

## Math 538, lecture 5, 10/1/2024

Last time:  $K/\mathbb{Q}$  algebraic,

def ring of integers  $\mathcal{O}_K = \{ \alpha \in K \mid \alpha \text{ integral over } \mathbb{Z} \}$

saw: (1) this is a ring, if  $\dim_{\mathbb{Q}} K = n$ ,

(2)  $\mathcal{O}_K \cong \bigoplus_{i=1}^n \mathbb{Z} w_i$ ,  $\{w_i\}_{i=1}^n$  a  $\mathbb{Q}$ -basis

(3) If  $\mathfrak{o} \triangleleft \mathcal{O}_K$  (proper), then

(i)  $\mathfrak{o} \cap \mathbb{Z} \triangleleft \mathbb{Z}$  proper

(ii)  $N_{\mathfrak{o}} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} [\mathcal{O}_K : \mathfrak{o}] < \infty$  "norm" of  $\mathfrak{o}$

(iii)  $\text{rk}_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathfrak{o} = n$

(iv)  $\mathfrak{o}$  prime  $\Rightarrow \mathfrak{o}$  maximal,  $\mathfrak{o} \cap \mathbb{Z} = (p)$   
prime in  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

(4) A fractional ideal in  $K$  is a subset of the form  $\alpha \mathfrak{o}$ :  $\mathfrak{o} \triangleleft \mathcal{O}_K$ ,  $\alpha \in K^\times$

$\Leftrightarrow$  f.g.  $\mathcal{O}_K$ -submodule of  $K$ .

Lemma: Every ideal of  $\mathcal{O}_K$  contains (=divides)  
a product of primes.

Def  $I, J$  are fractional ideals then so is  
 $IJ = \langle ij \mid i \in I, j \in J \rangle$ , this gives a monoid  
structure.

Today: Fractional ideals form a group, free  
on primes (= unique factorization)

Prop: Let  $\mathfrak{p} \subset \mathcal{O}_K$  be prime.

Then  $\mathfrak{p}^{-1} = \{x \in \mathcal{O}_K \mid x\mathfrak{p} \subset \mathcal{O}_K\}$  is a fractional ideal  
properly containing  $\mathcal{O}_K \Rightarrow \mathfrak{p}\mathfrak{p}^{-1} = \mathcal{O}_K$ .

Pf: Let  $x, y \in \mathfrak{p}^{-1}, \alpha \in \mathcal{O}_K$ . Then

$$(\alpha x + y)\mathfrak{p} \subseteq \alpha\mathfrak{p} + \mathfrak{p} \subseteq \mathcal{O}_K + \mathcal{O}_K = \mathcal{O}_K.$$

[Aside: clearly  $(\alpha\mathcal{O}_K)^{-1} = \alpha^{-1}\mathcal{O}_K$  for all  $\alpha \in K^\times$ ]  
[if  $a \subset b$  then  $a^{-1} \supset b^{-1}$ ]

Know (for any  $a$ )  $a \cap \mathfrak{p}^m = (a)_{\mathfrak{p}^m}$  for  $m > 1$ .  
 $\Rightarrow m\mathcal{O}_K \subset a \subset \mathcal{O}_K$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{O}_K \subset \mathfrak{a}^{-1} \subset \mathfrak{m}^{-1} \mathcal{O}_K \Rightarrow \mathfrak{m} \mathfrak{a}^{-1} \subset \mathcal{O}_K$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{rk}_{\mathbb{Q}} \mathfrak{a}^{-1} = n \quad (\text{rk}_{\mathbb{Q}} \mathcal{O}_K = \text{rk}_{\mathbb{Q}} \mathfrak{m}^{-1} \mathcal{O}_K = n)$$

Conclusion: For any  $\mathfrak{a} \subset \mathcal{O}_K$ ,  $\mathfrak{a}^{-1}$  is a fractional ideal.  $\Rightarrow$  same true for all fractional ideals

Return to prime  $\mathfrak{p} \supset p \mathcal{O}_K$ ,  $p \in \mathbb{Z}$  prime

Clear that  $\mathfrak{p} \subset \mathfrak{p}^{-1} \mathfrak{p} \subset \mathcal{O}_K$ ,  $\mathfrak{p}^{-1} \supset \mathcal{O}_K$   
↑ construction ↑  $\mathfrak{p}$  ideal

Since  $\mathfrak{p}$  is maximal, two possibilities:

(i)  $\mathfrak{p}^{-1} \mathfrak{p} = \mathfrak{p} \Rightarrow \mathfrak{p}^{-1} = \mathcal{O}_K$  (Cayley-Hamilton argument)

(ii)  $\mathfrak{p}^{-1} \mathfrak{p} = \mathcal{O}_K \Rightarrow \mathfrak{p}^{-1} \neq \mathcal{O}_K$  ( $\mathcal{O}_K \mathfrak{p} = \mathfrak{p}$ ).

