

lecture 10, mostly following Friedman's notes on Extensions of fields.

$$F \subset E \quad E/F \quad \alpha \in E$$

$\alpha \rightarrow$ transcendental / F $[F(\alpha):F] \infty$ degree
 $F[\alpha]$ $1, \alpha, \alpha^2, \dots$
 $F(\alpha)$ lin. indep / F

\rightarrow algebraic / F α root of $p(x) \in F[x]$
 $p(x) \neq 0$ in E , \nexists irreducible
 $F \subset F(\alpha) = F[x] / (p(x))$
 \cap
 E

$$F = \mathbb{Q} \quad \underline{x^n - a} \quad \sqrt[n]{a} \in \mathbb{C} \quad a \in \mathbb{Q}$$

$F(\sqrt[n]{a})$ roots \leftarrow algebraic / \mathbb{Q} .
 most \mathbb{Q} are transcendental
 \mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{R} .

Def E/F E -alg. extension if $\forall \alpha \in E$
 α is algebraic / F .

If E/F is finite $[E:F] < \infty \Rightarrow E$ is
 $= n$ alg / F

\Leftarrow not necessarily $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3}, \sqrt{5}, \dots)$
 ∞ deg. extension of \mathbb{Q}

$$[E:F] = [E:F(\alpha)] [F(\alpha):F] \quad \alpha \in E$$

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 h_n



$$F \subset F(\alpha) \subset E$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{\text{int. field}}$

Prop E/F . Let $\alpha, \beta \in E$ algebraic $/F$.

Then $\alpha \pm \beta$, $\alpha\beta$, α/β ($\beta \neq 0$) are algebraic over F .
smallest field in E contains F, α, β .

Proof $F \subset F(\alpha) \xrightarrow{\hookrightarrow} F(\alpha)(\beta) = F(\alpha, \beta)$

$n = \deg(\text{irr}(\alpha, F)) \quad [F(\alpha):F] = n$

$[F(\beta):F] = m$

$q(x) = \text{irr}(\beta, F)$

$\deg q(x) = m$

$\beta \in F(\alpha)$

$r(x) = \text{irr}(\beta, F(\alpha))$

$r(x) \mid q(x)$

$\deg r \leq \deg q$

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well in $F(\alpha)$

$k = \deg r \leq m = \deg q$

$[F(\alpha, \beta):F] = [F(\alpha, \beta):F(\alpha)] [F(\alpha):F] \leq$

$\leq n m \quad k \leq m$

γ - expression from $\alpha, \beta \quad \gamma \in F(\alpha, \beta)$.

$$[F(\gamma):F] \leq nm$$

$\uparrow \quad \nearrow$
 $\deg \alpha \quad \deg \beta.$

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$$\frac{h(\alpha, \beta)}{g(\alpha, \beta) \neq 0} \in F(\alpha, \beta) \quad \deg \leq nm$$

$$\mathbb{Q} \subset \mathbb{R} \subset \mathbb{C}$$

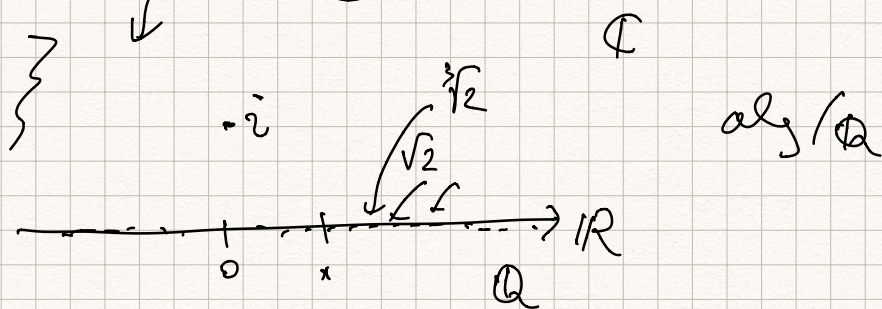
$$\sqrt[n]{a}, a \in \mathbb{Q} \text{ alg}/\mathbb{Q}.$$

