

# Solutions to Ireland, Rosen “A Classical Introduction to Modern Number Theory”

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## Chapter 9

**Ex. 9.1** If  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}[\omega]$ , show that  $\alpha$  is congruent to either 0, 1, or  $-1$  modulo  $1 - \omega$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\lambda = 1 - \omega$ , and  $z = a + b\omega \in D = \mathbb{Z}[\omega]$ ,  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

$\omega \equiv 1 \pmod{\lambda}$ , so  $z \equiv a + b \pmod{\lambda}$ , with  $c = a + b \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

$c \equiv 0, 1, -1 \pmod{3}$ , and since  $\lambda \mid 3$ ,  $z \equiv 0, 1, -1 \pmod{\lambda}$ .

Conclusion : every  $z \in D$  is congruent to either 0, 1, or  $-1$  modulo  $\lambda = 1 - \omega$ .

Note :  $1 \not\equiv -1 \pmod{\lambda}$ , if not  $\lambda \mid 2$ , so  $2 = \lambda\lambda'$ ,  $N(2) = N(\lambda)N(\lambda')$ , thus  $4 = 3N(\lambda')$ , so  $3 \mid 4$ , which is nonsense.

$\pm 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{\lambda}$  implies  $\lambda \mid 1$ , so  $\lambda$  would be a unit, in contradiction with  $\lambda$  prime.

So there exist exactly three classes modulo  $\lambda$  in  $D$  :  $|D/\lambda D| = 3 = N(\lambda)$ .

□

**Ex. 9.2** From now on we shall set  $D = \mathbb{Z}[\omega]$  and  $\lambda = 1 - \omega$ . For  $\mu$  in  $D$  show that we can write  $\mu = (-1)^a \omega^b \lambda^c \pi_1^{a_1} \pi_2^{a_2} \cdots \pi_t^{a_t}$ , where  $a, b, c$ , and the  $a_i$  are nonnegative integers and the  $\pi_i$  are primary primes.

*Proof.* Let  $S$  the set containing  $\lambda = 1 - \omega$  and all primary primes.

We show that,

- (a) every prime in  $D$  is associate to a prime in  $S$ ,
- (b) no two primes in  $S$  are associate.

Let  $\pi$  be a prime in  $D$ . There are three cases.

- If  $N(\pi) = 3$ , then  $\pi$  is associate to  $\lambda \in S$ , and no associate of  $\lambda$  is primary.
- If  $N(\pi) = q^2$ , where  $q \equiv -1 \pmod{3}$  is a rational prime, then  $\pi$  is associate to  $q$  (Proposition 9.1.2), and  $q$  is a primary prime. The primes associate to  $q$  are  $q, -q, \omega q, -\omega q, -q - \omega q, q + \omega q$ , so only  $q$  is primary.
- If  $N(\pi) = p$ , where  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ , then the proposition 9.1.4. shows among the associates of  $\pi$  exactly one is primary.

Moreover, the norm of two primes belonging to two different cases are distinct, so two such primes are not associate.

By Theorem 3, Chapter 1, as  $D = \mathbb{Z}[\omega]$  is a principal ideal domain, every  $\mu \in D$  is of the form

$$\mu = u \prod_{\pi \in S} \lambda^{e(\pi)},$$

where  $u$  is a unit, so  $u = (-1)^a \omega^b$ . Thus

$$\mu = (-1)^a \omega^b \lambda^c \pi_1^{a_1} \pi_2^{a_2} \cdots \pi_t^{a_t},$$

where the  $\pi$  are primary primes, and  $a, b, c$  and the  $a_i$  are nonnegative integers.  $\square$

**Ex. 9.3** Let  $\gamma$  a primary prime. To evaluate  $\chi_\gamma(\mu)$  we see, by Exercise 2, that it is enough to evaluate  $\chi_\gamma(-1), \chi_\gamma(\omega), \chi_\gamma(\lambda)$ , and  $\chi_\gamma(\pi)$ , where  $\pi$  is a primary prime. Since  $-1 = (-1)^3$  we have  $\chi_\gamma(-1) = 1$ . We now consider  $\chi_\gamma(\omega)$ . Let  $\gamma = a + b\omega$  and set  $a = 3m - 1$  and  $b = 3n$ . Show that  $\chi_\gamma(\omega) = \omega^{m+n}$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\gamma = a + b\omega = 3m - 1 + 3n\omega$ . Then  $\chi_\gamma(\omega) = \omega^{\frac{N(\gamma)-1}{3}}$  (remark (b) of Theorem 1).

$$\begin{aligned} N(\gamma) - 1 &= (3m - 1)^2 + (3n)^2 - 3n(3m - 1) - 1 \\ &= 9m^2 - 6m + 9n^2 - 9nm + 3n \\ \frac{N(\gamma) - 1}{3} &= 3m^2 - 2m + 3n^2 - 3nm + n \equiv n + m \pmod{3} \end{aligned}$$

Thus, for  $\gamma = a + b\omega = 3m - 1 + 3n\omega$ ,

$$\chi_\gamma(\omega) = \omega^{\frac{N(\gamma)-1}{3}} = \omega^{n+m}.$$

$\square$

**Ex. 9.4** (continuation) Show that  $\chi_\gamma(\omega) = 1, \omega$ , or  $\omega^2$  according to whether  $\gamma$  is congruent to 8, 2, or 5 modulo  $3\lambda$ . In particular, if  $q$  is a rational prime,  $q \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ , then  $\chi_q(\omega) = 1, \omega$ , or  $\omega^2$  according to whether  $q \equiv 8, 2$ , or  $5 \pmod{9}$ . [Hint :  $\gamma = a + b\omega = -1 + 3(m + n\omega)$ , and so  $\gamma \equiv -1 + 3(m + n) \pmod{3\lambda}$ .]

*Proof.*  $\lambda = 1 - \omega$ , so  $\omega \equiv 1 \pmod{\lambda}$ . Thus

$$\begin{aligned} m + n\omega &\equiv m + n \pmod{\lambda} \\ 3(m + n\omega) &\equiv 3(m + n) \pmod{3\lambda} \\ \gamma &\equiv -1 + 3(m + n\omega) \equiv -1 + 3(m + n) \pmod{3\lambda} \end{aligned}$$

Moreover  $9 = 3\lambda\bar{\lambda} \equiv 0 \pmod{3\lambda}$ , thus  $\gamma$  is congruent modulo  $3\lambda$  to an integer between 0 and 8 of the form  $3k - 1$  :  $\gamma \equiv 8, 2$  or  $5 \pmod{3\lambda}$ .

By Ex. 9.3,  $\chi_\gamma(\omega) = 1 \iff m + n \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ , and  $m + n \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$  implies  $m + n = 3k, k \in \mathbb{Z}$ , so  $\gamma \equiv -1 + 9k \equiv -1 \equiv 8 \pmod{3\lambda}$ .

Conversely, if  $\gamma \equiv 8 \equiv -1 \pmod{3\lambda}$ , then  $3\lambda \mid 3(m + n)$ , so  $\lambda \mid m + n$ , and  $N(\lambda) \mid N(m + n)$ ,  $3 \mid (m + n)^2$ , thus  $3 \mid m + n$ ,  $m + n \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ , and so  $\chi_\gamma(\omega) = 1$ . The two other cases are similar, so we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \chi_\gamma(\omega) = 1 &\iff m + n \equiv 0 \pmod{3} \iff \gamma \equiv 8 \pmod{3\lambda}, \\ \chi_\gamma(\omega) = \omega &\iff m + n \equiv 1 \pmod{3} \iff \gamma \equiv 2 \pmod{3\lambda}, \\ \chi_\gamma(\omega) = \omega^2 &\iff m + n \equiv 2 \pmod{3} \iff \gamma \equiv 5 \pmod{3\lambda}. \end{aligned}$$

If  $\gamma = q$  is a rational prime,  $q \equiv 8 \pmod{9}$  implies  $q \equiv 8 \pmod{3\lambda}$ , since  $3\lambda \mid 9 = 3\lambda\bar{\lambda}$ , thus  $\chi_q(\omega) = 1$ .

Conversely, if  $\chi_q(\omega) = 1$ , then  $q \equiv 8 \pmod{3\lambda}$ ,  $q - 8 = \mu(3\lambda)$ ,  $\mu \in D$ , therefore  $(q - 8)^2 = N(\mu)3^3$ ,  $3^3 \mid (q - 8)^2$ , thus  $3^2 \mid q - 8$  and so  $q \equiv 8 \pmod{9}$ . The two other cases are similar.

$$\begin{aligned}\chi_q(\omega) = 1 &\iff q \equiv 8 \pmod{9}, \\ \chi_q(\omega) = \omega &\iff q \equiv 2 \pmod{9}, \\ \chi_q(\omega) = \omega^2 &\iff q \equiv 5 \pmod{9}.\end{aligned}$$

□

**Ex. 9.5** In the text we stated Eisenstein's result  $\chi_\gamma(\lambda) = \omega^{2m}$ . Show that  $\chi_\gamma(3) = \omega^{2n}$ .

*Proof.* Here  $\gamma = (3m - 1) + 3n\omega$ .

Note that  $(1 - \omega)^2 = -3\omega$ , thus  $\chi_\gamma((1 - \omega)^2) = \chi_\gamma(-1)\chi_\gamma(3)\chi_\gamma(\omega)$ .

Using Eisenstein's result,

$$\chi_\gamma((1 - \omega)^2) = \chi_\gamma(\lambda^2) = \chi_\gamma(\lambda)^2 = \omega^{4m} = \omega^m.$$

As  $-1 = (-1)^3$ ,  $\chi_\gamma(-1) = 1$ . Finally  $\chi_\gamma(\omega) = \omega^{m+n}$  by Exercise 9.3. Thus

$$\omega^m = \chi_\gamma(3)\omega^{m+n}, \quad \chi_\gamma(3) = \omega^{-n} = \omega^{2n}.$$

Conclusion :

$$\chi_\gamma(3) = \omega^{2n}.$$

□

**Ex. 9.6** Prove that

(a)  $\chi_\gamma(\lambda) = 1$  for  $\gamma \equiv 8, 8 + 3\omega, 8 + 6\omega \pmod{9}$ .

(b)  $\chi_\gamma(\lambda) = \omega$  for  $\gamma \equiv 5, 5 + 3\omega, 5 + 6\omega \pmod{9}$ .

(c)  $\chi_\gamma(\lambda) = \omega^2$  for  $\gamma \equiv 2, 2 + 3\omega, 2 + 6\omega \pmod{9}$ .

*Proof.* Here  $\gamma = -1 + 3(m + n\omega)$  is a primary prime, and  $\chi_\gamma(\lambda) = \omega^{2m}$ .

$$\chi_\gamma(\lambda) = 1 \iff m \equiv 0 \pmod{3} \Rightarrow \gamma \equiv 8 + 3n\omega \pmod{9} \Rightarrow \gamma \equiv 8, 8 + 3\omega, 8 + 6\omega \pmod{9}$$

$$\chi_\gamma(\lambda) = \omega \iff m \equiv 2 \pmod{3} \Rightarrow \gamma \equiv 5 + 3n\omega \pmod{9} \Rightarrow \gamma \equiv 5, 5 + 3\omega, 5 + 6\omega \pmod{9}$$

$$\chi_\gamma(\lambda) = \omega^2 \iff m \equiv 1 \pmod{3} \Rightarrow \gamma \equiv 2 + 3n\omega \pmod{9} \Rightarrow \gamma \equiv 2, 2 + 3\omega, 2 + 6\omega \pmod{9}$$

As  $\chi_\gamma(\lambda) \in \{1, \omega, \omega^2\}$ , these 9 cases are the only possibilities. Moreover these 9 cases are mutually exclusive, since 9 doesn't divide any difference. Thus the reciprocals are true.

$$\begin{aligned}\chi_\gamma(\lambda) = 1 &\iff \gamma \equiv 8, 8 + 3\omega, 8 + 6\omega \pmod{9} \\ \chi_\gamma(\lambda) = \omega &\iff \gamma \equiv 5, 5 + 3\omega, 5 + 6\omega \pmod{9} \\ \chi_\gamma(\lambda) = \omega^2 &\iff \gamma \equiv 2, 2 + 3\omega, 2 + 6\omega \pmod{9}\end{aligned}$$

□

**Ex. 9.7** Find primary primes associate to  $1 - 2\omega$ ,  $-7 - 3\omega$ , and  $3 - \omega$ .

*Proof.* :

- $(1 - 2\omega)\omega = 2 + 3\omega \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ , so  $2 + 3\omega$  is primary, and associate to  $1 - 2\omega$ .  
 $N(2 + 3\omega) = 7$  and 7 is a rational prime, thus  $2 + 3\omega$  is a primary prime.
- $-7 - 3\omega \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ .  
 $N(-7 - 3\omega) = 37$  and 37 is a rational prime, thus  $-7 - 3\omega$  is a primary prime.
- $(3 - \omega)\omega^2 = -4 - 3\omega \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ , so  $-4 - 3\omega$  is primary, and associate to  $3 - \omega$ .  
 $N(-4 - 3\omega) = 13$  and 13 is a rational prime, thus  $-4 - 3\omega$  is a primary prime.

