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# Introduction to Galois Theory

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# Abstract

Field extensions. Degree of extension. Algebraic numbers. Geometric constructions with ruler and compasses. The Galois group of an extension. The Galois correspondence between subgroups and intermediate fields. Splitting field for a polynomial. Transitivity of the Galois group on the zeros of an irreducible polynomial in a normal extension. Properties equivalent to normality. Galois groups of normal separable extensions. Properties of Galois correspondence for normal separable extensions. Normal subgroups and normal intermediate extensions. The Fundamental Theorem of Galois Theory.

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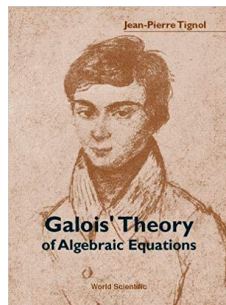
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# Galois theory of algebraic equations



Jean-Pierre Tignol

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# Quadratic equations



Simon Stevin

1548–1620



François Viète

1540–1603

<http://www-history.mcs.st-and.ac.uk/Biographies/Stevin.html>

<http://www-history.mcs.st-and.ac.uk/Biographies/Viete.html>

$$x^2 - x = b$$



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Emmanuel Peyre. Les Points Rationnels. Gazette SMF N° 159, janvier 2019, 13–22.

<https://smf.emath.fr/publications/la-gazette-des-mathematiciens-159-janvier-2019>



$$x^2 + ax = b, x^2 + b = ax, x^2 = ax + b$$

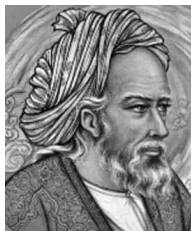


Abu Ja'far Muhammad ibn Musa Al-Khwarizmi  
780–850

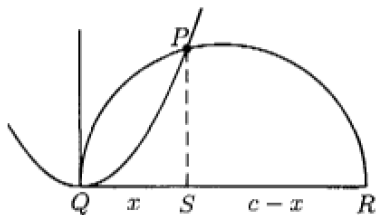
Hisab al-jabr w'al-muqabala

<http://www-history.mcs.st-and.ac.uk/Biographies/Al-Khwarizmi.htm>

# Geometric solutions to cubic equations



Omar Khayyam  
1048–1131



$$x^3 + b^2x = b^2c$$

$x^2 = by$ , the triangles  $QSP$  and  $PSR$  are similar,

$$\frac{x}{PS} = \frac{PS}{c-x}, \quad \frac{b}{x} = \frac{x}{y} = \frac{y}{c-x} = \frac{x^2}{b(c-x)}.$$

# Leonardo da Pisa (Fibonacci)



Fibonacci

1170–1250

Liber Abaci (1202), Flos (1225)

In Flos, Fibonacci proves that the root of the equation  $10x + 2x^2 + x^3 = 20$  (from Omar Khayyam's algebra book) is neither an integer nor a fraction, nor the square root of a fraction and gives the approximation 1.368 808 107 5, which is correct to nine decimal places.

<http://www-history.mcs.st-and.ac.uk/Biographies/Fibonacci.html>



“The solutions of  $x^3 + mx = n$  and  $x^3 + n = mx$   
are as impossible as the quadrature of the circle”



Luca Pacioli

1445–1517

<http://www-history.mcs.st-and.ac.uk/Biographies/Pacioli.html>

$x^3 + mx = n$  – unpublished



Scipione del Ferro

1465–1526

<http://www-history.mcs.st-and.ac.uk/Biographies/Ferro.html>

# Nicolo Fontana alias Tartaglia



Nicolo Tartaglia

1500–1557

<http://www-history.mcs.st-and.ac.uk/Biographies/Tartaglia.html>

$$x^3 + mx = n$$



Girolamo Cardano

1501–1576

$$x^3 + mx = n, t - u = n, tu = (m/3)^3, x = \sqrt[3]{t} - \sqrt[3]{u}.$$

$x^3 = 15x + 4 : x = 4$ . Introduction complex numbers.

$x^2 + 2x = 48 : 1 \text{ quad } p : 2 \text{ pos aeq } 48$

<http://www-history.mcs.st-and.ac.uk/Biographies/Cardan.html>

# Algebra



Rafael Bombelli

1526–1572

<http://www-history.mcs.st-and.ac.uk/Biographies/Bombelli.html>

# Solution of quartic equations



Lodovico Ferrari

1522–1565

Published by Cardano : “Ars Magna”.  
Resolvent cubic equation.

