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A hypercomplex proof of the Jordan - Kronecker's „Principle of reduction“.

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I.

This important theorem of the Galois' theory can be proved very simply by means of only elementary facts known from the theory of algebras.

Let $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ be two separable irreducible polynomials of degree m resp. n over a commutative field \mathbf{P} . Let α, β be the roots of $f(x) = 0$ and $g(x) = 0$ respectively. Let us denote $\mathbf{P}_1 = \mathbf{P}(\alpha)$ and $\mathbf{P}_2 = \mathbf{P}(\beta)$. Let

$$f(x) = f_1(x) \cdot f_2(x) \dots f_r(x), \quad (1)$$

$$g(x) = g_1(x) \cdot g_2(x) \dots g_s(x) \quad (2)$$

be the decompositions of $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ into irreducible factors of degree m_i ($i = 1, 2, \dots, r$) and n_i ($i = 1, 2, \dots, s$) in \mathbf{P}_2 and \mathbf{P}_1 respectively. Then, the Jordan-Kronecker's Principle of reduction says: It is

i) $r = s$,

ii) by a suitable arrangement of the factors $\frac{m_i}{n_i} = \frac{m}{n}$ (for every i).

The proof is as follows. We form the hypercomplex system

$$\mathfrak{S} = \mathbf{P}_1 \times \mathbf{P}_2$$

over \mathbf{P} :

We can write \mathfrak{S} in two different manners.

It is first (we use the usual notation)

$$\mathfrak{S} = \mathbf{P}_1 \mathbf{P}_2 = \mathbf{P}_2 + \mathbf{P}_2 \alpha + \mathbf{P}_2 \alpha^2 + \dots + \mathbf{P}_2 \alpha^{m-1} \cong \mathbf{P}_2[z]/(f(z)).$$

On the other hand we have also

$$\mathfrak{S} = \mathbf{P} \mathbf{P}_1 = \mathbf{P}_1 + \mathbf{P}_1 \beta + \mathbf{P}_1 \beta^2 + \dots + \mathbf{P}_1 \beta^{n-1} \cong \mathbf{P}_1[z]/(g(z)),$$

where $\mathbf{P}_1[z], \mathbf{P}_2[z]$ denote rings of polynomials in one variable z over \mathbf{P}_1 and \mathbf{P}_2 respectively.

The structures of the rings of remainder-classes on the right side of the last relations can be easily given. Writing the factorisation of $f(z)$ in $\mathbf{P}_2[z]$ as above, we have

$$\mathfrak{G} \cong \mathbf{P}_2[z]/(f(z)) = \mathbf{P}_2[z]/(f_1 \cdot f_2 \dots f_r).$$

But, this ring can be written as a direct sum of the fields $\Phi_1, \Phi_2, \dots, \Phi_r$, corresponding¹⁾ to the irreducible factors $f_1(z), f_2(z), \dots, f_r(z)$ in $\mathbf{P}_2[z]$.

Therefore

$$\mathfrak{G} = \Phi_1 \oplus \Phi_2 \oplus \dots \oplus \Phi_r,$$

where

$$\Phi_i \cong \mathbf{P}_2[z]/(f_i(z)), \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, r.$$

In the same manner we treat the second equation (2) and we obtain the direct decomposition

$$\mathfrak{G} = \Gamma_1 \oplus \Gamma_2 \oplus \dots \oplus \Gamma_s,$$

where

$$\Gamma_i \cong \mathbf{P}_1[z]/(g_i(z)), \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, s.$$

The decomposition of a ring, possessing a unit, in two-sided direct irreducible components is uniquely determined²⁾. Therefore, it is

i) $r = s$ and

ii) by a suitable arrangement $\Gamma_i = \Phi_i$ (for every i),

i. e.

$$\mathbf{P}_1[z]/(g_i(z)) \cong \mathbf{P}_2[z]/(f_i(z)).$$

The order of the field $\mathbf{P}_1[z]/(g_i(z))$ over the field \mathbf{P} is evidently $m \cdot n_i$. The order of $\mathbf{P}_2[z]/(f_i(z))$ over \mathbf{P} is $n \cdot m_i$.

From that isomorphisme follows therefore

$$mn_i = nm_i,$$

$$\frac{m}{n} = \frac{m_i}{n_i},$$

q. e. d.

II.

From the isomorphisme just proved

$$\mathbf{P}_1[z]/(g_i(z)) \cong \mathbf{P}_2[z]/(f_i(z))$$

¹⁾ See e. g.: Van der Waerden, *Moderne Algebra II*, Berlin 1931, p. 48.

²⁾ See e. g.: Van der Waerden, *ibid.*, p. 162.

follows an interesting and very easy proof of the following theorem due to A. Loewy (M. Z., 15, 1922, p. 266).

