

16.3 Prove Theorem 16.3. You can follow the outline below.

1. First observe that $r\bar{r}$ is a factorization of $N(r)$ in $\mathbb{Z}[i]$ as a product of Gaussian integers. Use the unique factorization theorem to deduce that every factorization of $N(r)$ in $\mathbb{Z}[i]$ as a product of irreducible Gaussian integers has two factors.

$$\text{For } r = a + bi, N(r) = (a + bi)(a - bi) = r\bar{r}$$

So for any $r \in \mathbb{Z}[i]$ of the form $a + bi$, it has conjugate $\bar{r} = a - bi$, such that $N(r) = r\bar{r}$

That is, $N(r)$ is the product of irreducible Gaussian integers and has two factors

2. Observe that since r is not 0 or a unit in $\mathbb{Z}[i]$, its norm $N(r)$ is an integer greater than 1. Introduce notation for a prime factorization of $N(r)$ in \mathbb{Z} , say $N(r) = p_1 \cdots p_t$. Be aware that the primes p_j may or may not be irreducible in $\mathbb{Z}[i]$; nothing is assumed about this. (Recall as an example that 2 is prime in \mathbb{Z} , but it is not irreducible in $\mathbb{Z}[i]$, since it factors as $2 = (1 + i)(1 - i)$). In any case, each prime p_j is a Gaussian integer ($p_j = p_j + 0i$), and therefore factors uniquely in $\mathbb{Z}[i]$ as a product of one or more Gaussian integers. Argue that there must exist a factorization of $N(r)$ in $\mathbb{Z}[i]$ as a product of at least t irreducible Gaussian integers, and that therefore, by the first part, t equals 1 or 2.

r is not a unit and is not 0, so $N(r) > 1$

$N(r)$ is just an element in \mathbb{Z} , so we can find the prime factorization of it,

Say prime factorization $N(r) = p_1 \cdots p_t$ for $p_j \in \mathbb{Z}$

But we know that each p_j is a Gaussian integer, of the form $p_j = p_j + 0i$

So $N(r)$ factors in $\mathbb{Z}[i]$ as a product of one or more Gaussian integers.

So there must exist a factorization of $N(r)$ in $\mathbb{Z}[i]$ as a product of at least t irreducible Gaussian integers,

$$N(r) = (p_1 + 0i) \cdots (p_t + 0i)$$

But by the first part, we know that t can be either 1 or 2.

3. Suppose that $t = 2$. Then $N(r) = r\bar{r} = p_1 p_2$. Using the unique factorization theorem, deduce that r differs from either p_1 or p_2 by multiplication by a unit of $\mathbb{Z}[i]$. Conclude that there is a prime number p in \mathbb{Z} such that r equals one of the four numbers $p, -p, pi, -pi$. Notice that in all four of these cases, $N(r) = p^2$

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So there is a prime number p in \mathbb{Z} such that r equals one of the four numbers, $p, -p, pi, -pi$.

$$\text{In each case, } N(r) = p^2$$

4. Suppose that $t = 1$. To simplify notation, write p_1 simply as p . Thus, $N(r) = p$. Write r as $a + bi$, for integers a, b . Observe that if either a, b is 0, then $N(r)$ cannot

be a prime number. Thus, a, b are both nonzero. Observe that $p = N(r) = r\bar{r} = (a + bi)(a - bi) = a^2 + b^2$

Suppose that $t = 1$. Then say $N(r) = p$

Claim: for $r = a + bi$, for $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$, then if either of a, b is 0, $N(r)$ cannot be prime

case: $a, b = 0$: Then $N(r) = (0 + 0i)(0 - 0i) = 0$, then $N(r)$ is not prime

case: $a = 0, b \neq 0$: Then $N(r) = (a + 0i)(a - 0i) = a^2$, then $N(r)$ is the square of a , not prime

case: $b = 0, b \neq 0$: Then $N(r) = (0 + i)(0 - i) = 1$, then $N(r)$ is not prime.

So a, b must both be nonzero.

Then for $p = N(r) = r\bar{r} = (a + bi)(a - bi) = a^2 + b^2$

16.6 Let us examine the two smallest rings of the form $\mathbb{Z}_m[i]$

1. According to the definitions, the ring $\mathbb{Z}_2[i]$ consists of all elements of the form $a + bi$, with $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}_2$. Deduce that $\mathbb{Z}_2[i]$ consists of four elements, $0, 1, i, 1 + i$

An element in $\mathbb{Z}_2[i]$ is of the form $a + bi$, for $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}_2$

Then $r \in \mathbb{Z}_2[i]$ is one of $0 + 0i, 1 + 0i, 0 + i, 1 + i$

2. Using these four elements, make addition and multiplication tables for $\mathbb{Z}_2[i]$, the way we did for fruit rings in Section 6.3

x	0	1	i	1 + i
0	0	0	0	0
1	0	1	i	1 + i
i	0	i	1	1 + i
1 + i	0	1 + i	1 + i	0

3. Review the multiplication table and answer the following questions:

a) Are there zero divisors in $\mathbb{Z}_2[i]$?

