

### 19.5.3 Algebraic, transcendental, normal, separable and perfect

26. Show that  $\alpha = 2\pi i$  is algebraic over  $\mathbb{R}$  and transcendental over  $\mathbb{Q}$ .
27. Give an example of a field of characteristic  $p$  such that the Frobenius map is not an automorphism.
28. Let  $\mathbb{E} \supseteq \mathbb{F}$  be an inclusion of fields and let  $\alpha \in \mathbb{E}$ .
  - (a) Carefully define what it means for  $\alpha$  to be algebraic over  $\mathbb{F}$ .
  - (b) Carefully define what it means for  $\alpha$  to be transcendental over  $\mathbb{F}$ .
  - (c) Carefully define what it means for  $\alpha$  to be separable over  $\mathbb{F}$ .
  - (d) Carefully define what it means for  $\alpha$  to be normal over  $\mathbb{F}$ .
  - (e) Carefully define what it means for  $\alpha$  to be Galois over  $\mathbb{F}$ .
29. Let  $\mathbb{E} \supseteq \mathbb{F}$  be an inclusion of fields and let  $\alpha \in \mathbb{E}$ . Show that if  $\alpha$  is algebraic over  $\mathbb{F}$  then  $\mathbb{F}(\alpha)$  is a finite extension of  $\mathbb{F}$ .
30. Let  $\mathbb{E} \supseteq \mathbb{F}$  be an inclusion of fields and let  $\alpha \in \mathbb{E}$ . Show that if  $\alpha$  is transcendental over  $\mathbb{F}$  then  $\mathbb{F}(\alpha)$  is not a finite extension of  $\mathbb{F}$ .
31. Let  $\mathbb{E} \supseteq \mathbb{F}$  be an inclusion of fields and let  $\alpha \in \mathbb{E}$ .
  - (a) Carefully define what it means for  $\alpha$  to be algebraic over  $\mathbb{F}$ .
  - (b) Carefully define what it means for  $\alpha$  to be transcendental over  $\mathbb{F}$ .
  - (c) Carefully define what it means for  $\alpha$  to be separable over  $\mathbb{F}$ .
  - (d) Carefully define what it means for  $\alpha$  to be normal over  $\mathbb{F}$ .
  - (e) Carefully define what it means for  $\alpha$  to be Galois over  $\mathbb{F}$ .
32. Let  $\mathbb{E} \supseteq \mathbb{F}$  be an inclusion of fields.
  - (a) Carefully define what it means for  $\mathbb{E}$  to be a finite extension of  $\mathbb{F}$ .
  - (b) Carefully define what it means for  $\mathbb{E}$  to be an algebraic extension of  $\mathbb{F}$ .
  - (c) Carefully define what it means for  $\mathbb{E}$  to be a separable extension of  $\mathbb{F}$ .
  - (d) Carefully define what it means for  $\mathbb{E}$  to be a normal extension of  $\mathbb{F}$ .
  - (e) Carefully define what it means for  $\mathbb{E}$  to be a Galois extension of  $\mathbb{F}$ .
33. Determine which properties  $\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Q}$  and  $\mathbb{C}/\mathbb{Q}$  and  $\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{C}$  have (finite, algebraic, separable, normal, Galois).
34. Show that  $2^{\frac{1}{3}}$  is algebraic over  $\mathbb{Q}$  and find the minimal polynomial.
35. Show that  $\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{2}$  is algebraic over  $\mathbb{Q}$  and find the minimal polynomial.
36. Show that  $\frac{1}{2}(\sqrt{5} + 1)$  is algebraic over  $\mathbb{Q}$  and find the minimal polynomial.
37. Show that  $\frac{1}{2}(\sqrt{3} - 1)$  is algebraic over  $\mathbb{Q}$  and find the minimal polynomial.
38. Prove that

$$\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}_{>=0}} 10^{-n!} \quad \text{is transcendental over } \mathbb{Q}.$$

