

# Number theory assignment 02

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**7. Let  $I$  and  $J$  be coprime ideals in a commutative ring  $R$  satisfying an equality of ideals  $IJ = K^n$ . Let's show that we have  $I = (I + K)^n$  and  $J = (J + K)^n$**

•  $(I + K)^n \subseteq I$

We have

$$(I + K)^n = \left\{ \text{finite } \sum (x_{i_1} + z_{i_1})(x_{i_2} + z_{i_2}) \dots (x_{i_n} + z_{i_n}) : (x_{i_j}, z_{i_j}) \in I \times K \right\}$$

Let  $X = \sum (x_{i_1} + z_{i_1})(x_{i_2} + z_{i_2}) \dots (x_{i_n} + z_{i_n}) : (x_{i_j}, z_{i_j}) \in (I + K)^n$ .

We have:

$$\begin{aligned} X &= \sum (x_{i_1} + z_{i_1})(x_{i_2} + z_{i_2}) \dots (x_{i_n} + z_{i_n}) : (x_{i_j}, z_{i_j}) \\ &= \sum (x_{i_1}x_{i_2} + x_{i_1}z_{i_2} + z_{i_1}x_{i_2} + z_{i_1}z_{i_2})(x_{i_3} + z_{i_3}) \dots (x_{i_n} + z_{i_n}) \\ &= \sum \underbrace{(x_{i_1}x_{i_2})}_{\in I^2 \subseteq I} + \underbrace{x_{i_1}z_{i_2}}_{\in I} + \underbrace{z_{i_1}x_{i_2}}_{\in I} + \underbrace{z_{i_1}z_{i_2}}_{\in K^2} (x_{i_3} + z_{i_3}) \dots (x_{i_n} + z_{i_n}) \\ &\quad \vdots \\ &= \sum \underbrace{(x_{i_1}x_{i_2} \dots x_{i_n})}_{\in I^n \subseteq I} + \underbrace{x_{i_1}(\dots)}_{\in I} + \underbrace{x_{i_2}(\dots)}_{\in I} + \dots + \underbrace{x_{i_n}(\dots)}_{\in I} + \underbrace{z_{i_1}z_{i_2} \dots z_{i_n}}_{\in K^n = IJ \subseteq I} \in I \end{aligned}$$

It follows that  $X \in I$  and so  $(I + K)^n \subseteq I$ .

•  $I \subseteq (I + K)^2$

Let  $x \in I$ . Since  $I$  and  $J$  are coprime ( $I + J = R$ ), then there exist  $x_0 \in I, y_0 \in J$  such that  $x_0 + y_0 = 1$ . Then we have :

$$\begin{aligned} x &= x(x_0 + y_0) \\ &= xx_0 + \underbrace{xy_0}_{\in IJ = K^n} \\ &= (x(x_0 + y_0))x_0 + xy_0 \text{ substituting } x \text{ in the first term by } x(x_0 + y_0) \\ &= \underbrace{xx_0^2}_{\in I^3} + \underbrace{xy_0 + xx_0y_0}_{\in IJ = K^n} \\ &= (x(x_0 + y_0))x_0^2 + \underbrace{xy_0 + xx_0y_0}_{\in IJ = K^n} \text{ substituting } x \text{ in the first term by } x(x_0 + y_0) \\ &= \underbrace{xx_0^3}_{\in I^4} + \underbrace{xx_0^2y_0 + xy_0 + xx_0y_0}_{\in IJ = K^n} \\ &\quad \vdots \\ &= \underbrace{xx_0^{n-1}}_{\in I^n} + \underbrace{xy_0(\dots)}_{\in IJ = K^n} \in I^n + K^n \end{aligned}$$

But we have  $(I + K)^n = I^n + K^n + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \binom{n}{i} I^i K^{n-i}$ , where  $\binom{n}{i} = \frac{n!}{i!(n-i)!}$ .

So  $I^n + K^n \subseteq (I + K)^n$  and we conclude that  $I \subseteq (I + K)^n$ .