Yes, $1 + i$ is a zero divisor in $\mathbb{Z}_2[i]$

b) Does every nonzero element of $\mathbb{Z}_2[i]$ have a multiplicative inverse?

No, $1 + i$ does not have a multiplicative inverse

c) Is $\mathbb{Z}_2[i]$ a field?

No, since not all nonzero elements in $\mathbb{Z}_2[i]$ have multiplicative inverses

4. Perform a similar analysis for the ring $\mathbb{Z}_3[i]$, starting with the observation that it contains nine distinct elements. List these elements, do not bother with the addition table, but make a multiplication table for $\mathbb{Z}_3[i]$. Use the table to answer the following questions:

X	0	1	2	i	1+i	2+i	2i	1+2i	2+2i
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	1	2	i	1+i	2+i	2i	1+2i	2+2i
2	0	2	1	2i	2+2i	1+2i	i	2+i	1+i
i	0	i	2i	2	2+i	2+2i	1	1+i	1+2i
1+i	0	1+i	2+2i	2+i	2i	1	1+2i	2	i
2+i	0	2+i	1+2i	2+2i	1	i	1+i	2i	2
2i	0	2i	i	1	1+2i	1+i	2	2+2i	2+i
1+2i	0	1+2i	2+i	1+i	2	2i	2+2i	i	1
2+2i	0	2+2i	1+i	1+2i	i	2	2+i	1	2i

a) Are there zero divisors in $\mathbb{Z}_3[i]$?

No

b) Does every nonzero element of $\mathbb{Z}_3[i]$ have a multiplicative inverse?

Yes

c) Is $\mathbb{Z}_3[i]$ a field?

Yes, since every nonzero element has a multiplicative inverse

16.9 Prove theorem 16.9 by following the steps below:

1. Review the construction of the polynomial congruence rings in order to observe that the ring $\mathbb{F}_p[x]_{x^2+1}$ consists of elements of the form $c + d\gamma$ where c, d are in \mathbb{F}_p , the element γ satisfies the rule $\gamma^2 = -1$, and multiplication is given by the rule $(c + d\gamma)(e + f\gamma) = (ce - df) + (cf + de)\gamma$.
2. Compare this to the defining description of the ring $\mathbb{F}_p[i]$ given above. Notice that the descriptions are the same, except that we use γ in one case and i in the other.
3. Conclude that $\mathbb{F}_p[x]_{x^2+1}$ and $\mathbb{F}_p[i]$ are essentially the same rings; that is, they are identical except for a change in notation.

16.12 Theorem 16.15: Suppose p is a prime number satisfying $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$

1. The equation $x^2 + y^2 = p$ has integer solutions, p factors nontrivially in $\mathbb{Z}[i]$, the polynomial $x^2 + 1$ factors nontrivially in $\mathbb{F}_p[x]$, and -1 is a square in \mathbb{F}_p
2. There are eight solutions to the equation $x^2 + y^2 = p$. Each solution (a, b) corresponds to a pair of irreducible Gaussian integers $a + bi$ and $a - bi$ such that $p = (a + bi)(a - bi)$

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p prime, $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$

Then by theorem 16.14, -1 is a square in \mathbb{F}_p

We know by theorem 16.13 that since p is a prime, it has one of two sets of properties

One set of properties requires that -1 not be a square in \mathbb{F}_p , and the other set of properties requires that -1 be a square in \mathbb{F}_p

But we know that -1 has a square in \mathbb{F}_p

Then the set of properties that must be true of p must be

1. The equation $x^2 + y^2 = p$ has integer solutions;
2. p factors nontrivially in $\mathbb{Z}[i]$;
3. $x^2 + 1$ factors nontrivially in $\mathbb{F}_p[x]$;
4. -1 is a square in \mathbb{F}_p

So we have shown the first part of theorem 16.15

So there are solutions to $x^2 + y^2 = p$ in $\mathbb{Z}[i]$

We know there exists at least one solution, call it (a, b) , these correspond to a pair of irreducible Gaussian integers $a + bi, a - bi$ such that $p = (a + bi)(a - bi) = a^2 + b^2$

We but we know that possible solutions for p would be pairs $(\pm a, \pm b)$ or $(\pm b, \pm a)$

Then there are 8 solutions total in $\mathbb{Z}[i]$