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Abstract In this work we extend the classical Galois-Krull theory for separable and normal extensions of fields, and the Jacobson theory for finite purely inseparable extensions of exponent 1, to general normal extensions of exponent 1 (the maximal purely inseparable subextension has exponent 1).

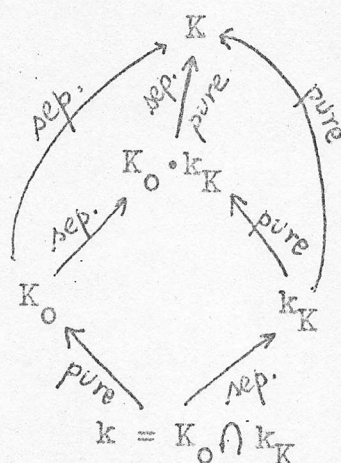
A. Distinguished algebraic extensions

Definition 1. An algebraic extension of fields K/k will be called distinguished if it is possible to find a purely inseparable subextension $L/k \subset K/k$ with K/L separable.

Proposition 1. Let K/k ^{be} a distinguished algebraic extension of fields, k_K/k the maximal separable subextension of K/k and K_0/k the maximal purely inseparable subextension of K/k . In this case $K = K_0 \cdot k_K$, and K/K_0 is separable. Conversely, for every purely inseparable extension N/k and every separable extension M/k the extension $K = N \cdot M/k$ is distinguished.

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Proof Let K/k be a distinguished extension of fields and L/k a purely inseparable extension with K/L separable. Every $x \in K$, pure over k , is pure over L , so that $x \in L$ (K/L is separable). Hence $L = K_0$, the maximal purely inseparable subextension of K/k . Now we examine the diagram



We conclude that $K/K_0 \cdot k_K$ is pure and separable, and $K = K_0 \cdot k_K$. The last part of the Prop.1 is a direct consequence of the Def.1.

Corollary 1. A separable, a purely inseparable, or a normale algebraic extension K/k is distinguished.

Proof. Nontrivial is the fact that a normal algebraic extension K/k is distinguished. But this appears in [3] as Prop. 12, §7, Cap. VII.

Proposition 2. Every algebraic extension K/k contains a maximal distinguished subextension K_d/k .

Proof. It is sufficient to take K_d/k as the maximal separable subextension of K/K_0 , where K_0 is the maximal purely inseparable subextension of K/k .

Remark 1. Generally speaking $K_d \neq K$, in other words, there exist algebraic extensions K/k that are not distinguished. This is the case in the following example, sent to us by the amiability of S. Iyanaga-it was constructed by a referee of one of my previous paper.

Exemple 1. Let p be an odd prime, $F = F_p$ the prime field of characteristic p , t, s two independent variables over F . Put $k = F(t^p, s^p)$, $K = F(t, s, x)$, where x is a root of $x^2 - tx + s = 0$. K/k is normal of degree $2p^2$. Consider now $L = k(x)$, and $M = k(x^p)$. M/k is the maximal separable subextension of L/k . $F(t, s)$ is the maximal pure subextension of K/k , so that $k(x) \cap F(t, s) = k$ is the maximal pure extension of $L = k(x)$. If L/k were distinguished, we had $L = k \cdot M = M$, a contradiction. We conclude that L/k is a subextension of normal (distinguished) extension K/k , which is not distinguished.

B. A Galois type correspondence for distinguished subextensions

Let K/k ^(be) a normal (algebraic) extension of exponent 1, in other words the maximal pure subextension of K/k , K_0/k is of exponent 1, and k_K the maximal separable subextension of K/k . In this and the following section we consider, as a non-trivial case, all the fields having characteristic $p \neq 0$.

For an algebraic normal extension K/k we denote by $\mathcal{D}_{K/k}$, the K -linear space of all k -derivations of K , and by $S = \text{Aut}(K/k)$. It is clear that $K_0 = K^S = \{x \in K, \sigma(x) = x, \text{ for every } \sigma \in S\}$.

