

① Consider  $F(\beta)$ . Since  $\beta \in F(\alpha)$ , we have a tower of extensions  $F \subseteq F(\beta) \subseteq F(\alpha)$ . Therefore  $|F(\alpha):F| = |F(\beta):F| \cdot |F(\alpha):F(\beta)|$ , so  $|F(\beta):F|$  divides  $|F(\alpha):F|$ . Thus  $\deg(\beta, F)$  divides  $\deg(\alpha, F)$ .

② Let  $\alpha \in E \setminus F$ . Then we have a tower of extensions  $F \subseteq F(\alpha) \subseteq E$ , & so  $|F(\alpha):F|$  divides  $|E:F|$ . But  $|E:F|$  is prime, so either  $|F(\alpha):F| = 1$  or  $|F(\alpha):F| = |E:F|$ . The first case is only possible if  $\alpha \in F$ , which contradicts our choice of  $\alpha$ . Thus  $|F(\alpha):F| = |E:F|$ . It follows that  $|E:F(\alpha)| = 1$ , & so  $E = F(\alpha)$ .

③ First, we will find  $\text{irr}(\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{5}, \mathbb{Q})$ :

$$\begin{aligned} x &= \sqrt{2} + \sqrt{5} \\ x^2 &= 2 + 2\sqrt{10} + 5 \\ x^2 - 7 &= 2\sqrt{10} \\ x^4 - 14x^2 + 49 &= 40 \\ x^4 - 14x^2 + 9 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$f(x) = x^4 - 14x^2 + 9$  has no linear factors (because  $\pm 1, \pm 3, \pm 9$  are not zeros of  $f(x)$ ).

Suppose  $f(x) = x^4 - 14x^2 + 9 = (x^2 + bx + c)(x^2 + dx + e)$ .

Then  $x^4 - 14x^2 + 9 = x^4 + (d+b)x^3 + (c+e+bd)x^2 + (cd+eb)x + ec$ , so

$$\begin{cases} d+b=0 & \rightarrow d=-b \\ c+e+bd=-14 \\ cd+eb=0 & \rightarrow eb=cb \rightarrow e=c \text{ or } b=0 \\ ec=9 \end{cases}$$

If  $e=c$ , then  $e=c=3$  or  $e=c=-3$ , so  $6-b^2=-14 \Rightarrow b^2=20$  or  $-6-b^2=-14 \Rightarrow b^2=8$ . In either case there is no  $b \in \mathbb{Z}$  satisfying this.

If  $b=0$ , then  $c+e=-14$  &  $ec=9$ . Testing all combinations of  $e, c \in \mathbb{Z}$  s.t.  $ec=9$ , we see that none satisfy  $c+e=-14$ .

Therefore  $f(x)$  is irreducible over  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

Thus  $|\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{5}) : \mathbb{Q}| = 4$ , while  $|\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}) : \mathbb{Q}| = 2$ , so  $\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{5} \notin \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})$ .

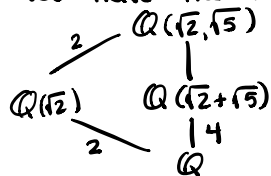
Since  $\sqrt{2} \in \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})$ , it follows that  $\sqrt{5} \notin \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})$ , so  $|\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{5}) : \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})| > 1$ .

Now,  $\text{irr}(\sqrt{5}, \mathbb{Q}) = x^2 - 5$  &  $x^2 - 5 \in \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})[x]$ , so  $|\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{5}) : \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})| \leq 2$ .

Combining these inequalities, we see that  $|\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{5}) : \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})| = 2$ .

Since  $\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{5} \in \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{5})$ , we know  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{5}) \subseteq \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{5})$ .

Thus we have the following diagram:



From the diagram we see that:

$$|\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{5}) : \mathbb{Q}| = |\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{5}) : \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})| \cdot |\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}) : \mathbb{Q}| \\ = 2 \cdot 2 = 4.$$

Also from the diagram we see that:

$$|\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{5}) : \mathbb{Q}| = |\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{5}) : \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{5})| \cdot |\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{5}) : \mathbb{Q}|$$

$$\text{Thus, } 4 = |\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{5}) : \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{5})| \cdot 4 \\ \Rightarrow |\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{5}) : \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{5})| = 1.$$

Therefore,  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{5}) = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{5})$ .

