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Chapter 1

Subrings of Fields

1.1 Localization

Lemma I: Let R and T be commutative rings and S be a multiplicatively closed subset of R . Let $g : R \rightarrow T$ be a ring homomorphism satisfying the following properties:

- (i) $g(S) \subseteq T^\times := \{x \in T \mid x \text{ is invertible}\}$;
- (ii) Given $a \in R$, if $g(a) = 0$, then there is $s \in S$ such that $sa = 0$;
- (iii) Every element of T is of form $g(a)g(s)^{-1}$ for some $a \in R$ and $s \in S$.

Then there is unique isomorphism $h : R_S \rightarrow T$ making the following diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} R & \xrightarrow{\phi} & R_S \\ & \searrow g & \swarrow h \\ & T & \end{array}$$

commutes.

Proof: By the universal property of localization, there is a unique ring homomorphism $h : R_S \rightarrow T$ which makes the diagram above commute. It is enough to prove that h is an isomorphism. We also know that $h(x/s) = g(x)g(s)^{-1}$ for every $x/s \in R_S$, so by property (iii), it is clear that h is surjective. Let's prove now that h is injective. Suppose that $h(x/s) = 0$, thus $g(x)g(s)^{-1} = 0$. Since $g(s)^{-1}$ is invertible, multiplying by its inverse, we get that $g(x) = 0$. However, by hypothesis (ii), we can find $t \in S$ such that $tx = 0$, which implies that $s/x = 0$. Thus h is a ring

isomorphism. □

Question 1: Let R be an integral domain and S a multiplicative set in R ; Let $S^* = S \cup \{1\}$. Show that $R_S \cong R_{S^*}$.

Proof: Indeed, since S is multiplicatively closed subset of R , it's clear that $S^* = S \cup \{1\}$ will be too. Define the following mapping

$$g : R \longrightarrow R_{S^*}$$

$$x \longmapsto x/1.$$

It's clear that it's is a ring homomorphism. In order to show that $R_{S^*} \cong R_S$, it's enough to apply the previous Lemma.

- (i) Since $S \subseteq S^*$, then, for every $s \in S$, we have $g(s)$ is invertible in R_{S^*} ;
- (ii) If $g(x) = 0$, then $x/1 = 0$. So there is $s \in S^*$ such that $sx = 0$. If $s \in S$, there's nothing to prove. If not $s = 1$, so $r = 0$, which implies that $sr = 0$ for every $r \in S$.
- (iii) Given $x/s \in R_{S^*}$, then: If $s \neq 1$, $x/s = g(x)g(s)^{-1}$. If $s = 1$, observe that $x/1 = xt/t$ for every $t \in S$, thus

$$x/1 = xt/t = g(xt)g(t)^{-1}.$$

So, by the previous Lemma, we conclude that $R_S \cong R_{S^*}$. □

Question 2: The ideal \mathfrak{p} of a commutative ring R is prime if and only if the factor ring R/\mathfrak{p} is an integral domain.

Proof: Suppose that \mathfrak{p} is a prime ideal of R . Let $\bar{a}, \bar{b} \in R/\mathfrak{p}$ such that $\bar{a}\bar{b} = \overline{ab} = \bar{0}$. Thus we have that $ab \in \mathfrak{p}$. Since \mathfrak{p} is a prime ideal of R , we get that $a \in \mathfrak{p}$ or $b \in \mathfrak{p}$, thus we conclude that $\bar{a} = \bar{0}$ or $\bar{b} = \bar{0}$, respectively. Hence R/\mathfrak{p} is an integral domain.

On the other hand, suppose that R/\mathfrak{p} is an integral domain. Let $a, b \in R$ such that $ab \in \mathfrak{p}$. It will be proved that $a \in \mathfrak{p}$ or $b \in \mathfrak{p}$. In fact, consider \bar{a} and \bar{b} the image of a and b in R/\mathfrak{p} , respectively. Since $ab \in \mathfrak{p}$, we have that

$$\bar{a}\bar{b} = \overline{ab} = \bar{0} \text{ in } R/\mathfrak{p}.$$

Since R/\mathfrak{p} is an integral domain, we conclude that $\bar{a} = 0$ or $\bar{b} = 0$, then $a \in \mathfrak{p}$ or $b \in \mathfrak{p}$, respectively. Hence \mathfrak{p} is a prime ideal of R . □

Lemma II: Let (R, \mathfrak{m}) be a local ring. Then there is a ring isomorphism between R and $R_{\mathfrak{m}}$.

Proof: In fact, consider the ring homomorphism

$$\begin{aligned} g : R &\longrightarrow R \\ x &\longmapsto x. \end{aligned}$$

Note that $g(R \setminus \mathfrak{m}) = R \setminus \mathfrak{m} = R^\times$. Thus, by the universal property, there is a ring homomorphism $h : R_{\mathfrak{m}} \longrightarrow R$ such that the following diagram commute

$$\begin{array}{ccc} R & \xrightarrow{\phi} & R_{\mathfrak{m}} \\ & \searrow g & \swarrow h \\ & R & \end{array}$$

where ϕ is the natural localization mapping. In order to show that h is a ring isomorphism, it's enough to check the conditions of Lemma I. In fact,

- (i) $g(R \setminus \mathfrak{m}) = R \setminus \mathfrak{m} = R^\times$;
- (ii) Since g is the identity, if $g(x) = 0$, then $1 \cdot x = 0$;
- (iii) Given $x \in R$, note that $x \in \text{Im}(h)$, because $h(x/1) = g(x)g(1)^{-1} = x \cdot 1 = 1$.

Thus h is an ring isomorphism and then $R_{\mathfrak{m}} \cong R$. □

Lemma III: Let R be a ring and S be a multiplicatively subset of R . Given an exact sequence of R -modules

$$0 \longrightarrow M' \xrightarrow{f} M \xrightarrow{g} M'' \longrightarrow 0.$$

Then the following sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow M'_S \xrightarrow{f_S} M_S \xrightarrow{g_S} M''_S \longrightarrow 0$$

is exact, where

$$\begin{aligned} f_S : M'_S &\longrightarrow M_S & g_S : M_S &\longrightarrow M''_S \\ \frac{x}{s}r &\longmapsto \frac{f(x)}{s} & \frac{x}{s}r &\longmapsto \frac{g(x)}{s}. \end{aligned}$$

In particular, the localization in S is an exact covariant functor between the category of R -modules and the category of R_S -modules.

Proof: Firstly we have to prove that the mapping f_S and g_S are, in fact, well-defined R_S -module

homomorphisms. It is enough to prove to f_S , because the case g_S is similar.. Note that if $m/s = m'/s'$, then there is $t \in S$ such that

$$t(s'm - sm') = 0 \quad \text{that is} \quad ts'm = tsm'.$$

Thus

$$ts'f(m) = f(ts'm) = f(tsm') = tsf(m') \quad \text{that is} \quad t(s'f(m) - sf(m')) = 0.$$

Then $f(m)/s = f(m')/s'$ and so f_S is well-defined. Now we will prove that f_S is a R_S -module homomorphism. Indeed, given $m/s, n/t \in M_S$, we have

$$f_S\left(\frac{m}{s} + \frac{n}{t}\right) = f_S\left(\frac{tm + sn}{ts}\right) = \frac{f(tm + sn)}{ts} = \frac{tf(m)}{ts} + \frac{sf(n)}{ts} = \frac{f(m)}{s} + \frac{f(n)}{t} = f_S\left(\frac{m}{s}\right) + f_S\left(\frac{n}{t}\right).$$

Now, given $r/s \in R_S$ and $m/t \in M_S$, we have

$$f_S\left(\frac{r}{s} \frac{m}{t}\right) = f_S\left(\frac{rm}{st}\right) = \frac{rf(m)}{st} = \frac{r}{s} \frac{f(m)}{t} = \left(\frac{r}{s}\right) f_S\left(\frac{m}{t}\right).$$

Thus f_S is R_S -module homomorphism well-defined. Now it remains to prove that the wished sequence is exact.

- f_S is injective, because if $f_S(m/s) = f(m)/s = 0$, then there is $t \in S$ such that $tf(m) = f(tm) = 0$. Since f is injective, then $tm = 0$, which implies that $m/s = 0$;
- $\text{Im}(f_S) = \text{Ker}(g_S)$. In fact, given any $m/s \in M'_S$, we have

$$(g_S \circ f_S)\left(\frac{m}{s}\right) = g_S\left(\frac{f(m)}{s}\right) = \frac{(g \circ f)(m)}{s} = \frac{0}{s} = 0;$$

Thus $\text{Im}(f_S) \subseteq \text{Ker}(g_S)$. On the other hand, given $m/s \in \text{Ker}(g_S)$, then $g_S(m/s) = g(m)/s = 0$, thus there is $t \in S$ such that $tg(m) = g(tm) = 0$. Thus $tm \in \text{Ker}(g)$. Since $\text{Ker}(g) = \text{Im}(f)$, there is $n \in M'$ such that $f(n) = tm$. Hence

$$f_S\left(\frac{n}{ts}\right) = \frac{f(n)}{ts} = \frac{tm}{ts} = \frac{m}{s}.$$

Thus $\text{Ker}(g_S) \subseteq \text{Im}(f_S)$, which implies that $\text{Im}(f_S) = \text{Ker}(g_S)$;

- g_S is surjective. In fact, Let $u/t \in M''_S$. Since g is surjective, there is $m \in M$ such that $g(m) = u$. Thus

$$g_S\left(\frac{m}{t}\right) = \frac{f(m)}{t} = \frac{u}{t}.$$

Thus g_S is surjective.

Then we conclude that the wished sequence is exact. Now, doing simple verifications, it is possible to conclude that the localization in S is, in fact, an exact covariant functor \mathcal{F} between the category of R -modules and the category R_S -modules, where, given $M \in \mathbf{mod}_R$ and $f \in \text{Hom}_R(M, N)$, we have

$$\mathcal{F}(M) = M_S \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{F}(f) = f_S \in \text{Hom}_{R_S}(M_S, N_S).$$

□

Question 3: Let R be an integral domain and \mathfrak{m} be a maximal ideal of R . Show there is an isomorphism between the fields R/\mathfrak{m} and $R_{\mathfrak{m}}/\mathfrak{m}R_{\mathfrak{m}}$.

Proof: Consider the following exact sequence R -modules

$$0 \longrightarrow \mathfrak{m}R \xrightarrow{i} R \xrightarrow{\pi} R/\mathfrak{m} \longrightarrow 0.$$

Since the localization is an exact functor, the following complex is also exact

$$0 \longrightarrow \mathfrak{m}R_{\mathfrak{m}} \xrightarrow{i} R_{\mathfrak{m}} \xrightarrow{\pi} (R/\mathfrak{m})_{\mathfrak{m}} \longrightarrow 0.$$

Thus there is $R_{\mathfrak{m}}$ -module isomorphism which is also a ring isomorphism

$$\frac{R_{\mathfrak{m}}}{\mathfrak{m}R_{\mathfrak{m}}} \cong \left(\frac{R}{\mathfrak{m}} \right)_{\mathfrak{m}} = \left(\frac{R}{\mathfrak{m}} \right)_M.$$

where M is the image of \mathfrak{m} in R/\mathfrak{m} . Finally note that, since R/\mathfrak{m} is a local ring, because it is a field and the localization of a local ring at the maximal ideal is the same ring, we conclude that

$$\frac{R_{\mathfrak{m}}}{\mathfrak{m}R_{\mathfrak{m}}} \cong \left(\frac{R}{\mathfrak{m}} \right)_M = \frac{R}{\mathfrak{m}}.$$

□

Question 4: If S is a multiplicative set in a Noetherian domain R , then R_S is also Noetherian.

Proof: In order to show that R_S is a Noetherian ring, it is enough to show that every prime ideal of R_S is finitely generated by Cohen Theorem.. Let \mathfrak{q} be a prime ideal of R_S . Thus $\mathfrak{q} \cap R$ is an ideal of R . Since R is a Noetherian ring, $\mathfrak{q} \cap R$ is finitely generated, that is, there are $x_1, \dots, x_n \in R$ such that

$$\mathfrak{q} \cap R = (x_1, \dots, x_n) \subseteq R$$

Thus

$$\mathfrak{q} = (\mathfrak{q} \cap R)R_S = (x_1/1, \dots, x_n/1) \subseteq R_S.$$

So \mathfrak{q} is finitely generated.

□

1.2 Integral Dependence

Question 1: Prove that the integral closure of \mathbb{Z} in $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{3})$ is just $\mathbb{Z} + \mathbb{Z}\sqrt{3}$.

