

## Homework 22 - MATH 791

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### Problem 1:

Let  $F \subset K$  be fields and  $U := \{u_1, \dots, u_r\}$  a subset of  $K$ . Define  $F(U)$  to be the intersection of all subfields of  $K$  containing  $F$  and  $U$ . We also denote this intersection as  $F(u_1, \dots, u_r)$ .

i ) Show that  $F(U)$  is a field

ii ) Show that

$$F(U) = \{a(u_1, \dots, u_r)b(u_1, \dots, u_r)^{-1} \mid a(x_1, \dots, x_r), b(x_1, \dots, x_r) \in F[x_1, \dots, x_r], \text{ with } b(u_1, \dots, u_r) \neq 0\}$$

### Solution:

#### Proof of (i):

We have to prove that  $F(U)$  is a field. Let

$$F(U) = \bigcap E_i, \text{ where } F \subseteq E_i \subseteq K, U \subseteq E_i$$

First,  $F(U)$  inherits associativity, distributivity, and commutativity in multiplication and addition from  $K$

$$\begin{aligned} f, g \in F(U) &\Rightarrow f, g \in E_0, E_1, \dots \\ &\Rightarrow f + g \in E_0, E_1, \dots \\ &\Rightarrow f + g \in F(U) \end{aligned}$$
$$\begin{aligned} f \in F(U) &\Rightarrow f \in E_0, E_1, \dots \\ &\Rightarrow -f \in E_0, E_1, \dots \\ &\Rightarrow -f \in F(U) \\ &\Rightarrow F(U) \text{ is an abelian group under addition.} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
f, g \in F(U) &\Rightarrow f, g \in E_0, E_1, \dots \\
&\Rightarrow fg \in E_0, E_1, \dots \\
&\Rightarrow fg \in F(U)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
f \in F(U) &\Rightarrow f \in E_0, E_1, \dots \\
\text{If } f \neq 0, f^{-1} &\in E_0, E_1, \dots \\
&\Rightarrow f^{-1} \in \bigcap E_i = F(U)
\end{aligned}$$

So  $F(U)$  is a field.

**Proof of (ii):**

Now we have to prove that

$$F(U) = \{a(u_1, \dots, u_r)b(u_1, \dots, u_r)^{-1} \mid a(x_1, \dots, x_r), b(x_1, \dots, x_r) \in F[x_1, \dots, x_r], \text{ with } b(u_1, \dots, u_r) \neq 0\}$$

$$\text{Let } A = \{a(u_1, \dots, u_r)b(u_1, \dots, u_r)^{-1} \mid a(x_1, \dots, x_r), b(x_1, \dots, x_r) \in F[x_1, \dots, x_r], \text{ with } b(u_1, \dots, u_r) \neq 0\}$$

First we can prove that  $A$  is a field which contains  $F$  and  $U$

$A$  is closed under multiplication, multiplicative inverses :

$$ab^{-1} \in A$$

$$a = a(u_1, \dots, u_r)$$

$$b = b(u_1, \dots, u_r)$$

$$\Rightarrow a(x_1, \dots, x_r) \in F[x_1, \dots, x_r], b(x_1, \dots, x_r) \in F[x_1, \dots, x_r]$$

$$cd^{-1} \in A$$

$$\Rightarrow c(x_1, \dots, x_r) \in F[x_1, \dots, x_r], d(x_1, \dots, x_r) \in F[x_1, \dots, x_r]$$

$$\Rightarrow (ca) \in F[x_1, \dots, x_r]$$

$$\Rightarrow (bd) \in F[x_1, \dots, x_r]$$

$$\Rightarrow (ca)(bd)^{-1} = (ab^{-1})(cd^{-1}) \in A$$

So  $A$  is closed under multiplication

Also,

$$ab^{-1} \in A$$

$$a = a(u_1, \dots, u_r)$$

$$b = b(u_1, \dots, u_r)$$

$$\Rightarrow a(x_1, \dots, x_r) \in F[x_1, \dots, x_r], b(x_1, \dots, x_r) \in F[x_1, \dots, x_r]$$

$$\Rightarrow ba^{-1} \in A$$

So every nonzero element in  $A$  has a multiplicative inverse

Closure under addition:

$$ab^{-1} \in A, cd^{-1} \in A$$

$$a = a(u_1, \dots, u_r)$$

$$b = b(u_1, \dots, u_r)$$

$$c = c(u_1, \dots, u_r)$$

$$d = d(u_1, \dots, u_r)$$

$$\Rightarrow bd(u_1, \dots, u_r) \text{ Has a corresponding } bd(x_1, \dots, x_r) \in F[x_1, \dots, x_r]$$

$$\Rightarrow (bd)^{-1} \in A \text{ with } b, d \neq 0 \text{ since } ab^{-1}, cd^{-1} \in A$$

$$(ab + cd)(u_1, \dots, u_r) \text{ also has a corresponding polynomial in } F[x_1, \dots, x_r]$$

