

**Galois Theory**  
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**Lecture 46**  
**Gal (K[X<sub>1</sub>, X<sub>2</sub>, ..., X<sub>n</sub>] / K[S<sub>1</sub>, S<sub>2</sub>, ..., S<sub>n</sub>])**

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Fix  $K[X_1, \dots, X_m]^{S_m} = K[S_1, \dots, S_m]$  (1)

Example  $f = X_1^2 + X_2^2 + \dots + X_m^2 \in K[X_1, \dots, X_m]$

Symmetric  $(2, 0, \dots, 0)$

$$S_1^2 = (X_1 + \dots + X_m)^2$$

$$= X_1^2 + \dots + X_m^2 + 2(X_1X_2 + X_1X_3 + \dots)$$

$$S_1^2 - 2S_2 = f$$

So last time you finish the proof of the fundamental theorem on symmetric polynomials, so we have proved that the fixed fields with respect to  $S_n$  of the polynomial ring is precisely the polynomials in  $S_1$  to  $S_n$  with coefficients in  $K$ . I just want to illustrate these by one example, our process. So for example you get the polynomial  $X_1^2 + X_2^2 + \dots + X_n^2$  this polynomial is obviously symmetric polynomial.

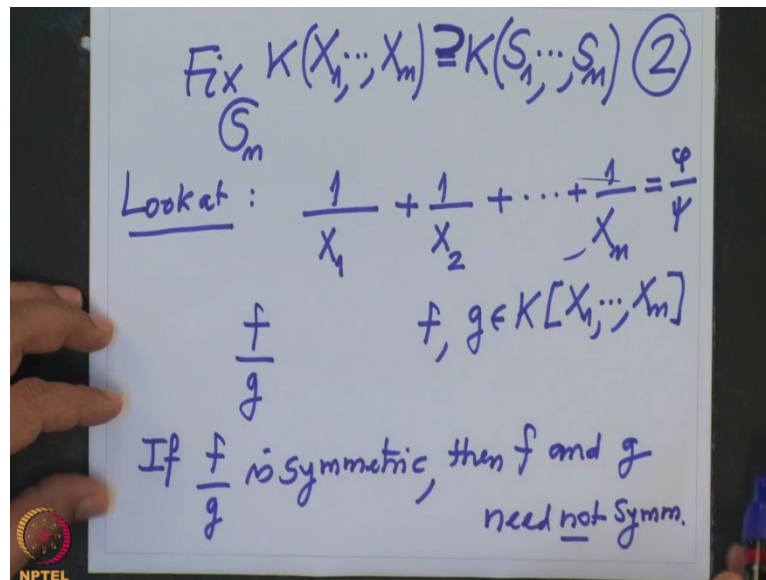
This is symmetric polynomial in  $K[X_1, \dots, X_n]$ , so what is our process to write it as a polynomial in  $S_1$  to  $S_n$ , what? So what is the multi-degree turn is, this one.  $X_1^2$  is the multi-degree of, so  $2\ 0\ 0\ 0$  this is a multi-degree of this polynomial  $f$  and we know what to cancel this term and so on. But directly also you can see this is very simple, if you take  $S_1$  and square it which is  $(X_1 + \dots + X_n)^2$ , so this is symmetric and we subtract from this given polynomial  $f$  and then this term will get cancelled and keep doing it but in this case observation is very clear.

This is  $X_1^2 + X_2^2 + \dots + X_n^2$  minus the cross terms, so that is 2 times  $X_1X_2 + X_1X_3$  and so on. So for 2 at a time, so this is nothing but  $S_2$ , so this is therefore the given polynomial  $f$ , this was  $f$

and I shift these 2  $S_1$  to the other side, so this  $f$  will be equal to  $S_1^2 - 2S_2$  which is the other side is clearly symmetric. And this one this is the process, so this is actually our proof is very algorithmic.

Alright, see this is one another remark I want to make is little bit more serious because, see we have proved that now I want to know about the rational functions.

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So I want to say the fixed field of  $S_n$  of the rational function field  $X_1$  to  $X_n$  this is equal to rational functions in  $S_1$  to  $S_n$  this I want to check. So obviously this is obvious because if you do the rational function in  $S_1$  to  $S_n$  then all these  $S_i$ s are fixed under every permutation therefore the polynomial will be fixed under every permutation and this is a polynomial divided by polynomial. So therefore they will be fixed therefore rational function is fixed, so this proof is clear.

