

Abstract Algebra by Pinter, Chapter 32

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Abstract

Chapter 32 on Galois Theory Preamble

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1 A. Computing a Galois Group

1.1 Q1

All the roots of $(x^2 + 1)(x^2 - 2)$ are $\pm i, \pm\sqrt{2} \in \mathbb{Q}(i, \sqrt{2})$.

1.2 Q2

$$\mathbb{Q}(i, \sqrt{2}) = \mathbb{Q}(i)(\sqrt{2})$$

$$\implies [\mathbb{Q}(i, \sqrt{2}) : \mathbb{Q}] = [\mathbb{Q}(i, \sqrt{2}) : \mathbb{Q}(i)][\mathbb{Q}(i) : \mathbb{Q}]$$

$$[\mathbb{Q}(i) : \mathbb{Q}] = 2$$

$$[\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}, i) : \mathbb{Q}(i)] = 2$$

Since $\sqrt{2} \notin \mathbb{Q}(i)$ and its minimum polynomial is $(x^2 - 2)$.

$$\implies [\mathbb{Q}(i, \sqrt{2}) : \mathbb{Q}] = 4$$

1.3 Q3

Permutations are:

$$\{\{i, \sqrt{2}\}, \{-i, \sqrt{2}\}, \{i, -\sqrt{2}\}, \{-i, -\sqrt{2}\}\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} k_0 + k_1 i + k_2 \sqrt{2} + k_3 i \sqrt{2} &\xrightarrow{e} k_0 + k_1 i + k_2 \sqrt{2} + k_3 i \sqrt{2} \\ k_0 + k_1 i + k_2 \sqrt{2} + k_3 i \sqrt{2} &\xrightarrow{a} k_0 - k_1 i + k_2 \sqrt{2} - k_3 i \sqrt{2} \\ k_0 + k_1 i + k_2 \sqrt{2} + k_3 i \sqrt{2} &\xrightarrow{b} k_0 + k_1 i - k_2 \sqrt{2} - k_3 i \sqrt{2} \\ k_0 + k_1 i + k_2 \sqrt{2} + k_3 i \sqrt{2} &\xrightarrow{c} k_0 - k_1 i - k_2 \sqrt{2} + k_3 i \sqrt{2} \end{aligned}$$

	e	a	b	c
e	e	a	b	c
a	a	e	c	b
b	b	c	e	a
c	c	b	a	e

$$\text{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}(i, \sqrt{2}) : \mathbb{Q}) = \{e, a, b, c\}$$

1.4 Q4

Base field is \mathbb{Q} which corresponds to e .

b maps $\{i, \sqrt{2} \rightarrow i, -\sqrt{2}\}$ and so leaves i fixed. It corresponds to $\mathbb{Q}(i)$. Likewise a leaves $\sqrt{2}$ fixed and corresponds to $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})$. The last one c corresponds to $\mathbb{Q}(i\sqrt{2})$.

2 B. Computing a Galois Group of Eight Elements

2.1 Q1

$(x^2 - 2)$ is irreducible over \mathbb{Q} because if $(x^2 - 2) = (x + a)(x + b)$ where $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$, then

$$a + b = 0, ab = -2 \implies a = -b, a^2 = 2$$

So $a^2 = 2$ which is impossible. Likewise for $(x^2 - 3)$ and $(x^2 - 5)$ which form extension fields over \mathbb{Q} .

$$\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})(\sqrt{3})(\sqrt{5}) = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3}, \sqrt{5})$$

2.2 Q2

The degree of the field extension is 8 since the minimum polynomial is degree 8.

2.3 Q3

$$\alpha : \begin{cases} \sqrt{2} & \mapsto -\sqrt{2} \\ \sqrt{3} & \mapsto \sqrt{3} \\ \sqrt{5} & \mapsto \sqrt{5} \end{cases} \quad \beta : \begin{cases} \sqrt{2} & \mapsto \sqrt{2} \\ \sqrt{3} & \mapsto -\sqrt{3} \\ \sqrt{5} & \mapsto \sqrt{5} \end{cases} \quad \gamma : \begin{cases} \sqrt{2} & \mapsto \sqrt{2} \\ \sqrt{3} & \mapsto \sqrt{3} \\ \sqrt{5} & \mapsto -\sqrt{5} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3}, \sqrt{5}) : \mathbb{Q}) = \{1, \alpha, \beta, \gamma, \alpha\beta, \alpha\gamma, \beta\gamma, \alpha\beta\gamma\}$$

