** (Bézout's lemma). Let a and b be nonzero integers and let d be their greatest common divisor. Then there exist integers x and y such that

$$ax + by = d$$
.

**Definition 0.26** (Monic polynomial). Monic polynomial is a univariate polynomial in which the leading coefficient (the nonzero coefficient of highest degree) is equal to 1. Therefore, a monic polynomial has the form

$$x^{n} + a_{n-1}x^{n-1} + \dots + a_{1}x + a_{0}$$

# Chapter 1

# Generalities on algebraic extensions

We introduce the basic notions such as a field extension, algebraic element, minimal polynomial, finite extension, and study their very basic properties such as the multiplicativity of degree in towers.

### 1.1 Field extensions: examples

#### 1.1.1 K-algebra

**Definition 1.1** (K-algebra). Let K be a field and A be a Vector space over K equipped with an additional binary operation  $A \times A \to A$  that we denote as  $\cdot$  here. The the A is an algebra over K if the following identities hold  $\forall x, y, z \in A$  and for every elements (often called as scalar)  $a, b \in K$ 

- Right distributivity:  $(x + y) \cdot z = x \cdot z + y \cdot z$
- Left distributivity:  $z \cdot (x + y) = z \cdot x + z \cdot y$
- Compatibility with scalars:  $(ax) \cdot (by) = (ab)(x \cdot y)$

**Example 1.1.1** (Field of complex numbers  $\mathbb{C}$ ). The field of complex numbers  $\mathbb{C}$  can be considered as a K-algebra over field of real numbers  $\mathbb{R}$ .

#### 1.1.2 Field extension

Let K and L are fields.

**Definition 1.2** (Field extension). L is an extension of K if  $L \supset K$ 

and another definition

**Definition 1.3** (Field extension). L is an extension of K if L is a K-algebra

Why the 2 definitions are equivalent?

**Lemma 1.4** (K-algebra and Homomorphism). Given a K-algebra is the same as having Homomorphism  $f: K \to A$  of rings.

*Proof.* Really if I have a K-algebra I can define the Homomorphism  $f(k) = k \cdot 1_A$ , where  $1_A$  is an identity element of A. Thus  $k \cdot 1_A \in A$ .

And conversely if I have the Homomorphism  $f: K \to A$  I can define the K-algebra structure by setting ka = f(k)a because  $f(k), a \in A$  and there is a multiplication defined on A. As result I have a rule for multiplication a scalar  $(k \in K)$  on a vector  $(a \in A)$ .

**Lemma 1.5** (About Homomorphism of fields). Any Homomorphism of fields is Injection.

*Proof.* Lets proof by contradiction. Really if f(x) = f(y) and  $x \neq y$  then

$$f(x) - f(y) = 0_A,$$
  

$$f(x - y) = 0_A,$$
  

$$f(x - y)f((x - y)^{-1}) = f\left(\frac{x - y}{x - y}\right) = f(1_K) = 1_A = 0_A$$

that is impossible.

There are some comments on the results. We have got that a Homomorphism can be set between field K and its K-algebra. This means that K-algebra is a field. The Homomorphism is Injection therefore we can allocate a sub-field  $A' \subset A$  for that we will have the Homomorphism is a Surjection and therefore we have an Isomorphism between original field K and a sub-field A'. This means that we can say that the original field K is a sub-field for the K-algebra.

**Example 1.1.2** (Field extensions).  $\mathbb{C}$  is a field extension for  $\mathbb{R}$ .  $\mathbb{R}$  is a field extension for  $\mathbb{Q}$ 

#### 1.1.3 Field characteristic

If L is a field there are 2 possibilities

- 1.  $1 + 1 + \cdots \neq 0$ . In this case  $\mathbb{Z} \subset L$  but  $\mathbb{Z}$  is not a field therefore L is an extension of  $\mathbb{Q}$ . In the case charL = 0
- 2.  $1+1+\cdots+1=\sum_{i=1}^m 1=0$  for some  $m\in\mathbb{Z}$ . The first time when it happens is for a prime number i.e. minimal m with the property is prime. In this case char L=p, where p=minm the minimal m (prime) with the property. In this case  $\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}\subset L$ . The  $\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$  is a field denoted by  $\mathbb{F}_p$ . The L is an extension of  $\mathbb{F}_p$ .

No other possibilities exist. The  $\mathbb{Q}$  and  $\mathbb{F}_p$  are the prime fields. Any field is an extension of one of those.

#### **1.1.4** Field K[X]/(P)

Let K[X] Ring of polynomials. The  $P \in K[X]$  is an irreducible. (P) is an Ideal formed by the polynomial. The set of residues by the polynomial forms a field that denoted by K[X]/(P). How we can see it? If  $Q \in K[X]$  is a polynomial that  $Q \notin (P)$  when Q is prime to P. Then with Bézout's lemma we can get  $\exists A, B \in K[X]$  such that

$$AP + BQ = 1,$$

or

$$BQ \equiv 1 mod P$$
,

thus B is  $Q^{-1}$  in K[X]/(P).

