

Thm: Suppose  $f \in \mathbb{Q}[x]$  is solvable by radicals, and let  $K$  be its splitting field over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Then  $\text{Gal}(K/\mathbb{Q})$  is solvable.

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 \text{f solv. by rad.} \\
 \left( \begin{array}{l}
 K \subseteq F_k = F_{k-1}(\alpha_k), \quad \alpha_k^{m_k} \in F_{k-1} \\
 \vdots \\
 F_2 = F_1(\alpha_2), \quad \alpha_2^{m_2} \in F_1 \\
 \vdots \\
 F_1 = F_0(\alpha_1), \quad \alpha_1^{m_1} \in F_0 = \mathbb{Q} \\
 \vdots \\
 F_0 = \mathbb{Q}
 \end{array} \right)
 \end{array}$$

Lemma: Suppose  $K = F(\alpha)$  for some  $\alpha \in K$  with  $\alpha^m \in F$ .

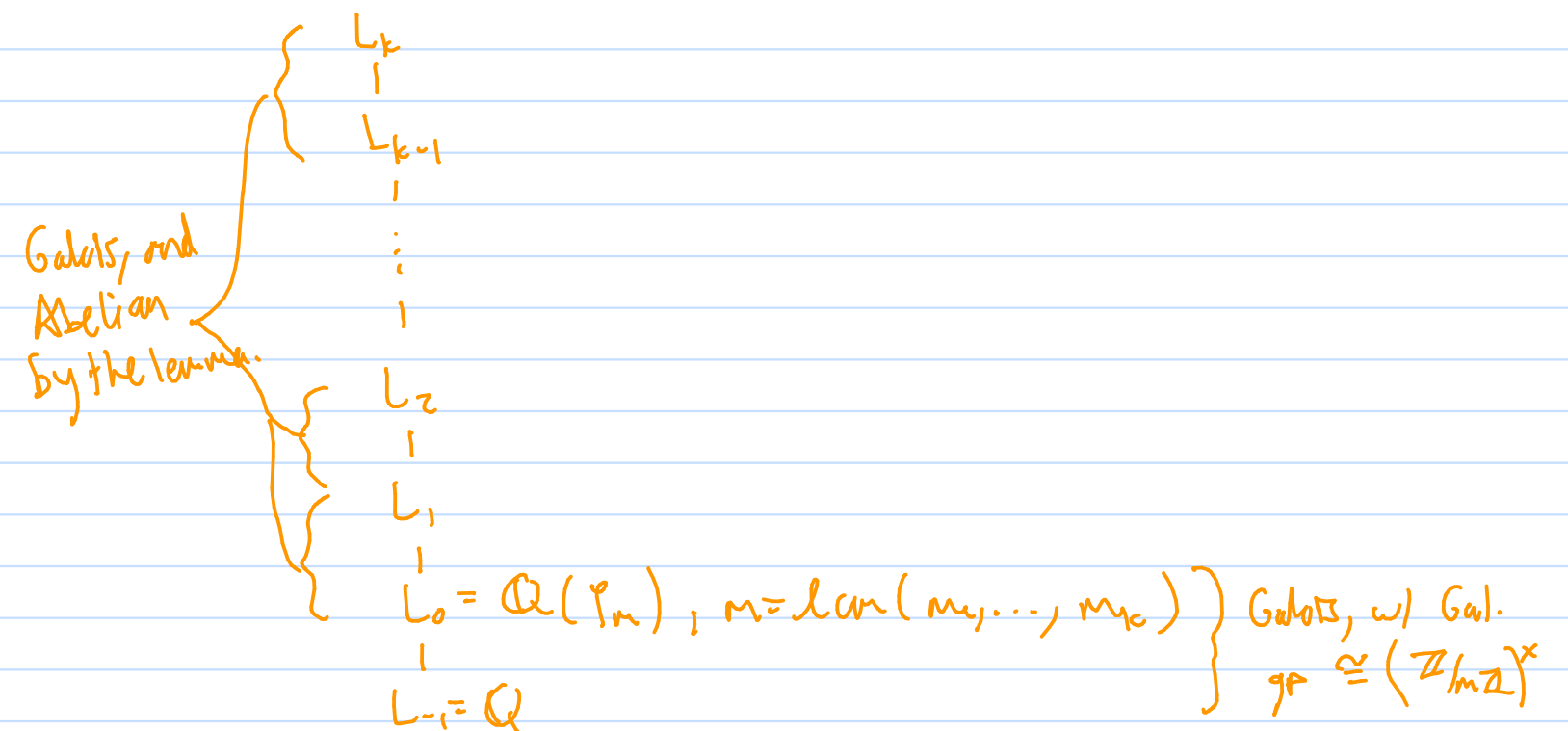
If  $F$  contains all  $m$ th roots of unity then  $K/F$  is Galois and  $\text{Gal}(K/F)$  is Abelian. (proved last time)