Table can be constructed by noting the group is isomorphic to $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$.

	e	a	b	c	ab	ac	bc	abc
e	e	a	b	c	ab	ac	bc	abc
a	a	e	ab	ac	b	c	abc	bc
b	b	ab	e	bc	a	abc	c	ac
c	c	ac	bc	e	abc	a	b	ab
ab	ab	b	a	abc	e	bc	ac	c
ac	ac	c	abc	a	bc	e	ab	b
bc	bc	abc	c	b	ac	ab	e	a
abc	abc	bc	ac	ab	c	b	a	e

2.4 Q4

We know the group is of order 8, so there are subgroups of order 1, 2, 4, and 8.

The order 1 subgroup is the trivial $1 = \{e\}$ which fixes $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3}, \sqrt{5})$, and the subgroup of order 8 is simply \mathbf{G} .

2.4.1 Order 2

These are the groups $\langle \alpha \rangle, \langle \beta \rangle, \langle \gamma \rangle, \langle \alpha\beta \rangle, \langle \alpha\gamma \rangle, \langle \beta\gamma \rangle, \langle \alpha\beta\gamma \rangle$.

2.4.2 Order 4

These are groups of the form $\langle x, y \rangle = \{1, x, y, xy\}$ where x and y are any distinct elements from $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \alpha\beta, \alpha\gamma, \beta\gamma, \alpha\beta\gamma$. Note that $\langle x, xy \rangle = \langle x, y \rangle$.

2.5 Q5

First note the Galois correspondences where $H \subseteq \mathbf{G}$ is a subgroup, and K_H is the fixfield for $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3}, \sqrt{5})$.

$$H \mapsto K_H = \{a \in \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3}, \sqrt{5}) : \pi(a) = a \text{ for every } \pi \in H\}$$

$$K_H \mapsto \text{Aut}(K_H) = H = \{\pi \in \mathbf{G} : \pi(a) = a \text{ for every } a \in K_H\}$$

$H = \{e\}$	$\mapsto K_H = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3}, \sqrt{5})$
$H = \mathbf{G}$	$\mapsto K_H = \mathbb{Q}$
$H = \langle \alpha \rangle$	$\mapsto K_H = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{3}, \sqrt{5})$
$H = \langle \beta \rangle$	$\mapsto K_H = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{5})$
$H = \langle \gamma \rangle$	$\mapsto K_H = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3})$
$H = \langle \alpha\beta \rangle$	$\mapsto K_H = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{5}, \sqrt{6})$
$H = \langle \alpha\gamma \rangle$	$\mapsto K_H = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{3}, \sqrt{10})$
$H = \langle \beta\gamma \rangle$	$\mapsto K_H = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{15})$
$H = \langle \alpha\beta\gamma \rangle$	$\mapsto K_H = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{6}, \sqrt{10}, \sqrt{15}) = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{6}, \sqrt{10})$
$H = \langle \alpha, \beta \rangle$	$\mapsto K_H = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{5})$
$H = \langle \alpha, \gamma \rangle$	$\mapsto K_H = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{3})$
$H = \langle \beta, \gamma \rangle$	$\mapsto K_H = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})$
$H = \langle \alpha, \beta\gamma \rangle$	$\mapsto K_H = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{15})$
$H = \langle \beta, \alpha\gamma \rangle$	$\mapsto K_H = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{10})$
$H = \langle \gamma, \alpha\beta \rangle$	$\mapsto K_H = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{6})$
$H = \langle \alpha\beta, \beta\gamma \rangle = \{1, \alpha\beta, \beta\gamma, \alpha\gamma\}$	$\mapsto K_H = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{30})$
$= \langle \alpha\gamma, \beta\gamma \rangle$	

3 C. A Galois Group Equal to S_3

3.1 Q1

From 31E6 we proved that $\mathbb{Q}(\omega, \sqrt[n]{a})$ is the splitting field of $x^n - a$ over \mathbb{Q} .

The primitive cube root of unity is $\omega = \frac{-1+i\sqrt{3}}{2} \in \mathbb{Q}(i\sqrt{3})$.

