

Let K/F be Galois. let $\alpha \in K$.

Let $G = \text{Gal}(K/F)$, consider $G \cdot \alpha = \{\text{conjugates of } \alpha\}$,

$$\# G \cdot \alpha = \deg_F \alpha.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Also, } \#(G \cdot \alpha) &= |G|/|H| \quad \text{where } H = \text{Gal}(K/F(\alpha)) \\ &= |G:H| \end{aligned}$$

$$\deg_F \alpha = [F(\alpha):F] = |G:H|.$$

In particular, α generates K , $K=F(\alpha)$ iff $H=1$,

$$\text{iff } \#\{\text{conjugates of } \alpha\} = [K:F] = |G|,$$

$$\text{iff } \varphi(\alpha) \neq \psi(\alpha) \text{ for all } \varphi \neq \psi \in G.$$

Norm Let L/F be separable. Let K/L

s.t. K/F is Galois. Let $\alpha \in L$.

$$\text{The norm } N_{L/F}(\alpha) = \prod_{\varphi \in G/H} \varphi(\alpha) \quad \text{where } \begin{array}{l} H = \text{Gal}(K/L) \\ G = \text{Gal}(K/F) \end{array}$$

$\underbrace{\qquad\qquad\qquad}_{\substack{\text{Set of left} \\ \text{cosets}}}$

$$\left(\text{If } L = K, \quad N_{L/F}(\alpha) = \prod_{\varphi \in G} \varphi(\alpha) \right).$$

Conjugates of α are in 1-1 correspondence with

$$\{ \varphi(\alpha), \varphi \in G / \text{Gal}(K/F(\alpha)) \}.$$

So each conjugate appears in the product

$$|G/H| / |G/\text{Gal}(K/F(\alpha))| \text{ times}$$

$$= |\text{Gal}(K/F(\alpha))| / |H|$$

$$= [L : F(\alpha)]$$

\prod conjugates of $\alpha = \pm a_0$ where $m_{F, \alpha} = x^n + \dots + a_1 x + a_0$.

$$= \prod_{i=1}^n (x - \alpha_i)$$

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conjugates
of α .

So the norm $N_{L/F}(\alpha) = (-1)^n a_0^{[L:F(\alpha)]}$.

If $L = F(\alpha)$, then $N_{L/F}(\alpha) = \prod \text{conj. of } \alpha = (-1)^n \alpha_0$

Properties: ① $N_{L/F}(\alpha)$ doesn't depend on K .

② $N = N_{L/F}$ is multiplicative: $N(\alpha\beta) = N(\alpha)N(\beta) \quad \forall \alpha, \beta \in L$

③ $N_{L/F}(\alpha) = \det T$ where $T(\beta) = \alpha\beta$, $T: L \rightarrow L$.

$$T = \begin{bmatrix} \text{companion of } m_{\alpha, F} \\ \vdots \\ \text{companion of } m_{\alpha, F} \end{bmatrix} \quad [L:F(\alpha)] \text{ blocks}$$

Recall: $R = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{D})$, $N(a+b\sqrt{D}) = a^2 - b^2D$
 $= (a+b\sqrt{D})(a-b\sqrt{D})$

$$R = \mathbb{Q}(i), \quad N(a+bi) = a^2 + b^2$$

$$\text{Tr}_{L/F}(\alpha) = \sum_{\varphi \in G/H} \varphi(\alpha) = -[L:F(\alpha)] \cdot a_{n-1}$$

$$\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[8]{3}) \not\subset \sqrt{2} ?$$

Theorem Let F be a real field (i.e. $F \subseteq \mathbb{R}$).

Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $a \in F$ s.t. $x^n - a$ is irreducible.

Then The only subfields of $F(\sqrt[n]{a}) = L$ are

$F(\sqrt[d]{a})$ where $d | n$.

So the only subfields of $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[8]{3})$ are $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[4]{3})$, $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[2]{3})$, and \mathbb{Q} .

If $\sqrt{2} \in \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[8]{3})$, then $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}) = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[4]{3})$, which is not true.

[Lemma: Any separable finite extension is simple, $K = F(\alpha)$
(unnecessary, as it turns out)]

Proof of Theorem: Let $F \subseteq K \subseteq L$. Let $\alpha = \sqrt[n]{a}$, $L = F(\alpha)$

Let $[K:F] = d$
so $[L:K] = n/d$

Let $\beta = N_{K/L}(\alpha) = \prod \text{conjugates of } \alpha \text{ over } K$

Let $\omega = e^{2\pi i/n}$. all conjugates of α

over \mathbb{Q} are of the form $\omega^m \alpha$ for some m .

So $\beta = \omega^l \alpha^{n/d}$, but $\beta \in \mathbb{R}$, so $\omega^l = \pm 1$.

$\beta \in K$. So $\alpha^{n/d} \in K$. So $\deg_K \alpha \leq \frac{n}{d}$.

$\deg_F \alpha^{n/d} = d$, it is a root of $x^d - a$.

So $K = F(\alpha^{n/d})$, and $\alpha^{n/d} = \sqrt[d]{a}$. □

Theorem on the primitive element (The lemma from above)

Any finite separable extension is simple:

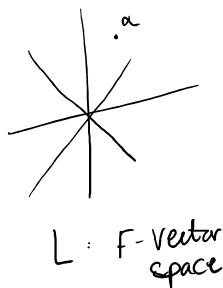
$$L/F \text{ fin. sep.} \implies L = F(\alpha) \text{ for some } \alpha \in L.$$

Proof If F is finite, L is a finite field, so $L = \mathbb{F}_p(\alpha)$ for some α .

So suppose F is infinite. Let $K = \text{Galois Closure of } L/F$.

Then $\text{Gal}(K/F)$ is finite, so it has only finitely many subgroups. So K/F has finitely many subextensions. So L/F does too, call them L_1, \dots, L_m .

L has infinitely many subspaces, and any $\alpha \notin \bigcup_{i=1}^m L_i$ generates L . □



Non-separable extension:

$$L = \mathbb{F}_p(x, y), \quad F = \mathbb{F}_p(x^p, y^p).$$

Then Claim: L/F isn't generated by 1 element.

$$\# [L:F] = p^2, \text{ but } \forall \alpha \in L, [F(\alpha):F] \leq p,$$

$$\text{Since } \alpha^p \in F \text{ since } (\sum a_{ij} x^i y^j)^p = \sum a_{ij} x^{ip} y^{jp}.$$

So $\text{Gal} \leq S_n$ where $n = |\text{Gal}|$
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permutations of
conjugates
of α