

Algebra. Lec 15 - Algebraic extensions

Lang. Chap V

Algebraic Extension

A **vector space** over \mathbb{F} is a set V with two operations, **addition** carrying $V \times V$ into V and **scalar multiplication** carrying $\mathbb{F} \times V$ into V , with the following properties:

- (i) the operation of addition, written $+$, satisfies
 - (a) $v_1 + (v_2 + v_3) = (v_1 + v_2) + v_3$ for all v_1, v_2, v_3 in V (associative law),
 - (b) there exists an element 0 in V with $v + 0 = 0 + v = v$ for all v in V ,
 - (c) to each v in V corresponds an element $-v$ in V such that $v + (-v) = (-v) + v = 0$,
 - (d) $v_1 + v_2 = v_2 + v_1$ for all v_1 and v_2 in V (commutative law);
- (ii) the operation of scalar multiplication, written without a sign, satisfies
 - (a) $a(bv) = (ab)v$ for all v in V and all scalars a and b ,
 - (b) $1v = v$ for all v in V and for the scalar 1 ;
- (iii) the two operations are related by the distributive laws
 - (a) $a(v_1 + v_2) = av_1 + av_2$ for all v_1 and v_2 in V and for all scalars a ,
 - (b) $(a + b)v = av + bv$ for all v in V and all scalars a and b .

abelian group

E -field. (ring. comm. division).

$F \subseteq E$. F subfield of E .

we say E is an ext of F , we may view E as a vector space $/F$

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{if } \dim_F E < \infty. E: \text{finite ext. } /F \\ \text{if not finite. } E: \text{infinite ext. } /F \end{array} \right.$

• $F \subseteq E$. $\alpha \in E$ is said to be algebraic over F

iff. $a_0, \dots, a_n \in F$. not all zero

$$\text{st. } a_0 + a_1 \alpha + \dots + a_n \alpha^n = 0$$

Rmk. not algebraic. = transcendental

• $F \subseteq E$. $\alpha \in E$. transcendental $/F$

$$F[x] \xrightarrow{\sim} F[\alpha] \quad \text{as rings}$$

Rmk $F \subseteq E \ni \alpha$

$\alpha: \text{alg}/F$

Consider $F[x] \xrightarrow{\varphi} E$ $\varphi|_F = \text{id}_F$. φ ring hom
 $x \mapsto \alpha$

$\varphi: \alpha: \text{alg}/F$ $\ker(\varphi)$ nontrivial ideal of $F[x]$
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PID

$\Rightarrow \ker(\varphi) = \langle p(x) \rangle$, may assume $p(x)$ has leading coeff. 1.

claim $p(x)$ irreducible

pf if not. $p(x) = a(x)b(x)$

$\Rightarrow p(\alpha) = a(\alpha)b(\alpha) = 0 \in E$ say $a(\alpha) = 0$

$\langle a(x) \rangle \subseteq \ker(\varphi) = \langle p(x) \rangle \subseteq \langle a(x) \rangle \neq$

$F[x]/\ker(\varphi) = F[x]/\langle p(x) \rangle \stackrel{\text{as rings}}{\cong} F[\alpha]$

for $F[x]$ is (ED) PID.

$\Rightarrow \langle p(x) \rangle$ is prime

$\Rightarrow F[\alpha]$ domain

$p(x)$ = uniquely determined by α .

= the irreducible polynomial of α .

= $\text{Irr}(\alpha, F, X)$

Rmk E . ext of F is said to be algebraic.

if every elem. in E is alg/ F

Prop 1.1 E : finite extension/ F .

$\Rightarrow E$: alg ext/ F .

Pf. $\alpha \in E$ $\alpha \neq 0$. Consider $\{1, \alpha, \alpha^2, \dots, \alpha^{n-1}\}$ for some n

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can not be lin. indep/ F for all n .

\exists a lin relation for $\{1, \alpha, \alpha^2, \dots, \alpha^n\}$ for some n .

$$(a_0 \cdot 1 + a_1 \cdot \alpha + \dots + a_n \alpha^n = 0, \quad a_i \in F, \text{ not all zero})$$

$\therefore \alpha$: alg/ F \square

Rmk. $\exists E$: alg ext/ F s.t. $\dim_F E$ not finite

Example.