□

**Ex. 9.8** Factor the following numbers into primes in  $D$  : 7, 21, 45, 22, and 143.

*Proof.*  $7 = N(2 + 3\omega)$ , thus  $7 = (2 + 3\omega)(2 + 3\omega^2) = (2 + 3\omega)(-1 - 3\omega)$ , where  $2 + 3\omega$  and  $-1 - 3\omega$  are primes in  $D$ , since their norm is a prime integer. Since these primes are primary, they are not associate.

$$21 = 3 \times 7 = -\omega^2 \lambda^2 (2 + 3\omega)(-1 - 3\omega) \text{ since } 3 = -\omega^2(1 - \omega)^2.$$

$$45 = 3^2 \times 5 = \omega \lambda^4 5, \text{ where } 5 \equiv 2 \pmod{3} \text{ is a primary prime in } D.$$

$$22 = 2 \times 11, \text{ where 2 and 11 are primes in } D.$$

$$143 = 11 \times 13 = 11(-4 - 3\omega)(-4 - 3\omega^2) = 11(-4 - 3\omega)(-1 + 3\omega).$$

□

**Ex. 9.9** Show that  $\bar{\alpha} \neq 0$ , the residue class of  $\alpha$ , is a cube in the field  $D/\pi D$  iff  $\alpha^{(N\pi-1)/3} \equiv 1 \pmod{\pi}$ . Conclude that there are  $(N\pi - 1)/3$  cubes in  $(D/\pi D)^*$ .

Solution 1 :

*Proof.* Let  $\pi$  a prime in  $D$ ,  $N\pi \neq 3$ , and  $\alpha \in D, \pi \nmid \alpha$ .

$\bar{\alpha}$  is a cube in  $(D/\pi D)^*$

$$\iff x^3 \equiv \alpha \pmod{\pi} \text{ has a solution in } D$$

$$\iff \chi_\pi(\alpha) = 1 \quad (\text{by Prop. 9.3.3(a)})$$

$$\iff \alpha^{\frac{N\pi-1}{3}} \equiv 1 \pmod{\pi}$$

$$\iff \bar{\alpha}^{\frac{N\pi-1}{3}} = \bar{1}.$$

The cubes in  $(D/\pi D)^*$  are then the roots of the polynomial  $f(x) = x^{\frac{N\pi-1}{3}} - \bar{1}$  in  $D/\pi D$ .

Let  $q$  be the cardinal of the field  $D/\pi D$ . Since  $q = |D/\pi D| = N\pi$ ,  $\frac{N\pi-1}{3} \mid q-1$ ,  $f(x) \mid x^{q-1} - 1 \mid x^q - x$ . By Corollary 2 of Proposition 8.1.1,  $f$  has  $\deg(f) = \frac{N\pi-1}{3}$  roots.

Conclusion : there are exactly  $\frac{N\pi-1}{3}$  cubes in  $(D/\pi D)^*$ . □

Solution 2 :

*Proof.* Let  $\varphi : (D/\pi D)^* \rightarrow (D/\pi D)^*$  the group homomorphism defined by  $\varphi(x) = x^3$ .

Then  $\text{im}(\varphi)$  is the set of cubes in  $(D/\pi D)^*$ .

The equation  $x^3 = \bar{1}$  has three distinct solutions  $\bar{1}, \bar{\omega}, \bar{\omega}^2$  in  $D/\pi D$  if  $N\pi \neq 3$  (see the demonstration of Proposition 9.3.1).

So  $\ker(\varphi) = \{\bar{1}, \bar{\omega}, \bar{\omega}^2\}$  and  $|\ker(\varphi)| = 3$ . Thus  $|\text{im}(\varphi)| = |(D/\pi D)^*| / |\ker(\varphi)| = (N\pi - 1)/3$ . There exist exactly  $\frac{N\pi-1}{3}$  cubes in  $(D/\pi D)^*$ . □

Note : if  $N\pi = 3$ , that is to say, if  $\pi$  is associate to  $1 - \omega$ ,  $D/\pi D = \{\bar{0}, \bar{1}, \bar{2}\}$ . As  $\bar{1}^3 = \bar{1}, \bar{2}^3 = \bar{2}$ , all the elements of  $(D/\pi D)^*$  are cubes.

**Ex. 9.10** What is the factorisation of  $x^{24} - 1$  in  $D/5D$ .

*Proof.*  $|(D/5D)^*| = N(5) - 1 = 24$ , thus  $x^{24} - 1 = \prod_{\alpha \in (D/5D)^*} (x - \alpha)$ .

(where the  $\alpha \in (D/5D)^*$  are of the form  $\alpha = a + b[\omega]$ ,  $0 \leq a < 5, 0 \leq b < 5, (a, b) \neq (0, 0)$ ).  $\square$

**Ex. 9.11** How many cubes are there in  $D/5D$  ?

*Proof.* By Exercise 9.9, there exist  $(N(5) - 1)/3 = 8$  cubes in  $(D/5D)^*$  (and  $0 = 0^3$  is a cube).  $\square$

**Ex. 9.12** Show that  $\omega\lambda$  has order 8 in  $D/5D$  and that  $\omega^2\lambda$  has order 24. [Hint : Show first that  $(\omega\lambda)^2$  has order 4.]

*Proof.* If  $\alpha = (\omega\lambda)^2$ , then

$$\alpha = (\omega\lambda)^2 = \omega^2(1 - \omega)^2 = \omega^2(1 + \omega^2 - 2\omega) = 3\omega^3 = -3.$$

So  $\alpha^2 = 9 \equiv -1 \pmod{5}$ ,  $\alpha^4 \equiv 1 \pmod{5}$  and  $\alpha^2 \not\equiv 1 \pmod{5}$ , thus the class of  $\alpha = (\omega\lambda)^2$  has order 4 in  $(D/5D)^*$ , and this implies that  $\omega\lambda$  has order 8.

Let  $\beta = \omega^2\lambda$ .  $|(D/5D)^*| = 24$ , thus  $[\beta]^{24} = 1$  (where  $[\beta]$  is the class of  $\beta$  in  $D/5D$ .)

To verify that  $[\beta]$  has order 24, it is sufficient to verify that  $[\beta]^8 \neq 1, [\beta]^{12} \neq 1$  :

$$\beta^8 = \omega^{16}\lambda^8 = \omega\lambda^8 = (\omega\lambda)^8\omega^2 \equiv \omega^2 \not\equiv 1 \pmod{5}.$$

$$\beta^{12} = (\omega^2\lambda)^{12} = \lambda^{12} = (\omega\lambda)^{12} \equiv (\omega\lambda)^4 \equiv -1 \pmod{5} \text{ (since } (\omega\lambda) \text{ has order 8 in } D/5D).$$

Conclusion :  $\omega\lambda$  has order 8,  $\omega\lambda^2$  has order 24 in  $(D/5D)^*$ .  $\square$

**Ex. 9.13** Show that  $\pi$  is a cube in  $D/5D$  iff  $\pi \equiv 1, 2, 3, 4, 1 + 2\omega, 2 + 4\omega, 3 + \omega$ , or  $4 + 3\omega \pmod{5}$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\pi \in D, \pi \neq 0$ . Then  $\pi$  is a cube in  $D/5D$  iff  $\pi^{(q^2-1)/3} = 1$ , with  $q = 5$ , namely  $\pi^8 = 1$  (Prop. 7.1.2, where  $3 \mid q^2 - 1 = 24 = |(D/5D)^*|$ ).

By Exercise 9.12, the class of  $\gamma = \omega\lambda$  has order 8, thus the 8 elements  $\bar{\gamma}^k, 0 \leq k \leq 7$  are distinct roots of the polynomial  $x^8 - 1$ , which has at most 8 roots. Therefore the subgroup of cubes in  $(D/5D)^*$  is

$$\{1, \bar{\gamma}, \bar{\gamma}^2, \dots, \bar{\gamma}^7\}.$$

$\gamma = \omega(1 - \omega) = \omega + 1 + \omega = 1 + 2\omega$ , so

$$\begin{aligned}\gamma^0 &= 1 \\ \gamma^1 &= 1 + 2\omega \\ \gamma^2 &\equiv -3 \equiv 2 \pmod{5} \quad (\text{Ex. 9.12}) \\ \gamma^3 &= -3 - 6\omega \equiv 2 + 4\omega \pmod{5} \\ \gamma^4 &\equiv -1 \equiv 4 \pmod{5} \\ \gamma^5 &\equiv -1 - 2\omega \equiv 4 + 3\omega \pmod{5} \\ \gamma^6 &\equiv 3 \pmod{5} \\ \gamma^7 &\equiv 3 + 6\omega \equiv 3 + \omega \pmod{5}\end{aligned}$$

Conclusion : If  $\pi \not\equiv 0 \pmod{5}$ ,  $\pi \equiv \alpha^3 \pmod{5}$ ,  $\alpha \in D$  iff

$$\pi \equiv 1, 2, 3, 4, 1 + 2\omega, 2 + 4\omega, 3 + \omega, 4 + 3\omega \pmod{5}.$$

□

**Ex. 9.14** For which primes  $\pi \in D$  is  $x^3 \equiv 5 \pmod{\pi}$  solvable ?

*Proof.* If  $\pi$  is a primary prime, and not an associate of 5, the Law of Cubic Reciprocity gives

$$\begin{aligned}5 \equiv x^3 \pmod{\pi}, x \in D &\iff \chi_\pi(5) = 1 \\ &\iff \chi_5(\pi) = 1 \\ &\iff \pi \text{ is a cube in } D/5D \\ &\iff \pi \equiv 1, 2, 3, 4, 1 + \omega, 2 + 4\omega, 3 + \omega, 4 + 3\omega \pmod{5}\end{aligned}$$

(see Ex. 9.13)

Conclusion : the equation  $5 \equiv x^3 \pmod{\pi}$ ,  $x \in D$  is solvable iff the primary prime associate to  $\pi$  is congruent modulo 5 to 1, 2, 3, 4,  $1 + 2\omega$ ,  $2 + 4\omega$ ,  $3 + \omega$ ,  $4 + 3\omega$ .

Examples :

- $q = 23$  is a primary prime congruent to 3 modulo 5, thus the equation  $x^3 \equiv 5 \pmod{23}$  has a solution  $x \in D$  ( $x = 19$ ).

- $-4 - 3\omega$  is the primary prime associate to the prime  $3 - \omega$ , and  $-4 - 3\omega \equiv 1 + 2\omega \pmod{5}$ , thus the equation  $x^3 \equiv 5 \pmod{3 - \omega}$  has a solution  $a + b\omega \in \mathbb{Z}[\omega]$ .

Indeed ,  $7^3 \equiv 5^3 \equiv 11^3 \equiv 5 \pmod{13}$ , and  $3 - \omega \mid 13$ , so  $7^3 \equiv 5^3 \equiv 11^3 \equiv 5 \pmod{3 - \omega}$ . □

**Ex. 9.15** Suppose that  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$  and that  $p = \pi\bar{\pi}$ , where  $\pi$  is a primary prime in  $D$ . Show that  $x^3 \equiv a \pmod{p}$  is solvable in  $\mathbb{Z}$  iff  $\chi_\pi(a) = 1$ . We assume that  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

*Proof.* Since  $\pi \mid p$ , if  $x^3 \equiv a \pmod{p}$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{Z}$ , then  $x^3 \equiv a \pmod{\pi}$ , thus  $\chi_\pi(a) = 1$ .

Conversely, suppose that  $\chi_\pi(a) = 1$ . Then the equation  $y^3 \equiv a \pmod{\pi}$  has a solution  $y = u + v\omega$ ,  $u, v \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Moreover, the class of  $y$  has a representative  $x \in \mathbb{Z}$  modulo  $\pi$  (see the proof of Proposition 9.2.1) :

$$y \equiv x \pmod{\pi}, x \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

So  $x^3 \equiv a \pmod{\pi}$  has a solution  $x \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

Thus  $\pi \mid x^3 - a$ ,  $N(\pi) = p \mid (x^3 - a)^2$ , therefore  $p \mid x^3 - a$  in  $\mathbb{Z}$ , and so  $x^3 \equiv a \pmod{p}$ .

Conclusion ; if  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ ,  $p = \pi\bar{\pi}$ , where  $\pi$  is a primary prime and  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,

$$\exists x \in \mathbb{Z}, x^3 \equiv a \pmod{p} \iff \chi_\pi(a) = 1.$$

In other words,  $x^3 \equiv a \pmod{p}$  is solvable in  $D$  iff it is solvable in  $\mathbb{Z}$ .  $\square$

**Ex. 9.16** Is  $x^3 \equiv 2 - 3\omega \pmod{11}$  solvable ? Since  $D/11D$  has 121 elements this is hard to resolve by straightforward checking. Fill in the details of the following proof that it is not solvable.  $\chi_\pi(2 - 3\omega) = \chi_{2-3\omega}(11)$  and so we shall have a solution iff  $x^3 \equiv 11 \pmod{2 - 3\omega}$  is solvable. This congruence is solvable iff  $x^3 \equiv 11 \pmod{7}$  is solvable in  $\mathbb{Z}$ . However,  $x^3 \equiv a \pmod{7}$  is solvable in  $\mathbb{Z}$  iff  $a \equiv 1$  or  $6 \pmod{7}$ .

Warning : false sentence, since

$$N(2 - 3\omega) = (2 - 3\omega)(2 - 3\omega^2) = 4 + 9 - 6(\omega + \omega^2) = 4 + 9 + 6 = 19 \text{ (and not 7!)}$$

*Proof.* Since 19 is a rational prime, and since  $\pi = 2 - 3\omega$  and 11 are primary primes, by the Law of Cubic Reciprocity, and by Exercise 9.15,

$$\begin{aligned} \exists x \in D, 2 - 3\omega \equiv x^3 [11] &\iff \chi_{11}(2 - 3\omega) = 1 \\ &\iff \chi_{2-3\omega}(11) = 1 \\ &\iff \exists x \in D, x^3 \equiv 11 [2 - 3\omega] \\ &\iff \exists x \in \mathbb{Z}, x^3 \equiv 11 [19] \end{aligned}$$

Moreover, by Proposition 7.1.2,

$$\exists x \in \mathbb{Z}, x^3 \equiv 11 [19] \iff 11^6 \equiv 1 \pmod{19},$$

which is true :  $11^6 = 121^3 = (19 \times 6 + 7)^3 \equiv 49 \times 7 \equiv 11 \times 7 \equiv 77 \equiv 1 [19]$ .

