

GALOIS THEORY 2015/2016 EXERCISE SHEET 11

- (1) Let V_4 denote the subgroup of S_4 generated by the elements of cycle type $(2, 2)$. By considering the action of S_4 on the set of elements of cycle type $(2, 2)$ by conjugation, show that V_4 is a normal subgroup of S_4 , and the quotient S_4/V_4 is isomorphic to S_3 .
- (2) Let $\mathbb{C}(T_1, T_2, T_3, T_4)$ be the field of fractions of a polynomial algebra in four variables.
- (a) Let K denote the fixed field $\mathbb{C}(T_1, T_2, T_3, T_4)^{S_4}$ with respect to the natural action of S_4 on the set $\{T_1, T_2, T_3, T_4\}$. Show that the polynomial
- $$F(X) = (X - T_1T_2 - T_3T_4)(X - T_1T_3 - T_2T_4)(X - T_1T_4 - T_2T_3)$$
- lies in $K[X]$.
- (b) Let L be the splitting field of F , thought of as a subextension of $\mathbb{C}(T_1, T_2, T_3, T_4)|K$. Show that the Galois group of $L|K$ is S_3 , and that the Galois group of $\mathbb{C}(T_1, T_2, T_3, T_4)|L$ is V_4 .
- (c) Use this to write $\mathbb{C}(T_1, T_2, T_3, T_4)|K$ as a radical extension.

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