

EXERCISES 8, QUESTION 9

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9. Let  $K$  be an algebraic number field. Let  $I$  be an integral ideal of  $O_K$ . Let  $a \in I$ . Prove that there exists an integral ideal  $I'$  of  $O_K$  such that  $\langle a \rangle = II'$ .

Solution. Let  $a \in I$ . Then  $\langle a \rangle \subseteq I$ . Hence  $I \mid \langle a \rangle$ . Thus there exists an integral ideal  $I'$  of  $O_K$  such that

$$\langle a \rangle = II' \quad \blacksquare$$

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