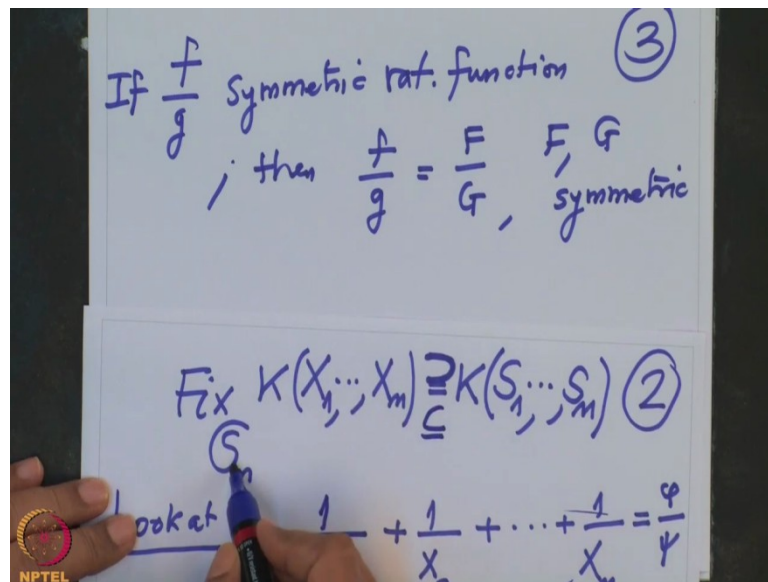
But to the other proof it is little bit more serious because look at example, look at the following example  $1$  over  $X_1$ , this is a rational function  $1$  over  $X_2$  this is also rational function plus so on and so on plus  $1$  over  $X_n$  this is a rational function and what is it? if I want to write it then but how do you write this as a quotient we want to write this as some polynomial what do I call it? Some polynomial  $\phi$  by some polynomial  $\psi$  where this  $\psi$  is the polynomial in  $S_1$  to  $S_n$  and  $\phi$  is a polynomial in  $S_1$  to  $S_n$ .

So we need little bit more work, so therefore we cannot say that if we have a rational function  $f$  by  $g$  suppose  $f$  and  $g$  are 2 polynomials and I consider this rational function  $f, g$  in

$K[X_1, \dots, X_n]$  and if I call this as this is my rational function, this is symmetric if  $f$  by  $g$  is symmetric then  $f$  and  $g$  need not be symmetric. There is very easy because here is an above example.

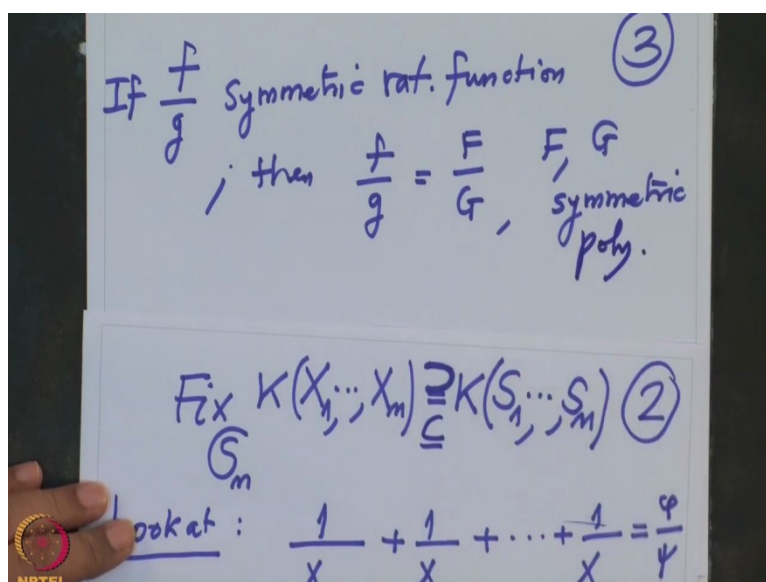
You see if I write it what you see inside this case?  $\psi$  will be obviously  $X_1$  to  $X_n$  and  $\phi$  will be what? That will be I have to multiply this by  $X_2$  to  $X_n$  and so on. And that will be the sum, so therefore if a rational function is symmetric than the individually  $f$  and  $g$  may not be symmetric polynomial but you know writing this is not a unique way of writing the rational functions.

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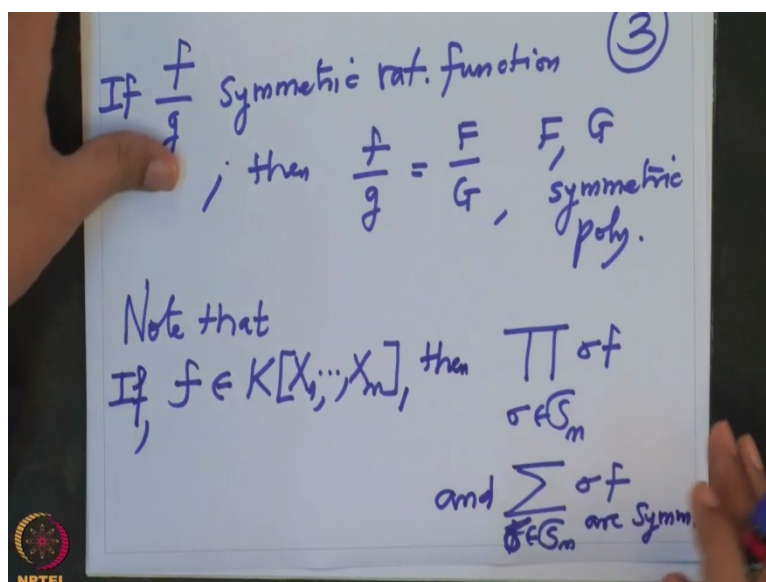
So how do you make it more clearer? Alright, so I will take suppose  $f$  by  $g$  is symmetric assume that. If  $f$  by  $g$  is symmetric rational function then I want to write I want to write  $f$  by  $g$  by capital  $F$  by  $G$ , so that  $F$  and  $G$  are no symmetric then that will prove the other inclusion.