Proof: Note that $\sqrt{3}$ is integral over \mathbb{Z} , because $\sqrt{3}$ satisfies the following linear dependence equation

$$f(X) = X^2 - 3 \in \mathbb{Z}[X].$$

Denote $S := \overline{\mathbb{Z}}^{\mathbb{Q}(3)}$ the integral closure of \mathbb{Z} in $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{3})$. Since S is a subring of $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{3})$ containing \mathbb{Z} , we have

$$\mathbb{Z} + \mathbb{Z}\sqrt{3} \subseteq S,$$

It remains now to prove that $\mathbb{Z} + \mathbb{Z}\sqrt{3} = S$.

Note that $\mathbb{Z} \subseteq \text{Quot}(\mathbb{Z}) = \mathbb{Q} \subseteq \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{3})$. Thus, if $b \in \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{3})$ is integral over \mathbb{Z} , then b is algebraic over \mathbb{Q} and the minimal polynomial $p(X) \in \mathbb{Q}[X]$ of b is actually in $\mathbb{Z}[X]$ since \mathbb{Z} is integrally closed. Let $x = \alpha + \beta\sqrt{3}$ be an integral element over \mathbb{Z} with $\beta \neq 0$. We will prove that $x \in \mathbb{Z} + \mathbb{Z}\sqrt{3}$. Indeed, note that $[\mathbb{Q}(x) : \mathbb{Q}] = 2$. Thus the minimal polynomial of x is

$$p(X) = (X - (\alpha + \beta\sqrt{3}))(X - (\alpha - \beta\sqrt{3})) = X^2 + 2\alpha X + (\alpha^2 + 3\beta^2).$$

Thus $2\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $\alpha^2 + 3\beta^2 \in \mathbb{Z}$. Since $2\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}$, then $\alpha = m/2$ for some $m \in \mathbb{Z}$

- If m is even, then $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}$ and so $3\beta^2 \in \mathbb{Z}$. Since

$$\beta^2 = t/3$$

for some $t \in \mathbb{Z}$ and 3 is not a perfect square, we conclude necessarily that $t/3$ must be integer. Moreover, since $\beta \in \mathbb{Q}$ a priori, certainly $\beta \in \mathbb{Z}$.

- If m is odd, then $m = 2k + 1$ for some $k \in \mathbb{Z}$, which implies that

$$\alpha^2 + 3\beta^2 = \frac{4k^2 + 4k + 1}{4} + 3\beta^2 = \frac{1}{4} + k^2 + k + 3\beta^2 \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

Thus $\frac{1}{4} + 3\beta^2 \in \mathbb{Z}$, which implies that there is $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that

$$\beta^2 = \frac{4m - 1}{12},$$

that is, $12\beta^2 = 4m - 1 \in \mathbb{Z}$. Since 12 is not a perfect square and $12\beta^2 \in \mathbb{Z}$, we have that $\beta^2 \in \mathbb{Z}$ and, again, since $\beta \in \mathbb{Q}$, we conclude $\beta \in \mathbb{Z}$. Finally, since $\mathbb{Z}\sqrt{3} \subseteq S$, we have $\alpha \in S$.

However $\alpha \in \mathbb{Q} \setminus \mathbb{Z}$ and this is contradiction, because $S \cap \mathbb{Q} = \mathbb{Z}$

Thus just the first case is possible, then $\alpha + \beta\sqrt{3} \in \mathbb{Z} + \mathbb{Z}\sqrt{3}$ and we conclude that $S = \mathbb{Z} + \mathbb{Z}\sqrt{3}$. \square

Question 2: Prove that the ring $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{5}]$ is not integrally closed.

Proof: In fact, note that $\text{Quot}(\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{5}]) = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{5})$, because $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{5})$ is the smallest field containing $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{5}]$. Consider the golden ratio number

$$\varphi = \frac{1}{2}(1 + \sqrt{5}) \in \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{5}).$$

Note that $\varphi \notin \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{5}]$, because if there is $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that

$$m + n\sqrt{5} = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2},$$

then, since $\sqrt{5}$ is irrational number, we deduce $m = 1/2$, which is a contradiction.

On the other hand, φ is one of the zeros of the following polynomial

$$p(X) = X^2 - X - 1 \in (\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{5}])[X].$$

Thus φ is integral over $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{5}]$ and so $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{5}]$ is not integrally closed. □

Question 3: Let K be a field and $\{R_i\}_{i \in L}$ be a family of subrings of K . If R_i is integrally closed in K for each $i \in L$, then $\bigcap_{i \in L} R_i$ is also integrally closed.

Proof: Firstly, note that, since $\bigcap_{i \in L} R_i \subseteq R_i$, we have

$$\text{Quot}\left(\bigcap_{i \in L} R_i\right) \subseteq \text{Quot}(R_i) \subseteq K.$$

Thus, denoting $S := \bigcap_{i \in L} R_i$, if $x \in \overline{S}$, then $x \in K$ and there are $a_1, \dots, a_n \in S$ such that

$$x^n + a_1 x^{n-1} + \dots + a_{n-1} x + a_n = 0.$$

Thus $f(X) = X^n + a_1 X^{n-1} + \dots + a_{n-1} X + a_n \in S[X]$ is the equation of integral dependence of x . Since $S[X] \subseteq R_i[X]$ for every $i \in L$, then, in particular, $f(X)$ is the equation of integral dependence of x in R_i for each $i \in L$. Since each R_i is integrally closed in K and $x \in K$, we conclude $x \in \overline{R_i} = R_i$ for every $i \in L$. Thus

$$x \in S = \bigcap_{i \in L} R_i.$$

Thus $\overline{S} \subseteq S$ and so $\bigcap_{i \in L} R_i$ is integrally closed. □

Question 4: Let d be a square-free integer. Show that the integral closure of \mathbb{Z} in $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})$ is

$$\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{d}] = \mathbb{Z} + \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{d}] \quad \text{if } d \equiv 2, 3 \pmod{4},$$

and

$$\mathbb{Z}\left[\frac{1+\sqrt{d}}{2}\right] = \mathbb{Z} + \mathbb{Z}\frac{1+\sqrt{d}}{2} \quad \text{if } d \equiv 1 \pmod{4}.$$

Proof:

Case: $d \equiv 2, 3 \pmod{4}$:

Observe that \sqrt{d} is integral over \mathbb{Z} , since \sqrt{d} is root of the monic polynomial

$$f(X) = x^2 - d \in \mathbb{Z}[X].$$

Since $\overline{\mathbb{Z}}^{\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})}$ is a subring of $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})$ containing \mathbb{Z} , we conclude that

$$\mathbb{Z} + \mathbb{Z}\sqrt{d} \subseteq \overline{\mathbb{Z}}^{\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})}.$$

Now it remains to prove that $\mathbb{Z} + \mathbb{Z}\sqrt{d} = \overline{\mathbb{Z}}^{\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})}$.

In fact, Let $z = \alpha + \beta\sqrt{d} \in \overline{\mathbb{Z}}^{\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})}$, where $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{Q}$. Since $[\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d}) : \mathbb{Q}] = 2$, because d is square-free, the minimal polynomial $f(X) \in \mathbb{Q}[X]$ of z over \mathbb{Q} has degree 2. Moreover, since \mathbb{Z} is integrally closed, $f(X) \in \mathbb{Z}[X]$. Since $\alpha - \beta\sqrt{d}$ is the another root of $f(X)$, then

$$f(X) = (X - (\alpha + \beta\sqrt{d}))(X - (\alpha - \beta\sqrt{d})) = X^2 - 2\alpha X + (\alpha^2 - \beta^2 d) \in \mathbb{Z}[X].$$

So $2\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $\alpha^2 - \beta^2 d \in \mathbb{Z}$. Since $2\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}$, then $\alpha = m/2$ for some $m \in \mathbb{Z}$

- If m is even, $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}$, thus $d\beta^2 \in \mathbb{Z}$. Since d is square-free, the fact that $d\beta^2 \in \mathbb{Z}$ implies that $\beta \in \mathbb{Z}$, so $z \in \mathbb{Z} + \mathbb{Z}\sqrt{d}$.
- If m is odd, then $m = 2k + 1$ for some $k \in \mathbb{Z}$. Since

$$\left(\frac{2k+1}{4}\right) + \beta^2 d = k^2 + k + \frac{1}{4} + \beta^2 d \in \mathbb{Z},$$

we conclude that

$$\frac{1}{4} + \beta^2 d \in \mathbb{Z}$$

Thus $4\beta^2 d = 4k - 1$ for some $k \in \mathbb{Z}$. Since d is square-free, then $\beta = n/2$ for some $n \in \mathbb{Z}$.

- If n is even, $\beta \in \mathbb{Z}$, thus we have $4d\beta^2 = 4k - 1$. However, $4d\beta^2 \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$, while $4k - 1 \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$, implying in a contradiction.

– If n is odd, since k also odd and $\alpha^2 - \beta^2 d \in \mathbb{Z}$, we have

$$\frac{4k^2 + 4k + 1}{4} - d \frac{4n^2 + 4n + 1}{4} = k^2 + k - dn^2 - dn + \frac{1-d}{4} \in \mathbb{Z}$$

which implies that $d \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$, implying in a contradiction.

In both cases, from the assumption in m odd, we derive a contradiction. Then m is even, so $\beta \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $z \in \mathbb{Z} + \mathbb{Z}\sqrt{d}$. Then

$$\overline{\mathbb{Z}}^{\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})} = \mathbb{Z} + \mathbb{Z}\sqrt{d}.$$

Case $d \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$:

From the hypothesis $d \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$, we conclude that $z = \frac{1}{2}(1 + \sqrt{d})$ is root of the following monic polynomial

$$x^2 - x + \left(\frac{1-d}{4}\right) \in \mathbb{Z}[X].$$

Since $\overline{\mathbb{Z}}^{\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})}$ is a subring of $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})$ containing \mathbb{Z} , we conclude that

$$\mathbb{Z} + \mathbb{Z}\left(\frac{1+\sqrt{d}}{2}\right) \subseteq \overline{\mathbb{Z}}^{\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})}.$$

Now it remains to prove that $\mathbb{Z} + \mathbb{Z}\left(\frac{1+\sqrt{d}}{2}\right) = \overline{\mathbb{Z}}^{\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})}$.

In fact, Let $z = \alpha + \beta \frac{1}{2}(1 + \sqrt{d}) \in \overline{\mathbb{Z}}^{\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})}$, where $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{Q}$. Since $[\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d}) : \mathbb{Q}] = 2$, because d is square-free, the minimal polynomial $f(X) \in \mathbb{Q}[X]$ of z over \mathbb{Q} has degree 2. Moreover, since \mathbb{Z} is integrally closed, we have $f(X) \in \mathbb{Z}[X]$. Moreover, since $\alpha + \beta \frac{1}{2}(1 - \sqrt{d})$ is the another root of $f(X)$, then

$$f(X) = \left(X - \left(\alpha + \beta \frac{1}{2}(1 + \sqrt{d})\right)\right)\left(X - \left(\alpha + \beta \frac{1}{2}(1 - \sqrt{d})\right)\right) = X^2 - (2\alpha + \beta)X + \alpha\beta + \alpha^2 + \frac{\beta^2}{4} + \beta^2 d \in \mathbb{Z}[X].$$

So

$$2\alpha + \beta \in \mathbb{Z} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{4\alpha\beta + 4\alpha^2 + \beta^2}{4} + \beta^2 d \in \mathbb{Z}$$

Since $2\alpha + \beta \in \mathbb{Z}$, then $4\alpha^2 + 4\alpha\beta + \beta^2 \in \mathbb{Z}$

- If $2\alpha + \beta$ is odd, then $4\alpha\beta + 4\alpha^2 + \beta^2$ is also odd. Then, since

$$\frac{4\alpha\beta + 4\alpha^2 + \beta^2}{4} + \beta^2 d \in \mathbb{Z},$$

we conclude that there are $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $4\beta^2 d = 4k - 1$. However, since d is square-free and $4\beta^2 d \in \mathbb{Z}$, we have that $\beta = n/2$ for some $n \in \mathbb{Z}$.

- If n is even, then $\beta \in \mathbb{Z}$. But we have a contradiction, because $4\beta^2 d$ is even, while $4k - 1$ is odd.
- If n is odd, then $n = (2t + 1)/2$ for some $t \in \mathbb{Z}$. Thus

$$4t^2 d + 4td + d = 4k - 1,$$

which is a contradiction, because $d \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$

- If $2\alpha + \beta$ is even, then

$$\frac{4\alpha\beta + 4\alpha^2 + \beta^2}{4} \in \mathbb{Z},$$

and so $\beta^2 d \in \mathbb{Z}$. Since d is square-free, we conclude that $\beta \in \mathbb{Z}$. Now, since $2\alpha + \beta$ is even, we have two possibilities.

