

Galois Theory

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1. Prove that the following two properties are equivalent:

(a) Every algebraic extension of K is separable.

(b) Either $\text{char}(K) = 0$ or $\text{char}(K) = p > 0$ and every element of K has a p^{th} root in K .

2. Let E be an algebraic extension of F . Show that every subring of E that contains F is a field.

3. Let $E = F(x)$ where x is transcendental over F .

3a. Let $F < K \leq F(x)$. Show that $F(x)$ is algebraic over K .

3b. Let $y = f(x)/g(x)$ where f and g are prime to each other. Let $n = \max(\deg(f), \deg(g))$.

Show that $[F(x) : F(y)] \leq n$.

3c. Everything as above. Prove that $[F(x) : F(y)] = n$.

4. Show that there is a maximal subfield of \mathbf{C} that does not contain $\sqrt{2}$.

5. Let p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n be distinct prime numbers. What is the Galois group of the polynomial $(X^2 - p_1) \dots (X^2 - p_n)$ over \mathbf{Q} ?

6. Find the Galois group of $X^3 - X + 1$ over \mathbf{Q} , \mathbf{F}_2 and \mathbf{F}_7 .

7. Find the roots of unity of the fields $\mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{2})$, $\mathbf{Q}(i)$, $\mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{-2})$.

8. Let ζ be a primitive n^{th} root of unity. Let $K = \mathbf{Q}(\zeta)$.

8a. If $n = p^r$ ($r \geq 1$) is a prime power, show that $N_{K/\mathbf{Q}}(1 - \zeta) = p$.

8b. If n is divisible by at least two distinct primes, show that $N_{K/\mathbf{Q}}(1 - \zeta) = 1$.

9. Let k be a field, K its algebraic closure, $\sigma \in \text{Gal}(K/k)$, $F = \text{Fix}_K(\sigma)$. Show that every finite extension of F is cyclic.