#### 1.2 Algebraic elements. Minimal polynomial

#### **1.2.1** K[X]/(P) field

Alternative proof that K[X]/(P) is the Field. The (P) is a Maximal ideal but a quotient by a Maximal ideal is a Field.

K[X]/(P) is an extension of K because it's K-algebra.

**Example 1.2.1** ( $\mathbb{F}_2/(x^2+x+1)$ ). Lets consider the following field  $K = \mathbb{F}_2 = \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} = \{0,1\}$  in the field polynomial  $x^2+x+1$  is irreducible. It's very easy to verify it because  $\mathbb{F}_2$  has only 2 elements that can be (possible) a root:

$$0^2 + 0 + 1 = 1 \neq 0$$

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$$1^2 + 1 + 1 = 1 \neq 0$$

The polynomial has the following residues:  $\bar{x} = x + (x^2 + x + 1)$  and  $\overline{x+1} = x+1+(x^2+x+1)$ . Thus the field  $\mathbb{F}_2/(x^2+x+1)$  consists of 4 elements:  $\{0,1,\bar{x},\overline{x+1}\}$ .

It's easy to see that the third element  $(\bar{x})$  is a root of  $P(x) = x^2 + x + 1$ :

$$\bar{x}^2 + \bar{x} + 1 = P(x) + (P(x)) = (P(x)) \equiv 0 \mod P.$$

$$\bar{x}^2 + \bar{x} + 1 = \bar{0},$$

therefore

$$\bar{x}^2 = -\bar{x} - 1 = \bar{x} + 1 = \overline{x+1}.$$

This is because we are in field  $\mathbb{F}_2$  where

$$2(x+1) mod 2 = 0$$

and thus

$$-\bar{x} - 1 = \bar{x} + 1$$

Also

$$\overline{x+1}^2 = \bar{x},$$

and they are inverse each other

$$\overline{x+1}\overline{x}=1$$
.

#### 1.2.2 Algebraic elements

**Definition 1.6** (Algebraic element). Let  $K \subset L$  and  $\alpha \in L$ .  $\alpha$  is an algebraic element if  $\exists P \in K[X]$  such that  $P(\alpha) = 0$ . Otherwise the  $\alpha$  is called transcendental.

#### 1.2.3 Minimal polynomial

**Lemma 1.7** (About minimal polynomial existence). If  $\alpha$  is Algebraic element then  $\exists !$  unitary polynomial P of minimal degree such that  $P(\alpha) = 0$ . It is ineducable.  $\forall Q$  such that  $Q(\alpha) = 0$  is divisible by P

**Definition 1.8** (Minimal polynomial). Such polynomial is called minimal polynomial and denoted by  $P_{min}(\alpha, K)$ .

Proof. We know that K[X] is a Principal ideal domain and a polynomial  $Q(\alpha) = 0$  forms an Ideal:  $I\{Q \in K[X] \mid Q(\alpha) = 0\}$ , so the ideal is generated by one element: I = (P). This is an unique (up to constant) polynomial minimal degree in I. If P is not ineducable then  $\exists Q, R \in I$  such that  $P = QR, Q(\alpha) = 0$  or  $R(\alpha) = 0$  and degR, Q < degP that is in contradiction with the definition that P is a polynomial of minimal degree.  $\square$ 

## 1.3 Algebraic elements. Algebraic extensions

**Definition 1.9.** Let  $K \subset L$ ,  $\alpha \in L$ . The smallest sub-field contained K and  $\alpha$  denoted by  $K(\alpha)$ . The smallest sub-ring contained K and  $\alpha$  denoted by  $K[\alpha]$ .

As soon as  $K[\alpha]$  is a K-algebra it is a Vector space generated by  $1, \alpha, \alpha^2, \dots, \alpha^n, \dots$ 

Example 1.3.1 ( $\mathbb{C}$ ).

$$\mathbb{C} = \mathbb{R}(i) = \mathbb{R}[i]$$

 $\mathbb{C}$  is also a Vector space generated by 1 and i:  $\forall z \in \mathbb{Z}$  it holds z = x + iy where  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ .

**Proposition 1.10.** The following assignment are equivalent

- 1.  $\alpha$  is algebraic over K
- 2.  $K[\alpha]$  is a finite dimensional Vector space over K
- 3.  $K[\alpha] = K(\alpha)$

*Proof.* Lets proof that 1 implies 2. If  $\alpha$  is algebraic over K then using lemma Minimal polynomial  $\exists P_{min}(\alpha, K)$ :

$$P_{min}(\alpha, K) = \alpha^d + a_{d-1}\alpha^{d-1} + a_1\alpha + a_0 = 0,$$

where  $a_k \in K$ . Then

$$\alpha^d = -a_{d-1}\alpha^{d-1} - a_1\alpha - a_0$$

this means that any  $\alpha^n$  can be represented as a linear combination of finite number of powers of  $\alpha$  i.e.  $K[\alpha]$  generated by  $1, \alpha, \ldots, \alpha^{d-1}$  is a finite dimensional Vector space.