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \dim=2 & & \dim=3 & & \dim=4 & \dots & \\ \mathbb{Q} \subseteq \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}) & \subset & \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}, \sqrt[3]{2}) & \subset & \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}, \sqrt[3]{2}, \sqrt[5]{2}) & \subset & \dots \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\ \text{alg} & & \text{alg} & & \text{alg} & & \end{array}$$

Prop 1.2 $k \subseteq F \subseteq E$. denote $\dim_F E = [E:F]$

$$\Rightarrow [E:k] = [E:F][F:k]$$

Def. $\{\alpha_i\}$ basis of F/k

$\{\beta_i\}$ basis of E/F

$\Rightarrow \{\alpha_i \beta_j\}$ basis of E/k .

def. $k \subseteq E$. $\alpha \in E$

$k(\alpha) \triangleq$ the smallest subfield of E containing k and α

$$k(\alpha) = \left\{ \frac{f(\alpha)}{g(\alpha)} \mid f(x), g(x) \in k[x], g(\alpha) \neq 0 \right\}$$

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rational field

check. $k \in \left\{ \frac{f(\alpha)}{g(\alpha)} \mid f(x), g(x) \in k[x] \right\}$

$$\alpha \in \left\{ \frac{f(\alpha)}{g(\alpha)} \mid f(x), g(x) \in k[x] \right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow k(\alpha) \subseteq \text{RHS}$$

Any ^{sub}field containing k, α containing RHS of E

Why?

need to generate a field!

Prop. 1.4. $\alpha: \text{alg}/k$. $k \subseteq E \ni \alpha$

$$\Rightarrow k(\alpha) = k[\alpha]$$

$k(\alpha)$ algebraic / k ✓

and $k(\alpha)$ finite / k .

$$[k(\alpha):k] = \deg \text{Irr}(\alpha, k, x)$$

$$\mathbb{R}[i] = \mathbb{R}(i) \text{ field.}$$

$$\mathbb{R}(i) \text{ finite / } \mathbb{R} \text{ and.}$$

pf

$$p(x) = \text{Irr}(\alpha, k, x)$$

$$\underline{p(x) = i^2 + 1} \text{ is prime} \\ \Rightarrow \text{max}$$

let $f(x) \in k[x]$ be s.t. $f(\alpha) \neq 0$.

$$\Rightarrow \mathbb{R}[i] / (i^2 + 1) \text{ is field.}$$

\parallel
 \mathbb{C}

$$\Rightarrow p(x) \nmid f(x)$$

$$\Rightarrow (p(x)) + (f(x)) = k[x] \quad \left(\begin{array}{l} p(x) \text{ is prime} \Rightarrow p(x) \text{ is max} \\ \Rightarrow (p(x)) + (f(x)) = k[x] \end{array} \right)$$

$$\exists g(x), h(x). \quad g(x)p(x) + h(x)f(x) = 1 \in k[x]$$

$$\Rightarrow g(\alpha)p(\alpha) + h(\alpha)f(\alpha) = 1$$

$$\parallel \\ h(\alpha)f(\alpha) \quad \therefore f(\alpha) \text{ invertible in } k[\alpha]$$

$$\Rightarrow k[\alpha] \text{ is a field.}$$

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include k and α

$$\Rightarrow k[\alpha] = k(\alpha)$$

$$d = \deg p(x)$$

$$\Rightarrow \{1, \alpha, \dots, \alpha^{d-1}\} \text{ lin. indep. / } k \quad \left(\text{otherwise. } \exists g(x). \quad g(\alpha) = 0. \quad \deg g < d \right. \\ \left. \rightarrow * \right)$$

$$\text{let } f(\alpha) \in k[\alpha]$$

$$f(x) = g(x)p(x) + r(x) \quad \deg r(x) < d.$$

$f(\alpha) = r(\alpha)$. $\therefore \{1, \alpha, \dots, \alpha^{d-1}\}$ generates $k[\alpha]$ as a vector space / k

$$\Rightarrow \dim_k k[\alpha] = d = \deg \text{Irr}(\alpha, k, x)$$

□

Rmk. $E, F : \text{ext} / k$

E, F contained in some field L .

$EF \triangleq$ the smallest subfield of L containing E and F .

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(Composition of
 E and F)

Rmk. $k \subseteq E$. $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n \in E$

$k(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)$ the smallest subfield of E containing $k, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n$

claim. $k(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) = \left\{ \frac{f(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)}{g(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)} \mid f, g \in k[x_1, \dots, x_n] \right\}$
 $g(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) \neq 0$

def. $k \subseteq E$

we say E is finitely generated over k

$\Leftrightarrow \exists$ a finite family of elements $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n$.

s.t. $E = k(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)$.

$\mathbb{Q}(\pi)$. infinite

but finite gen.

Prop 1.5 E . finite extension of k

$\Rightarrow E$ finitely gen. over k

Pf. let $\{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n\}$ be a basis of E as vector space/ k

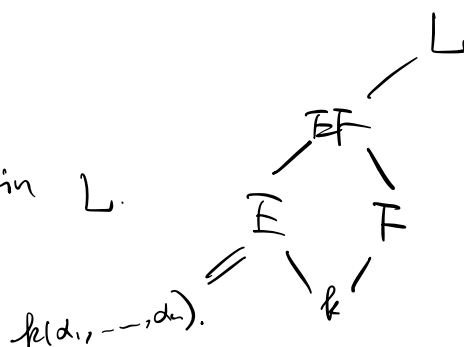
then. $k(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) = E$

□

Rmk. $E = k(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)$. finitely gen.

