

Math 491 Friday, March 27 Chapter 21 Fields

• Sage 20 Monday

• Exam 19/20 Wednesday 8:30 Pacific

• Project Proposal Sunday Nite April 5 (Monday)

• Midterm Grades

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$F$  - field,  $E$  - field,  $F \subseteq E$

$E$  is an extension of  $F$  ( $E$  is a "super-field" of  $F$ )

Ex  $\mathbb{R}$  field,  $\mathbb{C}$  extension (obtain a root  $i$  of  $x^2+1=0$ )

Ex  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{3}) = \{a + b\sqrt{3} \mid a, b \in \mathbb{Q}\}$  extension of  $\mathbb{Q}$

(obtain a root of  $\underline{x^2 - 3 = 0}$ ,  $\sqrt{3} \notin \mathbb{Q}$ )

$\uparrow$  in  $\mathbb{Q}[x]$

$$\underline{\text{Ex}} \quad \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{7}) \quad \underline{\text{Ex}} \quad \mathbb{Q}(\cos(\pi/24))$$

$$\mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Q} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \quad (\pi?)$$

We can build extension fields w/ one root of an irreducible polynomial

$F$ -field,  $p(x) \in F[x]$ ,  $p(x)$  irreducible

$\Rightarrow \langle p(x) \rangle$  maximal ideal  $\Rightarrow \frac{F[x]}{\langle p(x) \rangle}$  is a (quotient ring) field.

$$\Rightarrow \bar{x} = \frac{x + \langle p(x) \rangle}{\langle p(x) \rangle} \in \frac{F[x]}{\langle p(x) \rangle} \quad \& \quad p(\bar{x}) = \bar{0}$$

$\Rightarrow \frac{F[x]}{\langle p(x) \rangle}$  contains a copy of  $F$  ( $= \{f + \langle p(x) \rangle \mid f \in F\}$ )

So  $E = \frac{F[x]}{\langle p(x) \rangle}$  is an extension of  $F$  (w/ a root of  $p(x)$ )

$$\underline{\text{Ex}} \quad \frac{\mathbb{R}[x]}{\langle x^2+1 \rangle} \cong \mathbb{C} \quad \underline{\text{Ex}} \quad \frac{\mathbb{Q}[x]}{\langle x^2-3 \rangle} \cong \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{3}) \quad \underline{\text{Ex}} \quad \text{GF}(5^3)$$

$\mathbb{R} \quad \mathbb{Q}(-\sqrt{3})$

Sage: Finite Field ( $p^n$ , modulus =  $\uparrow$  polynomial)

Sage: Number Field (polynomial)  $\rightarrow$   $\mathbb{Q}$  [root of polynomial]

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Algebraic Elements

$F$ -field  $\alpha$  is algebraic <sup>element</sup> over  $F$  if  $\alpha$  root of some (any) polynomial in  $F[x]$ .

Ex  $\sqrt{3}$  algebraic over  $\mathbb{Q}$  Ex  $\sqrt[3]{3}$  algebraic over  $\mathbb{Q}$   
 $x^2 - 3$   $x - \sqrt[3]{3}$

Ex  $\pi$  is not algebraic over  $\mathbb{Q}$ , we say  $\pi$  is transcendental.

Defn  $E$  is an extension of  $F$ , then  $E$  is an algebraic extension if each element of  $E$  is algebraic over  $F$ .

# Minimal polynomial of an element

Ex  $\mathbb{Q}[(3+\sqrt{2})^{1/3}]$   $\alpha = (3+\sqrt{2})^{1/3}$  algebraic element?

$$\alpha^3 = 3 + \sqrt{2} \quad \sqrt{2} = \alpha^3 - 3 \quad 2 = (\alpha^3 - 3)^2$$

$$2 = \alpha^6 - 6\alpha^3 + 9 \quad 0 = \alpha^6 - 6\alpha^3 + 7$$

So  $\alpha$  is a root of  $p(x) = x^6 - 6x^3 + 7$ , hence algebraic over  $\mathbb{Q}$

Turns out  $x^6 - 6x^3 + 7 \in \mathbb{Q}[x]$  is the minimal polynomial for  $\alpha = (3+\sqrt{2})^{1/3}$

Sage `QQ[(3+sqrt(2))**(1/3)]`

generator  $a$

`a.minimum_polynomial()`

`(a^2+1).minimum_polynomial()`

monic, least degree w/  $\alpha$  as root  
 $\Rightarrow$  irreducible

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