

**Theorem.** Let  $\mathbb{F} = \{a + i\sqrt{3}b \mid a, b \in \mathbb{Q}\}$  with the addition and multiplication defined as for  $\mathbb{C}$ . Then  $\mathbb{F}$  is a field.

*Proof.* Suppose  $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{Q}$ .

Denote the element  $a + i\sqrt{3}b$  of  $\mathbb{F}$  as  $\mathbb{F}(a, b)$ .

Define  $sm(a, b)$  as  $a^2 + 3b^2$ .

1. Since  $a + c \in \mathbb{Q}$  and  $b + d \in \mathbb{Q}$  by Multiplicative Closure of  $\mathbb{Q}$ , as well as  $a + c = c + a$  and  $b + d = d + b$  by Commutative Law for  $\mathbb{Q}$ , then  $\mathbb{F}(a, b) + \mathbb{F}(c, d) = \mathbb{F}(c, d) + \mathbb{F}(a, b)$ . Moreover, since  $\mathbb{F} \subset \mathbb{C}$  by definition,  $\mathbb{F}(a, b)\mathbb{F}(c, d) = \mathbb{F}(c, d)\mathbb{F}(a, b)$ .
2. Since  $\mathbb{F} \subset \mathbb{C}$ , and  $\mathbb{C}$  has an associative property,  $\mathbb{F}$  obeys the Associative Law both for  $+$  and  $\cdot$ .
3. Consider  $\mathbb{F}(0, 0)$ . Then  $\forall a, b \in \mathbb{Q}$ , since  $\sqrt{3} \cdot 0 = 0$ , then  $\mathbb{F}(a, b) + \mathbb{F}(0, 0) = \mathbb{F}(a, b)$ . Therefore,  $\mathbb{F}(0, 0)$  is an additive neutral element. Similarly, since  $\mathbb{F} \subset \mathbb{C}$  and  $0 + i \cdot 0$  is a multiplicative neutral element for  $\mathbb{C}$ ,  $\mathbb{F}(0, 0)$  is also a multiplicative neutral element.
4. Consider  $\mathbb{F}(a, b)$  and  $\mathbb{F}(-a, -b)$ . Since  $a - a = 0$  and  $b - b = 0$ ,  $\mathbb{F}(a, b) + \mathbb{F}(-a, -b) = \mathbb{F}(0, 0)$ . Therefore, there exists an additive inverse  $\forall a, b$ .

Consider also  $\mathbb{F}(a, b)$  and  $\frac{\mathbb{F}(a, -b)}{sm(a, b)}$ . Since  $sm(a, b)$  is a sum of two rational numbers, then  $sm(a, b) \in \mathbb{Q}$ . Therefore,  $\frac{\mathbb{F}(a, -b)}{sm(a, b)} = \mathbb{F}(\frac{a}{sm(a, b)}, -\frac{b}{sm(a, b)}) \in \mathbb{F}$ . Since  $\mathbb{F}(a, -b)$  is the complex conjugate of  $\mathbb{F}(a, b)$  in  $\mathbb{C}$ , then  $\mathbb{F}(a, b)\mathbb{F}(\frac{a}{sm(a, b)}, -\frac{b}{sm(a, b)}) = 1$  and  $(\mathbb{F}(a, b))^{-1} = \frac{\mathbb{F}(a, -b)}{sm(a, b)}$ .

5. Since  $\mathbb{F} \subset \mathbb{C}$ , elements of  $\mathbb{F}$  obey the Distributive Law.

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