For a K -subspace of $\mathcal{D}_{K/k}$, \mathcal{A} , denote by $N(\mathcal{A}) = \bigcap_{D \in \mathcal{A}} \text{Ker} D$,

the annihilator of \mathcal{A} , and for a subextension $L/k \subset K/k$ denote by $\mathcal{A}(L) = \{D \in \mathcal{D}_{K/k}, D(x) = 0, \text{ for all } x \in L\}$.

A K -subspace of $\mathcal{D}_{K/k}$, \mathcal{A} , will be called arithmetically maximal (A-maximal) if for all other K -subspace \mathcal{B} of $\mathcal{D}_{K/k}$ with $N(\mathcal{B}) = N(\mathcal{A})$, and $\mathcal{B} \supset \mathcal{A}$, we have $\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{B}$.

Corollary 2. If \mathcal{A} is an A-maximal K -subspace of $\mathcal{D}_{K/k}$, we have $\mathcal{A}(N(\mathcal{A})) = \mathcal{A}$.

Proof. It is clear that $\mathcal{A} \subset \mathcal{A}(N(\mathcal{A}))$, and $N(\mathcal{A}(N(\mathcal{A}))) = N(\mathcal{A})$, because we always can find a derivation $D \in \mathcal{D}_{K/k}$ with $\text{Ker} D = N(\mathcal{A})$ ([2], Exc.3, pag 185, and an extension of it using Zorn's Lemma for the infinite case).

For a derivation $D \in \mathcal{D}_{K_0/k}$ we denote by $D^\#$ the unique derivation in $\mathcal{D}_{K/k}$ which extend D ([3], Chap.X.Th.7 and consequences). Note that the application $D \mapsto D^\#$ is K_0 -linear and we can view $\mathcal{D}_{K_0/k}$ as a K_0 -subspace in $\mathcal{D}_{K/k}$.

Definition 2. The set $G(K/k) = \{(\sigma, \sigma E), \sigma \in S, E \in \mathcal{D}_{K/k}\}$, with the multiplication rule

(1) $(\sigma_1, \sigma_1 E_1)(\sigma_2, \sigma_2 E_2) = (\sigma_1 \sigma_2, \sigma_1 \sigma_2 E_2 + \sigma_1 E_1 \sigma_2)$, becomes a group, called the Galois group of rank 2 of extension K/k (supposed normal).

Definition 3. The set $G'(K/k) = \{ (\sigma, \sigma E^{\#}), \sigma \in S, E \in \mathcal{D}_{K_0/k} \}$, with the same kind of multiplication (1), becomes a subgroup of $G(K/k)$, called the dual Galois group of rank 2 associated with K/k .

Lemma 1. For $\sigma \in S$ and $E \in \mathcal{D}_{K_0/k}$, we have $\sigma E^{\#} = E^{\#} \sigma$. Moreover, $G'(K/k) \cong S \times \mathcal{D}_{K_0/k}$, where $\mathcal{D}_{K_0/k}$ is considered with the additive law of composition.

Proof. Let x be in K and $f(X) = a_0 + a_1 X + \dots + X^t$, the minimal separable polynomial of x over K_0 . (K/K_0 is separable). Denote by $f^E(X) = E(a_0) + E(a_1)X + \dots + E(a_{t-1})X^{t-1}$. $E^{\#}(x) = -f^E(x)/f'(x)$, and $\sigma E^{\#}(x) = -f^E(\sigma(x))/f'(\sigma(x)) = E^{\#}(\sigma(x))$, $a_i, E(a_i) \in K_0 = K^S$. The last part of the Lemma follows from the association: $(\sigma, \sigma E) \longrightarrow (\sigma, E)$ and the commutation of $\sigma \in S$ with $E^{\#}$, where $E \in \mathcal{D}_{K_0/k}$.