Because it can be written as a polynomial in  $U$

$$\Rightarrow (ab + cd)(bd)^{-1} \in A$$

$$(ad + cb)(bd)^{-1} = add^{-1}b^{-1} + cbd^{-1}b^{-1}$$

$$= ab^{-1} + cd^{-1} \in A$$

additive inverses:

$$ab^{-1} \in A$$

$$a = a(u_1, \dots, u_k) \Rightarrow a(x_1, \dots, x_r) \in F[x_1, \dots, x_r]$$

$$-a(x_1, \dots, x_r) \in F[x_1, \dots, x_r]$$

$$\Rightarrow -a(u_1, \dots, u_r)b^{-1} \in A$$

$$ab^{-1} + -ab^{-1} = (a - a)b^{-1} = 0 * b^{-1} = 0 \in A$$

$A$  inherits the rest of the field properties from  $K$ , since it is a subset of  $K$ .

Now we need to show that  $A$  contains  $F$  and  $U$

$$f \in F$$

$$\Rightarrow f \in F[x_1, \dots, x_r] \text{ } f(x_1, \dots, x_r) \text{ is degree } 0$$

$$\Rightarrow f(u_1, \dots, u_r) = f$$

$$1 \in F, 1 \in F[x_1, \dots, x_r]$$

$$f * 1^{-1} \in A$$

$$1^{-1} = 1 \text{ in } K$$

$$\Rightarrow f \in A$$

$$\Rightarrow F \subseteq A$$

$$u_i \in U$$

$$\Rightarrow g(x_1, \dots, x_r) = x_i \in F[x_1, \dots, x_r]$$

$$\Rightarrow g(u_1, \dots, u_r) = u_i$$

$$1 \in F, 1 \in F[x_1, \dots, x_r]$$

$$g(u_1, \dots, u_r) * 1^{-1} \in A$$

$$1^{-1} = 1 \text{ in } K$$

$$\Rightarrow u_i \in A$$

$$\Rightarrow U \subseteq A$$

Now we prove that  $A$  is a subfield of any field  $E$  containing  $U$  and  $F$

Let  $E \supseteq F, E \supseteq U, E$  a field

$$ab^{-1} \in A$$

$$a = \sum_k f_{k_0}(u_1^{k_1} u_2^{k_2} \dots u_r^{k_r})$$

where  $f_{k_i} \in F$

$$b = \sum_y f_{y_0}(u_1^{y_1} u_2^{y_2} \dots u_r^{y_r})$$

where  $f_{y_i} \in F$

$E$  has closure under multiplication and addition

and  $E$  contains  $F$  and  $U$

$$\Rightarrow a \in E, b \in E$$

$E$  has multiplicative inverses :

$$b^{-1} \in E \Rightarrow ab^{-1} \in E$$

$$\Rightarrow A \subseteq E$$

So  $A$  is a field containing  $U$  and  $F$ ,  $A \subseteq E$  for every field  $E$  such that  $F \subseteq E \subseteq K$  and  $U \subseteq E$ .

So

$$\bigcap_i E_i = A$$

$$= \{a(u_1, \dots, u_r)b(u_1, \dots, u_r)^{-1} \mid a(x_1, \dots, x_r), b(x_1, \dots, x_r) \in F[x_1, \dots, x_r], \text{ with } b(u_1, \dots, u_r) \neq 0\}$$

**Problem 2:**

Maintaining the notation from the previous problem

i ) Suppose  $r = 2$ . Show that

$$F(u_1, u_2) = F(u_1)(u_2)$$

ii ) Let  $X_1 \cup \dots \cup X_s$  with  $s \leq t(r?)$  be a partition of  $U$ . Prove

$$F(U) = F(X_1)(X_2) \dots (X_s)$$

**Solution:**

**Proof of (i):**

I wasn't able to figure out a more straightforward way of doing this problem

Let  $a \in F(u_1)(u_2)$

$$\Rightarrow a = f(u_2)g(u_2)^{-1}, f(x), g(x) \in F(u_1)[x]$$

$$\Rightarrow a = \frac{\sum_i \left( \frac{f'_i(u_1)}{g'_i(u_1)} \right) u_2^i}{\sum_j \left( \frac{y'_j(u_1)}{w'_j(u_1)} \right) u_2^j}, \text{ where } f'_i(x), g'_i(x), y'_j(x), w'_j(x) \in F[x]$$

$$= \frac{\sum_i \left( \frac{f''_i(u_1, u_2)}{g''_i(u_1)} \right)}{\sum_j \left( \frac{y''_j(u_1, u_2)}{w''_j(u_1)} \right)}$$

