

# Algebra - Lec 19. Primitive element theorem, Finite fields.

## Thm. 4.6 Primitive element theorem -

$E$ . finite ext /  $k$

$\exists \alpha \in E$  st.  $E = k(\alpha)$   $\Leftrightarrow \exists$  only finite numbers of  $F$ .  
 $k \subseteq F \subseteq E$ .

pf. if  $|k| < \infty$   $E$ : finite ext /  $k$   $\therefore |E| < \infty$

$\therefore \exists \alpha$  st.  $k(\alpha) = E$   
 $\downarrow$   
generator of  $(E/k)$

□

$\therefore$  may assume  $k$  is infinite field.

$\Leftarrow$ . Assume  $\exists$  only finite numbers of intermediate field  $F$

Let  $\alpha, \beta \in E$ , consider  $k(\alpha + c\beta)$ .  $c \in k$

$\Rightarrow k(\alpha + c_1\beta) = k(\alpha + c_2\beta)$  for some  $c_1, c_2 \in k$ .  $c_1 \neq c_2$

$\Rightarrow (c_1 - c_2)\beta \in k(\alpha + c_1\beta)$

$\beta \in k(\alpha + c_1\beta)$

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$$\therefore k(\alpha, \beta) = k(\alpha + c_1 \beta)$$

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$$\text{Now write } E = k(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) = k(\alpha_1, \alpha_2)(\alpha_3, \dots, \alpha_n)$$

$$= k(\alpha_1 + c_1 \alpha_2, \alpha_3, \dots, \alpha_n)$$

$$\vdots$$

$$= k(\alpha_1 + c_1 \alpha_2 + c_2 \alpha_3 + \dots + c_n \alpha_n)$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Assume } E = k(\alpha) \quad \alpha \text{ is alg}/k$$

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

$$\text{Let } k \subset F \subset E \quad g_F(x) = \text{Irr}(\alpha, F, x)$$

$$g_F(x) \mid f(x)$$

$$F \longrightarrow g_F(x) \quad \text{"product of } (x - \alpha_i) \text{ where } \alpha_i \in \text{splitting field of } f(x)$$

$$\Rightarrow g_F(x) \text{ only have finite possibility}$$

$$F_0 = k(\text{coeff of } g_F(x)) \subset F$$

$$g_F(x) \text{ irred in } F[x] \quad \therefore \text{also irred in } F_0[x]$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$\therefore (\deg \text{ of } \alpha \text{ over } F) = (\deg \text{ of } \alpha \text{ over } F_0)$$

$$\therefore F = F_0$$

i.e. the int field  $F$  is uniquely determined by  $g_F(x)$

i.e.  $F \xrightarrow{\text{injective map}} g_F(x)$

□

Rmk  $E$ : finite ext/ $k$

if  $E$  is also sep./ $k \Rightarrow \exists \alpha \in E$  s.t.  $E = k(\alpha)$

pf.  $E = k(\alpha, \beta)$   $\alpha, \beta$  sep./ $k$  (alg./ $k$ )

$$n = [E:k]_s < [E:k] < \infty$$

$\{\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n\}$  distinct embedding  $E = k(\alpha, \beta) \hookrightarrow k^q$

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$$\text{let } p(x) = \prod_{i \neq j} (\sigma_i \alpha + x \sigma_i \beta - \sigma_j \alpha - x \sigma_j \beta)$$

$p(x)$ : not a zero polynomial

$$\text{if zero} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \sigma_i \alpha = \sigma_j \alpha \\ \sigma_i \beta = \sigma_j \beta \end{cases} \Rightarrow \sigma_i = \sigma_j \quad *$$

$$\therefore \exists c \in k \text{ s.t. } p(c) \neq 0$$

$$\therefore \sigma_i(\alpha + c\beta) \text{ distinct, } \forall i=1, \dots, n.$$

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$$n \leq [k(\alpha + c\beta):k]_s \leq [k(\alpha, \beta):k]_s = [k(\alpha, \beta):k] = n$$

