

# Solutions 7

## CLASS NUMBER, DISCRIMINANT BOUNDS, UNITS

- \*1. Let  $K := \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-\ell})$  for a prime  $\ell \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ . Thus complex conjugation is the non-trivial Galois automorphism of  $K/\mathbb{Q}$ .
- (a) Show that every fractional ideal  $\mathfrak{b}$  with  $\bar{\mathfrak{b}} = \mathfrak{b}$  is principal.
  - (b) Deduce that for every fractional ideal  $\mathfrak{a}$  we have  $[\bar{\mathfrak{a}}] = [\mathfrak{a}^{-1}]$  in  $\text{Cl}(\mathcal{O}_K)$ .
  - (c) Prove that for any  $a \in K^\times$  with  $\text{Nm}_{K/\mathbb{Q}}(a) = 1$  there exists  $b \in K^\times$  with  $a = \bar{b}b^{-1}$ . (*Hilbert 90. Hint: Try  $b = \bar{a} + 1$ .*)
  - (d) Show that any fractional ideal  $\mathfrak{a}$  with  $\mathfrak{a}^2$  principal is equivalent to a fractional ideal  $\mathfrak{b}$  with  $\bar{\mathfrak{b}} = \mathfrak{b}$ .
  - (e) Conclude that the class number of  $\mathcal{O}_K$  is odd.

**Solution:** By construction  $K$  has discriminant  $-\ell$  and the ring of integers  $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-\ell}]$ .

- (a) Consider the prime factorization  $\mathfrak{b} = \prod_{i=1}^r \mathfrak{p}_i^{\mu_i}$  with distinct maximal ideals  $\mathfrak{p}_i$  and exponents  $\mu_i \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Then  $\bar{\mathfrak{b}} = \prod_{i=1}^r \bar{\mathfrak{p}}_i^{\mu_i}$  is the prime factorization of  $\bar{\mathfrak{b}}$ . By the uniqueness of the prime factorization it follows that every factor  $\bar{\mathfrak{p}}_i^{\mu_i}$  must be equal to  $\mathfrak{p}_j^{\mu_j}$  for some  $j$ . As any product and any quotient of principal ideals is principal, it suffices to prove (a) whenever  $\mathfrak{b} = \mathfrak{p} = \bar{\mathfrak{p}}$  or  $\mathfrak{b} = \mathfrak{p} \cdot \bar{\mathfrak{p}}$  for a maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{p}$  of  $\mathcal{O}_K$ .  
Any maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{p}$  of  $\mathcal{O}_K$  lies above a rational prime  $p$ . If this prime is inert in  $\mathcal{O}_K$ , we have  $\mathfrak{p} = (p) = \bar{\mathfrak{p}}$  and are done. If it is split, we have  $\mathfrak{p}\mathfrak{p}' = (p)$  for another maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{p}'$ . As complex conjugation transitively permutes the primes of  $\mathcal{O}_K$  above  $p$ , it then follows that  $\mathfrak{p}' = \bar{\mathfrak{p}}$ ; hence  $\mathfrak{p}\bar{\mathfrak{p}} = (p)$  is principal. Finally, Example 6.2.6 shows that  $\ell$  is the only rational prime that is ramified in  $\mathcal{O}_K$ . The only prime  $\mathfrak{p}$  above  $\ell$  therefore satisfies  $\mathfrak{p}^2 = (\ell)$ . But  $(\sqrt{-\ell})^2 = (-\ell) = (\ell)$  and unique factorization of ideals shows that then  $\mathfrak{p} = (\sqrt{-\ell})$ ; hence we are done in all cases.
- (b) For any fractional ideal  $\mathfrak{a}$  the ideal  $\mathfrak{b} := \mathfrak{a}\bar{\mathfrak{a}}$  satisfies  $\bar{\mathfrak{b}} = \mathfrak{b}$  and is therefore principal by (a). Thus  $[\bar{\mathfrak{a}}]$  is the inverse of  $[\mathfrak{a}]$  in  $\text{Cl}(\mathcal{O}_K)$  and therefore equal to  $[\mathfrak{a}^{-1}]$ .
- (c) By assumption we have  $a\bar{a} = \text{Nm}_{K/\mathbb{Q}}(a) = 1$ . Thus  $b := \bar{a} + 1$  satisfies  $ab = a\bar{a} + a = 1 + a = \overline{1 + \bar{a}} = \bar{b}$ . Thus we are done except if  $b = 0$ , that is, if  $a = -1$ . But in that case  $b := \sqrt{-\ell}$  does the job.

