

IMMERSE Algebra Homework - Summer 2005
Field Theory IV

131. Let K be a field of characteristic $p \neq 2$. Show $\Phi_4(x) = x^2 + 1$
132. Let F be a field and let a and b be elements of some extension field of F .
- (a) Give the definition of $F(a, b)$.
 - (b) Give the definition of $F(a)(b)$. (note: $F(a)(b)$ is interpreted as $(F(a))(b)$)
 - (c) Use these definitions to explain why $F(a, b) = F(a)(b)$.
133. Suppose E is an extension field of the field F . Prove $E = F$ if and only if $[E : F] = 1$.
134. Suppose E is an extension field of the field F and K is an extension field of the field K (so, $F \subseteq E \subseteq K$). Prove $[K : F] = [K : E][E : F]$.
135. Let E be an extension field of the field F . Suppose $[E : F]$ is prime. Suppose \mathcal{F} is a field with $F \subseteq \mathcal{F} \subseteq E$. Prove $F = \mathcal{F}$ or $E = \mathcal{F}$.
136. Let $f(x) = x^3 + x^2 + \bar{1} \in \mathbb{Z}_2[x]$. Suppose a is a zero of $f(x)$ in some extension of \mathbb{Z}_2 . Then $\mathbb{Z}_2(a) \approx \mathbb{Z}_2[x] / \langle f(x) \rangle$. Write each of the following in the form $c_0 + c_1a + c_2a^2$ where $c_0, c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{Z}_2$.
- (a) a^3
 - (b) a^{-1}
 - (c) a^{50}
137. Prove:
- (a) $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3}) = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{5 + \sqrt{24}})$
 - (b) $\mathbb{R}(a + bi) = \mathbb{C}$ where $a + bi \in \mathbb{C}$ with $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ and $b \neq 0$.
 - (c) $\mathbb{Q}(i) \neq \mathbb{C}$
 - (d) $\mathbb{Q}(i + \sqrt{2}) = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{i})$
 - (e) Is $\mathbb{R}[i] = \mathbb{C}$?
138. Compute $[\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}) : \mathbb{Q}]$ and $[\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{3}) : \mathbb{Q}]$ and show $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}) \neq \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{3})$.