

# Number Theory

## Book 1

$$J(x) = Li(x) - \sum_{\rho} Li(x^{\rho}) - \log(2) + \int_x^{\infty} \frac{1}{t(t^2 - 1)\log(t)} dt$$

Rational integers ("ordinary integers")  $\mathbb{Z} = \{\dots, -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\}$

(Algebraic) integers: A number  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$  is algebraic if it is a root of a nonzero poly. with coefficients in  $\mathbb{Q}$

i.e.  $f(\alpha) = 0$  for some  $f(x) = x^n + a_{n-1}x^{n-1} + \dots + a_1x + a_0$ ,  $a_i \in \mathbb{Q}$  i.e.  $f(x) = a_nx^n + a_{n-1}x^{n-1} + \dots + a_1x + a_0$ ,  $a_i \in \mathbb{Z}$  not all zero.

eg.  $\frac{\sqrt{2}}{7}$  is algebraic since it's a root of  $x^2 - \frac{2}{49} \in \mathbb{Q}[x]$  or  $49x^2 - 2 \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$ .

We say  $\alpha$  is an (algebraic) integer if  $\alpha$  is a root of a monic poly. with coefficients in  $\mathbb{Z}$  i.e.

$f(\alpha) = 0$  for some  $f(x) = x^n + a_{n-1}x^{n-1} + \dots + a_1x + a_0$ ,  $a_i \in \mathbb{Z}$

eg.  $\sqrt{2}$  is integral (it's an <sup>(algebraic)</sup> integer)

If  $\mathcal{O} = \{\alpha \in \mathbb{C} : \alpha \text{ is an algebraic integer}\} \subset \mathcal{A} \subset \mathbb{C}$

$\mathcal{A} = \{\alpha \in \mathbb{C} : \alpha \text{ is algebraic}\} \subset \mathbb{C}$

$\mathcal{O}$  is the ring of alg. int.

$\mathcal{A}$  is the field of alg. numbers.

$\mathcal{O} \cap \mathbb{Q} = \mathbb{Z}$  (the rational integers are the ordinary integers).

Fermat's equation:  $x^2 - 5y^2 = 1$  has infinitely many <sup>(ordinary)</sup> integer solutions.

$x^2 - 5y^2 = 1 \iff (x + y\sqrt{5})(x - y\sqrt{5}) = 1$  where  $x + y\sqrt{5} \in \mathcal{O}$  has Norm is  $N(x + y\sqrt{5}) = (x + y\sqrt{5})(x - y\sqrt{5}) = x^2 - 5y^2$

$N(\alpha\beta) = N(\alpha)N(\beta)$  so if  $\alpha = 9 + 4\sqrt{5}$  then  $N(\alpha) = 9^2 - 5 \cdot 4^2 = 1$  so  $N(\alpha^k) = N(\alpha)^k = 1^k = 1$

eg.  $(9 + 4\sqrt{5})^2 = 81 + 80 + 72\sqrt{5} = 161 + 72\sqrt{5}$  also has norm 1 so  $161^2 - 5 \cdot 72^2 = 1$

$(9 + 4\sqrt{5})^3 = (161 + 72\sqrt{5})(9 + 4\sqrt{5}) = 2889 + 1292\sqrt{5}$

$\mathcal{A}$  is the fraction field of  $\mathcal{O}$  i.e.  $\mathcal{A} = \{\frac{\alpha}{\beta} : \alpha, \beta \in \mathcal{O}, \beta \neq 0\}$

$\mathbb{Q} = \{\frac{a}{b} : a, b \in \mathbb{Z}, b \neq 0\}$ .

eg.  $\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3} \in \mathcal{O}$  (root of  $x^2 - 2$ ,  $x^2 - 3$  respectively)

$\Rightarrow \sqrt{2} \cdot \sqrt{3} = \sqrt{6} \in \mathcal{O}$  (root of  $x^2 - 6$ )

$\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3} \in \mathcal{O}$  (root of  $x^2 - 10x^2 + 1$ )

the min. poly. of  $\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3}$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

x	y
1	8
±9	±4
±161	±72
±2889	±1292
...	...

$$\begin{aligned} x &= \sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3} \\ x^2 &= 5 + 2\sqrt{6} \\ x^2 - 5 &= 2\sqrt{6} \\ x^4 - 10x^2 + 25 &= 24 \\ x^2 - 10x^2 + 1 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$ . If  $\alpha$  is algebraic then it has a minimal poly. over  $\mathbb{Q}$  i.e.  $m(x) \in \mathbb{Q}[x]$  is monic with  $m(\alpha) = 0$  and  $\deg m(x)$  is as small as possible. In this case  $m(x)$  is unique. All polynomials in  $\mathbb{Q}[x]$  having  $\alpha$  as a root are multiples of  $m(x)$ .

$$(m(x)) = \{h(x)m(x) : h(x) \in \mathbb{Q}[x]\}$$

$\mathbb{Q}[x]$  is a principal ideal ring (every ideal is principal).

