

THEORY OF NUMBERS
GAUSSIAN INTEGERS

$\alpha = a + ib$, a, b are rational integers.

Conjugate of α : $\alpha' = a - ib$

Norm of $\alpha = N(\alpha) = \alpha\alpha'$

(i) $N(\alpha)$ is a rational integer.

(ii) $N(\alpha) \geq 0$ equality $\Leftrightarrow \alpha = 0$.

(iii) $N(\alpha\beta) = N(\alpha)N(\beta)$ so $\mu|\nu \Rightarrow N(\mu)|N(\nu)$

Unit: ε such that $\varepsilon, \varepsilon^{-1}$ are both gaussian integers, $\varepsilon|\alpha$ for all α .

There are exactly 4 units $\pm 1 \pm i$

If $\alpha_1 = \varepsilon\alpha$ we say α_1 is associated to α .

Gaussian Prime: π $N(\pi) > 1$, which has no divisors other than units or associates. If $N(\alpha) = p$ then α is G -prime, but the converse is not necessarily true.

Theorem (Euclidean Algorithm) Suppose α, β are G -integers, $\beta \neq 0$

$\exists \mu, \lambda$ such that $\alpha = \mu\beta + \lambda$ $N(\lambda) < N(\beta)$

Proof $\frac{\alpha}{\beta} = x + iy$ x, y rational. \exists rational integers u, v such that $|x - u| \leq \frac{1}{2}$
 $\frac{1}{2} |y - v| \leq \frac{1}{2}$

Write $\mu = u + iv$ $\lambda = \alpha - \mu\beta$

$$\begin{aligned} N(\lambda) &= N(\alpha - \mu\beta) \\ &= |\alpha - \mu\beta|^2 \\ &= |\beta|^2 \left| \frac{\alpha}{\beta} - \mu \right|^2 \\ &= |\beta|^2 \{ (x - u)^2 + (y - v)^2 \} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} |\beta|^2 < N(\beta) \end{aligned}$$

Theorem (Greatest common denominator) α, β not both zero. $\exists \delta$ such that

(i) $\delta|\alpha; \delta|\beta$

- (ii) $\eta|\alpha; \eta|\beta \Rightarrow \eta|\delta$
- (iii) $\exists \lambda \mu$ such that $\delta = \lambda\alpha + \mu\beta$

Proof Consider the set S of all G -integers δ of the form $\lambda\alpha + \mu\beta$.

Let δ be such that $N(\delta)$ is minimal and positive. The proof follows as in the classical case.

Theorem $\pi|\alpha\beta \Rightarrow \pi|\alpha$ or $\pi|\beta$.

Proof Suppose π does not divide α then $(\pi, \alpha) = \varepsilon$. $\exists \lambda, \mu$ such that $\varepsilon = \lambda\pi + \mu\alpha$ $\beta = \lambda\pi\beta + \mu\alpha\beta$ therefore $\pi|\beta$

Theorem (Unique factorisation) Proof analogous to classical case.

Another proof of Fermat's theorem Suppose $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$. $\exists x$ such that $x^2 + 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$. $\exists \pi$ such that $\pi|p$. π is not associated to p .

For $\pi|x^2 - 1$ and so $\pi|(x+i)(x-i)$ therefore $\pi|x+i$ or $\pi|x-i$.

π associated to $p \Rightarrow p|x+i$ or $p|x-i$ which are not so therefore $N(\pi)|N(p) = p^2$ So $N(\pi) = 1, p, p^2$

$N(\pi) \neq 1$ π is prime $N(\pi) \neq p^2$ π is not associated to p therefore $N(\pi) = p$.

If $\pi = a + ib$, $p = a^2 + b^2$.

Theorem The G -primes are

- (i) $1 + i$
- (ii) $q \equiv -1 \pmod{4}$
- (iii) $a + ib$ $a > -b > 0$ $a^2 + b^2 = p$ $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$

and their associates.

Proof $\pi|N(\pi) = p_1 \dots p_\nu$ therefore every G -prime divides a rational prime.

- (i) $N(1 + i) = 2$
- (ii) $q \equiv -1 \pmod{4}$ $\pi|q \Rightarrow N(\pi)|N(q) = q^2$ therefore $N(\pi) = 1, q$ or q^2 .
 $N(\pi) \neq 1$ π is prime $N(\pi) \neq q$ by Fermat's theorem therefore $N(\pi) = q^2$ therefore π is associated to q .
- (iii) $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$
 $p = (a + ib)(a - ib)$ (Fermat) $= -i(a + ib)(b + ia)$
 $a + ib, b + ia$ are both g -prime as their norms are equal to p .

Theorem Suppose $n > 1$ and suppose $n = 2^r p_1^{s_1} \dots p_\mu^{s_\mu} q_1^{t_1} \dots q_\nu^{t_\nu}$ where $p_i \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ $q_i \equiv -1 \pmod{4}$.

If $r(n)$ is the number of representations of n as a sum of two squares then

$$r(n) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if the } t\text{'s are not all even} \\ 4(s_1 + 1) \dots (s_\mu + 1) & \text{if the } t\text{'s are all even} \end{cases}$$

Note If $X(d) = \begin{cases} = 1 & d \equiv 1 \pmod{4} \\ -1 & d \equiv -1 \pmod{4} \\ 0 & d \equiv 0 \pmod{4} \end{cases}$ then $r(n) = 4 \sum_{d|n} X(d)$ so

$$r(n) \leq 4d(n)$$

Proof We look for the number of G -integers for which $N(\alpha) = n$

$$\text{Now } n = \varepsilon(1+i)^{2r} \pi_1^{s_1} \pi_1'^{s_1} \dots \pi_\mu^{s_\mu} \pi_\mu'^{s_\mu} q_1^{t_1} \dots q_\nu^{t_\nu}$$

$$\text{Since } 2 = -i(1+i)^2 \text{ and } p \equiv 1 \pmod{4} \Rightarrow p = \pi\pi'$$

Now suppose $N(\alpha) = n$. Then $\alpha|n$ since $\alpha|N(\alpha)$ therefore α is of the form

$$\alpha = \epsilon_1(1+i)^R \pi_1^{S_1} \pi_1'^{S_1'} \dots q_1^{T_1} \dots \quad (1)$$

$$\text{where } 0 \leq R \leq 2r \quad 0 \leq S_1 \leq s_1 \quad 0 \leq S_1' \leq s_1 \dots \leq T_1 \leq t_1 \dots \quad (1')$$

A number α of the form (1) satisfies

$$N(\alpha) = n \text{ i.e. } \alpha\alpha' = n \Leftrightarrow 2R = 2r \quad S_1 + S_1' = s_1 \dots \quad 2T_1 = t_1 \dots \quad (2)$$

Thus the number of α satisfying $\alpha\alpha' = n$ is 4 times the number of α satisfying (2) subject to (1') (4 choices of ϵ_1)

There are no solutions unless the t_i are all even.

If the t_i are all even then the T 's are unique and R is unique.

For S_1 we have $s_1 + 1$ choices and then S_1' is uniquely determined. Therefore the number of choices is $(s_1 + 1)(s_2 + 1) \dots (s_\mu + 1)$ therefore $r(n) = 4(s_1 + 1)(s_2 + 1) \dots (s_\mu + 1)$.