Let — under the same suppositions as above — the explicit factorisation of $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ in \mathbf{P}_2 and \mathbf{P}_1 respectively be

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= f_1(x, \beta) \cdot f_2(x, \beta) \dots f_s(x, \beta), \\ g(x) &= g_1(x, \alpha) \cdot g_2(x, \alpha) \dots g_s(x, \alpha). \end{aligned}$$

If we write $g_i(x, \alpha)$ in the form of an integral function in α of the lowest degree (what is possible because $\mathbf{P}(\alpha) = \mathbf{P}[\alpha]$) and replace in $g_i(x, \alpha)$ the variable x by the number β and the number α by the indeterminate x , we obtain a polynomial $g_i(\beta, x)$ possessing the following propriety: $f_i(x, \beta)$ is the greatest common divisor of $f(x)$ and $g_i(\beta, x)$.

Proof: We shall transform the left side of the isomorphism

$$\mathbf{P}_1[x]/(g_i(x, \alpha)) \cong \mathbf{P}_2[x]/(f_i(x, \beta)). \quad (*)$$

First it is evidently

$$\mathbf{P}_1[x]/(g_i(x, \alpha)) \cong \mathbf{P}[x, \xi]/(f(\xi), g_i(x, \xi)),$$

where $\mathbf{P}[x, \xi]$ is the polynomial domain of all polynomials in two variables x and ξ with coefficients in the commutative field \mathbf{P} . In fact, α satisfies the equation $f(\xi) = 0$, which is irreducible in \mathbf{P} . Applying the transformation $x \rightarrow \xi$, $\xi \rightarrow x$ we have the further isomorphism

$$\mathbf{P}_1[x]/(g_i(x, \alpha)) \cong \mathbf{P}[x, \xi]/(f(x), g_i(\xi, x)).$$

According to the second theorem of isomorphism ($(g(\xi))$ is a sub-modul of the ideal $(f(x), g_i(\xi, x))$) we obtain

$$\mathbf{P}[x, \xi]/(f(x), g_i(\xi, x)) \cong \mathbf{P}[x, \xi]/(g(\xi)) / (f(x), g_i(\xi, x)) / (g(\xi)).$$

But the last expression is evidently isomorphic with

$$\mathbf{P}_2[x]/(f(x), g_i(\beta, x)).$$

It is therefore

$$\mathbf{P}_1[x]/(g_i(x, \alpha)) \cong \mathbf{P}_2[x]/(f(x), g_i(\beta, x)).$$

Comparing it with the relation (*) we have

$$\mathbf{P}_2[x]/(f(x), g_i(\beta, x)) \cong \mathbf{P}_2[x]/(f_i(x, \beta)).$$

Therefore (in the sense of division!)

$$f_i(x, \beta) = (f(x), g_i(\beta, x)),$$

q. e. d.

³⁾ This theorem enables us to find the polynomial $g_i(x)$ corresponding to $f_i(x)$ and inversely.

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Hyperkomplexný dôkaz Jordan-Kroneckerovej vety o vzájomnej redukcii.

(Obsah predošlého článku.)

Obsahom tejto poznámky je zaujímavý dôkaz tejto — pre Galoisovu teóriu dôležitej — vety, pochádzajúcej od Kroneckera:

Nech $f(x)$ a $g(x)$ sú dva ireducibilné polynomy z telesa \mathbf{P} , stupňov m resp. n , z ktorých prvý resp. druhý nech má koreň α resp. β . Nech v $\mathbf{P}(\alpha)$ platí rozklad $g(x)$ v ireducibilných súčinitel'ov tvaru (2) a v $\mathbf{P}(\beta)$ rozklad $f(x)$ v tvaru (1).

Potom platí:

1. $r = s$,

2. pri vhodnom poradí $\frac{m_i}{n_i} = \frac{m}{n}$,

kde m_i, n_i sú stupne polynomov $f_i(x)$ resp. $g_i(x)$.

Dôkaz prevedieme tak, že hyperkomplexný systém $\mathbf{P}_1 \times \mathbf{P}_2$ rozložíme formálne dvoma spôsobmi (odpovedajúcimi rozkladom $f(x)$ a $g(x)$) na direktný súčet telies a užijeme jednoznačnosti takého rozkladu.

Z izomorfizmu (*) dokázali sme potom túto vetu pochádzajúcu od A. Loewyho: Píšme $g_i(x)$ a $f_i(x)$ ako celistvú funkciu v α resp. β najnižšieho stupňa v tvaru $g_i(x, \alpha)$ resp. $f_i(x, \beta)$. Potom platí: $f_i(x, \beta)$ je najväčšou spol. mierou polynomov $f(x)$ a $g_i(\beta, x)$.