<http://www-history.mcs.st-and.ac.uk/Biographies/Ferrari.html>

# Negative numbers



Simon Stevin

1548–1620

<http://www-history.mcs.st-and.ac.uk/Biographies/Stevin.html>

# Letters for unknown quantities (positive numbers)



François Viète

1540–1603

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# La Géométrie, 1637



René Descartes

1596–1650

1567 :  $X - a$  divides  $P(X)$  if and only if  $P(a) = 0$ .

$$X^4 + pX^2 + qX + r = (X^2 + aX + b)(X^2 + cX + d)$$

$$a^6 + 2pa^4 + (p^2 - 4r)a^2 - q^2 = 0$$

<http://www-history.mcs.st-and.ac.uk/Biographies/Descartes.html>

# 1629 : invention nouvelle en algèbre



Albert Girard

1595–1632

The number of roots is the degree (including impossible solutions).

Relation between roots and coefficients.

[http://www-history.mcs.st-and.ac.uk/Biographies/Girard\\_Albert.html](http://www-history.mcs.st-and.ac.uk/Biographies/Girard_Albert.html)



Sir Isaac Newton  
1643–1727

$$\sum \alpha_i^k.$$

Numerical methods.

<http://www-history.mcs.st-and.ac.uk/Biographies/Newton.html>

# Tschirnhaus



Ehrenfried Walter von Tschirnhaus

1651–1708

$$X^n + a_{n-1}X^{n-1} + \cdots + a_1X + a_0$$
$$Y = X^m + b_{m-1}X^{m-1} + \cdots + b_1X + b_0$$

<http://www-history.mcs.st-and.ac.uk/Biographies/Tschirnhaus.html>

# How to solve Tschirnhaus system ?



Gottfried Wilhelm von Leibniz

1646–1716

<http://www-history.mcs.st-and.ac.uk/Biographies/Leibniz.html>

# Réflexions sur la résolution algébrique des équations : 1772



Joseph-Louis Lagrange

1736–1813

Permutations of the roots. Number of permutations leaving invariant the polynomial. Lagrange theorem on the order of a subgroup. Lagrange resolvent.

<http://www-history.mcs.st-and.ac.uk/Biographies/Lagrange.html>

# The fundamental theorem of algebra



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# The fundamental theorem of algebra : 1746



Jean Le Rond d'Alembert  
1717–1813

Analytic proof

<http://www-history.mcs.st-and.ac.uk/Biographies/DAlembert.html>



# The fundamental theorem of algebra : 1749



Leonhard Euler

1707–1783

Any irreducible polynomial over  $\mathbb{R}$  has degree 1 or 2.

<http://www-history.mcs.st-and.ac.uk/Biographies/Euler.html>

# Réflexions sur la résolution algébrique des équations : 1772



Joseph-Louis Lagrange  
1736–1813

Assumes there are  $d$  “imaginary” roots to a polynomial of degree  $d$ , proves that they are in  $\mathbb{C}$ .

<http://www-history.mcs.st-and.ac.uk/Biographies/Lagrange.html>

# The fundamental theorem of algebra : 1799, 1815



Johann Carl Friedrich Gauss

1777-1855

Corrects the proofs of d'Alembert and Lagrange, later produces two other proofs.

<http://www-history.mcs.st-and.ac.uk/Biographies/Gauss.html>

# Mémoire sur la résolution des équations 1774



Alexandre-Théophile Vandermonde  
1735–1796



Abbé Henri Grégoire  
1750–1831

Determinant

Cyclotomic polynomials

<http://www-history.mcs.st-and.ac.uk/Biographies/Vandermonde.html>

[https://fr.wikipedia.org/wiki/Henri\\_Gregoire](https://fr.wikipedia.org/wiki/Henri_Gregoire)

# Cyclotomic polynomials 1799



Johann Carl Friedrich Gauss

1777-1855

<http://www-history.mcs.st-and.ac.uk/Biographies/Gauss.html>

1837



Pierre Laurent Wantzel

1814–1848

<http://www-history.mcs.st-and.ac.uk/Biographies/Wantzel.html>

# Fermat primes



Pierre de Fermat

1601?–1665

$$F_n = 2^{2^n} + 1 :$$

$$F_0 = 3, F_1 = 5, F_2 = 17, F_3 = 257, F_4 = 65\,537$$

$$F_5 = 2^{32} + 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{641}.$$

<http://www-history.mcs.st-and.ac.uk/Biographies/Fermat.html>

# 1799 : general equation of degree 5



Paolo Ruffini

1765–1822

516 pages - non solvability of the general equation of degree 5.  
Gauss : “It appears more and more likely that this resolution is impossible” .

