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Content

1 Some commutative algebra

1.1 Integral ring extensions

All rings are assumed to be commutative and unitary. Consider a ring extension $A \subset B$.

Definition 1.1.1: (a) An element $b \in B$ is called *integral over* A if there exists a monic $f \in A[X]$ with $f(b) = 0$.

(b) The ring B is called *integral over* A if every $b \in B$ is integral over A.

(c) The *integral closure of* A *in* B is the set $\tilde{A} := \{b \in B \mid b \text{ integral over } A\}$.

Definition-Example 1.1.2: (a) An element $z \in \mathbb{C}$ is integral over $\mathbb{Q}$ if and only if z is an *algebraic number.*

(b) An element $z \in \mathbb{C}$ is integral over $\mathbb{Z}$ if and only if z is an *algebraic integer.*

Proposition 1.1.3: The following statements for an element $b \in B$ are equivalent:

(a) b is integral over A.

(b) The subring $A[b] \subset B$ is finitely generated as an A-module.

(c) b is contained in a subring of B which is finitely generated as an A-module.

Proposition 1.1.4: (a) For any integral ring extensions $A \subset B$ and $B \subset C$ the ring extension $A \subset C$ is integral.

(b) The subset $\tilde{A}$ is a subring of B that contains A.

(c) The subring $\tilde{A}$ is its own integral closure in B.

1.2 Prime ideals

Consider an integral ring extension $A \subset B$.

Proposition 1.2.1: For every prime ideal $\mathfrak{q} \subset B$ the intersection $\mathfrak{q} \cap A$ is a prime ideal of A.

Definition 1.2.2: We say that $\mathfrak{q}$ *lies over* $\mathfrak{q} \cap A$.

Theorem 1.2.3: For any prime ideals $\mathfrak{q} \subset \mathfrak{q}' \subset B$ over the same $\mathfrak{p}$ we have $\mathfrak{q} = \mathfrak{q}'$.

Theorem 1.2.4: For every prime ideal $\mathfrak{p} \subset A$ there exists a prime ideal $\mathfrak{q} \subset B$ over $\mathfrak{p}$.

1.3 Normalization

From now on we assume that A is an integral domain with quotient field K.

Definition 1.3.1: (a) The integral closure of A in K is called the *normalization of* A.

(b) The ring A is called *normal* if this normalization is A.

Proposition 1.3.2: (a) The normalization of A is normal.

(b) Any unique factorization domain is normal.

1.4 Localization

Definition 1.4.1: A subset $S \subset A \setminus \{0\}$ is called *multiplicative* if it contains 1 and is closed under multiplication.

Definition-Proposition 1.4.2: For any multiplicative subset $S \subset A$ the subset

$$S^{-1}A \;:=\; \left\{\tfrac{a}{s} \;\middle|\; a \in A,\; s \in S\right\}$$

is a subring of K that contains A and is called the *localization of A with respect to S.*

Example 1.4.3: For every prime ideal $\mathfrak{p} \subset A$ the subset $A \setminus \mathfrak{p}$ is multiplicative. The ring $A_{\mathfrak{p}} := (A \setminus \mathfrak{p})^{-1}A$ is called the *localization of A at $\mathfrak{p}$.*

Proposition 1.4.4: For every multiplicative subset $S \subset A$ we have:

(a) $S^{-1}\tilde{A} = \widetilde{S^{-1}A}$.

(b) If A is normal, then so is $S^{-1}A$.

1.5 Field extensions

In the following we consider a normal integral domain A with quotient field K, and an algebraic field extension L/K, and let B be the integral closure of A in L.

Proposition 1.5.1: For any homomorphism $\sigma\colon L \to M$ of field extensions of K, an element $x \in L$ is integral over A if and only if $\sigma(x)$ is integral over A.

Proposition 1.5.2: An element $x \in L$ is integral over A if and only if the minimal polynomial of x over K has coefficients in A.

Proposition 1.5.3: We have $(A \setminus \{0\})^{-1}B = L$.

1.6 Norm and Trace

Assume that L/K is finite separable. Let $\bar{K}$ be an algebraic closure of K.

Definition 1.6.1: For any $x \in L$ we consider the K-linear map $T_x\colon L \to L$, $u \mapsto ux$.

(a) The *norm of x for L/K* is the element $\mathrm{Nm}_{L/K}(x) := \det(T_x) \in K$.

(b) The *trace of x for L/K* is the element $\mathrm{Tr}_{L/K}(x) := \mathrm{tr}(T_x) \in K$.

Proposition 1.6.2: (a) For any $x, y \in L$ we have $\mathrm{Nm}_{L/K}(xy) = \mathrm{Nm}_{L/K}(x) \cdot \mathrm{Nm}_{L/K}(y)$.

(b) The map $\mathrm{Nm}_{L/K}$ induces a homomorphism $L^\times \to K^\times$.

(c) The map $\mathrm{Tr}_{L/K} \colon L \to K$ is K-linear.

