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Goal: Some polynomials cannot be solved using  $t, -, \times, \div, \sqrt[n]{\cdot}$

Galois' Theory (roughly)

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{field} \\ \text{extensions} \end{array} \right\} \xleftarrow{\text{The Fundamental Theorem}} \left\{ \text{groups} \right\}$

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{extensions} \\ \text{using } \sqrt[n]{\cdot} \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow \left\{ \text{"Solvable groups"} \right\}$

$3x^5 - 15x + 5 \xrightarrow{\text{Splitting}} \text{The non-solvable group } S_5$

Def: A group is a set  $G$  with a binary operation "times" s.t.

1. associative  $(ab)c = a(bc)$

2.  $\exists$  a "unit"  $1 = e \in G$  (unique)  $1 \cdot g = g \cdot 1 = g$

3.  $\forall g \in G \exists g^{-1} \in G$  s.t.  $g^{-1}g = gg^{-1} = 1$   
unique.

Examples:  $(\mathbb{Z}/18, +)$ ;  $(\mathbb{Z}/7, \cdot)$  } Abelian:  
 $(R, +)$ ,  $(F \setminus \{0\}, \times)$  }  $a, b \in G$ :  
 $ab = ba$

Examples:

$S_n = \{\sigma: \{1, \dots, n\} \hookrightarrow \{1, \dots, n\} : \sigma \text{ is 1-1 \& onto "bijection"\}}$

$$\sigma \circ \tau = \sigma \cdot \tau$$

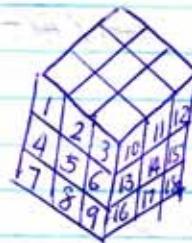
$|G|$ : order of a group  $\rightarrow$  # of elements

$$|S_n| = n!$$

Example: The group of "symmetries" of triangle }  
  
 $G \cong S_3$      $|G| = 6$ .    } not abelian

Example: Rubik's Cube Group

The set of all "motions" from a group, is "subgroup" of  $S_{54}$ .



Def: A subset  $H \subset G$  of a group  $G$ , is called a "subgroup" if it is a group using the same binary or  $\Leftrightarrow$  closed under mult & inversion; we write  $H < G$

(\*) Given  $H < G$ , define  $g_1 \sim g_2 \text{ mod } H$ . If  $g_1 = g_2 h$  for some  $h \in H$ , this is an equivalent relation.  
 $G/H = G/\sim$ . For any  $g \in G$ ,  $|[g]| = |H|$  so  
 $|G| = |G/H| \cdot |H| \rightsquigarrow |H| = |G|/|[g]|$   
 ↳ # of elements in each equivalence class.

A product on  $G/H$

$$[g_1][g_2] = [g_1 \cdot g_2]$$

$$g_1 \quad g_2 \mapsto g_1' g_2'$$

In general,  $G/H$  isn't a group, unless  $H$  is "normal" in  $G$ .  $h \in H$ ,  $g \in G$  then  $g^{-1}hg \in H$  (write  $H \triangleleft G$ )

$$\varphi: R \rightarrow S'$$

$$R/\ker \varphi \cong \text{im } \varphi$$

$\psi: G_1 \longrightarrow G_2$  "group homomorphism"

$G_1/\ker \psi \cong \text{im } \psi$  "first isomorphism thm"

Def: Given  $E/F$

$\text{Gal}(E/F) = \{\phi: E \rightarrow E \mid$  1.  $\phi$  an automorphism  
2.  $\phi/F = \text{Id}$  i.e., if  $x \in F$ ,  $\phi(x)=x$

"homomorphism of a thing to itself, which is invertible"

"The Galois group of  $E/F$ "

Example:

$$\text{Gal}(\mathbb{C}/\mathbb{R}) = \{\phi_1, \phi_2\}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\phi: \mathbb{C} &\rightarrow \mathbb{C} & \overline{z_1 + z_2} &= \overline{z}_1 + \overline{z}_2 & \text{if } r \in \mathbb{R}, \\ \phi_1: (z) &= z & \overline{z_1 \cdot z_2} &= \overline{z}_1 \cdot \overline{z}_2 & \overline{r} = r \text{ so } \phi_2(r) = r \\ \phi_2: (z) &= \bar{z} & \overline{\bar{z}} &= z & \phi_2 \circ \phi_2 = \text{Id} \\ \phi_2(a+bi) &= a-bi & \text{so } \phi_2 \circ \phi_2 &= \text{Id}\end{aligned}$$

claim: If  $f \in F[x]$  and  $\alpha \in E$  is a root of  $f$ ,  
and  $\phi \in \text{Gal}(E/F)$  Then  $\phi(\alpha)$  is also  
a root of  $f$ .