39. Prove that  $e$  is transcendental over  $\mathbb{Q}$ .
40. Prove that  $\pi$  is transcendental over  $\mathbb{Q}$ .
41. Let  $\mathbb{K} \supseteq \mathbb{F}$  be an extension. Show that the set of elements of  $\mathbb{K}$  that are algebraic over  $\mathbb{F}$  is a subfield of  $\mathbb{K}$ .
42. Let  $\mathbb{F}$  be a field. Show that if  $\alpha$  is algebraic over  $\mathbb{F}$  then  $\mathbb{F}[\alpha]$  is a field.
43. Let  $\mathbb{K} \supseteq \mathbb{F}$  be a field extension and let  $\alpha \in \mathbb{K}$ . Let  $f \in \mathbb{F}[x]$  be the minimal polynomial of  $\alpha$ . Show that  $f$  is irreducible, that  $\mathbb{F}(\alpha) = \mathbb{F}[\alpha]$  and that  $\mathbb{F}(\alpha)$  has  $\mathbb{F}$ -basis  $\{1, \alpha, \dots, \alpha^{n-1}\}$ , where  $n = \deg(f)$ .
44. The “Theorem of Liouville” states that if  $f: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is holomorphic and bounded then  $f$  is constant. Use Liouville’s theorem to prove that  $\mathbb{C}$  is algebraically closed. (Be sure to give a careful definition of  $\mathbb{C}$ .)
45. Let  $\mathbb{F}$  be a field. Carefully define *algebraically closed* and *the algebraic closure of  $\mathbb{F}$* . Show that the algebraic closure of  $\mathbb{F}$  exists, is unique, is algebraic over  $\mathbb{F}$  and is algebraically closed.
46. Show that  $\overline{\mathbb{Q}} \neq \mathbb{C}$ .
47. Let  $\mathbb{F}$  be a field and let  $J \subseteq \mathbb{F}[x]$ . Carefully define *the splitting field of  $J$  over  $\mathbb{F}$* . Show that the splitting field of  $J$  over  $\mathbb{F}$  exists, is unique, and is algebraic over  $\mathbb{F}$ .
48. Suppose that  $E$  and  $K$  are two extensions of  $F$  and let  $a \in E$  and  $b \in K$  be algebraic over  $F$ . Prove that  $m_{a,F} = m_{b,F}$  if and only if there exists an isomorphism  $\varphi: F(a) \rightarrow F(b)$  such that  $\varphi(a) = b$  and  $\varphi|_F = \text{id}_F$ .
49. Let  $E = \{a \in \mathbb{R} \mid a \text{ is algebraic over } \mathbb{Q}\}$ . Show that  $E$  is an algebraic extension of  $\mathbb{Q}$  but is not a finite extension of  $\mathbb{Q}$ .
50. Show that the set of algebraic numbers (over  $\mathbb{Q}$ ) in  $\mathbb{R}$  forms a subfield of  $\mathbb{R}$ .
51. Show that every finite extension is algebraic.
52. Let  $F$  be a field and  $D: F[X] \rightarrow F[X]$  the map given by

$$D(a_0 + a_1X + \cdots + a_nX^n) = a_1 + 2a_2X + \cdots + na_nX^{n-1}.$$

- (a) (a)] Show that  $D(fg) = D(f)g + fD(g)$ .
  - (b) Suppose that  $f \in F[X]$  is irreducible. Show that if  $D(f) \neq 0$  then  $f$  has no multiple root in any extension field of  $F$ .
  - (c) Show that if  $F$  has characteristic 0 and  $f \in F[X]$  is irreducible then  $f$  has no repeated roots.
53. Let  $\mathbb{F}$  be a field and define  $D: \mathbb{F}[x] \rightarrow \mathbb{F}[x]$  by

$$D(a_0 + a_1x + \cdots + a_nx^n) = a_1 + 2a_2x + \cdots + na_nx^{n-1},$$

where  $m = \underbrace{1 + \cdots + 1}_m \in \mathbb{F}$ .

