

Submit problems 1, 2, 3 by Monday, November 13.

- Show that the following two statements of the Lindemann-Weierstrass theorem are equivalent.
 - If $a_1, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{C}$ are distinct algebraic numbers then e^{a_1}, \dots, e^{a_n} are linearly independent over \mathbb{Q} .
 - If $a_1, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{C}$ are algebraic numbers, linearly independent over \mathbb{Q} then e^{a_1}, \dots, e^{a_n} are algebraically independent over \mathbb{Q} .
- L/K is an extension of fields. Show that $a_1, \dots, a_n \in L$ are algebraically independent over K if and only if a_1 is transcendental over K and a_i is transcendental over $K(a_1, \dots, a_{i-1})$ for $2 \leq i \leq n$.

- Let $K(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ be the field of rational functions in n variables over a field K . Let $A \in M_n(K)$ be an $n \times n$ matrix over K with entries $a_{i,j}$. Let

$$y_i = \sum_{j=1}^n a_{i,j} x_j.$$

Show that y_1, \dots, y_n is a transcendence basis for $K(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ if and only if A is invertible.

- Prove that with ruler and compass we can not draw a square whose area is the same as a circle with unit radius.
- Using the Lindemann-Weierstrass theorem show that if u is a non-zero algebraic number then $\sin u$, $\cos u$ and $\tan u$ are transcendental. Moreover if $u \neq 1$ then show that any complex value of $\log u$ is also transcendental.
- Look up Schanuel's conjecture: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Schanuel%27s_conjecture. Prove that the conjecture implies that e, π are algebraically independent over \mathbb{Q} .

- Let K/F have finite transcendence degree and L_1 and L_2 be sub-fields of K containing F , show that

$$\text{trdeg}_F L_1 L_2 \leq \text{trdeg}_F L_1 + \text{trdeg}_F L_2.$$

Give an example where the inequality is strict.

- Let L/K be a field extension with $\alpha, t \in L$ such that α is algebraic over K but t is transcendental over K , show that

$$m_{\alpha, K}(x) = m_{\alpha, K(t)}(x).$$

- If L/K and K/F are field extensions such that L is finitely generated over F , prove that K is finitely generated over F .

- Let K be an algebraically closed field and F a sub-field such that $\text{trdeg}_F K < \infty$. Suppose $\phi : K \rightarrow K$ is an embedding such that $\phi|_F$ is identity. Show that ϕ is surjective, that is it is an automorphism of K .

- Let $K = \mathbb{R}(x)$ and $p(t) = t^2 - x^2 - 1$, $q(t) = t^2 + x^2 + 1 \in K[t]$. Let L_1 and L_2 be the splitting fields of p and q over K . Show there is $t \in L_1$ such that $L_1 = \mathbb{R}(t)$, but this is not true for L_2 . What are the transcendence degrees of L_1 and L_2 over \mathbb{R} ?

- Prove that $x_1^{r_1}, \dots, x_n^{r_n}$ forms a transcendence basis of the field of rational functions $K(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ over K .

- Let $\mathbb{C}(x)$ be the field of rational functions over \mathbb{C} . If K is its algebraic closure, show that $K \cong \mathbb{C}$.