- If β is even, so $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}$ and we conclude that

$$z \in \mathbb{Z} + \mathbb{Z}\left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{d}}{2}\right).$$

- If β is odd, so $\alpha = t/2$ for some $t \in \mathbb{Z}$ odd. However

$$\frac{4\alpha\beta + 4\alpha^2 + \beta^2}{4} = \frac{2\beta + t^2 + t^2/4}{4} \text{ can not be integer}$$

since $2\beta^2 + t^2 \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $t^2/4$ is not integer.

Thus we conclude that

$$z \in \mathbb{Z} + \mathbb{Z}\left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{d}}{2}\right).$$

Then

$$\overline{\mathbb{Z}}^{\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})} = \mathbb{Z} + \mathbb{Z}\left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{d}}{2}\right).$$

1.3 Discrete Valuations Rings and Dedekind Rings

Question 1: If I is an ideal of R , we write $x \equiv y \pmod{I}$ to mean $x - y \in I$. Let $\mathfrak{p}_1, \dots, \mathfrak{p}_n$ be distinct, nonzero prime ideals of a Dedekind ring R ; $a_1, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1}$ and y_1, \dots, y_n any elements of R . Show that there exists an $x \in R$ such that

$$x \equiv y_1 \pmod{\mathfrak{p}_1^{a_1}}$$

$$x \equiv y_2 \pmod{\mathfrak{p}_2^{a_2}}$$

$$\vdots$$

$$x \equiv y_n \pmod{\mathfrak{p}_n^{a_n}}$$

Proof: In fact, since R is a Dedekind domain, we have $\dim(R) = 1$, so each nonzero prime ideal is maximal. Since $\mathfrak{p}_1, \dots, \mathfrak{p}_n$ are distinct, nonzero prime ideals of R , they are two-by-two coprime. By Lemma 3.8, we also have that $\mathfrak{p}_1^{a_1}, \dots, \mathfrak{p}_n^{a_n}$ are coprime. Thus, by the Chinese Reimainder Theorem, the natural ring homomorphism

$$\begin{aligned}\phi: R &\longrightarrow \frac{R}{\mathfrak{p}_1^{a_1}} \times \cdots \times \frac{R}{\mathfrak{p}_n^{a_n}} \\ x &\longmapsto (\overline{x}, \dots, \overline{x})\end{aligned}$$

is surjective. Thus, given $y_1, \dots, y_n \in R$, there is $x_0 \in R$ such that

$$\phi(x_0) = (\overline{x_0}, \dots, \overline{x_0}) = (\overline{y_1}, \dots, \overline{y_n}).$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned}x_0 &\equiv y_1 \pmod{\mathfrak{p}_1^{a_1}} \\ x_0 &\equiv y_2 \pmod{\mathfrak{p}_2^{a_2}} \\ &\vdots \\ x_0 &\equiv y_n \pmod{\mathfrak{p}_n^{a_n}}.\end{aligned}$$

□

Question 2: Let R be an integral domain with quotient field K and let M be an R -submodule of a finite dimensional K -vector space, prove that

$$M = \bigcap_{\mathfrak{p} \in \text{MaxSpec}(R)} M_{\mathfrak{p}}.$$

Proof: Firstly observe that, since M is an R -submodule of a K -vector space, given $m \in M$ and $s \in R$, if $sm = 0$, then $s = 0$ or $m = 0$. Thus, given $\mathfrak{p} \in \text{MaxSpec}(R)$, the natural mapping

$$\begin{aligned}\phi_{\mathfrak{p}}: M &\longrightarrow M_{\mathfrak{p}} \\ m &\longmapsto \frac{m}{1}\end{aligned}$$

is injective, because, if $\phi_{\mathfrak{p}}(m) = m/1 = 0$, there is $s \in R \setminus \mathfrak{p}$ such that $sm = 0$, which implies that $m = 0$, because $s \neq 0$. Then we can see M as subspace of $M_{\mathfrak{p}}$ for all $\mathfrak{p} \in \text{MaxSpec}(R)$, whence we have

$$M \subseteq \bigcap_{\mathfrak{p} \in \text{MaxSpec}(R)} M_{\mathfrak{p}}.$$

Now let $x \in \bigcap_{\mathfrak{p} \in \text{MaxSpec}(R)} M_{\mathfrak{p}}$. Consider the ideal

$$I = \{z \in R ; zx \in M\}.$$

Given $\mathfrak{p} \in \text{MaxSpec}(R)$, we have that $x = m/s$, where $m \in M$ and $s \in R \setminus \mathfrak{p}$. Note that $sx = m/1 \in M$, thus $s \in I$ and then $I \not\subseteq \mathfrak{p}$. Since this last conclusion is true for any $\mathfrak{p} \in \text{MaxSpec}(R)$, we conclude that $I = R$, hence $1 \in I$ and then $x = 1 \cdot x \in M$. So

$$\bigcap_{\mathfrak{p} \in \text{MaxSpec}(R)} M_{\mathfrak{p}} \subseteq M$$

and then

$$M = \bigcap_{\mathfrak{p} \in \text{MaxSpec}(R)} M_{\mathfrak{p}}.$$

□

1.4 Fractional Ideals and the Class Group

Question 1: Show that the multiplication and inversion behave properly with respect the localization. That is, if S is a multiplicatively subset of R and \mathcal{M} is a fractional ideal of R , then $\mathcal{M}_S = \mathcal{M}R_S$ is a fractional ideal of R_S and we have $(\mathcal{M}^{-1})_S = (\mathcal{M}_S)^{-1}$. Moreover, if \mathcal{M} and \mathcal{N} are fractional ideals of R , then $(\mathcal{M}\mathcal{N})_S = \mathcal{M}_S\mathcal{N}_S$.

Proof: Let S be a multiplicatively closed subset of R .

Claim 1: $\mathcal{M}_S = \mathcal{M}R_S$ is a fractional ideal of R_S .

In fact, by definition, an element of \mathcal{M}_S is of form m/s , where $m \in \mathcal{M}$ and $s \in S$, thus $m/s = m \cdot 1/s \in \mathcal{M}R_S$. On the other hand, if $x \in \mathcal{M}R_S$, then there are $m_1, \dots, m_n \in \mathcal{M}$ and $s_1, \dots, s_n \in S$ such that

$$x = \frac{m_1}{s_1} + \dots + \frac{m_n}{s_n}.$$

Setting $s = s_1 \cdots s_n$ and $\hat{s}_i = s_1 \cdots s_{i-1} \cdot s_{i+1} \cdots s_n$ for each $i = 1, \dots, n$, we have that

$$x = \frac{\hat{s}_1 m_1 + \dots + \hat{s}_n m_n}{s} \in \mathcal{M}_S.$$

Then we conclude that $\mathcal{M}_S = \mathcal{M}R_S$. Moreover, note that since $K = \text{Quot}(R)$ is the smallest field containing R and $R \subseteq R_S \subseteq K$, then $K = \text{Quot}(R_S)$. Thus \mathcal{M}_S is R_S -submodule of K . Finally,

since \mathcal{M} is an R -module which is finitely generated, then, if $\{m_1, \dots, m_n\}$ is a set of generators of \mathcal{M} , we conclude that

$$\left\{ \frac{m_1}{1} \dots, \frac{m_n}{1} \right\} \subseteq \mathcal{M}_S$$

is a set of generators of \mathcal{M}_S as R_S -module, thus \mathcal{M}_S is a fractional ideal of R .

Claim 2: $(\mathcal{M}_S)^{-1} = (\mathcal{M}^{-1})_S$.

In fact, let $m/s \in (\mathcal{M}_S)^{-1}$ and $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ a set of generators of \mathcal{M} as R -module. Since $m/s \in (\mathcal{M}_S)^{-1}$, we have for all $1 \leq i \leq n$

$$\frac{x_i}{1} \cdot \frac{m}{s} \in R_S$$

Thus, for each $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$, there are $r_i \in R$, $t_i \in S$ such that

$$x_i \cdot \frac{m}{s} = \frac{r_i}{t_i}.$$

Setting $t := t_1 \dots t_n$, note that, given $x = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i x_i$ be an element arbitrary of \mathcal{M} , we have

$$tm \left(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i x_i \right) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i (mtx_i) \in R.$$

Then $tm \in \mathcal{M}^{-1}$. Then

$$\frac{m}{s} = \frac{tm}{ts} \in (\mathcal{M}^{-1})_S.$$

On the other hand, let $m/s \in (\mathcal{M}^{-1})_S$, where $m \in \mathcal{M}^{-1}$ and $s \in S$. Given $n/t \in \mathcal{M}_S$, we have

$$\frac{n}{t} \cdot \frac{m}{s} = \frac{nm}{st} = \frac{1}{st} \cdot \frac{nm}{1} \in R_S,$$

because $nm \in R$. Thus we conclude that $m/s \in (\mathcal{M}_S)^{-1}$.

Claim 3: $(\mathcal{MN})_S = \mathcal{M}_S \mathcal{N}_S$

In fact, given $m/s \in (\mathcal{MN})_S$, then $m \in \mathcal{MN}$ and $s \in S$. Since $m \in \mathcal{MN}$, there are $m_1, \dots, m_t \in \mathcal{M}$ and $n_1, \dots, n_t \in \mathcal{N}$ such that

$$\frac{m}{s} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^t m_i n_i}{s} = \sum_{i=1}^t \left(\frac{m_i n_i}{s} \right) = \sum_{i=1}^t \left(\frac{m_i}{s} \cdot \frac{n_i}{1} \right) \in \mathcal{M}_S \mathcal{N}_S.$$

On the other hand, given $m/s \in \mathcal{M}_S \mathcal{N}_S$, then there are $m_1, \dots, m_l \in \mathcal{M}$, $n_1, \dots, n_l \in \mathcal{M}$, $s_1, \dots, s_l, t_1, \dots, t_l \in S$ such that

$$\frac{m}{s} = \sum_{i=1}^l \left(\frac{m_i}{s_i} \cdot \frac{n_i}{t_i} \right) = \sum_{i=1}^l \left(\frac{m_i n_i}{s_i t_i} \right).$$

Setting $s = s_1 \cdots s_l \cdot t_1 \cdots t_l$ and $a_i = s_1 t_1 \cdots s_{i-1} t_{i-1} \cdot s_{i+1} t_{i+1} \cdots s_n t_n$, we have

$$\frac{m}{s} = \sum_{i=1}^l \left(\frac{m_i n_i}{s_i t_i} \right) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^l a_i m_i n_i}{s} \in (\mathcal{MN})_S.$$

Thus $(\mathcal{MN})_S = \mathcal{M}_S \mathcal{N}_S$. □

Question 2: Let R be a Dedekind domain. Show that $C(R)$ has order 1 if and only if R is a PID.

Proof: Suppose that $C(R)$ has order 1. Since $C(R) = I(R)/P(R)$, where $I(R)$ is the group of fractional ideals of R and $P(R)$ is its subgroup of all principal fractional ideals, we conclude that $I(R) = P(R)$, so every fractional ideal of R is principal. In particular, every ideal of R is principal, then R is a PID. On the other hand, suppose that R is a PID. In order to show that $C(R)$ has order 1, it is enough to show that every fractional ideal of R is principal. Let \mathcal{M} be a fractional ideal of R , then \mathcal{M} is a nonzero finitely generated R -submodule of $K = \text{Quot}(R)$. Let $\{r_1/s_1, \dots, r_n/s_n\}$ be a set of generators of \mathcal{M} as R -module. It is easy to see that, setting $s = s_1 \cdots s_n$, we have $s\mathcal{M} \subseteq R$. I claim that $I = s\mathcal{M}$ is an ideal of R . In fact, we have that $0 = s \cdot 0 \in s\mathcal{M} \subseteq R$. Moreover, given $z_1 = sm_1, z_2 = sm_2 \in s\mathcal{M}$, then

$$z_1 + z_2 = sm_1 + sm_2 = s(m_1 + m_2) \in s\mathcal{M} \subseteq R$$

and

$$-z_1 = -sm_1 = s(-m_1) \in s\mathcal{M} \subseteq R.$$

Now, given $r \in R$, we have

$$rz_1 = r(sm_1) = s(rm_1) \in s\mathcal{M} \subseteq R.$$

Thus $s\mathcal{M}$ is an ideal of R . Since R is a PID and $s\mathcal{M}$ is nonzero, there is $r \neq 0$ such that $s\mathcal{M} = Rr$.

Thus, setting $y = r/s \neq 0$, we conclude that

$$\mathcal{M} = R \left(\frac{r}{s} \right) = Ry.$$

Thus \mathcal{M} is a principal fractionary ideal of R . □

Question 5: Let $R = \mathbb{Z} + \mathbb{Z}\sqrt{-5}$ be the integral closure of \mathbb{Z} in $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-5})$. Show that R is not a UFD (and so not a PID).

