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Galois Invariance, Trace and Subfield Subcodes

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- Given a field E and an integer n , a **linear code** is a subspace L of E^n
- We call n the **length** of L
- If L has dimension k and **minimum distance** d , we call L a (n, k, d) -code
- We may consider $n = n(L)$, $k = k(L)$ and $d = d(L)$ as functions of L

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Restriction Functor

- Assume K subfield of E
- Consider $C = L \cap K^n$, C is a K -linear code of length n
- What about $k(C)$ and $d(C)$?
- We would like to study the **restriction map**

$$Res : L \mapsto L \cap K^n$$

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- Any $\gamma \in G$ extends to a K -linear map of E^n via

$$(x_1, \dots, x_n)^\gamma := (x_1^\gamma, \dots, x_n^\gamma).$$

- Then $Res(L) = Res(L^\gamma)$, but in general $L \neq L^\gamma$

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- Define $L_G = \bigcap_{\gamma \in G} L^\gamma$, the **G-core** of L
- L_G is G -invariant
- L is G -invariant iff $L = L_G$
- $\text{Res}(L_G) = \text{Res}(L)$
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- $K = \mathbb{Q}$
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- $L = E(1, \alpha) \leq E^2$
- Then $L_G = L$ but $Res(L) = 0 = Res(0)$

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Theorem

E/K Galois, $G = \text{Gal}(E/K)$, $L \leq E^n$. Then L is G -invariant iff $L = \text{Ext}(\text{Res}(L))$ iff L admits a basis in K^n .

- Obviously $\text{Ext}(\text{Res}(L))$ is G -invariant
- $L = L_G$, b Gauss-Jordan reduced normalized basis

$$b_i = (0, \dots, 0, 1, \dots)$$

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Corollary

$$L_G = \text{Ext}(\text{Res}(L))$$

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- Different proof using cohomology tools
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- E/K Galois, Tr the **Trace** map extends to E^n

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- Both $\text{Res}(L)$ and $\text{Tr}(L)$ are K -linear codes
- How are they related?
- Let $K = \mathbb{F}_p(x)$, $E = K(\alpha)$, where $\alpha^p = x$
- Then E/K is an inseparable extension
- $\text{Tr}(L) = 0$ for any E -linear code
- But $\text{Res}(E^n) = K^n \neq 0$

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- Let $|E : K| = 2$, a quadratic extension with $\text{char } K \neq 2$
- $E = K[\alpha]$, $\alpha^2 = a \in K$ and $L = Ev$, $v = (1, \alpha)$
- Then $\text{Tr}(v) = (2, 0)$ and $\text{Tr}(\alpha v) = (0, 2a)$
- Thus $\text{Tr}(C) = K^2$ while $\text{Res}(C) = 0$

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$$\text{Res}(C) \leq \text{Tr}(C)$$

- For $v \in K^n$, $\lambda \in E$,

$$\text{Tr}(\lambda v) = \text{Tr}(\lambda)v.$$

- $\alpha \in E$ such that $\text{Tr}(\alpha) = 1$
- Take $v \in \text{Res}(C) = C \cap K^n$, then $v = \text{Tr}(\alpha v) \in \text{Tr}(C)$

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- E/K separable, $L \leq E^n$. Then

$$\text{Res}(C) \leq \text{Tr}(C)$$

- For $v \in K^n$, $\lambda \in E$,

$$\text{Tr}(\lambda v) = \text{Tr}(\lambda)v.$$

- $\alpha \in E$ such that $\text{Tr}(\alpha) = 1$
- Take $v \in \text{Res}(C) = C \cap K^n$, then $v = \text{Tr}(\alpha v) \in \text{Tr}(C)$

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- For any $v \in E^n$, $v \in \text{Ext}(\text{Tr}(Ev))$
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- Let $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_m$ and μ_1, \dots, μ_m trace-dual K -bases of E

$$\text{Tr}(\mu_k \lambda_j) = \delta_{kj}$$

- Let $v = (a_1, \dots, a_n)$, $a_i = \sum_j a_{ij} \lambda_j$
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