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Then this will prove this will prove this inclusion because as to how do they do rational function which is symmetric and I have written it as F by G where F and G are symmetric polynomials, so I have to prove this.

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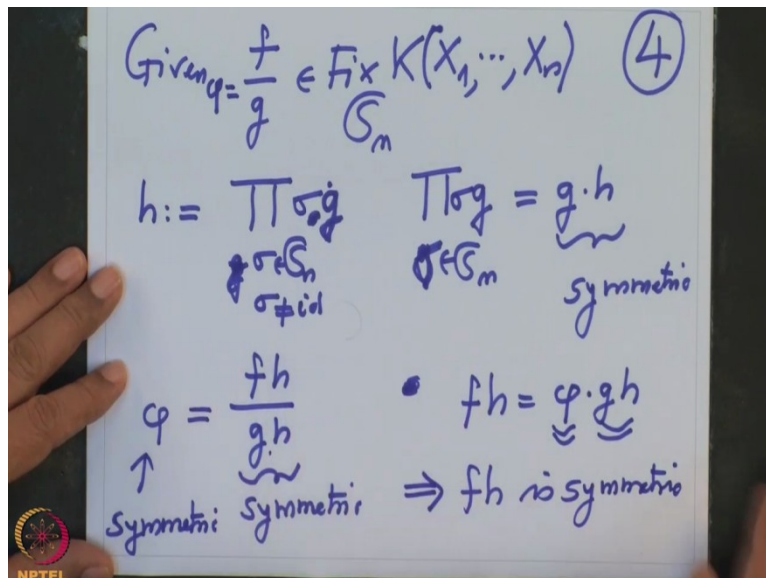


And this means I have to I'm allowed to multiply up and down by the same polynomial then this action doesn't change that is ideal. So what will I multiply by? So obviously note that how do I make a given polynomial, if I have even arbitrary polynomial f, arbitrary. How do I make it symmetric? So to make f symmetric what I have to do is?

I have to take the product, product is varying over  $\sigma$  in  $S_n$ ,  $\sigma$  of  $f$ ,  $\sigma f$  these are obviously symmetric because when I take any permutation, apply permutation to this product. Permutation is a  $k$  algebra homomorphism, no. So therefore this will be product and therefore this is clearly symmetric because if I apply  $\sigma$  that is applying  $\sigma$  here but then because this is a group this product will not change, so it is symmetric.

Either this or also another one is sum, take the sum  $\sigma f$ ,  $\sigma$  varies in  $S_n$  both these are symmetric polynomials. If note that if  $f$  is arbitrary polynomial then this and this are symmetric this is what I will use it, okay. Now obviously  $f$  is a factor here because  $\sigma$  is identity, so it is a factor,  $f$  is a factor there.

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So now given  $f$  by  $g$  in the fixed  $S_n$   $K[X_1, \dots, X_n]$  symmetric rational function then I am going to multiply up and down by  $h$ . So  $h$  equal to product  $\sigma g$  as  $\sigma$  varies in  $S_n$  but  $\sigma$  is not identity to get this product. So obviously what I said was the  $g$  is if I take product  $\sigma$  in  $S_n$   $\sigma g$ , this is  $g$  times  $h$  and this  $g$  times  $h$  is symmetric.

And now I'm going to multiply up and down by  $h$ , so  $fh$  and  $gh$  now this becomes symmetric and this is my  $\phi$ , let's call this as  $\phi$ ,  $\phi$  or symmetric. So I have symmetric and this is symmetric therefore  $fh$  which is  $\phi$  times  $gh$  but now because  $\phi$  is symmetric  $gh$  is symmetric therefore  $fh$  is symmetric. So therefore both are symmetric.

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$$\phi = \frac{\eta(S_1, \dots, S_n)}{\theta(S_1, \dots, S_n)} \in K(S_1, \dots, S_n) \quad (5)$$
$$\eta, \theta \in K[X_1, \dots, X_n]$$

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So therefore the  $\phi$  we have written it as some polynomial above because it is a symmetric polynomial. It is a polynomial some  $\eta$  of  $S_1$  to  $S_n$  divided by  $\theta$  of  $S_1$  to  $S_n$ . Where  $\eta$  and  $\theta$  are polynomials in  $n$  variables or  $K$  and this is therefore an element in  $K(S_1$  to  $S_n$ , so that proves our theorem for rational function field also and we are interested in more in that.

