

1. We have that $\sqrt{a} \notin F$, and \sqrt{a} satisfies the polynomial $x^2 - a$ in $F[x]$, it follows that $[L : F] = 2$, and $\min(\sqrt{a}; F) = x^2 - a$. $x^2 - a = (x - \sqrt{a})(x + \sqrt{a}) \in L[x]$, hence $\sqrt{a}, -\sqrt{a}$ are conjugate in L/F .

Assume that $\alpha \in L$ has norm a , then

$$N_{L/F}(\alpha^{-1}\sqrt{a}) = N_{L/F}(\alpha^{-1})N_{L/F}(\sqrt{a}) = N_{L/F}(\alpha)^{-1}(-\sqrt{a} \cdot \sqrt{a}) = \frac{1}{a}(-a) = -1$$

Conversely, assume that $\beta \in L$ has norm -1 , then

$$N_{L/F}(\beta\sqrt{a}) = N_{L/F}(\beta)N_{L/F}(\sqrt{a}) = -1(-\sqrt{a} \cdot \sqrt{a}) = a$$

2. First note that $K = F(\sqrt{2}, \sqrt[4]{3})$. I claim that $[K : F] = 8$, proof being $[\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{3}, \sqrt{2}) : \mathbb{Q}] = 4$, but then

$$\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[4]{3}, \sqrt{2}) \neq \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{3}, \sqrt{2})$$

To see this, $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[4]{3}, \sqrt{2})/\mathbb{Q}$ is not normal, since $\sigma : \sqrt[4]{3} \mapsto i\sqrt[4]{3}$ is an automorphism of $\mathbb{Q}(i, \sqrt[4]{3}, \sqrt{2})$ not fixing $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[4]{3}, \sqrt{2}) \subset \mathbb{R}$, this implies that they are not equal, since $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3})$ is normal as the splitting field of $x^2 - 2, x^2 - 3$ over \mathbb{Q} . It follows that $\sqrt[4]{3} \notin \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{3}, \sqrt{2})$, so that

$$[\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[4]{3}, \sqrt{2}) : \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{3}, \sqrt{2})] = 2$$

Since $\sqrt[4]{3}$ satisfies $x^2 - \sqrt{3}$. Finally, we use once again that $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[4]{3}, \sqrt{2}) \subset \mathbb{R}$, so that $i \notin \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[4]{3}, \sqrt{2})$, where i satisfies $x^2 + 1$. It follows that

$$[F(\sqrt[4]{3}, \sqrt{2}) : \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[4]{3}, \sqrt{2})] = 2$$

Taken together by multiplicativity of degree, we have

$$\begin{aligned} [K : \mathbb{Q}] &= [\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{3}, \sqrt{2}) : \mathbb{Q}][\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[4]{3}, \sqrt{2}) : \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{3}, \sqrt{2})][K : \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[4]{3}, \sqrt{2})] = 16 \\ [F : \mathbb{Q}] &= 2 \\ \implies [K : F] &= 8 \end{aligned}$$

Note that 3 is irreducible in the Gaussian integers, so that $x^4 - 3$ is irreducible in $F[x]$ by Eisenstein's criterion. It follows that $\min(\sqrt[4]{3}; F) = x^4 - 3$, and since $\sqrt{2} \notin F$, we have $\min(\sqrt{2} : F) = x^2 - 2$. This gives us $\sigma, \tau \in \text{Gal}(K/F)$, where $\sigma : \sqrt[4]{3} \mapsto i\sqrt[4]{3}$ and $\tau : \sqrt{2} \mapsto -\sqrt{2}$ since $\#\text{Gal}(K/F) = 8 = \# \langle \sigma, \tau \rangle$, we have equality. Finally, σ^j fixes $\sqrt{2}$ for all j , i.e. $\langle \sigma \rangle \cap \langle \tau \rangle = \{1\}$, and we have that $\{3^{i/4}2^{j/2}\}_{0 \leq i \leq 3, j=0,1}$ is a basis for K/F , and it is immediate that $\sigma\tau = \tau\sigma$ on each of the basis elements so that

$$\text{Gal}(K/F) \simeq \langle \sigma \rangle \times \langle \tau \rangle \simeq C_4 \times C_2$$

is abelian, with exponent 4.