Lets proof that 2 implies 3. Its enough proof that  $K[\alpha]$  is a field. Let  $x \neq 0 \in K[\alpha]$  then lets look at an operation  $x \cdot K[\alpha] \to K[\alpha]$ . This is Injection because if  $y, z \in K[\alpha]$  and  $z \neq y$  then  $x \cdot y \neq x \cdot z$ . But the  $K[\alpha]$ 

is finite dimensional Vector space and a Homomorphism between 2 vector spaces with the same dimension is Surjection thus  $\exists y \in K[\alpha]$  such that  $x \cdot y = 1_{K[\alpha]}$ . Therefore x is invertable and  $K[\alpha]$  is a Field.

Lets proof that 3 implies 1. Let  $K[\alpha]$  is a Field but  $\alpha$  is not algebraic. Thus  $\forall P \in K[X] \ P(\alpha) \neq 0$ . The we have an Injection Homomorphism  $f: K[X] \to K[\alpha]$  but K[X] is not a field thus  $K[\alpha]$  should not be a field too that is in contradiction with the initial conditions.

**Definition 1.11** (Algebraic extension). L an extension of K is called algebraic if  $\forall \alpha \in L$  -  $\alpha$  is algebraic over K.

**Proposition 1.12.** If L is algebraic over K then any K-subalgebra of L is a Field.

*Proof.* Let  $L' \subset L$  a subalgebra and let  $\alpha \in L'$ . We want to show that  $\alpha$  is invertable.  $\alpha$  is algebraic therefore  $\alpha \in K[\alpha] \subset L' \subset L$  and it's invertable.

**Proposition 1.13.** Let  $K \subset L \subset M$ .  $\alpha \in M$  - algebraic over K then  $\alpha$  algebraic over L and  $P_{min}(\alpha, L)$  divides  $P_{min}(\alpha, K)$ .

*Proof.* Its clear because  $P_{min}(\alpha, K) \in L[X]$  thus  $\exists P_L \in L[X]$  such that  $P_L(\alpha) = 0$  i.e.  $\alpha$  is algebraic over L.

As soon as  $P_{min}(\alpha, K) \in L[X]$  then  $deg P_{min}(\alpha, L) \leq P_{min}(\alpha, K)$  and as soon as  $P_{min}(\alpha, K) \in (P_{min}(\alpha, L))$  then  $P_{min}(\alpha, L)$  divides  $P_{min}(\alpha, K)$ .  $\square$ 

# 1.4 Finite extensions. Algebraicity and finiteness

**Definition 1.14** (Finite extension). L is a finite extension of K if  $dim_k L < \infty$ .  $dim_k L$  is called as degree of L over K and is denoted by [L:K]

**Theorem 1.15** (The multiplicativity formula for degrees). Let  $K \subset L \subset M$ . Then M is Finite extension over K if and only if M is Finite extension over L and L is Finite extension over K. In this case

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

*Proof.* Let  $[M:K] < \infty$  but any linear independent set of vectors  $\{m_1, m_2, \dots, m_n\}$  over L is also linear independent over K thus

$$[M:K]<\infty\Rightarrow [M:L]<\infty$$

also L is a vector sub space of M thus if  $[M:K]<\infty$  then  $[L:K]<\infty$ . Let  $[M:L]<\infty$  and  $[L:K]<\infty$  then we have the following basises

- L-basis over  $M: (e_1, e_2, \ldots, e_n)$
- K-basis over L:  $(\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \dots, \varepsilon_d)$

Lets proof that  $e_i \varepsilon_j$  forms a K-basis over M.  $\forall x \in M$ :

$$x = \sum_{i=1}^{n} a_i e_i,$$

where  $a_i \in L$  and can be also written as

$$a_i = \sum_{j=1}^d b_{ij} \varepsilon_j,$$

where  $b_{ij} \in K$ . Thus

$$x = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{d} b_{ij} \varepsilon_j e_i,$$

therefore  $\varepsilon_j e_i = e_i \varepsilon_j$  generates M over K. From the other side we should check that  $\varepsilon_j e_i$  linear independent system of vectors. Lets

$$\sum_{i,j} c_{ij} \varepsilon_j e_i = \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \sum_{j=1}^d c_{ij} \varepsilon_j \right) e_i,$$

then  $\forall i$ :

$$\sum_{j=1}^{d} c_{ij} \varepsilon_j = 0.$$

Thus  $\forall i, j : c_{ik} = 0$  that finishes the proof the linear independence. The number of linear independent vectors is  $n \times d$  i.e.

$$\left[ M:K\right] =\left[ M:L\right] \left[ L:K\right] .$$

**Definition 1.16**  $(K(\alpha_1, \ldots, \alpha_n))$ .  $K(\alpha_1, \ldots, \alpha_n) \subset L$  generated by  $\alpha_1, \ldots, \alpha_n$  is the smallest sub field of L contained K and  $\alpha_i \in L$ .

**Theorem 1.17** (About towers). L is finite over K if and only if L is generated by a finite number of algebraic elements over K.

