

Def: A finite extension  $L/F$  is solvable by radicals if  $L \subset$  iterated radical extension.

$$F = F_0 \subset F_1 \subset \dots \subset F_m$$

$$F_{i+1} = F_i(\sqrt[n]{a_i})$$

$$E = F(\sqrt[n]{a}, \zeta_n) \text{ splitting of } x^n - a$$

$$F(\sqrt[n]{a}, \zeta_n) \supset F(\sqrt[n]{a}) \supset F(\zeta_n) \supset F$$

$$\text{Know } \text{Gal}(F(\zeta_n)/F) \hookrightarrow (\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z})^\times$$

$$\text{Gal}(\sqrt[n]{a}, F(\zeta_n)/F) \hookrightarrow (\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}) \text{ because } \sigma(\sqrt[n]{a}) = \zeta_n^i \sqrt[n]{a}$$

Some  $1 \leq i \leq n$ .

$$\sigma \mapsto i_\sigma \quad \tau \mapsto i_\tau$$

$$\sigma\tau \mapsto i_{\sigma\tau}$$

$$(\sigma\tau)(\alpha) = \sigma(\tau(\alpha)) = \sigma(\zeta_n^{i_\tau} \cdot \alpha) = \sigma(\zeta_n^{i_\tau}) \times \sigma(\alpha) = \zeta_n^{i_\tau} \cdot \zeta_n^{i_\sigma} \alpha = i_\tau + i_\sigma$$

$$\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z} \supset \text{Gal}(F(\alpha, \zeta)/F(\mathbb{Z})) \hookrightarrow \text{Gal}(F(\alpha, \zeta)/F) \twoheadrightarrow \text{Gal}(F(\zeta_n)/F) \subset (\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z})^\times$$

**Definition 0.1** A finite group  $G$  is solvable if  $\exists$  subgroups of  $G_i$  such that  $1 = G_m \subseteq \dots \subseteq G_1 \subseteq G_0 = G$  s.t.  $G_{i+1} \triangleleft G_i$  and  $G_i/G_{i+1}$  is abelian.

**Example 0.2** Abelian Groups

$D_{2n}$  dihedral groups.

$$\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z} \subset D_{2n}, \quad D_{2n}/\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z} \cong \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$$

$$e \in \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z} \subset D_{2n}, \quad D_{2n}/\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z} \cong \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$$

$$D_{10} = \langle \sigma, \tau \rangle$$

$$\langle \sigma \rangle \cong \mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z}$$

$$\langle \tau \rangle \cong \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$$

$$GL_n(F) = \text{invertible matrices.}$$

$$G = \{\text{upper triangular matrices}\} \triangleleft GL_n(F)$$

Fact:  $S_n$  is solvable  $\iff n < 5$ . (Need to prove)

**Theorem 0.3** Let  $N \triangleleft G$ . Then  $G$  is solvable  $\iff G/N$  is solvable.

**Proof:** ( $\implies$ )

$$G = G_0 \supseteq G_1 \supseteq \dots \supseteq G_m = \{1\}, \quad G_i/G_{i+1} \text{ normal.}$$

$$\text{Need to find } G/N = H_0 \supseteq H_1 \supseteq \dots \supseteq H_r = 1$$

Let  $H_i$  image of  $G_i$  in  $G/N$ .

$$G \rightarrow G/N$$

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$$G_i \rightarrow G_iN/N = H_i$$

$$H_{i+1} \triangleleft H_i$$

$$G_{i+1}N/N \triangleleft G_iN/N$$

$$g_inN$$

$$G_i \twoheadrightarrow \qquad H$$

$$\downarrow \qquad \downarrow$$

$$G_i/G_{i+1} \rightarrow [F] \ H_i/H$$

$$\implies \ H_i/H_{i+1} \text{ Abelian (quotient of Abelian)}$$

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