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$$\begin{array}{ccc} \{\text{fields } E \mid F \subseteq E \subseteq L\} & \longleftrightarrow & \{\text{subgroups } H \leq \text{Gal}(L/F)\} \\ E & \mapsto & \text{Gal}(L/E) \\ L^H & \longleftarrow & H \end{array}$$

Moreover, this bijective correspondence enjoys the following properties:

- (1) $\xrightarrow{\text{Gal}(L/\star)}$ and $\xleftarrow{L^\star}$ each reverse the order of inclusion:
 $E \subseteq E' \iff \text{Gal}(L/E') \leq \text{Gal}(L/E)$; equivalently
 $L^H \subseteq L^{H'} \iff H' \leq H$.
- (2) $\xrightarrow{\text{Gal}(L/\star)}$ and $\xleftarrow{L^\star}$ convert between degrees of extensions and indices of subgroups:
 $[E : F] = [\text{Gal}(L/F) : \text{Gal}(L/E)]$; equivalently
 $[\text{Gal}(L/F) : H] = [L^H : F]$.
- (3) Normal subgroups correspond to intermediate fields that are Galois over F :
 E/F is Galois if and only if $\text{Gal}(L/E) \trianglelefteq \text{Gal}(L/F)$; equivalently
 $N \trianglelefteq G$ if and only if L^N/F is Galois.

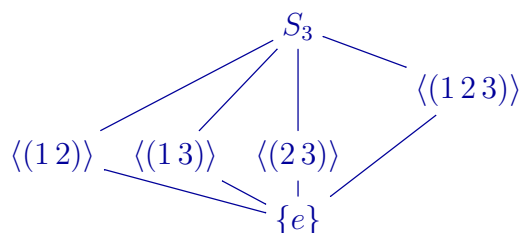
In this case, $\text{Gal}(E/F) = \text{Gal}(L/F)/\text{Gal}(L/E)$.

(1) Let L be the splitting field of $x^3 - 2$ over \mathbb{Q} . From earlier work, we know that:

- $L = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{2}, \omega)$ where $\omega = e^{2\pi i/3}$.
- $\text{Gal}(L/\mathbb{Q}) = \langle \sigma, \tau \rangle$, with $\sigma \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt[3]{2} \\ \omega \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \omega \sqrt[3]{2} \\ \omega \end{bmatrix}$ and $\tau \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt[3]{2} \\ \omega \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt[3]{2} \\ \omega^2 \end{bmatrix}$.
- $\text{Gal}(L/\mathbb{Q}) \cong S_3$ via $\sigma \mapsto (1\ 2\ 3)$ and $\tau \mapsto (2\ 3)$.

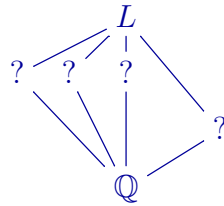
- (a)** List all subgroups of S_3 , and draw a diagram indicating which is contained in which.
- (b)** Use the previous part and the Fundamental Theorem to determine how many¹ intermediate fields E are between \mathbb{Q} and L . Then draw a diagram to indicate containments among the fields.
- (c)** Compute the index of each subgroup of S_3 . Use this and the Fundamental Theorem to determine $[E : \mathbb{Q}]$ for each intermediate field E .
- (d)** Determine which subgroups of S_3 are normal. Use this and the Fundamental Theorem to determine which intermediate fields are Galois over \mathbb{Q} .
- (e)** Explicitly identify the intermediate fields E .

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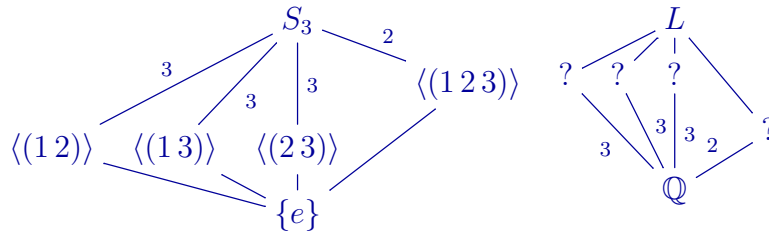


¹Do not explicitly identify the fields yet; just make up a placeholder name for each intermediate field E .