Proposition 1.6.3: For any $x \in L$ we have

$$\mathrm{Nm}_{L/K}(x) \;=\; \prod_{\sigma \in \mathrm{Hom}_K(L,\bar{K})} \sigma(x) \qquad \text{and} \qquad \mathrm{Tr}_{L/K}(x) \;=\; \sum_{\sigma \in \mathrm{Hom}_K(L,\bar{K})} \sigma(x).$$

Proposition 1.6.4: The map $\mathrm{Tr}_{L/K} \colon L \to K$ is non-zero.

Proposition 1.6.5: For any two finite separable field extensions $M/L/K$ we have:

(a) $\mathrm{Nm}_{L/K} \circ \mathrm{Nm}_{M/L} = \mathrm{Nm}_{M/K}$.

(b) $\mathrm{Tr}_{L/K} \circ \mathrm{Tr}_{M/L} = \mathrm{Tr}_{M/K}$.

Proposition 1.6.6: For any $x \in B$ we have:

(a) $\mathrm{Nm}_{L/K}(x) \in A$.

(b) $\mathrm{Nm}_{L/K}(x) \in A^\times$ if and only if $x \in B^\times$.

(c) $\mathrm{Tr}_{L/K}(x) \in A$.

1.7 Discriminant

Proposition 1.7.1: The map

$$L \times L \longrightarrow K, \quad (x, y) \mapsto \mathrm{Tr}_{L/K}(x)$$

is a non-degenerate symmetric K-bilinear form.

Definition 1.7.2: The *discriminant* of any ordered basis $(b_1, \ldots, b_n)$ of L over K is the determinant of the associated *Gram matrix*

$$\mathrm{disc}(b_1, \ldots, b_n) \;:=\; \det\big(\mathrm{Tr}_{L/K}(b_i b_j)\big)_{i,j=1,\ldots,n}.$$

Lemma 1.7.3: Write $\mathrm{Hom}_K(L, \bar{K}) = \{\sigma_1, \ldots, \sigma_n\}$ with $[L/K] = n$ and consider the matrix $T := (\sigma_i(b_j))_{i,j=1,\ldots,n}$. Then

$$T^T \cdot T \;=\; \big(\mathrm{Tr}_{L/K}(b_i b_j)\big)_{i,j=1,\ldots,n}.$$

Proposition 1.7.4: If $L = K(b)$ and $n = [L/K]$, then $\mathrm{disc}(1, b, \ldots, b^{n-1})$ is the discriminant of the minimal polynomial of b over K.

Proposition 1.7.5: (a) We have $\mathrm{disc}(b_1, \ldots, b_n) \in K^\times$.

(b) If $b_1, \ldots, b_n \in B$, then $\operatorname{disc}(b_1, \ldots, b_n) \in A \smallsetminus \{0\}$ and

$$B \subset \frac{1}{\operatorname{disc}(b_1, \ldots, b_n)} \cdot \big(Ab_1 + \ldots + Ab_n\big).$$

Proposition 1.7.6: If A is a principal ideal domain, then:

(a) B is a free A-module of rank $[L/K]$.

(b) For any basis $(b_1, \ldots, b_n)$ of B over A, the number $\operatorname{disc}(b_1, \ldots, b_n)$ is independent of the basis up to the square of an element of $A^\times$.

Definition 1.7.7: This number is called the *discriminant of B over A* or *of L over K* and is denoted $\operatorname{disc}_{B/A}$ or $\operatorname{disc}_{L/K}$.

1.8 Linearly disjoint extensions

Definition 1.8.1: Two finite separable field extensions $L, L'/K$ are called *linearly disjoint* if $L \otimes_K L'$ is a field.

Proposition 1.8.2: For any two finite separable field extensions $L, L'/K$ within a common overfield M the following statements are equivalent:

(a) L and L' are linearly disjoint over K.

(b) $[LL'/K] = [L/K] \cdot [L'/K]$

(c) $[LL'/L] = [L'/K]$

(d) $[LL'/L'] = [L/K]$

If at least one of L/K and L'/K is galois, they are also equivalent to

(e) $L \cap L' = K$.

Theorem 1.8.3: Consider linearly disjoint finite separable field extensions $L, L'/K$. Assume that A is a principal ideal domain and that $d := \operatorname{disc}_{L/K}$ and $d' := \operatorname{disc}_{L'/K}$ are relatively prime in A. Let $B, B', \tilde{B}$ be the integral closures of A in L, L', LL'. Then:

(a) $B \otimes_A B' \xrightarrow{\sim} \tilde{B}$.

(b) $\operatorname{disc}_{LL'/K} = d^{[L'/K]} \cdot d'^{[L/K]}$ up to the square of a unit in A.

1.9 Dedekind Rings

Definition 1.9.1: (a) A ring A is *noetherian* if every ideal is finitely generated.

(b) An integral domain A has *Krull dimension* 1 if it is not a field and every non-zero prime ideal is a maximal ideal.

(c) A noetherien normal integral domain of Krull dimension 1 is called a *Dedekind ring*.

Proposition 1.9.2: Any principal ideal domain that is not a field is a Dedekind ring.

Examples 1.9.3: Take $A = \mathbb{Z}$ or $A = \mathbb{Z}[i]$ or $A = k[t]$ or $A = k[[t]]$ for a field k.

