

**EXERCISE SHEET 1: ALGEBRAIC NUMBER THEORY**  
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**Exercise 1.** The aim of the exercise is to prove that if  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$  is an algebraic integer such that  $|\sigma(\alpha)| = 1$  for all  $\sigma \in \text{Aut}_{\mathbb{Q}}(\mathbb{C})$ , then  $\alpha$  must be a root of unity.

- (1) Show that if  $f(X) \in \mathbb{C}[X]$  be a monic polynomial such that all its roots have complex absolute value 1, then the coefficient of  $X^r$  in  $f(X)$  is bounded by  $\binom{n}{r}$ .
- (2) Show that given an integer  $n \geq 1$ , there exist only finitely many algebraic integers  $\alpha$  of degree  $n$  such that  $|\sigma(\alpha)| = 1$  for all  $\sigma \in \text{Aut}_{\mathbb{Q}}(\mathbb{C})$ .
- (3) Show that an  $\alpha$  as in (2) is a root of unity.

**Exercise 2.** Let  $f(x) = x^3 + ax + b$  be an irreducible polynomial over  $\mathbb{Q}$ , and  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$  be a root of  $f(x)$ . Set  $K = \mathbb{Q}[\alpha]$ , and  $\mathcal{O}_K$  to be its ring of integers.

- (1) Show that  $f'(\alpha) = -(2a\alpha + 3b)/\alpha$ .
- (2) Find an irreducible polynomial for  $2a\alpha + 3b$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$ .
- (3) Show that  $\text{Disc}_{K/\mathbb{Q}}(1, \alpha, \alpha^2) = -(4a^3 + 27b^2)$ .
- (4) Prove that  $f(x)$  is irreducible when  $a = b = -1$ , and find an integral basis of  $K$ .

**Exercise 3.** Consider the number field  $K = \mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{7}, \sqrt{10}]$ , and let  $\mathcal{O}_K$  be its ring of integers. The aim of this exercise is to show that there exists no algebraic integer  $\alpha$  such that  $\mathcal{O}_K = \mathbb{Z}[\alpha]$ .

- (1) Consider the elements:

$$\alpha_1 = (1 + \sqrt{7})(1 + \sqrt{10}),$$

$$\alpha_2 = (1 + \sqrt{7})(1 - \sqrt{10}),$$

$$\alpha_3 = (1 - \sqrt{7})(1 + \sqrt{10}),$$

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Show that for any  $i \neq j$ , the product  $\alpha_i \alpha_j$  is divisible by 3 in  $\mathcal{O}_K$ .

- (2) Let  $i \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$  and  $n \geq 0$  be an integer. Show that

$$\text{Tr}_{K/\mathbb{Q}}(\alpha_i^n) = \alpha_1^n + \alpha_2^n + \alpha_3^n + \alpha_4^n \equiv (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3 + \alpha_4)^n \pmod{3}.$$

Deduce that  $\text{Tr}_{K/\mathbb{Q}}(\alpha_i) \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$  and hence 3 does not divide  $\alpha_i$  in  $\mathcal{O}_K$ .

- (3) Let  $\alpha$  be an algebraic integer. Suppose that  $\mathcal{O}_K = \mathbb{Z}[\alpha]$ . Let  $f \in \mathbb{Z}[X]$  be the minimal polynomial of  $\alpha$ . For all polynomial  $g \in \mathbb{Z}[X]$ , we denote by  $\bar{g} \in \mathbb{F}_3[X]$  its reduction modulo 3. Show that  $g(\alpha)$  is divisible by 3 in  $\mathcal{O}_K$  if and only if  $\bar{g}$  is divisible by  $\bar{f}$  in  $\mathbb{F}_3[X]$ .
- (4) For  $1 \leq i \leq 4$ , let  $g_i(X) \in \mathbb{Z}[X]$  be such that  $\alpha_i = g_i(\alpha)$ . Show that there exists an irreducible factor of  $\bar{f}$  that divides  $\bar{g}_j$  for any  $j \neq i$  but does not divide  $\bar{g}_i$ .
- (5) Consider the number of irreducible factors of  $\bar{f}$  and deduce a contradiction.

**EXERCISE SHEET 2: ALGEBRAIC NUMBER THEORY**  
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**Exercise 1.** Find an integral basis for  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3})$  and  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{3}, \sqrt{5})$ .

