2. Let K be a number field, and let I be an ideal in $\mathcal{O}_k$. If $\alpha \in I$, prove that $N(\alpha) \in I$.

Proof

Recall the definition of $N(\alpha)$.

$$N(\alpha) = \prod_{i=1}^{n} \sigma_i(\alpha)$$

where each $\sigma_i(\alpha)$ are the embedded images of α and n is the degree of the extension. WLOG, we claim that $\sigma_1(\alpha) = \alpha$. If $n = 1$, then the norm of α equals to α and the theorem becomes trivial. Assume $n > 1$.

It suffices to show that the following product is an element of $\mathcal{O}_k$:

$$P := \prod_{i=2}^{n} \sigma_i(\alpha)$$

Notice:

$$N(\alpha) = \alpha \cdot P$$

by strong closure of ideals, $\alpha \in I$ implies the product implies that the Norm is in I. Nonetheless, it must be shown that the product P is in the ring.

Consider the field polynomial of α. It must be a polynomial over $\mathbb{Z}$. Call it $f(t)$. Write:

$$f(t)/(t-\alpha) = \prod_{i=2}^{n} (t - \sigma_i(\alpha))$$

By polynomial long division, we notice that the constant term of the LHS is some constant within $\mathcal{O}_k$. By Viete's relation, that constant term is exactly the desired product P.

□

5. Prove that if d is an integer that satisfies:

1. $d \equiv 2, 3 (mod 4)$
2. $5|d$

then $\mathbb{Z}[d]$ is not a UFD.

Proposition We first show that for any ring element $\alpha := a + b\sqrt{d}$, $\sqrt{d}|\alpha$ if and only if $d|a$.

($\Rightarrow$) If $d|a$, there exists some element $\xi \in \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{d}]$ that satisfies $a = d\xi$. Thus, $a = -\sqrt{d} \cdot (\sqrt{d}\xi)$.

Write:

$$a + b\sqrt{d} = \sqrt{d}(\xi\sqrt{d} + b)$$

which concludes this side of the proof.

($\Leftarrow$) $\sqrt{d}|(a+b\sqrt{d})$ implies $\sqrt{d}|a$ in the ring $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{d}]$. Again, write a in terms of multiples of ξ.

$$a = \sqrt{d}\xi$$

Multiply by the algebraic conjugate both side.

$$a^2 = \sqrt{d}(-\sqrt{d})(\xi)(\bar{\xi}) = -dN(\xi)$$

Looking at the equation in the ring $\mathbb{Z}$, we conclude that $d|a^2$ and thus $d|a$, for d is squarefree.

Proof We claim that $\sqrt{d}$ must be a unit. Assume for a contradiction, that there is a pair of nonunit elements, α, β that multiply to become $\sqrt{d}$. Taking the norm:

$$-d = N(\alpha\beta) = N(\alpha)N(\beta)$$

For α, β are non-units, they must both have an absolute norm greater than 1. Write:

$$\alpha := a + b\sqrt{d}, \beta := e + f\sqrt{d}$$

$$N(\alpha) \cdot N(\beta) = (a^2 - db^2)(e^2 - df^2)$$
$$-d = a^2e^2 - d[a^2f^2 - b^2e^2] - d^2(b^2f^2)$$

a, b, e, f are all integers. Take $(mod\ d)$ both sides. We obtain $d|ae$

Denote $k := ae/d$, an integer. Now, divide both sides of the previous result by $-d$. Obtain:

$$1 = -kae + [a^2f^2 - b^2e^2] + d(b^2f^2)$$

$$1 + b^2e^2 - a^2f^2 = d(b^2f^2 - k^2)$$

From the equation, we deduce $d|(1+b^2e^2-a^2f^2)$. Thus, $d|(e+b^2e^3-a^2f^2e)$. Recall that $d|ae$. $d|(e(1+b^2e^2))$. The greatest common divisor of the two factors must be one, that is, $gcd(e, 1+b^2e^2) = 1$. It follows that either $d|e$ or $d|(1+b^2e^2)$.

If $d|e$, then $\sqrt{d}|\beta$ by propsition. We can write:

$$\sqrt{d} = \alpha(\beta/\sqrt{d})\sqrt{d}$$

And by cancellation:

$$1 = \alpha(\beta/\sqrt{d})$$

So α must be a unit, hence a contraciction.

