

## Re: Basic argument, algebraic integers

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> > <snip>  
> >  
> > > so, dividing  $P(m)$  by  $f^2$  gives  
> > >  
> > >  $P(m)/f^2 = (a_1 x/f + u)(a_2 x/f + u)(a_3 x + uf)$ .  
> > >  
> >  
> > But there's no reason why  $a_1/f$  and  $a_2/f$  should be algebraic integers.  
> >  
> > [rest deleted]  
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> But at times they *are* algebraic integers.  
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> At times they are, other times they are not.  
>  
> So there's a factorization that follows algebraically that's not  
> always true in the ring of algebraic integers.  
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Why does the factorization "follow algebraically"?

> Or do any of you wish to deny that?  
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> Mathematicians will not deny what is mathematically true, now will  
> they?  
>  
> If you dispute and I'm right then you cannot be a mathematician.  
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>  
> James Harris