

5.2 Fundamental Theorem

Let $K \subseteq F$ be field extension. $G(F/K) = \{\sigma | \sigma : F \rightarrow F \text{ is isomorphism such that } \sigma(k) = k \text{ for all } k \in K\}$ is called the Galois group of F over K .

Ex: $\mathbb{Q} \subseteq \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}) = \{a + b\sqrt{2} | a, b \in \mathbb{Q}\}$
 $\sigma \in G(\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})/\mathbb{Q}) \Rightarrow \sigma(\sqrt{2})\sigma(\sqrt{2}) = \sigma(2) = 2 \Rightarrow \sigma(\sqrt{2})$ is a root of $x^2 - 2 = 0$.
Hence $\sigma(\sqrt{2}) = \pm\sqrt{2}$, $\sigma(\sqrt{2}) = \sqrt{2} \Rightarrow \sigma = 1$. Then $G(\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})/\mathbb{Q}) = \{1, \sigma\}$,
where $\sigma(a + b\sqrt{2}) = a - b\sqrt{2}$.

Note: $|G(K(\alpha)/K)| \leq \deg(\alpha, K)$ where $\deg(\alpha, K)$ is the degree of irreducible polynomial $f(x) \in K[x]$ with $f(\alpha) = 0$.

Ex: $\mathbb{Q} \subseteq \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{2})$
 $\sigma \in G((\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{2})/\mathbb{Q}) \Rightarrow \sigma(\sqrt[3]{2}) = \sqrt[3]{2}, \sqrt[3]{2}\omega, \sqrt[3]{2}\omega^2$, where $\omega = e^{\frac{2\pi}{3}i}$. But $\sqrt[3]{2}\omega, \sqrt[3]{2}\omega^2 \notin \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{2})$. Hence $G((\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{2})/\mathbb{Q}) = \{1\}$.

Def: Let $K \subseteq F \subseteq E$ be field extension, and $H \leq G(E/F)$.
Define $F' = \{\sigma \in G(E/K) | \sigma(k) = k \text{ for any } k \in F\}$ and $H' = \{a \in E | \sigma(a) = a \text{ for all } \sigma \in H\}$.

E is a Galois extension over K if $G(E/K)' = K$ (denoted by $K \triangleleft E$).

Ex: $G((\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{2})/\mathbb{Q}) = \{1\} \Rightarrow G((\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{2})/\mathbb{Q})' = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{2})$ (not a Galois extension).

Ex: $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})$ is a Galois extension over \mathbb{Q} . Since $G(\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})/\mathbb{Q})' = \mathbb{Q}$.

Galois Theory

Suppose $K \triangleleft E$, Then we have the following diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 E & \longleftrightarrow & \langle e \rangle \\
 F & \longleftrightarrow & F' \\
 H' & \longleftrightarrow & H \\
 \nabla \swarrow & & \nearrow \Delta \\
 G(E/K)' = K & \longrightarrow & G(E/K)
 \end{array}$$

for any field F with $K \subseteq F \subseteq E$ and any $H \leq G(E/K)$.

In particular, there exists a H corresponding between subfields between K and E , and the subgroups of $G(E/K)$.