- 1. The prime subfield of F is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{F}_p$ . Suppose the dimension of F over  $\mathbb{F}_p$  is n > 0. Then, there is a basis  $\{\alpha_1, \ldots, \alpha_n\}$  where each  $\alpha_i \in F$ . Any element in F may be written as  $\sum_{i=1}^n c_i \alpha_i$  with  $c_i \in \mathbb{F}_p$ . This immediately implies the conclusion.
- 2. The main idea is as follows. Let  $f(x) \in \mathbb{F}_p[x]$  be irreducible and  $\alpha$  be a root of f(x) in some extension E of  $\mathbb{F}_p$ . Consider the field  $\mathbb{F}_p(\alpha)$ , which has degree deg f over  $\mathbb{F}_p$  and therefore is a field of size  $p^{\deg f}$ .
- 3. (a) 1+i:  $f(x) = x^2 + 2x + 2$ 
  - (b)  $\underline{2+\sqrt{3}}$ :  $g(x) = x^2 4x + 1$
  - (c)  $1 + \sqrt[3]{2} + \sqrt[3]{4}$ :  $h(x) = x^3 3x^2 3x 1$
- 5. Trivial
- 6. 2 since  $\sqrt{3+2\sqrt{2}} = 1 + \sqrt{2}$ .
- 7. Obviously,  $F(\alpha^2) \subseteq F(\alpha)$ . It suffices to show that  $[F(\alpha) : F(\alpha^2)] = 1$ . Indeed, we have the equality  $n = [F(\alpha) : F] = [F(\alpha) : F(\alpha^2)][F(\alpha^2) : F]$ . But since  $\alpha$  is a root of  $m_{\alpha}(x) = x^2 \alpha^2 \in F(\alpha)[x]$ , we must have  $[F(\alpha) : F(\alpha^2)] \leq 2$ . It cannot be equal to 2 since n is odd and therefore must be equal to 1, giving us the desired conclusion.
- 8. Obviously R is an integral domain. It suffices to show that every non-zero element in R has an inverse. Indeed, let  $a \in R \setminus \{0\}$ . Since K/F is algebraic, a must be algebraic over F. Then, there is a monic polynomial  $m_a(x) = x^n + a_{n-1}x^{n-1} + \cdots + a_0$  with  $a_0 \neq 0$  such that  $a_0 \neq 0$  and  $m_a(a) = 0$ . It is now obvious that the inverse of a must lie in R.
- 11. Note that since both  $\beta$  and  $\sqrt[3]{2}$  have the same minimal polynomial  $m(x) = x^3 2$  and therefore  $\mathbb{Q}(\beta) \cong \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{2})$ . The isomorphism maps -1 to -1. And thus if -1 is the sum of squares in  $\mathbb{Q}(\beta)$  then it is also a sum of squares in  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{2})$  a contradiction. This finishes the proof.
- 12. Trivial. Just note the parities of f(2k) and f(2k+1) for  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ .
- 13. Suppose  $\mathbb{C} \subsetneq R$ . Let  $a \in R \setminus \mathbb{C}$  and let R have dimension n. Then, the elements  $1, a, \ldots, a^n$  are not linearly independent and therefore there is a polynomial  $f \in \mathbb{C}[x]$  such that f(a) = 0 but this is contradictory to the fact that  $\mathbb{C}$  is algebraically closed.