

Math 4460

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Theorem: Let  $p \in \mathbb{Z}$  be an odd prime with  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ . Then  $p$  is the sum of two squares.

Proof:

By a theorem from last week since  $p$  is an odd prime with  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$  there exists  $\bar{x} \in \mathbb{Z}_p^{\times}$  where  $\bar{x}^2 = \overline{-1}$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_p^{\times}$ .

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

So,  $x^2 - (-1) = pk$  where  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

That is,  $x^2 + 1 = pk$ .

Then,  $(x - i)(x + i) = pk$

Thus,  $p \mid (x - \bar{i})(x + \bar{i})$  in  $\mathbb{Z}[\bar{i}]$ .

Claim:  $p$  is not prime in  $\mathbb{Z}[\bar{i}]$

Why?

If  $p$  was prime in  $\mathbb{Z}[\bar{i}]$ ,

since  $p \mid (x + \bar{i})(x - \bar{i})$  we

would have  $p \mid (x + \bar{i})$  or  $p \mid (x - \bar{i})$

But

$$\frac{x + \bar{i}}{p} = \frac{x}{p} + \frac{1}{p} \bar{i} \notin \mathbb{Z}[\bar{i}]$$

← not an integer

and

$$\frac{x-i}{p} = \frac{x}{p} - \frac{1}{p}i \notin \mathbb{Z}[i]$$

So  $p \nmid (x+i)$  and  $p \nmid (x-i)$ .

Thus,  $p$  is not prime in  $\mathbb{Z}[i]$

Claim

So,  $p$  has a divisor  $z \in \mathbb{Z}[i]$   
where  $z$  is not a unit  
and not an associate of  $p$ .

Ex: 2 is not prime

units

$1, -1, i, -i$

associates

$2, -2, 2i, -2i$

other factors

$1+i, -1+i$   
 $-1-i, 1-i$

Thus,  $p = zk$  where  $k \in \mathbb{Z}[i]$

Then,  $N(p) = N(zk)$

$$\begin{aligned} p &= p + i0 \\ N(p) &= p^2 \end{aligned}$$


So,  $p^2 = \underbrace{N(z)}_{\substack{\text{non-negative} \\ \text{integers}}} \underbrace{N(k)}_{\substack{\text{non-negative} \\ \text{integers}}}$

So,  $N(z) = 1, p, \text{ or } p^2$

Can  $N(z) = 1$ ?

No, because  $z$  is not a unit!

Can  $N(z) = p^2$ ?

If  $N(z) = p^2$ , then  $N(k) = 1$ . 


Then  $k$  is a unit and  $k^{-1} \in \mathbb{Z}[i]$   
and  $k^{-1}$  is a unit.

Multiply  $p = zk$  by  $k^{-1}$  to get


But then  $z$  would  
be an associate of  $p$  which  
it isn't.  $z = k^{-1}p$

Thus, therefore, ergo, we must  
have  $N(z) = p$ .

Suppose  $z = x + iy$  where  $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

Then,  $x^2 + y^2 = p$  and  $p$   
is the sum of squares 

Corollary: If  $p \in \mathbb{Z}$  is an odd prime with  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$  then  $p$  is not prime in the Gaussian integers  $\mathbb{Z}[i]$ .

proof: We saw this in the above proof. 

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Ex:  $p = 5 \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$   
 $5 = (1 + 2i)(1 - 2i)$

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Theorem (HW 6 #15)

Let  $p \in \mathbb{Z}$  be an odd prime with  $p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$