3. The following problem only makes sense in char 0, since in char p , we don't necessarily have radical extensions are contained in Galois extensions, since they may not be separable. Given this, we assume that $\text{char} F = 0$

Since α is contained in a root extension of F , we have that $\alpha \in K$, where

$$K = F_m/F_{m-1}/\cdots/F_1 = F$$

where each F_{i+1}/F_i is given by adjoining an n_i -th root, i.e. $\sqrt[n_i]{\alpha_i}$. Now define

$$L = F(\zeta_{\text{LCM}[n_1, \dots, n_m]}) \supset F(\zeta_{n_i})_{i=1, \dots, m}$$

Now define $L_{i+1} = L_i(\sqrt[n_i]{\alpha_i})$, $L_1 = L$ it follows that since L contains each of the n_i -th roots of unity, we have that L_{i+1}/L_i is Galois, with Galois group C_{n_i} , and $L_m \supset K$ implies that $\alpha \in L_m$. This reduces the problem to showing that L/F can be written as a radical extension, with cyclic decomposition. Denote $\ell = \text{LCM}[n_1, \dots, n_m]$ with prime factorization $\ell = \prod_1^N p_j^{r_j}$. Consider the tower of extensions

$$L = F(\zeta_{p_1^{r_1} \dots p_N^{r_N}})/F(\zeta_{p_1^{r_1} \dots p_{N-1}^{r_{N-1}}})/\dots/F(\zeta_{p_1^{r_1} \dots p_N})/F(\zeta_{p_1^{r_1} \dots p_{N-1}^{r_{N-1}}})/\dots/F(\zeta_{p_1^{r_1}})/\dots/F(\zeta_{p_1})/F$$

Each extension is galois over F (and hence also over the previous extension in the tower), since it is the splitting field of some polynomial of the form $x^k - 1$. In particular, the galois groups over F are $(\mathbb{Z}/(p_1^{r_1} \dots p_k^{r_k}))^\times$. Given this, the fundamental theorem of Galois theory gives us that the Galois group at each step in the tower is either

$$\frac{(\mathbb{Z}/(p_1^{r_1} \dots p_k^{r_k}))^\times}{(\mathbb{Z}/(p_1^{r_1} \dots p_k^{s-1}))^\times} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{(\mathbb{Z}/(p_1^{r_1} \dots p_k))^\times}{(\mathbb{Z}/(p_1^{r_1} \dots p_{k-1}^{r_{k-1}}))^\times}$$

From the previous homework, we proved that if $k|n$, then $\Phi_{nk}(x) = \Phi_n(x^k)$, i.e. $\varphi(nk) = k\varphi(n)$, so that in particular we have

$$\# \frac{(\mathbb{Z}/(p_1^{r_1} \dots p_k^{r_k}))^\times}{(\mathbb{Z}/(p_1^{r_1} \dots p_k^{s-1}))^\times} = p \implies \text{Gal}(F(\zeta_{p_1^{r_1} \dots p_k^{r_k}})/F(\zeta_{p_1^{r_1} \dots p_k^{s-1}})) \simeq C_p$$

Furthermore, this is a radical extension by adjoining a root of $x^{p_k} - \zeta_{p_k^{s-1}}$. In the second case, we employ the Chinese Remainder Theorem, so that

$$\frac{(\mathbb{Z}/(p_1^{r_1} \dots p_k))^\times}{(\mathbb{Z}/(p_1^{r_1} \dots p_{k-1}^{r_{k-1}}))^\times} = \frac{(\mathbb{Z}/p_k)^\times \times \prod_1^{k-1} (\mathbb{Z}/(p_i^{r_i}))}{\{1\} \times \prod_1^{k-1} (\mathbb{Z}/(p_i^{r_i}))} \simeq (\mathbb{Z}/p_k)^\times \simeq C_{p-1}$$

Once again this is a radical extension by adjoining a root of $x^{p_k} - 1$.

4. First note that f is irreducible, this can be seen since \bar{f} is irreducible in \mathbf{F}_3 , since $\bar{f}(a) = 1$ or 2 , for any $a \in \mathbf{F}_3$. f has discriminant $-(4 \cdot (-3)^3 + 27) = 3^4 \in \mathbb{Q}^2$, hence $\text{Gal}_f \simeq C_3$. Suppose for contradiction that K is a radical extension of \mathbb{Q} , then since $\text{Gal}(K/\mathbb{Q}) \simeq C_3$, by multiplicativity of degree, K must be written as a single extension of degree 3, since it is a radical extension K must be of the form $\mathbb{Q}(\alpha)$, where $\min(\alpha; \mathbb{Q}) = x^3 - a$. But then over the algebraic closure of K , we have that $x^3 - a = (x - a)(x - a\zeta_3)(x - a\zeta_3^2)$, so that $K/\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_3)/\mathbb{Q}$, by multiplicativity of degree this implies that $2|[K : \mathbb{Q}] = 3$ a contradiction. Conversely, $C_3 \simeq \text{Gal}_f$ is cyclic, implying it is solvable, hence f is solvable via radicals.