

## Extensions with roots of polynomials

## Theorem

*If  $k$  is a field and  $f_1, \dots, f_n \in k[X]$  are polynomials of degree at least one, then there exists an extension  $E/k$  in which each  $f_i$  has a root,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .*

We may assume that each  $f_i$  is irreducible. Moreover, by induction, it suffices to show the theorem for  $n = 1$ .

## proof when $n = 1$ and $f_1$ is irreducible

Assume  $n = 1$  and  $f = f_1$  is irreducible. Let  $F = k[X]/f(X)$ . There is a natural injective homomorphism

$$\sigma: k \hookrightarrow F$$

between fields.

Strictly speaking, this is not an extension since  $F$  does not contain  $k$ . To solve this problem, consider  $E = k \coprod (F - \sigma(k))$ . Then, there is a bijection  $\tau: E \simeq F$  such that

$$\begin{aligned}\tau|_k &= \sigma \\ \tau|_{F - \sigma(k)} &= \text{id}_{F - \sigma(k)}.\end{aligned}$$

Using  $\tau$ , turn  $F$  into a field that contains  $k$ .

## Question

Let  $F = \mathbb{Q}[T]/(T^3 - 3)$ . Find the factorization of  $X^3 - 3$  in  $F[X]$ .