$$\sqrt[3]{4} + \sqrt{7} - 5\sqrt{11} - \frac{7}{2}\sqrt[4]{9} \dots \text{ alg}/\mathbb{Q}.$$

$$\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3} \quad x^4 - 10x^2 + 1 \quad \nwarrow \text{high deg irr.}$$

$$\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{3}i + (3-2i)\sqrt[4]{7} \in \mathbb{C}$$

$$\text{alg}/\mathbb{Q}.$$



$$\mathbb{Q}^{\text{alg}} \subset \mathbb{C}$$

all complex #s
 \mathbb{Q}^{alg}

subfield.

\mathbb{Q}^{alg} has countably many elements, $\mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{Q}^{\text{alg}}$ has uncountably many.

$F \subset E$ alg. closure of F in E .

$$\bar{F}_E = \{ \alpha \in E : \alpha \text{ is alg } / F \}$$

Prop \bar{F}_E is a subfield of E .

$$\mathbb{Q}^{\text{alg}} \subset \mathbb{C}$$

Prop E/F is finite $\Leftrightarrow \exists \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n \in E$, alg $/ F$
such that $\underline{E = F(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)}$.

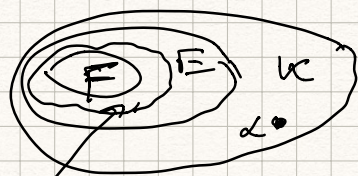
$$[F(\alpha_1, \alpha_2) : F] = [F(\alpha_1, \alpha_2) : F(\alpha_1)] [F(\alpha_1) : F]$$

\wedge

$[F(\alpha_2) : F] \leftarrow$ hn. because
 α_2 is alg $/ F$

Lemma $F \subset \underline{E} \subset K$, suppose $\underline{E/F}$ is algebraic,
 $\alpha \in K$. Then

α is alg $/ F \Leftrightarrow \alpha$ is alg over E .



\Rightarrow obvious.

$$\text{irr}(\alpha, E) = x^n + \underbrace{a_{n-1}}_E x^{n-1} + \dots + \underbrace{a_0}_E$$

$\cdot f(a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{n-1})$

$a_i \in E$, alg $/ F$ α alg $/ F(a_0, \dots, a_{n-1})$

$F(a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{n-1}) \subset E$

$[F(a_0, \dots, a_{n-1}) : F] < \infty$ finite degree

$F \subset F(a_0, \dots, a_{n-1}) \subset E \subset K$.

$F(a_0, \dots, a_{n-1})(\alpha) = F(a_0, \dots, a_{n-1}, \alpha)$

a finite extension of F .

$F \subset F(a_0, \dots, a_{n-1}) \overset{n}{\subset} F(a_0, \dots, a_{n-1}, \alpha) \subset K$.

finite
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} finite

α is algebraic $/ F$ possibly of high degree

$[F(\alpha) : F]$ may be large.

Corollary $F \subset E \subset K$.

K/F algebraic $\Leftrightarrow E/F$ algebraic &

K/E algebraic.

Concrete examples

$\sqrt[3]{\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3}}$
 α

$\mathbb{Q} \subset \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3}) \subset \mathbb{Q}(\alpha)$

$\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3})$

$x^3 - \sqrt{2} - \sqrt{3}$

$\sqrt[10]{\sqrt[7]{5 + \sqrt{2}} + 3\sqrt[3]{1 + \sqrt{3} + \sqrt{2}}} - 5 \in \mathbb{Q}$
alg $/ \mathbb{Q}$.

Iterated expressions (iterated radicals)
are alg / @.

Def K is algebraically closed if
every nonconstant polynomial $f \in K[x]$
has a root in K . " .

