

For these problems let  $\mathbb{A}$  be the set of algebraic numbers.

1. Show  $\mathbb{Q} \subseteq \mathbb{A}$ .
2. Show  $\mathbb{Q} \neq \mathbb{A}$ .
3. Show  $x \in \mathbb{A}$  if and only if there exists a polynomial,  $p(x)$  with **integer** coefficients such that  $x$  is a root of  $p(x)$ .

For the following two problems use this result, known as the division algorithm for polynomials:

**Theorem 1** *If  $p_1(x), p_2(x)$  are (non-zero) polynomials then there exists unique polynomial  $q(x), r(x)$  such that:*

$$p_1(x) = p_2(x)q(x) + r(x)$$

*where  $\deg r(x) < \deg p_2(x)$ .*

4. Find the  $q(x)$  and  $r(x)$  from above for the following two examples:
  - (a)  $p_1(x) = x^3 - 2x + 1$  and  $p_2(x) = x^2 - 1$ .
  - (b)  $p_1(x) = x^5 + 15x^3 + 3x$  and  $p_2(x) = x^{12} + x^8 - x^3 + 1$ .
5. Show that if  $p(x)$  is a polynomial then  $a$  is a root of  $p(x)$  if and only if  $x - a$  divides  $p(x)$ .