Thus $\mathbb{Q}(i\sqrt{3}, \sqrt[3]{2})$ is the splitting field of $x^3 - 2$.

3.2 Q2

Since $x^3 - 2$ is irreducible over \mathbb{Q} , and contains $\sqrt[3]{2}$, the field $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{2}) = \{a_0 + a_1\sqrt[3]{2} + a_2\sqrt[3]{2}^2\}$ has degree 3.

3.3 Q3

$x^2 + 3$ has roots $i\sqrt{3}, -i\sqrt{3} \notin \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{2})$ and so is irreducible. Thus $[\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{2}, i\sqrt{3}) : \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{2})] = 2$.

$$[\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{2}, i\sqrt{3}) : \mathbb{Q}] = [\mathbb{Q}(i\sqrt{3}, \sqrt[3]{2}) : \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{2})][\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{2}) : \mathbb{Q}] = 2 \times 3$$

3.4 Q4

Since there is a congruence relation between a galois field and it's fixfield, we can conclude that $\text{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{2}, i\sqrt{3}) : \mathbb{Q})$ has 6 elements.

Every automorphism of K fixing F is completely determined by a permutation of the roots of $a(x)$.

Thus every element of \mathbf{G} is determined by a permutation of the 3 cube roots of 2.

3.5 Q5

The group S_3 is defined as a permutation of 3 elements and consists of the 6 elements:

$$\begin{array}{lll} \epsilon = (1)(2)(3) & \beta = (23) & \gamma = (132) \\ \gamma = (12) & \delta = (123) & \kappa = (13) \end{array}$$

Which is precisely the structure of $\text{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{2}, i\sqrt{3}) : \mathbb{Q})$.

4 D. A Galois Group Equal to D_4

4.1 Q1

The 4 roots of $x^4 - 2$ are $\pm\alpha, \pm i\alpha$. Thus $\mathbb{Q}(\pm\alpha, \pm i\alpha) = \mathbb{Q}(\alpha, i)$ is the splitting field for $x^4 - 2$.

4.2 Q2

The minimum polynomial for $\mathbb{Q}(\alpha) = \{a_0 + a_1\alpha + a_2\alpha^2 + a_3\alpha^3\}$ is of degree 4, so $[\mathbb{Q}(\alpha) : \mathbb{Q}] = 4$.

4.3 Q3

$\mathbb{Q}(\alpha)$ is a subfield of \mathbb{R} so $i \notin \mathbb{Q}(\alpha)$. The minimum polynomial for i over $\mathbb{Q}(\alpha)$ is $x^2 + 1$ which is degree 2. So $[\mathbb{Q}(\alpha, i) : \mathbb{Q}(\alpha)] = 2$.

4.4 Q4

$$[\mathbb{Q}(\alpha, i) : \mathbb{Q}] = [\mathbb{Q}(\alpha, i) : \mathbb{Q}(\alpha)][\mathbb{Q}(\alpha) : \mathbb{Q}] = 2 \times 4 = 8$$

4.5 Q5

The basis for $\mathbb{Q}(\alpha, i)/\mathbb{Q}(\alpha)$ is $\{1, i\}$ since the field is of degree 2. The basis for $\mathbb{Q}(\alpha)/\mathbb{Q}$ is degree 4 and $\{1, \alpha, \alpha^2, \alpha^3\}$. Thus the basis for $\mathbb{Q}(\alpha, i)/\mathbb{Q}$ is $\{1, \alpha, \alpha^2, \alpha^3, i\alpha, i\alpha^2, i\alpha^3\}$.

4.6 Q6

\mathbb{Q} remains fixed in the automorphism. Since the elements in the basis are independent, h is determined by its effect on elements in the basis.

Since any element consists of a linear sum of basis elements, which themselves consist of factors of α and i , then h is determined by its effect on $h(\alpha)$ and $h(i)$.