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$$\varphi = \frac{\eta(S_1, \dots, S_m)}{\theta(S_1, \dots, S_m)} \in K(S_1, \dots, S_m) \quad (5)$$
$$\eta, \theta \in K[Y_1, \dots, Y_m]$$

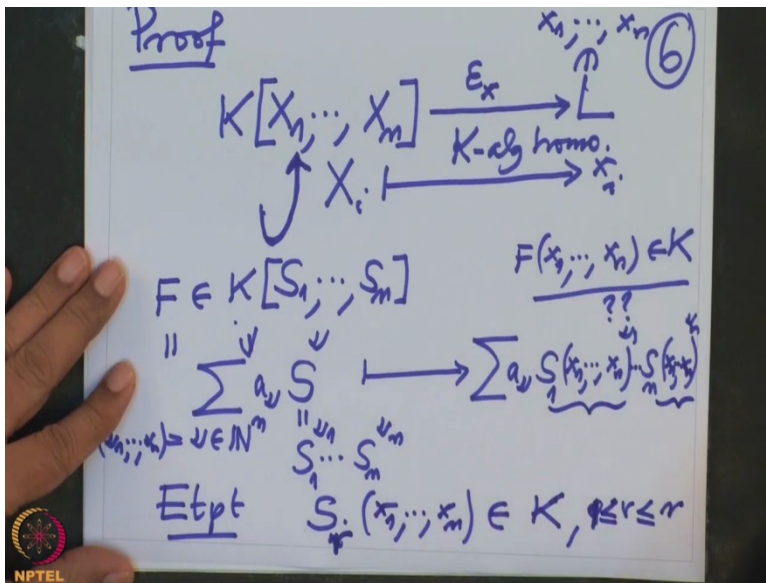
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Corollary 1 Let  $f \in K[X]$ ,  $K$  field  
 $x_1, \dots, x_m$  are all zeros of  $f$  in  $L|K$   
Given any symmetric poly - finite  
 $F \in K[X_1, \dots, X_m]$ ,  $F(x_1, \dots, x_m) \in K$

So now I'm going to deduce couple of corollaries from this theorem, so for example Corollary 1, okay. So suppose I have any polynomial  $f$  in 1 variable, now you see I'm going to deduce consequences for polynomials variable, so suppose let I have  $f$  is polynomial in 1 variable over  $f$  a field  $K$ ,  $K$  Field. And suppose  $X_1$  to  $X_n$  are zeros of  $f$  in  $L$  over  $K$ . So I'm taking all zeros, we know that there exist a finite field extension  $L$  over  $K$  such that all the roots of  $f$  lie there.

This was precisely Kronecker's theorem, so I have a field extension where all the roots are there, okay. Then what? What am I saying? Then given any symmetric polynomial capital  $F$  symmetric is very important in  $n$  variables  $K$ , I will call them  $K[X_1, \dots, X_n]$ , given any symmetric polynomial in  $n$  variable capital  $F$ , if I evaluate this  $F$  at  $X_1$  to  $X_n$  then this is an element in  $K$ , that's what I want to check.

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So that means what, so proof? Proof, what we are doing is a falling? We have a polynomial being here  $K[X_1, \dots, X_n]$  and we have that field  $L$  where all these routes  $X_1$  to  $X_n$  they all belong to this capital  $L$  and we have the substitution homomorphism here  $\epsilon_x$ . What is it? These variables capitals  $X_i$  go into small  $x_i$ s this is the key algebra homomorphism. And what I'm saying now?

A polynomial capital  $F$  symmetric means what? That is a polynomial in capital  $S_1$  to  $S_n$  or take an arbitrary polynomial  $F$  and this is contained here, all this is contained here. In fact this is the fixed ring of this under the action of  $S_n$ ,  $F$  is here and take its image here appropriately it lies in  $L$  but I'm saying it actually lies in  $K$ , so  $F$  of  $X_1$  to  $X_n$  this is the image of  $F$  under this, this actually lies in  $K$  that is what we want to prove, this is what we want to prove.

Why that? That is very simple because what do we know this is a polynomial in  $S_1$  to  $S_n$  and therefore if I write this as as summation  $a_v S^v$  this is running over  $v$  finite subset and  $a_v$ s are elements in the field  $K$  and this is the standard notation what we are using it  $S_1^{v_1} \dots S_n^{v_n}$  where this  $v$  is  $v_1$  to  $v_n$  then where is the image?

This goes to the same here, this is natural inclusion map and then I have to evaluate, so where does it go? so this polynomial  $F$  goes to summation  $a_{\mu}$  because  $a_{\mu}$ s are constant so they go to the same and this one will go to  $S_1$  evaluated at  $X_1$  to  $X_n^{v_1}$  and so on.  $S_n$  evaluated at  $X_1$  to  $X_n^{v_n}$  this is where it goes. So I only have to check, so enough to prove.



Enough to prove that if I take any elementary symmetric polynomial  $S_i$  or  $S_r$  and evaluate it at  $X_1$  to  $X_n$  that should belong to  $K$  this is what enough to check for all  $r$  from 1 to  $n$  where all these guys individually they are in  $K$  therefore their powers are in  $K$  therefore the sum is in  $K$  and then you finish.

