

2023.2 Question 4

1. We have

$$\begin{aligned}(x - \sqrt{2})^2 &= 3 \\ x^2 - 2\sqrt{2}x + 2 &= 3 \\ x^2 - 1 &= 2\sqrt{2}x \\ x^4 - 2x^2 + 1 &= 8x^2 \\ x^4 - 10x^2 + 1 &= 0\end{aligned}$$

as desired.

If $f(x) = x^4 - 10x^2 + 1$, we notice that $x = \sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3}$ satisfies $(x - \sqrt{2})^2 = (\sqrt{3})^2 = 3$, and hence $f(\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3}) = 0$ as desired.

2. We have

$$\begin{aligned}(x - (\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3}))^2 &= (\sqrt{5})^2 = 5 \\ x^2 - 2(\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3})x + 2 + 3 + 2\sqrt{6} &= 5 \\ x^2 + 2\sqrt{6} &= 2(\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3})x \\ x^4 + 2 \cdot 2\sqrt{6} \cdot x^2 + (2\sqrt{6})^2 &= 4(\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3})^2 x^2 \\ x^4 + 4\sqrt{6}x^2 + 24 &= 4(5 + 2\sqrt{6})x^2 \\ x^4 + 4\sqrt{6}x^2 + 24 &= 20x^2 + 8\sqrt{6}x^2 \\ x^4 - 20x^2 + 24 &= 4\sqrt{6}x^2 \\ (x^4 - 20x^2 + 24)^2 &= (4\sqrt{6}x^2)^2 \\ x^8 - 40x^6 + 448x^4 - 960x^2 + 576 &= 96x^4 \\ x^8 - 40x^6 + 352x^4 - 960x^2 + 576 &= 0.\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the polynomial

$$g(x) = x^8 - 40x^6 + 352x^4 - 960x^2 + 576$$

satisfies $g(\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3} + \sqrt{5}) = 0$ as desired.

3. If $t = a, b, c$ are solutions to the cubic equation $t^3 - 3t + 1 = 0$ in t , then $t = a + \sqrt{2}, b + \sqrt{2}, c + \sqrt{2}$ are solutions to the cubic equation in t

$$\begin{aligned}(y - \sqrt{2})^3 - 3(y - \sqrt{2}) + 1 &= 0 \\ t^3 - 3\sqrt{2}t^2 + 6t - 2\sqrt{2} - 3t + 3\sqrt{2} + 1 &= 0 \\ t^3 + 3t + 1 &= 3\sqrt{2}t^2 - \sqrt{2} \\ t^6 + 6t^4 + 2t^3 + 9t^2 + 6t + 1 &= 18t^4 - 12t^2 + 2 \\ t^6 - 12t^4 + 2t^3 + 21t^2 + 6t - 1 &= 0.\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the polynomial

$$h(x) = x^6 - 12x^4 + 2x^3 + 21x^2 + 6x - 1$$

satisfies $h(a + \sqrt{2}) = h(b + \sqrt{2}) = h(c + \sqrt{2}) = 0$ as desired.

4. We have

$$\begin{aligned}(x - \sqrt[3]{2})^3 &= 3 \\ x^3 - 3\sqrt[3]{2}x^2 + 3\sqrt[3]{4}x - 2 &= 3 \\ x^3 - 5 &= 3\sqrt[3]{2}x^2 - 3\sqrt[3]{4}x \\ x^3 - 5 &= 3\sqrt[3]{2}x(x - \sqrt[3]{2}) \\ x^3 - 5 &= 3\sqrt[3]{2}x \cdot \sqrt[3]{3} \\ x^3 - 5 &= 3\sqrt[3]{6}x \\ x^9 - 15x^6 + 75x^3 - 125 &= 162x^3 \\ x^9 - 15x^6 - 87x^3 - 125 &= 0.\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the polynomial

$$k(x) = x^9 - 15x^6 - 87x^3 - 125 = 0$$

satisfies $k(\sqrt[3]{2} + \sqrt[3]{3}) = 0$.