

# 1 Introduction II

**Theorem 1.1** (Lagrange). Let  $\varphi = \varphi(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  and

$$\text{orb}(\varphi) = \{\varphi^\omega = \varphi(x_{\omega(1)}, \dots, x_{\omega(n)}) \mid \omega \in S_n\}.$$

Then  $y_1, \dots, y_k$  are roots of some polynomial with degree  $\leq k$  whose coefficients depend on elementary symmetric polynomials  $\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n$  in a polynomial way.

**Theorem 1.2** (Lagrange). Let  $\varphi, \psi \in K[x_1, \dots, x_n]$  and  $G_\varphi = \{\omega \in S_n \mid \varphi^\omega = \varphi\} \leq G_\psi$ . Then  $\psi = R(\varphi)$  where  $R$  is a rational function whose coefficients are symmetric functions on  $x_1, \dots, x_n$ .

**Definition 1** (Group action). Let  $G$  be a group and  $X$  be a set. The (left) group action of  $G$  on  $X$  is the map  $\cdot : G \times X \rightarrow X$  such that

1.  $e_G \cdot x = x, \quad \forall x \in X$
2.  $g \cdot (h \cdot x) = (g \cdot h) \cdot x, \quad \forall x \in X, \forall g, h \in G$

**Definition 2** (Orbit). Let  $G$  be a group,  $X$  be a set, and  $x \in X$ . Then we define *the orbit* of  $x$ ,  $G \cdot x = \text{orb}(x)$ , as  $\{g \cdot x \mid g \in G\}$ . Moreover,  $\text{orb}(x) \subseteq X$ .

**Definition 3** (Stabilizer). Let  $G$  be a group,  $X$  be a set, and  $x \in X$ . Then we define *the stabilizer* of  $x$ ,  $\text{stab}(x)$ , as  $\{g \in G \mid g \cdot x = x\}$ . Moreover,  $\text{stab}(x) \leq G$ .

**Theorem 1.3.** Let  $G$  be a finite group that acts on  $X$ . Then for all  $x \in X$ ,  $|\text{orb}(x)| \cdot |\text{stab}(x)| = |G|$ .

**Definition 4** (Polynomial ring). Let  $R$  be a commutative ring. Then the ring of polynomials with coefficients in  $R$  is

$$R[t] = \left\{ \sum_{i=0}^n c_i t^i : n \in \mathbb{Z}_+, c_i \in R \right\}$$