Eg:  $i$  is a root of  $x^2+1=0 \in \mathbb{R}[x]$   
So if  $\phi \in \text{Gal}(E/F)$  then  $\phi(i)$  is a root of  
 $x^2+1$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{i.e. } \phi(i) &= \pm i \quad a, b \in \mathbb{R} \\ \phi(i) = i &\text{ then } \phi(a+bi) = \phi(a) + \phi(b)\phi(i) \\ &= a+bi \quad \text{so } \phi = \phi_1\end{aligned}$$

If

$$\begin{aligned}\phi(i) = -i &\text{ then } \phi(a+bi) = \phi(a) + \phi(b)\phi(i) \\ &= a-bi \quad \text{so } \phi = \phi_2\end{aligned}$$

Example:  $\text{Gal}(\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Q})$  is a group from hell. Absolutely huge, nobody understands it.

Claim:  $\text{Gal}(E/F)$  is a group under composition.

Proof:  $(\phi \circ \psi)(a+b) = (\phi \circ \psi)(a) + (\phi \circ \psi)(b)$

Def: Given  $E/F$ , and  $H \subset \text{Gal}(E/F)$

let:  $E_H = \{x \in E : \forall h \in H \quad hx = x\}$   
"The fixed field of  $H$ "  $E - F$

Examples:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{C}/\mathbb{R}, \quad G = \{1, i\}, \quad iz = z \\ H = \{1\}, \quad G_H = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : iz = z\} = \mathbb{C} \\ H = \{1, i\}, \quad G_H = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : iz = z \cdot \bar{z} = z\} = \mathbb{R}. \end{aligned}$$

Thm let  $F$  be a field of characteristic 0 and let  $E$  be the splitting field of some polynomial in  $F[x]$ .

Remainder: splitting field of  $f$  over  $F$

$S_f(f)$  is a field in which  $f$  splits (can be written as a product of linear factors) and so that  $f$  does not split in any smaller field.

→ let  $a_1, \dots, a_n$  be the roots of  $f$  in some big field in which  $f$  splits. Then

$$S_f(f) = F(a_1, \dots, a_n)$$

Claim: all splitting fields of  $F$  are isomorphic.  
(Not yet proven).

Then there is a bijection:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \{k: E/k/F\} & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \{H < \text{Gal}(E/F)\} \\ F \subset E_H \subset E & \xrightarrow{\psi} & H \\ K & \xrightarrow{\Phi} & \text{Gal}(E_k) < \text{Gal}(E/F) \end{array}$$

Furthermore:

$$0. \quad H = \text{Gal}(E/E_H) \quad |\text{Gal}(E_k)| = k$$

1. Inclusion-reversing

$$H_1 < H_2 \Rightarrow E_{H_1} > E_{H_2} \quad \& \quad k_1 < k_2 \Rightarrow \text{Gal}(E_{k_1}) > \text{Gal}(E_{k_2})$$

2. degree / index / order respecting

$$[E:K] = |\text{Gal}(E/k)|$$

Example:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} k = E & \xrightarrow{\Phi} & \text{Gal}(E/E) = \{1\} \\ k = F & \xrightarrow{\Phi} & \text{Gal}(E/F) = G \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} H = \{1\} & \xrightarrow{\Psi} & E_{\{1\}} = E & \text{obvious in fact} \\ H = G & \xrightarrow{\Psi} & E_G = \text{Gal}(E/F) \supset F \end{array}$$

$$E = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{3}, \sqrt{5})/\mathbb{Q} = F$$

$$E \text{ is } S_4 : (x^2 - 3)(x^2 - 5)$$

$$(x - \sqrt{3})(x + \sqrt{3})(x - \sqrt{5})(x + \sqrt{5})$$

$$E = \{q_0 + q_1\sqrt{3} + q_2\sqrt{5} + q_3\sqrt{15} : q_0, 1, 2, 3 \in \mathbb{Q}\}$$

$$[E:F] = 4 \quad |\text{Gal}(E/F)| = 4$$

$$(\mathbb{Z}/4, +)$$

$$0, 1, 2, 3$$

$$(\mathbb{Z}/2)^2$$

$$\begin{matrix} 00 \\ 01 \\ 10 \\ 11 \end{matrix}$$

if  $\phi \in \text{Gal}$ ,  $\phi(\text{root}) = \text{root}$ .

