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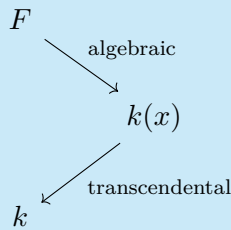
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1.1 Chapter 1

Let k be a field, not necessarily algebraically closed.

Definition 1.1.1 (Algebraic Function Field).

An one variable **algebraic function field** F/K is a field extension F of K which factors as



where $x \in \bar{k}$ is some element that is not algebraic over k .

Definition 1.1.2 (Field of Constants).

The subfield

$$\tilde{k} := \{z \in F \cap K^{\text{alg}}\} \leq F,$$

consisting of elements that are algebraic over F is denoted the **field of constants**.

Definition 1.1.3 (Algebraically Closed).

If $\tilde{k} = k$, we say that k is **algebraically closed** in F .

Definition 1.1.4 (Rational Function Field).

An extension F/k is **rational** iff $F = k(y)$ for some $y \in k^{\text{transc}}$ which is transcendental over k .

Definition 1.1.5 (Valuation Ring).