*Proof.* If L is finite then  $\alpha_1, \ldots, \alpha_d$  is a basis. In this case  $L = K[\alpha_1, \ldots, \alpha_d] = K(\alpha_1, \ldots, \alpha_d)$ . Moreover each  $K[\alpha_i]$  is finite dimensional thus by proposition 1.10  $\alpha_i$  is algebraic.

From other side if we have a finite set of algebraic elements  $\alpha_1, \ldots, \alpha_d$  then  $K[\alpha_1]$  is a finite dimensional Vector space over  $K, K[\alpha_1, \alpha_2]$  is a finite dimensional Vector space over  $K[\alpha_1]$  and so on  $K[\alpha_1, \ldots, \alpha_d]$  is a finite dimensional Vector space over  $K[\alpha_1, \ldots, \alpha_{d-1}]$ . All elements are algebraic thus

$$K[\alpha_1,\ldots,\alpha_i]=K(\alpha_1,\ldots,\alpha_i)$$

Then using theorem 1.15 we can conclude that  $K(\alpha_1, \ldots, \alpha_d)$  has finite dimension.

## 1.5 Algebraicity in towers. An example

**Theorem 1.18.**  $K \subset L \subset M$  then M Algebraic extension over K if and only if M algebraic over L and L algebraic over K.

*Proof.* If  $\alpha \in M$  is an Algebraic element over K then  $\exists P \in K[X]$  such that  $P(\alpha) = 0$  but the polynomial  $P \in K[X] \subset L[X]$  thus  $\alpha$  is algebraic over L. If  $\alpha \in L \subset M$  then  $\alpha$  is algebraic over K thus L is algebraic over K.

Let M algebraic over L and L algebraic over K and let  $\alpha \in M$ . We want to prove that  $\alpha$  is algebraic over K. Lets consider  $P_{min}(\alpha, L)$  the polynomial coefficients are from L and they (as soon as they count is a finite) generate a finite extension E over K thus  $E(\alpha)$  is finite over E (exists a relation between powers of  $\alpha$ ) and by theorem 1.17 is finite over K thus  $\alpha$  is algebraic over K.

**Example 1.5.1** ( $\mathbb{Q}$  extension).  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{2},\sqrt{3})$  algebraic and finite over  $\mathbb{Q}$ :

$$\mathbb{Q} \subset \mathbb{Q}\left(\sqrt[3]{2}\right) \subset \mathbb{Q}\left(\sqrt[3]{2}, \sqrt{3}\right)$$

Minimal polynomial

$$P_{min}\left(\sqrt[3]{2},\mathbb{Q}\right) = x^3 - 2.$$

 $\mathbb{Q}\left(\sqrt[3]{2}\right)$  is generated over  $\mathbb{Q}$  by  $1, \sqrt[3]{2}, \sqrt[3]{4}$  thus  $\left[\mathbb{Q}\left(\sqrt[3]{2}\right) : \mathbb{Q}\right] = 3$ . But  $\sqrt{3} \notin \mathbb{Q}\left(\sqrt[3]{2}\right)$  because otherwise  $\left[\mathbb{Q}\left(\sqrt{3}\right) : \mathbb{Q}\right] = 2$  must devide  $\left[\mathbb{Q}\left(\sqrt[3]{2}\right) : \mathbb{Q}\right] = 3$  that is impossible. Therefore  $x^2 - 3$  is ineducable over  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{2})$  and

$$P_{min}\left(\sqrt{3}, \mathbb{Q}\left(\sqrt[3]{2}\right)\right) = x^2 - 3.$$

$$\left[\mathbb{Q}\left(\sqrt[3]{2},\sqrt{3}\right):\mathbb{Q}\right] = 3 \cdot 2 = 6.$$

Proposition 1.19 (On dimension of extension).

$$[K(\alpha):K] = deg P_{min}(\alpha,K),$$

if  $\alpha$  is algebraic.

*Proof.* If  $degP_{min}(\alpha, K) = d$  then  $1, \alpha, \dots, \alpha^{d-1}$  - d independent vectors and dimension  $K(\alpha)$  is d.

**Proposition 1.20** (About algebraic closure). If  $K \subset L$  (L extension of K). Consider

$$L' = \{ \alpha \in L \mid \alpha \text{ algebraic over } K \},$$

then L' sub-field of L and is called as algebraic closure of K in L.

*Proof.* We have to prove that if  $\alpha, \beta$  are algebraic then  $\alpha + \beta$  and  $\alpha \cdot \beta$  are also algebraic. This is trivial because

$$\alpha+\beta,\alpha\cdot\beta\in K\left[\alpha,\beta\right]=K\left(\alpha,\beta\right)$$

# 1.6 A digression: Gauss lemma, Eisenstein criterion

What we have seen so far:

- K is a field,  $\alpha$  is an Algebraic element over K if it is a root of a polynomial  $P \in K[X]$ .
- L is an Algebraic extension over K if  $\forall \alpha \in L$ :  $\alpha$  is an algebraic over K
- L is a Finite extension over K if  $dim_K L < \infty$ .
- If an extension is finite then it is algebraic

- An extension is finite if and only if it is algebraic and generated by a finite number of algebraic elements (see theorem 1.17)
- $[K[\alpha]:K] = degP_{min}(\alpha,K)$  (see proposition 1.19).