Proof: In fact, note that

$$3 \cdot 7 = 21 = (1 - 2\sqrt{-5}) \cdot (1 + 2\sqrt{-5}).$$

I will show that 3 and 7^1 are prime elements in $\mathbb{Z} + \mathbb{Z}\sqrt{-5}$ and that 3 is not a prime factor of $1 - 2\sqrt{-5}$ and $(1 + 2\sqrt{-5})$.

- 3: Suppose that

$$3 = (a + b\sqrt{-5})(c + d\sqrt{-5}) = ac - 5bd + \sqrt{-5}(ad + bc)$$

Then

$$\begin{cases} ad + bc = 0 \\ ac - 5bd = 3 \end{cases}$$

I claim that $b = 0$. In fact, suppose that $b \neq 0$, then $c = (-ad)/b$ and thus $3b = d(-a^2 - 5b^2)$. Note that $-a^2 - 5b^2 \leq 0$. If $-a^2 - 5b^2 = 0$, then $a = b = 0$ and we would get a contradiction with the second equation. Then $-a^2 - 5b^2 < 0$. Looking the equation $3b = d(-a^2 - 5b^2)$, we realize that, since $b \neq 0$, then $d \neq 0$, and so we have two possibilities

- $b > 0$ and $d < 0$;
- $b < 0$ and $d > 0$.

Since, in both cases $ac = 3 + 5bd < 0$, we have two possibilities

- $a > 0$ and $c < 0$;
- $a < 0$ and $c > 0$.

If we check the four possible combinations, we conclude that $ad + bc \neq 0$, getting a contradiction. Then $b = 0$. This implies that $ad = 0$ and $ac = 3$, which implies that $d = 0$

Then

$$3 = (a + b\sqrt{-5})(c + d\sqrt{-5}) = ac.$$

Now, since 3 is irreducible in $(\mathbb{Z}, +, *)$, we can suppose $c = 1$ and we conclude that $a + b\sqrt{-5} = 3$. So 3 is a prime element in $\mathbb{Z} + \mathbb{Z}\sqrt{-5}$.

- 7: Suppose that

$$7 = (a + b\sqrt{-5})(c + d\sqrt{-5}) = ac - 5db + \sqrt{-5}(ad + bc)$$

¹Actually, we do not need to prove that 7 is a prime element of $\mathbb{Z} + \mathbb{Z}\sqrt{-5}$. Since I had a lot of work to prove it, I felt sorry for erasing it.

Then

$$\begin{cases} ad + bc = 0 \\ ac - 5bd = 7 \end{cases}$$

I claim that $b = 0$. In fact, suppose that $b \neq 0$, then $c = (-ad)/b$ and thus $7b = d(-a^2 - 5b^2)$. Note that $-a^2 - 5b^2 \leq 0$. If $-a^2 - 5b^2 = 0$, then $a = b = 0$ and we would get a contradiction with the second equation. Then $-a^2 - 5b^2 < 0$. Looking the equation $7b = d(-a^2 - 5b^2)$, we realize that, since $b \neq 0$, then $d \neq 0$, and so we have two possibilities

- $b > 0$ and $d < 0$
- $b < 0$ and $d > 0$

In both cases, we have $ac = 7 + 5bd = 2$ or $ac = 7 + 5bd < 0$. If $ac = 2$, then we have four possibilities

- $a = 2$ and $c = 1$
- $a = -2$ and $c = -1$
- $a = 1$ and $c = 2$
- $a = -1$ and $c = -2$

For each case above, we would get that $b = -2d$ or $d = -2b$ by switching at the first equation of system. If $b = -2d$, then, using that $7b = d(-a^2 - 5b^2)$, we would have that $14 = a^2 + 5b^2$. The unique solution possible is when $b = \pm 1$, however, if $b = \pm 1$, then $d \notin \mathbb{Z}$, a contradiction. On other hand, if $d = -2b$, then

$$\frac{7}{2} = a^2 + 5b^2,$$

which is impossible, then it is not possible that $ac = 2$, whence $ac = 7 + 5bd < 0$. Now, repeating the same argument used in case for $n = 3$, we also conclude that 7 is also a prime element in $\mathbb{Z} + \mathbb{Z}\sqrt{-5}$.

Now I claim that $1 + 2\sqrt{-5}$ and $1 - 2\sqrt{-5}$ do not have 3 as factor. Indeed

- $1 + 2\sqrt{-5}$: Suppose that

$$1 + 2\sqrt{-5} = 3(a + b\sqrt{-5}) = 3a + 3b\sqrt{-5}.$$

This would imply that $a = 1/3$ and $b = 2/3$, which is a contradiction, because, by hypothesis, $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$.

- $1 - 2\sqrt{-5}$: Suppose that

$$1 - 2\sqrt{-5} = 3(a + b\sqrt{-5}) = 3a + 3b\sqrt{-5}.$$

This would imply that $a = 1/3$ and $b = -2/3$, which is a contradiction, because, by hypothesis, $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Since 3 is a prime element in $\mathbb{Z} + \mathbb{Z}\sqrt{-5}$ and 3 doesn't divide $1 + 2\sqrt{-5}$ and $1 - 2\sqrt{-5}$, we conclude that these numbers do not have 3 in their possible factorizations, which implies that $\mathbb{Z} + \mathbb{Z}\sqrt{-5}$ is not a unique factorization domain.

Let's calculate the norm function $N : \mathbb{Q} \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}$ of the extension $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-5})/\mathbb{Q}$. In order to do this, consider $B = \{1, \sqrt{-5}\}$ a basis of $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-5})$ over \mathbb{Q} . Thus, given $a + b\sqrt{-5} \in \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-5})$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} 1 \cdot (a + b\sqrt{-5}) &= a \cdot 1 + b \cdot \sqrt{-5}, \\ \sqrt{-5} \cdot (a + b\sqrt{-5}) &= (-5b) \cdot 1 + a \cdot \sqrt{-5}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus the matrix of the multiplication $m_{a+b\sqrt{-5}} : \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-5}) \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-5})$ by $a + b\sqrt{-5}$ on the basis B is

$$[m_{a+b\sqrt{-5}}]_B^B = \begin{bmatrix} a & -5b \\ b & a \end{bmatrix}.$$

Then

$$N(a + b\sqrt{-5}) = \det \begin{bmatrix} a & -5b \\ b & a \end{bmatrix} = a^2 + 5b^2.$$

Consider the ideal $I = (3, 1 + \sqrt{-5})$ of $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-5}]$. I claim that I is not a principal ideal. Indeed, suppose by contradiction that I is principal, thus there is $z \in \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-5}]$ such that

$$(z) = (3, 1 + \sqrt{-5}).$$

Thus there are $\alpha_1, \alpha_2 \in \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-5}]$ such that

$$\begin{cases} 3 = z\alpha_1 \\ 1 + \sqrt{-5} = z\alpha_2 \end{cases}$$

Using the norm function and its multiplicative property, we have that

$$\begin{aligned} 9 &= N(3) = N(z\alpha_1) = N(z)N(\alpha_1), \\ 6 &= N(1 + \sqrt{-5}) = N(z\alpha_2) = N(z)N(\alpha_2). \end{aligned}$$

Since $N|_{\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-5}]}$ has image contained in \mathbb{Z} , we conclude that $N(z)$ divides 9 and $N(z)$ divides 6. Thus, by elementary number theory, we conclude that $N(z)$ divides the $\gcd(9, 6) = 3$. However, there is not $z' \in \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-5}]$ such that $N(z') = 3$. Thus $N(z) = 1$, which implies that $z = \pm 1$, that is, z is unit in $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-5}]$, implying that $I = \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-5}]$. However I will prove now that this fact is impossible. Suppose that there are $a + b\sqrt{-5}$, $x + y\sqrt{-5} \in \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-5}]$ such that

$$3(a + b\sqrt{-5}) + (1 + \sqrt{-5})(x + y\sqrt{-5}) = 1.$$

Thus we get the following system of equations

$$\begin{cases} 3a + x - 5y = 1 \\ 3b + x + y = 0 \end{cases}$$

Multiplying the second equation by 2 and summing it with the first equation, we obtain

$$3(a + 2b + x - y) = 1,$$

which is impossible, since $a + 2b + x - y \in \mathbb{Z}$. Thus we conclude that $I \neq \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-5}]$ and we get a contradiction, so I is not a principal ideal of $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-5}]$. \square

1.5 Norms and Traces

This section does not contain exercises.

1.6 Extension of Dedekind Rings

Question 1: Let $R \subseteq R' \subseteq R''$ be Dedekind domains and let \mathfrak{P} be a nonzero prime ideal of R'' . Prove the multiplicative property of ramification numbers

$$e(\mathfrak{P}/R) = e(\mathfrak{P}/R')e(\mathfrak{P} \cap R'/R).$$

Proof: Firstly, note that $\mathfrak{P} \cap R'$ is a non-zero prime ideal of R' , thus, by definition of the ramification index, we have

$$((\mathfrak{P} \cap R') \cap R)R' = I \cdot (\mathfrak{P} \cap R')^{e(\mathfrak{P} \cap R'/R)},$$

where I is a product of prime ideals of R' , all ideals distinct of $\mathfrak{P} \cap R'$. On the other hand, we also have

$$(\mathfrak{P} \cap R')R'' = J\mathfrak{P}^{e(\mathfrak{P}/R')},$$

where J is finite product of prime ideals of R'' , all ideals distinct of \mathfrak{P} . Note that

$$(\mathfrak{P} \cap R)R' = ((\mathfrak{P} \cap R') \cap R)R',$$

Thus, if $(\mathfrak{P} \cap R)R'' = K.\mathfrak{P}^{e(\mathfrak{P}/R)}$, where K is a ideal of R'' which is a product of prime ideals of R'' , all primes distinct of \mathfrak{P} , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} K.\mathfrak{P}^{e(\mathfrak{P}/R)} &= (\mathfrak{P} \cap R)R'' = ((\mathfrak{P} \cap R)R')R'' = (I.(\mathfrak{P} \cap R')^{e(\mathfrak{P} \cap R'/R)})R'' = IR''.((\mathfrak{P} \cap R')^{e(\mathfrak{P} \cap R'/R)} R'') \\ &= IR''.((\mathfrak{P} \cap R')R'')^{e(\mathfrak{P} \cap R'/R)} = IR''.(JR'')^{e(\mathfrak{P} \cap R'/R)} (\mathfrak{P}^{e(\mathfrak{P}/R')})^{e(\mathfrak{P} \cap R'/R)} \\ &= IR''.(JR'')^{e(\mathfrak{P} \cap R'/R)}.\mathfrak{P}^{e(\mathfrak{P}/R')e(\mathfrak{P} \cap R'/R)}, \end{aligned}$$

Since R'' is Dedekind Domain, using the uniqueness of factorization in prime ideals, it is enough to prove that IR'' and JR'' have no \mathfrak{P} in their factorization. However, $JR'' = J$ is finite product of prime ideals of R'' , all ideals distinct of \mathfrak{P} . Moreover

$$I = \mathfrak{q}_1^{n_1} \cdots \mathfrak{q}_t^{n_t},$$

where \mathfrak{q}_i are prime ideals of R' , all ideals distinct of $\mathfrak{P} \cap R'$. So

$$IR'' = (\mathfrak{q}_1^{n_1} R'') \cdots (\mathfrak{q}_t^{n_t} R'').$$

If \mathfrak{P} appeared in the factorization of some $\mathfrak{q}_i^{n_i} R''$, then $\mathfrak{P} \cap R$ would appear in the factorization of I , which is a contradiction. Thus, by uniqueness of exponents, we conclude

$$e(\mathfrak{P}/R) = e(\mathfrak{P}/R')e(\mathfrak{P} \cap R'/R).$$

□

Question 2: Let $R \subseteq R' \subseteq R''$ be Dedekind Domains and \mathfrak{P} be a nonzero prime ideal of R'' . Prove the property multiplicative of relative degree

$$f(\mathfrak{P}/R) = f(\mathfrak{P}/R')f(\mathfrak{P} \cap R'/R).$$

Proof: Let $\{v_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in L}$ be a basis of R''/\mathfrak{P} as $R'/(\mathfrak{P} \cap R')$ -vector space, where $f(\mathfrak{P}/R') = \text{Card}(L)$ and let $\{u_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in L'}$ be a basis of $R'/(\mathfrak{P} \cap R')$ as $R/((\mathfrak{P} \cap R') \cap R) = R/((\mathfrak{P} \cap R))$ -vector space, where $f(\mathfrak{P} \cap R'/R) = \text{Card}(L')$. I claim that $\{v_\lambda u_\gamma\}_{(\lambda, \gamma) \in L \times L'}$ is a basis of R''/\mathfrak{P} as $R/(\mathfrak{P} \cap R)$ -vector space. Indeed, given $x \in R''/\mathfrak{P}$, there are $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n \in R'/(\mathfrak{P} \cap R')$ and $v_{\lambda_1}, \dots, v_{\lambda_n} \in \{v_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in L}$ such that

$$x = \sum_{k=1}^n \alpha_k v_{\lambda_k}.$$

Now, since $\alpha_i \in R' / (\mathfrak{P} \cap R')$, for each $i = 1, \dots, n$ there are $\beta_1^i, \dots, \beta_{m_i}^i \in R / (\mathfrak{P} \cap R)$ and $u_{\lambda_1^i}, \dots, u_{\lambda_{m_i}^i} \in \{u_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in L'}$ such that

$$\alpha_i = \sum_{j=1}^{m_i} \beta_j^i u_{\lambda_j^i}.$$

Then we have that

$$x = \sum_{k=1}^n \alpha_k v_{\lambda_k} = \sum_{k=1}^n \left(\sum_{j=1}^{m_k} \beta_j^k u_{\lambda_j^k} \right) v_{\lambda_k} = \sum_{k=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^{m_k} \beta_j^k (u_{\lambda_j^k} v_{\lambda_k}).$$

