

# M E T U

## Department of Mathematics

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**1. (12pts)** Let  $K$  and  $L$  be number fields. Determine for each of the following statements if it is true or not.

- **(4pts)**  $K \cap L = \mathbf{Q}$  if and only if  $\gcd(d_K, d_L) = 1$ .

- **(4pts)** If  $K = \mathbf{Q}[\alpha]$  for some algebraic integer  $\alpha$ , then  $\mathbf{Z}[\alpha]$  is an additive subgroup of  $\mathcal{O}_K$  with finite index.

- **(4pts)**  $\mathcal{O}_{KL} = \mathcal{O}_K \mathcal{O}_L$ .

**2. (8pts)** Let  $R = \mathbf{Z}[x]/(2, x^3 + x + 1)$  and  $S = \mathbf{Z}[t]/(2, t^4 + t^3 + t^2 + t + 1)$ . Prove that  $R$  and  $S$  are both fields. Is it possible to write a ring homomorphism  $\phi : R \rightarrow S$  or  $\psi : S \rightarrow R$ ?

**3. (8pts)** Let  $\zeta_7 = e^{2\pi i/7}$  and consider  $L = \mathbf{Q}(\zeta_7)$ , the 7-th cyclotomic field. Let  $K$  be its unique subfield such that  $[L : K] = 3$ . Does there exist an element  $\alpha \in L \setminus K$  such that  $\alpha^3 \in K$ ?

4. (8pts) Let  $f(x) = x^3 + ax + b$  be an irreducible polynomial over  $\mathbf{Z}$ . If  $\alpha$  is a root of  $f(x)$  and  $K = \mathbf{Q}(\alpha)$ , then calculate  $T_{\mathbf{Q}}^K(\alpha^i)$  for  $i \in \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$  and  $N_{\mathbf{Q}}^K(\alpha - j)$  for  $j \in \{0, 1, 2\}$ .

5. (8pts) Let  $p$  be an odd prime. Show that  $\text{disc}(1, \zeta_p, \dots, \zeta_p^{p-2}) = \pm p^{p-2}$  where plus sign holds if and only if  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ . Show that  $\mathbf{Q}(\zeta_p)$  has a unique subfield  $K$  such that  $[K : \mathbf{Q}] = 2$ . Find an element  $\alpha$  such that  $K = \mathbf{Q}(\alpha)$ .

6. (16pts) Let  $K$  be a quadratic number field. (In other words  $[K : \mathbf{Q}] = 2$ .)

- Show that  $K = \mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{m})$  for some squarefree integer  $m \in \mathbf{Z}$ .

- Let  $\mathcal{O}_K$  be the set of algebraic integers in  $K$ . Prove that

$$\mathcal{O}_K = \begin{cases} \{a + b\sqrt{m} : a, b \in \mathbf{Z}\} & \text{if } m \equiv 2, 3 \pmod{4}, \\ \{(a + b\sqrt{m})/2 : a, b \in \mathbf{Z}, a \equiv b \pmod{2}\} & \text{if } m \equiv 1 \pmod{4}. \end{cases}$$

- Find an integral basis for  $\mathcal{O}_K$  and compute the discriminant  $d_K$ .

- Define  $w = (\sqrt{d_K} + d_K)/2$ . Show that  $\mathcal{O}_K = \mathbf{Z}[w]$ .