Definition 4. A subgroup $M = (H, \mathcal{A})$ in $G'(K/k)$ is said to be closed in $G'(K/k)$ if H is closed in the Krull topology on $S = \text{Aut}(K/k)$, and \mathcal{A} is an A -maximal K -subspace of $\mathcal{D}_{K_0/k}$.

For a subextension T/k of K/k we denote by $\mathcal{A}_T = \{ D \in \mathcal{D}_{K_0/k}, D^{\#}(x) = 0, \text{ for all } x \in T \}$, $\Psi(T) = M_T = (H_T, \mathcal{A}_T)$, where $H_T = \{ \sigma \in S, \sigma(x) = x, \text{ for all } x \in T \}$, $\mathcal{A}_T = \mathcal{A}_0(T \cap K_0)$, and by $\varphi(M) = L_M = (\text{Fix } H \cap K_0) \cdot N_0(\mathcal{A})$, for $M = (H, \mathcal{A})$, closed in $G'(K/k)$, $\text{Fix } H = \{ x \in K, \sigma(x) = x, \text{ for all } \sigma \in H \}$, and $N_0(\mathcal{A}) = \{ x \in K_0, D(x) = 0, \text{ for all } D \in \mathcal{A} \subset \mathcal{D}_{K_0/k}$.

THEOREM 1. Let K/k be a normal algebraic extension of exponent 1 (K_0/k is of exponent 1). With the above notations,

the maps ψ and φ establish a one-to-one correspondence between the distinguished subextensions of K/k and the closed subgroups of $G'(K/k)$.

Proof. Let L/k be a distinguished subextension in K/k . We want $\psi(L) = H_L \times \mathcal{A}_L$ be closed in $G'(K/k)$. H_L is identified with the subgroup of $\text{Aut}(k_K/k)$ which leave unchanged the elements of $k_L = \{x \in L, x \text{ is separable over } k\}$. From the classical Galois-Krull theory follows that H_L is closed in the Krull topology on $S = \text{Aut}(k_K/k) = \text{Aut}(K/k)$. Moreover, $\mathcal{A}_0(N_0(\mathcal{A}_L)) = \mathcal{A}_0(N_0(\mathcal{A}_0(L \cap K_0))) = \mathcal{A}_0(L \cap K_0) = \mathcal{A}_L$, from ^{the proof of} Cor. 2. We proved that $M_L = H_L \times \mathcal{A}_L$ is closed indeed in $G'(K/k)$.

Let $M = H \times \mathcal{A}$, be a closed subgroup in $G'(K/k)$. It is clear that $L_M = (\text{Fix } H \cap k_K) \cdot N_0(\mathcal{A})$ is distinguished in K/k (it is the compositum between a separable and a pure subextension of K/k).

Let us remark now that $L_M = \{x \in \text{Fix } H, x \text{ is separable over } N_0(\mathcal{A}) \subset K_0\}$. For this, we have $N_0(\mathcal{A}) \subset K_0 \subset \text{Fix } H$, hence $L_M \subset \{x \in \text{Fix } H, x \text{ separable over } N_0(\mathcal{A})\}$. Now let x be in $\text{Fix } H, x$ separable over $N_0(\mathcal{A})$. $x = \sum \xi_i \eta_i$, where $\xi_i \in k_K$, $\eta_i \in K_0$ (K/k is distinguished). $x = \sigma(x) = \sum \sigma(\xi_i) \cdot \eta_i = \sum \xi_i \cdot \eta_i$, ^{where $\sigma \in H$} hence $\xi_i \in \text{Fix } H \cap k_K$ (we may consider η_i free over k). Now, if $D \in \mathcal{A}$, $D(x) = 0$, x being separable over $N_0(\mathcal{A})$ ($D(x) = -f^D(x)/f'(x)$, with $f(X) \in N_0(\mathcal{A})[X]$, where f is the minimal polynomial of x over $N_0(\mathcal{A})$). It follows that in a writing of $x = \sum \theta_i \tau_i$, $\theta_i \in k_K$, $\tau_i \in K_0$, θ_i free over k , we have $0 = D(x) = \sum \theta_i D(\tau_i)$, and $D(\tau_i) = 0$, so that $\tau_i \in N_0(\mathcal{A})$. But $k_K \cap K_0 = k$, and we can combine

the two writings of x to obtain $x \in L_M$.