Thus $\{v_\lambda u_\gamma\}_{(\lambda, \gamma) \in L \times L'}$ spans R'' / \mathfrak{P} as $R / (\mathfrak{P} \cap R)$ -vector space. Now it is enough to prove that $\{v_\lambda u_\gamma\}_{(\lambda, \gamma) \in L \times L'}$ is a subset linearly independent of R'' / \mathfrak{P} as $R / (\mathfrak{P} \cap R)$ -vector space. In fact, let

$$\sum_{\lambda \in L} \sum_{\gamma \in L'} \alpha_{\lambda\gamma} v_\lambda u_\gamma = 0$$

be a null linear combination, where $\text{Card}(\{(\lambda, \gamma) \in L \times L' ; \alpha_{\lambda\gamma} \neq 0\}) < \infty$. Note that

$$\sum_{\lambda \in L} \sum_{\gamma \in L'} \alpha_{\lambda\gamma} v_\lambda u_\gamma = \sum_{\lambda \in L} \left(\sum_{\gamma \in L'} \alpha_{\lambda\gamma} u_\gamma \right) v_\lambda = 0$$

Since $\{v_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in L}$ is linearly independent as $R' / (\mathfrak{P} \cap R')$ -vector space and $\sum_{\gamma \in L'} \alpha_{\lambda\gamma} u_\gamma \in R' / (\mathfrak{P} \cap R')$, we have that

$$\sum_{\gamma \in L'} \alpha_{\lambda\gamma} u_\gamma = 0$$

for each $\lambda \in L$. Similarly, since $\{u_\gamma\}_{\gamma \in L'}$ is linearly independent as $R / (\mathfrak{P} \cap R)$ -vector space and $\alpha_{\lambda\gamma} \in R / (\mathfrak{P} \cap R)$ for all $(\lambda, \gamma) \in L \times L'$, we conclude that $\alpha_{\lambda\gamma} = 0$ for each $(\lambda, \gamma) \in L \times L'$. Then $\{v_\lambda u_\gamma\}_{(\lambda, \gamma) \in L \times L'}$ is a basis of R'' / \mathfrak{P} as a $R / (\mathfrak{P} \cap R)$ -vector space and

$$f(\mathfrak{P} / R) = [R'' / \mathfrak{P} : R / (\mathfrak{P} \cap R)] = \text{Card}(L \times L') = \text{Card}(L) \text{Card}(L') = f(\mathfrak{P} / R') f(\mathfrak{P} \cap R' / R).$$

□

Question 3: Let $R = \mathbb{Z}$ be the ring of integers and R' be the integral closure of \mathbb{Z} in $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})$, where d is a square free integer, $d \neq 1, d \neq 0$. Let p be a prime ideal integer. Prove that the ideal pR' must have one of the factorizations

$$(a) pR' = \mathfrak{P} \quad (b) pR' = \mathfrak{P} \mathfrak{D} \quad (c) pR' = \mathfrak{P}^2$$

Proof: In fact, by Theorem 6.1, the R' is a Dedekind Domain. Since $\text{char}(\mathbb{Q}) = 0$, the field extension $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d}) / \mathbb{Q}$ is separable. Thus, by Corollary 6.7, given a prime integer $p \in \mathbb{Z}$, we have that

$$pR' = \mathfrak{P}_1^{e_1} \dots \mathfrak{P}_g^{e_g}$$

with

$$2 = [\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d}) : \mathbb{Q}] = \sum_{i=1}^g e_i f_i,$$

where $\mathfrak{P}_1, \dots, \mathfrak{P}_n$ belong to $\text{Spec}(R')$, e_1, \dots, e_g are non-negative integers and $f_i = [R'/\mathfrak{P}_i : \mathbb{Z}/(p)]$ for all $i = 1, \dots, g$. Now it is enough to analyse the possibilities

- If $e_1 = 1$, then f_1 can admit two values: $f_1 = 1$ or $f_1 = 2$:
 - If $f_1 = 2$, then pR' is exactly a prime ideal of R , that is

$$pR' = \mathfrak{P}_1 := \mathfrak{P}.$$

- If $f_1 = 1$, then $f_1 e_1 = 1 < 2$, thus we can assume without loss of generality that $e_2 = 1$ and $f_2 = 1$, thus

$$pR' = \mathfrak{P}_1 \mathfrak{P}_2 := \mathfrak{P}^2.$$

- If $e_1 = 2$, then we have necessarily that $f_1 = 1$ and so

$$pR' = \mathfrak{P}_1^2 := \mathfrak{P}^2.$$

□

Exercise 4 (Exercise 1 of second edition of the book): Show that the integral closure of \mathbb{Z} in $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})$ is the ring $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{2}] := \{a + b\sqrt{2} ; a, b \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ and conclude that $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{2}]$ is a Dedekind Domain.

Proof: In fact, note that $\sqrt{2}$ is integral over \mathbb{Z} , because it is root of the following monic polynomial

$$f(X) = X^2 - 2 \in \mathbb{Z}[X]$$

Since the integral closure of \mathbb{Z} in $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})$ has ring structure and it contains \mathbb{Z} , we conclude that $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{2}] \subseteq \overline{\mathbb{Z}}^{\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})}$. Now let $z = a + b\sqrt{2} \in \overline{\mathbb{Z}}^{\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})}$ and consider the polynomial

$$f(X) = (X - (a + b\sqrt{2}))(X - (a - b\sqrt{2})) = X^2 - 2aX + a^2 - 2b^2$$

Thus, since \mathbb{Z} is integrally closed, we conclude by Proposition 2.5 that $2a \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $a^2 - 2b^2 \in \mathbb{Z}$. Since $2a \in \mathbb{Z}$, then $a = t/2$ for some $t \in \mathbb{Z}$.

- If t is even, then $a \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $2b^2 \in \mathbb{Z}$. Thus $b^2 = m/2$ for some m integer. However, since 2 is not a perfect square, we conclude that $b^2 \in \mathbb{Z}$. Since the square of rational non-integer number is non-integer, we conclude that $b \in \mathbb{Z}$ and so $z = a + b\sqrt{2} \in \mathbb{Z}(\sqrt{2})$ and so $\mathbb{Z}(\sqrt{2}) = \overline{\mathbb{Z}}^{\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})}$

- On the other hand, suppose that t is odd, then $a = k + 1/2$ for some $k \in \mathbb{Z}$. Thus $k^2 + k + 1/4 - 2b^2 \in \mathbb{Z}$. Thus there is $m \in \mathbb{Z}$, such that $2b^2 = (4m + 1)/4$, that is,

$$b^2 = \frac{4m + 1}{8}.$$

Since 8 is not a perfect square and 2 doesn't divide $4m + 1$, we conclude that there is not $b \in \mathbb{Q}$ with this property, because we would need that the numerator were even to reduce the denominator to 4 or 1, thus it is impossible that t be odd.

Then we conclude that $\mathbb{Z}(\sqrt{2}) = \overline{\mathbb{Z}}^{\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})}$. Since \mathbb{Z} is Dedekind domain and $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})/\mathbb{Q}$ is finite, we conclude by Theorem 6.1 that $\mathbb{Z}(\sqrt{2})$ is a Dedekind domain. \square

Question 5: (Question 2 of the second edition of the book): Let \mathbb{F}_p be a field of p elements for a prime p and let K be the field of fractions $\mathbb{F}_p(t)$ of rational fractions with coefficients in \mathbb{F}_p . Let R be the following ring

$$R = \left\{ \frac{a(t)}{b(t)} \in \mathbb{F}_p(t) ; a(t), b(t) \in \mathbb{F}_p[t], b(0) \neq 0 \right\}.$$

Show that R is a discrete valuation domain with field of fractions $\mathbb{F}_p(t)$.

Proof: Since \mathbb{F}_p is a field, we have that $\mathbb{F}_p[t]$ is an Euclidean domain and so a principal ideal domain. Thus we conclude that $\mathbb{F}_p[t]$ is a Dedekind domain. I claim that

$$\mathfrak{P} = \{b(t) \in \mathbb{F}_p[t] ; b(0) = 0\}$$

is a prime ideal of $\mathbb{F}_p[t]$. Indeed, $0 \in \mathbb{F}_p[t]$, given $b_1(t), b_2(t) \in \mathfrak{P}$, we have that

$$(b_1 + b_2)(0) = b_1(0) + b_2(0) = 0$$

and

$$(-b_1)(0) = -b_1(0) = 0.$$

So $(\mathfrak{P}, +)$ is an Abelian group. Moreover, given $a(t) \in \mathbb{F}_p[t]$ and $b(t) \in \mathfrak{P}$, then

$$(a \cdot b)(0) = a(0)b(0) = 0.$$

Moreover, \mathfrak{P} is clearly a proper ideal of $\mathbb{F}_p[t]$ and given $a(t), b(t) \in \mathbb{F}_p[t]$, if $a(t)b(t) \in \mathfrak{P}$, then $a(0)b(0) = 0$, which implies that $a(t) \in \mathfrak{P}$ or $b(t) \in \mathfrak{P}$. Thus \mathfrak{P} is a prime ideal of $\mathbb{F}_p[t]$. Now note that

$$S = \mathbb{F}_p[t] \setminus \mathfrak{P} = \{b(t) \in \mathbb{F}_p[t] ; b(0) \neq 0\}.$$

Since $\mathbb{F}_p[t]$ is Dedekind domain and \mathfrak{P} is a nonzero prime ideal of $\mathbb{F}_p[t]$, we conclude that $R = (\mathbb{F}_p[t])_S = (\mathbb{F}_p[t])_{\mathfrak{P}}$ is a discrete valuation ring with field of fractions $\mathbb{F}_p(t)$. \square

1.7 Discriminant

Question 1: Let d be a square free integer and R' be the integral closure of \mathbb{Z} in $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})$. As continuation of Question 3 in section 6, determine which of the three possible factorizations of pR' actually occurs. Prove the following.

- (a) Suppose that (p) divides $\Delta(R'/\mathbb{Z})$. Then $pR' = \mathfrak{P}^2$ for some nonzero prime ideal \mathfrak{P} of R' .
- (b) Suppose that p is odd and (p) does not divide $\Delta(R'/\mathbb{Z})$. Then $pR' = \mathfrak{P}\mathfrak{Q}$ with $\mathfrak{P} \neq \mathfrak{Q}$ if and only if d is a quadratic residue module p , that is, $X^2 - d$ has a root in $\mathbb{Z}/(p)$.
- (c) Suppose that $p = 2$ and (p) does not divide $\Delta(R'/\mathbb{Z})$. Then necessarily $d \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$. Show that $2R' = \mathfrak{P}\mathfrak{Q}$ if $d \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$ and $2R' = \mathfrak{P}$ is prime if $d \equiv 5 \pmod{8}$.

Proof: (a) Consider $\Delta(R'/\mathbb{Z}) = \mathfrak{P}_1^{n_1} \dots \mathfrak{P}_g^{n_g}$, where \mathfrak{P}_i is a prime ideal of R' for all $1 \leq i \leq g$ and $\mathfrak{P}_i \neq \mathfrak{P}_j$ if $i \neq j$. If pR' divides $\Delta(R'/\mathbb{Z})$, then

$$pR' = \mathfrak{P}_1^{a_1} \dots \mathfrak{P}_g^{a_g}, \text{ with } 0 \leq a_i \leq n_i \quad \forall i \in \{1, \dots, g\}$$

This means that $\Delta(R'/\mathbb{Z}) \subseteq pR'$. By Theorem 7.3, we have that (p) is a ramified prime of \mathbb{Z} in R' , thus, by Question 3 in section 6, we conclude that $pR' = \mathfrak{P}^2$ for some nonzero prime ideal \mathfrak{P} of R' .

