

On the zeros of  $p$  contains a five cycle and a 2 cycle, so is  $S_5$ .  
 $S_5$  is not soluble, so  $p(t)$  is not soluble by radicals.

by Result 14.1 (HB, p43)

ii)  $q(t) = t^8 - 2$

The zeros of  $q$  are

$\alpha, \alpha\omega, \alpha\omega^2, \alpha\omega^3, \alpha\omega^4, \alpha\omega^5, \alpha\omega^6, \alpha\omega^7$  (split in  $\mathbb{Q}(\alpha, \omega)$ )

where  $\alpha = \sqrt[8]{2}$ ,  $\omega = e^{2\pi i/8}$ . Call  $\Sigma$  the splitting field

$\alpha, \alpha\omega \in \Sigma \Rightarrow \alpha\omega = \omega \in \Sigma$  so  $\Sigma$  contains  $\mathbb{Q}(\alpha, \omega)$

$\therefore \alpha, \omega \in \Sigma$  and since we can express any zero of  $q(t)$  in the form  $\alpha\omega^i$   $i=0$  to  $7$ , we can say  $\Sigma = \mathbb{Q}(\alpha, \omega)$

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b)  $\alpha^8 = 2 \in \mathbb{Q}$  and  $\varepsilon^4 = -1 \in \mathbb{Q}(\varepsilon)$ .  $\Sigma: \mathbb{Q}$  is a radical field extension (Stewart p128)

c) Yes. Use the defn on Stewart p128.

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iii) a)  $\varepsilon = e^{\pi i/4}$  has minimum polynomial  $t^4 + 1$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . This polynomial has zeros  $e^{\pi i/4}, e^{-\pi i/4}, e^{3\pi i/4}, e^{5\pi i/4}$

$e^{\pi i/4} \in \mathbb{Q}(\varepsilon)$   
 $e^{3\pi i/4} = (e^{\pi i/4})^3 \in \mathbb{Q}(\varepsilon)$   
 $e^{5\pi i/4} = (e^{\pi i/4})^5 \in \mathbb{Q}(\varepsilon)$   
 $e^{-\pi i/4} = (e^{\pi i/4})^{-1} \in \mathbb{Q}(\varepsilon)$

$\therefore \mathbb{Q}(\varepsilon)$  contains all the zeros of  $t^4 + 1$

ie it is a splitting field for  $t^4 + 1$ , and a normal field extension of  $\mathbb{Q}$ :  $\Gamma(\Sigma: \mathbb{Q}(\varepsilon))$

is a normal subgroup of  $G$ , by the fundamental theorem of Galois theory.

b) Any  $\mathbb{Q}(\varepsilon)$  automorphism of  $\Sigma$  leaves  $\varepsilon$  fixed. Then if  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2$  are two elements of  $\Gamma(\Sigma: \mathbb{Q}(\varepsilon))$ .

$\sigma_k \sigma_j(\alpha \varepsilon^i) = \sigma_k(\alpha \varepsilon^j) = \alpha \varepsilon^{jk} = \sigma_j(\alpha \varepsilon^k) = \sigma_j(\alpha) \varepsilon^k$   
 since  $\Gamma(\Sigma: \mathbb{Q}(\varepsilon))$  is determined solely by its effect on  $\alpha$ ,  $\Gamma(\Sigma: \mathbb{Q}(\varepsilon))$  is abelian.