Example \mathbb{C} is algebraically closed.
 \mathbb{R} $x^2 + 1$

Prop Let K be a field. TFAE.

- (1) K is alg. closed
- (2) A nonconstant polynomial $f \in K[x]$ factors
into linear polynomials.
Only lin polyn. are irreducible / @
- (3) The only algebraic extension of K is K

$$(1) \Rightarrow (2) \quad f = (x - \alpha)g(x).$$

$$(2) \Rightarrow (3). \quad K \subset E \quad \alpha \in E. \quad \text{irr}(\alpha, K)$$

$p(x)$ - factors \Rightarrow not irreducible if $\deg p > 1$.

$$\parallel \\ x - \alpha \Rightarrow \alpha \in K.$$

(3) \Rightarrow (1) take nonconstant polyn w/o roots

$$p(x) \quad K[x]/(p(x)) \text{ -alg } \neq K$$

$\mathbb{C} \subset \mathbb{E}$ no finite extensions except trivial

$$\mathbb{C} \subset \mathbb{C}$$

Def K/F is an algebraic closure of F if

(1) K is an alg. extension of F .

(2) K is alg. closed.

$$\mathbb{Q} \subset \mathbb{Q}^{\text{alg.}} \subset \mathbb{C}$$

↑
alg. closed.

(please read end of page 5, & page 6 for more alg. closure results).

$\overline{\mathbb{Q}}$ \overline{F} algebraic closure of F .

$\overline{\mathbb{F}_p}$ Friedman II.

$f(x) \in F[x]$ has a multiple root
over \mathbb{R} or \mathbb{C} first

$$f(x) = \underbrace{(x - \alpha)^2}_{\text{a mult. root}} g(x)$$

$$f(x) = (x - \alpha)^m g(x) \quad \text{s.t. } g(\alpha) \neq 0$$

α is a root of f of mult. m .

$$\begin{aligned}
 f'(x) &= 2(x-\alpha)g(x) + (x-\alpha)^2g'(x) = \\
 &= (x-\alpha)(2g(x) + (x-\alpha)g'(x)) \\
 &= (x-\alpha)h(x).
 \end{aligned}$$

$$x-\alpha \mid f(x), f'(x) \Rightarrow x-\alpha \mid \gcd(f(x), f'(x)).$$

if $\gcd(f(x), f'(x)) = 1$ then

all roots of f are simple (not multiple).

$$f = (x^2+1)^2 \text{ no roots in } \mathbb{R}.$$

$$\gcd(f, f') = x^2+1 \neq 1$$

$$\text{but in } \mathbb{C} \text{ multiple roots } f = (x+i)^2(x-i)^2.$$

F (formal) derivative D

$$D: F[x] \rightarrow F[x]$$

1) D is F -linear

$$2) D(x^n) = nx^{n-1}$$

$$D(ax^4 + bx^3 + cx^2) = a + \overset{4}{\overbrace{b}}x^3 + \overset{5}{\overbrace{c}}x^2$$

Any F -linear map L between F -vector spaces

$\underline{V} \xrightarrow{L} W$ is determined by the image of a basis $\{v_i\}_{i \in I}$ of V .

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 F[x] \text{ basis} & 1, & x, & x^2, & x^3, & \dots & x^n \\
 & & & & & & \downarrow \\
 & & & & & & nx^{n-1} \\
 & & & & & & \downarrow \\
 & & & & & & nx^{n-1}
 \end{array}$$

$$D(ax^n) = a \cdot n \cdot x^{n-1}$$

$$D\left(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i x^i\right) = na_n x^{n-1} + (n-1)a_{n-1} x^{n-2} + \dots + a_1$$

Prop (Leibniz rule)

$$D(fg) = D(f)g + fD(g).$$

Ex $f=x^n, g=x^m$ use F -linearity do extend to all f and g .