- ④ We first prove  $I+J$  is a subgp:  $I$  &  $J$  are subgps, so  $0 \in I$  &  $0 \in J$ . Thus  $0 = 0 + 0 \in I+J$ . If  $c+d \in I+J$ , then  $c \in I$  &  $d \in J$ . Since  $I$  &  $J$  are subgps  $-c \in I$  &  $-d \in J$ . Thus  $-(c+d) = -c - d \in I+J$ . Finally, suppose  $a+b, c+d \in I+J$ . Then  $(a+b) + (c+d) = (a+c) + (b+d)$ , which is in  $I+J$  since  $a+c \in I$  &  $b+d \in J$ , again using that  $I$  &  $J$  are subgps. Therefore,  $I+J$  is a subgp.

To show  $I+J$  is an ideal, let  $a+b \in I+J$  & let  $r \in R$ . Then  $r(a+b) = ra + rb$ .  $ra \in I$  &  $rb \in J$ , since  $I$  &  $J$  are both ideals of  $R$ . Thus  $ra + rb \in I+J$ . Also,  $(a+b)r = ar + br$ .  $ar \in I$  &  $br \in J$ , since  $I$  &  $J$  are both ideals of  $R$ . Thus  $ar + br \in I+J$ . Since  $a+b$  &  $r$  were arbitrary,  $I+J$  is an ideal of  $R$ .

- ⑤ Since  $\langle a \rangle, \langle b \rangle$  are subgps,  $e \in \langle a \rangle$  &  $e \in \langle b \rangle$ , so  $e \in \langle a \rangle \cap \langle b \rangle$ . Suppose  $c \in \langle a \rangle \cap \langle b \rangle$  &  $c \neq e$ . Since  $c \in \langle a \rangle$ ,  $|c|$  divides  $|a|$ , & since  $c \in \langle b \rangle$ ,  $|c|$  divides  $|b|$ . But  $\gcd(|a|, |b|) = 1$ , so  $|c| = 1$ . Since the only elt of  $G$  with order 1 is  $e$ ,  $c = e$ . Thus  $\langle a \rangle \cap \langle b \rangle = \{e\}$ .

- ⑥ Let  $\phi: R \rightarrow R'$  be a surj. ring hom. If  $S$  is a subring of  $R$ , then  $S$  is a subgp of  $R$ . Since  $\phi$  is also a gp hom, we know that  $\phi(S)$  is a subgp of  $R'$ . Thus to show  $\phi(S)$  is a subring of  $R'$ , we need only show it is closed under multiplication. Let  $x, y \in \phi(S)$ . Then  $\exists a, b \in S$  s.t.  $x = \phi(a)$  &  $y = \phi(b)$ .  $xy = \phi(a)\phi(b) = \phi(ab)$ . Since  $S$  is a subring,  $ab \in S$ . Thus  $xy \in \phi(S)$ . Therefore  $\phi(S)$  is a subring of  $R'$ .

- ⑦ Let  $p(x) \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$  be any non-zero element. Then  $\deg x \cdot p(x)$  is  $\deg(x) + \deg(p(x)) \geq 1$ , since  $\deg(x) = 1$ . But 1 is a constant polynomial, & so  $x \cdot p(x) \neq 1$  for any non-zero  $p(x) \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$ . Thus  $x$  is not a unit. By the same argument,  $x \cdot p(x) \neq 0$  for any non-zero  $p(x) \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$ , as 0 is also a constant polynomial.

⑧ Suppose  $(a,b)(a,b) = (1,1)$  for some  $(a,b) \in \mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_q$ . Then  $(a^2, b^2) = (1,1)$ , so  $a^2 = 1$  &  $b^2 = 1$ . Thus  $a$  &  $b$  each solve the eqn  $x^2 - 1 = 0$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  &  $\mathbb{Z}_q$ , respectively.  $x^2 - 1 = (x-1)(x+1)$ , which has solns  $a = 1, p-1$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  &  $b = 1, q-1$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_q$ . Thus the possibilities for  $(a,b)$  are:  $(1,1), (1, q-1), (p-1, 1), (p-1, q-1)$ .

⑨ Suppose  $\text{char}(R) = n$ , &  $n$  is not prime. Then  $n = l \cdot m$ , for some  $l, m \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $l, m < n$ . Consider  $l \cdot 1, m \cdot 1 \in R$ . Since  $l, m < n$ ,  $l \cdot 1$  &  $m \cdot 1$  are non-zero elts of  $R$ . However,  $(l \cdot 1)(m \cdot 1) = (lm) \cdot 1 = n \cdot 1 = 0$ . Thus  $l \cdot 1$  &  $m \cdot 1$  are zero divisors.