Let $c \in \mathbb{Q}(\alpha, i)$, then

$$\begin{aligned} h(c) &= h(c_0 + c_1\alpha + c_2\alpha^2 + c_3\alpha^3 + c_4i + c_5i\alpha^2 + c_6\alpha^3) \\ &= c_0 + c_1h(\alpha) + c_2h(\alpha)^2 + c_3h(\alpha)^3 + c_4h(i) + c_5h(i)h(\alpha)^2 + c_6h(i)h(\alpha)^3 \end{aligned}$$

4.7 Q7

We know that $\alpha^4 - 2 = 0$, so $h(\alpha^4 - 2) = h(\alpha)^4 - 2 = 0 \implies h(\alpha)$ is a fourth root of 2 $\implies h(\alpha) \in \{\alpha, -\alpha, i\alpha, -i\alpha\}$. Likewise $i^2 + 1 = 0$, so $h(i^2 + 1) = h(i)^2 + 1 = 0 \implies h(i) = \pm i$.

$$\begin{aligned} e : \begin{cases} \alpha & \mapsto \alpha \\ i & \mapsto i \end{cases} & \quad a : \begin{cases} \alpha & \mapsto -\alpha \\ i & \mapsto i \end{cases} & \quad b : \begin{cases} \alpha & \mapsto \alpha \\ i & \mapsto -i \end{cases} & \quad c : \begin{cases} \alpha & \mapsto -\alpha \\ i & \mapsto -i \end{cases} \\ d : \begin{cases} \alpha & \mapsto i\alpha \\ i & \mapsto i \end{cases} & \quad f : \begin{cases} \alpha & \mapsto -i\alpha \\ i & \mapsto i \end{cases} & \quad g : \begin{cases} \alpha & \mapsto i\alpha \\ i & \mapsto -i \end{cases} & \quad h : \begin{cases} \alpha & \mapsto -i\alpha \\ i & \mapsto -i \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

4.8 Q8

	e	a	b	c	d	f	g	h
e	e	a	b	c	d	f	g	h
a	a	e	c	b	f	d	h	g
b	b	c	e	a	g	h	d	f
c	c	b	a	e	h	g	f	d
d	d	f	g	h	a	e	b	c
f	f	d	h	g	e	a	c	b
g	g	h	d	f	b	c	e	a
h	h	g	f	d	c	b	a	e

Note that $D_4 = \{R_0, R_1, R_2, R_3, R_4, R_4 \circ R_1, R_4 \circ R_2, R_4 \circ R_3\}$ which matches our group structure. Hence they are isomorphic.

5 E. A Cyclic Galois Group

5.1 Q1

Roots of $x^7 - 1$ are $1, \omega, \omega^2, \dots, \omega^6$, where ω is the primitive 7th root of unity. See that $1 + \omega + \dots + \omega^6 = 0$ since $n = 7$ is prime. Then $\omega^6 = -(1 + \omega + \dots + \omega^5)$ and so is a linear combo of the other ω powers. Hence $[K : \mathbb{Q}] = 6$.

5.2 Q2

Every $h \in \text{Gal}(K : \mathbb{Q})$ fixes \mathbb{Q} , and since h is a homomorphism for a minimum polynomial $a(x)$, we observe that

$$h(a(c)) = a_0 + a_1h(c) + \dots + a_nh(c)^n$$

When c is a root of $a(x)$, then $h(a(c)) = a(h(c)) = 0$ and hence $h(c)$ is also a root of $a(x)$. Since $1 + \omega + \dots + \omega^6 = 0$, so all the 7th roots of unity are roots of this polynomial. Hence any automorphism in \mathbf{G} must send $h(\alpha)$ to another 7th root of unity. Since all the roots of unity are powers of $\alpha = \omega$, and h is homomorphic such that $h(\omega^k) = h(\omega)^k$, so we can define all permutations of ω^k simply in terms of $h(\omega)$.

Also note the basis for K/\mathbb{Q} is $\{1, \omega, \dots, \omega^5\}$. Hence the automorphism of the field is completely defined by $h(\alpha)$.

5.3 Q3

$$\begin{aligned} e &: \{\alpha \mapsto \alpha\}, & a &: \{\alpha \mapsto \alpha^2\}, & b &: \{\alpha \mapsto \alpha^3\} \\ c &: \{\alpha \mapsto \alpha^4\}, & d &: \{\alpha \mapsto \alpha^5\}, & f &: \{\alpha \mapsto \alpha^6\} \end{aligned}$$

	e	a	b	c	d	f
e	e	a	b	c	d	f
a	a	c	f	e	b	d
b	b	f	a	d	e	c
c	c	e	d	a	f	b
d	d	b	e	f	c	a
f	f	d	c	b	a	e

Observing the group structure we see it is isomorphic to \mathbb{Z}_7^\times which itself is isomorphic to \mathbb{Z}_6 .