<http://www-history.mcs.st-and.ac.uk/Biographies/Ruffini.html>



# 1824 : non solvability of equations of degree 5



Niels Henrik Abel

1802–1829

<http://www-history.mcs.st-and.ac.uk/Biographies/Abel.html>



Évariste Galois  
1811–1832

Necessary and sufficient condition for an equation to be solvable by radicals.

<http://www-history.mcs.st-and.ac.uk/Biographies/Galois.html>

# Referee of Galois's note



Jean Baptiste Joseph Fourier

1768–1830

<http://www-history.mcs.st-and.ac.uk/Biographies/Fourier.html>

## 1846 : publication of Galois's work



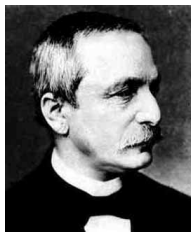
Joseph Liouville

1809–1882

Permutations which preserves the relations among the roots.  
Behavior under the extension of the base field.

<http://www-history.mcs.st-and.ac.uk/Biographies/Liouville.html>

# Field theory : constructivist



Leopold Kronecker

1823–1891

<http://www-history.mcs.st-and.ac.uk/Biographies/Kronecker.html>

# Field theory : axiomatic

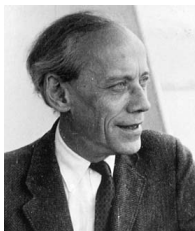


Julius Wilhelm Richard Dedekind

1831–1916

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# Galois correspondence - published 1942

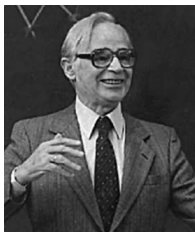


Emil Artin

1898–1962

<http://www-history.mcs.st-and.ac.uk/Biographies/Artin.html>

# Moderne Algebra 1930



Bartel Leendert van der Waerden  
1903–1996

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# Field theory

Field extensions  $K/k$ .

Algebraic elements, transcendental elements.

Algebraic extensions, finite extensions, degree of an extension  $[K : k]$ . Number field.

A finite extension is algebraic.

The set of algebraic numbers (over  $\mathbb{Q}$ ) is a field:  $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}$ .

Stem field of a polynomial. Splitting field for a polynomial.

# Conjugates, normal extensions

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# The Fundamental Theorem of Galois Theory

The Galois correspondence between subgroups and intermediate fields.

$K/k$  a Galois extension,  $G = G(K/k)$

$$\begin{array}{ll} S(K/k) = \{\text{subfields } E \text{ of } K \text{ containing } k\} & k \subset E \subset K \\ S(G) = \{\text{subgroups } H \text{ of } G\} & H \subset G \end{array}$$

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# Galois correspondence

$$H \in S(G) \Rightarrow \\ K^H \in S(K/k)$$

$$G \left\{ \begin{array}{c} K \\ | \\ K^H \\ | \\ k \end{array} \right. H$$

$$E \in S(K/k) \Rightarrow \\ G(K/E) \in S(G)$$

$$G \left\{ \begin{array}{c} K \\ | \\ E \\ | \\ k \end{array} \right. G(K/E)$$

# Normal subgroups and normal intermediate extensions

$$G \left\{ \begin{array}{l} K \\ | \\ K^H \\ | \\ k \end{array} \right. \begin{array}{l} H \\ \\ G/H \end{array}$$

$H$  is normal in  $G$  if and only if  $K^H/k$  is a Galois extension. In this case,  
 $G(K^H/k) = G/H$ .

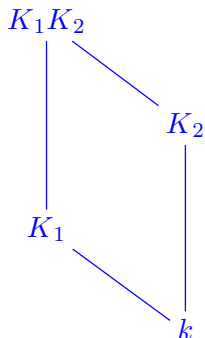
# Compositum

Assume  $K_1/k$  is Galois. Then  $K_1K_2/K_2$  is Galois and

$$G(K_1K_2/K_2) \subset G(K_1/k)$$

hence

$$[K_1K_2 : K_2] \text{ divides } [K_1 : k].$$

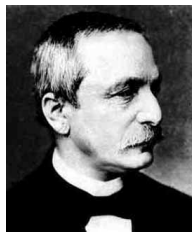


Remark :  $k = \mathbb{Q}$ ,  $K_1 = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{2})$ ,  $K_2 = \mathbb{Q}(j\sqrt[3]{2})$ ,  $[K_1 : \mathbb{Q}] = 3$ ,  $[K_1K_2 : K_2] = 2$ .