To see  $\mathfrak{p}^{-1} \neq \mathcal{O}_K$ , consider  $(p) = p \mathcal{O}_K$ .

It contains a product of primes:

$$\mathfrak{p} \supset p \mathcal{O}_K \supset \mathfrak{p}_1 \mathfrak{p}_2 \cdots \mathfrak{p}_r.$$

If  $\mathfrak{p} \supset \mathfrak{p}_1 \cdots \mathfrak{p}_r$  have  $\mathfrak{p} \supset \mathfrak{p}_i$  for some  $i$ .

By maximality of primes,  $\mathfrak{p} = \mathfrak{p}_i$  wlog.

Wlog choose  $r$  minimal then there is some

$$\alpha \in \mathfrak{p}_2 \mathfrak{p}_3 \cdots \mathfrak{p}_r \setminus \mathfrak{p} \mathcal{O}_k$$

Then  $\alpha \mathfrak{p} = \alpha \mathfrak{p}_1 \in \mathfrak{p}_1 \mathfrak{p}_2 \cdots \mathfrak{p}_r \subset \mathfrak{p} \mathcal{O}_k$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\alpha}{\mathfrak{p}} \in \mathcal{O}_k, \quad \frac{\alpha}{\mathfrak{p}} \mathfrak{p} \subset \mathcal{O}_k$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\alpha}{\mathfrak{p}} \in \mathfrak{p}^{-1}, \quad \mathfrak{p}^{-1} \not\subset \mathcal{O}_k, \quad \mathfrak{p}^{-1} \mathfrak{p} = \mathcal{O}_k. \quad \square$$

Theorem: All ideals in  $\mathcal{O}_k$  are invertible;  
every ideal has a unique representation of  
the form

$$\prod_{i=1}^r \mathfrak{p}_i^{e_i}$$

where  $\mathfrak{p}_i$  prime,  $e_i \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1}$ .

Finally,  $a|b$  in the monoid of ideals iff  $b \subset a$ .

Pf: let  $\alpha \triangleleft \mathcal{O}_K$  be an ideal,  $\mathfrak{p}$  a max'l ideal containing  $\alpha$ . Then

$$\mathfrak{p}^{-1}\alpha \subset \mathfrak{p}^{-1}\mathfrak{p} = \mathcal{O}_K$$

Also  $\mathfrak{p}^{-1}\alpha \not\subseteq \alpha$  (C-H argument)

Now let  $\alpha \triangleleft \mathcal{O}_K$  be max'l among ideals lack a representation as above,  $\mathfrak{p}$  a prime containing it. Then  $\mathfrak{p}^{-1}\alpha \not\subseteq \alpha$  so  $\mathfrak{p}^{-1}\alpha$  has a representation  $\Rightarrow \Leftarrow$ .

$$\Rightarrow \text{all } \alpha = \prod_{i=1}^r \mathfrak{p}_i \quad \text{then } \left( \prod_{i=1}^r \mathfrak{p}_i^{-1} \right) \alpha = (1)$$

so all ideals are invertible.

$$\text{Suppose now } \prod_{i=1}^r \mathfrak{p}_i = \prod_{j=1}^s \mathfrak{q}_j$$

for some primes  $\{\mathfrak{p}_i\}, \{\mathfrak{q}_j\}$ , suppose  $r \neq s$  minimal s.t.  $r \neq s$  or  $\{\mathfrak{q}_j\}$  not permutation of  $\{\mathfrak{p}_i\}$

must have  $v, s \geq 1$  (any <sup>non-trivial</sup> part of primes isn't  $\mathcal{O}_K$ )

Then  $p_r \equiv \prod_j q_j$ ; so  $p_r \supset q_j$  for some  $j$

• (wlog  $j=s$ ) so  $p_r = q_s$ .

Multiply by  $p_r^{-1}$ , get

$$\prod_{i=1}^{r-1} p_i = \prod_{j=1}^{s-1} q_j.$$

By minimality of  $r$  &  $s$ , have  $r-1 = s-1$   
and  $\{p_i\}_{i=1}^{r-1}$  is a permutation of  $\{q_j\}_{j=1}^{s-1}$   
 $\Rightarrow \square$

Finally, if  $a \subset b$  then  $b = a \subset \subset \mathcal{O}_K = a$ .

if  $b \subset a$  then  $a^{-1}b \subset a^{-1}a = \mathcal{O}_K$

so  $a^{-1}b$  is an ideal, s.t.  $a \cdot (a^{-1}b) = b$ .