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$$f = (X - x_1) \cdots (X - x_n) \in L[X]$$

$$= X^n - S_1(x_1, \dots, x_n)X^{n-1} + \cdots + (-1)^n S_n(x_1, \dots, x_n)$$

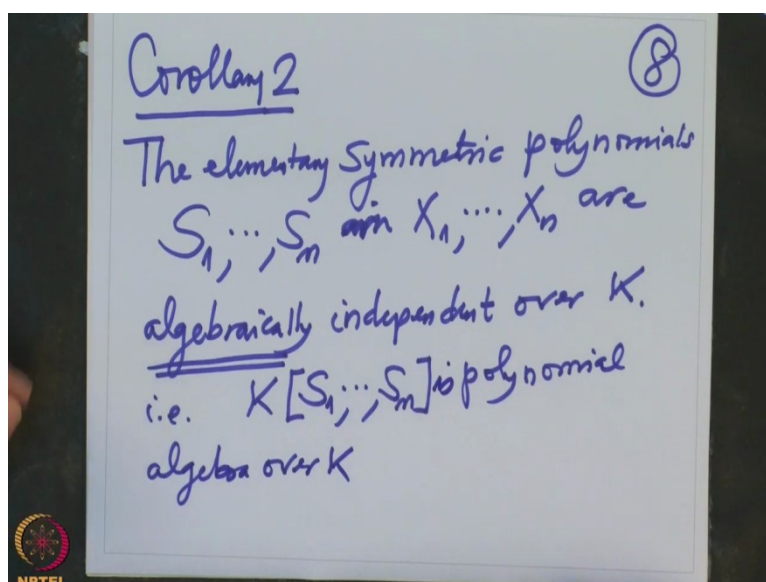
i.e.  $S_1(x_1, \dots, x_n), \dots, S_n(x_1, \dots, x_n)$   
 $\pm$  Coefficients of  $f \in K$ .

Vieta

But what do you know about this? What is the relation between  $F$  roots and the symmetric function? So remember  $f$  splits into linear factors that is this, this is in  $L[X]$  under there and when I expand it what do I get  $X^n - S_1(X_1, \dots, X_n, X_{n-1})$  and so on. Middle term  $(-1)^r X$  Power  $S_r$  evaluated at  $X_1$  to  $X_n$  times  $X^{n-r}$  and so on.

The last term is  $(-1)^n S_n(X_1, \dots, X_n)$  this is what when we expand it and collect the terms together. And these are where then, these are precisely therefore that is  $S_r(X_1, \dots, X_n)$  so on,  $S_n$  evaluated at  $X_1$  to  $X_n$  these are coefficients of  $f$  and they belong to therefore  $K$  and plus minus sign. So therefore all these terms they belong to  $K$  therefore the  $f$  evaluated at  $X_1$  to  $X_n$  will belong to  $K$ , so that finishes the proof. So this was Vieta, okay so that was corollary 1.

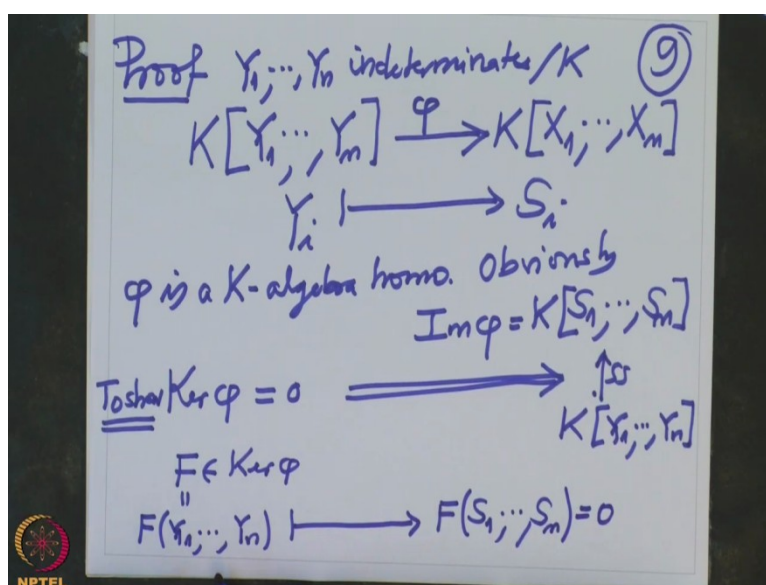
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Now corollary 2, okay now I want to say that the elementary symmetric functions symmetric polynomials I sometimes interchange the word polynomials and functions but they are same at least for us in this context. Elementary symmetric polynomials  $S_1$  to  $S_n$  are in  $X_1$  to  $X_n$  are algebraically independent over  $K$  that means they don't satisfy any relation among themselves, any polynomial relation among them not only linear they are algebraically independent, no relation.

So that means this polynomial this sub algebra is actually are polynomial algebra over  $K$  so they behave like a variable.

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So proof, okay proof is very simple. Proof, what do we want to prove? So we want to prove that they are algebraically independent that means given any variables  $K$   $n$  variables  $Y_1$  to  $Y_n$  these are indeterminates,  $Y_1$  to  $Y_n$  are indeterminates over  $K$ , so this is a polynomial algebra. And from here we are giving a map to  $K[X_1, \dots, X_n]$  this map is what if I want to give a map from one polynomial algebra to the other  $K$  algebra I just have to give its values on the variables.

