

Def If S' is a comm. ring, S is a subring and U is a subset of S' , $S[U]$ is the subring of S' gen'd by S and U .

Ex If $U, V \subset S'$, $S[U][V] = S[U \cup V] = S[V][U]$

Thm any $\sigma \in S_n$ induces an automorphism of $R[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ permuting the x_i 's.

Thm let $\eta: R \rightarrow S$, let $u \in S$. then $\exists!$ η_u st.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} R & \xrightarrow{\eta} & S \\ \downarrow & \nearrow \eta_u & \\ R[x] & & \end{array} \quad \text{commutes and } \eta_u(x) = u.$$

Cor if $R \subset S$ & $u \in S$, $R[x] / \ker(\text{id}_u) \cong R[u]$.

Note that $\ker(\text{id}_u) \cap R = 0$.

Conversely, if $I \subset R[x]$ is an ideal w/ $I \cap R = 0$,

Then $R[x]/I = R[u]$ } viewing R as a subring of $R[x]/I$.

where $u = x + I$.

Def If id_u is the ext of the id map $R \hookrightarrow S$ to $R[x] \rightarrow S$, then $u \in S$ is called transcendental if $\ker(\text{id}_u) = 0$.

If $\text{Ker}(id_u) \neq 0$, u is called algebraic (over R).