5.4 Q4

Subgroups are $\{e, a, c\}, \{e, b, d\}, \{e, f\}$

5.5 Q5

See 31E4, where we find the basis for L is $\{1, \omega\}$. Thus there are no subfields between \mathbb{Q} and L .

5.6 Q6

$\alpha = \sqrt[6]{2}$ and $[\mathbb{Q}(\alpha) : \mathbb{Q}] = 6$. $x^2 + 3$ is irreducible because there are no complex roots in $\mathbb{Q}(\alpha)$. Hence $[\mathbb{Q}(\alpha, \sqrt{3}i) : \mathbb{Q}(\alpha)] = 2$.

$$\omega = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i$$

The complex 6th roots of unity are $\alpha, \alpha\omega, \alpha\omega^2, \alpha\omega^3, \alpha\omega^4, \alpha\omega^5$.

$$[\mathbb{Q}(\alpha, i\sqrt{3}) : \mathbb{Q}] = [\mathbb{Q}(\alpha, \text{isqrt}3) : \mathbb{Q}(\alpha)][\mathbb{Q}(\alpha) : \mathbb{Q}] = 12$$

So any automorphism defined over $\mathbb{Q}(\alpha, \sqrt{3}i)$ must send 6th roots of 2 to each other, and $\sqrt{3}i \mapsto \pm\sqrt{3}i$.

$$\begin{aligned} e &: \begin{cases} \alpha \mapsto \alpha \\ i\sqrt{3} \mapsto i\sqrt{3} \end{cases} & a &: \begin{cases} \alpha \mapsto \alpha\omega \\ i\sqrt{3} \mapsto i\sqrt{3} \end{cases} & b &: \begin{cases} \alpha \mapsto \alpha\omega^2 \\ i\sqrt{3} \mapsto i\sqrt{3} \end{cases} & c &: \begin{cases} \alpha \mapsto \alpha\omega^3 \\ i\sqrt{3} \mapsto i\sqrt{3} \end{cases} \\ d &: \begin{cases} \alpha \mapsto \alpha\omega^4 \\ i\sqrt{3} \mapsto i\sqrt{3} \end{cases} & f &: \begin{cases} \alpha \mapsto \alpha\omega^5 \\ i\sqrt{3} \mapsto i\sqrt{3} \end{cases} & g &: \begin{cases} \alpha \mapsto \alpha \\ i\sqrt{3} \mapsto -i\sqrt{3} \end{cases} & h &: \begin{cases} \alpha \mapsto \alpha\omega \\ i\sqrt{3} \mapsto -i\sqrt{3} \end{cases} \\ j &: \begin{cases} \alpha \mapsto \alpha\omega^2 \\ i\sqrt{3} \mapsto -i\sqrt{3} \end{cases} & k &: \begin{cases} \alpha \mapsto \alpha\omega^3 \\ i\sqrt{3} \mapsto -i\sqrt{3} \end{cases} & l &: \begin{cases} \alpha \mapsto \alpha\omega^4 \\ i\sqrt{3} \mapsto -i\sqrt{3} \end{cases} & m &: \begin{cases} \alpha \mapsto \alpha\omega^5 \\ i\sqrt{3} \mapsto -i\sqrt{3} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Let $\phi = a = \left\{ \begin{cases} \alpha \mapsto \alpha\omega \\ i\sqrt{3} \mapsto i\sqrt{3} \end{cases} \right\}$ then $b = \phi^2, c = \phi^3, d = \phi^4, f = \phi^5$. Let $\psi = \left\{ \begin{cases} \alpha \mapsto \alpha \\ i\sqrt{3} \mapsto -i\sqrt{3} \end{cases} \right\}$ then $h = \psi\phi, j = \psi\phi^2, k = \psi\phi^3, l = \psi\phi^4, m = \psi\phi^5$.

$$\mathbf{G} = \{e, \phi, \phi^2, \phi^3, \phi^4, \phi^5, \psi, \psi\phi, \psi\phi^2, \psi\phi^3, \psi\phi^4, \psi\phi^5\}$$

From Wikipedia, there are only two abelian groups of order 12. Namely

$$\mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_4 \quad D_6 \cong \mathbb{Z}_6 \times \mathbb{Z}_4$$

As we can see the group is a product of two subgroups, and so is isomorphic to D_6 .

