

- Q1** Show that  $[\overline{\mathbb{Q}} : \mathbb{Q}] = \infty$ .
- Q2** Let  $F \subseteq K \subseteq L$  be fields. Show that if  $L/F$  is separable, then both  $K/F$  and  $L/K$  are separable.
- Q3** Let  $F$  be a field and  $A$  be a subset of  $F[x]$ . An algebraic field extension  $K$  of  $F$  is called a *splitting field for  $A$  over  $F$*  if
- (i) every polynomial in  $A$  splits completely in  $K[x]$ ,
  - (ii) if  $F \subseteq E \subseteq K$  and every polynomial in  $A$  splits completely in  $E[x]$ , then  $E = K$ .
- (a) Suppose that  $A = \{f_1(x), f_2(x), \dots, f_n(x)\} \subseteq F[x]$ . Let  $f(x) = \prod_{j=1}^n f_j(x)$  and  $K$  be a splitting field of  $f(x) \in F[x]$ . Show that  $K$  is a splitting field of  $A$  over  $F$ .
- (b) Let  $S \subseteq \overline{F}$  be the subset consisting of roots of polynomials in  $A$ . Show that  $F(S)$  is a splitting field of  $A$  over  $F$ .
- (c) Suppose that  $K$  is a splitting field of  $A$  over  $F$ . Show that there exists a field isomorphism  $\varphi : K \rightarrow F(S)$  such that  $\varphi|_F = \text{id}_F$ .
- (Hint: Prop 5 on Apr 13 can be useful.)
- Q4** Let  $F$  be a field of characteristic  $p$ . Show that if  $K/F$  is a finite inseparable field extension, then  $p \mid [K : F]$ .