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2. Let K be a number field, and let I be an ideal in \mathcal{O}_K . If $\alpha \in I$, prove that $N(\alpha) \in I$.

Proof

Recall the definition of $N(\alpha)$.

$$N(\alpha) = \prod_{i=1}^n \sigma_i(\alpha)$$

where each $\sigma_i(\alpha)$ are the embedded images of α and n is the degree of the extension. WLOG, we claim that $\sigma_1(\alpha) = \alpha$. If $n = 1$, then the norm of α equals to α and the theorem becomes trivial. Assume $n > 1$.

It suffices to show that the following product is an element of \mathcal{O}_K :

$$P := \prod_{i=2}^n \sigma_i(\alpha)$$

Notice:

$$N(\alpha) = \alpha \cdot P$$

by strong closure of ideals, $\alpha \in I$ implies the product implies that the Norm is in I . Nonetheless, it must be shown that the product P is in the ring.

Consider the field polynomial of α . It must be a polynomial over \mathbb{Z} . Call it $f(t)$. Write:

$$f(t)/(t - \alpha) = \prod_{i=2}^n (t - \sigma_i(\alpha))$$

By polynomial long division, we notice that the constant term of the LHS is some constant within \mathcal{O}_K . By Viète's relation, that constant term is exactly the desired product P .

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5. Prove that if d is an integer that satisfies:

1. $d \equiv 2, 3 \pmod{4}$
2. $5 \nmid d$

then $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{d}]$ is not a UFD.

Proposition We first show that for any ring element $\alpha := a + b\sqrt{d}$, $\sqrt{d}|\alpha$ if and only if $d|a$.

(\Rightarrow) If $d|a$, there exists some element $\xi \in \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{d}]$ that satisfies $a = d\xi$. Thus, $a = -\sqrt{d} \cdot (\sqrt{d}\xi)$.

Write:

$$a + b\sqrt{d} = \sqrt{d}(\xi\sqrt{d} + b)$$

which concludes this side of the proof.

(\Leftarrow) $\sqrt{d}|\alpha$ implies $\sqrt{d}|a$ in the ring $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{d}]$. Again, write a in terms of multiples of ξ .

$$a = \sqrt{d}\xi$$

Multiply by the algebraic conjugate both side.

$$a^2 = \sqrt{d}(-\sqrt{d})(\xi)(\bar{\xi}) = -dN(\xi)$$

Looking at the equation in the ring \mathbb{Z} , we conclude that $d|a^2$ and thus $d|a$, for d is squarefree.

Proof We claim that \sqrt{d} must be a unit. Assume for a contradiction, that there is a pair of nonunit elements, α, β that multiply to become \sqrt{d} . Taking the norm:

$$-d = N(\alpha\beta) = N(\alpha)N(\beta)$$

For α, β are non-units, they must both have an absolute norm greater than

$$\sqrt{d} = \alpha(\beta/\sqrt{d})\sqrt{d}$$

And by cancellation:

$$1 = \alpha(\beta/\sqrt{d})$$

So α must be a unit, hence a contradiction.

Try the other case, when $d|(1+b^2e^2)$. $\gcd(d, e) = 1$ for this case, and since $d|ae$, $d|a$ necessarily. Again, by the logic used in the previous case, \sqrt{d} must divide α and by cancellation. We end up with β unit, a contradiction. ∇

We have demonstrated that \sqrt{d} is irreducible. \checkmark

If $d \equiv 2$, then $2|d$. Also, $5|d$ so d is a composite integer. We come up with two decomposition for d in the ring $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{d}]$:

$$\sqrt{d}\sqrt{d} = 2 \cdot (d/2)$$

We claim that \sqrt{d} is not prime, though it is irreducible. If \sqrt{d} is prime, it must divide one of 2 or $d/2$. However, by our proposition, the division must also hold in the ring \mathbb{Z} , which is not the case. We have found an irreducible that is not prime, and this shows that $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{d}]$ is not a UFD.

We may use a similar claim for $d \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$. Since $5|d$, unless $d = -5$, d is composite. We repeat the same argument above, replacing 2 by 5. That is, $d = 5 \cdot (d/5)$.

