

Consider any nonzero element  $b \in A$ , and let  $a_n b^n + \dots + a_m b^m = 0$  ( $a_i \in k$ ,  $a_n \neq 0 \neq a_m$ ,  $n \geq m$ ) be a polynomial of smallest degree satisfied by  $b$ . If  $m = 0$ , then, for  $d = a_n b^{n-1} + \dots + a_1$  we have  $db = bd = -a_0 \in k^*$ . In this case,  $b$  is a unit in  $A$ . If  $b \in B$  and  $b$  is a unit in  $A$ , the above also shows that  $b^{-1} = -a_0^{-1}d \in k[b] \subseteq B$