Try the other case, when $d|(1 + b^2e^2)$. $gcd(d, e) = 1$ for this case, and since $d|ae$, $d|a$ necessarily. Again, by the logic used in the previous case, $\sqrt{d}$ must divide α and by cancellation. We end up with β unit, a contradiction. ϟ

We have demonstrated that $\sqrt{d}$ is irreducible✓

If $d \equiv 2$, then $2|d$. Also, $5|d$ so d is a composite integer. We come up with two decomposition for d in the ring $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{d}]$:

$$\sqrt{d}\sqrt{d} = 2 \cdot (d/2)$$

We claim that $\sqrt{d}$ is not prime, though it is irreducible. If $\sqrt{d}$ is prime, it must divide one of 2 or $d/2$. However, by our proposition, the division must also hold in the ring $\mathbb{Z}$, which is not the case. We have found an irreducible that is not prime, and this shows that $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{d}]$ is not a UFD.

We may use a similar claim for $d \equiv 3(mod\ 4)$. Since $5|d$, unless $d = -5$, d is composite. We repeat the same argument above, replacing 2 by 5. That is, $d = 5 * (d/5)$.

Finally, it remains to show that $\mathbb{Z}[-5]$ is not a UFD. Consider the following:

$$(1 + \sqrt{-5})(1 - \sqrt{-5}) = 2 \cdot 3$$

$2, 3$ are prime, since their norms are $4, 9$ respectively. For either of them to have a nonunit divisor, there must exist some ring element that has a norm of 2 or 3, which is not possible. 2 clearly doesn't divide any of the terms in the LHS. Thus, 2 is an irreducible that is not a prime. This concludes the proof.

□

6. Consider the ring R = $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-3}]$. Let $I :=< 2, 1+\sqrt{-3} >$ be an ideal in R.

(i) Prove that $I \neq< 2 >$ in R

Proof The element $1+\sqrt{-3}$ is in the ideal I, but it is not in $< 2 >$. Assume for a contradiction, $1+\sqrt{-3} \in< 2 >$. For some element $\xi \in R$:

$$1+\sqrt{-3} = 2\xi$$

Write $\xi = a + b\sqrt{-3}$ where a, b are integers.

$$1+\sqrt{-3} = 2a + 2b\sqrt{-3}$$

The coefficients must match, so $2a = 1$ for some integer a. There is no integer solution, and we conclude that $1+\sqrt{-3}$ is not in $< 2 >$

(2) Prove that $I^2 =< 2 > I$

Proof Recall the identity:

$$< a, b >^2 =< a^2, ab, b^2 >$$

Rewrite the LHS:

$$I^2 =< 2, 1+\sqrt{-3} >^2 =< 4, 2+2\sqrt{-3}, 1-3+2\sqrt{-3} >=< 4, 2+2\sqrt{-3}, 2-2\sqrt{-3} >$$

Notice:

$$4 - (2 + 2\sqrt{-3}) = 2 - 2\sqrt{-3}$$

We write:

$$I^2 =< 4, 2 + 2\sqrt{3} >$$

Moving on the the RHS:

$$< 2 > I =< 2 >< 2, 1+\sqrt{-3} >=< 4, 2+2\sqrt{-3} >$$

We conclude:

$$I^2 =< 2 > I$$

(iii) Is R a dedekind domain?

Claim No R is not a dedekind domain.

Proof First establish two propositions. First of all, 2 is irreducible in the ring R. Assume for a contradiction that 2 is reducible. Write:

$$(a + b\sqrt{-3})(c + d\sqrt{-3}) = 2$$

where $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{Z}$

Multiplying both sides by the algebraic conjugate, we get:

$$(a^2 + 3b^2)(c^2 + 3d^2) = 2 \cdot \bar{2} = 4$$

If either one of the two terms equal 1, then $(a, b) = (\pm 1, 0)$ or $(c, d) = (\pm 1, 0)$ which in case shows that 2 is irreducible. Thus, we consider $(a^2 + 3b^2) = 2$. However, this equation has no integer solution, since $|b| < 1$ but then $a^2 = 0$ which has no solution.

