

Any element of  $Cl(K)$  is represented by an ideal  $\mathfrak{o} \subset \mathcal{O}_K$  with

$$\text{Norm}(\mathfrak{o}) \leq C_{r_1, r_2} \cdot |d_K|^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

If we choose the subsets  $S$  explicitly, then we can find the constants  $C_{r_1, r_2}$

Minkowski's bound (without proof):

Choose

$$S = \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R}^{r_1 + 2r_2} \mid \sum_{i=1}^{r_1} |x_i| + 2 \sum_{j=1}^{r_2} (x_{r_1+2j}^2 + x_{r_1+2j-1}^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} < 1 \right\}$$

then compute  $\text{Vol}(S)$ ,  $M$ , and deduce

$$C_{r_1, r_2} = \left( \frac{4}{\pi} \right)^{r_2} \frac{n!}{n^n}, \quad n = r_1 + 2r_2$$

Cor. 1  $\forall$  element of  $Cl(K)$  is represented by an ideal of  $\text{Norm} \leq \left( \frac{4}{\pi} \right)^{r_2} \frac{n!}{n^n} \cdot |d_K|^{\frac{1}{2}}$   
(this is called Minkowski's bound)

Cor. 2  $\forall$  number field  $K \neq \mathbb{Q}$

$$|d_K| \geq \left( \frac{\pi}{4} \right)^{2r_2} \frac{n^{2n}}{(n!)^2} > 1$$

Proof  $1 \in Cl(K)$  is repr. by some ideal  $\mathfrak{o}$

$$1 \leq \text{Norm}(\sigma) \leq \left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)^{2n_2} \frac{n!}{n^n} |d_K|^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow |d_K| \geq \left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)^{2n_2} \frac{n^{2n}}{(n!)^2}$$

$$\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)^{2n_2} \frac{n^{2n}}{(n!)^2} \geq \underbrace{\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)^n \frac{n^{2n}}{(n!)^2}}_{\alpha_n}$$

$$\alpha_2 = \left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)^2 \cdot \frac{16}{4} > \frac{9}{16} \cdot \frac{16}{4} > 1$$

$$\frac{\alpha_{n+1}}{\alpha_n} = \frac{\pi}{4} \cdot \frac{(n+1)^{2n+2}}{n^{2n}} \frac{(n!)^2}{((n+1)!)^2} =$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{4} \frac{(n+1)^{2n}}{n^{2n}} = \frac{\pi}{4} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^{2n} > \frac{3}{4} \cdot \left(1 + \frac{1}{2}\right)^4 = \frac{3^5}{2^6} > 1$$

$$\alpha_{n+1} > \alpha_n > \dots > \alpha_2 > 1$$

since  $\left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right)^{2x}$  is monotone increasing for  $x > 1$   $\square$

How to find all ideals with bounded norm? Enough to consider prime ideals

$(0) \neq \mathfrak{p} \subset \mathcal{O}_K$  prime ideal  $\mathfrak{p} \cap \mathbb{Z} = (p)$

$$\mathbb{F}_p = \mathbb{Z}/(p) \hookrightarrow \mathcal{O}_K/\mathfrak{p}, \quad \text{Norm}(\mathfrak{p}) = |\mathcal{O}_K/\mathfrak{p}| = p^f$$

for some  $f \geq 1$ .

$$p \leq p^f \leq \text{Minkowski's constant}$$

$\Rightarrow$  we only need to consider ideals  $p$ , s.t.  $p \cap \mathbb{Z} = (p)$  with  $p$  bounded

Consider  $(p) = \prod p_i$  for all prime

numbers  $p \leq \left(\frac{4}{\pi}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{n!}{n^n} |d_K|^{\frac{1}{2}}$ , then

$[p_i]$  appearing in all these decompositions generate  $\mathcal{O}(K)$

Examples Quadratic fields. Let  $d \in \mathbb{Z}$  square-free,  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})$ . Then

$\sigma_K = \mathbb{Z}[\alpha]$ , where  $\alpha = \begin{cases} \sqrt{d} & \text{if } d \equiv 2, 3 \pmod{4} \\ \frac{1+\sqrt{d}}{2} & \text{if } d \equiv 1 \pmod{4} \end{cases}$   
(see solutions to exercise sheet 3)

$d_K = ?$   $\sigma_K = \langle 1, \alpha \rangle$

$d \equiv 2, 3 \pmod{4} \Rightarrow B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ \sqrt{d} & -\sqrt{d} \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $d_K = (\det B)^2 = 4d$

$d \equiv 1 \pmod{4} \Rightarrow B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ \frac{1+\sqrt{d}}{2} & \frac{1-\sqrt{d}}{2} \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $d_K = d$

Case 1  $d > 0 \Rightarrow \exists 2$  real embeddings  $K \hookrightarrow \mathbb{C}$

$r_1 = 2$ ,  $r_2 = 0$

Minkowski's bound:

$p \leq \frac{1}{2} |d_K|^{\frac{1}{2}} = \begin{cases} \sqrt{d}, & d \equiv 2, 3 \pmod{4} \\ \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{d}, & d \equiv 1 \pmod{4} \end{cases}$

E.g.  $d = 2, 3, 5, 13$  there are no primes  $p$  that satisfy the bound  $\Rightarrow C(K) = 1$  and  $\mathcal{O}_K$  is PID