How to decide that a polynomial P is irreducible over K? About polynomial  $x^3 - 2$  it is easy to decide that it's irreducible over  $\mathbb{Q}$ , but what's about  $x^{100} - 2$ ?

**Lemma 1.21** (Gauss). Let  $P \in \mathbb{Z}[X]$ , i.e. a polynomial with integer coefficients, then if P decomposes over  $\mathbb{Q}$  ( $P = Q \cdot R, degQ, R < degP$ ) then it also decomposes over  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

*Proof.* Let P = QR over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Then

$$Q = mQ_1, Q_1 \in \mathbb{Z}[X],$$
  
$$R = nR_1, R_1 \in \mathbb{Z}[X],$$

thus

$$nmP = Q_1R_1.$$

There exists p that divides mn:  $p \mid mn$  thus in modulo p we have

$$0 = \overline{Q_1 R_1}$$

but p is prime and the equation is in the field  $\mathbb{F}_p$  thus either  $\overline{Q_1}=0$  or  $\overline{R_1}=0$ . Let  $\overline{Q_1}=0$  thus p divides all coefficients in  $Q_1$  and we can take  $\frac{Q_1}{p}=Q_2\in\mathbb{Z}[X]$ . Continue for all primes in mn we can get that

$$P = Q_s R_t$$

where  $Q_s, R_t \in \mathbb{Z}[X]$ .

**Example 1.6.1** (Eisenstein criterion). Lets consider the following polynomial  $x^{100}-2$ . It's irreducible. Lets prove it. If it reducible then  $\exists Q, R \in \mathbb{Z}[X]$  such that

$$x^{100} - 2 = QR (1.1)$$

Lets consider (1.1) modulo 2. In the case we will have

$$QR \equiv x^{100} mod 2$$
,

therefore

$$Q \equiv x^k mod 2,$$
$$R \equiv x^l mod 2.$$

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or

$$Q = x^k + \dots + 2 \cdot m$$

and

$$R = x^l + \dots + 2 \cdot n$$

thus

$$QR = x^{100} + 4 \cdot nm$$

that is impossible because  $n, m \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $nm \neq -\frac{1}{2}$ .

**Lemma 1.22** (Eisenstein criterion). Lets  $P \in \mathbb{Z}[X]$  and  $P = a_n X^n + a_{n-1} X^{n-1} + a_1 X + a_0$ . If  $\exists p$  - prime such that  $p \nmid a_n$ ,  $p \mid a_i \forall i < n$  and  $p^2 \nmid a_0$ , then  $P \in \mathbb{Z}[X]$  is irreducible.

*Proof.* the same as for example 1.6.1.

Note: that both: Gauss and Eisenstein criterion are valid by replacing  $\mathbb{Z}$  with an Unique factorization domain R and  $\mathbb{Q}$  by its factorization field.

# Chapter 2

# Stem field, splitting field, algebraic closure

We introduce the notion of a stem field and a splitting field (of a polynomial). Using Zorn's lemma, we construct the algebraic closure of a field and deduce its unicity (up to an isomorphism) from the theorem on extension of homomorphisms.

#### 2.1 Stem field. Some irreducibility criteria

#### 2.1.1 Stem field

**Definition 2.1** (Stem field). Let  $P \in K[X]$  is an irreducible Monic polynomial. Field extension E is a stem field of P if  $\exists \alpha \in E$  - the root of polynomial P and  $E = K[\alpha]$ .

Such things exist, for instance we can take K[X]/(P). It is a field because P is irreducible moreover the root of the P is in the field (see example 1.2.1).

We also can say that for any stem field E:

$$K[X]/(P) \cong E$$
.

We can use the following Isomorphism:  $f : \forall p \in K[X]/(P) \to p(\alpha)$ , there  $\alpha$  is a root of polynomial P. To summarize we have the following

**Proposition 2.2** (About stem field existence). The stem field exist and if we have 2 stem fields E and E' which correspond 2 roots of  $P: E = K[\alpha]$ ,  $E' = K[\alpha']$  then  $\exists! f: E \cong E'$  (Isomorphism of K-algebras) such that  $f(\alpha) = \alpha'$ .

*Proof.* Existence: K[X]/(P) can be took as the stem field.

Uniquest of the Isomorphism is easy because it is defined by it's value on argument  $\alpha$ :

$$\phi: K[X]/(P) \cong_{x\to\alpha} E,$$
  
$$\psi: K[X]/(P) \cong_{x\to\alpha'} E',$$

thus

$$\phi^{-1} \circ \psi : E \cong_{\alpha \to \alpha'} E'.$$

**Remark 2.3** (About stem field). 1. In particular: If a stem field contains 2 roots of P then  $\exists$ ! Automorphism taking one root into another.

- 2. If E stem field then [E:K] = degP
- 3. If [E:K] = degP and E contains a root of P then E is a stem field
- 4. If E is not a stem field but contains root of P then [E:K] > degP (???)

