

Let  $\alpha = \sqrt{2} + 3i$ . Suppose we have a minimal polynomial

$X^n + \dots$  with  $\alpha$  as a root. Then consider the automorphism sending  $\sqrt{2} \rightarrow -\sqrt{2}$  and  $i \rightarrow -i$ . This fixes  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Thus, if  $\alpha$  were a root of the minimal polynomial, then  $-\sqrt{2} - 3i$  would also be a root. Must also be roots: expanding the polynomial with such roots now see that its coefficients are in  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Thus, since the ~~above~~ polynomial must divide the minimal polynomial and has coefficients in  $\mathbb{Q}$ , it is the minimal polynomial.

Thus, the minimal polynomial is:

$$(X - (\sqrt{2} + 3i))(X - (-\sqrt{2} - 3i))$$

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↓  
(You must expand out and show coefficients are in  $\mathbb{Q}$  to get credit.)

And since it is of degree 4, the degree of the extension must also be 4.

2. Take any non-zero element  $r$ . We must show it is invertible.

Consider the set  $\{1, r, \dots, r^n, \dots\}$

Since this is a finite dimensional vector space there is some linear dependence relation:

$$c_1 r^n + \dots + c_k = 0$$

With  $c_i \in K$ . Now suppose  $c_1 = 0$  then

$$r(c_1 r^{n-1} + \dots + c_2) = 0$$

Now since  $R$  is domain, either  $r = 0$ .

or  $c_1 r^{n-1} + \dots + c_2 = 0$ . By assuming we

have chosen the dependence relation

of minimal length the latter is impossible.

Thus  $r = 0$  a contradiction. Hence  $c_1 \neq 0$ .

Now

$$r(c_1 r^{n-1} + \dots + c_2) = -c_1$$

$$\Rightarrow r(-c_1^{-1}(c_1 r^{n-1} + \dots + c_2)) = 1$$

Thus,  $r$  has an inverse.

3e II Since the degree of field extensions is multiplicative and  $p$  is prime either  $K=L$  or  $K=K$  since  $[K':K]=1$  or  $p$ .

2e II We know  $[K(\alpha^2):K] \cdot [K(\alpha):K(\alpha^2)] = [K(\alpha):K]$

How do we wish to consider

$[K(\alpha):K(\alpha^2)]$ . Well we know

that the minimal polynomial of  $\alpha$  with coefficients in  $K(\alpha^2)$  must divide  $X^2 - \alpha^2 \in K(\alpha^2)[X]$

Thus, it must be of deg 1 or 2.

Hence, w/  $[K(\alpha^2):K] = \begin{cases} [K(\alpha):K] & \text{if } \alpha \in K(\alpha^2) \\ \frac{[K(\alpha):K]}{2} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$