

# HW 9

1.  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3}, \sqrt{5})$  is separable because  $\mathbb{Q}$  is perfect, and  $K$  is the splitting field of  $\{x^2-2, x^2-3, x^2-5\} \in \mathbb{Q}[x]$ . So  $K$  is a finite normal extension of  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

It is a degree 8 extension, so

$$[K : \mathbb{Q}] = \{K : \mathbb{Q}\} = |G(K/\mathbb{Q})| = 8. \quad \text{so}$$

a.  $\{K : \mathbb{Q}\} = 8$

b.  $|G(K/\mathbb{Q})| = 8$

c.  $|\lambda(\mathbb{Q})| = |\{\sigma \in G(K/\mathbb{Q}) : \sigma \text{ fixes } \mathbb{Q}\}| = |G(K/\mathbb{Q})| = 8$

(Recall:  $\lambda(E) = G(K/E)$ , for any  $\mathbb{Q} \subseteq E \subseteq K$ .)

d.

$$\begin{array}{l}
 K \\
 | \leftarrow \text{deg } 2 \\
 \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3}) \\
 | \leftarrow \text{deg } 4 \\
 \mathbb{Q}
 \end{array}
 \Rightarrow
 \begin{array}{l}
 \cancel{|\lambda(\mathbb{Q})|} \\
 |\lambda(\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3}))| \\
 = |G(K/\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3}))| \\
 = [K : \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3})] = 2
 \end{array}$$

(since  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3}) \subseteq K$  is a finite normal extension.)

e.

$$\begin{array}{l}
 K \\
 | \leftarrow \text{deg } 4 \\
 \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{6}) \\
 | \leftarrow \text{deg } 2 \\
 \mathbb{Q}
 \end{array}
 \quad \text{similarly: } |\lambda(\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{6}))| = 4$$

f.

$$\begin{array}{c}
 K \\
 | \leftarrow \text{deg } 4 \\
 \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{30}) \\
 | \leftarrow \text{deg } 2 \\
 \mathbb{Q}
 \end{array}
 \quad
 |\chi(\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{30}))| = 4$$

g. The min. poly of  $\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{5}$  is  $x^4 - 14x^2 + 9$ ,

so

$$\begin{array}{c}
 K \\
 | \leftarrow \text{deg } 2 \\
 \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{5}) \\
 | \leftarrow \text{deg } 4 \\
 \mathbb{Q}
 \end{array}
 \quad
 |\chi(\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{5}))| = 2$$

h.  $|\chi(K)| = |G(K/K)| = 1$ . only the identity automorphism fixes  $K$ .

2.  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})$ ,  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{3})$  are both separable ( $\mathbb{Q}$  is perfect) and both splitting fields (of  $x^2 - 2$  or  $x^2 - 3$ , resp.), and  $|G(\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})/\mathbb{Q})| = |G(\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{3})/\mathbb{Q})| = 2$ .

Since 2 is prime, the only group of size 2 is the cyclic group of order 2. So these Galois groups are isomorphic.

But the fields are not isomorphic: in  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})$ , the polynomial  $x^2 - 2$  splits. But in  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{3})$  it doesn't.

3. If  $F \subseteq K$  is an abelian extension, then consider a field  $E$  with  $F \subseteq E \subseteq K$ .

$F \subseteq E$  is a finite normal extension iff  $G(K/E)$  is a normal subgroup of  $G(K/F)$ . But since  $G(K/F)$  is abelian, all of its subgroups are normal. So  $F \subseteq E$  is a finite normal extension.

$G(E/F)$  is the quotient  $G(K/F) / G(K/E)$ . Since quotients of abelian groups are abelian,  $F \subseteq E$  is an abelian extension.

4a. Note: 
$$s_1^3 = y_1^3 + y_2^3 + y_3^3 + 3(y_1 y_2^2 + y_1^2 y_2 + y_1 y_3^2 + y_1^2 y_3 + y_2 y_3^2 + y_2^2 y_3) + 6(y_1 y_2 y_3).$$

And 
$$s_1 s_2 = (y_1 y_2^2 + y_1^2 y_2 + y_1 y_3^2 + y_1^2 y_3 + y_2 y_3^2 + y_2^2 y_3) + (3y_1 y_2 y_3)$$

so 
$$y_1^3 + y_2^3 + y_3^3 = s_1^3 - 3s_1 s_2 + 3s_3.$$

b. First we need to find an expression involving  $y_1, y_2, y_3$  that is fixed by  $\langle (123) \rangle$  but not by the rest of  $S_3$ . Note

that  $T = y_1 y_2^2 + y_1^2 y_3 + y_2 y_3^2$  is such an expression.

so we've found:

$$E = F(s_1, s_2, s_3) \subseteq F(s_1, s_2, s_3, T) \subseteq F(y_1, y_2, y_3).$$

Is this the fixed field of  $\langle (123) \rangle$ ?

By MTGT,  $F(y_1, y_2, y_3)$  is a degree 3 extension of the fixed field of  $\langle (123) \rangle$ .  
 This fixed field must be  $F(s_1, s_2, s_3)$ , which is a degree 2 extension of  $F$ .  
 The total degree is  $\deg 6$ .

So if  $T$  has minimal polynomial over  $F$  of degree 2, then we're done. Look at:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & (X - (y_1 y_2^2 + y_1^2 y_3 + y_2 y_3^2)) (X - (y_1^2 y_2 + y_1 y_3^2 + y_2^2 y_3)) \\
 = & X^2 - (y_1 y_2^2 + y_1^2 y_3 + y_2 y_3^2 + y_1^2 y_2 + y_1 y_3^2 + y_2^2 y_3) X \\
 & + \cancel{(y_1^3 y_2^2 + y_1^2 y_3^3 + y_1 y_2^2 y_3^4)} \\
 & + (y_1^3 y_2^3 + y_1^2 y_3^3 + y_2^3 y_3^3 + y_1^4 y_2 y_3 + y_1 y_2^4 y_3 + y_1 y_2 y_3^4 + 3 y_1^2 y_2^2 y_3^2) \\
 = & X^2 - (s_1 s_2 - 3 s_3) X + (9 s_3^2 + s_2^3 + s_1^3 s_3 - 6 s_1 s_2 s_3) \\
 & \in F(s_1, s_2, s_3)[X].
 \end{aligned}$$

So  $F(s_1, s_2, s_3)(T)$  is a degree 2 extension of  $F(s_1, s_2, s_3)$ , so it is the fixed field of  $\langle (123) \rangle$ . The nontrivial automorphism is defined by sending  $T = y_1 y_2^2 + y_1^2 y_3 + y_2 y_3^2$  to its conjugate, which is  $y_1^2 y_2 + y_1 y_3^2 + y_2^2 y_3$ .