

# Polynomials Over Splitting Fields

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## ABSTRACT

In this paper we study some results concerning the existence of splitting fields which are generated by roots of polynomials. Also we study the roots of cubic polynomials.

## Introduction and preliminaries

These results are basic to Galois theory consider the polynomial ring  $K[X]$  over field  $K$ . Let  $f(x)$  belong to  $K[X]$  in the quotient ring  $K[X]/f(x)$ . We let  $g(x)$  denotes the coset  $(g(x)+f(x))$ . Thus if  $g(x) = \sum_{i=0}^n K_i x^i$ , then by the definition of addition and multiplication of cosets we have that  $\overline{g(x)} = \sum_{i=0}^n \overline{K_i} x^i$ , we considered a field  $K$  contains in a complex numbers  $\mathbb{C}$  and a cubic polynomial  $f(x) = x^3 + px + q \in K[X]$ . Also, we obtained explicit expression involving extraction of square and cubic roots for the three roots  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2$  and  $\alpha_3$  of  $f(x)$  in  $\mathbb{C}$  and we were beginning to study the splitting field extension  $E = K(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3)$ . If  $f(x)$  factors in  $K[X]$  either all the roots are in  $K$  or exactly one of them (say  $\alpha_3$ ) is in  $K$  and the other two roots of irreducible quadratic polynomial in  $K[X]$ . In this case  $E = K(\alpha_1)$  is a field extension of dimension 2 over  $K$ . Therefore if  $\alpha_1$  denotes one of the roots, we know that  $K(\alpha_1) \cong K[X]/(f(X))$  is a field extension of dimension 3 = deg(f) over  $K$ . also we have  $K \in K(\alpha_1) \subseteq E$ , it follows from the multiplicatively of dimension that 3 divides the dimension of  $E$  over  $K$ .

### Definition. [2]

A polynomial  $f(x)$  belong to  $K[X]$  is said to split over a field  $S$  contains  $K$ , if  $f(x)$  can be write it factor as product of linear a factors in  $S[X]$ , such that  $K$  is a field.

### Remark .[1]

$\delta = (\alpha_1 - \alpha_2)(\alpha_2 - \alpha_3) \in E$ , since  $\delta^2 = -4p^3 - 27q^2 \in K$ , either  $K$  or  $K(\delta)$  is an extension field of dimension 2 over  $K$ , since  $K \subseteq K(\delta) \subseteq E$  it follows that 2 also divides  $\dim_k(E)$ .  
 $\delta \in K$  and  $\dim_k(E) = 3$  or  
 $\delta \notin K$  and  $\dim_k(E) = 6$ .

### Proposition. [ 4 ]

Let  $K$  be a field .If  $f(x)$  is a non-constant polynomial in  $K[X]$ , then there exists a field extension  $F/K$  such that  $F$  contains a root of  $f(x)$ . Now by the following we can show that  $\mathbb{C}$  is the field of complex numbers  $[x^2+1$  is irreducible in  $R[X]$ . Now,  $R[X] = \{a+b\bar{x} \mid a, b \in R\}$  is a field where  $\bar{x} = x + (x^2+1)$ . Since  $x^2 = -1$ , we may call  $\mathbb{C}$  the field of the complex numbers.]

### Definition . [5]

Let  $K$  be a field .A polynomial  $f(x) \in K[X]$  is said to split over a field  $S \supseteq K$  if  $f(x)$  can be factored as a product of line a factors in  $S[x]$ . A field  $S$  containing  $K$  is said to be a splitting field for  $f(x)$  over  $K$  if  $f(x)$  splits over  $S$  but over no proper intermediate field of  $S/K$ . For example The field of complex numbers  $\mathbb{C}$  is a splitting field for the polynomial  $x^2+1$  over  $\mathbb{R}$ . this follows, since  $x^2+1 = (x+i)(x-i)$  in  $\mathbb{C}[x]$ , and  $\mathbb{C}/\mathbb{R}$  has no proper intermediate field because  $[\mathbb{C}:\mathbb{R}] = 2$ . Now if  $\mathbb{C} \supseteq L \supseteq \mathbb{R}$  where  $L$  is an intermediate field of  $\mathbb{C}/\mathbb{R}$ , then  $2 = [\mathbb{C}:\mathbb{R}] = [L:\mathbb{R}]$  and so either  $[\mathbb{C}:L] = 1$  or  $[L:\mathbb{R}] = 1$ . Then either  $\mathbb{C} = L$  or  $\mathbb{C} = \mathbb{R}$  and note that  $\mathbb{C}$  is

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the splitting field of  $x^2+1$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$  since  $x^2+1$  splits over  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-1})$ .

**Proposition . [5]**

Let  $K$  be a field and  $f(x)$  be a polynomial in  $K[X]$  of degree  $n$ . Let  $F/K$  be a field extension. If  $f(x)=c(x-c_1)(x-c_2)\dots(x-c_n)$  in  $F(x)$ . then  $F$  is a splitting field for  $f(x)$  over  $K$ .