then  $p$  is prime in  
the Gaussian integers  $\mathbb{Z}[i]$

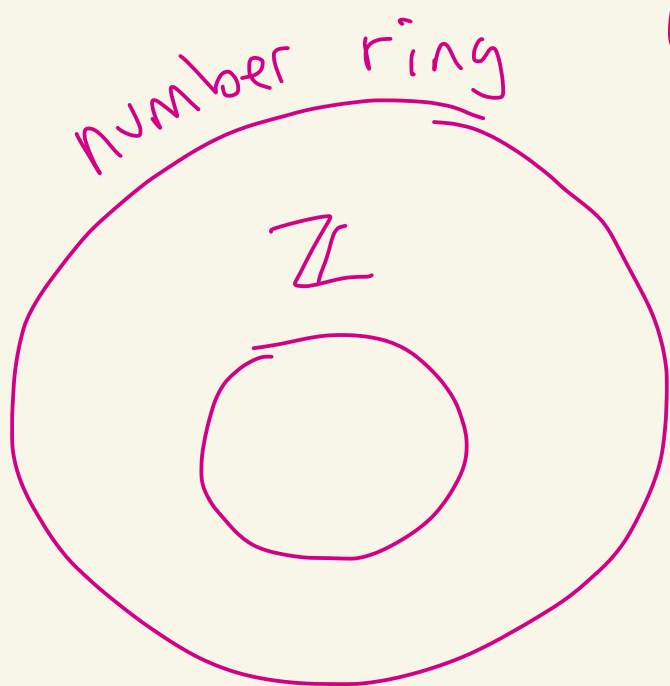
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Ex:  $p=3$

$p=11$

etc

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Algebraic Number  
Theory



# Review time

## HW 5

(13) Prove that 19 is not a divisor of  $4n^2 + 4$  for any integer  $n$ .

proof: Suppose it is!

Then,  $4n^2 + 4 = 19k$  where  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

Then in  $\mathbb{Z}_{19}$  we have

$$\overline{4} \overline{n}^2 + \overline{4} = \overline{0}.$$

$$\text{So, } \overline{4} \overline{n}^2 = \overline{15}.$$

$$\text{Thus, } \overline{5} \cdot \overline{4} \overline{n}^2 = \overline{5} \cdot \overline{15}$$

multiples  
of 19

19  
38  
57  
76  
⋮

Since  $\overline{20} = \overline{1}$  and  $\overline{75} = \overline{18}$   
 in  $\mathbb{Z}_{49}$  we get that

$$\overline{n}^2 = \overline{18}$$


multiples  
of 19

But in  $\mathbb{Z}_{19}$  we have

$\overline{0}^2 = \overline{0}$	$\overline{9}^2 = \overline{81} = \overline{5}$
$\overline{1}^2 = \overline{1}$	$\overline{10}^2 = \overline{100} = \overline{5}$
$\overline{2}^2 = \overline{4}$	$\overline{11}^2 = \overline{(-8)}^2 = \overline{8}^2 = \overline{7}$
$\overline{3}^2 = \overline{9}$	$\overline{12}^2 = \overline{(-7)}^2 = \overline{7}^2 = \overline{11}$
$\overline{4}^2 = \overline{16}$	$\overline{13}^2 = \overline{17}$
$\overline{5}^2 = \overline{25} = \overline{6}$	$\overline{14}^2 = \overline{6}$
$\overline{6}^2 = \overline{36} = \overline{17}$	$\overline{15}^2 = \overline{16}$
$\overline{7}^2 = \overline{49} = \overline{11}$	$\overline{16}^2 = \overline{9}$
$\overline{8}^2 = \overline{64} = \overline{7}$	$\overline{17}^2 = \overline{4}$
	$\overline{18}^2 = \overline{1}$

- 19
- 38
- 57
- 76
- 95
- 114
- 133
- ⋮
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There is no  $\bar{n} \in \mathbb{Z}_{19}$  with  
 $\bar{n}^2 = \bar{18}$ . Contradiction.

Thus,  $19 \nmid (4n^2 + 4)$  when  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  

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## HW 6

(19) Let  $w, y, z \in \mathbb{Z}[\bar{i}]$ .

Prove: If  $w$  is a unit  
and  $z \mid wy$ , then  $z \mid y$ .


Proof: Let  $w$  be a unit  
and  $z \mid wy$ .

Then,  $wy = zk$  where  $k \in \mathbb{Z}[i]$ .

Since  $w$  is a unit, we know  $w^{-1} \in \mathbb{Z}[i]$ .

Multiplying by  $w^{-1}$  we get

$$\cancel{w^{-1}} w y = w^{-1} z k.$$

Thus,  $y = z(w^{-1}k)$ . 

Since  $w^{-1}, k \in \mathbb{Z}[i]$  we know  $w^{-1}k \in \mathbb{Z}[i]$

Thus,  $z \mid y$ .

