

Q2i: First suppose that  $I$  is principal. Then for some  $a + b\sqrt{-5}$ , we have  $I = (a + b\sqrt{-5})$ . Since  $2 \in I$  for some  $\alpha \in \mathcal{R}$ ,  $\alpha(a + b\sqrt{-5}) = 2$ . Taking the usual norm we get

$$4 = N(\alpha)(a^2 + 5b^2).$$

Since both sides are strictly positive we must have that  $a^2 + 5b^2 = 1$  or  $2$ . If  $a^2 + 5b^2 = 1$  then the only solution over  $\mathbb{Z}$  is  $(a, b) = (1, 0)$ . Therefore  $I = (1)$  which is clearly absurd since this implies that  $\mathcal{R} = I$  which is not true. The equation  $a^2 + 5b^2 = 2$  has no solutions over  $\mathbb{Z}$ . Thus  $I$  is not principle. Similarly, if  $J = (a + b\sqrt{-5})$  for some  $a + b\sqrt{-5}$ . Then for some  $\beta \in \mathcal{R}$ , we have that  $3 = \beta(a + b\sqrt{-5})$  and so taking norms get

$$9 = N(\beta)(a^2 + 5b^2).$$

Similarly to  $I$ ,  $a^2 + 5b^2$  must be  $1, 3$  or  $9$ . If it is equal to  $1$ , we have that  $(a, b) = (1, 0)$  which can not be for the same reason as  $I$ . If we have  $a^2 + 5b^2 = 3$ , we see that this has no solutions over the naturals. Finally if  $a^2 + 5b^2 = 9$ , possible solutions for  $(a, b)$  will be  $(3, 0)$  and  $(2, 1)$ . We have that  $(3, 0)$  does not generate the ideal for a similar reason as  $1$  does not. Finally we show that  $I \neq (2 + \sqrt{-5})$ . Since  $3 \in I$ , there must be some  $c + d\sqrt{-5}$  with  $(2 + \sqrt{-5})(c + d\sqrt{-5}) = 3$ . We can solve this to get that  $2c - 5d = 3, 2d + c = 0$ . This has no solutions over  $\mathbb{Z}$ . Thus this ideal is not principal.

Q2ii: We have that  $I^2 = (4, 2 - 2\sqrt{-5}, -4 - 2\sqrt{-5})$ . We wish to find some  $r \in I^2$  so that  $I^2 = (r)$ . Note that any element  $i$  in  $I^2$  must be written of the form

$$i = 4(a_1 + b_1\sqrt{-5}) + (2 - 2\sqrt{-5})(a_2 + b_2\sqrt{-5}) + (-4 - 2\sqrt{-5})(a_3 + b_3\sqrt{-5}).$$

Expanding this out we get

$$i = 2(2a_1 + 2b_2\sqrt{-5} + a_2 + b_2\sqrt{-5} - a_2\sqrt{-5} + 5b_2 + -2a_3 - 2b_3\sqrt{-5} - a_3\sqrt{-5} + 5b_3).$$

We can write any element of  $I$  as 2 times an arbitrary element of  $\mathcal{R}$ . Therefore,  $I = (2)$  and so it is principal.

Q2iii: Note that  $IJ = (6, 3 - 3\sqrt{-5}, 2 - 2\sqrt{-5}, (1 - \sqrt{-5})^2)$ . We can write

$$6 = 1^2 + 5^2 = (1 - \sqrt{-5})(1 + \sqrt{-5}).$$

Therefore every element that generates  $IJ$  is a multiple of  $1 - \sqrt{-5}$ . Therefore  $IJ = (1 - \sqrt{-5})$