

1 Composita

Remark 1. Let A, B be sets. Then $A \cap B$ can be expressed using only the operation \subseteq . Notice $A \cap B \subseteq A, B$ and $A \cap B$ is the maximal set with this property:

$$\forall C \text{ such that } C \subseteq A, B \implies C \subseteq A \cap B.$$

Let $H_1, H_2 \leq G$. Then $H_1 \cap H_2 \leq G$ is the *maximal* subgroup contained in both H_1 and H_2 . Hence by the Galois correspondence we have $L^{H_1 \cap H_2}$ is the *minimal* subfield of L containing both L^{H_1} and L^{H_2} .

Definition 1 (Compositum). Let K_1 and K_2 be fields contained in some field L . The *compositum* of K_1 and K_2 in L (or the *composite field*), denoted by $K_1 K_2$, is the smallest subfield of L containing both K_1 and K_2 .

Lemma 1.1. Let $K, E, F \subseteq L$. Then

1. $E : K, F : K$ finite $\implies EF : K$ finite;
2. $E : K, F : K$ normal $\implies E \cap F : K$ normal;
3. $E : K, F : K$ finite and $E : K$ normal $\implies EF : F$ normal;
4. $E : K, F : K$ finite and normal $\implies EF : K, E \cap F : K$ normal;
5. $E : K, F : K$ normal $\implies EF : E \cap F$ normal.

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