So I will map  $Y_i$ s to  $S_i$ s and I want to check, so let us call this map as  $\phi$ , so  $\phi$  is a  $K$  algebra homomorphism, obviously image of  $\phi$  is a  $K$  sub algebra generated by the images of  $Y_i$  that is  $S_1$  to  $S_n$  and I want to now show the kernel of  $\phi$  is 0, to show kernel of  $\phi$  is 0, once I show this, this symmetric  $K$  sub algebra generated by the elementary symmetric polynomials, this will be isomorphic to the  $K[Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_n]$  mod kernel but kernel if I would have put 0 this will be isomorphic to  $K$   $Y_1$  to  $Y_n$ .

So that is because of this so I have to prove this, so that means what I have to prove that the kernel is 0 that means suppose  $F$  is in the kernel, suppose capital  $F$  belong to kernel of  $\phi$ , so these  $F$  is actually polynomial in  $Y_1$  to  $Y_n$ , so let us write it  $Y_1$  to  $Y_n$  and it goes to 0 means when I substitute  $Y_i$  is capital  $S_i$ s I get 0. And then what do I want to prove? I want to prove that  $F$  is actually a 0 polynomial.

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To prove  $F=0$ . If  $F \neq 0$  (10)

$$F = \sum_{(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) \in \mathbb{N}^n} a_{\alpha} X^{\alpha}$$

$$= a_{\alpha} X^{\alpha} + \text{lower degree terms}$$

$\alpha = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) = m \deg F$

$$= a_{\alpha} S_1^{\alpha_1} \dots S_m^{\alpha_m} + b S_1^{\beta_1} \dots S_m^{\beta_m}$$

$(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \dots + \alpha_n, \alpha_2 + \dots + \alpha_n, \dots, \alpha_m + \alpha_n, \alpha_n)$

So I want to prove, to prove capital  $F$  is 0 polynomial that means no coefficient of  $F$  is 0, alright. So suppose it has some term which is nonzero, so remember we have written in a

multi-degree setup  $F$  we have written it as summation  $a_\nu X^\nu$ ,  $a_\nu$  is a tuple varying in  $\mathbb{N}^n$  only finitely many terms nonzero. So suppose  $F$  were non-zero, if  $F$  is nonzero,  $F$  is nonzero that there will be a multi-degree term and there will be highest degree term, so highest multi-degree term.

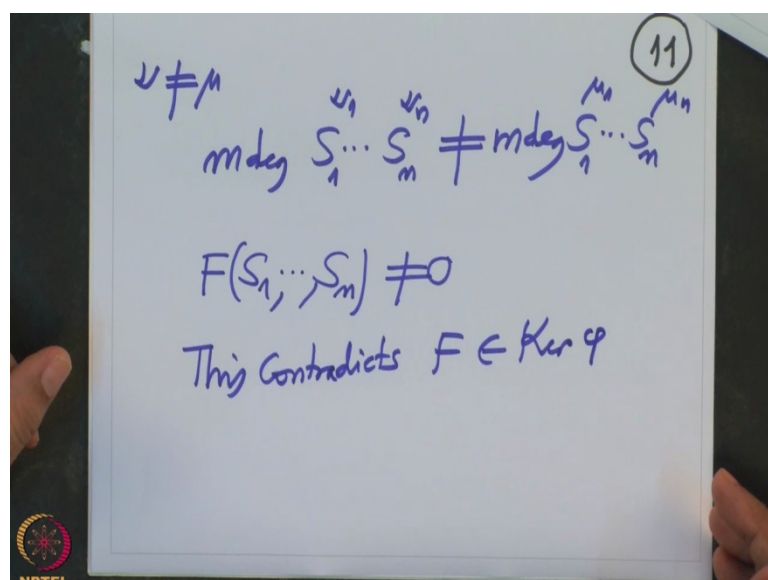
So this  $F$  will look like  $a_\nu X^\nu$  plus lower multi-degree I should say But now when we write like this when we write like this, this  $\nu$  which is  $\nu_1$  to  $\nu_n$  in our notation it is multi-degree of  $F$  and therefore this monomial will not occur anyone else in between, in this side it will not occur.

Not only that all the monomials are different, so when  $\mu$  is different this when  $\nu$  not equal to  $\nu$  then these terms are different, so what will happen when will this  $X^\nu$  will go when I put not  $X$  it should have been  $Y$  here they are polynomials in  $Y$ . So when I put  $Y_i$  is equal to capital  $S_i$  what will I get? I will get  $a_\nu S_1^{\nu_1} \dots S_n^{\nu_n}$  and somewhere else here.

If there is some term here some  $b_\nu S_1^{\nu_1} \dots S_n^{\nu_n}$ . Now I want to say that what is a multi-degree of this one? So we have seen multi-degree of this one is  $\nu_1 + \dots + \nu_n$ , one at a time we are dropping, so at the last one will be  $\nu_{n-1} + \nu_n$ ,  $\nu_n$  this is a multi-degree term.