6 F. A Galois Group Isomorphic to S_5

6.1 Q1

By Eisenstein's criteria, 2 divides all coefficients except a_n , and $2^2 \nmid a_0 = 2$.

6.2 Q2

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sage: a = x^5 - 4*x^4 + 2*x + 2
sage: diff(a, x)
5*x^4 - 16*x^3 + 2
sage: plot(a, xmin=-5, xmax=5, ymin=-5, ymax=5)
Launched png viewer for Graphics object consisting of 1 graphics primitive
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6.3 Q3

```
sage: x = polygen(QQ, "x")
sage: N.<a> = NumberField(x^5 - 4*x^4 + 2*x + 2)
sage: N
Number Field in a with defining polynomial x^5 - 4*x^4 + 2*x + 2
sage: x^5 - 4*x^4 + 2*x + 2
x^5 - 4*x^4 + 2*x + 2
sage: type(x^5 - 4*x^4 + 2*x + 2)
<class 'sage.rings.polynomial.polynomial_rational_flint.Polynomial_rational_flint'>
sage: # a is a root of the polynomial
sage: p = x^5 - 4*x^4 + 2*x + 2
sage: p(a)
0
sage: N.degree()
5
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$p(x)$ is a minimum polynomial, and since $J = \langle p(x) \rangle$, so adjoining the root r_1 to \mathbb{Q} forms a degree 5 extension. Since $\mathbb{Q}(r_1)$ is a subfield of K , and $K = \mathbb{Q}(r_1, \dots, r_5)$ then

$$[K : \mathbb{Q}] = [\mathbb{Q}(r_1, \dots, r_5) : \mathbb{Q}(r_1, \dots, r_4)] \cdots [\mathbb{Q}(r_1) : \mathbb{Q}] \implies [K : \mathbb{Q}] \mid [\mathbb{Q}(r_1) : \mathbb{Q}]$$

6.4 Q4

Cauchy's theorem states that any prime factor of the group order must mean the group possesses an element of that prime order.

$[K : \mathbb{Q}] \mid 5$, and there is a bijection between K (the splitting field of the minimum polynomial) and its galois group $\implies |\text{Gal}(K : \mathbb{Q})|$ divides 5 \implies there is an order 5 element in the group.

Since the homomorphism on the roots permutes $\{r_1, \dots, r_5\}$ and we know the Galois field has an element a of order 5, thus the cycle cannot be disjoint.

6.5 Q5

Since the polynomial has real coefficients, for every complex root, there also must be its conjugate. See the [complex conjugate root theorem](#).

There are 2 complex roots of the form $a + ib$ and $a - ib$ with the minimum polynomial $x^2 - (a^2 - b^2)$, that forms a degree 2 extension over \mathbb{Q} . Any automorphism must preserve this structure.

6.6 Q6

The pair of cycles (12) and $(12 \cdots n)$ generates S_n when n is prime. See 8H5.

The inverse $(12 \cdots n)^{-1}$ is simply $(12 \cdots n)^{n-1}$.

With $(12 \cdots n)(12)(12 \cdots n)^{-1} = (23)$, and $(12 \cdots n)(23)(12 \cdots n)^{-1} = (34)$ and so on. Combining these we can create all possible permutations. Thus we generate the group S_5 .

Thus $\text{Gal}(K : \mathbb{Q}) = S_5$.

7 G. Shorter Questions Relating to Automorphisms and Galois Groups

7.1 Q1

$$F(a) = \{k_0 + k_1a + \cdots + k_na^n : k_i \in F\} \text{ where } n = \text{ord}(a)$$

7.2 Q2

$$F(a)^* = \{\pi \in \text{Gal}(K : F) : \pi(a) = a \text{ for every } a \in F(a)\}$$

$$F(b)^* = \{\pi \in \text{Gal}(K : F) : \pi(a) = a \text{ for every } a \in F(b)\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} F(a)^* \cap F(b)^* &= \{\pi \in \text{Gal}(K : F) : \pi(a) = a \text{ for every } a \in F(a) \text{ and } F(b)\} \\ &= \{\pi \in \text{Gal}(K : F) : \pi(a) = a \text{ for every } a \in F(a, b)\} \\ &= F(a, b)^* \end{aligned}$$