A common denominator can be found by taking the product of all  $g'_i(u_1)$  :

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\sum_i f''_i(u_1, u_2)}{g''(u_1)} \\ &= \frac{\sum_j y''_j(u_1, u_2)}{w''(u_1)} \\ &= \frac{\sum_i f''_i(u_1, u_2)}{g''(u_1)} \frac{w''(u_1)}{\sum_j y''_j(u_1, u_2)} \\ &= \frac{f''''_i(u_1, u_2)}{y''''_j(u_1, u_2)} \in F(u_1, u_2) \\ &\Rightarrow F(u_1)(u_2) \subseteq F(u_1, u_2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \text{Let } a \in F(u_1, u_2) \\
a &= \frac{f(u_1, u_2)}{g(u_1, u_2)}, f(x_1, x_2), g(x_1, x_2) \in F[x_1, x_2] \\
&= \frac{\sum_{i,j} f_{ij} u_1^i u_2^j}{\sum_{l,k} f_{lk} u_1^l u_2^k} \\
&= \frac{\sum_j (\sum_i f_{ij} u_1^i) u_2^j}{\sum_k (\sum_l f_{lk} u_1^l) u_2^k} \\
&= \frac{\sum_j f_j(u_1) u_2^j}{\sum_k g_k(u_1) u_2^k} \\
&= \frac{\sum_j (f_j(u_1)/1) u_2^j}{\sum_k (g_k(u_1)/1) u_2^k} \\
1 &\in F(u_1) \\
&= \frac{f'(u_2)}{g'(u_2)} \text{ where } f'(x), g'(x) \in F(u_1)[x] \\
\frac{f'(u_2)}{g'(u_2)} &\in F(u_1)(u_2) \\
&\Rightarrow F(u_1)(u_2) \supseteq F(u_1, u_2)
\end{aligned}$$

$\therefore F(u_1)(u_2) = F(u_1, u_2)$ .

**Proof of (ii):**

First we can do a similar proof to the previous part, and then apply induction to show

that  $F(u_1, \dots, u_k) = F(u_1)(u_2) \dots (u_k)$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
a &\in F(u_1, \dots, u_k) \\
a &= \frac{f(u_1, \dots, u_k)}{g(u_1, \dots, u'_k)}, \text{ where } f(x_1, \dots, x_k), g(x_1, \dots, x_k) \in F[x_1, \dots, x_k] \\
a &= \frac{\sum_{i_k} \dots \sum_{i_1} f_{i_1 \dots i_k} u_1^{i_1} \dots u_k^{i_k}}{\sum_{j_k} \dots \sum_{j_1} f_{j_1 \dots j_k} u_1^{j_1} \dots u_k^{j_k}} \\
a &= \frac{\sum_{i_k} \left( \sum_{i_{k-1}} \dots \sum_{i_1} f_{i_1 \dots i_k} u_1^{i_1} \dots u_{k-1}^{i_{k-1}} \right) u_k^{i_k}}{\sum_{j_k} \left( \sum_{j_{k-1}} \dots \sum_{j_1} f_{j_1 \dots j_k} u_1^{j_1} \dots u_{k-1}^{j_{k-1}} \right) u_k^{j_k}} \\
a &= \frac{\sum_{i_k} f_{i_k}(u_1, \dots, u_{k-1}) u_k^{i_k}}{\sum_{j_k} g_{j_k}(u_1, \dots, u_{k-1}) u_k^{j_k}} \\
&= \frac{\sum_{i_k} f_{i_k}(u_1, \dots, u_{k-1}) / 1 u_k^{i_k}}{\sum_{j_k} g_{j_k}(u_1, \dots, u_{k-1}) / 1 u_k^{j_k}} \\
1 &\in F[u_1, \dots, u_{k-1}] \\
&\Rightarrow a \in F(u_1, \dots, u_{k-1})(u_k) \\
F(u_1, \dots, u_k) &\subseteq F(u_1, \dots, u_{k-1})(u_k)
\end{aligned}$$