In the following we assume that $A \subset K$ is Dedekind and that $B \subset L$ is as above.

Proposition 1.9.4: (a) For every multiplicative subset $S \subset A$ the ring $S^{-1}A$ is Dedekind or a field.

(b) For every prime ideal $0 \neq \mathfrak{p} \subset A$ the localization $A_\mathfrak{p}$ is a discrete valuation ring.

Theorem 1.9.5: The ring B is Dedekind and finitely generated as an A-module.

1.10 Fractional Ideals

Definition 1.10.1:

(a) A non-zero finitely generated A-submodule of K is called a *fractional ideal of* A.

(b) A fractional ideal of the form $(x) := Ax$ for some $x \in K^\times$ is called *principal*.

(c) The *product* of two fractional ideals $\mathfrak{a}, \mathfrak{b}$ is defined as

$$\mathfrak{a}\mathfrak{b} \;:=\; \Big\{\textstyle\sum_{i=1}^r a_i b_i \;\Big|\; r \geqslant 0,\; a_i \in \mathfrak{a}\; b_i \in \mathfrak{b}\Big\}.$$

(d) The *inverse* of a fractional ideal $\mathfrak{a}$ is defined as

$$\mathfrak{a}^{-1} \;=\; \big\{x \in K \;\big|\; x \cdot \mathfrak{a} \subset A\big\}.$$

Proposition 1.10.2: For any fractional ideals $\mathfrak{a}, \mathfrak{b}, \mathfrak{c}$ we have:

(a) There exist $a, b \in A \smallsetminus \{0\}$ with $(a) \subset \mathfrak{a} \subset (\frac{1}{b})$.

(b) $\mathfrak{a}\mathfrak{b}$ and $\mathfrak{a}^{-1}$ are fractional ideals.

(c) $\mathfrak{a}\mathfrak{b} = \mathfrak{b}\mathfrak{a}$ and $(\mathfrak{a}\mathfrak{b})\mathfrak{c} = \mathfrak{a}(\mathfrak{b}\mathfrak{c})$ and $(1)\mathfrak{a} = \mathfrak{a}$.

(d) $\mathfrak{a} \subset A$ if and only if $A \subset \mathfrak{a}^{-1}$.

Lemma 1.10.3: For every non-zero ideal $\mathfrak{a} \subset A$ there exist an integer $r \geqslant 0$ and maximal ideals $\mathfrak{p}_1, \ldots, \mathfrak{p}_r$ such that $\mathfrak{p}_1 \cdots \mathfrak{p}_r \subset \mathfrak{a}$.

Lemma 1.10.4: For every maximal ideal $\mathfrak{p} \subset A$ and every fractional ideal $\mathfrak{a}$ we have

(a) $A \subsetneqq \mathfrak{p}^{-1}$.

(b) $\mathfrak{a} \subsetneqq \mathfrak{p}^{-1}\mathfrak{a}$.

(c) $\mathfrak{p}^{-1}\mathfrak{p} = (1)$.

Theorem 1.10.5: Any non-zero ideal of A is a product of maximal ideals and the factors are unique up to permutation. *(Unique factorization of ideals)*

Theorem 1.10.6: (a) The set J_A of fractional ideals is an abelian group with the above product and inverse and the unit element $(1) = A$.

(b) The group J_A is the free abelian group with basis the maximal ideals of A.

1.11 Ideals

Consider any non-zero ideals $\mathfrak{a}, \mathfrak{b} \subset A$.

Definition 1.11.1: We write $\mathfrak{b}|\mathfrak{a}$ and say that $\mathfrak{b}$ *divides* $\mathfrak{a}$ if and only if $\mathfrak{a} \subset \mathfrak{b}$.

Proposition 1.11.2: We have $\mathfrak{b}|\mathfrak{a}$ if and only if there is a non-zero ideal $\mathfrak{c} \subset A$ with $\mathfrak{b}\mathfrak{c} = \mathfrak{a}$.

Proposition 1.11.3: For any $a, b \in A \smallsetminus \{0\}$ we have $b|a$ if and only if $(b)|(a)$.

Definition 1.11.4: Ideals $\mathfrak{a}, \mathfrak{b} \subset A$ with $\mathfrak{a} + \mathfrak{b} = A$ are called *coprime.*

Proposition 1.11.5: For any non-zero ideals $\mathfrak{a}, \mathfrak{b} \subset A$ the following are equivalent:

(a) $\mathfrak{a}$ and $\mathfrak{b}$ are coprime.

(b) Their factorizations in maximal ideals do not have a common factor.

(c) $\mathfrak{a} \cap \mathfrak{b} = \mathfrak{a}\mathfrak{b}$.

