

Thm (Fermat): If  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then  $n = k^2 + m^2$  for some  $k, m \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  iff every prime factor  $p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$  appears with an even exponent in the prime factorization of  $n$ .

Lemma 3: Every prime  $p \in \mathbb{P}$  with  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$  (i.e.)  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$  can be written as the sum of two squared natural numbers:  
$$p = n^2 + m^2 \text{ for some } n, m \in \mathbb{N}.$$

p.f (Thue): Consider the integral pairs  $(n, m)$  s.t.  $0 \leq n, m \leq \lfloor \sqrt{p} \rfloor$ ; there are  $(\lfloor \sqrt{p} \rfloor + 1)^2$  such pairs. So  $\forall s \in \mathbb{Z}$ , it is impossible for  $n - sm$  to take on distinct values  $\pmod{p}$   $\forall$  pairs  $(n, m)$  and  $\exists$  at least two distinct pairs  $(n_1, m_1)$  and  $(n_2, m_2)$  s.t.  
$$n_1 - sm_1 = n_2 - sm_2 \pmod{p}.$$

Define  $n := |n_1 - n_2|$ ,  $m := |m_1 - m_2|$ .  
So,  $n_1 - n_2 = s(m_1 - m_2) \pmod{p}$   
$$\Leftrightarrow n = \pm sm \pmod{p} \text{ where } n, m \in \{0, 1, \dots, \lfloor \sqrt{p} \rfloor\}.$$
 Notice that  $(n, m) \neq (0, 0)$  because our pairs are distinct. Now let this  $s$  be the  $s$  in Lemma 1. Let's consider the equation,

$$\begin{aligned} n^2 &= s^2 m^2 = -m^2 \pmod{p} \\ \Leftrightarrow n^2 + m^2 &= 0 \pmod{p} \end{aligned}$$

Notice that  $0 < n^2 + m^2 < 2p$ , thus  $n^2 + m^2 = p$ . QED

Def:  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  is representable iff  $n = k^2 + l^2$  for some  $k, l \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Pf (of Fermat's Thm):

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Notice that  $1^2 = 0^2 + 1^2$ ,  $2 = 1^2 + 1^2$ .

Also by Lemma 3, if  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$  then  $p$  is representable. Now if  $n_1$  and  $n_2$  are representable, let  $n_1^2 = k_1^2 + l_1^2$  and  $n_2^2 = k_2^2 + l_2^2$ . Consider,

$$\begin{aligned} n_1 n_2 &= (k_1^2 + l_1^2)(k_2^2 + l_2^2) \\ &= (k_1 k_2 + l_1 l_2)^2 + (k_1 l_2 - k_2 l_1)^2 \end{aligned}$$

Also if  $n$  is representable, then  $\forall j \in \mathbb{N}$   $j^2 n$  is representable because:

$$j^2 n = j^2 (k^2 + l^2) = (jk)^2 + (jl)^2.$$

Thus every integer is representable unless it has an odd power of  $p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ .

( $\Rightarrow$ ) Suppose  $n$  is representable and suppose for  $p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ , that  $p \mid n$ . Then  $p \mid k^2 + l^2$ . Since  $k^2 + l^2$  has no real factors, then  $p \mid k^2$  and  $p \mid l^2$ . Thus  $p \mid k$  and  $p \mid l$ . So  $p^2 \mid k^2$  and  $p^2 \mid l^2$ .