

1. Let H, I, J be nonzero ideals in dedekind domain D . Given $HI = HJ$, prove $I = J$.

Proof We show $I \subseteq J$. Then, by symmetry, $J \subseteq I$, which shows $I = J$.

We know that any ideal in a dedekind domain has an inverse ideal. The ideal H has some ideal H' such that $H'H = \langle \alpha \rangle$ for some nonzero element $\alpha \in H$. Write:

$$H'HI = H'HJ \quad \text{or} \quad \langle \alpha \rangle I = \langle \alpha \rangle J$$

For any element $i \in I$, we extract $\alpha i = \alpha j$ for some $j \in J$. D is a domain, so by cancellation, $i = j$. We conclude $I \subseteq J$ and thus $I = J$. \square

2. Let $R := \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-3}]$. Also, define an ideal in R , $I = \langle 2, 1 + \sqrt{-3} \rangle$.

- Prove $I \neq \langle 2 \rangle$
- Prove $I^2 = \langle 2 \rangle I$
- Is R a dedekind domain?

Solution We start with showing that I is not equal to the principal ideal generated by 2. Assume for a contradiction, that indeed $I = \langle 2 \rangle$. Then, it must be $1 + \sqrt{-3} \in \langle 2 \rangle$. There must be some element $r \in R$ such that:

$$2r = 1 + \sqrt{-3} \quad \text{or} \quad r = \frac{1 + \sqrt{-3}}{2}$$

by expanding our search to the field of quotients. However, $r \notin \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-3}]$, for the field of quotients is indeed a field, and inverses are unique. We reach a contradiction and $I \neq \langle 2 \rangle$. \square

We move on to show $I^2 = \langle 2 \rangle I$. By ideal algebra:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle 2, 1 + \sqrt{-3} \rangle^2 &= \langle 4, 2 + 2\sqrt{-3}, (1 + \sqrt{-3})^2 \rangle \\ \langle 4, 2 + 2\sqrt{-3}, -2 + 2\sqrt{-3} \rangle &= \langle 2 \rangle \langle 2, 1 + \sqrt{-3}, -1 + \sqrt{-3} \rangle \end{aligned}$$

Notice that $-1 + \sqrt{-3} = 1 + \sqrt{-3} - 2$. Thus, we conclude:

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

as desired. \square

Sadly, R is not a dedekind domain. In a dedekind domain, ideals cancel out. Thus $I^2 = \langle 2 \rangle I$ implies $I = \langle 2 \rangle$, which we have proven to be false on the first part. \nexists

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3. Prove that $\langle 3, 1 \pm \sqrt{-5} \rangle$ are prime ideals in the ring $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-5}]$

Proof Denote $I := \langle 3, 1 + \sqrt{-5} \rangle$ Consider the following line of Ideal algebra:

$$\langle 3, 1 + \sqrt{-5} \rangle^2 = \langle 9, 3 + 3\sqrt{-5}, -4 + 2\sqrt{-5} \rangle$$

We can add a ring multiple of one entry and add to another generator and still get the same ideal. Thus:

$$\begin{aligned} &= \langle 9, 3 + 3\sqrt{-5} + 4 - 2\sqrt{-5}, -4 + 2\sqrt{-5} \rangle = \langle 9, 7 + \sqrt{-5}, -4 + 2\sqrt{-5} \rangle \\ &= \langle 9, 7 + \sqrt{-5}, -4 + 2\sqrt{-5} - 14 - 2\sqrt{-5} \rangle = \langle 9, 7 + \sqrt{-5}, -18 \rangle \\ &= \langle 9, 7 + \sqrt{-5} \rangle = \langle 9, -2 + \sqrt{-5} \rangle = \langle -2 + \sqrt{-5} \rangle = \langle 2 - \sqrt{-5} \rangle \end{aligned}$$

In fact, this ideal is a prime ideal. This is because the element $2 - \sqrt{-5}$ is prime in the ring $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-5}]$. According to the textbook, $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-5}]$ is indeed a UFD, so it suffices to show that $2 - \sqrt{-5}$ is irreducible. The element has a norm of 9. Assuming that this element has a nonunit divisor, the norm of the divisor must necessarily be 3.

Assume, for some $(a + b\sqrt{-5})|(2 - \sqrt{-5})$:

$$N(a + b\sqrt{-5}) = 3 \quad \text{And} \quad a^2 + 5b^2 = 3$$

Clearly, there are no integer solutions for a, b . Hence the element is irreducible, and the principal ideal generated by it is also prime. I^2 must be prime, but then, $I|I^2$. This means, by ideal cancellation, $I = R$. (Ideal cancellation is justified for $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-5}]$ is a ring of integers, and all ring of integers are dedekind domains).

We derive a contradiction by demonstrating that I^2 is proper. If $I = R$, $I^2 = R = \langle 1 \rangle$. Thus, $1 \in \langle 2 - \sqrt{-5} \rangle$, so the multiplicative inverse of $2 - \sqrt{-5}$ must be in the ring R . Again, in the ring of quotients,

$$\frac{1}{2 - \sqrt{-5}} = \frac{2 + \sqrt{-5}}{9}$$

and the latter element is clearly not in the ring $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-5}] \nmid$

For the ideal $I' := \langle 3, 1 - \sqrt{-5} \rangle$, it suffices to show that I'^2 is principal of a nonunit element. We can then repeat the argument above. The following lines of algebra concludes the proof:

$$\begin{aligned} &\langle 3, 1 - \sqrt{-5} \rangle^2 = \langle 9, 3 - 3\sqrt{-5}, -4 - 2\sqrt{-5} \rangle \\ &= \langle 9, 3 - 3\sqrt{-5} + 4 + 2\sqrt{-5}, -4 - 2\sqrt{-5} \rangle = \langle 9, 7 - \sqrt{-5}, -4 - 2\sqrt{-5} \rangle \\ &= \langle 9, 7 - \sqrt{-5}, -4 - 2\sqrt{-5} - 14 + 2\sqrt{-5} \rangle = \langle 9, 7 - \sqrt{-5}, -18 \rangle \\ &= \langle 9, 7 - \sqrt{-5} \rangle = \langle 9, -2 - \sqrt{-5} \rangle = \langle 2 + \sqrt{-5} \rangle \end{aligned}$$

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