**Exercise 2.** Let  $\zeta_N$  be a primitive  $N$ -th root of unity. Put  $\theta = \zeta_N + \zeta_N^{-1}$ .

- (1) Show that  $\mathbb{Q}(\theta)$  is the fixed field of  $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_N)$  under the automorphism defined by the complex conjugation.
- (2) Put  $n = \phi(N)/2$ . Show that  $\{1, \zeta_N, \theta, \theta\zeta_N, \theta^2, \theta^2\zeta_N, \dots, \theta^{n-1}, \theta^{n-1}\zeta_N\}$  is an integral basis for  $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_N)$ .
- (3) Show that the ring of integers of  $\mathbb{Q}(\theta)$  is  $\mathbb{Z}[\theta]$ .
- (4) Suppose that  $N = p$  is an odd prime number. Prove that the discriminant of  $\mathbb{Q}(\theta)$  is  $\Delta_{\mathbb{Q}(\theta)} = p^{\frac{p-3}{2}}$ .

**Exercise 3.** Let  $A$  be a local domain with unique maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{m} \subset A$  such that each non-zero ideal  $I \subseteq A$  admits a unique factorization  $I = \prod_i \mathfrak{p}_i^{e_i}$  into products of prime ideals  $\mathfrak{p}_i$ .

- (1) Show that there exists  $x \in \mathfrak{m} \setminus \mathfrak{m}^2$ .
- (2) Let  $x \in \mathfrak{m} \setminus \mathfrak{m}^2$  and  $y \in \mathfrak{m}$ . Prove that  $(x, y) \subseteq A$  is prime ideal.  
*Hint: Write  $(x, y) = \mathfrak{p}_1 \cdots \mathfrak{p}_r$  as a product of prime ideals and use  $x \notin \mathfrak{m}^2$*
- (3) Prove  $(x) = \mathfrak{m}$ .  
*Hint: For  $y \in \mathfrak{m}$ , show  $y \in (x, y^2)$ .*
- (4) Conclude that every element  $y \in A \setminus \{0\}$  admits a unique expression  $y = ux^e$  with  $e \geq 0$  and  $u \in A^\times$  a unit and that  $A$  is a discrete valuation ring.

**Exercise 4** (Chinese Remainder Theorem). Let  $A$  be a commutative ring,  $I, J \subseteq A$  be ideals such that  $1 \in I + J$ . Consider the natural map  $\phi : A/I \cap J \rightarrow A/I \oplus A/J$  sending  $x$  to  $(x \bmod I, x \bmod J)$ .

- (1) Prove that, given any  $x \in A$ , there exists  $y \in I$  such that  $y \equiv x \bmod J$  (Hint: write  $1 = a + b$  for some  $a \in I$  and  $b \in J$ ).
- (2) Use (1) to prove  $\phi$  is an isomorphism.
- (3) Suppose that  $A$  is a Dedekind domain. Let  $\mathfrak{p}_1, \dots, \mathfrak{p}_r$  be primes of  $A$  such that  $\mathfrak{p}_i \neq \mathfrak{p}_j$  if  $i \neq j$ , and  $e_1, \dots, e_r \geq 1$  be integers. Prove that

$$A / \prod_{i=1}^r \mathfrak{p}_i^{e_i} = \bigoplus_{i=1}^r A / \mathfrak{p}_i^{e_i}.$$

**EXERCISE SHEET 3: ALGEBRAIC NUMBER THEORY**  
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**Exercise 1.** Let  $A = \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-1}]$ .

- (1) Find all the ideals  $I \subseteq A$  with norm 65 (Hint: note that  $A$  is PID. Solve first the problem with 65 replaced by 5 and 13.).
- (2) Are there infinitely many *fractional ideals*  $I$  of  $A$  with norm 1?

**Exercise 2.** Let  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\alpha)$  with  $\alpha^3 = \alpha + 1$ .

- (1) Show that  $\mathcal{O}_K = \mathbb{Z}[\alpha]$ .
- (2) Find the explicit decomposition of primes  $p = 3, 5, 23$  in  $\mathcal{O}_K$ .
- (3) Prove that  $\sqrt{\alpha}, \sqrt[3]{\alpha} \notin K$ . (Hint: try to find prime  $p$  such that there exists a surjective map  $\mathcal{O}_K \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_p$  such that the image of  $\alpha$  can not has square or cubic root.)

**Exercise 3.** Let  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\alpha)$  with  $\alpha^5 = 2$ .

- (1) Determine all the primes  $p$  that are ramified in  $K$ .
- (2) Prove that  $\mathcal{O}_K = \mathbb{Z}[\alpha]$ .
- (3) Prove that if  $p$  is a prime unramified in  $K$  and  $5 \nmid (p^2 - 1)$ , then  $p$  decomposes in  $\mathcal{O}_K$  as  $(p) = \mathfrak{p}\mathfrak{p}'$  with  $f(\mathfrak{p}|p) = 1$  and  $f(\mathfrak{p}'|p) = 4$ .

**Exercise 4.** Let  $K/\mathbb{Q}$  be a finite extension and  $K^{\text{Gal}}$  be the Galois closure of  $K$ . Prove that if a prime  $p$  is unramified in  $K$ , it is also unramified in  $K^{\text{Gal}}$ .