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

$$\phi(\sqrt{3}) = \pm\sqrt{3} \quad \phi(\sqrt{5}) = \pm\sqrt{5} \quad \text{for any } \phi \in G.$$

root of  $x^2 - 3$

Suppose  $\phi_1, \phi_2 \in G$ , &  $\phi_1(\sqrt{3}) = \phi_2(\sqrt{3}) \& \phi_1(\sqrt{5}) = \phi_2(\sqrt{5})$ .  
 $\Rightarrow \phi_1 = \phi_2$

$$\text{so } \text{Gal}(\mathbb{E}/\mathbb{F}) = \{1, \alpha, \beta, \gamma\}.$$

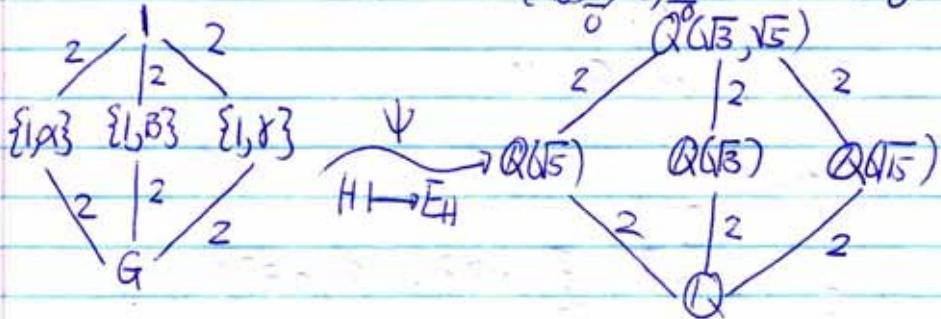
$$\begin{array}{llll} 1(\sqrt{3}) = \sqrt{3} & \alpha(\sqrt{3}) = -\sqrt{3} & \beta(\sqrt{3}) = \sqrt{3} & \gamma(\sqrt{3}) = -\sqrt{3} \\ 1(\sqrt{5}) = \sqrt{5} & \alpha(\sqrt{5}) = \sqrt{5} & \beta(\sqrt{5}) = -\sqrt{5} & \gamma(\sqrt{5}) = -\sqrt{5} \\ \alpha^2 = 1 & \gamma = \alpha \circ \beta & \beta^2 = 1 & \gamma^2 = 1 \end{array}$$

Subgroup of  $G$ .  $|G| = 4$   
order 1  $\{1\}$

2  $\{1, \alpha\}$ ;  $\{1, \gamma\}$ .

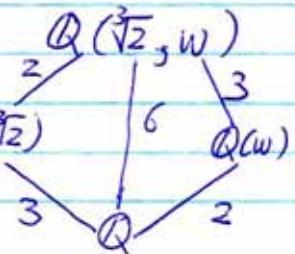
4  $G$ .

$$\alpha: (a_0, a_1, a_2, a_3) \mapsto (a_0, \frac{a_1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{a_2}{\sqrt{5}}, \frac{a_3}{\sqrt{5}})$$



$$E = S_Q(x^3 - 2)/Q = F$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\Downarrow \\ &\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{2}, w\sqrt[3]{2}, w^2\sqrt[3]{2}) \\ &= \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{2}, w). \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{array}{c}
 \frac{1}{2} e^{2\pi i / 3} \\
 + \\
 \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \\
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 \end{array}
 \quad
 \begin{aligned}
 w &= e^{2\pi i / 3} = \cos 120^\circ + i \sin 120^\circ \\
 &= -\frac{1}{2} + i \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \\
 w + w^2 + 1 & \\
 w^3 - 1 &= 0 \\
 (w-1)(w^2 + w + 1) &= 0 \\
 w^2 + w + 1 &= 0
 \end{aligned}$$

$\text{Gal}(E/F) | = 6$   
 $\phi \in G$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \phi(\sqrt[3]{2}) &\in \{\sqrt[3]{2}, w\sqrt[3]{2}, w^2\sqrt[3]{2}\} \\
 \phi(w) &\in \{w, \bar{w} = w^2\}
 \end{aligned}$$

$\sqrt[3]{2}$	$r_1$	$r_1$	$r_1$	$r_2$	$r_3$	$r_3$	$r_2$
$w\sqrt[3]{2}$	$r_2$	$r_2$	$r_3$	$r_3$	$r_1$	$r_2$	$r_1$
$w^2\sqrt[3]{2}$	$r_3$	$r_3$	$r_2$	$r_1$	$r_2$	$r_1$	$r_3$
	$\alpha$	$\beta$	$\beta^2$	$\alpha\beta$	$\alpha\beta^2$	$\beta\alpha = \alpha\beta^2$	
$w$	$w$	$w^2$	$w$	$w$	$w^2$	$w^2$	$w^2$
$\sqrt[3]{2}$	$\sqrt[3]{2}$	$\sqrt[3]{2}$	$w\sqrt[3]{2}$	$w^2\sqrt[3]{2}$	$w^2\sqrt[3]{2}$	$w\sqrt[3]{2}$	$w^3\sqrt[3]{2}$

The only group of order 6 non-abelian is  $S_3$

Subgroup of  $G$   $\Delta$

Order

1. {1}

2. {1,  $\alpha$ }, {1,  $\alpha\beta$ }, {1,  $\alpha\beta^2$ }

3. {1,  $\beta$ ,  $\beta^2$ }

6.  $G$ .

