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(1) Proof:

See Lecture Notes 4/21/10, Proof for Theorem *.

(2) Proof:

Let $H_1 = \text{Gal}(E/K_1)$, $H_2 = \text{Gal}(E/K_2)$.

Assume $K_1 \subseteq K_2$. Need to show $K_1 \subseteq K_2 \Rightarrow \text{Gal}(E/K_2) \subseteq \text{Gal}(E/K_1)$.

Let $\varphi \in \text{Gal}(E/K_2)$. Then $\varphi: E \rightarrow E$ and fixes K_2 .

Since $K_1 \subseteq K_2$, then φ fixes K_1 , hence $\varphi \in \text{Gal}(E/K_1)$.

Since $\text{Gal}(E/K_2) \leq \text{Aut}(E)$, $\text{Gal}(E/K_1) \leq \text{Aut}(E)$, and

$\text{Gal}(E/K_2) \subseteq \text{Gal}(E/K_1)$, then $\text{Gal}(E/K_2) \leq \text{Gal}(E/K_1)$. $\therefore H_2 \leq H_1$.

Conversely, assume $H_2 \leq H_1$. Need to show $H_2 \leq H_1 \Rightarrow E^{H_1} \subseteq E^{H_2}$.

Clearly $H_2 \subseteq H_1$. By Galois Theory II Homework #1(b),

we have shown $E^{H_1} \subseteq E^{H_2}$. So $E^{\text{Gal}(E/K_1)} \subseteq E^{\text{Gal}(E/K_2)}$.

By (1) of this theorem $K_1 = E^{H_1}$ and $K_2 = E^{H_2}$. Thus

$K_1 = E^{\text{Gal}(E/K_1)} \subseteq E^{\text{Gal}(E/K_2)} = K_2$ as desired.

(3) Proof:

If K corresponds to H , then $K = E^H$. So $[E:K] = [E:E^H] = |H|$.

Since $F \triangleleft E$, then $E^G = F$. Thus $[E:F] = [E:E^G] = |G|$.

$$[K:F] = \frac{[E:F]}{[E:K]} = \frac{|G|}{|H|} = [G:H] \text{ (by Lagrange's Theorem).}$$

(4) Proof:

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(5) Proof:

Assume $F \triangleleft K$. Define $\theta: \text{Gal}(E/F) \rightarrow \text{Gal}(K/F)$ by $\sigma \mapsto \sigma|_K$.

Composition is preserved, so it is a homomorphism.

We need to be worried about whether it lands in K .

But we have shown in ** that if $H \triangleleft G$, then $\sigma(K) = K$.

Thus $\sigma|_K \in \text{Gal}(K/F)$. Clearly θ is a homomorphism.

We want to show $H = \text{Gal}(E/K)$ is the kernel of G .

$\sigma \in \ker \varphi \Leftrightarrow \sigma|_K = \text{Id}_K \Leftrightarrow \sigma$ fixes $K \Leftrightarrow \sigma \in \text{Gal}(E/K)$.

So $\ker \theta = \text{Gal}(E/K)$

We want to show onto.

Since $F \triangleleft E$,

E is a splitting field for some separable polynomial $f \in F[x]$.

So E is a splitting field for f over K .

Thus, any automorphism of K can be extended to E .

(i.e. $\forall \gamma \in \text{Gal}(K/F) \exists \sigma \in \text{Gal}(E/F)$ such that $\sigma|_K = \gamma$.)

Note

From this theorem, we have

$$\begin{array}{l} F \\ | [K:F] = m = [\text{Gal}(E/F):\text{Gal}(E/K)] | \\ K \\ | [E:K] = n = [\text{Gal}(E/K):\text{Gal}(E/E)] | \\ E \end{array} \begin{array}{l} \text{Gal}(E/F) \\ \\ \text{Gal}(E/K) \\ \\ \text{Gal}(E/E) \end{array}$$

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(1) $E = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{5}}, i)$.

Proof:

$$x^2 = 2 \pm \sqrt{5}, \text{ so } x = \pm \sqrt{2 \pm \sqrt{5}}.$$

$$E = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{5}}, \sqrt{2 - \sqrt{5}}). \text{ Let } \alpha = \sqrt{2 + \sqrt{5}}, \beta = \sqrt{2 - \sqrt{5}}.$$

Since $\alpha\beta = i$, then $\beta = \alpha^{-1}i$, hence $E = \mathbb{Q}(\alpha, i)$.

(2) A basis for E over \mathbb{Q} is $\{1, i, \alpha, \alpha^2, \alpha^3, \alpha i, \alpha^2 i, \alpha^3 i\}$;

Proof:

$$\text{We know } [\mathbb{Q}(\alpha, i) : \mathbb{Q}] = [\mathbb{Q}(\alpha, i) : \mathbb{Q}(\alpha)] [\mathbb{Q}(\alpha) : \mathbb{Q}].$$

Since $p(x)$ is irreducible over \mathbb{Q} and $\deg p = 4$, then $[\mathbb{Q}(\alpha) : \mathbb{Q}] = 4$.

