

Algebraic Number Theory

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1. Introduction

Examples.

Solve eq. $x^2 + y^2 = z^2$. One can easily deduced that $\begin{cases} x = 2ab \\ y = a^2 - b^2 \\ z = a^2 + b^2 \end{cases}$ (with some additional conditions)

Solve $y^2 = x^3 - 2$, $x^3 = (y + \sqrt{-2})(y - \sqrt{-2})$.

Consider $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-2}]$. This ring is a UFD; its units are ± 1 ; $\sqrt{-2}$ is irreducible; $\gcd(y + \sqrt{-2}, y - \sqrt{-2}) = 1$.

$$\begin{aligned} (z|y \pm \sqrt{-2} \implies z|2\sqrt{2} \implies \sqrt{-2}|z \implies \sqrt{-2}|y \implies 2|y \implies y^2 = x^3 - 2 \equiv 2 \pmod{8} \implies \text{Contradiction}) \end{aligned}$$

$$x^3 = (y + \sqrt{-2})(y - \sqrt{-2}) \implies y + \sqrt{-2} =$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Thus } (a + b\sqrt{-2})^3 &= a(a^2 - 6b^2) + b(3a^2 - 2b^2)\sqrt{-2} \implies b(3a^2 - 2b^2) = 1 \\ &\implies (a, b) = (\pm 1, 1); (3, \pm 5) \end{aligned}$$

This leads to the first "fake" proof of Fermat's Last Thm. (Error occurs that mathematicians assume that $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-p}]$ is always an UFD which is obviously not true.)

Thus the main aspects we concern is:

1. $\mathbb{Z}[\zeta_p]$ UFD?
2. What is $\mathbb{Z}[\zeta_p]^\times$
3. Iwasawa Theory.

General Statement:

Integral ring of $\mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{-d}]$ in \mathbb{Z} is \mathcal{O}_k .

Thm1. (Factorization of Ideals)

Given an ideal $I \subseteq \mathcal{O}_k$, one can decompose $I = \prod p_i^\alpha$ in a uniquely (Primary decomposition)

Thm2. (Finiteness of class number)

$Cl_k = \{\text{fractional ideals}\} / \{\text{principle ideals}\}$, which is a F.G. Abelian Group.

This evaluate how far a dedekind domain is from the principal ideal domain.

Thm3. (Dirichlet's Unit Theorem.)

$\mathcal{O}_k^\times = W_k \times V_k$, where W_k is finite abelian group, generated by ζ_k , V_k is free abelian group $\mathbb{Z}^{r_1+r_2-1}$, where r_1, r_2 are numbers of real embedding and non-real embedding, resp.

Galois Theory.

L/K a finite extension. $Gal(L/K) = \{\phi : L \rightarrow L, iso|_{\phi|_K} = id.\}$

$Gal(L/K) = \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$.

Thm4. Middle field of L/K M , it leads to subgroup of $Gal(L/K)$ $Gal(L/M)$. Conversely a subgroup H leads to L^H .

Thus we need to study $Gal(L/\mathbb{Q})$.

Issue. $Rep(Gal_{\mathbb{Q}})$ is far too complicated, we study $Gal_{\mathbb{Q}_p}$ instead.

(Here $Gal_{\mathbb{Q}} = Gal(\bar{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q})$, $Gal_{\mathbb{Q}_p} = Gal(\mathbb{Q}_p/\mathbb{Q})$)

Class Field Theory.

We find that $Gal(L/\mathbb{Q}_p) \cong \mathbb{Q}_p^{\times}/Nm(L^{\times})$

Here $Nm : L \rightarrow K$, $x \in L$, $\phi_x : y \mapsto xy$, take $Nm(x) = \det$.

This is a local case.

For global cases $I_{\mathbb{Q}} = \prod_v \mathbb{Q}_v^{\times}$, here v are all valuations (absolute, p -adic)

$= \{(x_v) | x_v \in \mathbb{Q}_v^{\times}, x_v = \mathcal{O}_v^{\times} \text{ for all but finite many } v\}$

Thm. $Gal(L/\mathbb{Q})^{ab} \cong I_{\mathbb{Q}}/Nm(I_L)$

Langlands Conjecture.

2. Algebraic integers

Given a ring extension $A \subseteq B$. Say $x \in B$ integral over A if exists monic polynomial with coefficient in A such that it is the root of this polynomial.

Say B integral over A if $\forall x \in B$ is integral over A .

Prop. $A \subseteq B$, TFAE:

1. x integral; 2. $A[x]$ f.g. A -module; 3. x contained in a f.g. A -module.

Cor. Integral closure of A in B form a subring of A containing A . ($x + y, xy \in A[x, y]$, while the latter module is f.g. A -module)

If the integral closure of a ring is itself, then we say the ring to be integrally closed. (整闭)

If a ring A is an integral domain, then it is integrally closed if it is integrally closed in its fraction field.

Def. K/\mathbb{Q} finite extension, then \mathcal{O}_K is the integral closure of \mathbb{Z} in K .

