

1.

a.

Suppose that p is a prime dividing $4n^2 + 1$.

Then, if we define $x = 2n$:

$$x^2 \equiv -1 \pmod{p}$$

$$(x^2)^{\frac{p-1}{2}} \equiv (-1)^{\frac{p-1}{2}} \pmod{p}$$

$$x^{p-1} \equiv (-1)^{\frac{p-1}{2}} \pmod{p}$$

$$(-1)^{\frac{p-1}{2}} \equiv 1 \pmod{p} \text{ by Fermat's theorem}$$

$$(-1)^{\frac{p-1}{2}} = 1$$

And, so: $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4} \square$

b.

For sums of 2 squares, let $n = x^2 + y^2 = \prod p_i^{e_i} \prod q_j^{f_j} \in \mathbb{N}$, for some $p_i, q_j \in \mathbb{Z}$ where each $p_i \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ and each q_j is 2 or 3 mod 4.

Suppose n is a sum of two squares, i.e., $n = N(\alpha)$ for some $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}[i]$. By the above exercises, each p_i is irreducible in $\mathbb{Z}[i]$ and an irreducible factorization of any q_j looks like $q_j = \pi_j \bar{\pi}_j$ where π_j is an element of norm q_j in $\mathbb{Z}[i]$. So an irreducible factorization of n in $\mathbb{Z}[i]$ looks like

$$n = \prod p_i^{e_i} \prod \pi_j^{f_j} \prod \bar{\pi}_j^{f_j} \quad (1)$$

Now write an irreducible factorization of $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}[i]$ as

$$\alpha = u \prod r_i^{h_i} \prod \phi_j^{k_j} \quad (2)$$

where u is a unit and, we may assume each r_i is a prime of \mathbb{N} with $r_i \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ and each ϕ_j is an element of $\mathbb{Z}[i]$ of s_j , where s_j is a prime of \mathbb{N} which is 2 or 3 mod 4. Then, by multiplicativity of the norm,

$$n = N(\alpha) = N(u) \prod N(r_i)^{h_i} \prod N(\phi_j)^{k_j} = \prod r_i^{2h_i} \prod s_j^{k_j} \quad (3)$$

Now, by unique factorization in \mathbb{Z} , we have up to reordering each $r_i = p_i$, $2h_i = e_i$, $s_j = q_j$ and $k_j = f_j$. Hence each e_i is even, which is precisely the latter condition in the theorem.

→: If rs is a sum of two squares then r and s must each be sums of two squares. This is obviously not true if $r = s$, but it turns out to be true if r and s are relatively prime. By the above lemma,

←: If each e_i is even. Then $\prod p_i^{e_i}$ is a square, whence a sum of two squares. Also, by (a), we know each q_j is a sum of two squares. Then by the composition law, n is a sum of two squares. \square

2.

$$20x^3 + 42x^2 + 48x + 45 = (2x + 3) \frac{20x^3 + 42x^2 + 48x + 45}{2x + 3} = (2x + 3) (10x^2 + 6x + 15)$$

$$x^5 - x^3y^2 - x^2y^2 + y^4 = x^3(x + y)(x - y) + y^2(y + x)(y - x) = (x + y)(x - y)x^3 - (x + y)(x - y)y^2 = (x + y)(x - y)(x^3 - y^2)$$

3.

a.

For each pair of polynomials f, g in $A[x_1, \dots, x_n]$,

$$\text{cont}(fg) \subset \text{cont}(f) \text{cont}(g) \subset \sqrt{\text{cont}(fg)} \quad (4)$$

where $\sqrt{\cdot}$ denotes the radical of an ideal. Moreover, if R is a GCD domain then

$$\text{gcd}(\text{cont}(fg)) = \text{gcd}(\text{cont}(f)) \text{gcd}(\text{cont}(g)) \quad (5)$$

where $\text{gcd}(I)$ denotes the unique minimal principal ideal containing a finitely generated ideal I .

So given $g(x) \in A[x]$, first write it as $g(x) = cG(x)$, where c is a constant and $G(x)$ is primitive. Then show that a primitive polynomial in $A[x]$ is irreducible if and only if it is irreducible when viewed as a polynomial in $A[x]$, where k is the field of fractions of A . Then use this to take an arbitrary polynomial in $A[x]$, and factor it by "factoring out the content, then factoring it over $A[x]$, Since A is a UFD, then by this argument so is $A[x_1]$; which means that so is $A[x_1][x_2] \cong A[x_1, x_2]$. Which means that so is $A[x_1, x_2][x_3] = A[x_1, x_2, x_3]$. \square

b.

A standard example of a non-Noetherian domain is the ring $R = \{f(x) \in \mathbb{Q}[x] : f(0) \in \mathbb{Z}\}$; that is, the ring of rational polynomials with integer constant term. The units of R are just ± 1 . The polynomial x is reducible, since it factors as $2 \cdot \frac{1}{2}x$, but is not a product of irreducibles, since one of the factors would have to be qx for some rational q , and again this factors as $2 \cdot \frac{q}{2}x$.

4.

Let $p = 7$ The norm $N(p) = p^2 = p \cdot p$. There does not exist an element in $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-5}]$ with norm p , thus a rational prime p that is congruent to 7 is irreducible in $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-5}]$, but not a prime element in $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-5}]$.

Similarly, Let $p = 13$. Then $\left(\frac{-5}{p}\right) = \left(\frac{-1}{p}\right) \left(\frac{5}{p}\right) = (-1)^{\frac{p-1}{2}} \left(\frac{5}{p}\right) = \left(\frac{5}{p}\right)$ and so $\left(\frac{-5}{p}\right) = \left(\frac{5}{p}\right) = \left(\frac{p}{5}\right) = \left(\frac{20k+13}{5}\right) = \left(\frac{3}{5}\right) = -1$. In this case, since -5 is not a square mod p , p is irreducible in $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-5}]$, because If p is a rational prime and reducible, then -5 is a square modulo p . Because let p be reducible. If $p = \alpha\beta$ where α, β are not units, then $p^2 = N(p) = N(\alpha\beta) = N(\alpha)N(\beta)$ and $N(\alpha) = p$. If $\alpha = a + b\sqrt{-5}$, then $a^2 + 5b^2 = p$. Then $a^2 + 5b^2 \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ which implies $a^2 \equiv -5b^2 \pmod{p}$. Thus $(ab^{-1})^2 \equiv -5 \pmod{p}$ since b is a unit in \mathbb{Z}_p . 13 is also a prime element in $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-5}]$