Let L/k be a distinguished subextension in K/k . We shall prove that $L \subset \varphi\psi(L)$. $L = k_L \cdot (L \cap K_0)$, from Prop. 1., and $\varphi\psi(L) = L_{H_L} \times \mathcal{N}_L = \{ x \in \text{Fix } H_L, x \text{ separable over } N_0(\mathcal{N}_L) = N_0(\mathcal{N}(L \cap K_0)) = L \cap K_0 \}$. If $x \in L$ and $\sigma \in H_L$, $\sigma(x) = x$, hence $x \in \text{Fix } H_L$. L is distinguished, x is separable over $L \cap K_0$, so we have $x \in \varphi\psi(L)$.

Now we prove the converse part $\varphi\psi(L) \subset L$. Let y be in $\varphi\psi(L)$, in other words $y \in \text{Fix } H_L$ and y is separable over $N_0(\mathcal{N}_L) = L \cap K_0$. Write now $y = \sum \xi_i \eta_i$, with $\xi_i \in k_K$, $\eta_i \in K_0$ ($K = k_K \cdot K_0$). In this writing we can consider η_i free over k . We have now $y = \sigma(y) = \sum \sigma(\xi_i) \cdot \eta_i$, so $\xi_i = \sigma(\xi_i)$ for all $\sigma \in H_L$, and we conclude that $\xi_i \in \text{Fix } H_L \cap k_K = k_L$. In this way $y \in k_L \cdot K_0$. But $y^p \in k_L \cdot k = k_L$, so that y is pure over k_L and over L . y is also separable over $N_0(\mathcal{N}_L) = L \cap K_0$, so that y is separable over L . As a consequence $y \in L$.

Let $M = (H, \mathcal{N})$ be a closed subgroup in $G'(K/k)$. We shall prove now that $M = H \times \mathcal{N} \subset \varphi\psi(H, \mathcal{N})$. Let σ be in H and $x \in \varphi(H, \mathcal{N})$. $\sigma(x) = x$, so $\sigma \in H \cap \varphi(H, \mathcal{N})$. Consider now $D \in \mathcal{N}$ and $x \in \varphi(H, \mathcal{N}) \cap K_0$. x is separable over $N_0(\mathcal{N})$. But $x \in K_0$ implies x is pure over $N_0(\mathcal{N})$, so that $x \in N_0(\mathcal{N})$ and $D(x) = 0$. We conclude that $D \in \mathcal{N} \cap \varphi(H, \mathcal{N})$ and the inclusion is proved.

Now we shall prove the converse part $\varphi\psi(H, \mathcal{N}) \subset (H, \mathcal{N})$. For this, let σ be in $H \cap \varphi(H, \mathcal{N})$. σ leaves unchanged the elements of $\text{Fix } H$ which are separable over $N_0(\mathcal{N})$. Let x be in $\text{Fix } H \cap k_K$. H is closed in the Krull topology on S , hence it will be sufficient to prove that $\sigma(x) = x$. But $x \in$