Pf. of thm: Suppose  $f$  is solv. by rad. and let  $K$  be its spl. field over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Then  $\exists k \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $F_0 \subseteq \dots \subseteq F_k$  s.t.

$$F_0 = \mathbb{Q}, \quad K \subseteq F_k, \quad F_i = F_{i-1}(\alpha_i), \quad \alpha_i^{m_i} \in F_{i-1}.$$

Define  $L_{-1}, L_0, \dots, L_k$  by  $L_{-1} = \mathbb{Q}$ ,

$$L_0 = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{m_1}, \dots, \zeta_{m_k}), \quad L_i = L_{i-1}(\alpha_i), \quad 1 \leq i \leq k.$$



Since  $|\text{Gal}(L_1/L_0)| = [L_1:L_0]$  and  $|\text{Gal}(L_0/\mathbb{Q})| = [L_0:\mathbb{Q}]$ ,  
 and since the map  $\text{Gal}(L_1/L_0) \times \text{Gal}(L_0/\mathbb{Q}) \rightarrow \text{Aut}(L_1/\mathbb{Q})$  defined by  $(\sigma, \tau) \mapsto \sigma\tau$  ← (needs explanation)  
 is injective, the extension  $L_1/\mathbb{Q}$  is Galois.  
 Similarly, each  $L_i/\mathbb{Q}$  is Galois.

Let  $H_0 = G = \text{Gal}(L_k/\mathbb{Q})$ , and  $\forall 1 \leq i \leq k+1$ ,  
 let  $H_i$  be the subgroup of  $G$  which fixes  $L_{i-1}$ . From FTGT we have:

i)  $L_{i-1}/\mathbb{Q}$  Galois  $\Rightarrow H_i \trianglelefteq G$ , and  $\text{Gal}(L_{i-1}/\mathbb{Q}) \cong G/H_i$ ,

ii)

$$G/H_i \begin{Bmatrix} L_{i-1} \\ \vdots \\ L_{i-2} \\ \vdots \\ \mathbb{Q} \end{Bmatrix} \begin{matrix} H_{i-1}/H_i \\ \\ G/H_{i-1} \end{matrix}$$

By the 3rd isom. thm.

$$H_{i-1}/H_i \cong \text{Gal}(L_{i-1}/L_{i-2}),$$

so it's Abelian, by our previous.

Since  $H_{k+1} = \{1\}$ , this shows that  $G$  is solvable.

Finally consider the extension

The extension  $K/\mathbb{Q}$  is Galois

(it's the spl. fld. of  $f$ ).

Therefore (FTGT),

$\text{Gal}(K/\mathbb{Q}) \cong G/G_K$ . Since the canonical

map  $G \rightarrow G/G_K$  is a homom.,  $\text{Gal}(K/\mathbb{Q})$ .  $\square$

$$\begin{array}{c} L_k \\ \uparrow \\ K \\ \uparrow \\ \mathbb{Q} \end{array}$$