- (d) That  $\mathfrak{a}^2$  is principal means that  $[\mathfrak{a}^{-1}] = [\mathfrak{a}]$  in  $\text{Cl}(\mathcal{O}_K)$ . By (b) we thus have  $[\bar{\mathfrak{a}}] = [\mathfrak{a}]$  and therefore  $\bar{\mathfrak{a}} = a\mathfrak{a}$  for some element  $a \in \mathfrak{a}$ . Taking norms this implies that

$$\text{Nm}(\mathfrak{a}) = \text{Nm}(\bar{\mathfrak{a}}) = |\text{Nm}_{K/\mathbb{Q}}(a)| \cdot \text{Nm}(\mathfrak{a})$$

and therefore  $|\text{Nm}_{K/\mathbb{Q}}(a)| = 1$ . But since  $K$  is imaginary quadratic, we have  $\text{Nm}_{K/\mathbb{Q}}(a) = a\bar{a} > 0$ ; so we must have  $\text{Nm}_{K/\mathbb{Q}}(a) = 1$ . Choose  $b \in K^\times$  with  $a = \bar{b}b^{-1}$  as in (c). Then  $\bar{\mathfrak{a}} = a\mathfrak{a} = \bar{b}b^{-1}\mathfrak{a}$  implies that  $\mathfrak{b} := b^{-1}\mathfrak{a} = \bar{\mathfrak{b}}$ .

- (e) If the class number is even, the group  $\text{Cl}(\mathcal{O}_K)$  possesses an element of precise order 2. This is represented by a non-principal fractional ideal  $\mathfrak{a}$  for which  $\mathfrak{a}^2$  is principal. By (d) this is equivalent to a fractional ideal  $\mathfrak{b}$  with  $\mathfrak{b} = \bar{\mathfrak{b}}$ . But then  $\mathfrak{b}$  is principal by (a); hence  $\mathfrak{a}$  is principal as well, and we have obtained a contradiction. Thus the class number is odd.

2. Determine all totally real cubic number fields with discriminant  $\pm 4$ .

*Hint:* Use a computer algebra system for the actual computation.

**Solution:** Let  $K$  be such a field with the three real embeddings  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \sigma_3$ . Then by Theorem 4.2.2 for every  $t > \sqrt{|d_K|} = 2$  there exists an element  $x \in \mathcal{O}_K \setminus \{0\}$  with  $|\sigma_1(x)| < t$  and  $|\sigma_2(x)|, |\sigma_3(x)| < 1$ . As  $\text{Nm}_{K/\mathbb{Q}}(x) \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}$  we then have  $\prod_{i=1}^3 |\sigma_i(x)| \geq 1$  and therefore  $|\sigma_1(x)| > 1$ . In particular  $\sigma_1(x) \neq \sigma_2(x)$  and therefore  $x \notin \mathbb{Q}$ . As  $[K/\mathbb{Q}] = 3$  it follows that  $K = \mathbb{Q}(x)$ . Thus

$$f(X) := X^3 + aX^2 + bX + c := \prod_{i=1}^3 (X - \sigma_i(x))$$

is the minimal polynomial of  $x$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . The conditions on  $|\sigma_i(x)|$  now imply that  $|a| < 2 + t$  and  $|b| < 1 + 2t$  and  $|c| < t$ . As  $a, b, c$  are integers, taking  $t$  just a little bit larger than 2 we then have  $|a| \leq 4$  and  $|b| \leq 5$  and  $|c| \leq 2$ . Since  $f$  must be irreducible, we also have  $c \neq 0$ . After possibly replacing  $x$  by  $-x$  we can then make  $1 \leq c \leq 2$ .

