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**Problem 40.** Prove that an abelian group has a composition series if and only if it is finite.

**Problem 41.** Prove that a solvable simple group is abelian.

**Problem 42.** Prove that a solvable group that has a composition series is finite.

**Problem 45.** If  $\mathbb{K} \subseteq \mathbb{F}$  is a field extension,  $u, v \in \mathbb{F}$ ,  $v$  is algebraic over  $\mathbb{K}(u)$ , and  $v$  is transcendental over  $\mathbb{K}$ , then  $u$  is algebraic over  $\mathbb{K}(v)$ .

**Problem 46.** If  $\mathbb{K} \subseteq \mathbb{F}$  is a field extension and  $u \in \mathbb{F}$  is algebraic of odd degree over  $\mathbb{K}$ , then so is  $u^2$  and  $\mathbb{K}(u) = \mathbb{K}(u^2)$ .

**Problem 47.** Let  $\mathbb{K} \subseteq \mathbb{F}$  be a field extension. If  $X^n - a \in \mathbb{K}[X]$  is irreducible and  $u \in \mathbb{F}$  is a root of  $X^n - a$  and  $m$  divides  $n$ , then the degree of  $u^m$  over  $\mathbb{K}$  is  $n/m$ . What is the irreducible polynomial of  $u^m$  over  $\mathbb{K}$ ?

**Problem 48.** Let  $\mathbb{K} \subseteq R \subseteq \mathbb{F}$  be an extension of rings with  $\mathbb{K}, \mathbb{F}$  fields. If  $\mathbb{K} \subseteq \mathbb{F}$  is algebraic, prove that  $R$  is a field.

**Problem 49.** Let  $f = X^3 - 6X^2 + 9X + 3 \in \mathbb{Q}[X]$ .

- (a) Prove that  $f$  is irreducible in  $\mathbb{Q}[X]$ .
- (b) Let  $u$  be a real root of  $f$ . Consider the extension  $\mathbb{Q} \subseteq \mathbb{Q}(u)$ . Express each of the following elements in terms of the basis  $\{1, u, u^2\}$  of the  $\mathbb{Q}$ -vector space  $\mathbb{Q}(u)$ :

$$u^4, \quad u^5, \quad 3u^5 - u^4 + 2, \quad (u + 1)^{-1}, \quad (u^2 - 6u + 8)^{-1}.$$



**Problem 50.** Let  $F = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3})$ . Find  $[F : \mathbb{Q}]$  and a basis of  $\mathbb{F}$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

**Problem 51.** Let  $\mathbb{K}$  be a field. In the field  $\mathbb{K}(X)$ , let  $u = X^3/(X+1)$ . What is  $[\mathbb{K}(X) : \mathbb{K}(u)]$ ?

**Problem 52.** Let  $\mathbb{K} \subseteq \mathbb{F}$  be a field extension. If  $u, v \in \mathbb{F}$  are algebraic over  $\mathbb{K}$  of degrees  $m$  and  $n$ , respectively, then  $[\mathbb{K}(u, v) : \mathbb{K}] \leq mn$ . If  $m$  and  $n$  are relatively prime, then  $[\mathbb{K}(u, v) : \mathbb{K}] = mn$ .