
MA 315 Galois Theory / January-April 2012

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Lectures : Monday and Wednesday ; 11:00–12:30

Venue: MA Lecture Hall I

Syllabus and References

- **Review of Groups :** Group actions, Composition series, Jordan Hölder theorem, Solvable groups.
 - **Review of Rings :** Polynomial rings, Zeros of polynomials, Elementary symmetric functions and Fundamental Theorem on Symmetric Functions. Resultants and Discriminants, Euclidean rings, Principal ideal domains and Factorial rings, Factorization in polynomial rings.
 - **Field theory :** Finite Fields, Finite and Algebraic extensions. Algebraic closure, Algebraically closed fields. Proof of Fundamental Theorem of Algebra. Separable polynomials and Separable extensions. Splitting fields, Normal extensions, Galois extensions, Galois group of a polynomial. Fundamental Theorem of Galois theory, Radical extensions, Solvability by radicals, Computation of Galois groups.
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