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Analogies Between Fields and Spaces: Galois Groups and Fundamental Groups

Abstract

Galois theory describes the rich connection between field theory and group theory. Given a field k , we get a group, its absolute Galois group, whose subgroups we can use to understand extensions of k . Analogously, given a topological space X , we get a group, its fundamental group, whose subgroups we can use to understand coverings of X . In this talk, we formalize this analogy and explore how to use our intuition about paths in space applies to number theory.