

If K/F is a p -extension ($K \subseteq E$ s.t. E/F is Galois & $|\text{Gal}(E/F)| = p^r$),
 then K is a tower of simple ^{Galois} extensions of degree p .

Proof: $G = \text{Gal}(E/F)$ is a p -group.

Let $H = \text{Gal}(E/K)$. Then \exists subnormal series

$$H = H_0 \triangleleft H_1 \triangleleft H_2 \triangleleft \dots \triangleleft H_r = G \text{ with } H_{i+1}/H_i \cong \mathbb{Z}_p \quad \forall i.$$

(by Sylow & something else).

Then let $L_i = \text{Fix}(H_i) \quad \forall i$, and then

$$K = L_0 \supseteq L_1 \supseteq L_2 \supseteq \dots \supseteq L_r = F \text{ s.t. } L_i/L_{i+1} \text{ are Galois}$$

$$\text{with } \text{Gal}(L_i/L_{i+1}) \cong H_{i+1}/H_i \cong \mathbb{Z}_p. \quad \square$$

Theorem α is constructible over F iff $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}$ -extension of F .

(F -field generated by $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}$).

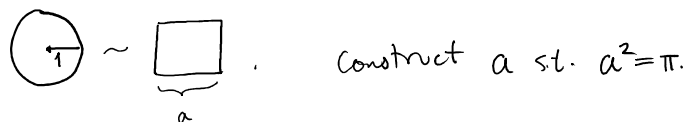
Def $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$ is constructible iff $\text{Re } \alpha$ and $\text{Im } \alpha$ are constructible.

Lemma $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}$ -extension of $F \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ iff $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ -extensions of F .
 \parallel
 $a+bi$

proof If $a \in K_1$, $b \in K_2$ where K_1, K_2 are towers of quadratic extensions, then $K_1 K_2 / F$ is also a tower of quadratic extensions, and $K_1 K_2(i) / F$ is also good, and $\alpha \in K_1 K_2(i)$.

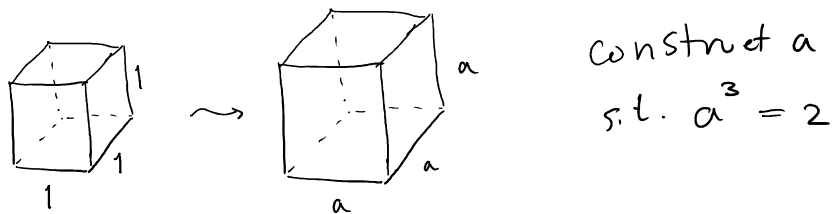
Conversely, if $\alpha \in K$ which is a tower of quadratic extensions, then $\bar{\alpha} \in \bar{K}$, and \bar{K} is also a ^{tower of} quadratic extensions. Then $\frac{\alpha + \bar{\alpha}}{2} = \text{Re } \alpha \in K\bar{K}$, $\frac{\alpha - \bar{\alpha}}{2i} \in K\bar{K}(i)$, and $K\bar{K}$ and $K\bar{K}(i)$ are 2-extensions □

Squaring a Circle



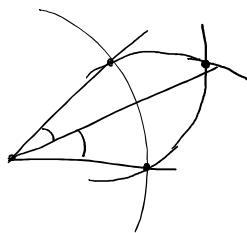
Unsolvable since π is transcendental.

Doubling a Cube

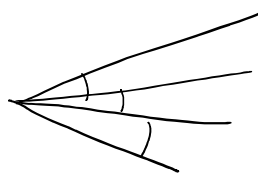


Impossible bc $x^3 - 2$ is irreducible, $\sqrt[3]{2}$ has degree 3: it's not in a tower of quadratic extns.

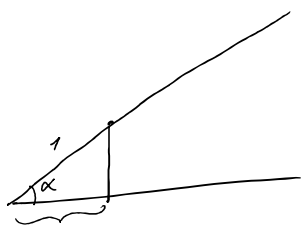
Trisecting an Angle



Bisection.



possible?