(b) Since (p) does not divide $\Delta(R'/\mathbb{Z})$, we have that (p) does not contain $\Delta(R'/\mathbb{Z})$. Again by Theorem 7.3, we conclude that (p) is not a ramified prime of \mathbb{Z} in R' . Thus, by Question 3 in section 6, we conclude that $pR' = \mathfrak{P}$ or $pR' = \mathfrak{P}\mathfrak{Q}$, where $\mathfrak{P}, \mathfrak{Q}$ are prime ideals of R' . However, By Question 4 of Section 2, we have that

$$R' = \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{d}] \quad \text{or} \quad R' = \mathbb{Z}\left[\frac{1+\sqrt{d}}{2}\right]$$

Since $[R' : \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{d}]] \leq 2$ and p is an odd prime number, we have that p does not divide $[R' : \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{d}]]$. Thus, we can apply the Theorem 7.6. If $f(X) = X^2 - d \in \mathbb{Z}[X]$ has a root in $\mathbb{Z}/(p)$, we conclude that there are $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}/(p)$ such that

$$\bar{f}(X) = (X - a)(X - b) \in \left(\frac{\mathbb{Z}}{(p)}\right)[X],$$

which implies that there exist $\mathfrak{P} \neq \mathfrak{Q} \in \text{Spec}(R')$ such that

$$pR' = \mathfrak{P}\mathfrak{Q}.$$

On other hand, if $f(X) = X^2 - d \in \mathbb{Z}[X]$ does not have root in $\mathbb{Z}/(p)$, then $f(X) = X^2 - d$ is irreducible in $(\mathbb{Z}/(p))[X]$. So, by Theorem 7.6, we conclude that

$$pR' = \mathfrak{P}$$

for some $\mathfrak{P} \in \text{Spec}(R')$. Then, we conclude that $pR' = \mathfrak{P}\mathfrak{Q}$ with $\mathfrak{P} \neq \mathfrak{Q}$ if and only if d is a quadratic residue module p .

(c) Firstly let's calculate the $\Delta(R'/\mathbb{Z})$. In order to do it, we have to divide in two cases: $d \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ and $d \equiv 2, 3 \pmod{4}$.

- Suppose that $d \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$. We already know that

$$R' = \mathbb{Z}\left[\frac{1 + \sqrt{d}}{2}\right].$$

Thus $\beta = \{1, (1 + \sqrt{d})/2\}$ is an integral basis of extension $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})/\mathbb{Q}$. Let's now calculate the trace function of this extension. Note that

$$[m_{a+b\sqrt{d}}]_{\beta}^{\beta} = \begin{bmatrix} a-b & (bd-b)/2 \\ 2b & a+b \end{bmatrix}.$$

Thus

$$\text{Tr}_{\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})/\mathbb{Q}}(a + b\sqrt{d}) = \text{Tr} \begin{bmatrix} a-b & (bd-b)/2 \\ 2b & a+b \end{bmatrix} = 2a.$$

Then the discriminant $\Delta(R'/\mathbb{Z})$ is given by

$$\Delta(R'/\mathbb{Z}) = \det \begin{bmatrix} \text{Tr}(1) & \text{Tr}((1 + \sqrt{d})/2) \\ \text{Tr}((1 + \sqrt{d})/2) & \text{Tr}(((1 + \sqrt{d})/2)^2) \end{bmatrix} \mathbb{Z} = \det \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & (1+d)/2 \end{bmatrix} \mathbb{Z} = d\mathbb{Z}.$$

- Suppose now that $d \equiv 2, 3 \pmod{4}$. We have already known that

$$R' = \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{d}].$$

Thus $\beta = \{1, \sqrt{d}\}$ is an integral basis of extension $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})/\mathbb{Q}$. Also we have already known that the trace function of this extension is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Tr}_{\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})/\mathbb{Q}} : \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d}) &\longrightarrow \mathbb{Q} \\ a + b\sqrt{d} &\longmapsto 2a \end{aligned}$$

Then the discriminant $\Delta(R'/\mathbb{Z})$ is given by

$$\Delta(R'/\mathbb{Z}) = \det \begin{bmatrix} \text{Tr}(1) & \text{Tr}(\sqrt{d}) \\ \text{Tr}(\sqrt{d}) & \text{Tr}((\sqrt{d})^2) \end{bmatrix} \mathbb{Z} = \det \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2d \end{bmatrix} \mathbb{Z} = 4d\mathbb{Z}.$$

Summing up, we have the following

$$\Delta(R'/\mathbb{Z}) = \begin{cases} d\mathbb{Z} & \text{if } d \equiv 1 \pmod{4}; \\ (4d)\mathbb{Z} & \text{if } d \equiv 2, 3 \pmod{4}. \end{cases}$$

Returning to the question, since $p = 2$ and $2\mathbb{Z}$ does not divide $\Delta(R'/\mathbb{Z})$, then $\Delta(R'/\mathbb{Z})$ is not contained in $2\mathbb{Z}$, so necessarily we have that d is odd, $d \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ and

$$R' = \mathbb{Z} \left[\frac{1 + \sqrt{d}}{2} \right].$$

Since $d \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$, we have that $d = 1 + 4k$ for some $k \in \mathbb{Z}$. If k is even, then

$$d \equiv 1 \pmod{8}.$$

If k is odd, then $k - 1$ is even and $d = 5 + 4(k - 1)$, then

$$d \equiv 5 \pmod{8}.$$

Remember that, if R' is the integral closure of ring extension $\mathbb{Z} \subseteq \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})$, then, given S a multiplicatively subset of \mathbb{Z} , we have that R'_S is the integral closure of extension $\mathbb{Z}_S \subseteq \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})_S = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})$. Thus, given the multiplicative subset $S = \mathbb{Z} \setminus 2\mathbb{Z}$ of \mathbb{Z} , in order to apply the Theorem 7.6, we will prove that

$$\mathbb{Z} \left[\frac{1 + \sqrt{d}}{2} \right]_S = \mathbb{Z}_{(2)} \left[\frac{1 + \sqrt{d}}{2} \right].$$

However it is clear. Indeed, calling $\delta = (1 + \sqrt{d})/2$, given

$$\frac{a + b\delta}{s} \in \mathbb{Z} \left[\frac{1 + \sqrt{d}}{2} \right]_S$$

we can rewrite it as

$$\frac{a}{s} + \frac{b}{s}\delta \in \mathbb{Z}_{(2)} \left[\frac{1 + \sqrt{d}}{2} \right].$$

Then

$$\mathbb{Z} \left[\frac{1 + \sqrt{d}}{2} \right]_S \subseteq \mathbb{Z}_{(2)} \left[\frac{1 + \sqrt{d}}{2} \right].$$

The other inclusion is trivial. Thus we can apply the Theorem 7.6. Moreover, it is easy to see that

$$f(X) = X^2 - X - \left(\frac{d-1}{4} \right)$$

is the minimal polynomial of $(1 + \sqrt{d})/2$ over \mathbb{Q} . If $d \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$, then the image of $f(x)$ in $\mathbb{F}_2[X]$ is

$$\bar{f}(X) = X^2 - X = X(X - 1).$$

Then, by Theorem 7.6, we conclude that

$$2\mathbb{Z}\left[\frac{1 + \sqrt{d}}{2}\right] = \mathfrak{P}\mathfrak{Q},$$

where $\mathfrak{P}, \mathfrak{Q}$ are distinct prime ideals of R' . On the other hand, if $d \equiv 5 \pmod{8}$, then the image of $f(x)$ in $\mathbb{F}_2[X]$ is

$$\bar{f}(X) = X^2 - X - 1.$$

which is an irreducible polynomial in $\mathbb{F}_2[X]$, because it does not have root in \mathbb{F}_2 . Thus, by Theorem 7.6, we conclude that

$$2\mathbb{Z}\left[\frac{1 + \sqrt{d}}{2}\right] = \mathfrak{P},$$

where \mathfrak{P} is a prime ideal of R' . □

1.8 Norms of Ideals

Question 1: Let $R = \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-1}]$ and $z_1, z_2 \in R$ with $z_2 \neq 0$. Show that there exist $q, r \in R$ such that

$$z_1 = z_2q + r \quad \text{and} \quad 0 \leq N(r) < N(z_2).$$

Conclude that R is a Principal Ideal Domain.

Proof: Indeed, it is clear that $\mathbb{Q}(i)/\mathbb{Q}$ is a Galois extension, with Galois group $G = \text{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}(i)/\mathbb{Q}) = \{1, \sigma\}$, where $\sigma : \mathbb{Q}(i) \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}(i)$ is the conjugation mapping. Thus the norm function of this extension evaluated in $z = x + iy$ can be calculated as

$$N(x + yi) = 1(x + yi) \cdot \sigma(x + yi) = (x + yi)(x - yi) = x^2 + y^2.$$

Now we will prove that, given $z_1, z_2 \in R$ with $z_2 \neq 0$, there exist $q, r \in R$ such that $z_1 = z_2q + r$ with $0 \leq N(r) < N(z_2)$. In fact, note that, if $z_1 = a + bi$ and $z_2 = c + di$ in $\mathbb{Z}[i]$, then

$$\frac{z_1}{z_2} = \frac{ac + bd}{c^2 + d^2} + \left(\frac{bc - ad}{c^2 + d^2} \right)i \in \mathbb{Q}[i].$$

Thus there are $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{Q}$ such that $z_1/z_2 = \alpha + \beta i$. By elementary real analysis, we can choose $\lambda, \gamma \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that

$$|\lambda - \alpha| \leq \frac{1}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad |\gamma - \beta| \leq \frac{1}{2}.$$

Considering $q := \lambda + \gamma i \in \mathbb{Z}[i]$, note that

$$z_1 = (q - q + \alpha + \beta i)z_2 = qz_2 + (\alpha + \beta i - q)z_2.$$

Let $r := (\alpha + \beta i - q)z_2$. Note that $r \in \mathbb{Z}[i]$, because

$$r = (\alpha + \beta i)z_2 - qz_2 = z_1 - qz_2 \in \mathbb{Z}[i].$$

Moreover, we have that

$$\begin{aligned} 0 \leq N(r) &= N(\alpha + \beta i - q)N(z_2) = N(z_2)N((\alpha - \lambda) + (\beta - \gamma)i) = N(z_2)[(\alpha - \lambda)^2 + (\beta - \gamma)^2] \\ &\leq \frac{1}{4}N(z_2) + \frac{1}{4}N(z_2) = \frac{1}{2}N(z_2) < N(z_2). \end{aligned}$$

Finally I claim that $\mathbb{Z}[i]$ is a Principal Ideal Domain. Indeed, let \mathfrak{A} be an ideal of $\mathbb{Z}[i]$. If $\mathfrak{A} = 0$, then $\mathfrak{A} = (0)$ is trivially a principal ideal. Suppose now that $\mathfrak{A} \neq 0$ and consider the following set

$$\mathcal{F} = \{N(a) \in \mathbb{N} ; \ a \in \mathfrak{A}, a \neq 0\}.$$

Clearly \mathcal{F} is a nonempty subset of \mathbb{N} . By well-ordering principle, \mathcal{F} has a minimum element n . Let $z_0 \in \mathfrak{A}$ such that $N(z_0) = n$. I claim that $\mathfrak{A} = (z_0)$. Indeed, since $z_0 \in \mathfrak{A}$, it is clear that

$$(z_0) \subseteq \mathfrak{A}.$$

On the other hand, given $z \in \mathfrak{A}$. By the division property proved above, there are $q, r \in \mathbb{Z}[i]$ such that $z = z_0q + r$ with $0 \leq N(r) < N(z_0) = n$. Since $r = z - z_0q \in \mathfrak{A}$ and the following property holds: Given $w \in \mathbb{Z}[i]$

$$N(w) = 0 \quad \text{if and only if} \quad w = 0,$$

we conclude that $r = 0$, thus $z = z_0q \in (z_0)$ and so

$$\mathfrak{A} \subseteq (z_0).$$

Since \mathfrak{A} is an arbitrary ideal of $\mathbb{Z}[i]$, we conclude that $\mathbb{Z}[i]$ is a Principal Ideal Domain. \square

1.9 Cyclotomic Fields

Question 1: Let ε_n denote the primitive n -th root of unity. If m is an odd integer, prove that $\mathbb{Q}(\varepsilon_m) = \mathbb{Q}(\varepsilon_{2m})$ and conclude that 2 ramifies in $\mathbb{Q}(\varepsilon_{2m})$ even though 2 divides $2m$. Show this is the only exception to assertion “ p ramifies in $\mathbb{Q}(\varepsilon_n)$ whenever p is a prime dividing n ”.