⑩ Suppose  $ab = ac$ , with  $a \neq 0$ . Then  $ab - ac = 0$ , & so  $a(b-c) = 0$ , by left distribution. Since  $R$  has no zero divisors &  $a \neq 0$ , it must be that  $b-c = 0$ , which implies that  $b = c$ .

⑪ We first show  $S \cap T$  is a subgp of  $R$ : Let  $a, b \in S \cap T$ . Then  $a, b \in S$  &  $a, b \in T$ .  
 • closed under  $+$ :  $a+b \in S$  since  $a, b \in S$  &  $a+b \in T$  since  $a, b \in T$ . Thus  $a+b \in S \cap T$ .  
 • identity:  $0 \in S$  &  $0 \in T \Rightarrow 0 \in S \cap T$ .  
 • inverses:  $-a \in S$  &  $-a \in T \Rightarrow -a \in S \cap T$ . Thus it remains only to show that  $S \cap T$  is closed under multiplication. Let  $x, y \in S \cap T$ . Then  $x, y \in S \Rightarrow xy \in S$  &  $x, y \in T \Rightarrow xy \in T$ , as  $S$  &  $T$  are subrings of  $R$ . Thus  $xy \in S \cap T$ , &  $S \cap T$  is a subring of  $R$ .

Yes,  $S \cap T$  is an ideal of  $R$ . Let  $r \in R$  &  $x \in S \cap T$ . Then  $x \in S$  &  $x \in T$ , & since  $S$  &  $T$  are ideals of  $R$ ,  $rx \in S$  &  $rx \in T$ . Thus  $rx \in S \cap T$ . Similarly,  $rx \in S \cap T$ , &  $S \cap T$  is an ideal of  $R$ .

⑫  $\mathbb{Z}_6 \times \mathbb{Z}_8 / \langle (0,2) \rangle \cong \mathbb{Z}_6 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \cong \mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$

$|\langle (0,2) \rangle| = \text{lcm}(|0|, |2|) = \text{lcm}(1, 4) = 4$ , so  $|\mathbb{Z}_6 \times \mathbb{Z}_8 / \langle (0,2) \rangle| = |\mathbb{Z}_6 \times \mathbb{Z}_8| / 4 = 48 / 4 = 12$ .

By the FTGAG,  $\mathbb{Z}_6 \times \mathbb{Z}_8 / \langle (0,2) \rangle$  is isomorphic to one of the following gps:  $(12 = 2^2 \cdot 3)$   
 $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_3$   
 $\mathbb{Z}_4 \times \mathbb{Z}_3$

We will show  $\mathbb{Z}_6 \times \mathbb{Z}_8 / \langle (0,2) \rangle$  has no elt of order 4.

$\langle (0,2) \rangle = \{(0,0), (0,2), (0,4), (0,6)\}$ , & the coset representatives are  

$(0,0)$	$(0,1)$	Note that $m(n,0) \in \langle (0,2) \rangle \Leftrightarrow mn = 0$ , so $ (n,0) + \langle (0,2) \rangle  =  n $ . Since no elt of $\mathbb{Z}_6$ has order 4, no coset in the 1 <sup>st</sup> column has order 4. For the 2 <sup>nd</sup> column, we check directly: $2 \cdot (0,1) \in \langle (0,2) \rangle$ , $6 \cdot (1,1) \in \langle (0,2) \rangle$ , $6 \cdot (2,1) \in \langle (0,2) \rangle$ , $2 \cdot (3,1) \in \langle (0,2) \rangle$ , $6 \cdot (4,1) \in \langle (0,2) \rangle$ , & $6 \cdot (5,1) \in \langle (0,2) \rangle$ (these are the minimal multiples which are in $\langle (0,2) \rangle$ ).
$(1,0)$	$(1,1)$	
$(2,0)$	$(2,1)$	
$\vdots$	$\vdots$	
$(5,0)$	$(5,1)$	

Thus none of the elements of  $\mathbb{Z}_6 \times \mathbb{Z}_8 / \langle (0,2) \rangle$  has order 4, & so  $\mathbb{Z}_6 \times \mathbb{Z}_8 / \langle (0,2) \rangle \cong \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_3$ .