$\text{Fix } H \cap k_K$ implies x separable over $N_0(\mathcal{K})$, so that $\sigma(x) = x$, and $H \varphi(H, \mathcal{K}) \subset H$. Let D be in $\mathcal{K} \varphi(H, \mathcal{K}) = \mathcal{K}_0(\text{Fix } H \cap N_0(\mathcal{K})) = \mathcal{K}_0(N_0(\mathcal{K})) = \mathcal{K}$ (Cor. 2.). We used the fact that $N_0(\mathcal{K}) \subset \text{Fix } H$, and the equality $L_M \cap K_0 = \text{Fix } H \cap N_0(\mathcal{K})$. For the last equality let x be in $L_M \cap K_0$, x is separable and pure over $N_0(\mathcal{K})$, so that $x \in N_0(\mathcal{K}) \cap \text{Fix } H$. Conversely, for $y \in \text{Fix } H \cap N_0(\mathcal{K})$, $y \in K_0$, and $y \in L_M$, since $y \in N_0(\mathcal{K})$. With that the proof of the Theorem 1.1 is over.

C. A Galois type correspondence for arbitrary subextensions

Lemma 2. For a subgroup H in S and a K -subspace \mathcal{K} in $\mathcal{D}_{K/k}$, $M = \{ (\sigma, \sigma E) \in G(K/k), \sigma \in H, E \in \mathcal{K} \} \stackrel{\text{not.}}{=} (H, \mathcal{K})$ is a subgroup in $G(K/k)$ if and only if $\sigma E \sigma^{-1} \in \mathcal{K}$, for all $\sigma \in H$, and $E \in \mathcal{K}$.

Definition 5. A subgroup $M = (H, \mathcal{K})$ is called admissible if H is closed in the Krull topology on S , \mathcal{K} is an A -maximal K -subspace in $\mathcal{D}_{K/k}$, and if we can find a p -base $\{c_i\}$ of $N(\mathcal{K})$ over k_K such that $c_i \in \text{Fix } H$, for all i .

Remark 2. $M = (H, \mathcal{K})$ is only a notation. Generally speaking $M = (H, \mathcal{K}) \neq H \times \mathcal{K}$ if we work with $\mathcal{D}_{K/k}$ instead of $\mathcal{D}_{K_0/k}$. It is not difficult to construct extensions K/k with $G(K/k) \neq S \times \mathcal{D}_{K/k}$.

In the following we denote by $\mathcal{K}_L = \mathcal{K}(L) = \{ D \in \mathcal{D}_{K/k}, D(x) = 0, \text{ for all } x \in L \}$, where $L/k \subset K/k$, and by $N(\mathcal{K}) = \{ x \in K, D(x) = 0, \text{ for all } D \in \mathcal{K} \}$, \mathcal{K} being a K -subspace in $\mathcal{D}_{K/k}$.

THEOREM 2. Let K/k be a normal extension of exponent 1

(K_0/k has exponent 1). The maps $\overline{\Psi}(L) = (H_L, \mathcal{A}_L) \subset G(K/k)$, with $H_L = \{ \sigma \in S, \sigma(x) = x, \text{ for } x \in L \}$, $\mathcal{A}_L = \{ D \in \mathcal{D}_{K/k}, D(x) = 0, \text{ for } x \in L \}$, and $\overline{\varphi}((H, \mathcal{A})) = \text{Fix } H \cap N(\mathcal{A})$, establish a one-to-one correspondence between the arbitrary subextensions $L/k \subset K/k$ and the admissible subgroups (H, \mathcal{A}) in $G(K/k)$.

