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## Problem

Let  $a(x) = x^5 - 4x^4 + 2x + 2 \in \mathbb{Q}[x]$ , and let  $r_1, \dots, r_5$  be the roots of  $a(x)$  in  $\mathbb{C}$ . Let  $K = \mathbb{Q}(r_1, \dots, r_5)$  be the root field of  $a(x)$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

Prove: part:

If  $r_1$  denotes a real root of  $a(x)$ ,  $[\mathbb{Q}(r_1) : \mathbb{Q}] = 5$ . Use this to prove that  $[K : \mathbb{Q}]$  is a multiple of 5.

## Step-by-step solution

There is no solution to this problem yet.

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