Trace and Norm.

Given a finite extension of fields L/K , $\forall x \in L$. $\phi_x : L \rightarrow L, y \mapsto xy$

Define the trace of x is $tr(\phi_x)$, norm is $\det \phi_x$, where ϕ_x viewed as a K -linear transformation. Obv that trace and norm belongs to K .

Productivity: $N(ab) = N(a)N(b)$

E.g. In $\mathbb{Q}[2 + \sqrt{3}]/\mathbb{Q}$, $Nm(2 + \sqrt{-3}) = 7$. (Which has a direct relation with the complex cases.)

Prop. L/K finite extensions of fields of char 0. $n = [L : K]$, $\tau : K \rightarrow \Omega$ is a fixed embedding into its algebraic closure.

Then $\exists n$ distinct embedding $\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n : L \rightarrow \Omega$, s.t. $\sigma_i|_K = \tau$; and all of the embeddings $\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n$ are linear independent.

$$\text{Tr}_{L/K}(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i(x)$$

$$\text{Nm}_{L/K}(x) = \prod_{i=1}^n \sigma_i(x)$$

Pf: Fact $\text{Tr}_{L/K}(x) = [L : K(x)] \text{Tr}_{K(x)/K}(x)$; $\text{Nm}_{L/K}(x) = \text{Nm}_{K(x)/K}(x)^{[L:K(x)]}$

Say $f(T) = T^n + \dots \in K[T]$ is the minimal polynomial of x . Then

$\text{Tr}_{K(x)/K}(x) = -a_1 = \sum \{\text{roots of } f\} = \sum \sigma_i(x)$, similarly we get similar results for the norms.

Prop. Consider $L \times L \rightarrow K : (x, y) \mapsto \text{Tr}_{L/K}(xy)$ which leads to a quad. form, it is non-degenerate.

Cor. $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n$ are $n = [L : K]$ elements of L . Then $(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)$ is a K -basis of $L \iff \det(\text{Tr}_{L/K}(\alpha_i \alpha_j)) \neq 0$

$$K^n \longrightarrow L \longrightarrow K^n$$

Hint. Consider: $(x_i) \longrightarrow \sum x_i \alpha_i$

$$x \longrightarrow (\text{Tr}(x \alpha_i))$$

Discriminants

Discriminants. Consider K/\mathbb{Q} , $n = [K : \mathbb{Q}]$, $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n \in K$, define the discriminant $\det(\text{Tr}(\alpha_i \alpha_j))$.

Lem.(1) $\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n$ are embeddings of K into $\bar{\mathbb{Q}}$, then

$$\text{Disc}(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) = \det(\sigma_i(\alpha_j))^2$$

(2) $(\beta_1, \dots, \beta_n) = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)C$, where $C \in M_{n \times n}(K)$, then
 $Disc(\beta_1, \dots, \beta_n) = Disc(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)(\det C)^2$

E.g. $f(T) \in \mathbb{Q}[T]$ the minimal polynomial of $\alpha \in K$, then

$$Disc(1, \alpha, \dots, \alpha^{n-1}) = \begin{cases} 0 & \deg f < n \\ (-1)^{n(n-1)/2} N_{K/\mathbb{Q}}(f(\alpha)) & \deg f = n \end{cases}$$

Prop. \mathcal{O}_K is a free abelian group of rank n .

Pf. $(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)$ the basis of K/\mathbb{Q}

Given $M = \oplus \mathbb{Z}\alpha_i \subseteq \mathcal{O}_K$

Consider the dual basis α_i^* such that $Tr_{K/\mathbb{Q}}(\alpha_i^* \alpha_j) = \delta_{ij}$, thus we get the dual span
 $M^* = \oplus_i \mathbb{Z}\alpha_i^* = \{x \in K | Tr_{K/\mathbb{Q}}(xy) \in \mathbb{Z} \forall y \in M\}$, thus $\mathcal{O}_K \subseteq M^*$

Moreover $|M^*/M| = |Disc(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)|$ finite, thus \mathcal{O}_K must be a rank n free abelian group.

Definition. A basis $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n$ of K/\mathbb{Q} is called an integral basis if it is a basis of \mathcal{O}_K/\mathbb{Z}

(From the prop. previously shown, it is a reasonable definition)

Definition. $\Delta_K = Disc(\text{integral basis}) \in \mathbb{Z}$ is invariant under changes of the integral basis. It is called the discriminant of K

Invariant property comes from the following fact:

Since $(\beta_1, \dots, \beta_n) = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)C$; $(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) = (\beta_1, \dots, \beta_n)D$

Thus $Disc(\beta) = Disc(\alpha)(\det C)^2$; $Disc(\alpha) = Disc(\beta)(\det D)^2$, since integrality,
 $Disc(\alpha) = Disc(\beta)$

Prop. $\alpha \in \mathcal{O}_K$ s.t. $K = \mathbb{Q}(\alpha)$, $f(T) \in \mathbb{Z}[T]$ being its minimum polynomial. Assume $p^2 \mid \text{Disc}(1, \alpha, \dots, \alpha^{n-1})$.