Cor: Every fractional ideal is invertible,  
(so fractional ideals form a **group**), Every  
element in the group has a unique representation

$$\prod_{p \text{ primes}} p^{e_p}, \quad e_p \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ all but finitely many are zero}$$

Also  $a \supset b$  iff  $a^{-1}b$  is an ideal of  $\mathcal{O}_K$

PF: if  $a \triangleleft \mathcal{O}_K$ ,  $\alpha \in K$ ,  $a\alpha \cdot (\alpha^{-1}a^{-1}) = \mathcal{O}_K$   
rest as usual

Remark: in  $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{5}]$   $2 \cdot 3 = (1 + \sqrt{5})(1 - \sqrt{5})$   
all irred.

in  $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{3}]$ :  $2 \cdot 2 = (1 + \sqrt{3})(1 - \sqrt{3})$   
In first case,  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{5})} = \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{5}]$  is not a PID

In second case,  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{3})} = \mathbb{Z}[\omega] \neq \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{3}]$   
 $\mathbb{Z}[\omega]$  is a PID  $\omega = \frac{-1 + \sqrt{3}}{2}$ .

Failure of  $\mathcal{O}_K$  to be a UFD  $\Leftrightarrow$  PID:

Def: (Dedekind): Call a fractional ideal  
**principal** if it is of the form  $\alpha \mathcal{O}_K$ .

Clear:  $\{ \text{principal fractional ideals} \} < \{ \text{all fractional ideals} \}$

is subgroup. Call elements of quotient

ideal classes, quotient group the class group  
 $Cl(K)$ .

Observe: ideals surject onto class group

Thm: The class group is finite

Def: The class number of  $K$  is  $h_K = \#Cl(K)$

In fact ("Dirichlet-type thm") primes  
surject on  $Cl(K)$ . Further (Hilbert classfield  
& Chebotarev density theorem)

$$\frac{\#\{p \in \mathcal{O}_K \text{ prime} \mid Np \leq x, p \in \text{fixed class}\}}{\#\{p \in \mathcal{O}_K, \text{ prime} \mid Np \leq x\}} \xrightarrow{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{h_K}$$

(also  $\#\{p \mid Np \leq x\} \sim Li(x)$ )

better:  $\sum_{Np \leq x} \log Np \sim x$



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## Cohen-Lenstra Heuristics

Ex:  $A =$  set of isom classes of FAG.

$$\frac{1}{Z} = \sum_{A \in \mathcal{A}} \frac{1}{\# \text{Aut}(A)} < \infty$$

So define  $p(A) = \frac{1}{\# \text{Aut}(A)}$  set

prob measure on  $\mathcal{A}$

Conj: As  $d \rightarrow \infty$  along square free  $\mathbb{N}$ ,

$\{ \mathcal{C}(\mathfrak{O}(\sqrt{d})) \}_d$  is equidistributed in  $\mathcal{A}$

(As  $-d \rightarrow \infty$  through negatives of squarefree  
negatives,  $h_{\mathfrak{O}(\sqrt{d})} \rightarrow \infty$ )

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Ex: In  $\mathfrak{O}(\sqrt{d})$ , have bijection

$\{ \text{ideal classes} \}$  in  $\mathfrak{O}(\sqrt{d})$   $\leftrightarrow$   $\{ \text{classes of binary integral quadratic form of discr. } \mathfrak{O}(\sqrt{d}) \}$

$\alpha \in \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{a})}$  ideal,  $\alpha \cong \mathbb{Z}^2$  as ab gp

$N: \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{a}) \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}$  is a quad form

$(\alpha, N|_{\alpha})$  is a quadratic form

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Back to  $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-3}] \subseteq \mathbb{Z}[\omega]$ ,  $\omega = \frac{-1+\sqrt{-3}}{2}$ .

have  $\omega \cdot \bar{\omega} = 1$  so  $(2\omega) \cdot (2\bar{\omega}) = 4 = 2 \cdot 2$

↑  
failure of unique factorization  
in  $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-3}]$

But  $\mathbb{Z}[\omega]$  is a PID

$$N(a+b\omega) = a^2 + b^2 + ab$$

$$N\left(\left(a - \frac{1}{2}b\right) + \frac{1}{2}b\sqrt{-3}\right) \geq \frac{b^2}{4}$$

$$\text{If } N=2, \quad \frac{b^2}{4} \leq 2 \quad \text{so } b^2 \leq 8 \\ \text{so } b \in \{0, \pm 1, \pm 2\}$$

$R$  ring,  $\emptyset \neq S \subset R$  closed under  $\cdot$ .

$$R[S^{-1}] = \left\{ \frac{a}{s} \mid \begin{array}{l} a \in R \\ s \in S \end{array} \right\}$$

If  $\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Spec } R$  prime,  $S = R \setminus \mathfrak{p}$

$$\text{Let } R_{\mathfrak{p}} = R[(R \setminus \mathfrak{p})^{-1}].$$

Then  $\mathfrak{p}$  unique maximal ideal.

Facts for all rational primes  $p \neq 2$ ,

$$\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-3}][\frac{1}{p}] \cong \mathbb{Z}[\omega][\frac{1}{p}]$$

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Suppose  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\alpha)$ ,  $p(\alpha) = 0$   $p$  monic, irred.

$$\mathbb{Z}[x]/(p) \subset K = \mathbb{Q}[x]/(p)$$

is an order not nec. max<sup>l</sup>

$$(\text{e.g. } \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-3}) \quad p = x^2 + 3)$$