Finally, it remains to show that $\mathbb{Z}[-5]$ is not a UFD. Consider the following:

$$(1 + \sqrt{-5})(1 - \sqrt{-5}) = 2 \cdot 3$$

2, 3 are prime, since their norms are 4, 9 respectively. For either of them to have a nonunit divisor, there must exist some ring element that has a norm of 2 or 3, which is not possible. 2 clearly doesn't divide any of the terms in the LHS. Thus, 2 is an irreducible that is not a prime. This concludes the proof.

□===== 7. Show that $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-d})$ is not a UFD where

$d = 2, 3 \pmod{4}$ and $d = 0 \pmod{5}$, d squarefree.

Solution

For utility, we will show that $\sqrt{-5n} | (a + b\sqrt{-5n})$ iff $5n|a$.

Start with the forward direction. Write $d = -5n$. Since d is squarefree, n is also a squarefree integer. $\sqrt{-5n} | (a + b\sqrt{-5n})$ implies $\sqrt{-5n} | a$. Again, write a in terms of multiples of ξ .

$$a = \sqrt{-5n}\xi$$

Multiply by the algebraic conjugate both side.

$$a^2 = \sqrt{-5n} - (\sqrt{-5n})(\xi)(\bar{\xi}) = 5nN(\xi)$$

Looking at the equation in the ring \mathbb{Z} , we conclude that $5n|a^2$ and thus $5n|a$, for $5n$ is squarefree.

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8. Consider the ring $R = \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-3}]$. Let $I := \langle 2, 1 + \sqrt{-3} \rangle$ be an ideal in R .

(i) Prove that $I \neq \langle 2 \rangle$ in R

Proof The element $1 + \sqrt{-3}$ is in the ideal I , but it is not in $\langle 2 \rangle$. Assume for a contradiction, $1 + \sqrt{-3} \in \langle 2 \rangle$. For some element $\xi \in R$:

$$1 + \sqrt{-3} = 2\xi$$

Write $\xi = a + b\sqrt{-3}$ where a, b are integers.

$$1 + \sqrt{-3} = 2a + 2b\sqrt{-3}$$

The coefficients must match, so $2a = 1$ for some integer a . There is no integer solution, and we conclude that $1 + \sqrt{-3}$ is not in $\langle 2 \rangle$

(2) Prove that $I^2 = \langle 2 \rangle I$

Proof Recall the identity:

$$\langle a, b \rangle^2 = \langle a^2, ab, b^2 \rangle$$

Rewrite the LHS:

$$I^2 = \langle 2, 1 + \sqrt{-3} \rangle^2 = \langle 4, 2 + 2\sqrt{-3}, 1 - 3 + 2\sqrt{-3} \rangle = \langle 4, 2 + 2\sqrt{-3}, 2 - 2\sqrt{-3} \rangle$$

Notice:

$$4 - (2 + 2\sqrt{-3}) = 2 - 2\sqrt{-3}$$

We write:

$$I^2 = \langle 4, 2 + 2\sqrt{-3} \rangle$$

Moving on to the RHS:

$$\langle 2 \rangle I = \langle 2 \rangle \langle 2, 1 + \sqrt{-3} \rangle = \langle 4, 2 + 2\sqrt{-3} \rangle$$

We conclude:

$$I^2 = \langle 2 \rangle I$$

(iii) Is R a dedekind domain?

Claim No R is not a dedekind domain.

Proof First establish two propositions. First of all, 2 is irreducible in the ring R . Assume for a contradiction that 2 is reducible. Write:

$$(a + b\sqrt{-3})(c + d\sqrt{-3}) = 2$$

where $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{Z}$

Multiplying both sides by the algebraic conjugate, we get:

$$(a^2 + 3b^2)(c^2 + 3d^2) = 2 \cdot \bar{2} = 4$$

If either one of the two terms equal 1, then $(a, b) = (\pm 1, 0)$ or $(c, d) = (\pm 1, 0)$ which in case shows that 2 is irreducible. Thus, we consider $(a^2 + 3b^2) = 2$. However, this equation has no integer solution, since $|b| < 1$ but then $a^2 = 0$ which has no solution.

The second proposition is that I is a proper ideal. It suffices to show that $1 \notin I$. Assume $1 \in I$ for a contradiction. Write:

$$2(a + b\sqrt{-3}) + (1 + \sqrt{-3})(c + d\sqrt{-3}) = 1$$

Where $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{Z}$ Comparing coefficients, we deduce:

$$2a + c + 3d = 1$$

$$2b - c + d = 0$$

Adding up, we get:

$$2a + 4d = 1$$

But the LHS is even while the RHS is odd. We have reached a contradiction and indeed I is proper.