Proof: In fact, since $(\varepsilon_m)^m = 1$, we have that $(\varepsilon_m)^{2m} = 1$, thus $\varepsilon_m \in \mathbb{Q}(\varepsilon_{2m})$ and so

$$\mathbb{Q}(\varepsilon_m) \subseteq \mathbb{Q}(\varepsilon_{2m}).$$

In order to show that $\mathbb{Q}(\varepsilon_m) = \mathbb{Q}(\varepsilon_{2m})$, it is enough to show that $[\mathbb{Q}(\varepsilon_m) : \mathbb{Q}] = [\mathbb{Q}(\varepsilon_{2m}) : \mathbb{Q}]$. Since $\gcd(2, m) = 1$ and the Euler's Totient function is a multiplicative function, we conclude that

$$[\mathbb{Q}(\varepsilon_{2m}) : \mathbb{Q}] = \phi(2m) = \phi(2)\phi(m) = \phi(m) = [\mathbb{Q}(\varepsilon_m) : \mathbb{Q}]$$

and so $\mathbb{Q}(\varepsilon_{2m}) = \mathbb{Q}(\varepsilon_m)$. Since m is an odd integer, we have that 2 does not divide m , so, by Theorem 9.2, we conclude that 2 ramifies in $\mathbb{Q}(\varepsilon_m) = \mathbb{Q}(\varepsilon_{2m})$.

Now suppose that p divides n , then, we have that $n = p^a m$, where $a \geq 1$ and $\gcd(p, m) = 1$. By Theorem 9.2, we have that p has ramification index $\phi(p^a)$. Since $\phi(p^a) > 1$ except when $p = 2$ and $a = 1$, we conclude that the case $p = 2$ is the only exception to the assertion “ p ramifies in $\mathbb{Q}(\varepsilon_n)$ whenever p is a prime dividing n ”. \square

1.10 Lattices in Real Vector Spaces

Question 1 [*Second edition*]: The one-dimensional vector space $V = \mathbb{R}$ contains the rank two abelian group $A = \mathbb{Z} + \sqrt{2}\mathbb{Z}$. Prove that this group can not be a lattice.

Proof: In fact, since $1 < \sqrt{2} < 2$, we have that $0 < \sqrt{2} - 1 < 1$. Consider the sequence $a_n = (\sqrt{2} - 1)^n$. Since $0 < \sqrt{2} - 1 < 1$, we have that this sequence is strictly decreasing and $0 < a_n < 1$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Now, in order to prove that this group is not a Lattice in \mathbb{R} , it is enough to show that $a_n \in \mathbb{Z} + \sqrt{2}\mathbb{Z}$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, and thus we will conclude that the sphere $[-1, 1]$ contains infinity elements of $\mathbb{Z} + \sqrt{2}\mathbb{Z}$. However, this is easy, because if $n = 2m$, then

$$\begin{aligned} a_n = (\sqrt{2} - 1)^n &= \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{2m}{k} (\sqrt{2})^k (-1)^{2m-k} = \sum_{k=0}^m \binom{2m}{2k} 2^k (-1)^{2(m-k)} + \\ &\quad \left(\sum_{k=0}^m \binom{2m}{2k+1} 2^k (-1)^{2(m-k)+1} \right) \sqrt{2} \in \mathbb{Z} + \sqrt{2}\mathbb{Z}. \end{aligned}$$

If $n = 2m - 1$, then

$$a_n = (\sqrt{2} - 1)^n = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{2m+1}{k} (\sqrt{2})^k (-1)^{2m-k} = \sum_{k=0}^m \binom{2m+1}{2k} 2^k (-1)^{2m-(2k+1)} + \left(\sum_{k=0}^m \binom{2m}{2k+1} 2^k (-1)^{2(m-k)+1} \right) \sqrt{2} \in \mathbb{Z} + \sqrt{2}\mathbb{Z}.$$

Thus $a_n \in \mathbb{Z} + \sqrt{2}\mathbb{Z}$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, which implies that $[-1, 1]$ contains infinite elements of $\mathbb{Z} + \sqrt{2}\mathbb{Z}$ and so $\mathbb{Z} + \sqrt{2}\mathbb{Z}$ can not be a lattice. □

Chapter 2

Complete Fields

2.1 Valuations

This section does not contain exercises.

2.2 Completions

Lemma: In \mathbb{Q}_p , prove that the element $1/(1-p)$ has representation

$$1 + p + p^2 + \cdots + p^n + \cdots.$$

Proof: It is enough to show that the partial sums converges $(s_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ to $1/(1-p)$. Note that, given $n \in \mathbb{N}$, we have that

$$\left| s_n - \frac{1}{1-p} \right| = \left| \frac{(1-p^{n+1}) - 1}{1-p} \right| = \left| \frac{-p^{n+1}}{1-p} \right| = \left| \frac{1}{1-p} \right| \left(\frac{1}{p^{n+1}} \right)$$

Letting $n \rightarrow \infty$, we conclude that $(s_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ converges to $1/(1-p)$. □

Corollary: In \mathbb{Q}_p , prove that the element $1/(1-p^k)$ has representation

$$1 + p^k + p^{2k} + \cdots + p^{nk} + \cdots.$$

Proof: Just imitate the proof of the Lemma above. □

Question 1: In \mathbb{Q}_3 , show that the series

$$1 + 2 \cdot 3 + 3^2 + 2 \cdot 3^3 + \cdots + 3^{2n} + 2 \cdot 3^{2n+1} + \cdots$$

converges to a rational number.

Proof: Note that

$$\begin{aligned} 1 + 2 \cdot 3 + 3^2 + 2 \cdot 3^3 + \dots + 3^{2n} + 2 \cdot 3^{2n+1} + \dots &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (3^2)^k + 2 \cdot (3 + 3^3 + \dots + 3^{2n+1} + \dots) = \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (3^2)^k + 6 \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (3^2)^k = \frac{1}{1-3^2} + \frac{6}{1-3^2} = -\frac{1}{8} - \frac{6}{8} = -\frac{7}{8}. \end{aligned}$$

Then $1 + 2 \cdot 3 + 3^2 + 2 \cdot 3^3 + \dots + 3^{2n} + 2 \cdot 3^{2n+1} + \dots = -7/8 \in \mathbb{Q}$. □

Question 2: More generally in \mathbb{Q}_p , show that the periodic series

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k p^k$$

with $a_k \in \{0, 1, \dots, p-1\}$ and $a_k = a_{k+m}$ for some $m \in \mathbb{N}$ fixed and all $k \in \mathbb{N}_0$ converges to a rational number.

Proof: Firstly note that we can write the series $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k p^k$ as the following sum

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k p^k = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_{mk} p^{mk} + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_{mk+1} p^{mk+1} + \dots + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_{mk+(m-1)} p^{mk+(m-1)}.$$

Using the fact that $a_k = a_{k+m}$ for every $k \in \mathbb{N}_0$ and that $a_i = a_{m+i} = a_{2m+i} = \dots = a_{km+i} = \dots$ for all $i \in \{0, \dots, m-1\}$, we have that

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k p^k &= a_0 \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} p^{mk} + a_1 \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} p^{mk+1} + \dots + a_{m-1} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} p^{mk+(m-1)} = a_0 + a_1 p \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} p^{mk} + \dots + a_{m-1} p^{m-1} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} p^{mk} \\ &= (a_0 + a_1 p + \dots + a_{m-1} p^{m-1}) \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (p^m)^k = \frac{a_0 + a_1 p + \dots + a_{m-1} p^{m-1}}{1 - p^m} \in \mathbb{Q}. \end{aligned}$$

Then the periodic series converges to a rational number.

Chapter 3

Application of the Kronecker bound in ideal class group calculation

The Kronecker bounder is a positive real number which appears in the middle of proof of finiteness of class group in number fields. More specifically, it appears in the following proposition.

Proposition 3.1. *Let \mathcal{K} be a number field. Then there exists a constant $\chi > 0$ such that such that in every nonzero ideal $\mathfrak{a} \subseteq \mathcal{O}_K = \sum_{k=1}^n \mathbb{Z}e_i$, there is a nonzero $\alpha \in \mathfrak{a}$ such that*

$$|N_{K/\mathbb{Q}}(\alpha)| \leq \chi[\mathcal{O}_K : \mathfrak{a}],$$

where the constant χ is

$$\chi = \prod_{\sigma \in \text{Hom}(K, \mathbb{C})} \sum_{i=1}^n |\sigma(e_i)|.$$

Proof: Consult the Theorem 2.1 of [?]. □

The Kronecker bound can help us to determine the ideal class group of some number fields if we know the following theorem.

Theorem 3.2. *Let \mathcal{K} be a number field. The ideal classes of \mathcal{K} satisfies the two following properties:*

1. *They are represented by ideals with norm at most χ ;*
2. *They are generated as a group by prime ideals \mathfrak{p} with $N(\mathfrak{p}) \leq \chi$.*

Proof: Consult the Theorem 2.2 of [?] □

Using the Theorem 3.2 and the Dedekind-Kummer Theorem, which we will enunciate in the following, we will use the Kronecker bound to determine the ideal class group of $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-5})$.

Theorem 3.3 (Dedekind-Kummer). *Let R be a Dedekind domain with field of fractions K and L be a finite separable extension of K . Consider S the integral closure of R in L . Assume that $L = K(\alpha)$, $\alpha \in S$, let $f(X) \in R[X]$ be the minimal polynomial of α and assume that $S = R[\alpha]$. Suppose that $g_1(X), \dots, g_n(X) \in R[X]$ are monic polynomials for which*

$$\overline{f}(X) = \prod_{k=1}^n \overline{g_k}(X)^{e_k}$$

is a complete factorization of $\overline{f}(X)$ in $(R/\mathfrak{p})[X]$, where $\overline{}$ denotes reduction modulo \mathfrak{p} and let $\mathfrak{Q}_i = (\mathfrak{p}, g_i(\alpha))$ be the S -ideal generated by \mathfrak{p} and $g_i(\alpha)$. Then

$$\mathfrak{p}S = \prod_{k=1}^n \mathfrak{Q}_k^{e_k}$$

is the factorization of $\mathfrak{p}S$ in S and the residue degree of \mathfrak{Q}_i is $f_i := \deg(g_i)$.

Proof: Consult the Theorem 6.13 of [?] □

Example 3.4. *Using the Kronecker bound, prove that*

$$\text{CL}(\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-5})) \cong \left(\frac{\mathbb{Z}}{2\mathbb{Z}}, + \right).$$

Proof: Firstly we will determine the field homomorphisms $\sigma : \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-5}) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$. Note that, given $\sigma \in \text{Hom}(\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-5}), \mathbb{C})$, we have that

$$\sigma(\sqrt{-5})^2 = \sigma((\sqrt{-5})^2) = \sigma(-5) = -5.$$

Thus $\sigma(\sqrt{-5}) = \sqrt{5}i$ or $\sigma(\sqrt{-5}) = -\sqrt{5}i$, then we conclude that $\text{Hom}(\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-5}), \mathbb{C}) = \{\iota, \sigma\}$, where

$$\iota : \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-5}) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$$

and

$$\sigma : \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-5}) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$$

$$a + b\sqrt{-5} \mapsto a + b\sqrt{-5}$$

$$a + b\sqrt{-5} \mapsto a - b\sqrt{-5}$$

Consider now the \mathbb{Z} -basis $\{1, \sqrt{-5}\}$ for $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-5})} = \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-5}]$. Thus the Kronecker bound associated to this \mathbb{Z} -basis is

$$\chi = (|\iota(1)| + |\iota(\sqrt{-5})|) \cdot (|\sigma(1)| + |\sigma(\sqrt{-5})|) = (1 + \sqrt{5})^2 \approx 10, 4.$$

By Theorem 3.2, we conclude that the group $\text{CL}(\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-5}))$ satisfies the following two conditions:

- It is represented by ideals $\mathfrak{A} \subseteq \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-5}]$ such that $N(\mathfrak{A}) \leq 10$;
- It is generated by prime ideals \mathfrak{P} such that $N(\mathfrak{P}) \leq 10$.