F : ext/ k .

E, F . contained in L .



$\Rightarrow EF = F(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) \Rightarrow$ the translation of E to F .

or also the lifting of E to F .

• α . alg/ k

F : ext of k

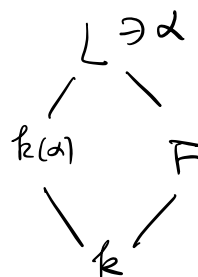
$k(\alpha), F$. contained in L

$\Rightarrow \alpha$: alg/ F

for $k(\alpha)F = F(\alpha)$

\nearrow
 L

$F[\alpha]$ a field.



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$$\text{Rnk } k \subset k(\alpha_1) \subset k(\alpha_1, \alpha_2) \subset \dots \subset k(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)$$

$$\alpha_i : \text{alg}/k \quad \forall i=1, \dots, n.$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha_{i+1} : \text{alg over } k(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i)$$

Prop. 1.6 $E = k(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)$ finitely gen. / k .

$$\alpha_i : \text{alg}/k \quad i=1, \dots, n$$

$$\Rightarrow E : \text{finite algebraic}/k.$$

Pf. $k \subset k(\alpha_1) \subset k(\alpha_1, \alpha_2) \subset \dots \subset k(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)$

$$\begin{array}{cc} \alpha_1 : \text{alg}/k & \alpha_2 : \text{alg}/k(\alpha_1) \\ \text{finite} & \text{finite} \end{array}$$

$$\Rightarrow E = k(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) \text{ finite over } k$$

$$\Rightarrow E \text{ is alg}/k \quad \square$$

Let. \mathcal{C} be a certain class of extension. $F \subseteq E$

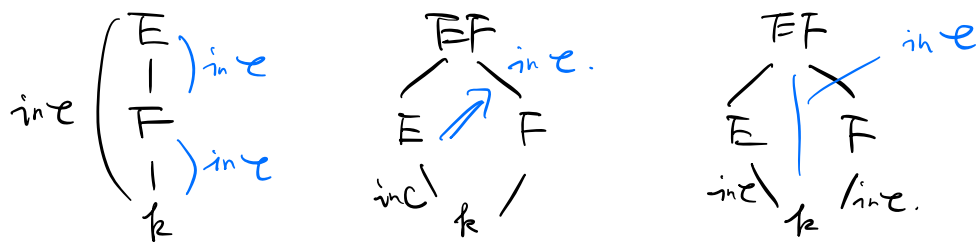
\mathcal{C} is called distinguished if

$$\textcircled{1} k \subset F \subset E \quad k \subset E \text{ in } \mathcal{C} \Leftrightarrow k \subset F \text{ and } F \subset E \text{ in } \mathcal{C}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \text{ if } k \subset E \text{ is in } \mathcal{C}, \text{ if } k \subset F \text{ be any ext, } E, F \text{ contained in } L$$

$$\Rightarrow F \subset E \text{ in } \mathcal{C}$$

③. $k \subset F$. $k \subset E$ in $\mathcal{C} \Rightarrow k \subset EF$ in \mathcal{C} .
 E, F contained in some L



① + ② \Rightarrow ③

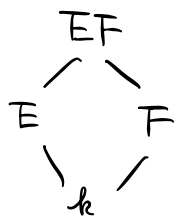
Prop. 1.7. The class of alg. extension is distinguished.

The class of fin. extension is distinguished.

Pf. finite ext. class.

①. obvious.

②.



E/k finite. $\Rightarrow E = k(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)$ (prop. 1.5)

$\therefore EF = F(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)$ finitely gen $/F$

α_i : alg $/F$

$\Rightarrow EF$ - finite $/F$

algebraic ext class

① $k \subset F \subset E$

by def.

if E : algebraic $/k$. $\Rightarrow F$: alg $/k$

E : alg $/k$.

Conversely E/F alg. F/k alg.

$$\alpha \in E \quad a_n \alpha^n + \dots + a_1 \alpha + a_0 = 0 \quad a_i \in F, a_n \neq 0.$$

$$F_0 = k(a_0, \dots, a_n)$$

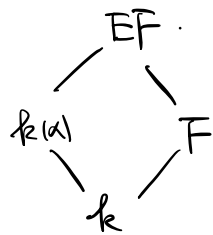
$$\Rightarrow \underbrace{k}_{\text{finite}} \subset \underbrace{F_0}_{\text{finite}} \subset F_0(\alpha)$$

$$\Rightarrow F_0(\alpha) \text{ finite}/k$$

$$\therefore \alpha : \text{alg}/k$$

$$\textcircled{2}. \quad k \subset E. \quad \text{alg}/k$$

$$\alpha \in E \quad \alpha : \text{algebraic}/k$$



$$\Rightarrow \alpha : \text{algebraic}/F$$

$$\Rightarrow F(\alpha) \text{ algebraic}/F$$

$$\Rightarrow EF \text{ algebraic}/F$$

