

MATH 323
RINGS, FIELDS AND GALOIS THEORY
(FALL TERM 2020-21)
FINAL EXAM

In what follows, K denotes a field.

- (1) Let E be an extension field of K . An element $\varepsilon \in E$ is called separable over F , if ε is algebraic over K with separable irreducible polynomial $m_{\varepsilon,K}(X) \in K[X]$ over K .

Now assume that E/K is a finite extension such that $E = K(\varepsilon_1, \dots, \varepsilon_s)$ where $\varepsilon_1, \dots, \varepsilon_s \in E$ are all separable over K . Prove that, there exists $\varepsilon \in E$ such that

$$E = K(\varepsilon).$$

- (2) Recall that, a finite extension E/K is respectively called :
– a separable extension, if every $\varepsilon \in E$ is separable over K ;
– a normal extension, if every irreducible polynomial $p(X) \in K[X]$ that has a zero in E actually splits in $E[X]$;
– a Galois extension, if E/K is both normal and separable.

Prove: For a finite extension E/K , T.F.A.E.:

- (i) E/K is Galois.
(ii) $E = \text{Split}_K(p_1(X), \dots, p_s(X))$ for some separable polynomials $p_1(X), \dots, p_s(X) \in K[X]$ over K .
(iii) $E = \text{Split}_K(p(X))$ of a separable polynomial $p(X) \in K[X]$ over K .
(3) Let E/K be a finite extension. Let F be an intermediate field of E/K ; which means that, we have a chain of field extensions $K \subseteq F \subseteq E$. Prove that:

$$E/K : \text{Galois} \Rightarrow E/F : \text{Galois}.$$

- (4) Let E be an (not necessarily finite) extension of K . Introduce

$$\text{Aut}(E/K) = \{\varphi : E \xrightarrow{\sim} E \mid \varphi(\kappa) = \kappa, \forall \kappa \in K\}.$$

Prove that $\text{Aut}(E/K)$ is a group under composition of mappings.

In case E/K is Galois, $\text{Aut}(E/K)$ is denoted by $\text{Gal}(E/K)$, and called the Galois group of E/K .

- (5) Prove that $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[4]{2})/\mathbb{Q}$ is not a Galois extension but $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[4]{2})/\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})$ is Galois. Determine the Galois group of $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[4]{2})/\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})$.
(6) Let E/K be a finite Galois extension. To simplify the discussion, introduce the collection of all intermediate fields of E/K

$$\mathbf{I}(E/K) := \{F \mid K \subseteq F \subseteq E\},$$

and the collection of all subgroups of $\text{Gal}(E/K)$

$$\mathbf{S}(E/K) := \{H \mid H \leq \text{Gal}(E/K)\}.$$

Define two mappings

$$i_{E/K} : \mathbf{I}(E/K) \rightarrow \mathbf{S}(E/K)$$

and

$$j_{E/K} : \mathbf{S}(E/K) \rightarrow \mathbf{I}(E/K)$$

by the rules

$$i_{E/K}(F) = \text{Gal}(E/F), \forall F \in \mathbf{I}(E/K)$$

and

$$j_{E/K}(H) = \{\varepsilon \in E \mid \sigma(\varepsilon) = \varepsilon, \forall \sigma \in H\}, \forall H \in \mathbf{S}(E/K)$$

respectively.

- (i) Prove that i and j are inverses of each other, and both define “inclusion-reversing” bijections.
 - (ii) Prove that there are finitely many intermediate fields of E/K .
 - (iii) Prove that for $F \in \mathbf{I}(E/K)$, $|\text{Gal}(E/F)| = [E : F]$.
 - (iv) For $\varphi \in \text{Gal}(E/K)$ and $F \in \mathbf{I}(E/K)$, prove that $\text{Gal}(E/\varphi(F)) = \varphi \text{Gal}(E/F) \varphi^{-1}$.
 - (v) Prove that, for $F \in \mathbf{I}(E/K)$, the extension F/K is Galois iff $i_{E/K}(F) \trianglelefteq \text{Gal}(E/K)$.
- If this is the case,

$$\text{Gal}(F/K) \simeq \text{Gal}(E/K)/i_{E/K}(F).$$