- (a) Verify that  $D(fg) = D(f)g + fD(g)$ , for all  $f, g \in \mathbb{F}[x]$ .

- (b) An element  $\alpha$  is called a double root of  $f$  if  $(x - \alpha)^2$  divides  $f$ . Prove that  $\alpha$  is a double root of  $f$  if and only if  $f(\alpha) = 0$  and  $(Df)(\alpha) = 0$ .
54. Let  $E = \mathbb{Q}(\alpha)$ , where  $\alpha^3 - \alpha^2 + \alpha + 2 = 0$ . Express  $(\alpha^2 + \alpha + 1)(\alpha^2 - \alpha)$  and  $(\alpha - 1)^{-1}$  in the form  $a\alpha^2 + b\alpha + c$  with  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Q}$ .
55. Let  $F \subseteq K$  be a field extension and let  $a \in K$ . Under which condition do we call  $a$  algebraic over  $F$ ? Under which condition do we call  $a$  transcendental over  $F$ ?
56. Let  $F \subseteq K$  be a field extension and let  $a \in K$ . Assume that  $a$  is algebraic over  $F$ . What is the definition of the irreducible polynomial of  $a$  over  $F$ ?
57. Let  $F \subseteq K$  be a field extension and let  $a \in K$ . Assume that  $F$  and  $K$  are finite fields. Determine (with proof) whether  $a$  is algebraic or transcendental.
58. Let  $p \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$  be prime, let  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$  and let  $\mathbb{F}$  be a finite field of size  $p^n$ .
- Show that the map  $\varphi: \mathbb{F} \rightarrow \mathbb{F}$  given by  $\varphi(x) = x^p$  is an isomorphism.
  - Show that  $\varphi$  has order  $n$ .
  - Show that every automorphism of  $\mathbb{F}$  is a power of  $\varphi$ .
59. Define what it means to say that an element  $a \in \mathbb{E} \supseteq \mathbb{F}$  is algebraic over  $\mathbb{F}$ .
60. Let  $F$  be a field. Define the term *splitting field* of a polynomial  $f \in F[x]$ .
61. Let  $F$  be a field. Let  $f \in F[x]$ . Show that a splitting field of  $f$  exists.
62. Show that  $\mathbb{Q}(5^{1/3})$  is not the splitting field of any polynomial over  $\mathbb{Q}$ .
63. Let  $E$  and  $F$  be fields with  $F$  a subfield of  $E$ . What does it mean to say that  $a \in E$  is algebraic over  $F$ ?
64. Define what it means to say that an element  $a \in \mathbb{C}$  is algebraic over  $\mathbb{Q}$ .
65. Show that the set of real numbers that are algebraic over  $\mathbb{Q}$  is a subfield of  $\mathbb{R}$ .
66. Suppose that  $a \in \mathbb{C}$  is algebraic over  $\mathbb{Q}$  and let  $n = \deg(a, \mathbb{Q})$ . Show that there are exactly  $n$  injective field homomorphisms  $\mathbb{Q}(a) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ .
67. Let  $E$  and  $F$  be fields with  $F$  a subfield of  $E$ . Let  $a \in E$  be algebraic over  $F$ . Denote by  $F(a)$  the smallest subfield of  $E$  that contains  $F$  and  $a$ . Prove that  $[F(a) : F] = \deg(a, F)$ .
68. Let  $E$  and  $F$  be fields with  $F$  a subfield of  $E$ . Let  $a \in E$  be algebraic over  $F$ . Denote by  $F[a]$  the smallest subring of  $E$  that contains both  $F$  and  $a$ . Prove that  $F(a) = F[a]$ .
69. Show that  $X^2 - 3$  and  $X^2 - 2X - 2$  have the same splitting field  $K$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$ .
70. Let  $K$  be the splitting field of  $X^2 - 3$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Find  $[K : \mathbb{Q}]$ .