Therefore  $I = (I + K)^n$  and by symmetry we have  $J = (J + K)^n$ .

## 8. We take $A = \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-6}]$ .

### (a) Let's determine the primes of $A$ of norm $\leq 8$

Let  $x = a + b\sqrt{-6} \in A$ . We have  $N(x) = a^2 + 6b^2$

There is no element of  $A$  of norm  $N \in \{2, 3, 5, 8\}$  because the equation  $a^2 + 6b^2 = N$  does not have a solution in  $\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$

for  $N \in \{2, 3, 5, 8\}$ .

- If  $a^2 + 6b^2 = 1$ , then  $x = a + b\sqrt{-6} \in A^*$ .
- If  $a^2 + 6b^2 = 4$ , then  $a = \pm 2$  and  $b = 0$ .  
If  $x = \alpha\beta$ , with  $\alpha, \beta \in A$  then

$$N(x) = N(\alpha\beta) = N(\alpha)N(\beta) = 4$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} N(\alpha) = 1 \\ N(\beta) = 4 \end{cases} \quad \text{or} \quad \begin{cases} N(\alpha) = 4 \\ N(\beta) = 1 \end{cases} \quad \text{or} \quad \begin{cases} N(\alpha) = 2 \\ N(\beta) = 2 \end{cases} \text{ impossible}$$

. Then  $\alpha$  is a unit or  $\beta$  is a unit. So 2 and  $-2$  are primes of norm 4.

- If  $a^2 + 6b^2 = 6 \times 1 = 2 \times 3$ , then  $a = 0$  and  $b = \pm 1$  and since there is no element of norm 2 or 3 then  $x = 6$  and  $x = -6$  are primes of norm 6.
- If  $a^2 + 6b^2 = 7 = 7 \times 1$ , then  $a = \pm 1$  and  $b = \pm 1$ . Using the same reasoning it comes that  $x = -1 - \sqrt{-6}$ ,  $x = -1 + \sqrt{-6}$ ,  $x = 1 - \sqrt{-6}$  and  $x = 1 + \sqrt{-6}$  are primes of norm 7.

Then all primes of  $A$  of norm  $\leq 8$  are  $x = 2$ ,  $x = -2$ ,  $x = -6$ ,  $x = 6$ ,  $x = -1 - \sqrt{-6}$ ,  $x = -1 + \sqrt{-6}$ ,  $x = 1 - \sqrt{-6}$  and  $x = 1 + \sqrt{-6}$ .

### (b)

Let's show that 15 has two distinct factorizations into irreducible elements in  $A$ .

We have:

$$15 = 3 \cdot 5 = (3 + \sqrt{-6})(3 - \sqrt{-6})$$

- We have  $N(3) = 9 \times 1 = 3^2$  and there is no element of norm 3. So if  $3 = \alpha\beta$  then  $\alpha$  is a unit or  $\beta$  is a unit. Thus 3 is irreducible.
- Also  $N(5) = 25 = 5^2$  and by the same reasoning, 5 is irreducible.
- We have  $N(3 + \sqrt{-6}) = N(3 - \sqrt{-6}) = 15 = 3 \cdot 5$ . Then  $3 + \sqrt{-6}$  and  $3 - \sqrt{-6}$  are irreducible because there is no element of norm 3 or 5.

We conclude that 15 has two distinct factorizations into irreducible elements in  $A$ .

### (c) Let's write $15A$ as a product of prime ideals of $A$

We have  $15A = (3A)(5A)$ .

- In  $\mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$ ,  $-6 = 0$ , a square. So  $3A = (3, \sqrt{-6})^2$ .
- In  $\mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z}$ ,  $-6 = 4$ , a square. So  $5A = (5, \sqrt{-6} - 2)(5, \sqrt{-6} + 2)$

Therefore  $15A = (3, \sqrt{-6})^2(5, \sqrt{-6} - 2)(5, \sqrt{-6} + 2)$ .

