

## SIXTH HOMEWORK, DUE FEBRUARY 22ND

1. What is  $[\bar{\mathbb{Q}} : \mathbb{Q}]$ ?

Let  $L/K$  be a field extension. Let  $G$  be the set of automorphisms of  $L$  that fix  $K$ .

2. Show that  $G$  is naturally a group.  $G$  is called the **Galois group** of  $L/K$  and is denoted  $\text{Gal}(L/K)$ .

3. Let  $M$  be an intermediary subfield. Let  $H$  be the set of all automorphisms of  $L$  over  $K$  that fix  $M$ . Show that  $H$  is a subgroup of  $G$ .

4. Let  $H$  be a subgroup of  $G$ . Let  $M$  be the subset of all elements of  $L$  fixed by  $H$ . Then  $M$  is an intermediary field, denoted  $L^H$ , called the fixed field of  $H$ .

5. Show that both assignments are inclusion reversing, that is, if  $H \subset K$  are two subgroups, then  $L^K \subset L^H$  and if  $M \subset N$  are two intermediary fields, then  $\text{Gal}(L/N) \subset \text{Gal}(L/M)$ .

6. Given a subgroup  $H$  of  $G$ , let  $K = \text{Gal}(L/L^H)$ . Show that  $H \subset K$ .

7. Given an intermediary field  $M$ , let  $N = L^{\text{Gal}(L/M)}$ . Show that  $M \subset N$ .

8. Let  $L = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3}, \sqrt{5})$ . Find all the intermediary fields and subgroups of the Galois group. Compare.

9. Construct subfields of  $\mathbb{C}/\mathbb{Q}$  which are splitting fields for  $t^3 - 1$ ,  $t^4 + 5t^2 + 6$ ,  $t^6 - 8$  and find the degrees of the extensions.

10. Let  $f(x)$  be a polynomial of degree  $n$  over a field  $K$ , with splitting field  $L/K$ . Show that the degree of the extension  $L/K$  divides  $n!$ .