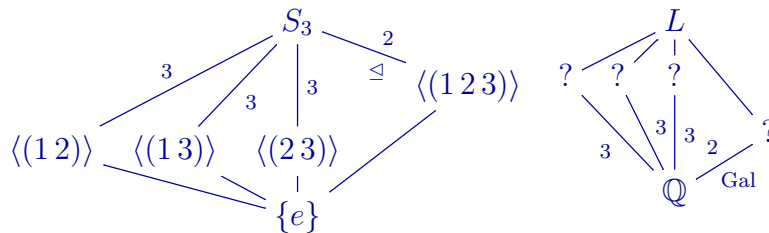
(b) Four:



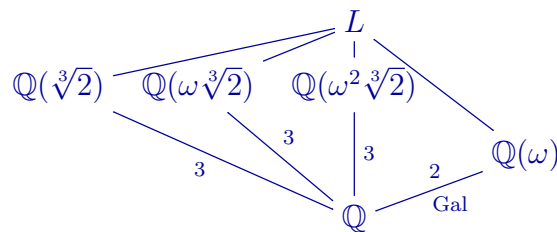
(c)



(d)



(e)



(2) Let L/F be a finite Galois extension.

(a) When is every intermediate field $E \subseteq L$ Galois over F ?

(b) If $[L : F] = n$ and $n = p^e m$ for some prime p and positive integer m that is not a multiple of p , explain why there exists an intermediate field E with $[E : F] = m$.

(a) If and only if every subgroups is normal. This happens, for example, if G is abelian.

(b) Let $G = \text{Gal}(L/F)$. Then by the Sylow Theorems, there is a subgroup $H \leq G$ of order p^e . Then $m = [G : H] = [L^H : F]$, so $E = L^H$ works.

(3) Proof² of Fundamental Theorem:

(a) Show that the maps $\xrightarrow{\text{Gal}(L/\star)}$ and $\xleftarrow{L^\star}$ give the bijection as stated in the Theorem.

(b) Prove part (1) of The Fundamental Theorem of Galois Theory.

(c) Prove part (2) of The Fundamental Theorem of Galois Theory.

²Hint: Use Artin's Theorem and its Corollaries generously!

- (a)** First, we note that these are well-defined: for $E \subseteq L$, L/E is indeed Galois by a Corollary of Artin's Theorem, and $\text{Gal}(L/E)$ is a subgroup of $\text{Gal}(L/F)$. Also, for $H \subseteq G$, L^H is a subfield of L by an exercise, and L^H contains F since every element of H fixes F . Let $F \subseteq E \subseteq L$. Then E maps to $\text{Gal}(L/E) \leq \text{Gal}(L/F)$. By a Corollary of Artin's Theorem, we have $L^{\text{Gal}(L/E)} = E$. This shows that one composition is the identity. Let $H \leq \text{Gal}(L/F)$. Then H maps to L^H . This maps to $\text{Aut}(L/L^H)$ which is H by Artin's Theorem. This shows that the other composition is the identity.
- (b)** This follows from the definitions: if $E \subseteq E'$, then any automorphism that fixes E' definitely fixes E , so $\text{Gal}(L/E') \leq \text{Gal}(L/E)$. For the converse, we write $E = L^H$ and $E' = L^{H'}$; if $H' \leq H$, then anything fixed by all elements of H is fixed by all elements of H' , so $E = L^H \subseteq L^{H'} = E'$.
- (c)** By definition of Galois, we have $[L : F] = |\text{Gal}(L/F)|$. Since L/E is also Galois, we have $[L : E] = |\text{Gal}(L/E)|$. Then

$$[E : F] = \frac{[L : F]}{[L : E]} = \frac{|\text{Gal}(L/F)|}{|\text{Gal}(L/E)|} = [\text{Gal}(L/F) : \text{Gal}(L/E)].$$