Proof. If $L/k \subset K/k$, $\overline{\Psi}(L) = (H_L, \mathcal{A}_L)$ is admissible in $G(K/k)$. For this we write $L = k_L [c_\alpha]_{\alpha \in \Lambda}$, where $\{c_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in \Lambda}$ is a p-base over k_K . H_L is closed in the Krull topology on $S = \text{Aut}(K/k) = \text{Aut}(k_K/k)$, and \mathcal{A}_L is an \mathcal{A} -maximal ^{subspace} in $\mathcal{D}_{K/k}$ (if $\mathcal{A}_L \subset \mathcal{B}$, with $N(\mathcal{B}) = L$, every $D \in \mathcal{B}$ is 0 on L , hence $D \in \mathcal{A}_L$). It is clear, using Lemma 2, that (H_L, \mathcal{A}_L) is a subgroup in $G(K/k)$. Moreover $c_\alpha \in L \subset \text{Fix } H_L$, so that $\overline{\Psi}(L)$ is admissible in $G(K/k)$. But $L \subset \text{Fix } H_L \cap N(\mathcal{A}_L) = \overline{\varphi} \overline{\Psi}(L)$. Conversely, let x be in $\overline{\varphi} \overline{\Psi}(L) = \text{Fix } H_L \cap N(\mathcal{A}_L) = \text{Fix } H_L \cap k_K [c_\alpha]_{\alpha \in \Lambda}$, since $k_K \subset N(\mathcal{A}_L) \subset K$, and since we always can find a k_K -derivation on K , $D \in \mathcal{A}_L$, with $\text{Ker } D = k_K [c_\alpha]_{\alpha \in \Lambda}$. Write now $x = \sum \xi_{i_1, \dots, i_k} c_{\alpha_{i_1}}^{i_1} \dots c_{\alpha_{i_k}}^{i_k}$, with $\xi_{i_1, \dots, i_k} \in k_K$. We have $x = \sigma(x)$ for $\sigma \in H_L$, hence $\xi_{i_1, \dots, i_k} \in k_L$ (c_α is a p-base over k_K and $c_\alpha \in L$); so that $x \in k_L [c_\alpha]_{\alpha \in \Lambda} = L$. Up to now we have proved that $L = \overline{\varphi} \overline{\Psi}(L)$.

We want now to prove that $(H, \mathcal{A}) \subset \overline{\Psi} \overline{\varphi}(H, \mathcal{A})$ for an admissible subgroup (H, \mathcal{A}) in $G(K/k)$. If $\sigma \in H$, and $D \in \mathcal{A}$, it is clear that $\sigma \in H \cap \text{Fix } H \cap N(\mathcal{A})$ and that $D \in \mathcal{A}(\text{Fix } H \cap N(\mathcal{A}))$; let now σ be in $H \cap \text{Fix } H \cap N(\mathcal{A})$ and D be in $\mathcal{A}(\text{Fix } H \cap N(\mathcal{A}))$. For $x \in \text{Fix } H \cap k_K \subset \text{Fix } H \cap N(\mathcal{A})$ we have $\sigma(x) = x$. Since H is closed in $S = \text{Aut}(k_K/k)$ we conclude that $\sigma \in H$. Write now $N(\mathcal{A}) = k_K [c_i]_{i \in I}$ with $c_i \in \text{Fix } H$ ((H, \mathcal{A}) is admissible in $G(K/k)$). D is 0 on k_K and D is 0 on c_i , since $D \in \mathcal{A}(\text{Fix } H \cap N(\mathcal{A}))$, so that

$D \in \mathcal{A}(N(\mathcal{A})) = \mathcal{A}$, \mathcal{A} being A -maximal in $\mathcal{D}_{K/k}$, and we have proved that $(H, \mathcal{A}) = \overline{\Psi} \overline{\varphi}(H, \mathcal{A})$.

The last Remark For K/k purely inseparable, finite and of exponent 1, the A -maximal K -subspaces in $\mathcal{D}_{K/k}$ are exactly the restricted Lie algebras of Jacobson [1]. When K/k is infinite, purely inseparable, and of exponent 1, the A -maximal K -subspaces in $\mathcal{D}_{K/k}$ are exactly the closed (in the finite topology on $\mathcal{D}_{K/k}$) K -subspaces which are closed for taking p -powers ($[G1]$, $[G2]$, $[OS]$). It is not difficult to prove that when K/k is normal with K_0/k of exponent 1, every A -maximal subspace is closed in the finite topology and is closed for taking p -powers. The converse part of this affirmation is also true. All these facts we have proved independently from $[G1]$, $[G2]$, $[OS]$, using another tools.

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