It remains to study the  $9 \cdot 11 \cdot 2 = 198$  possibilities for  $a, b, c$ . For this recall that by Proposition 1.7.4 the discriminant of  $f$  is the discriminant of  $\mathbb{Z}[x]$  and by Proposition 3.2.1 (b) this is equal to  $d_K \cdot [\mathcal{O}_K : \mathbb{Z}[x]]^2 = \pm 4 \cdot [\mathcal{O}_K : \mathbb{Z}[x]]^2$ . Thus the discriminant of  $f$  must be  $\pm 4$  times a non-zero square. On the other hand the discriminant is  $\prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq 3} (\sigma_i(x) - \sigma_j(x))^2$  with all terms real; hence it is  $> 0$ . Thus the discriminant of  $f$  must be 4 times a non-zero square. Using a computer algebra system we compute the discriminant in all 198 cases and find only one that satisfies this condition, namely the polynomial  $X^3 - 2X^2 - X + 2 = (X - 2)(X^2 - 1)$ . But that is reducible. Therefore there is no totally real cubic number field with discriminant  $\pm 4$ .

*Aliter:* By Theorem 4.4.2 we have

$$\sqrt{|d_K|} \geq \frac{27}{6} * \left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)^{3/2} \approx 3.13 > 2.$$

Therefore there is no cubic number field with discriminant  $\pm 4$ .

3. Work out an analogue of Proposition 5.4.2 in the case  $\mathcal{O}_K = \mathbb{Z}[\frac{1+\sqrt{d}}{2}]$ .

**Solution:** In this case  $\mathcal{O}_K$  consists of the real numbers of the form  $a + b\sqrt{d}$  for all  $a, b \in \frac{1}{2}\mathbb{Z}$  with  $a \equiv b \pmod{2}$ . If such a number is a unit, then so is its galois conjugate  $a - b\sqrt{d}$ , and so their product  $a^2 - b^2d$  is a unit in  $\mathbb{Z}$  and therefore equal to  $\pm 1$ . Conversely, if  $a^2 - b^2d = \pm 1$ , then  $a + b\sqrt{d}$  is a unit in  $\mathcal{O}_K$  with the inverse  $\pm(a - b\sqrt{d})$ . Thus

$$\mathcal{O}_K^\times = \{a + b\sqrt{d} \mid a, b \in \frac{1}{2}\mathbb{Z}, a \equiv b \pmod{2}, a^2 - b^2d = \pm 1\}.$$

Next, any unit  $u \in \mathcal{O}_K^\times \setminus \{\pm 1\}$  gives rise to four distinct units  $\pm u^{\pm 1}$ , one lying in each of the intervals between  $-\infty, -1, 0, 1, \infty$ . Writing  $u = a + b\sqrt{d}$ , these are the elements  $\pm a \pm b\sqrt{d}$  with all four possibilities of signs, the largest of which being  $|a| + |b|\sqrt{d}$ . Thus

$$\mathcal{O}_K^\times \cap \mathbb{R}^{>1} = \{a + b\sqrt{d} \mid a, b \in \frac{1}{2}\mathbb{Z}^{>0}, a \equiv b \pmod{2}, a^2 - b^2d = \pm 1\}.$$

The unique fundamental unit  $\varepsilon > 1$  is therefore the element  $a + b\sqrt{d} \in \mathcal{O}_K^\times \cap \mathbb{R}^{>1}$  as above with the smallest value for  $a$ .

4. Prove without number theory that the equation  $a^2 - b^2d = -1$  has infinitely many solutions  $(a, b) \in \mathbb{Z}^2$  for  $d = 2$ , but none for  $d = 3$ . Explain the answer with algebraic number theory.

**Solution:** *Elementary solution using renaissance arithmetic only:* For  $d = 2$  we find the solution  $(a, b) = (1, 1)$  by trial and error. Given a solution  $(a, b)$  with  $a, b > 0$ , a direct computation shows that  $(a^3 + 6ab^2, 3a^2b + 2b^2)$  is another solution with strictly larger coefficients. Thus there exist infinitely many solutions. For  $d = 3$  the equation implies that  $a^2 \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ , which is not solvable in  $\mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$ .

