

## Problem Set 9.

Remark: For  $K$  a number field, we abuse terminology by referring to the units in  $\mathbf{O}_K$  as “units of  $K$ ”. By “fundamental units of  $K$ ” we of course mean a basis for  $\mathbf{O}_K^*/(\mathbf{O}_K^*)_{tor}$  as a free Abelian group.

1. Suppose that  $a$  and  $b$  are square free positive integers greater than 1. Show that the units of  $\mathbf{Z}[\sqrt{a}, \sqrt{-b}]$  are the same as the units of  $\mathbf{Z}[\sqrt{a}]$ .
2. Find fundamental units in  $\mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{d})$  for  $d = 3, 5, 6, 7, 10, 30$ .
3. Show that  $2 - \sqrt[3]{7}$  is a fundamental unit in  $\mathbf{Q}(\sqrt[3]{7})$ .
4. Let  $K = \mathbf{Q}(\sqrt[3]{5})$ .
  - a) Show that  $u_0 = 41 + 24\sqrt[3]{5} + 14\sqrt[3]{25}$  is a unit of  $K$  and that the real embedding of  $u_0$  has absolute value less than 125.
  - b) Show that the ideal generated by  $2 - \sqrt[3]{5}$  has norm 3.
  - c) Show that if  $u$  is a unit of  $K$  with the absolute value of its real embedding between 1 and 12, then  $u(2 - \sqrt[3]{5})$  must be of the form  $a + b\sqrt[3]{5}$  with  $a$  and  $b$  integers satisfying  $|b| < 2, |a| < 3$ . Hint: Compute upper bounds for the absolute values of the imbeddings of  $u(2 - \sqrt[3]{5})$  and use this to effectively estimate the size of its coefficients when expressed as a combination of  $1, \sqrt[3]{5}, \sqrt[3]{25}$ .
  - d) Show using c) (or any other way you wish) that  $u_0$  is a fundamental unit of  $K$ .