Chinese Remainder Theorem 1.11.6: For any pairwise coprime ideals $\mathfrak{a}_1, \ldots, \mathfrak{a}_r \subset A$ we have a ring isomorphism

$$\begin{aligned} A/\mathfrak{a}_1 \cdots \mathfrak{a}_r &\xrightarrow{\sim} A/\mathfrak{a}_1 \times \ldots \times A/\mathfrak{a}_r, \\ a + \mathfrak{a}_1 \cdots \mathfrak{a}_r &\longmapsto (a + \mathfrak{a}_1, \ldots, a + \mathfrak{a}_r). \end{aligned}$$

Proposition 1.11.7: For any fractional ideals $\mathfrak{a} \subset \mathfrak{b}$ there exists $b \in \mathfrak{b}$ with $\mathfrak{b} = \mathfrak{a} + (b)$.

Proposition 1.11.8: Every fractional ideal of A is generated by 2 elements.

Proposition 1.11.9: For any non-zero ideal $\mathfrak{a}$ and any fractional ideal $\mathfrak{b}$ of A there exists an isomorphism of A-modules $A/\mathfrak{a} \cong \mathfrak{b}/\mathfrak{a}\mathfrak{b}$.

1.12 Ideal class group

Definition 1.12.1: The factor group

$$\mathrm{Cl}(A) := \big\{\text{fractional ideals}\big\} \,/\, \big\{\text{principal ideals}\big\}$$

is called the *ideal class group of* A. Its order $h(A) := |\,\mathrm{Cl}(A)|$ is called the *class number of* A.

Proposition 1.12.2: Any ideal class is represented by a non-zero ideal of A.

Proposition 1.12.3: There is a fundamental exact sequence

$$1 \longrightarrow A^\times \longrightarrow K^\times \longrightarrow J_A \longrightarrow \mathrm{Cl}(A) \longrightarrow 1.$$

2 Minkowski's lattice theory

2.1 Lattices

Fix a finite dimensional $\mathbb{R}$-vector space V.

Proposition 2.1.1: There exists a unique topology on V such that for any basis $v_1, \ldots, v_n$ of V the isomorphism $\mathbb{R}^n \to V$, $(x_i)_i \mapsto \sum_{i=1}^n x_i v_i$ is a homeomorphism.

Definition 2.1.2: A subset $X \subset V$ is called ...

(a) ... *bounded* if and only if the corresponding subset of $\mathbb{R}^n$ is bounded.

(b) ... *discrete* if and only if the corresponding subset of $\mathbb{R}^n$ is discrete, that is, if its intersection with any bounded subset is finite.

Now we are interested in an (additive) subgroup $\Gamma \subset V$.

Definition-Proposition 2.1.3: The following are equivalent:

(a) Γ is discrete.

(b) $\Gamma = \bigoplus_{i=1}^m \mathbb{Z} v_i$ for $\mathbb{R}$-linearly independent elements $v_1, \ldots, v_m$.

Such a subgroup is called a *lattice*.

Definition-Proposition 2.1.4: The following are equivalent:

(a) Γ is discrete and there exists a bounded subset $\Phi \subset V$ such that $\Gamma + \Phi = V$.

(b) Γ is discrete and V/Γ is compact.

(c) $\Gamma = \bigoplus_{i=1}^n \mathbb{Z} v_i$ for an $\mathbb{R}$-basis $v_1, \ldots, v_n$ of V.

Such a subgroup is called a *complete lattice*.

In the following we consider a lattice $\Gamma \subset V$.

Definition 2.1.5: Any measurable subset $\Phi \subset V$ such that $\Phi \to V/\Gamma$ is bijective is called a *fundamental domain for* Γ.

Example 2.1.6: If $\Gamma = \bigoplus_{i=1}^n \mathbb{Z} v_i$ for an $\mathbb{R}$-basis $v_1, \ldots, v_n$ of V, a fundamental domain is:

$$\Phi := \Big\{ \textstyle\sum_{i=1}^n x_i \;\Big|\; \forall i\colon\; 0 \leqslant x_i < 1 \Big\}.$$

Caution 2.1.7: If $V \neq 0$, there does not exist a compact fundamental domain, because there is a problem with the boundary.

2.2 Volume

Now we fix a scalar product $\langle\ ,\ \rangle$ on V.

Proposition 2.2.1: (a) There exists a unique Lebesgue measure $d\mathrm{vol}$ on V such that for any measurable function f on V and any orthonormal basis $(e_1, \ldots, e_n)$ of V we have

$$\int_V f(v)\ d\mathrm{vol}(v)\ =\ \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f\big(\textstyle\sum_{i=1}^n x_i e_i\big)\, dx_1 \ldots dx_n.$$

(b) For any $\mathbb{R}$-basis $(v_1, \ldots, v_n)$ of V we then have

$$\mathrm{vol}\big(\{\textstyle\sum_{i=1}^n x_i \,\big|\, \forall i\colon\ 0 \leqslant x_i < 1\}\big)\ =\ \sqrt{\det\big(\langle x_i, x_j\rangle\big)_{i,j=1}^n}$$

and

$$\int_V f(v)\ d\mathrm{vol}(v)\ =\ \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f\big(\textstyle\sum_{i=1}^n y_i v_i\big)\, dy_1 \ldots dy_n \cdot \sqrt{\det\big(\langle x_i, x_j\rangle\big)_{i,j=1}^n}.$$

Definition-Proposition 2.2.2: Consider any fundamental domain $\Phi \subset V$.

