

35. Galois Groups of Polynomials

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1. Let $f(x) \in K[x]$ be a monic irreducible polynomial of degree n over a field K of characteristic 0. Several theoretical algorithms for the determination of the Galois group $\text{Gal}_K(f)$ of $f(x)$ over K have been developed by many authors (cf. van der Waerden [5], Zassenhaus [7], Stauduhar [4]), but it is known that the practical determination is difficult for large n . In [1] a technique for determining the set-transitivity of the Galois group of a polynomial is described by Erbach, Fischer and McKay, and they prove that $x^7 - 154x + 99$ has the Galois group $PSL(2, 7)$. In [3] Jensen and Yui give a criterion characterizing $f(x)$ with $\text{Gal}_K(f) \cong D_p$ (the dihedral group of prime degree p).

In this paper we give criteria characterizing $f(x)$ which has as $\text{Gal}_K(f)$ a group with some properties as a permutation group. In particular, we give a formula giving the order of $\text{Gal}_K(f)$.

2. We state several terminologies [6] concerning the permutation group theory. Let G be a permutation group on Ω . We say that a subset Δ of Ω is an *orbit* of G if $(\Delta)G = \Delta$ and G acts transitively on Δ . G is called *t-transitive* on Ω if for every two ordered t -tuples $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_t$ and β_1, \dots, β_t of elements of Ω (with $\alpha_i \neq \alpha_j, \beta_i \neq \beta_j$ for $i \neq j$) there exists $g \in G$ with $(\alpha_i)g = \beta_i$ ($i = 1, \dots, t$). If G is transitive on Ω and if there is a subset Γ ($1 < |\Gamma| < |\Omega|$) of Ω satisfying $(\Gamma)g = \Gamma$ or $(\Gamma)g \cap \Gamma = \emptyset$ for all $g \in G$, G is called an *imprimitive group* on Ω with a *block* Γ . (Then $|\Gamma| \mid |\Omega|$ holds obviously.) We say G is *primitive* on Ω if G is transitive but not imprimitive on Ω . Obviously G is primitive if G is doubly transitive. For s elements $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_s \in \Omega$ we set $G_{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_s} = \{g \in G : (\alpha_i)g = \alpha_i, i = 1, \dots, s\}$, a subgroup of G .

3. From now on, we assume $G = \text{Gal}_K(f)$ and $\Omega =$ the set of roots of $f(x)$. For independent variables X_1, \dots, X_n

$$\prod_{(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) \neq (\alpha'_1, \dots, \alpha'_n) \in \Omega \times \dots \times \Omega} \{(\alpha_1 - \alpha'_1)X_1 + (\alpha_2 - \alpha'_2)X_2 + \dots + (\alpha_n - \alpha'_n)X_n\}$$

is a non-zero polynomial in $K[X_1, \dots, X_n]$ of degree $n^n(n^n - 1)$. Hence there exist distinct non-zero rational integers a_1, \dots, a_n with

$$\prod_{(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) \neq (\alpha'_1, \dots, \alpha'_n) \in \Omega \times \dots \times \Omega} \{a_1(\alpha_1 - \alpha'_1) + a_2(\alpha_2 - \alpha'_2) + \dots + a_n(\alpha_n - \alpha'_n)\} \neq 0.$$

Hereafter we fix a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n . For each m ($1 \leq m \leq n$) we define

$$\Phi_{(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_m)}(X) = \prod_{(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m) \in \Omega \times \dots \times \Omega} (X - (a_1\alpha_1 + a_2\alpha_2 + \dots + a_m\alpha_m)).$$