Case 2  $d < 0 \Rightarrow \exists$  one pair of complex-conj. embeddings,  $r_1 = 0, r_2 = 1$

$$p \leq \frac{4}{\pi} \frac{1}{2} \cdot |d_K|^{1/2} = \begin{cases} \frac{4}{\pi} \sqrt{|d|}, & d \equiv 2, 3 \pmod{4} \\ \frac{2}{\pi} \sqrt{|d|}, & d \equiv 1 \pmod{4} \end{cases}$$

E.g. for  $d = -1, -2, -3, -7$  no primes  $p$ .  
 $\Rightarrow \mathcal{O}_K$  is PID

Consider  $d = -14, K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-14}), d \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$

$$\mathcal{O}_K = \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-14}], d_K = -56$$

We need to consider  $p \leq \frac{4}{\pi} \sqrt{14} < 5$ ,

i.e.  $p = 2, 3$

How to factorize  $(p) = \prod p_i^{n_i}$  in  $\mathcal{O}_K$ ?

By CRT:  $\mathcal{O}_K / (p) \cong \prod \mathcal{O}_K / p_i^{n_i}$

Every  $\mathcal{O}_K / p_i^{n_i}$  is a local ring (i.e. it has unique max. ideal) with the maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{m}_i = p_i / p_i^{n_i}$ , and

$p_i$  is the preimage of  $m_i$  under the projection  $\sigma_K \rightarrow \sigma_K / m_i$

We need to find all factors of  $\sigma_K / (p)$  and their maximal ideals.

We are in the following setting

$\sigma_K = \mathbb{Z}[\alpha]$ ,  $\alpha$  has monic min.

poly  $f \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$

$$\sigma_K \cong \frac{\mathbb{Z}[x]}{(f)}$$

$$\sigma_K / (p) \cong \frac{\mathbb{Z}[x]}{(p, f)} \cong \frac{\mathbb{F}_p[x]}{(f)}$$

Decompose  $f$  in  $\mathbb{F}_p[x]$ :

$$f \equiv \prod f_i^{k_i} \pmod{p} \quad \text{for some}$$

$f_i \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$  that are irreducible in  $\mathbb{F}_p[x]$ , pairwise coprime

Then by CRT

$$\sigma_K / (p) \cong \prod \frac{\mathbb{F}_p[x]}{(f_i^{k_i})}$$

The factors are  $\frac{\mathbb{F}_p[x]}{(f_i^{k_i})}$  with  $m_i = (f_i)$

$$\Rightarrow p_i = \ker \left( \sigma_K \xrightarrow{\substack{f_i \\ \frac{\mathbb{Z}[\bar{x}]}{(f_i)}}} \frac{\mathbb{F}_p[\bar{x}]}{(f_i)} \right)$$

$$= (p, f_i(\alpha))$$

How to find the exponents  $n_i$ ?

$R = \sigma_K / p_i^{n_i}$   $n_i$  is uniquely determined by the following property:

$$n_i = \min \{ n \geq 1 \mid m_i^n = 0 \}$$

$$\Rightarrow n_i = \min \{ n \geq 1 \mid f_i^n = 0 \text{ in } \frac{\mathbb{F}_p[\bar{x}]}{(f_i, k_i)} \} = k_i$$

In our example:  $f = X^2 + 14$

$$\underline{p=2} \quad f \equiv X^2 \pmod{2} \quad f_1 = X, \quad k_1 = n_1 = 2$$

$$(2) = (2, \sqrt{-14})^2 \quad p_1 = (2, \sqrt{-14})$$

$$\underline{p=3} \quad f \equiv X^2 - 1 \pmod{3}$$

$$f_2 = X-1 \quad f_3 = X+1$$

$$p_2 = (3, \sqrt{-14}-1) \quad p_3 = (3, \sqrt{-14}+1)$$

$$(3) = (3, \sqrt{-14} - 1) \cdot (3, \sqrt{-14} + 1)$$

$[p_1], [p_2], [p_3]$  generate  $Cl(K)$

$$[p_1]^2 = 1,$$

Note:  $p_1$  is not principal

if  $p_1 = (a + b\sqrt{-14})$ , then

$N_{K/\mathbb{Q}}(z) = 4$  is divisible by  $a^2 + 14b^2$

$$\Rightarrow b=0, \underbrace{a = \pm 1 \text{ or } \pm 2}$$

$\Downarrow$   
either  $p_1 = (1)$ , or  $p_1 = (2)$   
which is not true

$\Rightarrow p_1$  is not principal  $\Rightarrow [p_1] \neq 1$

$$[p_2] \cdot [p_3] = 1$$

More relations: one can compute (exercise):

$$p_1 \cdot p_2^2 = (2 + \sqrt{-14})$$

$$\Rightarrow [p_1] \cdot [p_2]^2 = 1 \Rightarrow [p_2]^2 = [p_1]$$

$$[p_3] = [p_1] \cdot [p_2]^2 \cdot [p_3] = [p_1] \cdot [p_2] = [p_2]^3$$

$\Rightarrow Cl(K)$  is generated by  $[p_2]$

$$\begin{matrix} \text{SI} \\ \mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z} \end{matrix}$$

