

Problem Sheet 3, MP473, Semester 2, 2000

1. Let θ be a root of the irreducible polynomial $x^3 + 11x + 4$.

Verify that $\Delta_K(1, \theta, \theta^2) = -4 \cdot 1439$ and prove that

$$1, \theta, \frac{(\theta + \theta^2)}{2}$$

form an integral basis for $K = \mathbb{Q}(\theta)$. Also find D_K .

2. Let $\theta \in \mathbb{C}$ satisfy $\theta^3 + 2\theta - 6 = 0$.

(i) Calculate $N_K(3\theta + 2)$ and $\Delta_K(1, \theta, \theta^2)$.

(ii) Use the Eisenstein lemma to get the exact value numerical value of D_K .
(Warning: The Stickelberger criterion does not apply.)

3. Let $K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3})$.

(i) Let $\theta = (\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{6})/2$. Verify that $\Delta_K(1, \theta, \theta^2, \theta^3) = 2^8 \cdot 3^2$.

(ii) Let $\phi = \theta + 1$. Compute $m_\phi(x)$ and hence prove $D_K = 2^8 \cdot 3^2$. (Hint: $L = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{3}) \subseteq K$. Then use the fact that $D_L^{[K:L]}$ divides D_K .)

(iii) Verify that $\Delta_K(1, \sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3}, \frac{\sqrt{2}+\sqrt{6}}{2}) = 2^8 \cdot 3^2$.

4. With respect to the field L of Question 7, Sheet 2:

(i) Use the fact that $\zeta, \dots, \zeta^{p-1}$ form an integral basis for K to prove that $1, \omega_1, \dots, \omega_{(p-3)/2}$ and $1, \omega, \dots, \omega^{(p-3)/2}$ form integral bases for L .

(ii) Prove that $T_L(\omega_r) = -1$ if $p \nmid r$.

(iii) Prove that

$$T_L(\omega_r \omega_s) = \begin{cases} p-2 & \text{if } 1 \leq r = s \leq (p-3)/2, \\ -2 & \text{if } 1 \leq r \neq s \leq (p-3)/2 \end{cases}$$

and deduce that $D_L = p^{(p-3)/2}$.

5. Let $\omega_1, \dots, \omega_n$ belong to O_K and form a \mathbb{Q} -basis for K . Show that every $\theta \in O_K$ can be written as

$$\theta = \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{x_j}{\Delta_K(\omega_1, \dots, \omega_n)} \omega_j,$$

where x_j and $x_j^2/\Delta_K(\omega_1, \dots, \omega_n)$ are rational integers. (Hint: Use Cramer's rule.)

6. (hard) With respect to problem 3, Sheet 2, prove that $1, \theta, \theta^2$ form an integral basis for K . (Hint: use a remark made at the end of the proof of the Eisensteinian proof, together with the previous question.)

Problems 1,2,5 to be handed in as ASSIGNMENT 2.

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