

## Field extensions

$$F \subseteq E$$

$[E:F]$  = dimension of  $E$   
as an  $F$ -vector space

Ex:  $[\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{2}) : \mathbb{Q}] = 3$   
 $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{2})$  spanned by  $1, \sqrt[3]{2}, \sqrt[3]{4}$

$$[L:K][K:F] = [L:F]$$


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## Finite fields

For each prime power  $p^k$ , there is  
a unique field of order  $p^k$ , up to isomorphism

$$[\mathbb{F}_{p^k} : \mathbb{F}_p] = k$$

$$\mathbb{F}_{p^j} \subseteq \mathbb{F}_{p^k} \iff j|k$$

In  $\mathbb{F}_{p^k}$ , every element satisfies  $x^{p^k} = x$

$$x^{p^k} - x = \prod_{\alpha \in \mathbb{F}_{p^k}} (x - \alpha)$$

$\mathbb{F}_{p^k}$  is the "splitting field" of  $x^{p^k} - x$

$x \mapsto x^{p^k}$  is an automorphism of  
each finite field of order  $p^j$ ,  
and  $\mathbb{F}_{p^k}$  is its fixed field.

$x \mapsto x^p$  is an automorphism of  $\mathbb{F}_{p^j}$ .

$$(xy)^p = x^p y^p \quad (x+y)^p = x^p + y^p$$


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$F$  is a field of characteristic  $p$ , and

$$\underbrace{1+1+\dots+1}_p = 0$$

$\alpha$  is a root of  $f(x) = x^p - x + 3$  in an extension

of  $F$ , then  $f(x)$  has  $p$  distinct roots in  $F(x)$ .

Solution:  $f(x+1) = (x+1)^p - (x+1) + 3 = x^p + 1 - x - 1 + 3 = x^p - x + 3 = f(x)$

$f(\alpha) = 0, f(\alpha+1) = 0, \dots, f(\alpha+p-1) = 0$   
 $p$  distinct roots in  $F(\alpha)$ .

Number Fields: Finite extension of  $\mathbb{Q}$

- Quadratic Number Fields:  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{m})$ ,  $m$  squarefree  
 $(\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{12}) = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{3}))$

$[\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{m}) : \mathbb{Q}] = 2$

- Cyclotomic Fields:  $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_n)$ ,  $\zeta_n = e^{2\pi i/n}$

$[\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_n) : \mathbb{Q}] = \varphi(n)$  = number of integers  $1 \leq k \leq n$  that have no common factors with  $n$ .

$\text{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_n)/\mathbb{Q}) \cong (\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z})^\times$

$\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_n) \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_n)$

$\zeta_n \mapsto \zeta_n^k$  for  $k$  coprime to  $n$

is a field automorphism

Show that  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{p}) \neq \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{q})$

Show that  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{p})$  has a square root of  $p$   
 but  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{q})$  does not.

$\sqrt{p}^2 = p$

Suppose  $(a + b\sqrt{q})^2 = p$

$a^2 + b^2q + 2ab\sqrt{q} = p$

$= 0 \Rightarrow a = 0$  or  $b = 0$

$b^2q = p$

$a^2 = p$

either case is contradictory.

$\theta \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $F_\theta = \mathbb{Q}(\sin \theta)$ ,  $E_\theta = \mathbb{Q}(\sin \frac{\theta}{3})$

Show  $F_\theta \subseteq E_\theta$  and determine possibilities

Show  $F_\theta \subseteq E_\theta$  and determine possibilities for  $[E_\theta : F_\theta]$ .

$$e^{3i\theta} = (e^{i\theta})^3$$

$$\cos(3\theta) + i\sin(3\theta) = (\cos\theta + i\sin\theta)^3$$

$$= [\text{real part}] + i(3\cos^2\theta\sin\theta - \sin^3\theta)$$

$$\sin(3\theta) = 3\cos^2\theta\sin\theta - \sin^3\theta$$

$$= 3(1 - \sin^2\theta)\sin\theta - \sin^3\theta$$

$$= 3\sin\theta - 4\sin^3\theta$$

$$E_\theta \ni 3\sin\frac{\theta}{3} - 4\sin^3\frac{\theta}{3} = \sin\theta$$

$$\sin\theta \in E_\theta$$

$$F_\theta \subseteq E_\theta$$

Pick  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{6}$ , then

$$3\sin\frac{\theta}{3} - 4\sin^3\frac{\theta}{3} - \frac{1}{2} = 0$$

$$\sin\frac{\theta}{3} \text{ satisfies } 3x - 4x^3 - \frac{1}{2} = 0$$

$$x^3 - \frac{3}{4}x + \frac{1}{8} = 0$$

Show irred by RRT.