(a) For any measurable function f on V/Γ this integral is independent of Φ:

$$\int_{V/\Gamma} f(\bar v)\ d\mathrm{vol}(\bar v)\ :=\ \int_\Phi f(v+\Gamma)\ d\mathrm{vol}(v).$$

(b) In particular we obtain

$$\mathrm{vol}(V/\Gamma)\ :=\ \int_{V/\Gamma} 1\ d\mathrm{vol}(\bar v)\ =\ \mathrm{vol}(\Phi).$$

Fact 2.2.3: We have $\mathrm{vol}(V/\Gamma) < \infty$ if and only if Γ is a complete lattice.

2.3 Lattice Point Theorem

Let Γ be a complete lattice in a finite dimensional euclidean vector space V.

Definition 2.3.1: A subset $X \subset V$ is *centrally symmetric* if and only if

$$X = -X := \{-x \mid x \in X\}.$$

Theorem 2.3.2: Let $X \subset V$ be a centrally symmetric convex subset which satisfies

$$\mathrm{vol}(X)\ >\ 2^{\dim(V)} \cdot \mathrm{vol}(V/\Gamma).$$

Then $X \cap \Gamma$ contains a non-zero element.

Remark 2.3.3: The theorem is sharp. For example if $V = \mathbb{R}^n$ and $\Gamma = \mathbb{Z}^n$ and $X =]-1,1[^n$, then we have $\mathrm{vol}(X) = 2^{\dim(V)} \cdot \mathrm{vol}(V/\Gamma)$ and $X \cap \Gamma = \{0\}$.

Application 2.3.4: An n-dimensional ball B_r of radius r has volume

$$\mathrm{vol}(B_r)\ =\ \frac{\pi^{n/2}}{\Gamma(\frac{n}{2}+1)} \cdot r^n.$$

Therefore the smallest non-zero vector in Γ has length

$$\leqslant\ \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \cdot \sqrt[n]{\mathrm{vol}(V/\Gamma) \cdot \Gamma(\tfrac{n}{2}+1)}.$$

More generally, for every k one can bound the combined lengths of k linearly independent vectors in Γ using *successive minima*.

3 Algebraic integers

3.1 Number fields

Definition 3.1.1: (a) A finite field extension $K/\mathbb{Q}$ is called an *(algebraic) number field.*

(b) A number field of degree $2, 3, 4, 5$,... is called *quadratic, cubic, quartic, quintic,...*

(c) The integral closure $\mathcal{O}_K$ of $\mathbb{Z}$ in K is called the ring of *algebraic integers in K.*

In the rest of this chapter we fix such K and $\mathcal{O}_K$ and abbreviate $n := [L/K]$.

Proposition 3.1.2: (a) The ring $\mathcal{O}_K$ is Dedekind.

(c) $\mathcal{O}_K$ is a free $\mathbb{Z}$-module of rank n.

(b) Any fractional ideal $\mathfrak{a}$ of $\mathcal{O}_K$ is a free $\mathbb{Z}$-module of rank n.

3.2 Absolute discriminant

Proposition 3.2.1: (a) For any $\mathbb{Z}$-submodule $\Gamma \subset K$ of rank n with an ordered $\mathbb{Z}$-basis $(x_1, \ldots, x_n)$ the following value depends only on Γ:

$$\operatorname{disc}(\Gamma) := \operatorname{disc}(x_1, \ldots, x_n) \in \mathbb{Z} \smallsetminus \{0\}.$$

(b) For any two $\mathbb{Z}$-submodules $\Gamma \subset \Gamma' \subset K$ of rank n the index $[\Gamma' : \Gamma]$ is finite and we have

$$\operatorname{disc}(\Gamma) = [\Gamma' : \Gamma]^2 \cdot \operatorname{disc}(\Gamma').$$

Definition 3.2.2: The number

$$d_K \ := \ \operatorname{disc}(\mathcal{O}_K) \ \in \ \mathbb{Z} \smallsetminus \{0\}$$

is called the *discriminant of $\mathcal{O}_K$ or of K.*

Corollary 3.2.3: If there exist $a_1, \ldots, a_n \in \mathcal{O}_K$ such that $\operatorname{disc}(a_1, \ldots, a_n)$ is squarefree, then

$$\mathcal{O}_K = \mathbb{Z}a_1 \oplus \ldots \oplus \mathbb{Z}a_n.$$

3.3 Absolute norm

Definition 3.3.1: The *absolute norm* of a non-zero ideal $\mathfrak{a} \subset \mathcal{O}_K$ is the index

$$\operatorname{Nm}(\mathfrak{a}) := [\mathcal{O}_K \colon \mathfrak{a}] \in \mathbb{Z}^{\geqslant 1}.$$

Proposition 3.3.2: For any $a \in A \smallsetminus \{0\}$ we have $\operatorname{Nm}((a)) = |\operatorname{Nm}_{K/\mathbb{Q}}(a)|$.