7.3 Q3

The minimum polynomial $p(x) = x^2 - 2$ has 2 other complex roots which do not lie in \mathbb{R} . Thus any automorphism mapping from $\mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ will leave $c = \sqrt[3]{2}$ untouched, and so the only automorphism for this field fixing \mathbb{Q} is the identity function.

7.4 Q4

Theorem 1 states that any field extension can be represented as a simple field extension $F(c)$, and that any automorphism will map to other roots in that field extension (of which there are n possibilities for degree n minimum polynomial). However the field extension $F(c)$ does not contain all roots of $p(x)$ so the theorem is not applicable here.

7.5 Q5

Since $\mathbb{Q}(\omega)$ contains all roots for $p(x) = x^p - 1$, then h must map roots of $p(x)$ to each other while fixing \mathbb{Q} . The roots are generated by the primitive root of unity ω , so $h(\omega) = \omega^k$ for some k such that $1 \leq k \leq p - 1$.

7.6 Q6

Let $g, h \in \text{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}(\omega), \mathbb{Q})$, then $g \circ h = h \circ g = \omega^{j+k}$.

7.7 Q7

We know that $\omega^p = 1$, so all automorphisms apart from the identity function will generate the entire group through composition, because $\gcd(k, p) = 1 \quad \forall k : 2 \leq k \leq p - 1$. k operates in the group \mathbb{Z}_p which is cyclic.

8 H. The Group of Automorphisms of \mathbb{C}

8.1 Q1

$h(1) = 1$ and $h(2) = h(1 + 1) = h(1) + h(1) = 2$, and so $h(a) = a$ for all $a \in \mathbb{Z}$. Applying the same logic with the other operations, we can reason that \mathbb{Q} remains fixed.

8.2 Q2

$h : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ then $h(a) = h(\sqrt{a})h(\sqrt{a})$, and every positive number has a root in \mathbb{R} , so all automorphisms of \mathbb{R} send positive numbers to positive numbers.

8.3 Q3

$$a < b \implies 0 < b - a \implies 0 < h(b - a) \implies h(a) < h(b)$$

8.4 Q4

Let $a < r < h(a)$ where $r \in \mathbb{Q}$. So then $h(r) = r$ yielding the identities

$$h(r) < h(a) \quad a < r$$

Which is a contradiction. So $h(a) = a$ for all $a \in \mathbb{R}$.

8.5 Q5

$$e(a + ib) = a + ib, \quad h(a + ib) = a - ib$$

8.6 Q6

Both functions fix \mathbb{R} and are the only automorphisms in $\text{Gal}(\mathbb{C} : \mathbb{R})$.

9 I. Further Questions Relating to Galois Groups

9.1 Q1

Composition of automorphisms of K which fix I will only ever produce automorphisms which fix I and so are in I^* . Thus I^* is a subgroup of \mathbf{G} .

9.2 Q2

Every fixfield of any subgroup in \mathbf{G} will contain F since all automorphisms in \mathbf{G} fix F .

Let $a, b \in H^\circ$, then $\pi(ab) = \pi(a)\pi(b) = ab$, $\pi(a + b) = a + b$ for every $\pi \in H$. Lastly $\pi(aa^{-1}) = aa^{-1}$ so H° contains inverses. So H° is a subfield of K .

9.3 Q3

H is the fixer of I so

$$H = \text{Gal}(I : F)$$

I' is the fixfield of H so

$$I' = \{a \in K : \pi(a) = a \quad \forall \pi \in H\}$$

By definition, all elements of H fix I and $I \subseteq K$, so therefore $I \subseteq I'$.

I is the fixfield of H

$$I = \{a \in K : \pi(a) = a \quad \forall \pi \in H\}$$