Let  $a \in F(u_1, \dots, u_{k-1})(u_k)$

$$\Rightarrow a = f(u_k)g(u_k)^{-1}, f(x), g(x) \in F(u_1, \dots, u_{k-1})[x]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow a &= \frac{\sum_i \left( \frac{f'_i(u_1, \dots, u_{k-1})}{g'_i(u_1, \dots, u_{k-1})} \right) u_2^i}{\sum_j \left( \frac{y'_j(u_1, \dots, u_{k-1})}{w'_j(u_1, \dots, u_{k-1})} \right) u_2^j}, \text{ where } f'_i(x), g'_i(x), y'_j(x), w'_j(x) \in F[x_1, \dots, x_{k-1}] \\ &= \frac{\sum_i \left( \frac{f''_i(u_1, \dots, u_k)}{g''_i(u_1, \dots, u_{k-1})} \right)}{\sum_j \left( \frac{y''_j(u_1, \dots, u_{k-1}, u_k)}{w''_j(u_1, \dots, u_{k-1})} \right)} \end{aligned}$$

A common denominator can be found by taking the product of all  $g'_i(u_1, \dots, u_{k-1})$  :

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{\sum_i f''_i(u_1, \dots, u_k)}{g''(u_1, \dots, u_{k-1})} \\ &= \frac{\sum_j y''_j(u_1, \dots, u_k)}{w''(u_1, \dots, u_{k-1})} \\ &= \frac{\sum_i f''_i(u_1, \dots, u_k)}{g''(u_1, \dots, u_{k-1})} \frac{w''(u_1, \dots, u_{k-1})}{\sum_j y''_j(u_1, \dots, u_k)} \\ &= \frac{f''_i(u_1, \dots, u_k)}{y''_j(u_1, \dots, u_k)} \in F(u_1, \dots, u_k) \\ \Rightarrow F(u_1, \dots, u_{k-1})(u_k) &\subseteq F(u_1, \dots, u_k) \end{aligned}$$

So  $F(u_1, \dots, u_{k-1})(u_k) = F(u_1, \dots, u_k)$ . Now we can apply induction. With the base case proved in part (i), we can see

$$F(u_1, \dots, u_k) = F(u_1)(u_2) \dots (u_k) \text{ For all } k$$

Now we can prove that  $F(U) = F(X_1)(X_2)\dots(X_S)$ .

We can use induction here:

Base case:

$F(u_1, \dots, u_y)$ , where  $X_1 = \{u_1, \dots, u_y\}$

$F(u_1, \dots, u_y) = F(X_1)$ , so the base case holds.

Inductive step:

WLOG Let  $X_s = \{u_t, \dots, u_r\}$  be the rightmost partition

$F(U) = F(u_1, \dots, u_r)$

$= F(u_1)\dots(u_r)$

Let the field  $F' = F(u_1)\dots(u_{t-1})$

$= F'(u_t)\dots(u_r)$

$= F'(X_s)$

From an induction hypothesis, we assume that

$F' = F(X_1)\dots(X_{s-1})$

$\therefore F(U) = F(X_1)(X_2)\dots(X_S)$ .

**Problem 3:**

Show that if  $u_1, \dots, u_r$  are algebraically independent over  $F$ , then  $F(u_1, \dots, u_r)$  is isomorphic to the quotient field of  $F[x_1, \dots, x_r]$ .

**Solution:**

If  $u_1, \dots, u_r$  are algebraically independent over  $F$

We can define  $\psi : F(u_1, \dots, u_r) \rightarrow F[x_1, \dots, x_r]$

$$\psi(f(u_1, \dots, u_r)g^{-1}(u_1, \dots, u_r)) = (f(x_1, \dots, x_r), g(x_1, \dots, x_r))$$

Show that  $\psi$  preserves operations

If  $u_1, \dots, u_r$  are not algebraically independent over  $F$ ,

Then there exists a polynomial  $p(x_1, \dots, x_r)$  such that

$$p(u_1, \dots, u_r) = 0$$

let  $\deg(p) = d$

For all  $a$ , if  $\deg(a) \geq \deg(p)$

$$a = pq + r, \text{ where } \deg(r) < \deg(p)$$

$$\Rightarrow a(u_1, \dots, u_r) = pq + r = (0)q + r = r(u_1, \dots, u_r)$$

So in  $F(u_1, \dots, u_r)$ , there do not exist elements with exponent higher than  $d$

While in  $F[x_1, \dots, x_r]$  polynomials can have any degree.