#### 2.1.2 Some irreducibility criteria

**Corollary 2.4.**  $P \in K[X]$  is irreducible over K if and only if it does not have a root in Field extension L of K of such that  $[L:K] \leq \frac{n}{2}$ , where n = degP.

*Proof.*  $\Rightarrow$ : If P is not irreducible then it has a polynomial Q that divides P and  $degQ \leq \frac{n}{2}$  (P = RQ and if  $degQ > \frac{n}{2}$  then we can take R as Q). The Stem field L for Q exists and it's degree is  $degQ \leq \frac{n}{2}$ . L should have root of Q (as soon as root of P) by definition.

 $\Leftarrow$ : If P has a root  $\alpha$  in L then  $\exists P_{min}(\alpha, K)$  with degree  $\leq \frac{n}{2} < n$  (because  $[L:K] \leq \frac{n}{2}$ ) that divides P i.e. P become reducible.

**Corollary 2.5.**  $P \in K[X]$  irreducible with degP = n. Let L be an extension of K such that [L:K] = m. If gcd(n,m) = 1 then P is irreducible over L.

*Proof.* If it is not a case and  $\exists Q$  such that  $Q \mid P$  in L[X]. Let M be a Stem field of Q over L.

So we have  $K \subset L \subset M = L(\alpha)$ . M is a stem field that [M:L] = degQ = d < n. Thus [M:L] = md

Lets  $K(\alpha)$  is a stem field of P over K then  $[K(\alpha):K]=degP=n.$ 

 $K(\alpha) \subseteq M$  and therefore  $n \mid md$  thus using gcd(m,n) = 1 one can get that  $n \mid d$  but this is impossible because d < n.

## 2.2 Splitting field

**Definition 2.6** (Splitting field). Let  $P \in K[X]$ . The splitting field of P over K is an extension L where P is split (i.e. is a product of linear factors) and roots of P generate L

**Theorem 2.7** (About splitting fields). 1. Splitting field L exists and  $[L:K] \le d!$ , where d = degP.

2. If L and M are 2 splitting fields then  $\exists \phi : L \cong M$  (an Isomorphism). But the Isomorphism is not necessary to be unique.

*Proof.* Lets prove by induction on d. The first case (d = 1) is trivial the K itself is the splitting field. Now assume d > 1 and that the theorem is valid for any polynomial of degree < d over any field K. Let Q be any irreducible factor of P. We can create a Stem field  $L_1 = K(\alpha)$  for Q that will be also a Stem field for P.

Over  $L_1$  we have  $P = (x - \alpha)R$ , where R is a polynomial with degR = d-1. We know (see remark 2.3) that there exists a Splitting field L for R over  $L_1$  and its degree:  $[L:L_1] \leq (d-1)!$  We have  $K \subset L_1 \subset L$ . The L will be a splitting field for original polynomial P. Its degree (by The multiplicativity formula for degrees) is  $\leq d \cdot (d-1)! = d!$ .

Uniqueness: Let L and M are 2 splitting fields. Let  $\beta$  is a root of Q (irreducible factor of P) in M. We have 2 stem fields:  $L_1 = K(\alpha)$  and  $M_1 = K(\beta)$ . Proposition 2.2 says as that

$$\exists \phi : L_1 = K(\alpha) \cong K(\beta) = M_1,$$

such that  $\phi(\alpha) = \beta$ .

Over  $M_1$  we have  $P = (x - \beta)S$ , where  $S = \phi(R)^{-1}$ 

M is splitting field for S over  $K(\beta) = M_1$ . M is also  $L_1$ -algebra (via the Isomorphism  $\phi$ ) and as such it's a splitting field for R over  $L_1$ . As soon as  $[L:L_1] = [M:M_1]$  the  $M/L_1 \cong L/L_1$  because the  $L_1$ -algebras with the same dimension are isomorphic (see lemma 0.17). Therefore we have an  $L_1 = K(\alpha)$  Isomorphism  $L \cong M$  and therefore K Isomorphism  $L \cong M$ .  $\square$ 

**Remark 2.8.** The Isomorphism is not unique. A splitting field can have many Automorphism and this is in fact the subject of Galois theory.

$$P = (x - \beta)S = \phi(P) = \phi((x - \alpha)R) = (x - \beta)\phi(R)$$

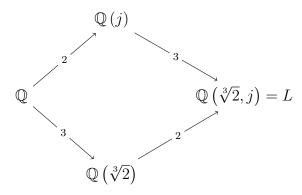
and  $S = \phi(R)$ .

We have  $\phi: K(\alpha) \to K(\beta)$ . The  $\phi: K \to K$  because  $K \subset K(\alpha)$  as well as  $K \subset K(\beta)$ . Therefore  $\phi(P) = P$  because  $P \in K[X]$ . Thus

#### 2.3 An example. Algebraic closure

#### 2.3.1 An example of automorphism

**Example 2.3.1**  $(x^3-2 \text{ over } \mathbb{Q})$ . Let we have the following polynomial  $x^3-2$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . It has the following roots:  $\sqrt[3]{2}$ ,  $j\sqrt[3]{2}$  and  $j^2\sqrt[3]{2}$ , where  $j=e^{\frac{2\pi i}{3}}$ . Splitting field is the following  $L=\mathbb{Q}\left(\sqrt[3]{2},j\right)$ . Lets find Automorphisms of the field.