## 9.

- $\alpha = 5 + i$

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha\bar{\alpha} &= 5^2 + 1^2 \\ &= 26 \\ \alpha\bar{\alpha} &= 2 \times 13.\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}2 &= 1^2 + 1^2 = (1+i)(1-i) \\ 13 &= 3^2 + 2^2 = (3+2i)(3-2i)\end{aligned}$$

$$\alpha\bar{\alpha} = (1+i)(1-i)(3+2i)(3-2i).$$

Let's find  $\alpha$ .

$$* (3+2i)$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{(5+i)(3-2i)}{(3+2i)(3-2i)} &= \frac{15-10i+3i+2}{13} \\ &= \frac{17-7i}{13} \notin \mathbb{Z}[i].\end{aligned}$$

$(3+2i)$  doesn't divide  $\alpha$ . So  $(3-2i)$  divides it.

$(1+i)$  and  $(1-i)$  divide  $\alpha$ .

$$(3-2i)(1+i) = 3-2i+3i+2 = 5+i$$

**Thus**

$$\boxed{\alpha = 5 + i = (1+i)(3-2i)}$$

- $\beta = 239 + i$

$$\begin{aligned}\beta\bar{\beta} &= 239^2 + 1^2 \\ &= 57122 \\ \beta\bar{\beta} &= 2 \times 13^4.\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}13 &= 3^2 + 2^2 = (3+2i)(3-2i) \\ &= (1+i)(1-i)(3+2i)^4(3-2i)^4. \\ 2 &= 1^2 + 1^2 = (1-i)(1+i)\end{aligned}$$

Let's find  $\beta$ .

$$* (3+2i)$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{(239+i)(3-2i)}{(3+2i)(3-2i)} &= \frac{717-478i+3i+2}{13} \\ &= \frac{719-476i}{13}.\end{aligned}$$

$(3 + 2i)$  doesn't divide  $\beta$  but  $(3 - 2i)$  divides it.  
 $(1 + i)$  and  $(1 - i)$  divide  $\beta$ .  
We have:

$$\begin{aligned}(3 - 2i)^4(1 + i) &= (1 + i)(3 - 2i)^2(3 - 2i)^2 \\ &= (1 + i)(5 - 12i)(5 - 12i) \\ &= (1 + i)(-119 - 120i) \\ \beta &= (3 - 2i)^4(1 + i) = 1 - 239i\end{aligned}$$

So

$$\boxed{\beta = 239 + i = i(1 + i)(3 - 2i)^4}$$

Let's find a relation between  $(5 + i)$  and  $(239 + i)$ .

$$\begin{aligned}(5 + i)^4 &= (1 + i)^4(3 - 2i)^4 \\ &= (1 + i)^3(1 + i)(3 - 2i)^4 \\ &= (1 + i)(1 + i)^2(1 + i)(3 - 2i)^4 \\ &= i(1 - i)(1 + i)^2(1 + i)(3 - 2i)^4 \\ &= (1 - i)(1 + i)^2i(1 + i)(3 - 2i)^4 \\ &= (1 - i)(1 + i)^2(239 + i) \\ &= (1 - i)(1 + i)(1 + i)(239 + i) \\ (5 + i)^4 &= 2(1 + i)(239 + i)\end{aligned}$$

For every complex number  $z = a + bi = re^{i\theta}$ , with  $\theta \notin \frac{\pi}{2} + \pi\mathbb{Z}$ , we have:  $\cos(\theta) = \frac{a}{r}$  and  $\sin(\theta) = \frac{b}{r}$ .  
So  $\tan(\theta) = \frac{\sin(\theta)}{\cos(\theta)} = \frac{b}{a}$  and  $\theta = \arctan(\frac{b}{a})$ .  
Then we have:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Arg}[(5 + i)^4] &= \text{Arg}[2(1 + i)(239 + i)] \Leftrightarrow 4\text{Arg}(5 + i) = \text{Arg}[2(1 + i)] + \text{Arg}(239 + i) \\ &\Leftrightarrow 4\text{Arg}(5 + i) - \text{Arg}(239 + i) = \text{Arg}(2 + 2i) \\ &\Leftrightarrow 4\arctan\left(\frac{1}{5}\right) - \arctan\left(\frac{1}{239}\right) = \arctan\left(\frac{2}{2}\right) \\ &\Leftrightarrow 4\arctan\left(\frac{1}{5}\right) - \arctan\left(\frac{1}{239}\right) = \arctan(1) \\ &\Leftrightarrow 4\arctan\left(\frac{1}{5}\right) - \arctan\left(\frac{1}{239}\right) = \frac{\pi}{4} \\ &\Leftrightarrow 16\arctan\left(\frac{1}{5}\right) - 4\arctan\left(\frac{1}{239}\right) = \pi.\end{aligned}$$