and I^* the fixer of I

$$I^* = \text{Gal}(I : F)$$

Let $g \in H$, then for all $a \in I$, $g(a) = a \implies g \in \text{Gal}(I : F) = I^* \implies H \subseteq I^*$.

9.4 Q4

$$\text{Gal}(I : F) \cong \frac{\text{Gal}(K : F)}{\text{Gal}(K : I)}$$

$$\mathbf{G} = \text{Gal}(K : F)$$

Every subgroup of an abelian group is abelian. Every homomorphic image is also abelian.

$\text{Gal}(K : I)$ is a normal subgroup of \mathbf{G} , and $\text{Gal}(I : F)$ is the homomorphic image of $\text{Gal}(K : F)$ with $\ker \phi = \text{Gal}(K : I)$.

9.5 Q5

- Subgroups of cyclic groups are cyclic
- Homomorphic image of a cyclic group is cyclic

By the above logic we conclude the Galois groups are cyclic.

9.6 Q6

Every cyclic group is the direct product of cyclic groups. From the [fundamental theorem of cyclic groups](#) for a finite group of order n , there is exactly one subgroup for each divisor.

\mathbf{G} is a cyclic group with order $[K : F] = n$. Since $k \mid n$, there is a subgroup I of order k in \mathbf{G} .

10 J. Normal Extensions and Normal Subgroups

10.1 Q1

$$\begin{aligned} I_1 &\subseteq I_2 \subseteq K \\ \text{Gal}(I_2 : I_1) &\cong \frac{\text{Gal}(K : I_1)}{\text{Gal}(K : I_2)} \\ I_2^* = \text{Gal}(K : I_2) &\quad I_1^* = \text{Gal}(K : I_1) \end{aligned}$$

We conclude I_2^* is a normal subgroup of I_1^* .

10.2 Q2

$$\begin{aligned} h &\in \text{Gal}(K : F), g \in I^* \\ b &= h(a) \\ [h \circ g \circ h^{-1}](b) &= h(g(h^{-1}(b))) \\ &= h(g(a)) \\ &= h(a) \\ &= b \end{aligned}$$

$$h(I)^* = \{\pi \in \mathbf{G} : \pi(b) = b \text{ for every } b \in h(I)\}$$

As we saw $h \circ g \circ h^{-1}$ leaves all elements $h(a) = b \in h(I)$ unchanged, and so $h \circ g \circ h^{-1} \in h(I)^*$.

$$\implies hI^*h^{-1} \subseteq h(I)^*$$

10.3 Q3

Observe that $hI^*h^{-1} \subseteq h(I)^* \implies I^* \subseteq h^{-1}h(I)^*h$ and h is a bijection.

Let $\bar{h} = h^{-1}$, $J = h(I)$ then observe that

$$\bar{h}J\bar{h}^{-1} \subseteq \bar{h}(J)^*$$

But $\bar{h}(h(J)) = I \implies \bar{h}(J)^* = I^*$ so

$$\begin{aligned} h^{-1}h(I)h &\subseteq I^* \\ \implies h(I) &\subseteq hI^*h^{-1} \\ \implies h(I) &= hI^*h^{-1} \end{aligned} \quad \text{using the previous question}$$

10.4 Q4

By definition I_1^* and I_2^* are conjugate subgroups

$$\implies \exists g \in \mathbf{G} : I_2^* = gI_1^*g^{-1}$$

Let there be a $i \in \mathbf{G} : i(I_1) = I_2$

$$\begin{aligned} i(I_1)^* &= iI_1^*i^{-1} \\ &= I_2^* \end{aligned}$$

Likewise

$$I_2^* = iI_1^*i^{-1} \implies i(I_1)^* = I_2^* \implies i(I_1) = I_2$$

10.5 Q5

Definition of a normal subgroup is that for all $h \in I_1^*, g \in I_2^*$

$$hgh^{-1} \in I_2^*$$

Let $I_2 = I_1(c)$ with the minimum polynomial $p(x) : p(c) = 0$. Let $h(c) = c'$ where c' is another root of $p(x)$. $h \in I_1^*$ since I_1^* only fixes I_1 and $c \notin I_1$.

Now the operation $hgh^{-1} \in I_2^*$ by its normal property, and $hI_2^*h^{-1} = h(I_2)^*$.

I_2^* is a normal subgroup so $h(I_2)^* \subseteq I_2^*$ but h is bijection and preserves structure on intermediate fields, so $h(I_2)^* = I_2^* \implies h(I_2) = I_2$ from the previous answer.

$c \in I_2$, therefore $h(c) \in I_2$ and all other roots for $p(x)$.