∩  
for  $k(\alpha, \beta)$

$$\Rightarrow k(\alpha, \beta) = k(\alpha + c\beta) \dots$$

□

# Finite fields.

$F$ : field.  $|F| = q < \infty$

Construct.  $\mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{\varphi} F$   
 $1 \mapsto 1$   
 $1+1 \mapsto 1+1$   
 $1+1+1 \mapsto 1+1+1$   
 $\vdots$

$\varphi$ : ring hom.

$$\ker(\varphi) = \text{ideal of } \mathbb{Z} = k\mathbb{Z}$$

Claim.  $k$  must be a prime number.  $\rightarrow \ker(\varphi) \neq \{0\}!$

pf. if not, say  $k = k_1 k_2$

$$k_1 \geq 2, k_2 \geq 2$$

$$\mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{\varphi} F$$

$$k_1 k_2 \mapsto \underbrace{(1+\dots+1)}_{k_1 \text{ times}} \underbrace{(1+\dots+1)}_{k_2 \text{ times}} = 0$$

$$\text{say } k_1 \cdot 1 = 0.$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{k_1 \mathbb{Z}} \subseteq \ker(\varphi) = \underline{(k_1 k_2) \mathbb{Z}} \subseteq k_2 \mathbb{Z} \quad \text{---} \times$$

$$\therefore \ker \varphi = p\mathbb{Z}$$

In this case, we say the characteristic of  $F$  is  $p$ .

$$\text{Char}(F) = p$$

$$\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z} \cong \langle 1 \rangle \subseteq F$$

$\nearrow$  use "+" to generate

$$\cong \mathbb{F}_p$$

called prime field.

$\downarrow$  subfield.

Rmk. if  $\exists F$ : field.  $|F| < \infty$

$F$  contains a subfield  $\cong \mathbb{F}_p = \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$

$$F \cong \text{vs} / \mathbb{F}_p$$

$\therefore |F| < \infty \quad \{w_1, \dots, w_n\}$  basis of  $F$  as a vs /  $\mathbb{F}_p$ .

$$\therefore \{a_1 w_1 + \dots + a_n w_n \mid a_i \in \mathbb{F}_p\} = F$$

$$\therefore |F| = p^n = q$$

- Consider multiplicative group

$$(F^\times = F - \{0\}, \cdot) \quad |F^\times| = q-1$$

$$\forall \alpha \in F^\times, \alpha \text{ satisfies } X^{q-1} = 1.$$

$$\forall \alpha \in F, \alpha \text{ satisfies } X^q - X = 0$$

$$\therefore f(x) = X^q - X \text{ has } q \text{ distinct roots in } F$$

$$= \prod_{\alpha \in F} (x - \alpha)$$

$$\therefore F \text{ is the splitting field of } f(x) = X^q - X \in \mathbb{F}_p[X]$$

$$\Downarrow \\ \Rightarrow F \text{ is unique up to iso}$$

## Conversely

Given  $\mathbb{F}_p = \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$   $\mathbb{F}_p^a$ : alg closure of  $\mathbb{F}_p$

Consider the splitting field of  $x^{p^n} - x \in \mathbb{F}_p[x]$  in  $\mathbb{F}_p^a$

claim: the splitting field  $= \{ \text{roots of } x^{p^n} - x \text{ in } \mathbb{F}_p^a \}$

pf.  $\{ \text{roots form a field} \}$

$\alpha, \beta$ : roots of  $x^{p^n} - x = 0$

$$(\alpha + \beta)^{p^n} - (\alpha + \beta) = \alpha^{p^n} + \beta^{p^n} - \alpha - \beta = 0$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} (\alpha\beta)^{p^n} - \alpha\beta = 0 \\ 0, 1 \in \{ \text{roots} \} \\ \beta^{-1}: \text{also} \dots \\ -\beta: \text{also} \dots \end{array} \right.$$

$$f(x) = x^{p^n} - x$$

$$Df(x) = p^n x^{p^n-1} - 1 = -1 \neq 0.$$

$\Rightarrow$  are roots are distinct.

