

Math 324 Spring 2017  
Homework 6  
Due: March 8

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1. Let  $F \subseteq K \subseteq L$  be fields. Prove that  $[L : F] = [L : K][K : F]$ .
2. (a) Prove that if  $p > 2$  is a prime and  $\omega_p = e^{\frac{2\pi i}{p}}$  then  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\omega_p + \omega_p^{-1})$  is an extension of  $\mathbb{Q}$  of degree  $\frac{p-1}{2}$ .  
(b) Prove that  $K$  is a subfield of  $\mathbb{R}$ . This field is called the *maximal real subfield* of  $\mathbb{Q}(\omega_p)$ .
3. Find the conjugates of  $\cos(2\pi/5)$ . (It might help to read up on the cosine function in complex analysis.)
4. Prove that  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}, i\sqrt{2}) = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2} + i\sqrt{2})$ .
5. Let  $\alpha = a + bi \in \mathbb{C}$  be an algebraic number (so  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ ).  
(a) Must  $a$  and  $b$  be algebraic numbers?  
(b) If  $\alpha$  is additionally an algebraic integer must  $a$  and  $b$  be algebraic integers?
6. Suppose  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$  is squarefree.  
(a) What is the field of fractions of  $\mathbb{Z} + \mathbb{Z}\sqrt{m}$ ?  
(b) If also  $m \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ , prove that  $\mathbb{Z} + \mathbb{Z}\sqrt{m}$  is not integrally closed (see definition 4.2.2).
7. *Magma*. It turns out that Magma can easily compute minimal polynomials. If you create the field  $K(a)$  (like on last week's homework), it can determine the minimal polynomial of any  $b \in K(a)$  using the command `MinimalPolynomial(b)`.  
(a) Write a short program to find the minimal polynomial over  $\mathbb{Q}$  of the elements  $\omega_p + \omega_p^{-1}$  for any prime  $p$ . (I do not need to see a log for all your test cases of this program.)  
(b) Run your program on the first 20 primes greater than 3. Be sure to log all your output from this.