As soon as L is a stem field for  $\mathbb{Q}(j)$  and for  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{2})$  then 2 types of automorphism exist:

- 1.  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{2})$  Automorphism. We have  $x^2 + x + 1$  as  $P_{min}(j, \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{2}))$ . The polynomial has 2 roots: j and  $j^2$  and there is an Automorphism that exchanges the root. Lets call it  $\tau$
- 2.  $\mathbb{Q}(j)$  Automorphism. In this case the automorphism of exchanging  $\sqrt[3]{2}$  and  $j\sqrt[3]{2}$ . Lets call it  $\sigma$

The group of automorphism of L Aut(L/K) is embedded into permutation group of 3 elements  $S_3$  (see example 0.1.2):

$$Aut(L/K) \hookrightarrow S_3$$
.

It's embedded because the automorphism exchanges the roots of  $x^3 - 2$ . Moreover

$$Aut\left( L/K\right) =S_{3},$$

because  $\sigma$  and  $\tau$  generates  $S_3$  because

- $\sigma: \sqrt[3]{2} \to j\sqrt[3]{2} \to j^2\sqrt[3]{2} \to \sqrt[3]{2}$ . This is a circle.
- $\tau$  it keeps  $\sqrt[3]{2}$  and exchanges j and  $j^2$ :  $\sqrt[3]{2}j \leftrightarrow \sqrt[3]{2}j^2$  (???). This is a transposition.

 $<sup>^2</sup>$  ??? The minimal polynomial is  $x^3-2$  there and thus we have 3 roots:  $\sqrt[3]{2},\,j\sqrt[3]{2}$  and  $j^2\sqrt[3]{2}$ 

#### Algebraic closure 2.3.2

**Definition 2.9** (Algebraically closed field). K is algebraically closed if any non constant polynomial  $P \in K[X]$  has a root in K or in other words if any  $P \in K[X]$  splits

**Example 2.3.2** ( $\mathbb{C}$ ).  $\mathbb{C}$  is an Algebraically closed field. This will be proved later.

**Definition 2.10** (Algebraic closure). An algebraic closure of K is a field L that is Algebraically closed field and Algebraic extension over K.

**Theorem 2.11** (About Algebraic closure). Any field K has an Algebraic closure

*Proof.* Lets discuss the strategy of the prove. First construct  $K_1$  such that  $\forall P \in K[X]$  has a root in  $K_1$ . There is not a victory because  $K_1$  can introduce new coefficients and polynomials that can be irreducible over  $K_1$ . Then construct  $K_2$  such that  $\forall P \in K_1[X]$  has a root in  $K_2$  and so forth. As result we will have

$$K \subset K_1 \subset K_2 \subset \cdots \subset K_n \subset \cdots$$

Take  $\bar{K} = \bigcup_i K_i$  and we claim that  $\bar{K}$  is algebraically closed. Really  $\forall P \in$ 

 $\bar{K}[X] \exists j : P \in K_j[X]$  thus it has a root in  $K_{j+1}$  and as result in  $\bar{K}$ . Now how can we construct  $K_1$ . Let S be a set of all irreducible  $P \in K[X]$ . Let  $A = K\left[ (X_p)_{p \in S} \right]$  - multi-variable (one variable  $X_p$  for each  $p \in S$ ) polynomial ring.

Let  $I \subset A$  is an Ideal generated by  $P(X_p) \ \forall p \in S$ . We claim that I is a Proper ideal i.e.  $I \neq A$ . If not then we can write

$$1_A = \sum_{i}^{n} \lambda_i P_i \left( X_{p_i} \right), \tag{2.1}$$

where  $\lambda_i \in A$  and the sum is the finite. As soon as the sum is finite then I can take the product of the polynomials in the sum:  $P = \prod_{i=1}^{n} P_{i}$  and I can create a Splitting field L for the polynomial P over K.  $^4$ .

A is a polynomial ring and it's very easy produce a homomorphism between polynomial algebra and any other algebra. Therefore there is a homomorphism between rings A and L such that  $\phi: A \to L$  where  $X_{p_i} \to \alpha_i$  if  $P = P_i$  and  $X_{p_i} \to 0$  otherwise. From (2.1) we have

$$\phi(1_A) = \sum_{i}^{n} \lambda_i \phi\left(P_i\left(X_{p_i}\right)\right) = \sum_{i}^{n} \lambda_i P_i\left(\alpha_i\right) = 0$$

 $<sup>^{3}</sup>I = \sum_{i} \lambda_{i} \overline{P_{i}}(\overline{X_{p_{i}}})$ , where  $\lambda_{i} \in A$   $^{4}\alpha_{i}$  is a root of  $P_{i}$ 

that is impossible.

Fact: Any Proper ideal  $I \subset A$  is contained in the Maximal ideal m and A/m is a field.