Conclusion : there exists  $x \in D$  such that  $2 - 3\omega \equiv x^3 \pmod{11}$ .

With some computer code, we find a solution  $x = 1 + 8\omega$  (and its associates  $\omega^2 x = 7 - \omega$ ,  $\omega x = -8 - 7\omega \equiv 3 + 4\omega \pmod{11}$ ) :

$$x^3 = (1 + 8\omega)^3 = 321 - 168\omega \equiv 2 - 3\omega \pmod{11}.$$

$\square$

**Ex. 9.17** An element  $\gamma \in D$  is called primary if  $\gamma \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ . If  $\gamma$  and  $\rho$  are primary, show that  $-\gamma\rho$  is primary. If  $\gamma$  is primary, show that  $\gamma = \pm\gamma_1\gamma_2 \dots \gamma_t$ , where the  $\gamma_i$  are (not necessarily distinct) primary primes.

*Proof.* If  $\gamma \equiv 2, \rho \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ , then  $-\gamma\rho \equiv -2 \times 2 \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ , so  $-\gamma\rho$  is primary.

By Ex. 9.2,  $\gamma$  can be written

$$\gamma = (-1)^a \omega^b \lambda^c \pi_1^{a_1} \dots \pi_t^{a_t},$$

where  $\pi_i \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ ,  $a \in \{0, 1\}$ ,  $b \in \{0, 1, 2\}$ .

As  $\pi_i \equiv -1 \pmod{3}$ , and  $\gamma \equiv -1 \pmod{3}$ , we obtain  $\omega^b \lambda^c \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{3}$ . We prove that  $b = c = 0$ .

Note that  $\lambda^2 = (1 - \omega)^2 = -3\omega \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ . If  $c \geq 2$ , we would obtain  $\gamma \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ , in contradiction with the hypothesis, thus  $c = 0$  or  $c = 1$ .

If  $c = 1$ ,

$$\omega^b \lambda^c \in \{1 - \omega, \omega(1 - \omega), \omega^2(1 - \omega)\} = \{1 - \omega, 1 + 2\omega, -2 - \omega\}.$$

Since  $1 - \omega \not\equiv \pm 1, 1 + 2\omega \not\equiv \pm 1, -2 - \omega \not\equiv \pm 1 \pmod{3}$ , this is impossible, so  $c = 0$ .

Then  $\omega^b \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{3}$ , where  $\omega^b \in \{1, \omega, -1 - \omega\}$ . Since  $\omega \not\equiv \pm 1 \pmod{3}$ , and  $-1 - \omega \not\equiv \pm 1 \pmod{3}$ , then  $\omega^b = 1, 0 \leq b \leq 2$ , thus  $b = 0$ .

Finally,  $\gamma = (-1)^a \pi_1^{a_1} \cdots \pi_t^{a_t}$ .

Conclusion : every primary  $\gamma \in D$  is under the form

$$\gamma = \pm \gamma_1 \gamma_2 \cdots \gamma_t,$$

where the  $\gamma_i$  are primary primes. □

**Ex. 9.18** (continuation) If  $\gamma = \pm \gamma_1 \gamma_2 \cdots \gamma_t$  is a primary decomposition of the primary element  $\gamma$ , define  $\chi_\gamma(\alpha) = \chi_{\gamma_1}(\alpha) \chi_{\gamma_2}(\alpha) \cdots \chi_{\gamma_t}(\alpha)$ . Prove that  $\chi_\gamma(\alpha) = \chi_\gamma(\beta)$  if  $\alpha \equiv \beta \pmod{\gamma}$  and  $\chi_\gamma(\alpha\beta) = \chi_\gamma(\alpha) \chi_\gamma(\beta)$ . If  $\rho$  is primary, show that  $\chi_\rho(\alpha) \chi_\gamma(\alpha) = \chi_{-\rho\gamma}(\alpha)$ .

*Proof.* If  $\alpha \equiv \beta \pmod{\gamma}$ , then  $\alpha \equiv \beta \pmod{\gamma_i}, 1 \leq i \leq t$ , so  $\chi_{\gamma_i}(\alpha) = \chi_{\gamma_i}(\beta)$ , thus  $\chi_\gamma(\alpha) = \chi_\gamma(\beta)$ .

By Proposition 9.3.3,

$$\begin{aligned} \chi_\gamma(\alpha\beta) &= \chi_{\gamma_1}(\alpha\beta) \chi_{\gamma_2}(\alpha\beta) \cdots \chi_{\gamma_t}(\alpha\beta) \\ &= \chi_{\gamma_1}(\alpha) \chi_{\gamma_2}(\alpha) \cdots \chi_{\gamma_t}(\alpha) \chi_{\gamma_1}(\beta) \chi_{\gamma_2}(\beta) \cdots \chi_{\gamma_t}(\beta) \\ &= \chi_\gamma(\alpha) \chi_\gamma(\beta) \end{aligned}$$

Finally, if  $\rho = \pm \rho_1 \rho_2 \cdots \rho_l$  is primary, then  $-\rho\gamma = \pm \rho_1 \rho_2 \cdots \rho_l \gamma_1 \gamma_2 \cdots \gamma_t$  is primary by Ex. 9.17, therefore

$$\chi_{-\rho\gamma}(\alpha) = (\chi_{\rho_1} \chi_{\rho_2} \cdots \chi_{\rho_l} \chi_{\gamma_1} \chi_{\gamma_2} \cdots \chi_{\gamma_t})(\alpha) = \chi_\rho(\alpha) \chi_\gamma(\alpha).$$

□

**Ex. 9.19** Suppose that  $\gamma = A + B\omega$  is primary and that  $A = 3M - 1$  and  $B = 3N$ . Prove that  $\chi_\gamma(\omega) = \omega^{M+N}$  and that  $\chi_\gamma(\lambda) = \omega^{2M}$ .

*Proof.* We verify first that if  $\gamma = -\gamma_1 \gamma_2$ , with

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma &= A + B\omega, & A &= 3M - 1, & B &= 3N, \\ \gamma_1 &= A_1 + B_1\omega, & A_1 &= 3M_1 - 1, & B_1 &= 3N_1, \\ \gamma_2 &= A_2 + B_2\omega, & A_2 &= 3M_2 - 1, & B_2 &= 3N_2, \end{aligned}$$

then  $M \equiv M_1 + M_2 \pmod{3}, N \equiv N_1 + N_2 \pmod{3}$ .

$$-\gamma_1 \gamma_2 = -A_1 A_2 + B_1 B_2 + (-A_1 B_2 - A_2 B_1 + B_1 B_2)\omega = A + B\omega,$$

therefore

$$3M - 1 = A = -A_1 A_2 + B_1 B_2 \equiv 3(M_1 + M_2) - 1 \pmod{9},$$



thus  $M \equiv M_1 + M_2 \pmod{3}$ .

$$3N = B = -A_1B_2 - A_2B_1 + B_1B_2 \equiv 3(N_1 + N_2) \pmod{9},$$

thus  $N \equiv N_1 + N_2 \pmod{3}$ .

By induction, if  $\gamma = \pm\gamma_1\gamma_2\cdots\gamma_t = (-1)^{t-1}\gamma_1\gamma_2\cdots\gamma_t$ , where  $\gamma_i = A_i + B_i\omega$ ,  $A_i = 3M_i - 1$ ,  $B_i = 3N_i$ , then

$$M \equiv M_1 + \cdots + M_t \pmod{3}, N \equiv N_1 + \cdots + N_t \pmod{3}.$$

By Exercise 9.3,

$$\begin{aligned}\chi_\gamma(\omega) &= \chi_{\gamma_1}(\omega) \cdots \chi_{\gamma_t}(\omega) \\ &= \omega^{M_1+N_1} \cdots \omega^{M_t+N_t} \\ &= \omega^{(M_1+\cdots+M_t)+(N_1+\cdots+N_t)} \\ &= \omega^{M+N},\end{aligned}$$

and by Eisenstein's result,

$$\begin{aligned}\chi_\gamma(\lambda) &= \chi_{\gamma_1}(\lambda) \cdots \chi_{\gamma_t}(\lambda) \\ &= \omega^{2M_1} \cdots \omega^{2M_t} \\ &= \omega^{2(M_1+\cdots+M_t)} \\ &= \omega^{2M}.\end{aligned}$$

Conclusion : if  $\gamma = 3M - 1 + 3N\omega$ , then

$$\chi_\gamma(\omega) = \omega^{M+N}, \chi_\gamma(\lambda) = \omega^{2M}.$$

□

**Ex. 9.20** If  $\gamma$  and  $\rho$  are primary, show that  $\chi_\gamma(\rho) = \chi_\rho(\gamma)$ .

*Proof.*  $\rho, \gamma$  are written

$$\begin{aligned}\rho &= \pm\rho_1\rho_2\cdots\rho_l, \\ \gamma &= \pm\gamma_1\gamma_2\cdots\gamma_m,\end{aligned}$$

where  $\rho_i, \gamma_i$  are primary primes. By the law of Cubic Reciprocity, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}\chi_\gamma(\rho) &= \prod_{j=1}^m \chi_{\gamma_j}(\rho) \\ &= \prod_{j=1}^m \prod_{i=1}^l \chi_{\gamma_j}(\rho_i) \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^l \prod_{j=1}^m \chi_{\gamma_j}(\rho_i) \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^l \prod_{j=1}^m \chi_{\rho_i}(\gamma_j) \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^l \chi_{\rho_i}(\gamma) \\ &= \chi_\rho(\gamma).\end{aligned}$$

□

**Ex. 9.21** If  $\gamma$  is primary, show that there are infinitely many primary primes  $\pi$  such that  $x^3 \equiv \gamma \pmod{\pi}$  is not solvable. Show also that there are infinitely many primary primes  $\pi$  such that  $x^3 \equiv \omega \pmod{\pi}$  is not solvable and the same for  $x^3 \equiv \lambda \pmod{\pi}$ . (Hint: Imitate the proof of Theorem 3 of Chapter 5.)

*Proof.* a) As some primary elements of  $D$  may be cubes, by example  $53 + 36\omega = (-1 + 3\omega)^3$ , we must of course suppose that  $\gamma$  is not the cube of some element of  $D$  (in the contrary case  $x^3 \equiv \gamma \pmod{\pi}$  is solvable for all prime  $\pi$ ).

Note first that for all primes  $\pi$  in  $D$ , there exists  $\sigma \in D$  such that  $\chi_\pi(\sigma) = \omega$ . Indeed, there exist  $(N\pi - 1)/3$  cubes in  $(D/\pi D)^*$ , which has  $N\pi - 1$  elements, so there exists an element  $\bar{\tau} \in (D/\pi D)^*$  which is not a cube, therefore there exists  $\tau \in D$  such that  $\chi_\pi(\tau) \neq 1$ . If  $\chi_\pi(\tau) = \omega$ , we put  $\sigma = \tau$  and if  $\chi_\pi(\tau) = \omega^2$ , we put  $\sigma = \tau^2$ . In the two cases,  $\chi_\pi(\sigma) = \omega$ .

Let  $\gamma \in D$ , where  $\gamma$  is primary. Then  $\gamma = \pm \gamma_1^{n_1} \gamma_2^{n_2} \cdots \gamma_p^{n_p}$ , where the  $\gamma_i$  are distinct primary primes. Write  $n_i = 3q_i + r_i$ ,  $r_i \in \{0, 1, 2\}$ . Then grouping in  $\gamma'$  the  $\gamma^{r_i}$  such that  $r_i \neq 0$ , we can write  $\gamma = \delta^3 \gamma'$ ,  $\gamma' = \gamma_1^{r_1} \gamma_2^{r_2} \cdots \gamma_l^{r_l}$ ,  $r_i \in \{1, 2\}$ ,  $\delta = \pm \gamma_1^{q_1} \cdots \gamma_p^{q_p} \in D$  ( $-1$  is a cube). Since by hypothesis  $\gamma$  is not a cube,  $l \geq 1$ . Moreover the equation  $x^3 \equiv \gamma \pmod{\pi}$  is solvable iff  $x^3 \equiv \gamma' \pmod{\pi}$  is solvable. We may then suppose that

$$\gamma = \gamma_1^{r_1} \gamma_2^{r_2} \cdots \gamma_l^{r_l}, 1 \leq r_i \leq 2,$$

without cubic factors.

Note that the  $\gamma_i$  are not associate to  $\lambda = 1 - \omega$  (see Ex. 9.17).

Let  $A = \{\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_k\}$  a set (possibly empty) of distinct primary primes  $\lambda_i$  (therefore they are not associate), and not associate neither to  $\gamma_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq l$ , nor to  $\lambda = 1 - \omega$ .

We will show that we can find a primary prime  $\lambda_{k+1}$  distinct of the  $\lambda_i$  with the same properties and such that the equation  $x^3 \equiv \lambda \pmod{\lambda_{k+1}}$  is not solvable. This will prove the existence of infinitely many primes  $\pi$  such that the equation  $x^3 \equiv \lambda \pmod{\pi}$  is not solvable.

Using the initial note, let  $\sigma \in D$  such that  $\chi_{\gamma_l}(\sigma) = \omega$ . As  $D$  is a principal ideal domain, the Chinese Remainder Theorem is valid. Since  $3 = \lambda\bar{\lambda} = -\omega^2\lambda^2$  is relatively prime to  $\gamma_i, \lambda_i$ , there exists  $\beta \in D$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} \beta &\equiv 2 \pmod{3} \\ \beta &\equiv 1 \pmod{\lambda_i} & (1 \leq i \leq k) \\ \beta &\equiv 1 \pmod{\gamma_i} & (1 \leq i \leq l-1) \\ \beta &\equiv \sigma \pmod{\gamma_l} \end{aligned}$$

The first equation show that  $\beta$  is primary, so  $\beta = (-1)^{m-1} \beta_1 \cdots \beta_m$ , where the  $\beta_i$  are primary primes.

