

1. (i) Explain why the equations

$$2 \cdot 11 = (5 + \sqrt{3})(5 - \sqrt{3})$$

and

$$(2 + \sqrt{7})(3 - 2\sqrt{7}) = (5 - 2\sqrt{7})(18 + 7\sqrt{7})$$

are not inconsistent with the fact  $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{3}]$  and  $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{7}]$  have unique factorisation.

- (ii) Find equations to show that  $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{d}]$  is not a UFD for  $d = -10, -13, -14$ .
2. Let  $K$  be a number field, and let  $I, J \subset \mathcal{O}_K$  be non-zero ideals.
- (i) Determine the factorisations into prime ideals of  $I + J$  and  $I \cap J$  in terms of those for  $I$  and  $J$ . Show that if  $I + J = \mathcal{O}_K$  then  $I \cap J = IJ$  and there is an isomorphism of rings  $\mathcal{O}_K/IJ \cong \mathcal{O}_K/I \times \mathcal{O}_K/J$ .
- (ii) Show that  $I$  can be generated by at most 2 elements.
- (iii) Let  $\phi(I) = |(\mathcal{O}_K/I)^\times|$ . Show that

$$\phi(I) = N(I) \prod_{P|I} \left(1 - \frac{1}{N(P)}\right),$$

where the product is over the set of prime ideals  $P$  dividing  $I$ .

3. Let  $K$  be a number field, and let  $I = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k)$  be a non-zero ideal of  $\mathcal{O}_K$ . Show that  $N(I)$  divides  $\gcd(N(x_1), \dots, N(x_k))$ . Do we always have  $N(I) = \gcd(N(x_1), \dots, N(x_k))$ ?
4. Let  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-5})$ . Show by computing norms, or otherwise, that  $P = (2, 1 + \sqrt{-5})$ ,  $Q_1 = (7, 3 + \sqrt{-5})$  and  $Q_2 = (7, 3 - \sqrt{-5})$  are prime ideals in  $\mathcal{O}_K$ . Which (if any) of the ideals  $P, Q_1, Q_2, P^2, PQ_1, PQ_2$  and  $Q_1Q_2$  are principal? Factor the principal ideal  $(9 + 11\sqrt{-5})$  as a product of prime ideals.
5. Let  $K$  be a number field, and let  $I \subset \mathcal{O}_K$  be a non-zero ideal. Let  $m$  be the least positive integer in  $I$ . Prove that  $m$  and  $N(I)$  have the same prime factors.
6. Let  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{35})$  and  $\omega = 5 + \sqrt{35}$ . Verify the ideal equations  $(2) = (2, \omega)^2$ ,  $(5) = (5, \omega)^2$  and  $(\omega) = (2, \omega)(5, \omega)$ . Show that the ideal class group of  $K$  contains an element of order 2. Find all ideals of norm dividing 100 and determine which are principal.
7. Let  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-d})$  where  $d > 1$  is a square-free integer. Establish the following facts about the factorisation of principal ideals in  $\mathcal{O}_K$ :

- (i) If  $d$  is composite and  $p$  is an odd prime divisor of  $d$  then  $(p) = P^2$  where  $P$  is not principal.
- (ii) If  $d \equiv 1$  or  $2 \pmod{4}$  then  $(2) = P^2$  where  $P$  is not principal unless  $d = 1$  or  $2$ .
- (iii) If  $d \equiv 7 \pmod{8}$  then  $(2) = PP'$  where  $P \neq P'$  and  $P, P'$  are not principal unless  $d = 7$ .

Deduce that if the ideal class group of  $K$  is trivial then either  $d = 1, 2$  or  $7$ , or  $d$  is prime and  $d \equiv 3 \pmod{8}$ .

8. Let  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-m})$  where  $m > 0$  is the product of distinct primes  $p_1, \dots, p_k$ . Show that  $(p_i) = P_i^2$  where  $P_i = (p_i, \sqrt{-m})$ . Show that just two of the ideals  $\prod P_i^{r_i}$  with  $r_i \in \{0, 1\}$  are principal. Deduce that the class group  $\text{Cl}(\mathcal{O}_K)$  contains a subgroup isomorphic to  $(\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})^{k-1}$ .
9. Let  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\theta)$  where  $\theta$  is a root of  $X^3 - 4X + 7$ . Determine the ring of integers and discriminant of  $K$ . Determine the factorisation into prime ideals of  $p\mathcal{O}_K$  for  $p = 2, 3, 5, 7, 11$ . Find all non-zero ideals  $I$  of  $\mathcal{O}_K$  with  $N(I) \leq 11$ .
10. Let  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\alpha)$  where  $\alpha$  is a root of  $f(X) = X^3 + X^2 - 2X + 8$ . [*This polynomial is irreducible over  $\mathbb{Q}$  and has discriminant  $-4 \times 503$ .*]
  - (i) Show that  $\beta = 4/\alpha \in \mathcal{O}_K$  and  $\beta \notin \mathbb{Z}[\alpha]$ . Deduce that  $\mathcal{O}_K = \mathbb{Z}[\alpha, \beta]$ .
  - (ii) Show that there is an isomorphism of rings  $\mathcal{O}_K/2\mathcal{O}_K \cong \mathbb{F}_2 \times \mathbb{F}_2 \times \mathbb{F}_2$ . Deduce that  $2$  splits completely in  $K$ .
  - (iii) Use Dedekind's criterion to show that  $\mathcal{O}_K \neq \mathbb{Z}[\theta]$  for any  $\theta$ .
11. Let  $f(X) \in \mathbb{Z}[X]$  be a monic, irreducible polynomial, and let  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\theta)$ , where  $\theta$  is a root of  $f(X)$ .
  - (i) Show that if  $p$  is a prime and  $r \in \mathbb{Z}$  is such that  $p \nmid \text{disc} f$  and  $f(r) \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ , then there is a ring homomorphism  $\mathcal{O}_K \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_p$  which sends  $\theta$  to  $r \pmod{p}$ .
  - (ii) Suppose that  $f(X) = X^3 - X - 1$ . Show that  $\theta$  is not a square in  $K$ .
  - (iii) Suppose instead that  $f(X) = X^5 + 2X - 2$ . Show that the equation  $x^4 + y^4 + z^4 = \theta$  has no solutions with  $x, y, z \in \mathcal{O}_K$ .
12. Let  $(p) = P_1^{e_1} \cdots P_r^{e_r}$  with  $N(P_i) = p^{f_i}$ .
  - (i) Let  $\alpha \in I = P_1 \cdots P_r$ . Show that  $\text{Tr}_{K/\mathbb{Q}}(\alpha) \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ .
  - (ii) Let  $(\theta_i)$  be an integral basis for  $K$ , and  $(\alpha_i)$  a basis for  $I$ . By considering the matrix  $\text{Tr}_{K/\mathbb{Q}}(\alpha_i \omega_j)$ , show that  $d_K$  is divisible by  $\prod p^{(e_i-1)f_i}$ .