$$\text{char } F = p \quad \mathbb{F}_p \subset F$$

$$D(x^p) = \underline{p} x^{p-1} = 0$$

$$D(x^{pn}) = pn x^{pn-1} = 0$$

x^p like a constant function

Prop $D: F[x] \rightarrow F[x]$

$$\ker D = \begin{cases} F & \text{constant polynomials, if } \text{char } F = 0. \\ F[x^p] & \text{if } \text{char } F = p \end{cases}$$

$\nwarrow p|n$ \nearrow subring of $F[x]$

$$a_n x^n + \dots + a_0 \xrightarrow{D} n a_n x^{n-1} + \dots$$

$$\underline{\deg(Df) = \deg f - 1}, \quad f \text{ not constant}$$

in char 0,

$$p=2 \quad a_0 + a_2 x^2 + a_4 x^4 + a_6 x^6 + \dots \xrightarrow{D} 0$$

$$D(f^n) = n f^{n-1} D(f) \quad \text{exercise.}$$

Prop Let $f \in F[x]$ nonconstant, $F \subset E$

$\alpha \in E$ is a multiple root of $f \iff f(\alpha) = Df(\alpha) = 0.$

$$(x-\alpha)^2 \mid f \iff x-\alpha \mid f, x-\alpha \mid Df$$

Proof Complete the argument by analogy $F = \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}$ or see Friedman.

$$f = (x-\alpha)^2 g$$

$$f = x^p - t \quad \text{in } F \quad \text{char } F = p. \quad F \subset E$$

$$f' = px^{p-1} = 0.$$

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root α
multiple root

Prop $F \subset E \quad f, g \in F[x]$

\mathbb{F}_q - unique field

$q = p^n$
elements.

1) gcd of f, g in F is the same as gcd of f, g in E .

same answer whether in E or F .

$$\frac{x^q - x}{x} = x^{q-1} - 1 = -1$$

der = $q x^{q-1} - 1 = -1$
"fake" linear polyn.

2) $g \mid f$ in $F[x] \iff g \mid f$ in $E[x]$

3) f, g coprime in $F \iff$ coprime in E

Prop $f \in F[x]$ nonconstant. Then f has a multiple root in some extension E/F iff $\gcd(f, Df) \neq 1$ in $F[x]$

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For E

Proof \Rightarrow If α is a mult. root of f in $E \Rightarrow x - \alpha \mid f, Df \Rightarrow x - \alpha \mid \underbrace{\gcd(f, Df)}_{\neq 1}$

\Leftarrow $p(x) \mid \gcd(f, Df)$.
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irred.

Take E where $p(x)$ has a root α .

$\Rightarrow x - \alpha$ is a multiple root of $f(x) \in D$.

Prop If $f(x) \in \underline{F[x]}$ irreducible and $\text{char } F = 0$ then f does not have mult. roots in any extension E/F

if \exists a multiple root in E

$\gcd(f, Df) \neq 1$ $x - \alpha$

f irreducible, $\deg f \geq 2$ $\deg f = n$

$\deg Df = \deg f - 1$

$\gcd(f, Df)$ divisor of f .

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can split in E or F .

only divisors of f in F are 1 and f .

if $\gcd(f, Df) \neq 1 \leftarrow$ no mult. roots
 $\rightarrow f \leftarrow$ possi

$Df=0$ in char p .

$$f(x) = x^p - t$$

$$F = \mathbb{F}_p(t)$$

$$Df = 0 = px^{p-1}$$

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rat. functions in t .

$$F \subset E. \quad \sqrt[p]{t}$$

$$E = \mathbb{F}_p(\sqrt[p]{t}) = \mathbb{F}_p(t^{1/p})$$

$$x^p - t = (x - \alpha)^p$$

$$\alpha = t^{1/p}$$

$$(x - \alpha)^p = x^p - \binom{p}{1} x^{p-1} \alpha - \dots - \binom{p}{p-1} x \alpha^{p-1} - \alpha^p$$

$$- \alpha^p = x^p - t$$

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0 mod p .