*Explanation:* Let  $K := \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d}) \subset \mathbb{R}$ . In both cases we have  $d \not\equiv 1 \pmod{4}$  and hence  $\mathcal{O}_K = \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{d}]$ . A general element has norm  $\text{Norm}_{K/\mathbb{Q}}(a + b\sqrt{d}) = a^2 - b^2d$ , so we want to find all elements of norm  $-1$ . Any such element is a unit in  $\mathcal{O}_K^\times$ . From the lecture we know that  $\mathcal{O}_K^\times = \{\pm 1\} \times \varepsilon^{\mathbb{Z}}$  for a fundamental unit  $\varepsilon > 1$ . Since  $\text{Norm}_{K/\mathbb{Q}}$  is multiplicative and  $\text{Norm}_{K/\mathbb{Q}}(-1) = 1$ , we deduce that

$$\{a + b\sqrt{d} \in \mathcal{O}_K \mid a^2 - b^2d = -1\} = \begin{cases} \{\pm \varepsilon^m \mid m \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ odd}\} & \text{if } \text{Norm}_{K/\mathbb{Q}}(\varepsilon) = -1, \\ \emptyset & \text{if } \text{Norm}_{K/\mathbb{Q}}(\varepsilon) = 1. \end{cases}$$

Moreover, by Proposition 5.4.2 we have  $\varepsilon = a + b\sqrt{d}$  for  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}^{>0}$  with  $a^2 - b^2d = \pm 1$  and  $a$  minimal, which we can find by trial and error.

For  $d = 2$  the element  $1 + \sqrt{2}$  is a fundamental unit with  $\text{Norm}_{K/\mathbb{Q}}(1 + \sqrt{2}) = 1^2 - 1^2 \cdot 2 = -1$ ; hence we are in the first case.

For  $d = 3$  the element  $2 + \sqrt{3}$  is a unit with  $\text{Norm}_{K/\mathbb{Q}}(2 + \sqrt{3}) = 2^2 - 1^2 \cdot 3 = 1$ . On the other hand  $\mathcal{O}_K$  has discriminant  $4d = 12$ ; hence by Proposition 5.4.5 of the lecture the fundamental unit  $\varepsilon > 1$  satisfies  $\varepsilon \geq \frac{\sqrt{12} + \sqrt{12-4}}{2} = \sqrt{3} + \sqrt{2}$ . Since  $(\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{2})^2 > 2 + \sqrt{3} > 1$ , we cannot have  $2 + \sqrt{3} = \varepsilon^k$  with an integer  $k > 1$ , so  $2 + \sqrt{3} = \varepsilon$  is already a fundamental unit. Therefore we are in the second case.

5. (a) For any number field  $K$ , a subring  $\mathcal{O} \subset \mathcal{O}_K$  of finite index is called an *order in  $\mathcal{O}_K$* . For any such order prove that  $\mathcal{O}^\times$  is a subgroup of finite index in  $\mathcal{O}_K^\times$ .
- (b) Consider a squarefree integer  $d > 1$  with  $d \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ , so that  $K := \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})$  has the ring of integers  $\mathcal{O}_K = \mathbb{Z}[\frac{1+\sqrt{d}}{2}]$ . Explain the precise relation between  $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{d}]^\times$  and  $\mathcal{O}_K^\times$ .

**Solution:** (a) Any ring homomorphism induces a homomorphism for the groups of units. Thus the embedding  $\mathcal{O} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{O}_K$  induces an embedding  $\mathcal{O}^\times \hookrightarrow \mathcal{O}_K^\times$  of groups. Next set  $m := [\mathcal{O}_K : \mathcal{O}]$ . Then  $m\mathcal{O}_K \subset \mathcal{O}$ , so we have an embedding  $\mathcal{O}/m\mathcal{O}_K \hookrightarrow \mathcal{O}_K/m\mathcal{O}_K$  and hence a homomorphism of abelian groups  $(\mathcal{O}/m\mathcal{O}_K)^\times \hookrightarrow (\mathcal{O}_K/m\mathcal{O}_K)^\times$ . From this we deduce that  $\mathcal{O}^\times$  is the kernel of the composite homomorphism

$$\mathcal{O}_K^\times \rightarrow (\mathcal{O}_K/m\mathcal{O}_K)^\times \rightarrow (\mathcal{O}_K/m\mathcal{O}_K)^\times / (\mathcal{O}/m\mathcal{O}_K)^\times.$$

Since the target is a finite group, it follows that  $[\mathcal{O}_K^\times : \mathcal{O}^\times]$  is finite.