Also,if we have  $K$  a finite field.Then cardinality of  $K$  is  $p^n$  for some prime  $p$  and some positive integer  $n$ .Every  $k$  belong to  $K$  is a root of the polynomial  $X^{p^n}-X$  and  $K$  is the splitting field of this polynomial over prime subfield  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ .

Therefore,if the roots are known as  $\alpha_1$  and  $\alpha_2$  then The field  $\mathbb{Q}(\lambda, \lambda_3)$  for the last example is a splitting field for  $x^4-3$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

Now we can say that if  $K$  be field and  $f(x)$  be constant polynomial over  $K$ . Then there is a splitting field for  $f(x)$  over  $K$ . and if  $E/K$  is a field extension and  $f(x)$  be an irreducible polynomial in  $K[X]$ . If  $a, b \in E$  are roots of  $f(x)$  then  $K(a) \cong K(b)$ .

Also, we can use other concept to obtain splitting field by normal extension such that ((if a finite extension  $E/K$  is normal ,then it is a splitting field over  $K$  and  $f(x)$  belong to  $K[X]$ )).

Therefore , if  $E/L$  and  $L/K$  be a finite extensions and if  $E/K$  is normal then  $E/L$  is normal( $E/L$  is splitting ).Now we can give the following fact about two splitting fields[Let  $f(x) \in K[x]$ . Any two splitting fields for  $f(x)$  over  $K$  are isomorphic],

also, let  $F/K$  be a field extension and  $a, b \in F$ . Then  $a$  and  $b$  are called conjugates, if  $a$  and  $b$  are roots of the same irreducible polynomial over  $K$ .

**Examples**

1-The field  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}) = \{a+b\sqrt{2} : a, b \in \mathbb{Q}\}$  is a splitting field of  $x^2-2 \in \mathbb{Q}[x]$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$

2- A splitting field of  $x^2+1 \in \mathbb{R}[x]$  over  $\mathbb{R}$  is the field  $\mathbb{C}$ .

**Proposition[2]**

If  $K$  is field and  $f \in K[x]$  then:

- There exists splitting field of polynomial;  $f$  on  $K$ .
- Any two splitting fields of  $f$  on  $K$  are two isomorphism fields on  $K$ .
- Splitting fields are unique up to isomorphism over  $K$ .

**Proposition .[3]**

Let  $K$  be subfield of  $\mathbb{C}$  let  $f(x)=x^3+px+q \in K[X]$  an irreducible cubic polynomial and let  $E$  denotes the splitting field of  $f(x)$  in  $\mathbb{C}$ . Let  $\delta=(\alpha_1-\alpha_2)(\alpha_2-\alpha_3)$  where  $\alpha_i$  are the roots of  $f(x)$ . If  $\delta \in K$ , then  $\dim_k(E)=6$

**Proposition. [1]**

Suppose  $K \subseteq L$  is any field extension  $f(x) \in K[X]$  and  $\beta$  is the root of  $f(x)$  in  $L$ . If  $\delta$  is an automorphism of  $L$  leaves  $F$  fixed pointwise, then  $\delta(\beta)$  is also a root of  $f(x)$ .

**Proof**

If  $f(x)=\sum f_i x^i$ , and since  $\beta$  is one of the roots that is mean  $f(\beta)=0$  then  $\sum f_i \delta(\beta)^i = \delta \sum f_i (\beta^i) = \delta(0) = 0$

**Example**

Let  $f(x)=x^3-2$ , which is irreducible over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . The three roots of  $f$  in  $\mathbb{C}$  are  $\sqrt[3]{2}$ ,  $\omega \sqrt[3]{2}$  and  $\omega^2 \sqrt[3]{2}$ , where  $\omega = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{-3}}{2}$  is a primitive cube root of 1.

Finally, to show that the splitting fields always exist[for if  $g$  is any irreducible factor of  $f$ , then  $K[X]/(g)=K(\alpha)$  is an extension of  $K$  for which  $g(\alpha)=0$ , where  $\alpha$  denotes the image of  $X$ . Then  $g$  and  $f$  are splits off a linear factor, induction implies that exists a splitting field  $L$  for  $f$ .

**Conclusions**

We got that a polynomial  $f(x) \in K[X]$  always has a splitting field, namely the field generated by its roots in a given algebraic closure  $\bar{K}$  of  $K$ . Also we can apply these roots of any non-constant polynomials by Galois theory. We obtained a new result (every normal extension is splitting field, and splitting fields are unique. let  $K$  be a field by a root of polynomials  $f(x) \in K[X]$  we mean an element  $\alpha$  in an over field of  $K$  such that  $f(\alpha)=0$ . It is easy to see that a non-zero polynomial in  $K[X]$  of degree  $n$  has most  $n$  roots.

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