By Exercise 9.20,

$$\chi_\beta(\gamma) = \chi_\beta(\gamma_1)^{r_1} \cdots \chi_\beta(\gamma_l)^{r_l} = \chi_{\gamma_1}(\beta)^{r_1} \cdots \chi_{\gamma_l}(\beta)^{r_l}.$$

As  $\chi_{\gamma_i}(1) = 1$  ( $1 \leq i \leq l-1$ ), and  $\chi_{\gamma_l}(\beta) = \chi_{\gamma_l}(\sigma) = \omega$ , we obtain  $\chi_\beta(\gamma) = \omega^{r_l} \neq 1$ , since  $r_l = 1$  or  $r_l = 2$ .

By Exercise 9.18,  $\chi_\rho(\alpha)\chi_\gamma(\alpha) = \chi_{-\rho\gamma}(\alpha)$ , with primary  $\rho, \gamma$ , so by induction, as  $\beta = (-1)^{m-1}\beta_1 \cdots \beta_m$ ,

$$\chi_\beta(\gamma) = \chi_{\beta_1}(\gamma) \cdots \chi_{\beta_m}(\gamma) \neq 1.$$

Thus there exists a subscript  $j$  such that  $\chi_{\beta_j}(\gamma) \neq 1$ .

We can then take  $\lambda_{k+1} = \beta_j$ . Indeed, since  $\beta \equiv 1 [\lambda_i]$  and  $\beta \not\equiv 0 [\gamma_i]$ ,  $\beta_j$  is distinct of the  $\lambda_i$  and  $\gamma_i$ , and  $\beta_j$  is not associate to  $\lambda$  since  $\beta \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ .

As  $\chi_{\lambda_{k+1}}(\gamma) \neq 1$ , the equation  $x^3 \equiv \gamma [\lambda_{k+1}]$  is not solvable, so  $\lambda_{k+1}$  is convenient.

Conclusion : if  $\gamma \in D$  is primary and is not a cube in  $D$ , there exist infinitely many primes  $\pi \in D$  such that the equation  $x^3 \equiv \gamma [\pi]$  is not solvable.

- b) We show that  $x^3 \equiv \omega [\pi]$  has no solution for infinitely many primes  $\pi$ .

To initialize the induction, we display such a prime  $\pi$ , namely  $\pi = 2 + 3\omega$ . Indeed,  $N(\pi) = 4 + 9 - 6 = 7$ , 7 is a rational prime, so  $\pi$  is a primary prime in  $D$ , of the form  $\pi = 3m - 1 + 3n\omega$ , with  $n = m = 1$ , so  $\chi_\pi(\omega) = \omega^{m+n} = \omega^2 \neq 1$  : the equation  $x^3 \equiv \omega [\pi]$  is not solvable. Moreover  $\pi$  is not associate to  $\lambda = 1 - \omega$ .

Suppose now the existence of a set  $A = \{\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_l\}$ ,  $l \geq 1$ , of distinct primary primes  $\lambda_i$ , not associate to  $\lambda$  and such the equation  $x^3 \equiv \omega [\lambda_i]$  is not solvable for each  $i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq l$ . We will show that we can add a prime  $\lambda_{l+1}$  to the set  $A$  with the same properties.

Let

$$\beta = 3(-1)^{l-1}\lambda_1 \cdots \lambda_l - 1.$$

$(-1)^{l-1}\lambda_1 \cdots \lambda_l$  is primary, so  $(-1)^{l-1}\lambda_1 \cdots \lambda_l = 3m - 1 + 3n\omega$ ,  $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

$\beta = 3(3m - 1 + 3n\omega) - 1 = 3(3m - 1) - 1 + 9n\omega = 3M - 1 + 3N\omega$ , where  $M = 3m - 1, N = 3n$ . By Exercise 9.19,

$$\chi_\beta(\omega) = \omega^{M+N} = \omega^{3m-1+3n} = \omega^2 \neq 1.$$

As  $\beta = \pm\beta_1 \cdots \beta_m$ , where the  $\beta_i$  are primary primes,  $\chi_\beta(\omega) = \chi_{\beta_1}(\omega) \cdots \chi_{\beta_m}(\omega) \neq 1$ , so there exists a subscript  $i$  such that  $\chi_{\beta_i}(\omega) \neq 1$ .

Since  $\beta = 3(-1)^{l-1}\lambda_1 \cdots \lambda_l - 1$ ,  $\beta_i$  is associate neither to  $\lambda_i$  nor to  $\lambda$ . Moreover  $\chi_{\beta_i}(\omega) \neq 1$ , thus the equation  $x^3 \equiv \omega [\beta_i]$  is not solvable :  $\lambda_{l+1} = \beta_i$  is convenient.

Conclusion : the equation  $x^3 \equiv \omega [\pi]$  is not solvable for infinitely many primes  $\pi$ .

- c) We show that  $x^3 \equiv \lambda [\pi]$  has no solution for infinitely many primes  $\pi$ .

To initialize the induction, we display such a prime  $\pi$ , namely  $\pi = -4 + 3\omega$ . Indeed,  $N(\pi) = 16 + 9 + 12 = 37$ , 37 is a rational prime, so  $\pi$  is a primary prime in  $D$ , of the form  $\pi = 3m - 1 + 3n\omega$ , with  $m = -1, n = 1$ , so  $\chi_\pi(\lambda) = \omega^{2m} = \omega \neq 1$  : the equation  $x^3 \equiv \lambda [\pi]$  is not solvable.

Suppose now the existence of a set  $A = \{\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_l\}$ ,  $l \geq 1$ , of distinct primary primes  $\lambda_i$ , not associate to  $\lambda$  and such the equation  $x^3 \equiv \lambda [\lambda_i]$  is not solvable. We will show that we can add a prime  $\lambda_{l+1}$  to the set  $A$  with the same properties.

Let

$$\beta = 3(-1)^{l-1}\lambda_1 \cdots \lambda_l - 1.$$

$(-1)^{l-1}\lambda_1 \cdots \lambda_l$  is primary, so  $(-1)^{l-1}\lambda_1 \cdots \lambda_l = 3m - 1 + 3n\omega$ ,  $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

$\beta = 3(3m - 1 + 3n\omega) - 1 = 3(3m - 1) - 1 + 9n\omega = 3M - 1 + 3N\omega$ , where  $M = 3m - 1, N = 3n$ . By Exercise 9.19,

$$\chi_\beta(\lambda) = \omega^{2M} = \omega^{2(3m-1)} = \omega \neq 1.$$

As  $\beta = \pm\beta_1 \cdots \beta_m$ , where the  $\beta_i$  are primary primes,  $\chi_\beta(\omega) = \chi_{\beta_1}(\omega) \cdots \chi_{\beta_m}(\omega) \neq 1$ , so there exists a subscript  $i$  such that  $\chi_{\beta_i}(\lambda) \neq 1$ .

Since  $\beta = 3(-1)^{l-1}\lambda_1 \cdots \lambda_l - 1$ ,  $\beta_i$  is associate neither to  $\lambda_i$  nor to  $\lambda$ . Moreover  $\chi_{\beta_i}(\lambda) \neq 1$ , thus the equation  $x^3 \equiv \lambda [\beta_i]$  is not solvable :  $\lambda_{l+1} = \beta_i$  is convenient.

Conclusion : the equation  $x^3 \equiv \lambda [\pi]$  is not solvable for infinitely many primes  $\pi$ .  $\square$

**Ex. 9.22** (continuation) Show in general that if  $\gamma \in D$  and  $x^3 \equiv \gamma \pmod{\pi}$  is solvable for all but finitely many primary primes  $\pi$ , then  $\gamma$  is a cube in  $D$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\gamma \in D$  and suppose that  $\gamma$  is not a cube in  $D$ . We will show that the equation  $x^3 \equiv \gamma [\pi]$  is not solvable for infinitely primes  $\pi \in D$ .

By Exercise 9.2, we can write

$$\gamma = (-1)^u \omega^v \lambda^w \gamma_1^{n_1} \cdots \gamma_p^{n_p},$$

where the  $\gamma_i$  are distinct primary primes, not associate to  $\lambda$ . Let  $v = 3q + b, w = 3q' + c, n_i = 3q_i + r_i$ , with the remainders  $b, c, r_i$  in  $\{0, 1, 2\}$ . Grouping the factors with null remainders, we obtain  $\gamma = \delta^3 \gamma', \gamma' = \omega^b \lambda^c \gamma_1^{r_1} \cdots \gamma_l^{r_l}$ , with  $b, c, r_i$  in  $\{1, 2\}, \delta \in D, l \geq 0$  ( $-1$  is a cube).

Moreover the equation  $x^3 \equiv \gamma [\pi]$  is solvable iff the equation  $x^3 \equiv \gamma' [\pi]$  is solvable. So we may suppose that

$$\gamma = \omega^b \lambda^c \gamma_1^{r_1} \cdots \gamma_l^{r_l}, \quad b \in \{1, 2\}, c \in \{1, 2\}, r_i \in \{1, 2\},$$

without cubic factors.

- Case 1 :  $l \geq 1$ .

Let  $A = \{\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k\}$  a possibly empty set of distinct primary primes  $\lambda_i$ , distinct of the  $\gamma_i$ , not associate to  $\lambda$ , and such that the equation  $x^3 \equiv \gamma [\lambda_i]$  is not solvable. We will show that we can add a prime  $\lambda_{k+1}$  with the same properties.

Suppose that  $l \geq 1$ . We have proved in Ex. 9.21 that there exists  $\sigma \in D$  such that  $\chi_{\gamma_l}(\sigma) = \omega$ . Since 9,  $\lambda_i, \gamma_j$  are relatively prime, there exists  $\beta \in D$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} \beta &\equiv -1 [9] \\ \beta &\equiv 1 [\lambda_i], 1 \leq i \leq k \\ \beta &\equiv 1 [\gamma_i], 1 \leq i \leq l-1 \\ \beta &\equiv \sigma [\gamma_l] \end{aligned}$$

$\beta \equiv -1 [9]$ , thus  $\beta \equiv -1 [3]$  :  $\beta$  is primary, of the form  $\beta = 3M - 1 + 3N\omega$ .

$\beta = 3M - 1 + 3N\omega \equiv -1 \pmod{9}$ , so  $3M + 3N\omega \equiv 0 \pmod{9}$ ,  $M + N\omega \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ , thus  $3 \mid M, 3 \mid N$ .

By Exercise 9.18,

$$\begin{aligned}\chi_\beta(\omega) &= \omega^{M+N} = 1 \\ \chi_\beta(\lambda) &= \omega^{2M} = 1\end{aligned}$$

As  $\beta$  and  $\gamma_i$  are primary,  $\chi_\beta(\gamma_i) = \chi_{\gamma_i}(\beta) = \chi_{\gamma_i}(1) = 1$  ( $1 \leq i \leq l-1$ ).

$\chi_\beta(\gamma) = \chi_\beta(\omega)^b \chi_\beta(\lambda)^c \chi_\beta(\gamma_1)^{r_1} \cdots \chi_\beta(\gamma_l)^{r_l} = \chi_\beta(\gamma_l)^{r_l} = \chi_{\gamma_l}(\beta)^{r_l} = \chi_{\gamma_l}(\sigma)^{r_l} = \omega^{r_l} \neq 1$ , since  $r_l \in \{1, 2\}$ .

$\beta = \pm\beta_1 \cdots \beta_m$ , with  $\beta_i$  primary primes, therefore

$$\chi_\beta(\gamma) = (\chi_{\beta_1} \cdots \chi_{\beta_m})(\gamma) \neq 1.$$

Thus there exists a subscript  $i$  such that  $\chi_{\beta_i}(\gamma) \neq 1$ , so  $x^3 \equiv \gamma \pmod{\beta_i}$  is not solvable. Moreover  $\beta \equiv 1 \pmod{\gamma_i}$ , so  $\beta_i$  is not associate to any  $\gamma_j$ . Similarly,  $\beta_i$  is not associate to any  $\gamma_j$ , and  $\beta \equiv -1 \pmod{9}$ , therefore  $\beta_i$  is not associate to  $\lambda$ . So  $\lambda_{k+1} = \beta_i$  is convenient.

There exist infinitely many  $\pi$  such that  $x^3 \equiv \gamma \pmod{\pi}$  is not solvable.

- Case 2 :  $l = 0$ , so  $\gamma = \omega^b \lambda^c$ ,  $1 \leq b \leq 2, 1 \leq c \leq 2$ .

$\pi_0 = 2 - 3\omega$  is a primary prime ( $N(\pi_0) = 19$ ).

Let  $A = \{\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k\}$  a possibly empty set of distinct primary primes  $\lambda_i \neq \pi_0$  such that the equation  $x^3 \equiv \gamma \pmod{\lambda_i}$  is not solvable. We will show that we can add a prime  $\lambda_{k+1}$  with the same properties.

Let  $\beta = 9(-1)^{k-1} \lambda_1 \cdots \lambda_k + 2 - 3\omega$ .

$\beta \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$  :  $\beta$  is primary.

