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Algebraic vs. Transcendental Extensions:

An element α is transcendental over field F if it is not a root of any polynomial w/ coefficients in F . If we form $E = F(\alpha)$, E is a transcendental extension (of F).

An element α is algebraic over field F if it is a root of some polynomial (arbitrary degree) w/ coefficients in F . Then $E = F(\alpha)$ is an algebraic extension.

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If $\alpha \neq 0, 1$ and β is irrational then α^β is transcendental (over $\mathbb{Q}$)

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$$(2^{\sqrt{2}})^{\sqrt{2}} = 2^{(\sqrt{2})^2} = 2^2 = 4!$$

If α is algebraic over $\mathbb{Q}$ must $\sqrt{\alpha}$ be algebraic? Consider square roots.

If α is a root of $a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 x + a_0$ $\xrightarrow{p(x)}$

Look @ $a_n x^{2n} + a_{n-1} x^{2(n-1)} + \dots + a_1 x^2 + a_0$.

So $\sqrt{\alpha}$ is root of $\hat{p}(x)$ $\nearrow$ So yes for integer roots.

How about α^2

$p(x) = a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 x + a_0$ $\swarrow$ α is zero

Scheme:

$$\tilde{p}(x) = [a_n x^n + a_{n-2} x^{n-2} + \dots + a_0] - x[a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_1]$$

$$\tilde{p}'(x) = [a_n x^{n-1} + \dots + a_1] + x[a_{n-1} x^{n-2} + \dots + a_0]$$

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$$f(x) = \tilde{p}(x) \cdot \tilde{p}'(x) = 0 \Rightarrow f(x) = 0$$

$$[a_n x^n + a_{n-2} x^{n-2} + \dots + a_0]^2 - x^2 [a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 x]^2$$

① Double Cube

Can assume cube has volume 1, so side is 1

To double cube, need side $\sqrt[3]{2}$

Field of constructible numbers.

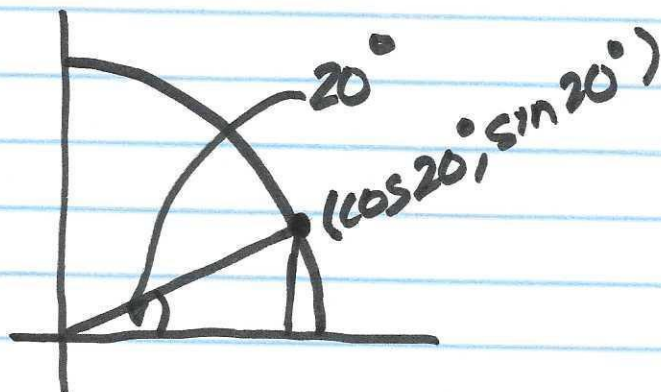
$$x^3 - 2 = 0$$

$$\mathbb{Q} \subset \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{2}) \subset \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{2}, \sqrt[3]{2}) \subset \dots$$

$$\left[\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{2}) : \mathbb{Q} \right] = 2$$

$$[\tilde{\mathbb{Q}} : \mathbb{Q}] = 2^k$$

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Consider poly which has $\cos 20^\circ$ as root.

$$\cos 60^\circ = \frac{1}{2} = \cos(3 \cdot 20^\circ)$$

$$\cos 3\theta = \cos(\theta + 2\theta)$$

$$\cos 2\theta = \cos \theta \cos \theta - \sin \theta \sin \theta$$

$$= \cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta = \cos^2 \theta - (1 - \cos^2 \theta)$$

$$\cos(2\theta + \theta) = \underbrace{2\cos^2 \theta - 1}$$

$$\leftarrow (2\cos^2 \theta - 1)\cos \theta - \sin^2 2\theta \cdot \sin \theta$$

$$2\cos^3 \theta - \cos \theta - (1 - \cos^2 2\theta)(\sin \theta)$$

$$2\cos^3 \theta - \cos \theta - (1 - \cos^2 2\theta) \sin \theta$$

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$$\cos 3\theta = 4\cos^3 \theta - 3\cos \theta$$

$$\theta = 20^\circ$$

$$\frac{1}{2} = 4\cos^3 20^\circ - 3\cos 20^\circ$$

$$x = \cos 20^\circ$$

$$\frac{1}{2} = 4x^3 - 3x \Rightarrow$$

$$\boxed{8x^3 - 6x - 1 = 0} \leftarrow \text{irreducible?}$$

$$\text{let } y = x+1 \quad x = y-1$$

$$8(y^3 - 3y^2 + 3y - 1) - 6(y-1) - 1 = 0$$

$$8y^3 - \cancel{24} 24y^2 + 24y - 8 - 6y + 6 - 1 = 0$$

$$8y^3 - 24y^2 + 18y - 3 = 0$$

$p=3$ in Eisenstein $\Rightarrow$ poly is irreducible