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1 Theorem 1.19

$$(-1)^{2k} = ((-1)^2)^k = 1^k = 1$$

$(2k)!$ has $2k$ terms, and can therefore be also written as

$$(2k)! = (-1)(-2) \cdots (-2k+1)(-2k)$$

Now finally note that $-a \equiv p - a \pmod{p}$, and the expression becomes $(p-1)! \pmod{p}$.

1.1 Wilson's Theorem

Wilson's theorem in short:

\mathbb{Z}_p is a field so all $x \in \mathbb{Z}_p^* = \mathbb{Z}_p \setminus \{0\}$ is a unit $\implies \bar{2} \cdot \overline{p-2} = \bar{1}$

$$\begin{aligned} (p-1)! &\equiv (p-1)(p-2)! \pmod{p} \\ &\equiv -1 \cdot 1 \pmod{p} \end{aligned}$$

See also Pinter, 23G.

1.2 Factorization of the Norm

$$N : \mathbb{Z}[i] \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$$

Since we have integer factorization in \mathbb{Z} , then we have $N(\alpha) \in \{1, p, p^2\}$.

$N(\alpha)$	$N(\beta)$	$\alpha = a + ib$	$\beta = c + id$	$\alpha\beta$
1	p^2	1	p	p
1	p^2	-1	$-p$	p
1	p^2	i	$-ip$	p
1	p^2	$-i$	ip	p
p^2	1	p	1	p
p^2	1	$-p$	-1	p
p^2	1	$-ip$	i	p
p^2	1	ip	$-i$	p

We are writing p in an equivalent way using units with the norm function.

We proved in the previous paragraph that p is *not* prime. Since these factorizations above are just equivalent ways of representing p , that only leaves $N(\alpha) = N(\beta) = p$.

2 Lemma 1.20

We are doing the equivalent of $\text{round}(\mathbf{a}/\mathbf{b})$. The closest point in 2d will have distance less than $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$.

$N(x) = |x|^2$ are the same thing, except left is “norm” function and right is the “distance” function.

3 Lemma 1.28

The only units in $\mathbb{Z}[i]$ are $\pm 1, \pm i$.

4 Selected Hints to Exercises

4.1 Ex 1.1

$N \equiv a \pmod{m}$ where a is prime, means also $p \mid N \implies (p \pmod{m}) \mid a$.

4.2 Ex 1.2

Remember that $\phi(p) = p - 1$.