

34.1. Primes of the form $x^2 + ny^2$. (Def. 1 Cox)

We saw on the first day,

Thm. If $p \neq 2$, then

$$p = x^2 + y^2 \iff p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}.$$

Can push it further. If $p \neq 2$,

$$p = x^2 + 2y^2 \iff x^2 + 2y^2 \text{ factors (mod } p)$$

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

$$p \equiv 1, 3 \pmod{8}.$$

Really? $x^2 + 2y^2$

x \ y	0	1	2	3	4
1	1	3	9	19	33
2	4	6	12	22	36
3	9	11	17	27	41
4	16	18	24	34	

This seems to actually work!

If $p \neq 2, 3$,

$$p = x^2 + 3y^2 \iff x^2 + 3y^2 \text{ factors (mod } p)$$

$$\left(\frac{-3}{p}\right) = 1 \iff p \equiv 1, 11 \pmod{12}.$$

$$11 = 2^2 + 3 \cdot 1^2, \quad 13 = 1^2 + 3 \cdot 2^2, \quad 23 = 3^2 + 2 \cdot 2^2, \dots$$

If $p \neq 2, 5$,

$$p = x^2 + 5y^2 \iff x^2 + 5y^2 \text{ factors (mod } p)$$

$$\left(\frac{-5}{p}\right) = 1 \iff \left(\frac{-1}{p}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{p}{5}\right) = 1$$

List: Do you see 3 or 7?
Nope. [SHIT].

$$p \equiv 1, 3, 7, 9 \pmod{20}.$$

34.2.

Wait, so how did the proof go?

"Reciprocity Step": If $p \not\equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ then $p \mid x^2 + y^2$
for some coprime x, y .

For example, write $p = 4k + 1$

$$x^{4k} - 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$$

$$\equiv (x^{2k} - 1)(x^{2k} + 1)$$

Find some x with $0 \neq x^{2k} - 1$.

"Descent Step".

Recognize $x^2 + y^2$ as the norm form from $\mathbb{Z}[i]$.

Write $x^2 + y^2 = (x + iy)(x - iy)$ with $p \mid x^2 + y^2$

and factor into primes.

By unique factorization in $\mathbb{Z}[i]$, p equals a product of two primes.

$$\text{i.e. } p = (a + ib)(a - ib)$$

$$\text{and } p = a^2 + b^2.$$

But $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-5}]$ is not a UFD.

In fact,

$$p = x^2 + 5y^2 \iff p \equiv 1, 9 \pmod{20}$$

$$2p = x^2 + 5y^2 \iff p \equiv 3, 7 \pmod{20}.$$

$$\text{And, } p = \begin{cases} x^2 + 14y^2 \\ 2x^2 + 7y^2 \end{cases} \iff p \equiv 1, 9, 15, 23, 25, 39 \pmod{56}$$

$$3p = x^2 + 14y^2 \iff p \equiv 3, 5, 13, 19, 27, 45 \pmod{56}.$$

$\left(\frac{-14}{p}\right) = 1.$

34.3.

This can be explained by quadratic forms.

Multiple genera.

But how to get just $p = x^2 + 14y^2$?

Theorem. If $p \neq 7$ is an odd prime, then

$$p = x^2 + 14y^2 \iff \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \left(\frac{-14}{p}\right) = 1 \text{ and } (x^2 + 1)^2 \equiv 8 \pmod{p} \\ \text{has an integer solution.} \end{array} \right.$$

How do we get this?

$x^2 + 14y^2$ is the norm form from $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-14}]$ to \mathbb{Z} .

$$\text{So, } p = x^2 + 14y^2 = (x + \sqrt{-14}y)(x - \sqrt{-14}y)$$

\downarrow
 p is the norm of a principal ideal.

So, we need two things to happen:

(1) p has to split as $p = \mathfrak{p} \cdot \bar{\mathfrak{p}}$ in $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-14}]$. So, $\left(\frac{-14}{p}\right) = 1$.

(2) \mathfrak{p} and $\bar{\mathfrak{p}}$ have to be principal.

$\text{Cl}(\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-14}])$ has size 4, so there's a $\frac{1}{4}$ chance.

How do we guarantee that?

Class field theory.

34.4. Recall that the Artin map gives an isomorphism

$$Cl(\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-14}]) \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Gal}(H/K)$$

where H is the Hilbert class field of $K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-14})$.

$$\text{So, } p = x^2 + 14y^2 \iff \left(\frac{-14}{p}\right) = 1 \text{ and}$$

$$(p, H/K) = 1 \text{ in } \text{Gal}(H/K).$$

(By the way: $(p, H/K) = (\bar{p}, H/K)^{-1}$ so it doesn't matter which p we pick.)

Now how do we guarantee $(p, H/K) = 1$?

Use our theorem on Frobenius and cycle structure.

The trivial elt. of $(p, H/K)$ fixes all the roots mod p .

$$\text{So } (p, H/K) = 1 \iff p \text{ splits completely in } H$$

\downarrow
p does too.

~~Now H is Galois over \mathbb{Q} also, because if τ generates $\text{Gal}(K/\mathbb{Q})$ then $\tau(L)$ is an UR abelian ext. of $\tau(K) = K$.~~

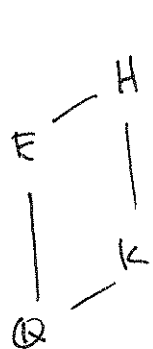
~~In fact, $L = K(a)$ for a~~

$$\text{So, } p = x^2 + 14y^2 \iff p \text{ splits in } \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-14})$$

and then again in H .

(so: splits completely in H)

Now, H is Galois over \mathbb{Q} , because for any auto. $\tau \in \text{Gal}(H/\mathbb{Q})$, $\tau(H)$ is also an UR abelian extension of \mathbb{Q} , hence contained in H .



Let $E := H \cap \mathbb{R}$ be fixed field of complex conjugation. Min poly $f(x)$. Also generates H/K .
(It's Galois)

Then, p splits completely in H

\updownarrow
 p splits completely in E and K .

(To show \rightarrow : By Galoisness, enough to show $f(x)$ has a root in $\mathbb{Z}/(p) \iff$ it does in $\mathbb{O}_K/\mathfrak{p} \dots$ but these are isomorphic.)

By "brute force" we find $\mathbb{Q}L = \mathbb{Q}(\theta)$ with $\theta = \sqrt{2\sqrt{2}-1}$

also $E = \mathbb{Q}(\theta^2)$,

and θ has min poly $x^4 + 2x^2 - 7 = (x^2 + 1)^2 - 8$.

Discriminant is $-2^{14} \cdot 7$.

So, apart from 2 and 7,

$p = x^2 + 14y^2 \iff \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \left(\frac{-14}{p}\right) = 1 \text{ and } (x^2 + 1)^2 \equiv 8 \pmod{p} \\ \text{has an integer solution.} \end{array} \right.$

36.1. Some additional related topics.

* More about relative extensions.

(Rel discriminants, etc.)

* Function fields.

* Class field theory. — Basic proofs

— Kronecker - Weber theorem.

— Adeles and ideles. (Given abelian L/K ,
Artin map $A_K^\times / K^\times \rightarrow \text{Gal}(L/K)$
etc., surjective.)

~~— etc.~~

* Analytic number theory. Relation to above.

Tate's thesis. (Artin L -functions)

* Iwasawa theory.

* Commutative ring theory.] next year!

* Algebraic geometry.]

* Elliptic curves. (same sort of machinery)

* Geometry of numbers.