

## Homework 25 - MATH 791

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### Problem 1:

Consider  $\alpha := 1 + \sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3} + \sqrt{6} \in \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3})$ . Find a polynomial  $p(x) \in \mathbb{Q}[x]$  such that  $p(\alpha) = 0$ . Determine if the polynomial you found is the minimal polynomial for  $\alpha$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

**Solution:**

**Admitted**

### Problem 2:

Prove that for any field  $L$  containing  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  and  $a, b \in L$ , then  $(a + b)^p = a^p + b^p$ .

**Solution:**

**Admitted**

### Problem 3:

Let  $x, y$  be indeterminates over the field  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ . Set  $F := \mathbb{Z}_2(x^2, y^2)$  and  $K := \mathbb{Z}_2(x, y)$ . Set  $E := \mathbb{Z}(x, y^2)$ . Prove that  $[E : F] = 2$  and  $[K : E] = 2$ .

Conclude that  $[K : F] = 4$ .

**Solution:**

**Admitted**

### Problem 4:

In the notation of problem 3, prove that  $\alpha^2 \in F$ , for all  $\alpha \in K$ .

**Solution:**

**Admitted**

### Problem 5:

Use the previous two problems to show that for  $F \subseteq K$  as in problem 3, there does **not** exist  $\alpha \in K$  such that  $K = F(\alpha)$ . Conclude that there are infinitely many intermediate field  $F \subsetneq E \subsetneq K$ .

**Solution:**

**Admitted**