Since $f(x) = x^2 + 1$ is irreducible over $\mathbb{Q}(\alpha)$

and $\deg f = 2$, then $[\mathbb{Q}(\alpha, i) : \mathbb{Q}(\alpha)] = 2$.

Thus, $[\mathbb{Q}(\alpha, i) : \mathbb{Q}] = 8$.

And elements of $\mathbb{Q}(\alpha)$ look like $c_0 + c_1\alpha + c_2\alpha^2 + c_3\alpha^3$ where $c_i \in \mathbb{Q}$.

Thus elements of $\mathbb{Q}(\alpha, i)$ look like

$$c_0 + c_1\alpha + c_2\alpha^2 + c_3\alpha^3 + i(c_0 + c_1\alpha + c_2\alpha^2 + c_3\alpha^3)$$

(3) $|\text{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}(\alpha, i)/\mathbb{Q})| = 8$;

Proof:

Since E is a splitting field for a separable polynomial over \mathbb{Q} , then $\mathbb{Q} \triangleleft E$.

So $|\text{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}(\alpha, i)/\mathbb{Q})| = [\mathbb{Q}(\alpha, i) : \mathbb{Q}] = 8$.

(4) Description of the automorphisms of E over \mathbb{Q} .

Since $x^2 + 1 = (x + i)(x - i) \in \mathbb{Q}(\alpha, i)[x]$, then $\forall \varphi \in \text{Gal}(E/\mathbb{Q})$, $\varphi(i) = \pm i$. Since $p(x) = (x + \alpha)(x - \alpha)(x + \beta)(x - \beta) \in \mathbb{Q}(\alpha)[x]$, then $\forall \varphi \in \text{Gal}(E/\mathbb{Q})$, $\varphi(\alpha) = \pm\alpha, \pm\beta$. Thus there are at most 8 automorphisms. Since $|\text{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}(\alpha, i)/\mathbb{Q})| = 8$, then there are exactly 8.

(5) Description of automorphisms as permutations of S_n .

	$\varphi_i(\alpha)=$	$\varphi_i(-\alpha)=$	$\varphi_i(\beta)=$	$\varphi_i(-\beta)=$	
$\varphi_1 = \text{Id};$	α	$-\alpha$	β	$-\beta$	(1)
$\varphi_2(i) = i, \varphi_2(\alpha) = -\alpha;$	$-\alpha$	α	$-\beta$	β	(12)(34)
$\varphi_3(i) = i, \varphi_3(\alpha) = \beta;$	β	$-\beta$	α	$-\alpha$	(13)(24)
$\varphi_4(i) = i, \varphi_4(\alpha) = -\beta;$	$-\beta$	β	$-\alpha$	α	(14)(23)
$\varphi_5(i) = -i, \varphi_5(\alpha) = \alpha;$	α	$-\alpha$	$-\beta$	β	(34)
$\varphi_6(i) = -i, \varphi_6(\alpha) = -\alpha;$	$-\alpha$	α	β	$-\beta$	(12)
$\varphi_7(i) = -i, \varphi_7(\alpha) = \beta;$	β	$-\beta$	$-\alpha$	α	(1324)
$\varphi_8(i) = -i, \varphi_8(\alpha) = -\beta.$	$-\beta$	β	α	$-\alpha$	(1423)

Proof:

Since $\alpha\beta = i$, then

$$\varphi_2(\beta) = \varphi_2(\alpha^{-1}i) = \varphi_2(\alpha)^{-1}\varphi_2(i) = (-\alpha)^{-1}i = -(\alpha^{-1}i) = -\beta.$$

$$\varphi_3(\beta) = \varphi_3(\alpha^{-1}i) = \varphi_3(\alpha)^{-1}\varphi_3(i) = \beta^{-1}i = \alpha.$$

$$\varphi_5(\beta) = \varphi_5(\alpha^{-1}i) = \varphi_5(\alpha)^{-1}\varphi_5(i) = \alpha^{-1}(-i) = -(\alpha^{-1}i) = -\beta.$$

The rest follow.

Since $|\text{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}(\alpha, i)/\mathbb{Q})| = 8$, then $\text{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}(\alpha, i)/\mathbb{Q})$ is isomorphic to $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2, \mathbb{Z}_4 \times \mathbb{Z}_2, \mathbb{Z}_8, D_8$, or Q_8 .

Since $(1324)(14)(23) = (14)(23)$ and $(14)(23)(1324) = (12)((34))$, then $\text{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}(\alpha, i)/\mathbb{Q})$ is not abelian which rules out

$\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2, \mathbb{Z}_4 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$, and \mathbb{Z}_8 .

Since $\text{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}(\alpha, i)/\mathbb{Q})$ has 5 elements of order 2,

then $\text{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}(\alpha, i)/\mathbb{Q}) \not\cong Q_8$.

Thus $\text{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}(\alpha, i)/\mathbb{Q}) \cong D_8$.