

## Exercise Set 4

1. Show that  $f(x) = x^3 + 5x + 1$  is irreducible. Let  $\alpha$  be a root of  $f(x)$  and let  $K = \mathbf{Q}(\alpha)$ .
  - Calculate  $T_{\mathbf{Q}}^K(\alpha^i)$  for  $i \in \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$ .
  - Calculate  $N_{\mathbf{Q}}^K(\alpha - j)$  for  $j \in \{0, 1, 2\}$ .
  
2. This is from Marcus (Chap. 2, Ex. 28). Let  $f(x) = x^3 + ax + b$ ,  $a$  and  $b \in \mathbf{Z}$  and assume that  $f$  is irreducible over  $\mathbf{Q}$ . Let  $\alpha$  be a root of  $f$  and  $K = \mathbf{Q}(\alpha)$ .
  - (a) Show that  $f'(\alpha) = -\frac{2a\alpha + 3b}{\alpha}$ .
  - (b) Show that  $2a\alpha + 3b$  is a root of  $\left(\frac{x - 3b}{2a}\right)^3 + a\left(\frac{x - 3b}{2a}\right) + b$ . Use this to find  $N(2a\alpha + 3b)$ .
  - (c) Show that  $\text{disc}(1, \alpha, \alpha^2) = -(4a^3 + 27b^2)$ .
  - (d) Suppose that  $\alpha^3 = \alpha + 1$ . Prove that  $\{1, \alpha, \alpha^2\}$  is an integral basis for  $\mathcal{O}_K$ . Do the same if  $\alpha^3 + \alpha = 1$ .
  
3. There is no primitive element theorem for the ring of integers. To see this, consider  $K = \mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{7}, \sqrt{10})$ . Show that  $\mathcal{O}_K \neq \mathbf{Z}[\alpha]$  for all  $\alpha \in \mathcal{O}_K$ . For the details, see Marcus (Chap. 2, Ex. 30).
  
4. Let  $\alpha = \sqrt[3]{m}$ , where  $m$  is a cubefree integer. Find an integral basis for  $K = \mathbf{Q}(\alpha)$ . See Marcus (Chap. 2, Ex. 41).
  
5. Let  $K = \mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{m}, \sqrt{n})$  where  $m$  and  $n$  are distinct squarefree integers other than 1. Find an integral basis for  $K$ . See Marcus (Chap. 2, Ex. 42).