



Number Theory

Book 2

"Trick" (or technique) for identifying which small integers have the form $x^2 + y^2$ or $x^2 + 3y^2$ or ...

Define $\theta(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} t^n = 1 + 2t + 2t^4 + 2t^9 + 2t^{16} + 2t^{25} + \dots = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} t^{n^2}$

$$\theta(t)^2 = (1 + 2t + 2t^4 + 2t^9 + 2t^{16} + 2t^{25} + \dots)(1 + 2t + 2t^4 + 2t^9 + 2t^{16} + 2t^{25} + \dots) = 1 + 4t + 4t^2 + 4t^4 + 8t^5 + 4t^8 + \dots + 12t^{25} + \dots$$

The powers of t appearing in this expansion are precisely the exponents expressible as a sum of two squares. The coefficient of t^n on the right hand side is the number of solutions of $n = x^2 + y^2$ ($x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$)

eg. $25 = x^2 + y^2$ has 12 solutions $(\pm 5, 0), (0, \pm 5), (\pm 3, \pm 4), (\pm 4, \pm 3)$

$5 = x^2 + y^2$ has 8 solutions $(\pm 2, \pm 1), (\pm 1, \pm 2)$

$6 = x^2 + y^2$ has 0 solutions.

$$\theta(t)^3 = 1 + 6t + 12t^2 + 8t^3 + 6t^4 + 24t^5 + 24t^6 + 12t^8 + \dots$$

$1 = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$ has six solutions $(\pm 1, 0, 0), (0, \pm 1, 0), (0, 0, \pm 1)$

$2 = \dots$ twelve $(\pm 1, \pm 1, 0), (\pm 1, 0, \pm 1), (0, \pm 1, \pm 1)$

$7 = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$ has 0 solutions

$\theta(t)^4$ has positive coefficient of t^n for every positive integer n

Lagrange's Theorem: every positive integer is a sum of four squares

Fundamental theorem of Arithmetic: Every positive integer is uniquely expressible as a product of primes. We'll explain exactly what this says and we'll prove it.

Fundamental theorem of Calculus
.. .. of Linear Algebra
.. .. of Algebra