

Exersise 5.1

We can define

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{\text{Tr}(\theta)} \left(\beta\theta + (\beta + \beta^\sigma)\theta^\sigma + \dots \left(\sum_{i=0}^k \beta^{\sigma^i} \right) \theta^{\sigma^k} + \dots + \left(\sum_{i=0}^{n-2} \beta^{\sigma^i} \right) \theta^{\sigma^{n-2}} \right)$$

Where $\theta \in K$ is chosen so that $\text{Tr}(\theta) \neq 0$ (this can always be done since $\sigma, \sigma^2, \dots, \sigma^n$ are linearly independent)

We have that

$$\alpha^\sigma = \frac{1}{\text{Tr}(\theta)} \left(\beta^\sigma \theta^\sigma + (\beta^\sigma + \beta^{\sigma^2})\theta^{\sigma^2} + \dots \left(\sum_{i=0}^k \beta^{\sigma^{i+1}} \right) \theta^{\sigma^{k+1}} + \dots + \left(\sum_{i=0}^{n-2} \beta^{\sigma^{i+1}} \right) \theta^{\sigma^{n-1}} \right)$$

Notice that

$$\text{Tr}(\beta) = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \beta^{\sigma^i} = 0 \Rightarrow \sum_{i=0}^{n-2} \beta^{\sigma^{i+1}} = -\beta$$

Pairing up terms we have the following cancelation

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha - \alpha^\sigma &= \frac{1}{\text{Tr}(\theta)} \left(\beta\theta + (\beta + \beta^\sigma - \beta^\sigma)\theta^\sigma + \dots \left(\beta + \sum_{i=1}^k \beta^{\sigma^i} - \beta^{\sigma^i} \right) \theta^{\sigma^k} + \dots + \beta\theta^{\sigma^{n-1}} \right) \\ &= \beta \frac{\text{Tr}(\theta)}{\text{Tr}(\theta)} = \beta \end{aligned}$$

Thus we have

$$\alpha - \alpha^\sigma = \beta$$

Exersise 5.2

Since K/k is Galois, we know that K is Galois over the intermediate field $k' = K \cap \ell \supseteq k$ as well since it is still the splitting field of the same seperable polynomial f over k . Letting $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n \notin K \cap \ell$ be the roots of f not in k' we have that

$$K = k'(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n)$$

When considering the extension $K\ell/\ell$ we have that

$$K\ell = \ell(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n)$$

Since $K = k'(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) \subseteq \ell(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)$ and $\ell \subseteq \ell(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)$ which leads to $K\ell \subseteq \ell(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)$ while conversly $\ell(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) \subseteq K\ell$ since $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n \in K$

Thus $K\ell$ is the splitting field of f over ℓ and thus Galois

We have the isomorphism

$$\Phi : \text{Gal}(K\ell/\ell) \rightarrow \text{Gal}(K/k')$$

$$\varphi \rightarrow \varphi|_K$$

Φ is injective since every automorphism in both $\text{Gal}(K\ell/\ell)$ and $\text{Gal}(K/k')$ is fully determined by the image of $\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_n$ so if $\varphi|_K = \psi|_K$ then they must act the same way on $\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_n$ and thus must be the same automorphisms to begin with

Φ is surjective as follows:

We have that $H = \text{im}(\Phi)$ is a subgroup of $\text{Gal}(K/k')$. If we show that the fixed field of H is precisely k' then from the correspondence of Galois theory it must be the case $\text{im}(\Phi) = \text{Gal}(K/k')$

We have that for any $\alpha \in K \setminus k'$, we have that $\alpha \notin \ell$ and thus there is an isomorphism

$$\varphi : \ell(\alpha) \rightarrow \ell(\beta)$$

$$\alpha \rightarrow \beta$$

where $\beta \neq \alpha$ is another root of the minimal polynomial of α over ℓ . Since $K\ell$ is a splitting field this isomorphism extends to an automorphism

$$\psi : K\ell/\ell$$

Thus we have $\psi|_K \in H$ is an automorphism which does not fix α . Thus it must be the case the fixed field is k'

We have that

$$|\text{Gal}(K\ell/\ell)| = |\text{Gal}(K/K \cap \ell)|$$

so

$$[K\ell : \ell] = [K : K \cap \ell]$$

multiplying on both sides by $[\ell : k][K \cap \ell : k]$

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Exercise 5.3

We have the isomorphism

$$\Phi : \text{Gal}(K_1K_2/k) \rightarrow \text{Gal}(K_1/k) \times \text{Gal}(K_2/k)$$

$$\varphi \rightarrow (\varphi|_{K_1}, \varphi|_{K_2})$$

Φ is injective as follows. Since, K_1, K_2, K_1K_2 are splitting fields,

$$K_1 = k(\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_n), K_2 = k(\beta_1 \dots \beta_m)$$

$$K_1K_2 = k(\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_n, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_m)$$