I is not a dedekind domain. The ideal $\langle 2 \rangle$ is a prime ideal, for 2 is irreducible. Clearly, $\langle 2 \rangle \subsetneq \langle 2, 1 + \sqrt{-3} \rangle = I$. On part(1), we showed that the two ideals are distinct. By the proposition established, I is a proper Ideal. Thus $\langle 2 \rangle$ is a prime ideal that is not maximal. R is not a dedekind domain. \square

9. Show in $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-5}]$ that $\sqrt{-5} | (a + b\sqrt{-5})$ iff $5 | a$. Deduce that $\sqrt{-5}$ is prime in $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-5}]$. Hence, conclude that the element 5 factors uniquely in this ring, even if the ring is not a UFD.

Proof (\Leftarrow) If $5 | a$, there exists some element $\xi \in \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-5}]$ that satisfies $a = 5\xi$. Thus, $a = -\sqrt{-5} \cdot (\sqrt{-5}\xi)$.

Write:

$$a + b\sqrt{-5} = \sqrt{-5}(-\xi\sqrt{-5} + b)$$

which concludes this side of the proof.

(\Rightarrow) $\sqrt{-5} | (a + b\sqrt{-5})$ implies $\sqrt{-5} | a$. Again, write a in terms of multiples of ξ .

$$a = \sqrt{-5}\xi$$

Multiply by the algebraic conjugate both side.

$$a^2 = \sqrt{-5} - (\sqrt{-5})(\xi)(\bar{\xi}) = 5N(\xi)$$

Looking at the equation in the ring \mathbb{Z} , we conclude that $5 | a^2$ and thus $5 | a$, for 5 is prime.

Take any two elements α, β in the ring $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-5}]$. Assume that the product is divisible by $\sqrt{-5}$. Write:

$$\alpha := a + b\sqrt{-5}, \beta := c + d\sqrt{-5}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha\beta &= (a + b\sqrt{-5})(c + d\sqrt{-5}) \\ &= ac - 5bd + \sqrt{-5}(ad + bc)\end{aligned}$$

The real part of the product must be divisible by 5, by the proposition that we have proven. $5|(ac - 5bd)$ so $5|ac$. WLOG, $5|a$. Again, by the proposition, $\sqrt{-5}|\alpha$ as desired.

Move on to factorize 5. $5 = -(\sqrt{-5})^2$. Any irreducible factorization of 5 must include two associates of $\sqrt{-5}$. Assume we have another factorization that has more irreducibles other than these two associates. After cancellation, we are left with a set of irreducibles that multiply up to a unit, which is impossible for all irreducibles are nonunits. We conclude that the factorization is unique up to associates.

10. In domain D , a principal ideal $\langle p \rangle$ is prime iff p is zero or prime.

Proof (\Leftarrow) If $p = 0$, then the ideal $\langle p \rangle = 0$. The zero ideal must be prime, for integral domains don't have zero divisor. Suppose p is prime, but $\langle p \rangle$ is not a prime ideal. It is possible to obtain two elements $a, b \in D$ such that $a, b \notin \langle p \rangle$ but $ab \in \langle p \rangle$. This means $p|ab$. Since p is prime, $p|a$ WLOG. This implies $a \in \langle p \rangle$ which is a contradiction.

(\Rightarrow) Assume that $\langle p \rangle$ is a prime ideal, but p is nonzero and nonprime. For p is nonprime, write:

$$pq = ab$$

for $a, b \in D$ which are nonzero and nonunits, and some $q \in D$. Recall that in a domain, an ideal is prime iff the domain mod ideal is also a domain. Since $\langle p \rangle$ is domain by assumption, the fractional domain $D/\langle p \rangle$ must have no zero divisors.

We claim that $a + \langle p \rangle$ and $b + \langle p \rangle$ are zero divisors. Clearly, both of them are nonzero by assumption. Write:

$$(a + \langle p \rangle)(b + \langle p \rangle) = ab + \langle p \rangle$$

and notice that $ab \in \langle p \rangle$ so indeed the coset is the zero coset. \square