

1 Galois Groups I

Definition 1 (Galois group of polynomial). Let $L = K(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)$ and let $P(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)$ where $P \in K[\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n]$ is an element of L . Then we define

$$\text{Gal}_K(f) = \{\sigma \in S_n \mid \forall P \in K[\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n], \text{ if } P(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) = 0 \text{ then } P(\alpha_{\sigma(1)}, \dots, \alpha_{\sigma(n)}) = 0\}$$

Lemma 1.1. 1. $\text{Gal}_K(f) \leq S_n$;

2. If $K_1 : K$, then $\text{Gal}_{K_1}(f) \leq \text{Gal}_K(f)$.

Definition 2. Let $L : K$ be a field extension. Then

$$\text{Gal}_K(L) = \text{Gal}(L : K) = \{\varphi \in \text{Aut}(L) : \varphi \text{ is a } K\text{-homomorphism}\}$$

Definition 3 (Galois automorphism on splitting field). Let $\sigma \in \text{Gal}_K f$ where L is a splitting field for f over K , and define $\hat{\sigma} \in \text{Aut}_K(L)$ such that $\hat{\sigma}(P(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)) = P(\alpha_{\sigma(1)}, \dots, \alpha_{\sigma(n)})$.

Lemma 1.2. The map $\psi(\sigma) = \hat{\sigma}$ is a group isomorphism.

Theorem 1.3. If $L : K$ is an algebraic extension and $\sigma : L \rightarrow L$ is a K -homomorphism, then $\sigma \in \text{Aut}(L)$

Lemma 1.4. Suppose that $M : K$ is a normal extension. Then:

- (a) for any $\sigma \in \text{Gal}(M : K)$ and $\alpha \in M$, we have $\mu_{\sigma(\alpha)}^K = \mu_{\alpha}^K$;
- (b) for any $\alpha, \beta \in M$ with $\mu_{\alpha}^K = \mu_{\beta}^K$, there exists $\tau \in \text{Gal}(M : K)$ having the property that $\tau(\alpha) = \beta$.