

## Separable polynomials:-

An irreducible polynomial  $f(x)$  of degree  $n$  over the field  $F$  is said to be separable if it has all distinct roots.

If roots are repeated then  $f(x)$  is called inseparable polynomial.

## Minimal polynomial :-

Theorems:- to find minimal poly:

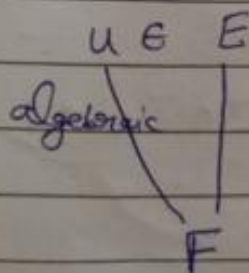
Let  $E$  be an extension field of  $F$ . Let  $u \in E$  be algebraic over  $F$ . Let  $p(x) \in F[x]$  be a polynomial of the least degree such that  $p(u) = 0$ . Then

(i)  $p(x)$  is irreducible over  $F$ .

(ii) If  $g(x) \in F[x]$  is such that

(iii)  $\nexists g(x) \in F[x] - g(u) = 0$ , then  $p(x)/g(x)$ .

(iii) There is exactly one monic polynomial  $p(x) \in F[x]$  of least degree such that  $p(u) = 0$ .



$u \in E$   
 $u$  is algebraic over  $F$   
 if  $\exists$  a ~~some~~ polyn  
 $p(x) \in F[x]$   
 s.t.  $p(u) = 0$

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## Monic Polynomial :-

The monic irreducible polynomial in  $F[x]$  of which  $u$  is a root is called "monic poly" for  $u$  over  $F$ .

Q Determine the minimal polyn over  $\mathbb{Q}$  of the following elements

- (a)  $\sqrt{2} + 5$
- (b)  $3\sqrt{2} + 5$
- (c)  $\sqrt{-1 + \sqrt{2}}$
- (d)  $\sqrt{2} - 3\sqrt{3}$

(a)  $u = \sqrt{2} + 5$   $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})$   
 $u - 5 = \sqrt{2}$   $\mathbb{Q}$   
 $(u - 5)^2 - 2 = 0 \Rightarrow u^2 + 25 - 10u - 2 = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow u^2 - 10u + 23 = 0$

$\therefore P(x) = x^2 - 10x + 23$  ✓ is minimal polyn

(c)  $u = \sqrt{-1 + \sqrt{2}}$   
 $u^2 = -1 + \sqrt{2}$   
 $u^2 + 1 = \sqrt{2}$   
 $(u^2 + 1)^2 = 2$   
 $u^4 + 1 + 2u^2 = 2$   
 $\therefore p(x) = x^4 + 2x^2 - 1 = 0$

Seperable elements

$$\begin{array}{c} E \\ | \\ F \end{array}$$

Let  $E$  be an extension of a field  $F$ .  
An element  $\alpha \in E$  that is algebraic over  $F$  is called seperable over  $F$  if its minimal polyn over  $F$  is seperable.

Seperable Extension:-

An algebraic extension  $E$  of a field  $F$  is called seperable extension if each element of  $E$  is seperable over  $F$ .

Remarks:- Any polynomial over a field of characteristic zero is seperable.

- ① Thus if  $F$  is a field of characteristic 0 then any algebraic extension of  $F$  is seperable.
- ② If  $F$  is finite field then each algebraic extension is seperable extension.

## Perfect fields:-

A field  $F$  is called perfect if each of its algebraic extensions is separable.

Examples:- ① Fields of characteristic 0  
② finite fields

$\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{Q} \rightarrow$  perfect field.

Results:- ① Every extension of  $\mathbb{Q}$  is separable.

② finite extension of a finite field is separable.

③ Infinite fields of characteristic  $p > 0$  have inseparable field extensions.  
such fields are not in general perfect.