If  $\theta = 0$ , and  $F = \mathbb{Q}$ , then

$$[\mathbb{Q}(\sin 0) : \mathbb{Q}(\sin 0)]$$

$$= [\mathbb{Q} : \mathbb{Q}] = 1$$

If  $\theta = \pi$  and  $F = \mathbb{Q}$ , then

$$[\mathbb{Q}(\sin\frac{\pi}{3}) : \mathbb{Q}(\sin\pi)]$$

$$= [\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{3}) : \mathbb{Q}] = 2$$

$$\text{degree 3. } \left[ \begin{array}{l} [E_\theta : F_\theta] \\ = [F_\theta(\sin\frac{\theta}{3}) : F_\theta] \\ = \deg(\text{minpoly}(\sin\frac{\theta}{3})) \end{array} \right.$$

Show  $\mathbb{Q}(t_1, \dots, t_n)$  = field of rational functions

is isomorphic to a subfield of  $\mathbb{R}$

e.g.  $\frac{(t_1 + 2t_2)t_3^3}{t_4}$

$$\mathbb{Q}(t_1, \dots, t_n) \cong F \subseteq \mathbb{R}$$

$t_i \mapsto$  some real numbers that are algebraically independent

Pick  $t_1 \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \overline{\mathbb{Q}}$  (since  $\mathbb{R}$  is uncountable but  $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}$  is countable)

Pick  $t_2 \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \overline{\mathbb{Q}(t_1)}$  and so on...

Pick  $t_2 \in \mathbb{K} \setminus \mathbb{Q}(t_1)$  and so on...

$G =$  group of invertible  $2 \times 2$  matrices with entries in  $\mathbb{F}_{p^n}$ .

1) Show  $|G| = (p^{2n} - 1)(p^{2n} - p^n)$

$\begin{bmatrix} a & c \\ b & d \end{bmatrix}$  invertible  $\iff \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} c \\ d \end{bmatrix}$  linearly independent  
 $p^{2n} - 1$        $p^{2n} - p^n$

2) Show  $p$ -Sylow of  $G$  is isomorphic to  $(\mathbb{F}_{p^n}, +)$

(Show  $G$  has a subgroup isomorphic to  $(\mathbb{F}_{p^n}, +)$ )

$(\mathbb{F}_{p^n}, +) \cong \begin{bmatrix} 1 & * \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  since  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & a \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & b \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & a+b \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Fact:  $\mathbb{F}_{p^k}^\times$  is cyclic (more generally, any finite subgroup of  $\mathbb{F}^\times$  is cyclic)  
 (since  $x^d - 1 = 0$  has at most  $d$  roots)

How many elements of  $\mathbb{F}_p$  have square roots? Cuberoots?

0 has a square root and cuberoot.

$\mathbb{F}_p^\times \cong \mathbb{Z}/(p-1)\mathbb{Z}$        $|im| = \frac{|G|}{|ker|} = \frac{p-1}{|ker|}$

$x \mapsto x^2$        $x \mapsto 2x$   
 $x \mapsto x^3$        $x \mapsto 3x$

$\text{kernel} = \{0, \frac{p-1}{2}\}$   
 $\text{kernel} = \begin{cases} \{0, \frac{p-1}{3}, \frac{2(p-1)}{3}\} & p \equiv 1 \pmod{3} \\ \{0\} & p \not\equiv 1 \pmod{3} \end{cases}$

last digit of  $17^{(17^{17})}$ , want  $17^{(17^{17})} \pmod{10}$

If  $(a, n) = 1$  then  $a^{\phi(n)} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$        $a^4 \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$

(Alternatively,  $17^1 \equiv 7 \pmod{10}$        $17^2 \equiv 7^2 \equiv 9 \pmod{10}$   
 $17^3 \equiv 7^3 \equiv 7 \cdot 9 \equiv 3 \pmod{10}$ ,       $17^4 \equiv 7^4 \equiv 9^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{10}$ )

$$17^{17} \equiv 1^{17} \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$$

$$\downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow$$

$$17^{17^{17}} \equiv 17^1 \equiv 17 \equiv 7 \pmod{10}$$

Positive Definite

( $M$  is a symmetric real matrix)

- $M$  has positive eigenvalues
- $x^T M x > 0$  for  $x \neq 0$
- $\langle x, Mx \rangle > 0$  for  $x \neq 0$
- $M = A^T A$  for invertible  $A$

Positive Semidefinite

- $M$  has nonnegative eigenvalues
- $x^T M x \geq 0$
- $\langle x, Mx \rangle \geq 0$
- $M = A^T A$  for any matrix  $A$