

Exercise 1. Let $K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})$ where $d \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0, 1\}$ is square-free.

- (i) Let $q \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}$. Show that \mathcal{O}_K admits a nonzero principal ideal I such that $N(I) = q$ if and only if there exist $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that

$$|a^2 - db^2| = \begin{cases} q & \text{if } d \equiv 2, 3 \pmod{4}, \\ 4q & \text{if } d \equiv 1 \pmod{4}. \end{cases}$$

- (ii) If $d \in \{7, -11\}$, show that \mathcal{O}_K is principal.
- (iii) If $d = -6$, show that the ideal class group $\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{O}_K)$ is isomorphic to $\mathbb{Z}/2$.