

Field extensions

Let E be a field and $F \subset E$ be a subfield. We also say that E is an extension field of F . Often, we simply say E is an extension of F . Either

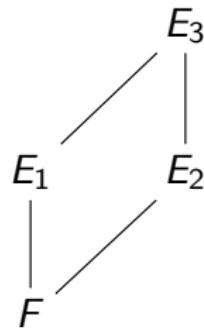
$$E/F$$

or

$$\begin{array}{c} E \\ | \\ F \end{array}$$

denotes an extension.

Diagrams like



are useful.

If E is an extension of F , then E is a vector space over F .

Definition

A finite extension of F is an extension E/F which is finite dimensional over F .

Question

Is \mathbb{C}/\mathbb{Q} finite? What about \mathbb{C}/\mathbb{R} ?