

Theorem: Galois Subextensions

Let K/F be a finite Galois extension. Then:

1. If $H \leq G$, K^H/F is Galois if and only if $H \trianglelefteq G$. In this case, $\text{Gal}(K^H/F) \cong \frac{G}{H}$;
2. If $F \subseteq E \subseteq K$, E/F is Galois if and only if $\text{Gal}(K/E) \trianglelefteq G$. In this case $\text{Gal}(E/F) \cong \frac{\text{Gal}(K/F)}{\text{Gal}(K/E)}$.

Example: Galois Correspondence

Let $\zeta_3 = e^{\frac{2\pi i}{3}}$. Then the splitting field of $f(X) = X^3 - 2 \in \mathbb{Q}[X]$ is $K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{2}, \zeta_3)$, where $\text{Gal}(K/\mathbb{Q}) \cong S_3$. Now consider the generators of $\text{Gal}(K/\mathbb{Q})$, $\sigma_1 : K \rightarrow K$ and $\sigma_2 : K \rightarrow K$, defined by

$$\sigma_1(\zeta_3) = \zeta_3, \quad \sigma_1(\sqrt[3]{2}) = \sqrt[3]{2}\zeta_3, \quad \sigma_2(\zeta_3) = \zeta_3^2, \quad \sigma_2(\sqrt[3]{2}) = \sqrt[3]{2}.$$

Thus, the subgroups of $\text{Gal}(K/\mathbb{Q})$ are given by $\langle \sigma_1 \rangle$, $\langle \sigma_2 \rangle$, $\langle \sigma_1 \sigma_2 \rangle$, $\langle \sigma_1^2 \sigma_2 \rangle$, implying the following correspondence (which comes from checking which generators of $\text{Gal}(K/\mathbb{Q})$ fix which basis elements):