Moreover  $(-1)^{k-1} \lambda_1 \cdots \lambda_k$  is primary, so

$$(-1)^{k-1} \lambda_1 \cdots \lambda_k = 3m - 1 + 3n\omega, m \in \mathbb{Z}, n \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned}\beta &= 9(3m - 1 + 3n\omega) + 2 - 3\omega \\ &= 27m - 7 + (27n - 3)\omega \\ &= 3(9m - 2) - 1 + 3(9n - 1)\omega \\ &= 3M - 1 + 3N\omega,\end{aligned}$$

where  $M = 9m - 2, N = 9n - 1$ . Therefore

$$\begin{aligned}\chi_\beta(\omega) &= \omega^{M+N} = \omega^{9m-2+9n-1} = 1 \\ \chi_\beta(\lambda) &= \omega^{2M} = \omega^{2(9m-2)} = \omega^2 \neq 1\end{aligned}$$

$\beta = \pm\beta_1 \cdots \beta_m$ , where the  $\beta_i$  are primary primes.

$\chi_\beta(\gamma) = \chi_\beta(\omega)^b \chi_\beta(\lambda)^c = \omega^{2c} \neq 1$  since  $c = 1$  or  $c = 2$ .

$$\chi_\beta(\gamma) = (\chi_{\beta_1} \cdots \chi_{\beta_m})(\gamma) \neq 1.$$

Thus there exists a subscript  $i$  such that  $\chi_{\beta_i}(\gamma) \neq 1$ , so  $x^3 \equiv \gamma [\beta_i]$  is not solvable.

As  $\beta_i \mid \beta = 9(-1)^{k-1}\lambda_1 \cdots \lambda_k + 2 - 3\omega$ , if  $\beta_i = \lambda_j$  for some subscript  $j$ ,  $\lambda_j \mid \pi_0 = 2 - 3\omega$ , so  $\lambda_j = \pi_0$ , which is a contradiction, thus  $\beta_i \notin A$ . Similarly, if  $\beta_i = \pi_0 = 2 - 3\omega$ , then  $\pi_0 \mid 9\lambda_1 \cdots \lambda_k$ , and  $\pi_0$  is relatively prime to  $\lambda$ , so  $\pi_0 = \lambda_j$  for some subscript  $j$ : this is a contradiction, thus  $\beta_i \neq \pi_0$ .  $\lambda_{k+1} = \beta_i$  is convenient.

So there exist infinitely many  $\pi$  such that  $x^3 \equiv \gamma [\pi]$  is not solvable.

• Conclusion :

if  $\gamma$  is not a cube in  $D$ , there exist infinitely many primes  $\pi$  such that  $x^3 \equiv \gamma [\pi]$  is not solvable.

By contraposition, if the equation  $x^3 \equiv \gamma [\pi]$  is solvable for every prime  $\pi$ , at the exception perhaps of the primes in a finite set, then  $\gamma$  is a cube in  $D$ .

□

**Ex. 9.23** Suppose that  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ . Use Exercise 5 to show that  $x^3 \equiv 3 \pmod{p}$  is solvable in  $\mathbb{Z}$  iff  $p$  is of the form  $4p = C^2 + 243B^2$ .

*Proof.* Let  $p$  be a rational prime,  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ , then  $p = \pi\bar{\pi}$ , where  $\pi \in D$  is a primary prime :  $\pi = a + b\omega = 3m - 1 + 3n\omega$ .

- Suppose that there exists  $x \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $x^3 \equiv 3 \pmod{p}$ . Then  $x^3 \equiv 3 \pmod{\pi}$ , so  $\chi_\pi(3) = 1$ . By Exercise 9.5,  $\omega^{2n} = \chi_\pi(3) = 1$ , thus  $3 \mid n$ , therefore  $9 \mid b = 3n$ , namely  $b = 9B$ ,  $B \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

$p = N\pi = a^2 + b^2 - ab$ ,  $4p = (2a - b)^2 + 3b^2 = C^2 + 243B^2$ , where  $C = 2a - b$ ,  $B = b/9$ . So there exists  $C, B \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $4p = C^2 + 243B^2$ .

- Conversely, suppose that there exist  $C, B \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $4p = C^2 + 243B^2$ .

As  $4p = (2a - b)^2 + 3b^2 = C^2 + 3(9B)^2$ , from the unicity proved in Exercise 8.13, we obtain  $b = \pm 9B$ , so  $9 \mid b = 3n$ ,  $3 \mid n$ , and  $\chi_\pi(3) = \omega^{2n} = 1$ .

Thus there exists  $x \in D$  such that  $x^3 \equiv 3 \pmod{\pi}$ . As  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ ,  $D/\pi D = \{\bar{0}, \dots, \overline{p-1}\}$ , so there exists  $h \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $x \equiv h \pmod{\pi}$ , and  $h^3 \equiv 3 \pmod{\pi}$ .

Therefore  $p = N\pi \mid N(h^3 - 3)$ , namely  $p \mid (h^3 - 3)^2$ , where  $p$  is a rational prime, thus  $p \mid h^3 - 3$ : there exists  $x \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $x^3 \equiv 3 \pmod{p}$ .

Moreover  $4p = C^2 + 243B^2$  implies  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ .

$$(p \equiv 1 [3] \text{ and } \exists x \in \mathbb{Z}, x^3 \equiv 3 [p]) \iff \exists C \in \mathbb{Z}, \exists B \in \mathbb{Z}, 4p = C^2 + 243B^2.$$

□

**Ex. 9.24** Let  $\pi = a + b\omega$  be a complex primary element of  $D = \mathbb{Z}[\omega]$ . Put  $a = 3m - 1$ ,  $b = 3n$ ,  $p = N(\pi)$ .

(a)  $(p - 1)/3 \equiv -2m + n \pmod{3}$ .

(b)  $(a^2 - 1)/3 \equiv m \pmod{3}$ .

(c)  $\chi_\pi(a) = \omega^m$ .

$$(d) \chi_\pi(a+b) = \omega^{2n} \chi_\pi(1-\omega).$$

*Proof.* By hypothesis,  $\pi$  is a primary prime, so  $\pi = 3m - 1 + 3n\pi$ ,  $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

$$(a) \ p - 1 = (3m - 1)^2 + (3n)^2 - 3n(3m - 1) - 1 \equiv -6m + 3n \pmod{9}, \text{ thus}$$

$$\frac{p-1}{3} \equiv -2m + n \pmod{3}.$$

$$(b) \ a^2 - 1 = (3m - 1)^2 - 1 \equiv -6m \pmod{9}, \text{ thus}$$

$$\frac{a^2 - 1}{3} \equiv m \pmod{3}.$$

$$(c) \text{ As } \pi, a \text{ are primary, by Exercise 9.20, } \chi_\pi(a) = \chi_a(\pi).$$

$$\text{Since } \pi \equiv b\omega \pmod{a}, \chi_a(\pi) = \chi_a(b)\chi_a(\omega).$$

By Exercise 9.18, as  $a = 3m - 1$ ,  $\chi_a(\omega) = \omega^{M+N}$ , where  $M = m, N = 0$ , so

$$\chi_a(\omega) = \omega^m.$$

If  $q$  is a rational prime,  $q \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ , and  $q \wedge b = 1$ , then  $\chi_q(b) = 1$  (Prop. 9.3.4, Corollary).

If  $p$  is a rational prime,  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$  and  $p \wedge b = 1$ , then  $p = \pi\bar{\pi}$ , with  $\pi$  primary prime in  $D$  (and also  $\bar{\pi}$ ), and by definition of  $\chi_p$ ,  $\chi_p(b) = \chi_\pi(b)\chi_{\bar{\pi}}(b)$ .

As  $\chi_{\bar{\pi}}(b) = \overline{\chi_\pi(b)}$  (Prop. 9.3.4(b)), so  $\chi_p(b) = 1$ .  $a$  has a decomposition in prime factors of the form :

$$a = \pm q_1 q_2 \cdots q_k p_1 p_2 \cdots p_l = \pm q_1 q_2 \cdots q_k \pi_1 \bar{\pi}_1 \pi_2 \bar{\pi}_2 \cdots \pi_l \bar{\pi}_l,$$

where  $q_i \equiv -1, p_j \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ , and the  $\pi_k$  are primary primes (since all these elements are primary, the symbol  $\pm$  is  $(-1)^{k-1}$ ). Thus, by Ex. 9.21,

$$\chi_a(b) = \chi_{q_1}(b) \cdots \chi_{q_k}(b) \chi_{\pi_1}(b) \chi_{\bar{\pi}_1}(b) \cdots \chi_{\pi_l}(b) \chi_{\bar{\pi}_l}(b) = 1.$$

( $a$  is relatively prime to  $b$  in  $\mathbb{Z}$  : if a rational prime  $r$  divides  $a, b$ , then  $r \mid \pi$  in  $D$ , thus  $r \mid \bar{\pi}$ , so  $r^2 \mid \pi\bar{\pi} = p$  in  $D$ , thus  $r^2 \mid p$  in  $\mathbb{Z}$ , which implies  $r = p$ . But then  $p \mid \pi, N(p) \mid N(\pi), p^2 \mid p$  : this is absurd. As  $a$  is relatively prime to  $b$  in  $\mathbb{Z}$ ,  $ua + vb = 1$ ,  $u, v \in \mathbb{Z}$ , so  $a, b$  are relatively prime in  $D$ , each prime factor  $q_i, \pi_i, \bar{\pi}_i$  of  $b$  is relatively prime to  $a$ .)

We conclude that  $\chi_a(b) = 1, \chi_a(\omega) = \omega^m$ , so  $\chi_\pi(a) = \chi_a(\pi) = \chi_a(b)\chi_a(\omega) = \omega^m$ .

$$\chi_\pi(a) = \omega^m.$$

(d)

$$a + b = [(a + b)\omega]\omega^{-1},$$

and

$$(a + b)\omega = (a + b\omega) + a\omega - a \equiv a(\omega - 1) \pmod{\pi},$$

thus

$$a + b \equiv -a(1 - \omega)\omega^{-1} [\pi],$$

$$\chi_\pi(a + b) = \chi_\pi(1 - \omega)\chi_\pi(a)\chi_\pi(\omega)^{-1},$$

$\chi_\pi(a) = \omega^m$  by (c), and  $\chi_\pi(\omega) = \omega^{m+n}$  (Ex. 9.3), thus

$$\chi_\pi(a + b) = \omega^{2n} \chi_\pi(1 - \omega).$$

□

**Ex. 9.25** Show that  $\chi_{a+b}(\pi)$  may be computed as follows.

$$(a) \chi_{a+b}(\pi) = \chi_{a+b}(1 - \omega).$$

$$(b) \chi_{a+b}(\pi) = \omega^{2(m+n)}.$$

*Proof.* (a)  $\pi = a + b\omega$  and  $a \equiv -b \pmod{a+b}$ , thus  $\pi \equiv -b(1 - \omega) \pmod{a+b}$ . So

$$\chi_{a+b}(\pi) = \chi_{a+b}(b)\chi_{a+b}(1 - \omega).$$

Since  $a \wedge b = 1$ ,  $(a+b) \wedge b = 1$  : as in Ex. 9.24,  $\chi_{a+b}(b) = 1$ . So

$$\chi_{a+b}(\pi) = \chi_{a+b}(1 - \omega).$$

(b) Since the character  $\chi_{a+b}$  has order 3,

$$\begin{aligned} \chi_{a+b}(1 - \omega) &= (\chi_{a+b}((1 - \omega)^2))^2 \\ &= (\chi_{a+b}(-3\omega))^2 \\ &= [\chi_{a+b}(3)\chi_{a+b}(\omega)]^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\chi_{a+b}(3) = 1 \text{ car } (a+b) \wedge 3 = (3(m+n) - 1) \wedge 3 = 1.$$

$$\chi_{a+b}(\omega) = \omega^{m+n} \text{ (Ex. 9.19).}$$

Conclusion :

$$\chi_{a+b}(1 - \omega) = \omega^{2(m+n)}.$$

□

**Ex. 9.26** Combine the previous two exercises to conclude that  $\chi_\pi(1 - \omega) = \omega^{2m}$ .

*Proof.*  $\pi$  and  $a+b$  are primary elements of  $D$ , so

$$\chi_\pi(a+b) = \chi_{a+b}(\pi).$$

By Exercises 9.24 and 9.25,

$$\begin{aligned} \chi_\pi(a+b) &= \omega^{2n}\chi_\pi(1 - \omega) \\ \chi_{a+b}(\pi) &= \omega^{2(m+n)} \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $\omega^{2n}\chi_\pi(1 - \omega) = \omega^{2(m+n)}$ .

In conclusion,

$$\chi_\pi(1 - \omega) = \omega^{2m}.$$

□

**Ex. 9.27** Let  $\pi = a + bi$  be a primary irreducible in  $\mathbb{Z}[i]$ ,  $b \neq 0$ . Show

$$(a) a \equiv (-1)^{(p-1)/4} \pmod{4}, p = N(\pi).$$

$$(b) b \equiv (-1)^{(p-1)/4} - 1 \pmod{4}.$$

(Wrong sentence for (b) in an older edition.)



*Proof.* Let  $\pi = a + bi$  a primary prime in  $\mathbb{Z}[i]$ ,  $b \neq 0$ , such that  $p = N(\pi)$  :

$$p = \pi\bar{\pi} = a^2 + b^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{4}.$$

By Lemma 6, Section 7,  $a$  is odd,  $b$  even, and

$$(a \equiv 1 \pmod{4}, b \equiv 0 \pmod{4}) \text{ or } (a \equiv 3 \pmod{4}, b \equiv 2 \pmod{4}).$$

- (a) • Case 1 :  $a \equiv 1 \pmod{4}, b \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ . Then  $a = 4A + 1, b = 4B$ ,  $A, B \in \mathbb{Z}$ , so  $(a^2 + b^2 - 1)/4 = 4A^2 + 4B^2 + 2A$  is even :  
 $(-1)^{(p-1)/4} = (-1)^{(a^2+b^2-1)/4} = 1$ , and  $a \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ , thus  $a \equiv (-1)^{(p-1)/4} \pmod{4}$ .  
 • Case 2 :  $a \equiv 3 \pmod{4}, b \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ .  
 $a = 4A + 3, b = 4B + 2, a^2 + b^2 - 1 = 16A^2 + 24A + 9 + 16B^2 + 16B + 4 - 1 \equiv 4 \pmod{8}$ ,  
 so  $(a^2 + b^2 - 1)/4 \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ ,  $(-1)^{(p-1)/4} = (-1)^{(a^2+b^2-1)/4} = -1$ , and  $a \equiv -1 \pmod{4}$ ,  
 thus  $a \equiv (-1)^{(p-1)/4} \pmod{4}$ .