$\cos \alpha \rightsquigarrow$ construct $\cos(\frac{\alpha}{3})$.
 \parallel a \parallel b

$$\cos \alpha = 4 \cos^3\left(\frac{\alpha}{3}\right) - 3 \cos\left(\frac{\alpha}{3}\right).$$

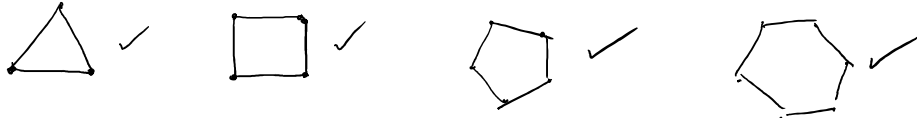
$$a = 4b^3 - 3b \rightsquigarrow b \text{ is a root of } 4x^3 - 3x - a \in \mathbb{Q}(a).$$

$$2x \mapsto x \quad \cdot \quad x^3 - 3x - 2a.$$

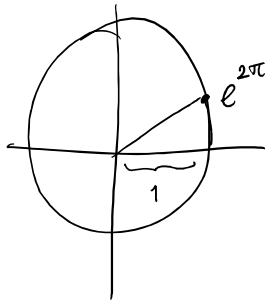
for $a = \frac{1}{2}$, this is irreducible of deg. 3,

So its root, b , is not contained
in a 2-extension of $\mathbb{Q}(a)$.

Construction of regular n-gons



7-gon: not constructible.



$e^{2\pi i/n} = \omega$, root of $\Phi_n(x)$ of degree $\varphi(n)$.

$$\deg \omega = \deg \Phi_n = \varphi(n).$$

if ω is constructible, then $\varphi(n) = 2^r$

If $\varphi(n) = 2^r$, then the splitting field of Φ_n (which

is $\mathbb{Q}(\omega)$) has degree 2^r , so ω is constructible

↳ not true
for general
polynomial,
 Φ_n is special.

Regular n-gon is constructible iff $\varphi(n) = 2^r$.

3, 4, 5, 6 ok, 7 is not.

$$n = 2^k \underbrace{p_1^{l_1} \cdots p_m^{l_m}}_{\substack{\text{distinct} \\ \text{primes}}} \quad \varphi(n) = 2^{k-1} \prod p_i^{l_i-1} (p_i - 1),$$

$\varphi(n) =$ a power of 2 iff $l_i = 1 \forall i$ and each

$$p_i = \underbrace{2^{m_i} + 1}_{\text{Fermat Primes}} \quad \text{for some } m_i.$$

Fermat
Primes

Lemma: If $2^d + 1$ is prime, then d is a power of 2.

So any fermat prime is $p = 2^{2^k} + 1$ for some k .
(3, 5, 17, 257, etc.)

Proof If $d = ml$, m is odd, then $2^d + 1 = 2^{ml} + 1$
is divisible by $2^l + 1$; $\frac{x^m + 1}{x + 1}$ if m is odd

If $n_1, \dots, n_k > 0$ are square-free integers, then

$\sqrt{n_1}, \dots, \sqrt{n_k}$ are linearly independent over \mathbb{Q} .

eg. $1, \sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3}, \sqrt{5}, \sqrt{6}, \sqrt{10}, \sqrt{15}, \dots$

Claim: if p_1, \dots, p_k are distinct primes, then

$$[\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{p_1}, \dots, \sqrt{p_k}) : \mathbb{Q}] = 2^k,$$

$$\text{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{p_1}, \dots, \sqrt{p_k})/\mathbb{Q}) \cong \mathbb{Z}_2^k$$

To prove if $P \neq p_1, \dots, p_k$, then $\sqrt{P} \notin \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{p_1}, \dots, \sqrt{p_k})$.

Proof if $\sqrt{P} \in \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{p_1}, \dots, \sqrt{p_k})$, then $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{P})/\mathbb{Q}$ has degree 2, and corresponds to a subgroup of \mathbb{Z}_2^k of index 2:

$$\begin{array}{c} \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{p_1}, \dots, \sqrt{p_k}) \\ | \\ \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{P}) \\ |_2 \\ \mathbb{Q} \end{array} \quad \left. \vphantom{\begin{array}{c} \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{p_1}, \dots, \sqrt{p_k}) \\ | \\ \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{P}) \\ |_2 \\ \mathbb{Q} \end{array}} \right\} 2^k$$

there are 2^{k-1} subgroups of index 2, corresponding to all quadratic extensions of \mathbb{Q} in $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{p_1}, \dots, \sqrt{p_k})$.

So $\sqrt{P} \in \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{p_{i_1} \dots p_{i_j}})$ for some i_1, \dots, i_j .

but then $P = p_{i_1} \dots p_{i_j}$, contradiction. \square