## 11. Let $A$ be a commutative ring and, $I, J \subset A$ two ideals.

(a) Let's show that  $(I \cap J)(I + J) \subseteq IJ$

We have:

$$(I \cap J)(I + J) = \left\{ \text{finite} \sum x_i y_i : x_i \in I \cap J, y_i \in I + J \right\}$$

Let  $X = \sum x_i y_i \in (I \cap J)(I + J)$ .

We have for all  $z \in I \cap J$  and  $a + b \in I + J$ ,  $z(a + b) = \underbrace{za}_{\in IJ} + \underbrace{zb}_{\in IJ} \in IJ$ .

Since  $(I \cap J)(I + J)$  is an ideal then a finite summation of all elements in the form  $z(a + b) : z \in I \cap J, a + b \in I + J$

is an element of  $IJ$ . It follows that  $X = \sum x_i y_i \in (I \cap J)(I + J)$ .

**Therefore**  $(I \cap J)(I + J) \subseteq IJ$ .

• Case  $A = \mathbb{Z}$ .

There exist  $n, m \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $I = n\mathbb{Z}$  and  $J = m\mathbb{Z}$ . Then  $IJ = mn\mathbb{Z}$ ,  $I \cap J = \text{lcm}(m, n)\mathbb{Z}$  and  $I + J = \text{gcd}(m, n)\mathbb{Z}$ .

Let  $l = \text{pcm}(m, n)$  and  $d = \text{gcd}(m, n)$ . We have  $I \cap J = l\mathbb{Z}$ ,  $I + J = d\mathbb{Z}$  and so  $(I \cap J)(I + J) = ld\mathbb{Z}$ .

Since  $\text{lcm}(n, m) \times \text{gcd}(n, m) = n \times m$  for all integers  $n, m$ , then  $ld = mn$ .

**We conclude that**  $(I \cap J)(I + J) = IJ$  in the case  $A = \mathbb{Z}$ .

(b)

Let  $m \geq 1$ , As  $I + J = A$ . Then there exists  $x \in I$  and  $y \in J$  such that  $x + y = 1$ .

Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 1 &= (x + y)^{2m} \\
 &= \sum_{k=0}^{2m} \binom{2m}{k} x^{2m-k} y^k \\
 &= \binom{2m}{0} x^{2m} + \binom{2m}{1} x^{2m-1} y + \binom{2m}{2} x^{2m-2} y^2 + \cdots + \binom{2m}{2m-1} x y^{2m-1} + \binom{2m}{2m} y^{2m} \\
 &= \underbrace{\binom{2m}{0} x^{2m}}_{\in I^{2m} \subset I^m} + \underbrace{\binom{2m}{1} x^{2m-1} y}_{\in I^{2m-1} \subset I^m} + \underbrace{\binom{2m}{2} x^{2m-2} y^2}_{\in I^{2m-2} \subset I^m} + \cdots + \underbrace{\binom{2m}{m} x^m y^m}_{\in I^m} + \underbrace{\binom{2m}{m+1} x^{m-1} y^{m+1}}_{\in J^{m+1} \subset J^m} + \cdots + \underbrace{\binom{2m}{2m} y^{2m}}_{\in J^{2m} \subset J^m}
 \end{aligned}$$

Then  $1 \in I^m + J^m$ .

. **We conclude that**  $I^m + J^m = A$  for all integer  $m \geq 1$ .