Proposition 3.3.3: For any integer $N \geqslant 1$ there exist only finitely many non-zero ideals $\mathfrak{a} \subset \mathcal{O}_K$ with $\mathrm{Nm}(\mathfrak{a}) \leqslant N$.

Proposition 3.3.4: For any two non-zero ideals $\mathfrak{a}, \mathfrak{b} \subset \mathcal{O}_K$ we have

$$\mathrm{Nm}(\mathfrak{a}\mathfrak{b}) = \mathrm{Nm}(\mathfrak{a}) \cdot \mathrm{Nm}(\mathfrak{b}).$$

Let J_K denote the group of fractional ideals of $\mathcal{O}_K$.

Corollary 3.3.5: The absolute norm extends to a unique homomorphism

$$\mathrm{Nm}\colon J_K \longrightarrow (\mathbb{Q}^{>0}, \cdot).$$

3.4 Real and complex embeddings

Throughout the following we abbreviate $\Sigma := \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathbb{Q}}(K, \mathbb{C})$.

Proposition 3.4.1: We have $r + 2s = n$.

Proposition 3.4.2: We have ring isomorphisms

$$\begin{array}{ccl} K \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}} \mathbb{C} & \xrightarrow{\quad\sim\quad} & K_{\mathbb{C}} := \prod_{\sigma\in\Sigma} \mathbb{C}, \\ \cup & & \cup \\ K \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}} \mathbb{R} & \xrightarrow{\quad\sim\quad} & K_{\mathbb{R}} := \big\{ (z_\sigma)_\sigma \in K_{\mathbb{C}} \;\big|\; \forall \sigma \in \Sigma\colon z_{\bar\sigma} = \bar z_\sigma \big\}. \\ x \otimes z & \longmapsto & (\sigma(x)z)_\sigma. \end{array}$$

The map $x \mapsto x \otimes 1$ induces an embdding $j\colon K \hookrightarrow K_{\mathbb{R}}$.

Proposition 3.4.3: For every fractional ideal $\mathfrak{a}$ of $\mathcal{O}_K$ the image $j(\mathfrak{a})$ is a complete lattice in $K_{\mathbb{R}}$.

To describe this with more explicit coordinates we set

$$\begin{array}{rcl} r & := & \text{the number } \sigma \in \Sigma \text{ with } \sigma(K) \subset \mathbb{R}, \\ s & := & \text{the number } \sigma \in \Sigma \text{ with } \sigma(K) \not\subset \mathbb{R} \text{ up to complex conjugation.} \end{array}$$

We let $\sigma_1, \ldots, \sigma_r$ be the real embeddings by and $\sigma_{r+1}, \ldots, \sigma_n$ the non-real embeddings such that $\bar\sigma_{r+j} = \bar\sigma_{r+j+s}$ for all $1 \leqslant j \leqslant s$.

Proposition 3.4.4: We have an isomorphism of $\mathbb{R}$-vector spaces

$$K_{\mathbb{R}} \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathbb{R}^n,\ (z_\sigma)_\sigma \longmapsto \big(z_{\sigma_1}, \ldots, z_{\sigma_r}, \mathrm{Re}\, z_{\sigma_{r+1}}, \ldots, \mathrm{Re}\, z_{\sigma_{r+s}}, \mathrm{Im}\, z_{\sigma_{r+1}}, \ldots, \mathrm{Im}\, z_{\sigma_{r+s}}\big).$$

3.5 Quadratic number fields

Proposition 3.5.1: The quadratic number fields are precisely the splitting fields of the poiynomials $X^2 - d$ for all squarefree integers $d \in \mathbb{Z} \smallsetminus \{0,1\}$.

Convention 3.5.2: For any positive integer d we let $\sqrt{d}$ be the positive real square root of d. For any negative integer d we uncanonically *choose* a square root $\sqrt{d}$ in $i\mathbb{R}$.

Proposition 3.5.2: For d as above and $K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})$ we have

$$\mathcal{O}_K = \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{d}] & \text{if } d \equiv 2,3 \bmod (4), \\ \mathbb{Z}[\frac{1+\sqrt{d}}{2}] & \text{if } d \equiv 1 \bmod (4) \end{cases}$$

and

$$d_K = \begin{cases} 4d & \text{if } d \equiv 2,3 \bmod (4), \\ d & \text{if } d \equiv 1 \bmod (4) \end{cases}$$

Corollary 3.5.4: The integer d is uniquely determined by K, namely as the squarefree part of d_K.

Remark 3.5.5: The possible discriminants of quadratic number fields are sometimes called *fundamental discriminants*. As the discriminant is somewhat more canonically associated to K than the number d, some authors prefer to write $K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d_K})$.