We have that $\varphi \in \text{Gal}(K_1K_2/k)$ is completely determined by the image of $\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_n, \beta_1 \dots \beta_m$, yet every element in $\text{Gal}(K_1/k)$ and $\text{Gal}(K_2/k)$ is determined by the images of $\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_n$ or $\beta_1 \dots \beta_m$ respectively. Thus if $(\varphi|_{K_1}, \varphi|_{K_2}) = (\psi|_{K_1}, \varphi|_{K_2})$ then it must be the case that $\varphi = \psi$ since they act the same way on $\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_n, \beta_1 \dots \beta_n$

Φ is surjective as follows:

We have that $H = \text{im}(\Phi)$ is a subgroup of $\text{Gal}(K_1/k) \times \text{Gal}(K_2/k)$. If we define the following groups

$$H_1 = H \cap (\text{Gal}(K_1/k) \times \{\text{id}\})$$

and

$$H_2 = H \cap (\{\text{id}\} \times \text{Gal}(K_2/k))$$

If we show

$$H_1 = \text{Gal}(K_1/k) \times \{\text{id}\}$$

$$H_2 = \{\text{id}\} \times \text{Gal}(K_2/k)$$

then we have shown

$$H = \text{Gal}(K_1/k) \times \text{Gal}(K_2/k)$$

and thus Φ is surjective.

Under the canonical isomorphism H_1, H_2 are subgroups of $\text{Gal}(K_1/k), \text{Gal}(K_2/k)$ respectively. Thus if we show that they each have fixed field k , then we have shown that each is isomorphic to their respective Galois group and thus be able to conclude that Φ is surjective. To show that the fixed field of H_1 is k , consider any $\alpha \in K_1 \setminus k$. There exists the isomorphism

$$\varphi : k(\alpha) \rightarrow k(\beta)$$

$$\alpha \rightarrow \beta$$

where $\beta \neq \alpha$ is a root of the same minimal polynomial over k . Since K_1K_2 is a splitting field of $k(\alpha)$ this isomorphism extends to an automorphism $\psi \in \text{Gal}(K_1K_2/k)$. We have that

$$(\psi|_{K_1}, \text{id}) \in H_1$$

And thus H_1 does not fix α so the fixed field of H_1 must be k . The argument for H_2 is the same with the appropriate relabeling

Exercise 5.4

We will define

$$\tilde{K} = \bigcup_{\varphi \in \text{Aut}(\bar{k}/k)} \varphi(K)$$

We have that \tilde{K} is Galois by the fact that the fixed field of $\text{Aut}(\tilde{K}/k)$ is k . The reason for this is because for any $\alpha \in \tilde{K} \setminus k$, there exists an automorphism

$$\varphi : k(\alpha) \rightarrow k(\beta)$$

which extends to

$$\phi \in \text{Aut}(\bar{k}/k)$$

that sends α to some other root β of the minimal polynomial of α and thus does not fix α . Thus $\phi|_{\tilde{K}} \in \text{Aut}(\tilde{K}/k)$ is an automorphism that does not fix α

We have that for any Galois extension K'/k with $K \subseteq K'$ if there exists $\alpha \in \tilde{K} \setminus K'$, from how \tilde{K} was constructed, there exists $\varphi \in \text{Aut}(\bar{k}/k)$ and $\beta \in K \setminus k$ so that $\alpha = \varphi(\beta)$. This would lead to a contradiction since α and β must be roots of the same minimal polynomial $m(x) \in k[x]$ yet $\beta \in K'$ while $\alpha \notin K'$ so $m(x)$ does not split over K' which means K' is not a splitting field so not Galois.

Exercise 5.5

We have that $\mathbb{F}_{p^n}^*$ is a cyclic group. The reason for this is because by our classification of finite abelian groups

$$\mathbb{F}_{p^n}^* \cong \mathbb{Z}/n_1\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/n_2\mathbb{Z} \dots \mathbb{Z}/n_k\mathbb{Z}$$

with $n_1|n_2|\dots n_k$. However if $k > 1$ then the polynomial $x^{n_2} - x$ would have more than n_2 roots which is not possible. Thus if we let θ be a generator of $\mathbb{F}_{p^n}^*$ we have

$$\mathbb{F}_{p^n} = \mathbb{F}_p(\theta)$$

We have that there exists an irreducible polynomial of degree n over \mathbb{F}_p for any $n > 0$ we can construct the splitting field of $x^{p^n} - x$ and use that it is a simple extension to conclude

$$\mathbb{F}_{p^n} = \mathbb{F}_p(\theta) \cong \mathbb{F}_p[x]/(m_\theta(x))$$

where m_θ is the minimal polynomial of θ . We have that m_θ is the desired polynomial:

$$n = [\mathbb{F}_{p^n} : \mathbb{F}_p] = \deg(m_\theta)$$

Exercise 5.6

$\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_n)/\mathbb{Q}$ is Galois since it is the splitting field of the cyclotomic polynomial (which is irreducible and thus separable)

$$\Phi_n(x)$$

We know that every automorphism $\varphi \in \text{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_n)/\mathbb{Q})$ is fully determined by mapping ζ_n to another primitive root of unity. Thus the Galois group is isomorphic to the group of units in $\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$

$$\text{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_n)/\mathbb{Q}) \cong (\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z})^*$$