If \exists is. t. $f(T + i)$ is a p -Eisenstein polynomial, then $\mathcal{O}_K = \mathbb{Z}[\alpha]$

Lem. $\beta_1, \dots, \beta_n \in \mathcal{O}_K$ s.t. β_i a basis of K/\mathbb{Q} , then β_i integral basis $\iff \forall p^2 \mid \text{Disc}(\beta_i)$, $\nexists x_1 \in \{0, \dots, p-1\}$ s.t. \exists not all 0 coefficients x_i s.t. $\sum x_i \beta_i \in p\mathcal{O}_K$.

Pf: Take α_i a integral basis, assume β_i is not a integral basis, $(\beta_i) = (\alpha_i)C$, then $|\det C| \neq 1$. Take $p \mid |\det C|$, consider $\bar{C} = C \pmod p$, $\exists \bar{x}_i \in \mathbb{F}_p$, $\bar{C}\bar{x} = 0$

Then we get $\sum x_i \beta_i \in p\mathcal{O}_K$.

Conversely if $\sum x_i \beta_i \in p\mathcal{O}_K$, then $p \mid \det C$, thus $\det C \neq 1$.

Now back to the prop.

For $x = \frac{1}{p} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} x_i \alpha^i$, we need to show $x \notin \mathcal{O}_K$. Take $j = \min\{i \mid x_i \neq 0\}$,

$$N_{K/\mathbb{Q}}(x) = \frac{N_{K/\mathbb{Q}}(\alpha^j)}{p^n} N_{K/\mathbb{Q}}(\sum_{i=j}^{n-1} x_i \alpha^{i-j})$$

Since $\frac{N_{K/\mathbb{Q}}(\alpha^j)}{p^n} = \frac{((-1)^n a_n)^j}{p^n}$, $p \nmid a_n$, we only need to show $p \nmid N_{K/\mathbb{Q}}(\sum_{i=j}^{n-1} x_i \alpha^{i-j})$

However $N_{K/\mathbb{Q}}(\sum_{i=j}^{n-1} x_i \alpha^{i-j}) = \prod_{k=1}^n (x_j + x_{j-1} \sigma_k(\alpha)^{i-j} \dots)$, from calculating we get the result, thus $N_{K/\mathbb{Q}}(x) \notin \mathbb{Z}$, hence the result.

E.g. Cyclotomic Extension.

Consider $p^2 \mid \text{Disc}(1, \dots, \zeta_{p^n}^{p^n-p})$, $\Phi_{p^n}(x+1)$ Eisenstein, thus $\mathcal{O}_{K[\zeta_{p^n}]} = \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_{p^n}]$

Prop. Assume $K \cap L = \mathbb{Q}$, $d = \gcd(\Delta_K, \Delta_L)$, then $\mathcal{O}_{KL} \subset \frac{1}{d} \mathcal{O}_K \mathcal{O}_L$

Pf. Take $(\alpha_i), (\beta_i)$ a integral basis of $\mathcal{O}_K, \mathcal{O}_L$, let $x \in \mathcal{O}_{KL}$, then $x = \sum_{i,j} \frac{x_{ij}}{r} \alpha_i \beta_j$

We need to show $r|d$, i.e. $r|\Delta_K$

3. Ideal Class Group

Def. (Fractional ideal) A fractional ideal is a sub \mathcal{O}_K -mod of K , say I , s.t.
 $\exists d \in \mathcal{O}_K, dI \subseteq \mathcal{O}_K$

Prop. Define $I^{-1} = \{x \in K | xI \subseteq \mathcal{O}_K\}$, then I^{-1} is also a fractional ideal.

Given a fractional ideal I , exists integral ideal s.t. $I = I_1 I_2^{-1}$.

Def. (Ideal Class Group) $Cl_K = \{\text{fractional ideals}\} / \{\text{principle ones}\}$

Thus Cl_K measures how far a Dedekind domain is from a PID.

Norm

Def. $I \subseteq \mathcal{O}_K$, define $N(I) = \#(\mathcal{O}_K/I)$

Prop. $I = (x)$, $N(I) = N_{K/\mathbb{Q}}(x)$; $N(IJ) = N(I)N(J)$;

$\forall n, \exists \text{finite many } I, N(I) = n$

Proof of the Main Theorem

Theorem. (Minkowski Bound)

$K, n = [K : \mathbb{Q}], r_2 =$ pairs of complex inclusion. $(\sigma, \bar{\sigma})$, $r_1 =$ numbers of real inclusion.
Thus $n = r_1 + 2r_2$.

\forall ideal class contains an integral ideal \mathfrak{a} , s.t. $N(\mathfrak{a}) \leq (4/\pi)^{r_2} \cdot n! / n^n \cdot \sqrt{|\Delta_K|}$.

Lem. Given a lattice $\Lambda \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$, $X \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ centrally symmetric convex connected space,
 $\mu(X) > 2^n \mu(\mathbb{R}^n / \Lambda)$