Definition 3.5.6: We have the following cases:

(a) If $d > 0$, there exist precisely two distinct embeddings $\sigma_1, \sigma_2 \colon K \hookrightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and we call K *real quadratic*. In this case we obtain a natural embedding

$$(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) \colon K \longhookrightarrow \mathbb{R}^2.$$

(b) If $d < 0$, there exist precisely two distinct embeddings $\sigma, \bar{\sigma} \colon K \hookrightarrow \mathbb{C}$ that are conjugate under complex conjugation, and we call K *imaginary quadratic*. In this case we obtain a natural embedding

$$\sigma \colon K \longhookrightarrow \mathbb{C}.$$

4 Additive Minkowski theory

4.1 Euclidean embedding

We endow $K_{\mathbb{C}} := \mathbb{C}^{\Sigma}$ with the standard hermitian scalar product

$$\big\langle (z_\sigma)_\sigma, (w_\sigma)_\sigma \big\rangle \;:=\; \sum_{\sigma\in\Sigma} \bar{z}_\sigma w_\sigma.$$

Proposition 4.1.1: Its restriction to $K_{\mathbb{R}} \times K_{\mathbb{R}}$ has values in $\mathbb{R}$ and turns $K_{\mathbb{R}}$ into a euclidean vector space.

Proposition 4.1.2: Under the isomorphism of Proposition 3.4.2 this scalar product on $K_{\mathbb{R}}$ corresponds to the following scalar product on $\mathbb{R}^n$:

$$\big\langle (x_j)_j, (y_j)_j \big\rangle \;:=\; \sum_{i=1}^{r} x_j y_j + \sum_{i=r+1}^{n} 2 x_j y_j.$$

4.2 Lattice bounds

Proposition 4.2.1: For any fractional ideal $\mathfrak{a}$ of $\mathcal{O}_K$ we have

$$\operatorname{vol}(K_{\mathbb{R}}/j(\mathfrak{a})) \;=\; \sqrt{\operatorname{disc}(\mathfrak{a})} \;=\; \operatorname{Nm}(\mathfrak{a}) \cdot \sqrt{|d_K|}.$$

Theorem 4.2.2: Consider a fractional ideal $\mathfrak{a}$ of $\mathcal{O}_K$ and positive real numbers c_σ for all $\sigma \in \Sigma$ such that

$$\prod_{\sigma\in\Sigma} c_\sigma \;>\; (\tfrac{2}{\pi})^s \cdot \sqrt{|d_K|} \cdot \operatorname{Nm}(\mathfrak{a}).$$

Then there exists an element $a \in \mathfrak{a} \smallsetminus \{0\}$ with the property

$$\forall \sigma \in \Sigma\colon\ |\sigma(a)| < c_\sigma.$$

4.3 Finiteness of the class group

Theorem 4.3.1: For any fractional ideal $\mathfrak{a}$ of $\mathcal{O}_K$ there exists an element $a \in \mathfrak{a} \smallsetminus \{0\}$ with

$$|\operatorname{Nm}_{K/\mathbb{Q}}(a)| \;\leqslant\; (\tfrac{2}{\pi})^s \cdot \sqrt{|d_K|} \cdot \operatorname{Nm}(\mathfrak{a}).$$

Proposition 4.3.2: Every ideal class in $\operatorname{Cl}(\mathcal{O}_K)$ contains an ideal $\mathfrak{a} \subset \mathcal{O}_K$ with

$$\operatorname{Nm}(\mathfrak{a}) \;\leqslant\; (\tfrac{2}{\pi})^s \cdot \sqrt{|d_K|}.$$

Theorem 4.3.3: The class group $\operatorname{Cl}(\mathcal{O}_K)$ is finite.

4.4 Discriminant bounds

Theorem 4.4.1: For any n and c there exist at most finitely many number fields $K/\mathbb{Q}$ of degree n and with $|d_K| \leqslant c$.

Theorem 4.4.2: For any number field K of degree n over $\mathbb{Q}$ we have

$$\sqrt{|d_K|} \;\geqslant\; \frac{n^n}{n!} \cdot \left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)^{n/2}.$$

Theorem 4.4.3: *(Hermite)* For any c there exist at most finitely many number fields $K/\mathbb{Q}$ with $|d_K| \leqslant c$.

Theorem 4.4.4: *(Minkowski)* For any number field $K \neq \mathbb{Q}$ we have $|d_K| > 1$.

5 Multiplicative Minkowski theory

5.1 Roots of unity

Lemma 5.1.1: We have a short exact sequence

$$1 \longrightarrow (S^1)^\Sigma \longrightarrow K_\mathbb{C}^\times \;=\; (\mathbb{C}^\times)^\Sigma \xrightarrow{\;\ell\;} \mathbb{R}^\Sigma \longrightarrow 0, \qquad (z_\sigma)_\sigma \longmapsto (\log|z_\sigma|)_\sigma.$$

Let $\mu(K)$ denote the group of elements of finite order in $K^\times$.

Proposition 5.1.2: The group $\mu(K)$ is a finite subgroup of $\mathcal{O}_K^\times$ and we have a short exact sequence

$$1 \longrightarrow \mu(K) \longrightarrow \mathcal{O}_K^\times \longrightarrow \Gamma := \ell(\mathcal{O}_K^\times) \longrightarrow 0.$$

Proposition 5.1.3: The group $\mu(K)$ is cyclic of even order.

