

1 Prove that  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{5}, \sqrt{7}) = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{7})$ .

2 The following complex numbers are algebraic over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Find the minimal polynomial for each over  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

(a)  $\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{2}$

(b)  $\sqrt{3 + i\sqrt{2}}$

(c)  $\sqrt{3 + 2\sqrt{2}}$

3 Let  $E$  be an extension field of a finite field  $F$ , where  $F$  has  $q$  elements. Let  $\alpha \in E$  be algebraic over  $F$  of degree  $n$ . Prove that  $F(\alpha)$  has  $q^n$  elements.

4 Let  $\alpha = e^{2\pi i/5} = \cos(2\pi/5) + i \sin(2\pi/5) \in \mathbb{C}$ .

- (a) Find the minimal polynomial of  $\alpha$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$ .
- (b) For which positive integer  $k$  is  $\{1, \alpha, \alpha^2, \dots, \alpha^k\}$  a basis for  $\mathbb{Q}(\alpha)$  as a vector space over  $\mathbb{Q}$ ? Express  $\alpha^{-1} = e^{-2\pi i/5}$  as a  $\mathbb{Q}$ -linear combination of basis elements.
- (c) Find the minimal polynomial for  $2 \cos(2\pi/5)$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . [HINT: Consider  $\alpha + \alpha^{-1}$ ].
- (d) Use the polynomial from part (c) to find a simple expression for  $\cos(2\pi/5)$ .