(b) Here we have  $m = 2$ , and the minimal polynomial of  $\omega := \frac{1+\sqrt{d}}{2}$  over  $\mathbb{Z}$  is

$$P(X) := (X - \frac{1+\sqrt{d}}{2})(X - \frac{1-\sqrt{d}}{2}) = X^2 - X + \frac{1-d}{4}.$$

Hence  $\mathcal{O}_K \cong \mathbb{Z}[X]/(P(X))$ .

Assume first that  $d \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$ . Then  $P(X) \equiv X(X-1) \pmod{2}$  and hence  $\mathcal{O}_K/2\mathcal{O}_K \cong \mathbb{F}_2[X]/(X(X-1)) \cong (\mathbb{F}_2)^2$ . Thus  $(\mathcal{O}_K/2\mathcal{O}_K)^\times = 1$ , which by the construction in (a) implies that  $\mathcal{O}^\times = \mathcal{O}_K^\times$ .

In the other case we have  $d \equiv 5 \pmod{8}$ . Then  $P(X) \equiv X^2 + X + 1 \pmod{2}$ , which is irreducible in  $\mathbb{F}_2[X]$ . Thus  $\mathcal{O}_K/2\mathcal{O}_K \cong \mathbb{F}_2[X]/(X^2 + X + 1)$  is a field of order 4, and so  $(\mathcal{O}_K/2\mathcal{O}_K)^\times$  is a cyclic group of order 3. From the construction in (a) it follows that  $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{d}]^\times$  is a subgroup of  $\mathcal{O}_K^\times$  of index dividing 3.

In either case this shows that  $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{d}]^\times$  is a subgroup of  $\mathcal{O}_K^\times$  of index 1 or 3. The case  $d \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$  shows that the index 1 actually occurs, and the example of  $d = 13$  explained in the lecture course shows that the index 3 also occurs.

6. (a) Determine the ring of integers of  $K := \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{5}, i)$ .  
 (b) Determine  $\mathcal{O}_F^\times$  for the subfield  $F := \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{5})$ .  
 (c) Find a fundamental unit of  $\mathcal{O}_K^\times$ .  
 (d) Show that  $|\mu(K)| = 4$  and write down  $\mathcal{O}_K^\times$ .

**Solution:**

- (a) Consider the subfields  $F := \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{5})$  and  $F' := \mathbb{Q}(i) = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-1})$ . Since  $5 \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$  and  $-1 \not\equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ , their discriminants are  $\text{disc}(\mathcal{O}_F) = 5$  and  $\text{disc}(\mathcal{O}_{F'}) = -4$  and hence coprime. Furthermore, the fields  $F$  and  $F'$  are linearly disjoint, since  $[FF'/\mathbb{Q}] = [K/\mathbb{Q}] = 4 = [F/\mathbb{Q}] \cdot [F'/\mathbb{Q}]$ . Therefore Theorem 1.8.3 implies that  $\mathcal{O}_K \cong \mathcal{O}_F \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathcal{O}_{F'} \cong \mathbb{Z}[\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}, i]$ . In particular a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -basis of  $\mathcal{O}_K$  is  $1, \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}, i, i\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}$ .
- (b) By Proposition 5.4.2, the element  $\varepsilon := a + b\sqrt{5} \in \mathcal{O}_F$  with minimal  $a, b \in \frac{1}{2}\mathbb{Z}^{>0}$  such that  $\text{Norm}_{F/\mathbb{Q}}(\varepsilon) = \pm 1$  is a fundamental unit in  $\mathcal{O}_F^\times$ . By a direct calculation, we verify that  $\varepsilon := \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}$  already has norm  $-1$  and hence is a fundamental unit. It follows that  $\mathcal{O}_F^\times = \{\pm 1\} \times \varepsilon^{\mathbb{Z}}$ .
- (c) The field  $K$  has  $(r, s) = (0, 2)$  and hence  $\mathcal{O}_K^\times = \mu(K) \times \tilde{\varepsilon}^{\mathbb{Z}}$  for some fundamental unit  $\tilde{\varepsilon} \in \mathcal{O}_K^\times$ . In view of (b) it follows that  $\zeta \tilde{\varepsilon}^n = \varepsilon^{\pm 1}$  for some  $n \geq 1$  and  $\zeta \in \mu(K)$ . After possibly replacing  $\tilde{\varepsilon}$  with  $\tilde{\varepsilon}^{-1}$  and  $\zeta$  with  $\zeta^{-1}$ , we may assume that  $\zeta \tilde{\varepsilon}^n = \varepsilon$ . Writing  $\text{Norm}_{K/F}(\tilde{\varepsilon}) = \pm \varepsilon^k$  with  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ , we deduce that