Because here it will be when you raise it to power  $\mu_1$  that is the first one when you raise the next one is to power  $\mu_2$  that is this one and so on. When you raise this, what will be the last coordinate here? That is  $X_n^{\nu_n}$  and so on.

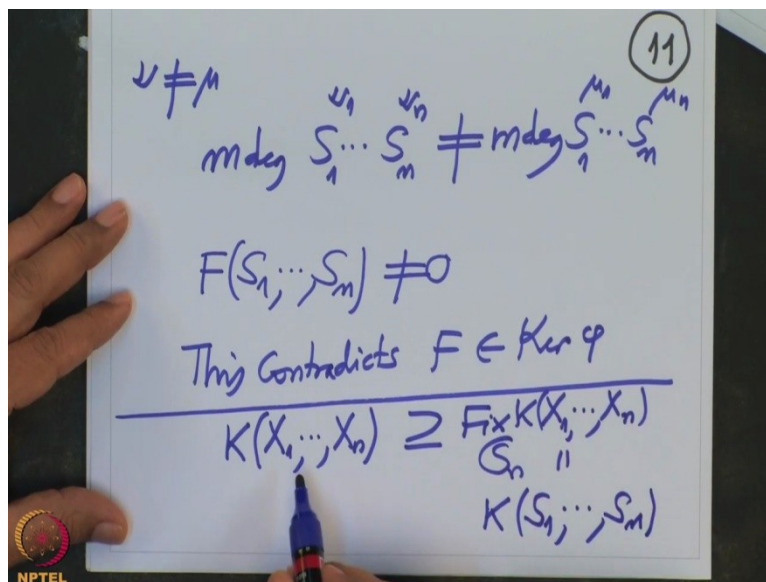
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So what I want to say is the following the multi-degree terms are different, so when  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$  are not equal multi-degree of  $S_1^{\mu_1} \dots S_n^{\mu_n}$  is different from multi-degree of  $S_1^{\mu_1} \dots S_n^{\mu_2}$ , so how can they get cancelled? So nobody will get cancelled, so the terms are as it is they will appear in  $F$  of  $S_1$  to  $S_n$ , so therefore  $F$  of  $S_1$  to  $S_n$  will also be nonzero, if  $F$  is nonzero.

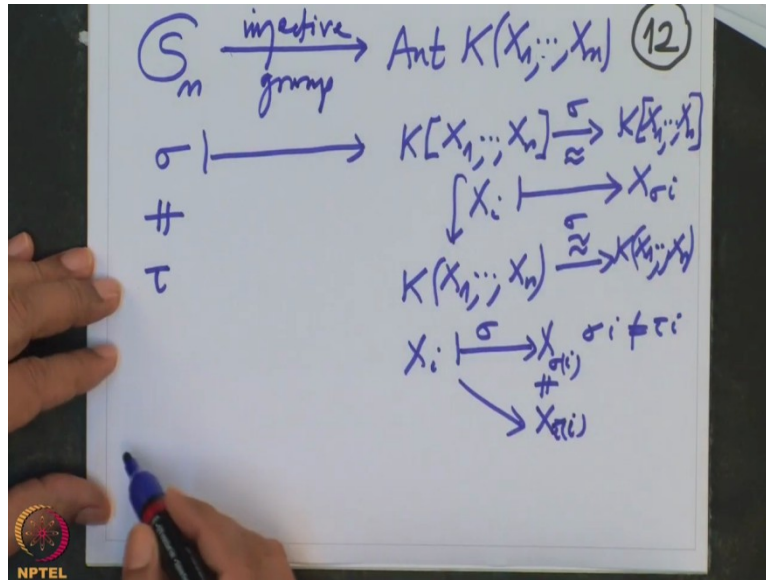
But we are assuming that therefore in the kernel, so this contradicts  $F$  belongs to the kernel of  $\phi$ , alright. So we have proved that corollary 2 that the variables are this  $S_1$  to  $S_n$  are algebraically independent over  $K$ .

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Next time therefore we are in the following situation. We have this rational function field  $K[X_1, \dots, X_n]$  which contains the fixed field of  $S_n$  and this is what precisely the field generated over  $K$  by elementary symmetric polynomials this.

