Algebraic Number Theory Exercises 5. Various.

1. Prove the arithmetic-geometric-mean inequality: let  $a_1, \ldots, a_n \in \mathbf{R}_{>0}$  then

$$(a_1 \cdot \ldots \cdot a_n)^{1/n} \le \frac{a_1 + \ldots + a_n}{n}.$$

The equality holds if and only if  $a_1 = \ldots = a_n$ .(Hint: let  $A = \frac{a_1 + \ldots + a_n}{n}$ . Show that  $e^{\frac{a_i}{A} - 1} \ge \frac{a_i}{A}$  for every *i*, with equality if and only if  $a_i = A$ .)

2. Prove Stirling's Formula: for every  $n \ge 1$  we have

$$n! = n^n e^{-n} \sqrt{2\pi n} e^{\frac{\theta}{12n}}$$
 for some  $\theta$  satisfying  $0 < \theta < 1$ .

- 3. (a) Find all solution  $X, Y \in \mathbf{Z}$  of the equation  $Y^2 = X^3 19$ .
  - (b) Show that the Diophantine equation  $Y^2 = X^3 5$  has no solutions  $X, Y \in \mathbb{Z}$ . (Hint: show that the class group of  $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-5}]$  has order 2.)
- 4. Show that the following three polynomials have the same discriminant:

$$T^{3} - 18T - 6,$$
  
 $T^{3} - 36T - 78,$   
 $T^{3} - 54T - 150.$ 

Let  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$  denote zeroes of the respective polynomials. Show that the fields  $\mathbf{Q}(\alpha)$ ,  $\mathbf{Q}(\beta)$  and  $\mathbf{Q}(\gamma)$  have the same discriminants, but are not isomorphic. (Hint: the splitting behavior of the primes is not the same.)

- 5. Show that  $\mathbf{Z}[\sqrt[3]{20}, \sqrt[3]{50}]$  is the ring of integers of  $F = \mathbf{Q}(\sqrt[3]{20})$ . Show there is no  $\alpha \in O_F$  such that  $O_F = \mathbf{Z}[\alpha]$ .
- 6.\* (Samuel) Let  $f(T) = T^3 + T^2 2T + 8 \in \mathbb{Z}[T]$ .
  - (a) Show that f is irreducible.
  - (b) Show that  $\text{Disc}(f) = -4 \cdot 503$ . Show that the ring of integers of  $F = \mathbf{Q}(\alpha)$  admits  $1, \alpha, \beta = (\alpha^2 \alpha)/2$  as a **Z**-basis.
  - (c) Show that  $O_F$  has precisely three distinct ideals of index 2. Conclude that 2 splits completely in F over  $\mathbf{Q}$ .
  - (d) Show that there is no  $\alpha \in F$  such that  $O_F = \mathbf{Z}[\alpha]$ . Show that for every  $\alpha \in O_F \mathbf{Z}$ , the prime 2 divides the index  $[O_F : \mathbf{Z}[\alpha]]$ .
- 7.\* Let  $\mathbf{F}_q$  be a finite field with q elements. Let  $\zeta(s)$  denote the  $\zeta$ -function of the ring  $\mathbf{F}_q[T]$ :

$$\zeta_{\mathbf{F}_q(T)}(s) = \sum_{I \neq 0} \frac{1}{N(I)^s}, \qquad (s \in \mathbf{C} \text{ with } \operatorname{Re} s > 1).$$

(Here the product runs over the non-zero ideals I and  $N(I) = [\mathbf{F}_q[T] : I]$ .) Show that

$$\zeta_{\mathbf{F}_q(T)}(s) = \frac{1}{1 - q^{1-s}}, \qquad (s \in \mathbf{C} \text{ with } \operatorname{Re} s > 1).$$