

Let  $k[X]$  be the polynomial ring in  $n$  variables over a field  $k$  for some  $n \in \mathbf{N}$ , and  $k(X)$  the field of fractions of  $k[X]$ . Then, *Hilbert's Fourteenth Problem* asks whether the  $k$ -algebra  $L \cap k[X]$  is finitely generated whenever  $L$  is a subfield of  $k(X)$  containing  $k$ . In 1958, Nagata solved this problem by giving a counterexample, where  $k(X)$  is transcendental over  $L$ . In the case where  $k(X)$  is algebraic over  $L$ , we gave a counterexample of extension degree  $[k(X) : L] = d$  for each  $d \geq 3$  when  $n \geq 3$ , and for each  $d \geq 2$  when  $n \geq 4$ . On the other hand,  $L \cap k[X]$  is always finitely generated if  $n \leq 2$  due to Zariski. Clearly,  $L \cap k[X] = k[X]$  if  $[k(X) : L] = 1$ , i.e.,  $L = k(X)$ . However, the following problem remains open.

**Problem** Assume that  $n = 3$ , and  $L$  is a subfield of  $k(X)$  containing  $k$ . Is the  $k$ -algebra  $L \cap k[X]$  finitely generated if  $[k(X) : L] = 2$ ?