Thm 5.1 For each prime  $p$   $n \geq 1$

$\exists$  a finite field of order  $p^n$

uniquely determined as a subfield of  $\mathbb{F}_p^a$  (denote as  $\mathbb{F}_q$ )

It's the splitting field of  $x^q - x \in \mathbb{F}_p[x]$  in  $\mathbb{F}_p^a$

splitting field = {roots}

$\Rightarrow$  Every finite field is isomorphic to one  $\mathbb{F}_q = \mathbb{F}_{p^n}$  in  $\mathbb{F}_p^a$

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Cor 5.2  $\mathbb{F}_q$  finite field.

In a given  $\mathbb{F}_p^a$ ,  $\exists$  one and only one ext of  $\mathbb{F}_q$  of degree  $n$

and the ext is  $\mathbb{F}_{q^n}$

① find 1

Pf.  $q = p^m$   $q^n = p^{mn}$

$\mathbb{F}_q \subseteq \mathbb{F}_{q^n} = \mathbb{F}_{p^{mn}} = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{splitting field of} \\ x^{q^n} - x \end{array} \right\} \subseteq \mathbb{F}_p^a$

$\uparrow$   
 $\forall \alpha \in \mathbb{F}_q \quad \alpha^q = \alpha$

$$\therefore \alpha^{q^n} = (\alpha^q)^{q^{n-1}} = \alpha^{q^{n-1}} = \dots = \alpha^q = \alpha$$

② uniqueness

any ext of deg  $n$  over  $\mathbb{F}_q$ , has deg  $mn$  over  $\mathbb{F}_p$ .

$\Rightarrow$  it's  $\mathbb{F}_{p^{mn}}$  (i.e.  $\mathbb{F}_{q^n}$ )

Rmk (Thm 5.3)

$|F| < \infty$  ( $F^x = F - \{0\}$ ,  $x$ ). cyclic.

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Frobenius mapping  $\text{char}(\mathbb{F}_q) = p$

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi: \mathbb{F}_q &\rightarrow \mathbb{F}_q \\ x &\mapsto x^p \end{aligned} \quad \Rightarrow \text{field hom (ring)}$$

$$\ker(\varphi) : \text{ideal of } \mathbb{F}_q \xrightarrow{\text{field's ideal!}} \Rightarrow \ker(\varphi) = \{0\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \varphi: \text{iso.}$$

In general  $\text{char}(F) = p$   $|F|$  not finite.

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi: F &\rightarrow F \quad \text{field hom} \\ x &\mapsto x^p \quad \& \text{ injective.} \end{aligned}$$

Thm 5.4 The group of automorphisms  $\mathbb{F}_q \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathbb{F}_q$  is cyclic of order  $n$  generated by Frobenius  $\varphi$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{pf } \textcircled{1} G = \langle \varphi \rangle \quad \varphi^n: \mathbb{F}_q &\rightarrow \mathbb{F}_q \\ x &\mapsto \dots = x \quad \text{id} \end{aligned}$$

let  $d$  be order of  $\varphi$

$$\varphi^d = \text{id}$$



$$\varphi^d(x) = x^{p^d} = x \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{F}_q$$

i.e. each  $x \in \mathbb{F}_q$  is a root of  $x^{p^d} - x = 0 \Rightarrow d \geq n$ .

$$\therefore d = n.$$

②  $\forall$  automorphism  $\sigma$  fixes  $\mathbb{F}_p = (1)$

$$\text{for } \sigma: \mathbb{F}_q \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathbb{F}_q \quad \sigma(1) = 1$$

$$\downarrow \quad \quad \downarrow$$

$$1 \quad \quad 1$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{F}_q & \xrightarrow{\sim} & \mathbb{F}_q \\ & \searrow \quad \swarrow & \\ & \mathbb{F}_p & \end{array}$$

already form  $\{1, \varphi, \dots, \varphi^{n-1}\}$

$$n \leq [\mathbb{F}_q : \mathbb{F}_p]_s \leq [\mathbb{F}_q : \mathbb{F}_p] = n$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \uparrow \\ \mathbb{F}_q \nearrow \mathbb{F}_p^q \\ \quad | \\ \quad \mathbb{F}_q \\ \quad | \\ \quad \mathbb{F}_p \end{array}$$

$$\therefore [\mathbb{F}_q : \mathbb{F}_p]_s = n$$

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Thm 5.5