Thus I can take  $K_1 = A/m$  and continue in the same way to construct  $K_2, K_3, \ldots, K_n, \ldots$ 

#### 2.3.3 Ideals in a ring

The ring is commutative, associative with unity. Any Proper ideal is in a Maximal ideal. This is a consequence of what one calls Zorn's lemma

**Definition 2.12** (Chain). Let  $\mathcal{P}$  is a partially ordered set  $(\leq is \text{ the order } relation)$ .  $\mathcal{C} \subset \mathcal{P}$  is a chain if  $\forall \alpha, \beta \in \mathcal{C}$  exists a relation between  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  i.e.  $\alpha \leq \beta$  or  $\beta \leq \alpha$ .

**Lemma 2.13** (Zorn). If any non-empty Chain C in a non-empty set P has an upper bound (that is  $M \in P$  such that  $M \geq x, \forall x \in C$ ) then P has a maximal element.

We can use Zorn lemma to prove that any proper ideal is in a Maximal ideal.

Let  $\mathcal{P}$  is the set of proper ideals in A containing I. The set is not empty because it has at least one element I. Any Chain  $\mathcal{C} = \{I_{\alpha}\}$  has an upper bound: it's  $\cup_{\alpha} I_{\alpha}$  (exercise that the union is an ideal). So  $\mathcal{P}$  has a maximal element m and  $I \subset m$ .

If we take a Quotient ring by maximal ideal it's always a field otherwise it will have a proper ideal:  $\exists a \in A/m$  such that (a) is a proper ideal and it pre-image in  $\pi: A \to A/m$  should strictly contain  $m^6$ .

# 2.4 Extension of homomorphisms. Uniqueness of algebraic closure

Some summary about just proved existence of algebraic closure. There exists  $\bar{K} = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} K_i$  - algebraic closure of K, where

$$K \subset K_1 \subset K_2 \subset \cdots \subset K_{i-1} \subset K_i \subset \cdots$$

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> The order is the following  $I_{\alpha} \leq I_{\beta}$  if  $I_{\alpha} \subset I_{\beta}$ 

 $<sup>^{6}</sup>$ ??? i.e. m is not a maximal ideal in the case.

 $K_i$  is a field where each polynomial  $P \in K_{i-1}$  has a root. The field  $K_i$  is Quotient ring of huge polynomial ring  $K_{i-1}[X]$  by a suitable Maximal ideal that is got by means of Zorn lemma.

Another question is the closure unique? The answer is yes. We start the proof with the following theorem

**Theorem 2.14** (On extension of homomorphism). Let  $K \subset L \subset M$  - Algebraic extension.  $K \subset \Omega$ , where  $\Omega$  - Algebraic closure of K.  $\forall \phi : L \to \Omega$  extends to  $\widetilde{\phi} : M \to \Omega$ 

*Proof.* Apply Zorn lemma to the following set (of pairs)

$$\mathcal{E} = \{ (N, \psi) : L \subset N \subset M, \psi \text{ extends } \phi \}$$

 $\mathcal{E}$  is non empty because  $(L, \phi) \in \mathcal{E}$ .

The set  $\mathcal{E}$  is partially ordered by the following relation ( $\leq$ ):

$$(N,\psi) < (N',\psi')$$
,

if  $N \subseteq N'$  and  $\psi'/N = \psi$  ( $\psi'$  extends  $\psi$ ). Any Chain  $(N_{\alpha}, \psi_{\alpha})$  has an upper bound  $(N, \psi)$ , where  $N = \bigcup_{\alpha} N_{\alpha}$  - field, sub extension of M.  $\psi$  defined in the following way: for  $x \in N_{\alpha} \psi(x) = \psi_{\alpha}(x)$ .

Thus  $\mathcal{E}$  has a maximal element that we denote by  $(N_0, \psi_0)$ .

Lets suppose that  $N_0 \neq M$ , i.e.  $N_0 \subsetneq M$ . Now it's very easy to get a contradiction. Lets take  $x \in M \setminus N_0$  and consider Minimal polynomial  $P_{min}(x, N_0)$ . It should have a root  $\alpha \in \Omega$ . Now we extend  $N_0$  to  $N_0(x)$  and define  $\psi'$  on  $N_0(x)$  as follows:  $\forall y \in N_0 : \psi'(y) = \psi_0(y)$  and  $\psi'(x) = \alpha$ . Thus we was able to find an element of the chain that is greater than maximal. Therefore our assumption about  $N_0 \neq M$  was incorrect and we can conclude than  $N_0 = M$  and therefore  $\tilde{\phi} = \psi_0$ .

Corollary 2.15 (About algebraic closure isomorphism). If  $\Omega$  and  $\Omega'$  are 2 algebraic closures of K then they are isomorphic as K-algebras.

*Proof.* ??? We have  $K \hookrightarrow \Omega$  and  $K \hookrightarrow \Omega'$  I.e. the homomorphism  $i: K \to \Omega$  can be extended to homomorphism  $\psi: \Omega \to \Omega'$ . The same is true for another direction too.