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Chapter 33, Problem 5EE

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## Problem

Let  $K$  be a finite extension of  $F$ , where  $K$  is a root field over  $F$ , with  $G = \text{Gal}(K : F)$  a solvable group. As remarked in the text, we will assume that  $F$  contains the required roots of unity. By Exercise D, let  $H_0, \dots, H_n$  be a solvable series for  $G$  in which every quotient  $H_{i+1}/H_i$  is cyclic of prime order. For any  $i = 1, \dots, n$ , let  $F_i$  and  $F_{i+1}$  be the fixfields of  $H_i$  and  $H_{i+1}$ .

Conclude that  $K$  is a radical extension of  $F$ .

## Step-by-step solution

### Step 1 of 4

Here, objective is to prove that  $K$  is a radical extension of  $F$ .

Consider

$\omega$  is a primitive  $p^{\text{th}}$  root of unity and  $c^p \in F_{i+1}$

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### Step 2 of 4

Radical extension:

The radical extension of  $k$  is extension of  $k$  which is obtained by adjoining the sequence of  $p^{\text{th}}$  roots of elements..

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### Step 3 of 4

$G = \text{Gal}(K : F)$  is a solvable group.

$F$  is the fixed field of  $G$ .

Where,  $K$  is a the finite extension of  $F$ .

Consider  $F_i$  and  $F_{i+1}$  are the fixed fields of  $H_i$  and  $H_{i+1}$

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#### Step 4 of 4

Consider the polynomial  $x^p - c^p$ .

The root of above polynomial is a primitive  $p^{th}$  root of unity

$$x^p - c^p = 0$$

$$x^p = c^p$$

$$x = \sqrt[p]{c^p} \omega$$

$$x = \omega c$$

$$x = c$$

$F_i$  is the root field of  $x^p - c^p$  over  $F_{i+1}$

$$c^p \in F_{i+1}$$

$$c \in F_i$$

$F_{i+1}$  is the simple radical extension of  $F_i$

$$F = F_0 \subset F_1 \subset \dots F_n = K$$

Therefore,  $K$  is a radical extension of  $F$ .

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