

# Galois theory of strongly normal differential and difference extensions

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# Outline

**1** The differential case

**2** The difference case

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# The Galois group as an algebraic group

How to get  $\text{Aut}^\delta(L|K)$  as an algebraic group?

- 1 Weil's group chunk theorem (Kolchin, Bialynicki-Birula, Umemura, Moreno,...)
- 2 Axiomatic algebraic groups (Kolchin, Okugawa, Infante)
- 3 Differential schemes (Kovacic)

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# An intrinsic characterization of PV-extensions

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Let  $L|K$  be finitely  $\delta$ -generated with  $L^\delta = K^\delta$ . Then  $L|K$  is PV if and only if  $L|K$  is  $\delta$ -normal.

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# Characterization of strongly normal $\sigma$ -extensions

Let  $L|K$  be a finitely generated  $\sigma$ -separable extension of  $\sigma$ -pseudo fields with  $L^\sigma = K^\sigma (= k)$ . Then the following are equivalent:

- 1** The functor  $\text{Gal}(L|K)$  is representable by a group scheme  $\mathcal{G}$ , and  $Z = \sigma^\infty\text{-Spec}(L)$  is a  $\mathcal{G}$ -torsor.
- 2**  $\sigma^\infty\text{-Spec}(L \otimes_K L)$  is split, i.e., there exists a scheme  $\mathcal{G}$  of finite type over  $k = K^\sigma$  such that  $\sigma^\infty\text{-Spec}(L \otimes_K L) \simeq L \times_k \mathcal{G}$ .
- 3**  $L|K$  is strongly normal.

Thank you!