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## Problem

List the eight elements of  $G = \text{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3}, \sqrt{5}) : \mathbb{Q})$  and write its table.

## Step-by-step solution

### Step 1 of 2

The objective is to list the eight elements of  $G = \text{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3}, \sqrt{5}) : \mathbb{Q})$  and write its table.

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### Step 2 of 2

The root field  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3}, \sqrt{5})$  is of degree 8 over  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

Therefore, there are eight automorphisms of  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3}, \sqrt{5})$  which fix  $\mathbb{Q}$ , since the number of automorphisms is equal to the degree of  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3}, \sqrt{5})$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

Since an automorphism is determined by its effect on  $\sqrt{2}$ ,  $\sqrt{3}$  and  $\sqrt{5}$ , there are eight possibilities, namely,

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_2 : \begin{cases} \sqrt{2} \mapsto -\sqrt{2} \\ \sqrt{3} \mapsto \sqrt{3} \\ \sqrt{5} \mapsto \sqrt{5} \end{cases} & \sigma_3 : \begin{cases} \sqrt{2} \mapsto \sqrt{2} \\ \sqrt{3} \mapsto -\sqrt{3} \\ \sqrt{5} \mapsto \sqrt{5} \end{cases} & \sigma_5 : \begin{cases} \sqrt{2} \mapsto \sqrt{2} \\ \sqrt{3} \mapsto \sqrt{3} \\ \sqrt{5} \mapsto -\sqrt{5} \end{cases} \\ \sigma_2\sigma_3 : \begin{cases} \sqrt{2} \mapsto -\sqrt{2} \\ \sqrt{3} \mapsto -\sqrt{3} \\ \sqrt{5} \mapsto \sqrt{5} \end{cases} & \sigma_2\sigma_5 : \begin{cases} \sqrt{2} \mapsto -\sqrt{2} \\ \sqrt{3} \mapsto \sqrt{3} \\ \sqrt{5} \mapsto -\sqrt{5} \end{cases} & \sigma_3\sigma_5 : \begin{cases} \sqrt{2} \mapsto \sqrt{2} \\ \sqrt{3} \mapsto -\sqrt{3} \\ \sqrt{5} \mapsto -\sqrt{5} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

$$\sigma_2\sigma_3\sigma_5: \begin{cases} \sqrt{2} \mapsto -\sqrt{2} \\ \sqrt{3} \mapsto -\sqrt{3} \\ \sqrt{5} \mapsto -\sqrt{5} \end{cases} \quad id: \begin{cases} \sqrt{2} \mapsto \sqrt{2} \\ \sqrt{3} \mapsto \sqrt{3} \\ \sqrt{5} \mapsto \sqrt{5} \end{cases}.$$

Thus the Galois group of  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3}, \sqrt{5})$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$  is

$$Gal(\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3}, \sqrt{5}) : \mathbb{Q}) = \{id, \sigma_2, \sigma_3, \sigma_5, \sigma_2\sigma_3, \sigma_2\sigma_5, \sigma_3\sigma_5, \sigma_2\sigma_3\sigma_5\}.$$

The operation is composition giving the table.

$\circ$	$id$	$\sigma_2$	$\sigma_3$	$\sigma_5$	$\sigma_2\sigma_3$	$\sigma_2\sigma_5$	$\sigma_3\sigma_5$	$\sigma_2\sigma_3\sigma_5$
$id$	$id$	$\sigma_2$	$\sigma_3$	$\sigma_5$	$\sigma_2\sigma_3$	$\sigma_2\sigma_5$	$\sigma_3\sigma_5$	$\sigma_2\sigma_3\sigma_5$
$\sigma_2$	$\sigma_2$	$id$	$\sigma_2\sigma_3$	$\sigma_2\sigma_5$	$\sigma_3$	$\sigma_5$	$\sigma_2\sigma_3\sigma_5$	$\sigma_3\sigma_5$
$\sigma_3$	$\sigma_3$	$\sigma_2\sigma_3$	$id$	$\sigma_3\sigma_5$	$\sigma_2$	$\sigma_2\sigma_3\sigma_5$	$\sigma_5$	$\sigma_2\sigma_5$
$\sigma_5$	$\sigma_5$	$\sigma_2\sigma_5$	$\sigma_3\sigma_5$	$id$	$\sigma_2\sigma_3\sigma_5$	$\sigma_2$	$\sigma_3$	$\sigma_2\sigma_3$
$\sigma_2\sigma_3$	$\sigma_2\sigma_3$	$\sigma_2$	$\sigma_3$	$\sigma_2\sigma_3\sigma_5$	$id$	$\sigma_2\sigma_5$	$\sigma_3\sigma_5$	$\sigma_5$
$\sigma_2\sigma_5$	$\sigma_2\sigma_5$	$\sigma_2$	$\sigma_3$	$\sigma_5$	$\sigma_2\sigma_3$	$id$	$\sigma_3\sigma_5$	$\sigma_2\sigma_3\sigma_5$
$\sigma_3\sigma_5$	$\sigma_3\sigma_5$	$\sigma_2$	$\sigma_3$	$\sigma_5$	$\sigma_2\sigma_3$	$\sigma_2\sigma_5$	$id$	$\sigma_2\sigma_3\sigma_5$
$\sigma_2\sigma_3\sigma_5$	$\sigma_2\sigma_3\sigma_5$	$\sigma_2$	$\sigma_3$	$\sigma_5$	$\sigma_2\sigma_3$	$\sigma_2\sigma_5$	$\sigma_3\sigma_5$	$id$

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