

HOMEWORK 3 EXTRA PROBLEM

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$\sqrt{2}$. Prove that the following are equivalent for a field L :

- (a) Every polynomial of positive degree over L has a root in L .
- (b) Every polynomial in $L[x]$ has all its roots in L .
- (c) The only irreducible polynomials over L are the linear ones: $ax + b$, $a \neq 0, a, b \in L$.
- (d) If M is an algebraic extension of L , then $M = L$.

Note that if any of these conditions hold, then L is algebraically closed.