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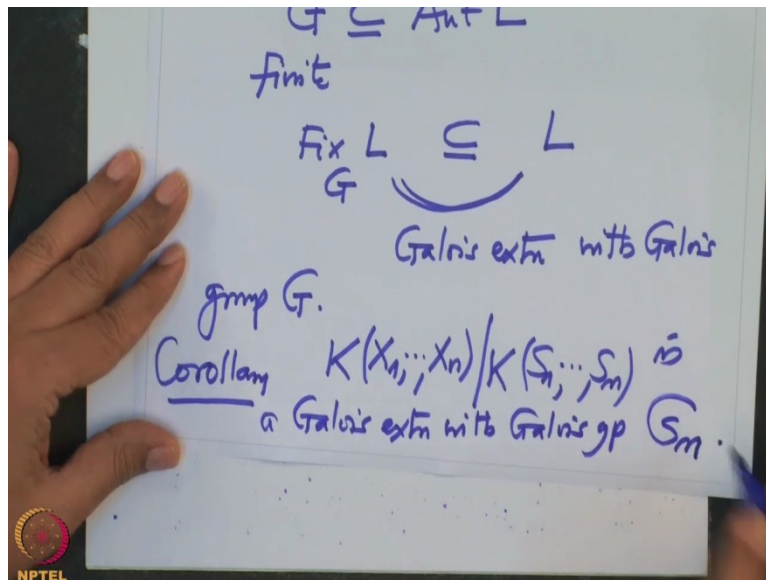
So we definitely know, so remember that this  $S_n$  and the Automorphisms of the rational function field there is a map here and  $\sigma$  going to, I want to define an Automorphism of this field. So it is enough to define Automorphism of the polynomial ring, so  $K[X_1, \dots, X_n]$  to  $K[X_1, \dots, X_n]$  the  $\sigma$ , the same  $\sigma$  square  $X_i$  will go to  $X_{\sigma(i)}$  this is clearly an Automorphism of this polynomial algebra.

And therefore that will give that we can exchange that Automorphism to the rational function field that I will call it again  $\sigma$  only, so therefore each  $\sigma$  permutation on 1 to  $n$  will give you Automorphism of this field, this is a big field. And moreover this map is injective because from this Automorphism you can always recover that  $\sigma$  that is in fact you know that is related to the inverse of this Automorphism.

or in other words the  $\sigma$  and  $\tau$  different, these Automorphism's are different clear because  $X_i$  and  $X_{\sigma(i)}$ ,  $X_i$  goes to  $X_{\sigma(i)}$ , so if  $\sigma$  is not equal to  $\tau$  then at least one  $\sigma(i)$  will not be  $\tau(i)$  and therefore  $X_i$  under  $\sigma$  it will go to  $X_{\sigma(i)}$  and  $\tau(i)$  it will go to  $X_{\tau(i)}$  but these are different therefore these are different therefore  $\sigma$  is not equal to  $\tau$ , so it is injective group homomorphism .

So therefore this group  $S_n$  is finite, this is a subgroup of this Automorphism group.

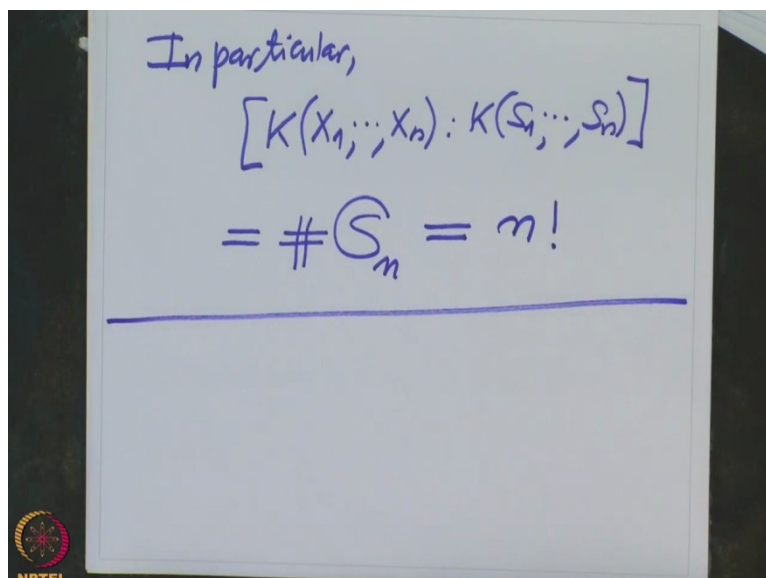
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So I want to remind you that we have proved earlier that whenever we have field  $L$ ,  $L$  is any field and if I take a finite subgroup  $G$  of  $\text{Aut } L$  finite then we have proved that the fixed field, this is operating on else therefore we have checked that fixed field of the  $G$  operation on  $L$  this is a subfield of  $L$  and this extension is Galois extension with Galois group  $G$ . Therefore we have proved the following corollary.

We have proved that  $K[X_1, \dots, X_n] \vee K[S_1, \dots, S_n]$  is a Galois extension with Galois group  $S_n$ . In particular we have a Galois group  $S_n$  of this extension but remember this is not  $\mathbb{Q}$ , our Galois problem is finding an extension of  $\mathbb{Q}$  which is Galois and Galois group is a given group, so still we are far away from that inverse Galois problem but at least this nice result is there. That this extension is Galois with Galois group  $S_n$  in particular the degree is factorial.

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So in particular degree of  $K[X_1, \dots, X_n] \vee K[S_1, \dots, S_n]$  this degree is precisely equal to order of the Galois group which is  $S_n$  and order of the  $S_n$  is precisely  $n!$ , so with this I will end this lecture and we will continue studying symmetric polynomials more and then next what will come is, the discriminant and then I will also get field extension and then we will find the order of that field extension and also we will find that Galois group of that field extension and that will be precisely the alternative group.

So thank you and we will continue in next time.