In both cases,

$$a \equiv (-1)^{(p-1)/4} \pmod{4}.$$

- (b) In every case,  $b \equiv a - 1 \pmod{4}$ , thus

$$b \equiv (-1)^{(p-1)/4} - 1 \pmod{4}.$$

In other words, for all primary primes  $\pi = a + bi$  such that  $N(\pi) = p$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} p \equiv 1 \pmod{8} &\iff \pi \equiv 1 \pmod{4}, \\ p \equiv 5 \pmod{8} &\iff \pi \equiv 3 + 2i \pmod{4}. \end{aligned}$$

□

**Ex. 9.28** The notation being as in Exercise 27 show  $\chi_\pi(\bar{\pi}) = \chi_\pi(2)\chi_\pi(a)$ .

*Proof.*  $\pi = a + bi, \bar{\pi} = a - bi = 2a - \pi \equiv 2a \pmod{\pi}$ , thus, by Proposition 9.8.3 (e) :

$$\chi_\pi(\bar{\pi}) = \chi_\pi(2a) = \chi_\pi(2)\chi_\pi(a).$$

□

**Ex. 9.29** By Exercise 9.27,  $a(-1)^{(p-1)/4}$  is primary. Use biquadratic reciprocity to show  $\chi_\pi(a(-1)^{(p-1)/4}) = (-1)^{(a^2-1)/8}$ .

*Proof.*  $a \equiv (-1)^{(p-1)/4} \pmod{4}$  (Ex. 9.27(a)),  $a(-1)^{(p-1)/4} \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ , thus  $a(-1)^{(p-1)/4}$  is primary (if  $a \neq \pm 1$ ).

If  $a = \pm 1$  is an unit,  $a(-1)^{(p-1)/4} = 1$  and  $\chi_\pi(a(-1)^{(p-1)/4}) = 1 = (-1)^{(a^2-1)/8}$ , so we can suppose that  $a$  is not an unit.

As  $a(-1)^{(p-1)/4} \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ , the Law of Biquadratic Reciprocity (Prop. 9.9.8) gives

$$\begin{aligned} \chi_\pi(a(-1)^{(p-1)/4}) &= \chi_{a(-1)^{(p-1)/4}}(\pi) \\ &= \chi_a(\pi) \quad (\text{Prop. 9.8.3(f)}) \\ &= \chi_a(a + bi) \\ &= \chi_a(bi) \\ &= \chi_a(b)\chi_a(i). \end{aligned}$$

As  $a \wedge b = 1$  (since  $p = a^2 + b^2$ ),  $\chi_a(b) = 1$  (Prop. 9.8.5, with  $a \neq 1$ ), so

$$\chi_\pi(a(-1)^{(p-1)/4}) = \chi_a(i).$$

If  $a \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ , Proposition 8.9.6 gives  $\chi_a(i) = (-1)^{(a-1)/4}$ . Write  $a = 4A + 1$ ,  $A \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Then

$$(-1)^{(a^2-1)/8} = (-1)^{2A^2+A} = (-1)^A = (-1)^{(a-1)/4} = \chi_a(i).$$

If  $a \equiv -1 \pmod{4}$ , then  $\chi_a(i) = \chi_{-a}(i) = (-1)^{(-a-1)/4}$  by the same proposition. Write  $a = 4A - 1$ ,  $A \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Then

$$(-1)^{(a^2-1)/8} = (-1)^{2A^2-A} = (-1)^{-A} = (-1)^{(-a-1)/4} = \chi_a(i).$$

So, for each odd  $a$ ,  $a \neq \pm 1$ ,

$$\chi_a(i) = i^{(a^2-1)/8}.$$

Conclusion : if  $\pi = a + bi$  is a primary irreducible such that  $N(\pi) = p$ , then

$$\chi_\pi(a(-1)^{(p-1)/4}) = (-1)^{(a^2-1)/8}.$$

□

**Ex. 9.30** Use the preceding two exercises to show  $\chi_\pi(\bar{\pi}) = \chi_\pi(2)(-1)^{(a^2-1)/8}$ .

*Proof.* By Exercises 9.28, 9.29, and  $\chi_\pi(-1) = (-1)^{(a-1)/2}$  (Prop. 9.8.3(d)),

$$\begin{aligned} \chi_\pi(\bar{\pi}) &= \chi_\pi(2)\chi_\pi(a) \\ &= \chi_\pi(2)\chi_\pi(a(-1)^{(p-1)/4})(\chi_\pi(-1))^{(p-1)/4} \\ &= \chi_\pi(2)(-1)^{(a^2-1)/8}((-1)^{(a-1)/2})^{(p-1)/4} \\ &= \chi_\pi(-2)(-1)^{(a^2-1)/8}((-1)^{(a-1)/2})^{(p+3)/4} \\ &= \chi_\pi(-2)(-1)^{(a^2-1)/8}(-1)^{((a-1)/2)((p+3)/4)}. \end{aligned}$$

If  $a \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ , then  $(-1)^{(a-1)/2} = 1$ .

If  $a \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ , then  $b \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$  :

$$a = 4A + 3, b = 4B + 2, p + 3 = a^2 + b^2 + 3 = (4A + 3)^2 + (4B + 2)^2 + 3 \equiv 0 \pmod{8},$$

so  $(p + 3)/4 \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ .

In both cases  $(-1)^{((a-1)/2)((p+3)/4)} = 1$ , and so

$$\chi_\pi(\bar{\pi}) = \chi_\pi(-2)(-1)^{(a^2-1)/8}.$$

□

**Ex. 9.31** Let  $p$  be prime,  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ . Show that  $p = a^2 + b^2$  where  $a$  and  $b$  are uniquely determined by the conditions  $a \equiv 1 \pmod{4}, b \equiv -((p-1)/2)!a \pmod{p}$ .

*Proof.* Recall the following lemma :

**Lemma :**

Let  $p$  be a prime,  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ , then  $\left[\left(\frac{p-1}{2}\right)!\right]^2 \equiv -1 \pmod{p}$ .

By Wilson's theorem (Prop. 4.1.1, Corollary),  $(p-1)! \equiv -1 \pmod{p}$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
-1 &\equiv (p-1)! = 1.2.\dots \left(\frac{p-1}{2}\right) \left(\frac{p+1}{2}\right) \dots (p-2)(p-1) \\
&\equiv 1.2.\dots \frac{p-1}{2} \left[-\left(\frac{p-1}{2}\right)\right] \dots (-2)(-1) \\
&\equiv (-1)^{(p-1)/2} \left[\left(\frac{p-1}{2}\right)!\right]^2 \\
&\equiv \left[\left(\frac{p-1}{2}\right)!\right]^2 [p],
\end{aligned}$$

since  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ .

- We show that there exists a pair  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$  which verifies the sentence.

By lemma 5 section 7, as  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ , there exists an irreducible  $\pi$  such that  $N(\pi) = p$ , and we can choose  $\pi$  such that  $\pi = A + Bi$  is primary (lemma 7 section 7), so  $A$  is odd.

If  $A \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ , we take  $a = A$ , and if  $A \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ , we take  $a = -A$  : then  $a \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ .

Let  $u = \left(\frac{p-1}{2}\right)!$ . Then  $0 \equiv p = A^2 + B^2 \pmod{p}$ ,  $B^2 \equiv -A^2 \equiv (uA)^2 \pmod{p}$ .

$p \mid (B - uA)(B + uA)$ , thus  $B \equiv \pm uA \pmod{p}$ .

Since  $a = \pm A$ ,  $B \equiv \pm ua \pmod{p}$ .

If  $B \equiv -ua \pmod{p}$ , we take  $b = B$ , if not  $b = -B$ .

Then  $a, b$  are such that  $p = a^2 + b^2$ ,  $a \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ ,  $b \equiv -((p-1)/2)! a \pmod{p}$ .

- Unicity of the pair  $(a, b)$  such that

$$p = a^2 + b^2, a \equiv 1 \pmod{4}, b \equiv -((p-1)/2)! a \pmod{p}.$$

Suppose that  $c, d$  are such that  $p = c^2 + d^2$ ,  $c \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ ,  $d \equiv -((p-1)/2)! c \pmod{p}$ .

Let  $\pi = a + ib, \lambda = c + id$ . As  $p = N\pi = N\lambda$  is a rational prime,  $\pi$  and  $\lambda$  are primes in  $D$ , and  $p = \pi\bar{\pi} = \lambda\bar{\lambda}$ , thus  $\lambda$  is associate to  $\pi$  or  $\bar{\pi}$  :

$$\lambda \in \{\pi, -\pi, i\pi, -i\pi, \bar{\pi}, -\bar{\pi}, i\bar{\pi}, -i\bar{\pi}\}.$$

As  $a, c$  are odd, and  $b, d$  even, it remains only the possibilities  $\lambda = \pm\pi, \lambda = \pm\bar{\pi}$ , thus  $c = \pm a$ . Moreover  $a \equiv c \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ , thus  $a = c$ , and  $d \equiv -((p-1)/2)! c \equiv -((p-1)/2)! a \equiv b \pmod{p}$ .

$p = a^2 + b^2 = a^2 + d^2$ , so  $d = \pm b$ , and  $d \equiv b \pmod{p}$ .

If  $d = -b$ , then  $p \mid 2b$ , thus  $p \mid b$ , and also  $p \mid a$ , so  $p^2 \mid a^2 + b^2 = p$ : this is impossible. So  $a = b, c = d$ . Unicity is proved.

Conclusion : if  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ , there exists an unique pair  $a, b$  such that

$$p = a^2 + b^2, a \equiv 1 \pmod{4}, b \equiv -((p-1)/2)! a \pmod{p}.$$

□

**Ex. 9.32** Let  $p$  be a prime,  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$  and write  $p = \pi\bar{\pi}$ ,  $\pi \in \mathbb{Z}[i]$ . Show  $\chi_p(1+i) = i^{(p-1)/4}$ .

*Proof.*

$$\begin{aligned}\chi_p(1+i) &= \chi_\pi(1+i)\chi_{\bar{\pi}}(1+i) \\ &= \chi_\pi(1+i)\overline{\chi_\pi(1-i)} \quad (\text{Prop. 9.8.3(c)}) \\ &= \frac{\chi_\pi(1+i)}{\chi_\pi(1-i)} = \chi_\pi(i) \quad (\text{since } (1-i)i = 1+i) \\ &= i^{\frac{p-1}{4}}.\end{aligned}$$

The last equality is a consequence of the definition of  $\chi_\pi$  :  $\chi_\pi(i) \equiv i^{\frac{p-1}{4}} \pmod{\pi}$ , and the classes of  $1, i, i^2, i^3$  modulo  $\pi$  are distinct.  $\square$

**Ex. 9.33** Let  $q$  be a positive prime,  $q \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ . Show  $\chi_q(1+i) = i^{(q+1)/4}$ . [Hint :  $(1+i)^{q-1} \equiv -i \pmod{q}$ .]

The sentence is false and must be replaced by

$$\chi_q(1+i) = (-i)^{(q+1)/4} = i^{-(q+1)/4}.$$

We verify this on the example  $q = 11$  :

$$\begin{aligned}\chi_q(1+i) &\equiv (1+i)^{(q^2-1)/4} \\ &\equiv (1+i)^{30} \\ &\equiv -2^{15}i \equiv -32i \equiv i \pmod{11},\end{aligned}$$

so  $\chi_{11}(1+i) = i$ , and  $i^{(-q-1)/4} = i^{-3} = i$  (but  $i^{(q+1)/4} = -i$ ).

*Proof.* Write  $q = 4k + 3$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ .

As  $(1+i)^2 = 2i$ ,  $(1+i)^{q-1} = (2i)^{(q-1)/2}$ .

$$2^{(q-1)/2} \equiv \left(\frac{2}{q}\right) [q] \text{ et } \left(\frac{2}{q}\right) = (-1)^{(q^2-1)/8} = (-1)^{2k^2+3k+1} = (-1)^{k+1}$$

$$i^{(q-1)/2} = i^{2k+1} = (-1)^k i.$$

So

$$(1+i)^{q-1} \equiv -i [q].$$

$$N(q) = q^2, \text{ so } \chi_q(1+i) \equiv (1+i)^{(q^2-1)/4} = [(1+i)^{q-1}]^{(q+1)/4} \equiv (-i)^{(q+1)/4} [q] :$$

$$\chi_q(1+i) = (-i)^{(q+1)/4} = i^{-(q+1)/4}.$$

$\square$

**Ex. 9.34** Let  $\pi = a + bi$  be a primary irreducible,  $(a, b) = 1$ . Show

(a) if  $\pi \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ , then  $\chi_\pi(a) = i^{(a-1)/2}$ .

(b) if  $\pi \equiv 3 + 2i \pmod{4}$ , then  $\chi_\pi(a) = -i^{(-a-1)/2}$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\pi = a + bi$  be a primary irreducible, with  $a \wedge b = 1$ , so  $b \neq 0$  : we can apply the result of Exercise 9.29 :

$$\chi_\pi(a(-1)^{(p-1)/4}) = (-1)^{(a^2-1)/8}.$$

(a) Suppose that  $\pi \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ .

Then  $a \equiv 1 \pmod{4}, b \equiv 0 \pmod{4}, a = 4A + 1, b = 4B, A, B \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

As  $\chi_\pi(-1) = (-1)^{(a-1)/2}$ ,

$$\chi_\pi(a) = (-1)^{\frac{a-1}{2} \frac{p-1}{4}} (-1)^{\frac{a^2-1}{8}},$$

where

$$p = N\pi = a^2 + b^2, (-1)^{(p-1)/4} = (-1)^{\frac{a^2-1}{4} + \frac{b^2}{4}} = (-1)^{4A^2+2A+4B^2} = 1,$$

thus  $(-1)^{\frac{a-1}{2} \frac{p-1}{4}} = 1$ .

$$\chi_\pi(a) = (-1)^{(a^2-1)/8} = (-1)^{2A^2+A} = (-1)^A = (-1)^{(a-1)/4} = i^{(a-1)/2}.$$

Conclusion : if  $\pi \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ ,  $\chi_\pi(a) = i^{(a-1)/2}$ .

(b) Suppose that  $\pi \equiv 3 + 2i \pmod{4}$ .

Then  $a \equiv 3 \pmod{4}, b \equiv 2 \pmod{4}, a = 4A + 3, b = 4B + 2, A, B \in \mathbb{Z}$ . As in (a),

$$\chi_\pi(a) = (-1)^{\frac{a-1}{2} \frac{p-1}{4}} (-1)^{\frac{a^2-1}{8}},$$

where  $a^2 + b^2 - 1 = 16A^2 + 24A + 16B^2 + 16B + 12 \equiv 4 \pmod{8}$ , so  $\frac{a^2+b^2-1}{4} \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ ,

thus  $(-1)^{(p-1)/4} = (-1)^{(a^2+b^2-1)/4} = -1$ .

$$(-1)^{\frac{a-1}{2} \frac{p-1}{4}} = (-1)^{\frac{a-1}{2}} = (-1)^{2A+1} = -1,$$

$$\frac{a^2-1}{8} = 2A^2 + 3A + 1, (-1)^{(a^2-1)/8} = (-1)^{3A+1} = (-1)^{A+1} = (-1)^{(a+1)/4},$$

$$\chi_\pi(a) = -(-1)^{(a+1)/4} = -i^{(a+1)/2}.$$

Moreover

$$\frac{a+1}{2} \equiv \frac{-a-1}{2} \pmod{4} \iff a+1 \equiv -a-1 \pmod{8} \iff 2a \equiv -2 \pmod{8} \iff a \equiv 3 \pmod{4},$$

thus  $i^{(a+1)/2} = i^{(-a-1)/2}$ .

Conclusion : if  $\pi \equiv 3 + 2i \pmod{4}$ ,  $\chi_\pi(a) = -i^{(-a-1)/2}$ .

□

**Ex. 9.35** If  $\pi = a + bi$  is as in Exercise 9.34 show  $\chi_\pi(a)\chi_\pi(1+i) = i^{(3(a+b-1))/4}$ .  
[Hint:  $a(1+i) = a + b + i(a+bi)$ . Generalize Exercises 32 and 33 to any integer  $\equiv 1 \pmod{4}$  and use Proposition 9.9.8. Note  $a+b \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ .]

*Proof.* We give a generalization of Exercises 9.32 and 9.33 : if  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ ,  $n \neq 1$ , then  $\chi_n(1+i) = i^{(n-1)/4}$ .

By Exercises 9.32 and 9.33, we know that if  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$  is a rational prime, then

$$\chi_p(1+i) = i^{(p-1)/4},$$

and if  $q \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ , in other words  $-q \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ , where  $q$  is a rational prime, then

$$\chi_{-q}(1+i) = \chi_q(1+i) = i^{(-q-1)/4}.$$

Let  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ ,  $n \neq 1$ .

If  $n > 0$ ,  $n = q_1 q_2 \cdots q_k p_1 p_2 \cdots p_l$ , where  $q_i \equiv -1 \pmod{4}$ ,  $p_i \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ , thus  $k$  is odd.

If  $n < 0$ ,  $n = -q_1 q_2 \cdots q_k p_1 p_2 \cdots p_l$ , with  $k$  odd. In both cases,

$$n = (-q_1)(-q_2) \cdots (-q_k) p_1 p_2 \cdots p_l,$$

so we can write

$$n = s_1 s_2 \cdots s_N, \quad \text{where } s_i = -q_i, 1 \leq i \leq k, s_i = p_{i-k}, k+1 \leq i \leq k+l = N,$$

where  $s_i \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq N$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \chi_n(1+i) &= \chi_{-q_1}(1+i) \cdots \chi_{-q_k}(1+i) \chi_{p_1}(1+i) \cdots \chi_{p_l}(1+i) \\ &= i^{(-q_1-1)/4} \cdots i^{(-q_k-1)/4} i^{(p_1-1)/4} \cdots i^{(p_l-1)/4} \\ &= i^{(s_1-1)/4} \cdots i^{(s_N-1)/4} \\ &= i^{\sum_{i=1}^N \frac{s_i-1}{4}} \\ &= i^{(n-1)/4}, \end{aligned}$$

the last equality resulting of Exercise 9.44.

Conclusion : if  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ ,  $n \neq 1$ , then  $\chi_n(1+i) = i^{(n-1)/4}$ .

Let  $\pi = a + bi$ ,  $a \wedge b = 1$  a primary irreducible. As  $a(1+i) = a + b + i(a+bi)$ ,  $a(1+i) \equiv a+b \pmod{\pi}$ , so

$$\chi_\pi(a) \chi_\pi(1+i) = \chi_\pi(a+b).$$

As  $\pi = a + bi$  is primary,  $a+b \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ .

If  $a+b=1$ , then  $\chi_\pi(a) \chi_\pi(1+i) = \chi_\pi(a+b) = 1 = i^{3(a+b-1)/4}$ . If not, the Law of Biquadratic Reciprocity (Proposition 9.9.8) gives

$$\chi_\pi(a+b) = \chi_{a+b}(\pi).$$

Now  $b \equiv -a \pmod{a+b}$ , so  $a+bi \equiv a(1-i) \equiv -ia(1+i) \pmod{a+b}$ . Therefore

$$\chi_{a+b}(\pi) = \chi_{a+b}(-1) \chi_{a+b}(a) \chi_{a+b}(i) \chi_{a+b}(1+i).$$

Since  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ ,  $\chi_n(i) = (-1)^{(n-1)/4}$  (Prop.9.8.6), thus

$$\chi_n(-1) = \chi_n(i^2) = (-1)^{\frac{n-1}{2}} = 1.$$

Consequently, since  $a+b \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ ,  $\chi_{a+b}(-1) = 1$ .

As  $a \wedge b = 1$ ,  $(a+b) \wedge a = 1$ , thus  $\chi_{a+b}(a) = 1$  (Prop 9.8.5).

$a+b \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ , thus  $\chi_{a+b}(i) = (-1)^{(a+b-1)/4}$  (Prop. 9.8.6).

From the first part of this proof,  $\chi_{a+b}(1+i) = i^{(a+b-1)/4}$ , so

$$\begin{aligned}\chi_{a+b}(\pi) &= \chi_{a+b}(-1)\chi_{a+b}(a)\chi_{a+b}(i)\chi_{a+b}(1+i) \\ &= (-1)^{(a+b-1)/4} i^{(a+b-1)/4} \\ &= i^{(a+b-1)/2} i^{(a+b-1)/4} \\ &= i^{3(a+b-1)/4}\end{aligned}$$

Conclusion : if  $\pi = a + bi$  is a primary irreducible, such that  $a \wedge b = 1$ , then

$$\chi_\pi(a)\chi_\pi(1+i) = i^{3(a+b-1)/4}$$

□

**Ex. 9.36** Remove the restriction  $(a, b) = 1$  in Exercise 9.34.

*Proof.* Suppose that  $q = a \wedge b > 1$ . Then  $a = qa', b = qb'$ ,  $a', b' \in \mathbb{Z}$ , so  $\pi = q(a' + ib')$ .

As  $\pi$  is irreducible, and as  $q$  is not an unit,  $u = a' + b'i$  is an unit, and so  $\pi = uq$  is associate to  $q$  : the rational integer  $q$  is then a prime in  $D$ , so a rational prime  $q \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ .

If  $u = \pm i$ , then  $\pi = \pm q = a + bi$  is such that  $b$  is odd, in contradiction with  $\pi$  primary. Thus  $u = \pm 1$ , and  $\pi = \varepsilon q, \varepsilon = \pm 1$ . As  $\pi$  is primary,  $\varepsilon = -1$ , so  $\pi = -q$ .

Then  $\chi_\pi(a) = \chi_{-q}(-q) = 0$ , the result of Ex. 34 is false if  $b = 0$ .

Conclusion : if  $\pi = a + bi$  is a primary irreducible, and  $b \neq 0$ , then

- (a) if  $\pi \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ ,  $\chi_\pi(a) = i^{(a-1)/2}$ ,
- (b) if  $\pi \equiv 3 + 2i \pmod{4}$ ,  $\chi_\pi(a) = -i^{(-a-1)/2}$ .

□

**Ex. 9.37** Combine Exercises 32, 33, 34, and 35 to show  $\chi_\pi(1+i) = i^{(a-b-b^2-1)/4}$ . Show that this result implies Exercise 26 of Chapter 5 “the biquadratic character of 2”.

**Lemma.** If  $\pi = a + bi$  is a primary prime, then

$$\chi_\pi(i) = i^{\frac{-a+1}{2}}.$$

*Proof.* (of Lemma.) Let  $\pi = a + bi$  a primary prime in  $\mathbb{Z}[i]$ .

- If  $\pi = -q$ , where  $q \equiv 3 \pmod{4}, q > 0$  is a rational prime, then  $a = -q, b = 0$ . By definition of the quartic character,

$$\chi_q(i) = i^{\frac{N(q)-1}{4}} = i^{\frac{q^2-1}{4}}.$$

Write  $-q = a = 4k + 1, k \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{q^2-1}{4} &= 4k^2 + 2k \\ &\equiv 2k = \frac{a-1}{2} \pmod{4}.\end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\chi_{-q}(i) = \chi_q(i) = i^{\frac{q^2-1}{4}} = i^{\frac{a-1}{2}} = \left(\frac{1}{i}\right)^{\frac{-a+1}{2}} = (-i)^{\frac{-a+1}{2}} = (-1)^{\frac{-a+1}{2}} i^{\frac{-a+1}{2}} = i^{\frac{-a+1}{2}},$$

since  $(-1)^{\frac{-a+1}{2}} = (-1)^{-2k} = 1$ .

Suppose now that  $N(\pi) = p$ , where  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$  is a rational prime. Then

$$\chi_\pi(i) = i^{\frac{N(\pi)-1}{4}} = i^{\frac{p-1}{4}}.$$

Since  $\pi = a + bi$  is primary, there are two cases.

- If  $a \equiv 1 \pmod{4}, b \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ , then  $a = 4A + 1, b = 4B, A, B \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{p-1}{4} &= \frac{a^2 + b^2 - 1}{4} \\ &= \frac{16A^2 + 8A + 16B^2}{4} \\ &= 4A^2 + 2A + 4B^2 \\ &\equiv 2A = \frac{a-1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\chi_\pi(i) = i^{\frac{p-1}{4}} = i^{\frac{a-1}{2}} = \left(\frac{1}{i}\right)^{\frac{-a+1}{2}} = (-i)^{\frac{-a+1}{2}} = (-1)^{\frac{-a+1}{2}} i^{\frac{-a+1}{2}} = i^{\frac{-a+1}{2}},$$

since  $(-1)^{\frac{-a+1}{2}} = (-1)^{-2A} = 1$ .

- If  $a \equiv 3 \pmod{4}, b \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ , then  $a = 4A - 1, b = 4B + 2, A, B \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{p-1}{4} &= \frac{a^2 + b^2 - 1}{4} \\ &= \frac{16A^2 - 8A + 16B^2 + 16B + 4}{4} \\ &= 4A^2 - 2A + 4B^2 + 4B + 1 \\ &\equiv -2A + 1 = \frac{-a+1}{2} \pmod{4} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $\chi_\pi(i) = (-1)^{\frac{-a+1}{4}}$ .

The equality  $\chi_\pi(i) = (-1)^{\frac{-a+1}{4}}$  is verified for all primary primes  $\pi$ .

□

*Proof.* (of Ex.9.37) Let  $\pi = a + ib$  be a primary irreducible in  $\mathbb{Z}[i]$ .