# Cyclotomic fields. Abelian extensions of $\mathbb{Q}$

Let  $\mu_n$  be the cyclic group of  $n$ -th roots of unity in  $\mathbb{C}$ . The cyclotomic field  $\mathbb{Q}(\mu_n)$  is a Galois extension of  $\mathbb{Q}$  with Galois group  $(\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z})^\times$ .

**Kronecker–Weber Theorem.** *Every finite abelian extension of  $\mathbb{Q}$  is contained in some cyclotomic field.*



Leopold Kronecker

1823–1891



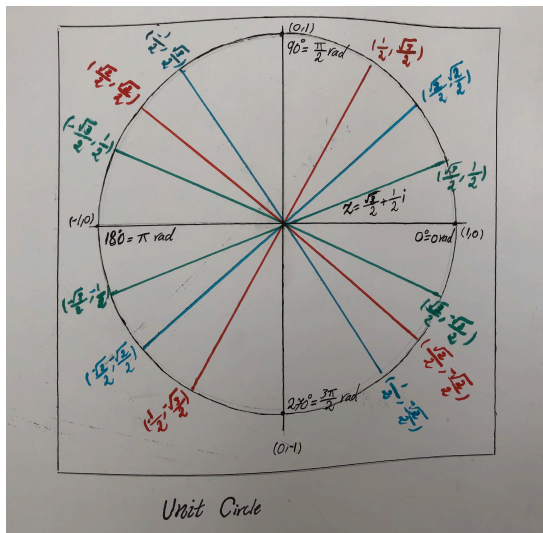
Heinrich Weber

1842–1913

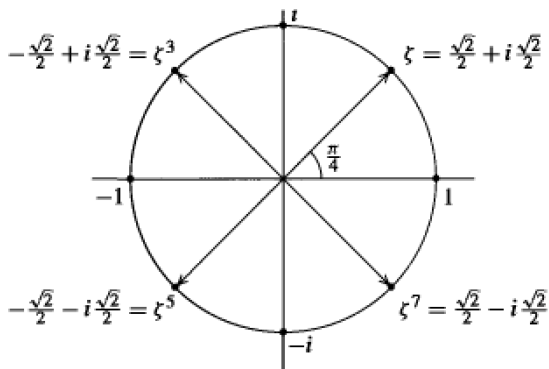
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Sixteenth roots of unity :  $\Phi_{16}(X) = X^8 + 1$ ,  
 $\zeta^{16} = 1$



Eighth roots of unity :  $\Phi_8(X) = X^4 + 1, \zeta^8 = 1$



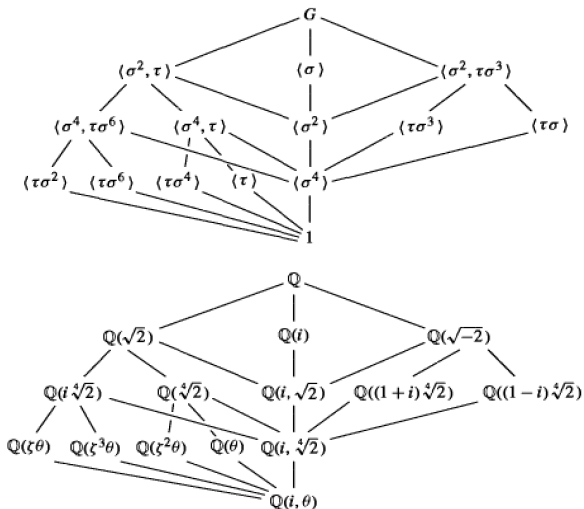
$$[\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_8) : \mathbb{Q}] = \varphi(8) = 4, G(\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_8)/\mathbb{Q}) = (\mathbb{Z}/8\mathbb{Z})^\times \simeq (\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}) \times (\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}).$$

David S. Dummit & Richard M. Foote, Abstract Algebra, Prentice Hall, 1991  
2nd Ed. 1999.



# Splitting field of $X^8 - 2$ and subfields

$$\theta = \sqrt[8]{2}$$



# Galois theory of finite fields

If  $F$  is a finite extension of  $\mathbb{F}_q$ , then  $F/\mathbb{F}_q$  is a Galois extension and  $G(F/\mathbb{F}_q)$  is a cyclic group generated by the Frobenius  $\text{Frob}_q : x \rightarrow x^q$ .



Ferdinand Georg Frobenius  
1849–1917

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# Solvability of algebraic equations by radicals

Extension solvable by radicals.

In characteristic  $\neq 2$  and  $\neq 3$ , an extension of degree  $\leq 4$  is solvable by radicals.

Existence of extensions of degree  $p$  with Galois group  $\mathfrak{S}_p$ .

Example :  $X^5 + 2X^3 - 24X - 2$

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