The second proposition is that I is a proper ideal. It suffices to show that $1 \notin I$. Assume $1 \in I$ for a contradiction. Write:

$$2(a + b\sqrt{-3}) + (1 + \sqrt{-3})(c + d\sqrt{-3}) = 1$$

Where $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{Z}$ Comparing coefficients, we deduce:

$$2a + c + 3d = 1$$

$$2b - c + d = 0$$

Adding up, we get:

$$2a + 4d = 1$$

But the LHS is even while the RHS is odd. We have reached a contradiction and indeed I is proper.

I is not a dedekind domain. The ideal $< 2 >$ is a prime ideal, for 2 is irreducible. Clearly, $< 2 > \subsetneq < 2, 1 + \sqrt{-3} >= I$. On part(1), we showed that the two ideals are distinct. By the proposition established, I is a proper Ideal. Thus $< 2 >$ is a prime ideal that is not maximal. R is not a dedekind domain. □

7. Show in $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-5}]$ that $\sqrt{-5}|(a + b\sqrt{-5})$ iff $5|a$. Deduce that $\sqrt{-5}$ is prime in $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-5}]$. Hence, conclude that the element 5 factors uniquely in this ring, even if the ring is not a UFD.

Proof ($\Leftarrow$) If $5|a$, there exists some element $\xi \in \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-5}]$ that satisfies $a = 5\xi$. Thus, $a = -\sqrt{-5} \cdot (\sqrt{-5}\xi)$.

Write:

$$a + b\sqrt{-5} = \sqrt{-5}(-\xi\sqrt{-5} + b)$$

which concludes this side of the proof.

($\Rightarrow$) $\sqrt{-5}|(a + b\sqrt{-5})$ implies $\sqrt{-5}|a$. Again, write a in terms of multiples of ξ.

$$a = \sqrt{-5}\xi$$

Multiply by the algebraic conjugate both side.

$$a^2 = \sqrt{-5} - (\sqrt{-5})(\xi)(\bar{\xi}) = 5N(\xi)$$

Looking at the equation in the ring $\mathbb{Z}$, we conclude that $5|a^2$ and thus $5|a$, for 5 is prime.

Take any two elements α, β in the ring $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-5}]$. Assume that the product is divisible by $\sqrt{-5}$. Write:

$$\alpha := a + b\sqrt{-5}, \beta := c + d\sqrt{-5}$$

$$\alpha\beta = (a + b\sqrt{-5})(c + d\sqrt{-5})$$
$$= ac - 5bd + \sqrt{-5}(ad + bc)$$

The real part of the product must be divisible by 5, by the proposition that we have proven. $5|(ac - 5bd)$ so $5|ac$. WLOG, $5|a$. Again, by the proposition, $\sqrt{-5}|\alpha$ as desired.

Move on to factorize 5. $5 = -(\sqrt{-5})^2$. Any irreducible factorization of 5 must include two associates of $\sqrt{-5}$. Assume we have another factorization that has more irreducibles other than these two associates. After cancellation, we are left with a set of irreducibles that multiply up to a unit, which is impossible for all irreducibles are nonunits. We conclude that the factorization is unique up to associates.

8. In domain D, a principal ideal $< p >$ is prime iff p is zero or prime.

Proof ($\Leftarrow$) If $p = 0$, then the ideal $< p >= 0$. The zero ideal must be prime, for integral domians don't have zero divisor. Suppose p is prime, but $< p >$ is not a prime ideal. It is possible to obtain two elements $a, b \in D$ such that $a, b \notin < p >$ but $ab \in p$. This means $p|ab$. Since p is prime, $p|a$ WLOG. This implies $a \in < p >$ which is a contradiction.

($\Rightarrow$) Assume that $< p >$ is a prime ideal, but p is nonzero and nonprime. For p is nonprime, write:

$$pq = ab$$

for $a, b \in D$ which are nonzero and nonunits, and some $q \in D$. Recall that in a domain, an ideal is prime iff the domain mod ideal is also a domain. Since $< p >$ is domain by assumption, the fractional domain $D/ < p >$ must have no zero divisors.

We claim that $a+ < p >$ and $b+ < p >$ are zero divisors. Clearly, both of them are nonzero by assumption. Write:

$$(a+ < p >)(b+ < p >) = ab+ < p >$$

and notice that $ab \in < p >$ so indeed the coset is the zero coset. $\square$