

# "Field theory"

- algebraic extension fields, transcendental ext<sup>n</sup> field
- algebraic elements, separable / purely inseparable element extension



- Galois correspondence

(1) Finite Galois ext<sup>n</sup>

$[E:k] = n < \infty$   
 $\dim_k(E)$



Assume

$E/k$  is a Galois ext

$\Leftrightarrow E$  is separable

and  $E$  is the smallest field containing all roots of a suitable polynomial  $f(x) \in k[x]$

$E/k$  is normal

$\Leftrightarrow$  There are only a finite number of fields between  $E$  and  $k$

Theorem 1 (Finite Galois correspondence)  $E/k$  finite Galois

Let  $G = \text{Gal}(E/k) = \text{Aut}_{k\text{-linear}}^{\text{ring}}(E)$  = a finite group

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 H & \left[ \begin{array}{c} E \\ | \\ F \\ | \\ k \end{array} \right. & \left. \begin{array}{c} \{1\} \\ | \\ H \\ | \\ G \end{array} \right] \\
 & & N \triangleleft G \Rightarrow \text{Gal}(E^N/k) \cong G/N
 \end{array}$$

by inclusions

1) There is an order reversing bijection

$$F \longleftrightarrow \text{Gal}(E/F)$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{sub-extension fields} \\ F/k \subseteq E/k \end{array} \right\} \longleftrightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} H \leq G = \text{Gal}(E/k) \\ \text{subgroups} \end{array} \right\}$$

$$E^H = \left\{ x \in E \mid \sigma(x) = x \forall \sigma \in H \right\} \longleftarrow H$$

2)

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{subext}^n F/k \\ \text{with } F/k \text{ Galois} \end{array} \right\} \longleftrightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{normal} \\ \text{subgroup } N \triangleleft G \end{array} \right\}$$

If so, have a natural isom

$$\text{Gal}(F/k) \xrightarrow{\cong} G/N$$

Thm 2

$E$   
|  
 $k$

$E$ : a (possibly infinite)  
Galois ext<sup>n</sup> field of  $k$ :

$$E = \bigcup_{i \in I} E_i$$

increasing union of  
finite Galois ext<sup>n</sup> of  $k$

$I$ : a poset

$$\text{Gal}(E/k) =: G$$

$$= \varprojlim_I \text{Gal}(E_i/k)$$

= a profinite group;

$\Rightarrow G$  is a locally compact  
totally disconnected  
topological group

The "same statement" hold

bijection

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{sub-ext}^n \text{ fields } F/k \\ \text{of } E/k \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{c} \longrightarrow \\ \longleftarrow \end{array} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{closed subgroups} \\ \text{of } G = \text{Gal}(E/k) \end{array} \right\}$$

$$F \text{ is Galois} \iff N = \text{Gal}(E/F) \text{ is normal}$$

$$\text{Gal}(F/k) \cong G/N$$

Better (?) picture:

$$E = \bar{k}^{\text{sep}} = \text{a separable closure of } k$$

↓  
k

$$G = \text{Gal}(E/k)$$

Reformulate  
Thm 2

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{separable alg.} \\ \text{ext}^n \text{ of } k \end{array} \right\} \longleftrightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{sets } S \\ \text{with a transitive} \\ \text{continuous action} \\ \text{by } G \end{array} \right\}$$

with discrete top.  
↓

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{finite separable} \\ \text{alg. ext}^n \text{ of } k \end{array} \right\} \longleftrightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{finite sets } S \\ \text{with transitive} \\ \text{continuous action by } G \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{finite dim}^{\mathbb{C}} \text{ commutative} \\ k\text{-algebras} \\ \text{separable} \end{array} \right\} \longleftrightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{finite sets } S \\ \text{with continuous} \\ G\text{-action} \end{array} \right\}$$

Basic example

start with a <sup>separable</sup> polynomial  $f(x) \in k[x]$   
(all roots of  $f(x)$  are distinct)

adjoin all roots of  $f(x)$  in a separable closure  $k^{\text{sep}}$  of  $k$ .

$\rightarrow$  get a subfield  $F \subset k^{\text{sep}}$

\*  $G = \text{Gal}(k^{\text{sep}}/k)$  operates  $\overset{\subset}{k}$   
on the set  $S := \{\lambda \in k^{\text{sep}} \mid f(\lambda) = 0\}$

$f(x)$  is irreducible over  $k$

$\Leftrightarrow \text{Gal}(k^{\text{sep}}/k)$  operates transitively on  $S$ .

How to get abelian ext<sup>n</sup> of  $k$ ?

$\uparrow$   
construct will show some examples

- Kummer theory

- Artin-Schreier theory

$k$ : a number field  
 $\leftarrow$  an alg. closure

$\text{Gal}(k/k)^{\text{ab}} = \text{Gal}(\text{the maximal abelian subextension field of } k)$  understand

Ans. Given by class field theory

Very Weak structural result on

finitely generated extension fields.