$$\varepsilon^2 = \text{Norm}_{K/F}(\varepsilon) = \text{Norm}_{K/F}(\zeta \tilde{\varepsilon}^n) = \pm \text{Norm}_{K/F}(\tilde{\varepsilon})^n = \pm (\pm \varepsilon^k)^n,$$

which implies that  $kn = 2$ . Suppose that  $n = 2$  and hence  $k = 1$ . Write  $\tilde{\varepsilon} = a + b\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} + ci + di\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}$  with  $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Then

$$\pm \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} = \pm \varepsilon = \text{Norm}_{K/F}(\tilde{\varepsilon}) = \tilde{\varepsilon} \bar{\tilde{\varepsilon}} = (a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2) + (2ab + b^2 + 2cd + d^2) \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}.$$

Comparing coefficients implies that  $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2 = 0$  and hence  $a = b = c = d = 0$ . This contradicts the fact that  $\tilde{\varepsilon} \neq 0$ . Therefore  $n = 1$  and  $\tilde{\varepsilon} = \zeta^{-1} \varepsilon$  is also a fundamental unit in  $\mathcal{O}_K^\times$ . Since the fundamental unit of  $K$  is only determined up multiplication with an element of  $\mu(K)$  and taking its inverse, we conclude that  $\varepsilon$  is a fundamental unit in  $\mathcal{O}_K^\times$ .

- (d) Let  $\zeta$  be a generator of  $\mu(K)$  and let  $n$  be the order of  $\zeta$ . Then  $[\mathbb{Q}(\zeta)/\mathbb{Q}] = \varphi(n)$ , where  $\varphi(\cdot)$  denotes the Euler  $\varphi$ -function, and this divides  $[K/\mathbb{Q}] = 4$ . On the other hand, since  $i \in K$ , we have  $n = 2^k m$  with  $m$  odd and  $k \geq 2$  and hence  $\varphi(n) = (2^k - 2^{k-1})\varphi(m) = 2^{k-1}\varphi(m)$ . Together this leaves only the possibilities  $n = 4, 8, 12$ .

If  $n = 8$ , we have  $\zeta = \frac{\pm 1 \pm i}{\sqrt{2}}$  and hence  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}) = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta + \bar{\zeta}) \subset K$ .

If  $n = 12$ , we have  $\zeta^4 = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{-3}}{2}$  and hence  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-3}) = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta^4) \subset K$ .

But the extension  $K/\mathbb{Q}$  is galois with a non-cyclic Galois group of order 4; hence by Galois theory it contains precisely three different quadratic subfields. Since  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{5})$  and  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-1})$  and  $\mathbb{Q}(i\sqrt{5}) = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-5})$  are all contained in  $K$  and non-isomorphic by the classification of quadratic number fields, these are precisely all quadratic subfields of  $K$ . Again by the classification of quadratic number fields, none of them is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})$  or  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-3})$ . Thus the cases  $n = 8, 12$  are impossible, leaving only  $n = 4$ .

In conclusion, we have  $|\mu(K)| = 4$  and  $\mathcal{O}_K^\times = \{\pm 1, \pm i\} \times (\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2})^{\mathbb{Z}}$ .