

# HW 3

## due April 27

1. Prove that if  $F \subset K$  is an extension and  $[K : F] = 2$ , then  $K$  is normal over  $F$ .
2. Which of the following extensions are normal? Why or why not?
  - (a)  $\mathbb{Q} \subset \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_n)$ , where  $\zeta_n = e^{2\pi i/n}$ .
  - (b)  $\mathbb{Q} \subset \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}, \sqrt[3]{2})$ .
  - (c)  $F = \mathbb{F}_3(t) \subset F(\alpha)$ , where  $t$  is a variable and  $\alpha$  is a root of  $x^3 - t$  in a splitting field.
3. Let  $F \subset K \subset L$  be a tower of field extensions. Prove or disprove:
  - (a) If  $L$  is normal over  $F$ , then  $K$  is normal over  $F$ .
  - (b) If  $L$  is normal over  $F$ , then  $L$  is normal over  $K$ .
  - (c) If  $K$  is normal over  $F$  and  $L$  is normal over  $K$ , then  $L$  is normal over  $F$ . (If you want a hint, see Exer. 20 of V.3)
4. Let  $F \subset K \subset L$  be a tower of field extensions. Show that if  $L$  is separable over  $F$ , then  $L$  is separable over  $K$  and  $K$  is separable over  $F$ . (Remark: it turns out the converse is also true, but we will need a little more machinery before we can prove it.)
5. Suppose that  $F$  has characteristic  $p$  and  $F \subset L$  is a finite extension. Prove that if  $p \nmid [L : F]$ , then  $F \subset L$  is separable.