Computing Galois groups  $\text{Gal}(\overset{\text{given } f(x)}{\downarrow} \bar{E}/k)$   
is not easy

e.g.  $\xrightarrow{\text{monic}} f(x) \in \mathbb{Q}(x) \quad \deg f(x) = 20$   
irred.

computing the Galois group of  
 $\text{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}(\lambda : f(\lambda)=0)/\mathbb{Q})$

$\subseteq$  a subgroup of  $S_{20}$

Basics

$E \ni \alpha$   
an extension  
 $k$  field

1) An element  $\alpha \in E$  is algebraic over  $k$   
 $\iff \exists$  a non-zero polynomial  $f(x) \in k[x]$  s.t.  $f(\alpha)=0$

$\iff$   $k(\alpha) =$  the smallest subfield of  $E$  containing  $k$  and  $\alpha$   
is a finite dim.  $k$ -subspace of  $E/k$

$$k(\alpha) = \text{Im} \left( \begin{array}{c} k[x] \rightarrow E \\ x \mapsto \alpha \end{array} \right)$$

Notation  $[F:k] = \dim_k (F/k)$   
 a subset<sup>n</sup> of  $E/k$

2) If  $\alpha \in E$  is algebraic over  $k$

then  $\left\{ f(x) \in k[x] \mid f(\alpha) = 0 \right\}$

= a non-zero ideal of  $k[x]$

=  $f_{\min, \alpha}(x) \cdot k[x]$

$\uparrow$   
 monic polynomial, uniquely determined  
irreducible in  $k[x]$  by  $\alpha$ .

$$\begin{pmatrix} \circ & k(\alpha) = k[\alpha] \cong k[x] / (f_{\min, \alpha}(x)) \\ \circ & \uparrow \\ & \text{a field} \end{pmatrix}$$

3) If  $\alpha \in E$  is not algebraic over  $k$ ,

then say:  $\alpha$  is transcendental over  $k$

and  $k[x] \xrightarrow{\text{ev}_\alpha} k[\alpha] \subseteq E$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \downarrow & & \downarrow \parallel \\ k(x) & \xrightarrow{\text{ev}_\alpha} & k(\alpha) \subseteq E \end{array}$$

4)  $E \supseteq F$  a subfield containing  $k$   
 $\Big/$   
 $k$  If  $F$  is algebraic  $/k$   
 (i.e. every element is alg. over  $k$ )  
and  $F$  is finitely generated as  
 an extension field of  $k$

then  $[F:k] < \infty$

Conversely: If  $[F:k] < \infty$ , then

$F/k$  is algebraic (obvious)  
Exer.

5)  $f(x) \in k[x]$ , irreducible.

$\neq 0$

then  $\exists$  an ext<sup>n</sup> field  $F/k$

and an element  $\alpha \in F$

s.t.  $f(\alpha) = 0$  and  $k[x] / f(x) \cdot k[x]$

$\cong k(\alpha)$



This easy fact + transfinite induction

$\Downarrow$   
Zorn's Lemma

$\Rightarrow$  (1) (existence of algebraic closure)  
 $\exists$  field  $k$ , there exists an algebraic extension field  $E/k$  such that every non-zero poly  $f(x) \in k[x] \subseteq E[x]$  has a root in  $E$   
(i.e.  $E/k$  is algebraically closed)

(2) Suppose  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  are algebraic closures of  $k$ . There exists a  $k$ -linear <sup>ring</sup> isomorphism

$$\phi: E_1 \xrightarrow{\sim} E_2$$

(Consider the poset  
 $\left\{ (F, \psi) \mid \begin{array}{l} F/k \subseteq E/k \text{ is a subext}^n \text{ field} \\ \psi: F/k \rightarrow E/k \text{ is a } k\text{-linear ring homom} \end{array} \right\}$   
and apply Zorn's lemma

An example: suppose that  $k \subseteq \mathbb{C}$   $\leftarrow$  or any alg. closed field

Then  $\left\{ \alpha \in \mathbb{C} \mid \begin{array}{l} \alpha \text{ is algebraic} \\ \text{over } k \end{array} \right\}$  is an algebraic closure of  $k$ .

## 6. transcendence degree:

$E/k$  is a field ext<sup>n</sup>.

trans. deg ( $E/k$ )

$I$  is a set  
 $\exists$  a map  $\beta: I \rightarrow E$   
st (a)  $k[\beta(i_1), \dots, \beta(i_n)]$   
 $\uparrow \sim$   $i_1, \dots, i_n$  distinct elements in  $I$   
 $k[Y_1, \dots, Y_n]$   
(b)  $E/k(\beta(i))$  is algebraic  
 $i \in I$   
and  $\{\beta(i) \mid i \in I\}$   
is a trans. basis of  $E/k$

$= \text{Card}(I)$   
is uniquely determined  
by  $E/k$

Next time

separable inseparable  
normal ext<sup>n</sup>.