- If  $b = 0$ , then  $\pi = a \in \mathbb{Z}$ . As  $\pi$  is primary,  $\pi = -q, q \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ , where  $q$  is a rational prime, so  $a = -q, b = 0$ . By Ex. 9.32 (or its generalization 9.35),

$$\chi_\pi(1+i) = \chi_{-q}(1+i) = i^{(-q-1)/4} = i^{(a-b-b^2-1)/4}.$$



- If  $b \neq 0$ , then  $a \wedge b = 1$  (see Ex. 9.36), and by Ex. 9.35,

$$\chi_\pi(a)\chi_\pi(1+i) = i^{3(a+b-1)/4}.$$

- If  $\pi \equiv 1 [4]$ ,  $a \equiv 1 [4]$ ,  $b \equiv 0 [4]$  :  $a = 4A + 1$ ,  $b = 4B$ ,  $A, B \in \mathbb{Z}$ .  
By Ex. 9.34(a),

$$\chi_\pi(a) = i^{(a-1)/2}, \chi_\pi(a)^{-1} = (-i)^{(a-1)/2} = i^{(a-1)/2}.$$

$$\begin{aligned}\chi_\pi(1+i) &= i^{3\frac{a+b-1}{4} - 2\frac{a-1}{4}} \\ &= i^{\frac{a+3b-1}{4}} \\ &= i^{\frac{a-b-b^2-1}{4}},\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{since } \left(\frac{a+3b-1}{4}\right) - \left(\frac{a-b-b^2-1}{4}\right) = b + \frac{b^2}{4} = 4B + 4B^2 \equiv 0 [4].$$

- If  $\pi \equiv 3 + 2i [4]$ ,  $a \equiv 3 [4]$ ,  $b \equiv 2 [4]$  :  $a = 4A - 1$ ,  $b = 4B + 2$ ,  $A, B \in \mathbb{Z}$ .  
By Ex. 9.34(b),

$$\chi_\pi(a) = -i^{(-a-1)/2}, \chi_\pi(a)^{-1} = -i^{(a+1)/2} = i^{(a-3)/2},$$

so

$$\chi_\pi(1+i) = i^{(3a+3b-3+2a-6)/4} = i^{(5a+3b-9)/4}.$$

$$\text{Now } \frac{1}{4}[(a-b-b^2-1) - (5a+3b-9)] = \frac{1}{4}(-4a-4b-b^2+8) = -a-b+2 - \frac{b^2}{4} = -4A+1-4B-2+2-(2B+1)^2 \equiv 0 [4],$$

$$\text{thus } \chi_\pi(1+i) = i^{(a-b-b^2-1)/4}.$$

Conclusion : if  $\pi = a + ib$  is primary irreducible, then

$$\chi_\pi(1+i) = i^{(a-b-b^2-1)/4}$$

Second part : the biquadratic character of 2 (see Ex. 5.25 to 5.28).

Let  $p \equiv 1 [4]$ . Then  $p = N(\pi)$ , where  $\pi = a + bi$  is a primary prime.

We show first that  $\chi_\pi(2) = i^{\frac{ab}{2}}$ .

Since  $2 = i^3(1+i)^2$ , the first part of the exercise, and the Lemma, give

$$\begin{aligned}\chi_\pi(2) &= \chi_\pi(i)^3 \chi_\pi(1+i)^2 \\ &= i^{\frac{3(-a+1)}{2}} i^{\frac{a-b-b^2-1}{2}} \\ &= i^{1-a-(b+1)\frac{b}{2}}\end{aligned}$$

Since  $\pi$  is primry,  $a \equiv b + 1 \equiv -b + 1 \pmod{4}$ , therefore

$$\begin{aligned}1 - a - (b+1)\frac{b}{2} &\equiv -b - (b+1)\frac{b}{2} \\ &\equiv \frac{b}{2}(-b-3) \\ &\equiv \frac{b}{2}(-b+1) \\ &\equiv \frac{ab}{2} \pmod{4},\end{aligned}$$

so  $\chi_\pi(2) = i^{\frac{ab}{2}}$ .

Now we show that  $p$  is of the form  $p = A^2 + 64b^2$  if and only if  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$  and if  $x^4 \equiv 2$  has a solution  $x \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

If  $p = A^2 + 64B^2 = A^2 + (8B)^2$ , then the prime number  $p$  is a sum of two squares, and  $p \neq 2$ , therefore  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ . Since  $p = A^2 + 64b^2$ ,  $A$  is odd. Put  $b = 8B$ , and  $a = A$  if  $A \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ ,  $a = -A$  if  $A \equiv -1 \pmod{4}$ . Then  $\pi = a + bi$  is such that  $N(\pi) = a^2 + b^2 = p$ , and  $a \equiv 1, b \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ , therefore  $\pi$  is a primary prime. Then

$$\chi_\pi(2) = i^{\frac{ab}{2}} = i^{4aB} = 1.$$

Therefore there exists  $\alpha \in D$  such that  $2 \equiv \alpha^4 \pmod{\pi}$ . As  $D/\pi D$  is the set of classes of  $0, 1, \dots, p-1$ , there exists  $x \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $x \equiv \alpha \pmod{\pi}$ , so  $2 \equiv x^4 \pmod{\pi}$ .

Then  $p = N(\pi) \mid N(x^4 - 2) = (x^4 - 2)^2$ , thus  $p \mid x^4 - 2$ , in other words  $2 \equiv x^4 \pmod{p}$ .

Conversely, suppose that  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$  and that 2 is a biquadratic residue modulo  $p$ . As  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ ,  $p = \pi\bar{\pi}$ , where  $\pi = a + bi$  is a primary prime. Since  $2 \equiv x^4 \pmod{p}$  for some  $x \in \mathbb{Z}$ , then  $2 \equiv x^4 \pmod{\pi}$ , so  $\chi_\pi(2) = 1$ . Moreover

$$1 = \chi_\pi(2) = i^{\frac{ab}{2}}.$$

Since  $a$  is odd,  $8 \mid b$ , therefore  $p = A^2 + 64b^2$ , where  $A = a, B = b/8$ .

Conclusion :

$$\exists(A, B) \in \mathbb{Z}^2, p = A^2 + 64B^2 \iff (p \equiv 1 \pmod{4} \text{ and } \exists x \in \mathbb{Z}, x^4 \equiv 2 \pmod{p}).$$

□

**Ex. 9.38** Prove part (d) of Proposition 9.8.3.

**Proposition 9.8.3(d)** If  $\pi$  is a primary irreducible then  $\chi_\pi(-1) = (-1)^{(a-1)/2}$ , where  $\pi = a + bi$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\pi = a + bi$  a primary irreducible. Then  $a$  is odd, and  $b$  is even, and  $N(\pi) = a^2 + b^2$ . Then

$$\chi_\pi(-1) = (-1)^{\frac{N(\pi)-1}{4}} = (-1)^{\frac{a^2-1}{4} + \frac{b^2}{4}} = [(-1)^{\frac{a+1}{2}}]^{\frac{a-1}{2}} (-1)^{\frac{b^2}{4}}.$$

By Lemma 6, section 7,  $a \equiv 1 \pmod{4}, b \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ , or  $a \equiv 3 \pmod{4}, b \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ .

- If  $a \equiv 1 \pmod{4}, b \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ , then  $(-1)^{\frac{a+1}{2}} = -1, (-1)^{\frac{b^2}{4}} = +1$ , so

$$\chi_\pi(-1) = (-1)^{\frac{a-1}{2}}.$$

- If  $a \equiv 3 \pmod{4}, b \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ , then  $(-1)^{\frac{a+1}{2}} = 1, (-1)^{\frac{b^2}{4}} = -1$ , so

$$\chi_\pi(-1) = -1 = (-1)^{\frac{a-1}{2}}.$$

Conclusion : if  $\pi$  is a primary irreducible in  $\mathbb{Z}[i]$ , then

$$\chi_\pi(-1) = (-1)^{(a-1)/2}.$$

□

**Ex. 9.39** Let  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{6}$  and write  $4p = A^2 + 27B^2$ ,  $A \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ . Put  $m = (p-1)/6$ . Show  $\binom{3m}{m} \equiv -1 \pmod{p} \iff 2 \mid B$ .

*Proof.* Let  $p$  a rational prime,  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{6}$ . As  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ ,  $p = N(\pi)$ , where  $\pi = a + b\omega$  is a primary prime.  $p = N(\pi) = a^2 - ab + b^2$ ,  $4p = (2a - b)^2 + 3b^2$ . As  $\pi$  is primary,  $a \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ ,  $b \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ , so  $4p = A^2 + 27B^2$ , with  $A = 2a - b \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ ,  $b = B/3$ .

Suppose that  $2 \mid B$ . Since  $p = a^2 - ab + b^2$  is odd,

$$2 \mid B \iff 2 \mid b \iff (b \equiv 0 [2], a \equiv 1 [2]) \iff \pi \equiv 1 [2].$$

By Proposition 9.6.1,  $2 \mid B$  iff  $\pi \equiv 1 [2]$ , iff  $x^3 - 2$  is solvable in  $D$ , iff  $\chi_\pi(2) = 1$ .

By Exercise 8.6,

$$J(\chi_\pi, \chi_\pi) = \chi_\pi(2)^{-2} J(\chi_\pi, \rho),$$

where  $\rho$  is the Legendre's character.

Here  $\chi_\pi(2) = 1$ , so  $J(\chi_\pi, \chi_\pi) = J(\chi_\pi, \rho)$ , and by Lemma 1 section 4,

$$\pi = a + b\omega = J(\chi_\pi, \chi_\pi) = J(\chi_\pi, \rho).$$

By Exercise 8.15,

$$N(y^2 = x^3 + 1) = p + A,$$

and the Exercise 8.27(b) gives

$$N(y^2 = x^3 + 1) = N(y^2 + x^3 = 1) = p + 2 \operatorname{Re} J(\chi_\pi, \rho),$$

and by Exercise 8.27(c),

$$-A \equiv \binom{(p-1)/2}{(p-1)/3} = \binom{(p-1)/2}{(p-1)/2 - (p-1)/3} = \binom{(p-1)/2}{(p-1)/6} = \binom{3m}{m} \pmod{p},$$

where  $m = (p-1)/6$ . Therefore

$$\binom{3m}{m} \equiv -1 \pmod{p}.$$

Conversely, suppose that  $\binom{3m}{m} \equiv -1 \pmod{p}$ . Then  $A = 2a - b \equiv -\binom{3m}{m} \pmod{p}$ . Write  $J(\chi_\pi, \rho) = c + d\omega$ . By Exercise 8.27(c),  $2c - d \equiv -\binom{3m}{m} \pmod{p}$ . thus

$$2a - b \equiv 2c - d \pmod{p}.$$

Since  $|J(\chi_\pi, \rho)| = \sqrt{p}$ ,

$$4p = (2a - b)^2 + 3b^2 = (2c - d)^2 + 3d^2,$$

thus  $d \equiv \pm b \pmod{p}$ .

By Exercise 8.6,

$$\pi = J(\chi_\pi, \chi_\pi) = \chi_\pi(2)^{-2} J(\chi_\pi, \rho),$$

where  $\chi_\pi(2)^{-2} = \chi_\pi(2) \in \{1, \omega, \omega^2\}$ .

If  $\chi_\pi(2) = \omega$ , then  $a + b\omega = \omega(c + d\omega) = -d + \omega(c - d)$ . Then  $a = -d \equiv \pm b \pmod{p}$ . As  $a \equiv -b\omega \pmod{\pi}$ , we would have  $-b\omega \equiv \pm b \pmod{\pi}$ . As  $\pi \nmid b$ ,  $\pi \mid \omega \pm 1$ , with  $\pi$  primary : it's impossible ( $\omega + 1$  is a unit and  $\omega - 1$  is prime).

If  $\chi_\pi(2) = \omega^2$ , then  $a + b\omega = \omega^2(c + d\omega)$ ,  $a + b\omega^2 = \omega(c + d\omega^2)$  : same contradiction.  
 So  $\chi_\pi(2) = 1$ , and the previously proved equivalence  $2 \mid B \iff \chi_\pi(2) = 1$  show that  $2 \mid B$ .

Conclusion :

$$\left(\frac{(p-1)/2}{(p-1)/6}\right) \equiv -1 \pmod{p} \iff 2 \mid B.$$

□

**Ex. 9.44** Let  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $n = s_1 \cdots s_t$ ,  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, t$ . Show  $(n-1)/4 \equiv \sum_{i=1}^t (s_i-1)/4 \pmod{4}$ .

*Proof.* If  $n = st$ ,  $s \equiv 1$ ,  $t \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ , then  $s = 4k+1$ ,  $t = 4l+1$ ,  $k, l \in \mathbb{Z}$ , so

$$n = (4k+1)(4l+1) = 16kl + 4k + 4l + 1, \frac{n-1}{4} = 4kl + k + l \equiv k + l = \frac{s-1}{4} + \frac{t-1}{4} \pmod{4}.$$

Reasoning by induction on  $t$ , suppose that every product of  $t$  factors  $n = s_1 s_2 \cdots s_t$ , where  $s_i \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$  verifies

$$\frac{n-1}{4} \equiv \sum_{i=1}^t \frac{s_i-1}{4} \pmod{4}.$$

If  $n' = s_1 s_2 \cdots s_t s_{t+1} = n s_{t+1}$ ,  $s_i \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ , then  $n \equiv 1$ ,  $s_{t+1} \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ , so

$$\frac{n'-1}{4} \equiv \frac{n-1}{4} + \frac{s_{t+1}-1}{4} \equiv \sum_{i=1}^t \frac{s_i-1}{4} + \frac{s_{t+1}-1}{4} \equiv \sum_{i=1}^{t+1} \frac{s_i-1}{4} \pmod{4}.$$

Conclusion : if  $n = s_1 s_2 \cdots s_t$ ,  $s_i \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ , alors  $\frac{n-1}{4} \equiv \sum_{i=1}^t \frac{s_i-1}{4} \pmod{4}$ .

□

**Ex. 9.45** Let  $\pi = a + bi \in \mathbb{Z}[i]$  and  $q \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$  a rational prime. Show  $\pi^q \equiv \bar{\pi} \pmod{4}$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\pi = a + bi \in \mathbb{Z}[i]$ , and  $q \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$  a rational prime.

As  $\binom{q}{k} \equiv 0 \pmod{q}$  for  $1 \leq k \leq q-1$ , the Fermat's Little Theorem gives

$$\begin{aligned} \pi^q &= (a + bi)^q \\ &\equiv a^q + b^q i^q \pmod{q} \\ &\equiv a + bi^3 \pmod{q} \\ &= a - bi \\ &= \bar{\pi} \end{aligned}$$

Conclusion :  $\pi^q \equiv \bar{\pi} \pmod{q}$  ( $\pi \in \mathbb{Z}[i]$ , and  $q \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ )

□