

1. Let  $p \in \mathbb{Z}$  be a prime. Let us consider the principal ideal

$$(p) := p\mathbb{Z}[i] \lhd \mathbb{Z}[i].$$

Since  $\mathbb{Z}[i]$  is a P.I.D. we can factorise  $(p)$  into prime ideals. Show that exactly one of the following holds,

- a) The ideal  $(p)$  is prime in  $\mathbb{Z}[i]$ . (In this case we say  $(p)$  is *inert*.)
- b) The ideal  $(p)$  splits into two distinct prime ideals in  $\mathbb{Z}[i]$ . (In this case we say  $(p)$  is *totally split*.)
- c) The ideal  $(p)$  is a square of a prime ideal in  $\mathbb{Z}[i]$ . (In this case we say  $(p)$  is *ramified*.)

Can you classify which primes are inert, totally split and ramified?

*Hint:* Consider the norm of the ideal  $(p)$  i.e.  $|\mathbb{Z}[i]/(p)|$  and use Fermat's last theorem.

2. We saw in the lecture that

$$\mathbb{Z}[i]/(a+bi) \simeq \mathbb{Z}^2/\mathbb{Z}^2 \begin{pmatrix} a & -b \\ b & a \end{pmatrix}$$

as  $\mathbb{Z}$ -modules. Using this we concluded that

$$|\mathbb{Z}[i]/(a+bi)| = \left| \det \begin{pmatrix} a & -b \\ b & a \end{pmatrix} \right| = a^2 + b^2.$$

In this exercise we will prove a more general version of this statement. Recall that a *lattice*  $\Lambda \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  is a discrete subgroup containing a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ; cf. §A.2.1 in the lecture notes.

If  $\Lambda \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  is a lattice, then  $\Lambda = \mathbb{Z}^n g$  for some  $g \in \mathrm{GL}_n(\mathbb{R})$ ; cf. Lem. 3 in §A.2.1 of the lecture notes. Throughout this exercise,  $\Lambda \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  is a lattice and  $\Lambda' \leq \Lambda$  is a subgroup.

a) Show that if  $\Lambda' < \mathbb{R}^n$  is a lattice  $[\Lambda : \Lambda'] < \infty$  and

$$\mathrm{covol}(\Lambda') = \mathrm{covol}(\Lambda)[\Lambda : \Lambda'].$$

b) Show that in general

$$\Lambda' = \mathbb{Z}^n Mg \text{ for some matrix } M \in M_2(\mathbb{Z}).$$

c) Suppose that  $\Lambda' < \mathbb{R}^n$  is a lattice and let  $M \in M_2(\mathbb{Z})$  as in the previous subexercise. Show that  $M \in M_2(\mathbb{Z}) \cap \mathrm{GL}_2(\mathbb{Q})$  and

$$[\Lambda : \Lambda'] = |\det(M)|.$$

3. Recall that in class we have proven the following statement.

Let  $p$  be an odd prime and assume that  $-1$  is a square in  $\mathbb{F}_p$ . Then  $p$  is a sum of two squares.

This was proven by showing that there exists  $r \in \mathbb{Z}[i]$  a non-unit such that  $(r)|(p)$  but  $(p) \nmid (r)$ . However, the proof did not give us a way to determine  $r$ .

In this exercise, we will give a constructive proof of the implication and we will use this to write a computer program to identify all representations of an admissible odd prime as a sum of two squares.

a) Let  $p$  and odd prime and  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $m^2 = -1 \pmod{p}$ . Let

$$\pi = (m+i, p) \subset \mathbb{Z}[i]$$

be the ideal generated by  $p$  and  $m+i$ . Show that  $\pi$  is a prime ideal and that, for any generator  $r$  of  $\pi$ , we have  $p = \text{Nr}(r)$ .

b) Show the converse: Assuming that  $p$  is an odd prime such that  $p = a^2 + b^2$  for some  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ , deduce that  $(a+ib) \subset \mathbb{Z}[i]$  is a prime ideal generated by  $p$  and an element of the form  $m+i$  with  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$  a square root of  $-1 \pmod{p}$ .

c) Using that  $\mathbb{Z}[i]$  is Euclidean, find a generator of  $\pi$ .

d) Write a function that takes as input a prime  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$  and returns a list containing all pairs  $(a, b) \in \mathbb{Z}^2$  such that  $p = a^2 + b^2$ .

You might want to use some of the following commands:

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1 GF(p)                      # finite field of cardinality p
2 PolynomialRing(k, 't')      # ring of polynomials in
3                               # variable t with coefficients
4                               # in k
5 P.roots()                  # list of roots of polynomial
6                               # P with multiplicities
7 x.lift()                   # if x is in the field k = GF(p),
8                               # then x.lift() is a represen-
9                               # tative of x in ZZ

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