Let $(p) = \mathfrak{P} \cap \mathbb{Z}$. Since $N(\mathfrak{P}) = p^f \leq 10$, where $f = [\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-5}]/\mathfrak{P} : \mathbb{Z}/(p)]$, we conclude that the only possible primes integers for p are $p = 2, 3, 5$ or 7 . In particular, since

$$p\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-5}] = (\mathfrak{P} \cap \mathbb{Z})\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-5}] \subseteq \mathfrak{P},$$

we conclude that \mathfrak{P} divides $2\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-5}]$, $3\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-5}]$, $5\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-5}]$ or $7\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-5}]$. Thus, if \mathfrak{P} is one of the generators of $\text{CL}(\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-5}))$, then \mathfrak{P} is one of prime factors of $2\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-5}]$, $3\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-5}]$, $5\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-5}]$ or $7\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-5}]$. Now we will calculate the decomposition of each of these ideals in product of prime ideals using the Dedekind-Kummer Theorem. Knowing that $f(X) = X^2 + 5$ is the minimal polynomial of $\sqrt{-5}$ over \mathbb{Q} , we obtain the following factorizations:

- $2\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-5}]$: Note that, in \mathbb{F}_2 , we have $\bar{f}(X) = X^2 + 1 = (X+1)(X+1)$. Calling $\bar{q}_1(X) = (X+1)$ and $\bar{q}_2(X) = (X+1)$, by Dedekind-Kummer Theorem, we conclude that

$$2\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-5}] = (2, 1 + \sqrt{-5})(2, 1 + \sqrt{-5}) = (2, 1 + \sqrt{-5})^2 := \mathfrak{P}_2^2.$$

- $3\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-5}]$: Note that, in \mathbb{F}_3 , we have $\bar{f}(X) = X^2 + 2 = (X+1)(X+2)$. Calling $\bar{q}_1(X) = (X+1)$ and $\bar{q}_2(X) = (X+2)$, by Dedekind-Kummer Theorem, we conclude that

$$3\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-5}] = (3, 1 + \sqrt{-5})(3, 2 + \sqrt{-5}) := \mathfrak{P}_3\mathfrak{P}'_3.$$

- $5\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-5}]$: Note that, in \mathbb{F}_5 , we have $\bar{f}(X) = X^2$. Calling $\bar{q}_1(X) = X$ and $\bar{q}_2(X) = X$, by Dedekind-Kummer Theorem, we conclude that

$$5\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-5}] = (\sqrt{-5})(\sqrt{-5}) = (\sqrt{-5})^2 := \mathfrak{P}_5^2.$$

- $7\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-5}]$: Note that, in \mathbb{F}_7 , we have $\bar{f}(X) = X^2 + 5 = (X+3)(X+4)$. Calling $\bar{q}_1(X) = (X+3)$ and $\bar{q}_2(X) = (X+4)$, by Dedekind-Kummer Theorem, we conclude that

$$7\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-5}] = (7, 3 + \sqrt{-5})(7, 4 + \sqrt{-5}) := \mathfrak{P}_7\mathfrak{P}'_7.$$

Since, in $\text{CL}(\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-5}))$, principal ideals become trivial, we conclude that

$$[\mathfrak{P}_2]^2 = [1] \quad [\mathfrak{P}_3\mathfrak{P}'_3] = [1] \quad [\mathfrak{P}_5] = [1] \quad [\mathfrak{P}_7\mathfrak{P}'_7] = [1],$$

and then, by Theorem 3.2, $\text{CL}(\mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{-5}])$ is a group generated by $[\mathfrak{P}_1]$, $[\mathfrak{P}_3]$ and $[\mathfrak{P}_7]$. However, observe that

$$\mathfrak{P}_2\mathfrak{P}_3 = (2, 1 + \sqrt{-5})(3, 1 + \sqrt{-5}) = (6, 1 + \sqrt{-5}, -4 + 2\sqrt{-5}) = (1 + \sqrt{-5})$$

and

$$\mathfrak{P}_2\mathfrak{P}_7 = (2, 1 + \sqrt{-5})(7, 3 + \sqrt{-5}) = (14, 6 + 2\sqrt{-5}, 7 + 7\sqrt{-5}, -2 + 4\sqrt{-5}) = (3 + \sqrt{-5})$$

Thus we conclude that $[\mathfrak{P}_2][\mathfrak{P}_3] = [\mathfrak{P}_2\mathfrak{P}_3] = [1]$ and $[\mathfrak{P}_2][\mathfrak{P}_7] = [\mathfrak{P}_2\mathfrak{P}_7] = [1]$, which allows us to conclude that

$$[\mathfrak{P}_3] = [\mathfrak{P}_2]^{-1} \quad \text{and} \quad [\mathfrak{P}_7] = [\mathfrak{P}_2]^{-1}.$$

Thus we conclude that $\text{CL}(\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-5})) = \langle [\mathfrak{P}_2] \rangle$. Since $[\mathfrak{P}_2]^2 = [1]$ and $[\mathfrak{P}_2] \neq [1]$, because \mathfrak{P}_2 is not principal ideal, we conclude that $\text{CL}(\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-5}))$ is isomorphic to the cyclic group of order 2, that is

$$\text{CL}(\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-5})) \cong \left(\frac{\mathbb{Z}}{2\mathbb{Z}}, + \right).$$

In particular, $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-5})$ is not a principal ideal domain, because $\text{CL}(\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-5}))$ is not the trivial group. □

Chapter 4

Convergence in p -adic number fields

The purpose of these notes is to solve the two first questions of the section 2.2 of the book [1]. These questions are about convergence in the p -adic number fields. However we will do a brief introduction about these fields. As well as \mathbb{R} and \mathbb{C} have a norm, we also can define a norm in an arbitrary field.

Definition 4.1. *Let \mathbb{K} be a field, a function $\|\cdot\| : \mathbb{K} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is called a norm if it satisfies the four following properties:*

- $\|x\| \geq 0$ for all $x \in \mathbb{K}$;
- $\|x\| = 0$ if and only if $x = 0$;
- $\|xy\| = \|x\|\|y\|$ for all $x, y \in \mathbb{K}$;
- $\|x + y\| \leq \|x\| + \|y\|$ for all $x, y \in \mathbb{K}$.

For example, the following functions

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \|\cdot\|_{\infty} : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} & & \|\cdot\| : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ x \mapsto |x| & \text{and} & a + bi \mapsto \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} \end{array}$$

are norms in the fields \mathbb{R} , \mathbb{C} , respectively. Now our goal is study a specific type of norm in \mathbb{Q} .

Definition 4.2. *Let p be a prime integer and $n \in \mathbb{Z}$, we define the order of p in n , denoting it by $\text{Ord}_p(n)$, the highest non-negative integer m such that p^m divides n .*

Viewing the order as a function $\text{Ord}_p : \mathbb{Z} \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}$, since this function has the following property

$$\text{Ord}_p(n \cdot m) = \text{Ord}_p(n) + \text{Ord}_p(m),$$

we can naturally extend the order function to \mathbb{Q} defining

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Ord}_p : \mathbb{Q} &\longrightarrow \mathbb{Z} \\ m/n &\longmapsto \text{Ord}_p(m) - \text{Ord}_p(n) \end{aligned}$$

It is easy to see that this function is well defined. With this function in mind, we can define the p -adic norm:

Proposition 4.3 (p -adic norm). *The function*

$$\begin{aligned} \|\cdot\|_p : \mathbb{Q} &\longrightarrow \mathbb{Q} \\ x &\longmapsto \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x = 0; \\ \frac{1}{p^{\text{Ord}_p(x)}} & \text{if } x \neq 0. \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

is a norm in \mathbb{Q}

Proof: Consult the Proposition 1.2.1 of [2]. □

Since $(\mathbb{Q}, \|\cdot\|_\infty)$ can be completed as a quotient of ring of Cauchy sequences in $(\mathbb{Q}, \|\cdot\|_\infty)$ by the ideal of convergent sequences in $(\mathbb{Q}, \|\cdot\|_\infty)$ that converges to 0, obtaining a complete field, in this case $(\mathbb{R}, \|\cdot\|_\infty)$, we also can do the same procedure in $(\mathbb{Q}, \|\cdot\|_p)$. The field obtained with this procedure is called the p -adic number field.

Definition 4.4. *Let p be a prime integer. The completion of the metric space $(\mathbb{Q}, \|\cdot\|_p)$ is called the field of p -adic numbers and it is denoted by \mathbb{Q}_p .*

Translating the usual definition of convergence to $(\mathbb{Q}, \|\cdot\|_p)$, we can formulate the following definition.

Definition 4.5. *Let p be a prime integer and $\sum_{n=1}^\infty a_n$ be a series in \mathbb{Q}_p . This series converges to x in \mathbb{Q}_p if the sequence $(s_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ of partial sums converges in \mathbb{Q}_p , that is, if*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|s_n - x\|_p = 0.$$

Now we will go to prove a lemma which will help us to solve the two questions.

Lemma 4.6. Let p be a prime integer and consider the following series in \mathbb{Q}_p

$$1 + p^k + p^{2k} + \dots + p^{nk} + \dots$$

Then this series converges to the rational number

$$\frac{1}{1 - p^k}.$$

Proof: It is enough to show that the partial sums converges $(s_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ to $1/(1 - p^k)$. Given $n \in \mathbb{N}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| s_n - \frac{1}{1 - p^k} \right\|_p &= \left\| \frac{(1 - p^{k(n+1)}) - 1}{1 - p^k} \right\|_p = \left\| \frac{-p^{k(n+1)}}{1 - p^k} \right\|_p = \left\| \frac{1}{1 - p^k} \right\|_p \cdot \| -p^{k(n+1)} \|_p = \left\| \frac{1}{1 - p^k} \right\|_p \| p^{k(n+1)} \|_p = \\ &= \left\| \frac{1}{1 - p^k} \right\|_p \left(\frac{1}{p^{n+1}} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Letting $n \rightarrow \infty$, we conclude that $(s_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ converges to $1/(1 - p)$. □

Let's get to the questions at hand.

Question 4.7 (Question 1 of section 2.2 of [1]). In \mathbb{Q}_3 , show that the series

$$1 + 2 \cdot 3 + 3^2 + 2 \cdot 3^3 + \dots + 3^{2n} + 2 \cdot 3^{2n+1} + \dots$$

converges to a rational number.

Proof: Set $L = 1 + 2 \cdot 3 + 3^2 + 2 \cdot 3^3 + \dots + 3^{2n} + 2 \cdot 3^{2n+1} + \dots$. Note that

$$\begin{aligned} L &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (3^2)^k + 2 \cdot \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (3)^{2k+1} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (3)^{2k} + 2 \cdot 3 \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (3^2)^k = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (3)^{2k} + 2 \cdot 3 \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (3^2)^k = 7 \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (3^2)^k = \\ &= \frac{7}{1 - 3^2} = -\frac{7}{8}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus this series converges to a rational number in \mathbb{Q}_3 . □

Question 4.8 (Question 2 of section 2.2 of [1]). More generally in \mathbb{Q}_p , show that the periodic series

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k p^k$$

with $a_k \in \{0, 1, \dots, p-1\}$ and $a_k = a_{k+m}$ for some $m \in \mathbb{N}$ fixed and all $k \in \mathbb{N}_0$ converges to a rational number.

Proof: Firstly note that the series $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k p^k$ can be written as

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k p^k = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_{mk} p^{mk} + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_{mk+1} p^{mk+1} + \dots + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_{mk+(m-1)} p^{mk+(m-1)}.$$

Using the fact that $a_k = a_{k+m}$ for every $k \in \mathbb{N}_0$ and that

$$\begin{cases} a_0 = a_{km} & \text{for all } k \in \mathbb{N}_0; \\ a_1 = a_{km+1} & \text{for all } k \in \mathbb{N}_0; \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ a_{m-1} = a_{km+(m-1)} & \text{for all } k \in \mathbb{N}_0. \end{cases}$$

we can write $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n p^n$ as

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k p^k &= a_0 \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} p^{mk} + a_1 \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} p^{mk+1} + \dots + a_{m-1} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} p^{mk+(m-1)} = \\ a_0 \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} p^{mk} + a_1 p \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} p^{mk} + \dots + a_{m-1} p^{m-1} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} p^{mk} &= (a_0 + a_1 p + \dots + a_{m-1} p^{m-1}) \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (p^m)^k = \\ &= \frac{a_0 + a_1 p + \dots + a_{m-1} p^{m-1}}{1 - p^m}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus any periodical series converges to a rational number in \mathbb{Q}_p . □

Let p be a prime integer and \mathbb{Q}_p be the completion of $(\mathbb{Q}, \|\cdot\|_p)$. Since $\|\cdot\|_p$ is a non-Archimedean norm, it is classical exercise to show that the subset

$$\mathbb{Z}_p = \{x \in \mathbb{Q}_p ; \|x\| \leq 1\} \subseteq \mathbb{Q}_p$$

is a discrete valuation domain, whose maximal ideal \mathfrak{m} is exactly its subset $\{x \in \mathbb{Q}_p ; \|x\| = 1\}$. We call $(\mathbb{Z}_p, \mathfrak{m})$ by the ring of p -adic integers. In the Question 4.8, we had that $\|L\|_p \leq 1$, thus we conclude that $L \in \mathbb{Z}_p$, even though $L \in \mathbb{Q} \setminus \mathbb{Z}$, thus we see \mathbb{Z}_p can contain non-integer numbers.

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