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Chapter 31, Problem 5EA

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Problem

Find irreducible polynomials a(x) over (0, 1), and b(x) over (0, 1), such that (0, 1) is the root field of a(x) over (0, 1), and is the root field of b(x) over (0, 1). Then do the same for (0, 1).

Step-by-step solution

Step 1 of 3

The objective is to find the irreducible polynomials a(x) over \mathbb{Q} , and b(x) over $\mathbb{Q}(i)$, such that $\mathbb{Q}(i,\sqrt{3})$ is the root field of a(x) over \mathbb{Q} , and is the root field of b(x) over $\mathbb{Q}(i)$. Then do the same for $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2},\sqrt{3})$.

Comment

Step 2 of 3

Take
$$x = \sqrt{3} + i$$

Then

$$x^{2} = 2 + 2\sqrt{3}i$$

$$x^{2} - 2 = 2\sqrt{3}i$$

$$(x^{2} - 2)^{2} = (2\sqrt{3}i)^{2}$$

$$x^{4} - 4x^{2} + 4 = -12$$

$$x^{4} - 4x^{2} + 16 = 0$$

The polynomial $a(x) = x^4 - 4x^2 + 16$ is irreducible over \mathbb{Q} and $\mathbb{Q}(i, \sqrt{3})$ is the root field of a(x) over \mathbb{Q} .

The polynomial $b(x) = x^2 - 3$ is irreducible over $\mathbb{Q}(i)$ and $\mathbb{Q}(i, \sqrt{3})$ is the root field of b(x) over $\mathbb{Q}(i)$.

Comment

Step 3 of 3

Take
$$x = \sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3}$$
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Then

$$x^{2} = 5 + 2\sqrt{6}$$

$$x^{2} - 5 = 2\sqrt{6}$$

$$\left(x^{2} - 5\right)^{2} = \left(2\sqrt{6}\right)^{2}$$

$$x^{4} - 10x^{2} + 25 = 24$$

$$x^{4} - 10x^{2} + 1 = 0$$

The polynomial $a(x) = x^4 - 10x^2 + 1$ is irreducible over \mathbb{Q} and $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3})$ is the root field of a(x) over \mathbb{Q} .

The polynomial $b(x) = x^2 - 3$ is irreducible over $\mathbb{Q}(i)$ and $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3})$ is the root field of b(x) over $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})$.

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