Example 5.1.4: For any squarefree $d \in \mathbb{Z} \smallsetminus \{1\}$ we have

$$\mu(\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})) \;=\; \begin{cases} \text{cyclic of order 6 if } d=-3, \\ \text{cyclic of order 4 if } d=-1, \\ \text{cyclic of order 2 otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

5.2 Units

Lemma 5.2.1: The group Γ is a lattice in $\mathbb{R}^\Sigma$.

Consider the homomorphisms

$$\begin{array}{llll} \mathrm{Nm}\colon & K_\mathbb{C}^\times = (\mathbb{C}^\times)^\Sigma \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}^\times, & (z_\sigma)_\sigma \longmapsto \prod_{\sigma\in\Sigma} z_\sigma \\ \mathrm{Tr}\colon & (\mathbb{R}^\times)^\Sigma \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}, & (t_\sigma)_\sigma \longmapsto \sum_{\sigma\in\Sigma} t_\sigma \end{array}$$

Lemma 5.2.2: We have a commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \mathcal{O}_K^\times & \hookrightarrow & K^\times & \overset{j}{\hookrightarrow} & (K_\mathbb{C})^\times & \overset{\ell}{\twoheadrightarrow} & \mathbb{R}^\Sigma \\ \downarrow{\scriptstyle \mathrm{Nm}} & & \downarrow{\scriptstyle \mathrm{Nm}} & & \downarrow{\scriptstyle \mathrm{Nm}} & & \downarrow{\scriptstyle \mathrm{Tr}} \\ \{\pm1\} & \hookrightarrow & \mathbb{Q}^\times & \hookrightarrow & \mathbb{C}^\times & \overset{\log|\,|}{\twoheadrightarrow} & \mathbb{R} \end{array}$$

Consider the $\mathbb{R}$-subspaces

$$\begin{array}{lll} (\mathbb{R}^\Sigma)^+ & := & \big\{(t_\sigma)_\sigma \in \mathbb{R}^\Sigma \;\big|\; \forall\sigma\colon t_{\bar\sigma} = t_\sigma\big\}, \\ H & := & \ker\big(\mathrm{Tr}\colon (\mathbb{R}^\Sigma)^+ \to \mathbb{R}. \end{array}$$

Lemma 5.2.3: We have $\Gamma \subset H$ and $\dim_\mathbb{R}(H) = r+s-1$.

5.3 Dirichlet's unit theorem

Theorem 5.3.1: The group Γ is a complete lattice in H.

Theorem 5.3.2: The group $\mathcal{O}_K^\times$ is isomorphic to $\mu(K) \times \mathbb{Z}^{r+s-1}$.

Caution 5.3.3: The isomorphism is uncanonical.

Corollary 5.3.4: The group $\mathcal{O}_K^\times$ is finite if and only if K is $\mathbb{Q}$ or imaginary quadratic.

Corollary 5.3.5: The group $\mathcal{O}_K^\times$ has $\mathbb{Z}$-rank 1 if and only if $(r,s) \in \big\{(2,0),(1,1),(0,2)\big\}$. In that case we have

$$\mathcal{O}_K^\times \;=\; \mu(K) \times \varepsilon^{\mathbb{Z}}$$

for some unit ε of infinite order.

Definition 5.3.6: Any choice of such ε is then called a *fundamental unit.*

5.4 The real quadratic case

Suppose that $K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})$ for a squarefree $d > 1$ and choose an embedding $K \hookrightarrow \mathbb{R}$.

Fact 5.4.1: There is a unique choice of fundamental unit $\varepsilon > 1$.

Proposition 5.4.2: If $\mathcal{O}_K = \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{d}]$, then

(a) $\mathcal{O}_K^\times = \big\{a + b\sqrt{d} \;\big|\; a,b \in \mathbb{Z},\ a^2 - b^2 d = \pm 1\big\}$.

(b) $\mathcal{O}_K^\times \cap \mathbb{R}^{>1} = \big\{a + b\sqrt{d} \;\big|\; a,b \in \mathbb{Z},\ a^2 - b^2 d = \pm 1,\ a,b > 0\big\}$.

(c) The fundamental unit $\varepsilon > 1$ is the element $a + b\sqrt{d} \in \mathcal{O}_K^\times \cap \mathbb{R}^{>1}$ as in (b) with the smallest value for a, or equivalently for b.

Theorem 5.4.3: For any squarefree integer $d > 1$ there are infinitely many solutions $(a,b) \in \mathbb{Z}^2$ of the diophantine equation $a^2 - b^2 d = 1$.

Remark 5.4.4: The equation $a^2 - b^2 d = -1$ may or may not have a solution $(a,b) \in \mathbb{Z}^2$.

Proposition 5.4.5: The fundamental unit $\varepsilon > 1$ of K with discriminant D satisfies

$$\varepsilon \;>\; \frac{\sqrt{D} + \sqrt{D-4}}{2} \;>\; 1.$$

Consequently, if some unit of infinite order $u > 1$ is known, we have $u = \varepsilon^k$ for some $1 \leqslant k \leqslant \log(u)/\log((\sqrt{D} + \sqrt{D-4})/2)$ and one can efficiently find ε.

Remark 5.4.6: One can effectively find ε using continued fractions.

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