Review: Let  $R$  be a commutative ring with identity  $1 \in R$ . (eg.  $\mathbb{Z}$ ,  $\mathbb{Q}[x]$ ).

An ideal is a subset  $J \subseteq R$ ,  $0 \in J$  such that  $J$  is closed under  $R$ -linear combinations i.e.  $ra + sb \in J$  for all  $r, s \in R$ ,  $a, b \in J$ . (Every ideal is a subring but not conversely).

Given  $a_1, \dots, a_k \in R$ , these elements generate an ideal  $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k) = \{r_1 a_1 + r_2 a_2 + \dots + r_k a_k : r_1, \dots, r_k \in R\} \subset R$ .

eg. in  $\mathbb{Z}$ ,  $(2, 6) = \{2r + 6s : r, s \in \mathbb{Z}\} = (3)$

Every ideal in  $\mathbb{Z}$  is principal i.e. generated by a single element.

Return to previous setting  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$  algebraic.

There is a ring homomorphism  $\mathbb{Q}[x] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$

$$f(x) \mapsto f(\alpha)$$

with kernel  $J = \{f(x) \in \mathbb{Q}[x] : f(\alpha) = 0\} \subset \mathbb{Q}[x]$  an ideal.

Since  $\alpha$  is algebraic,  $J = (m(x))$  with  $m(x) \neq 0$ . Scale  $m(x)$  if needed to get  $m(x)$  monic. Then  $m(x)$  is unique; it's the minimal poly. of  $\alpha$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

$\mathbb{Z}[x]$  is not a principal ideal ring

$\mathbb{Q}[x, y]$

In  $\mathbb{Q}[x, y]$ ,  $(x^2, xy, y^2) = \{f(x, y) \in \mathbb{Q}[x, y] \text{ with no const. term, no } x \text{ term, no } y \text{ term}\}$  is a non-principal ideal.

This ideal cannot be generated by 1 or 2 generators; you need at least 3 generators to generate it.

In  $\mathbb{Q}[x, y]$ , every ideal is finitely generated (there is a finite list of generators) (Hilbert's basis theorem)

In number theory, a number field <sup>(algebraic)</sup> is a finite extension  $K \supseteq \mathbb{Q}$  eg.  $\mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{2}] = \{a + b\sqrt{2} : a, b \in \mathbb{Q}\} \supset \mathbb{Q}$  is a quadratic extension.

$[K:\mathbb{Q}] = \text{degree of the extension}$

$[E:F] = \text{degree of field extension } E \supseteq F \text{ (} F \text{ subfield of } E)$   
 $= \text{dimension of } E \text{ as a vector space over } F$

$[\mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{2}]:\mathbb{Q}] = 2$  since  $\{1, \sqrt{2}\}$  is a basis for  $\mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{2}]$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

$\mathbb{C} \supset \mathbb{R} \supset \mathbb{Q}$

$[\mathbb{C}:\mathbb{R}] = 2$

$[\mathbb{C}:\mathbb{Q}] = \infty$

$[\mathbb{R}:\mathbb{Q}] = \infty$ .

$K \supseteq \mathbb{Q}$  finite extension  $n = [K:\mathbb{Q}] < \infty$ . All elements  $\alpha \in K$  are algebraic i.e.  $K \subset \mathcal{A} = \{\text{algebraic numbers}\}$ .

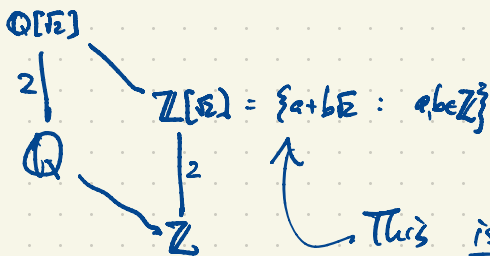
If  $\alpha \in K$  then  $1, \alpha, \alpha^2, \dots, \alpha^n$  so there exist  $a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{Q}$  not all zero, s.t.  $a_0 + a_1\alpha + \dots + a_n\alpha^n = 0$   
so  $\alpha$  is algebraic. (of degree  $\leq n$ ). The degree of an algebraic number is the degree of its min. poly.  $= [K(\alpha):\mathbb{Q}]$



$\mathcal{O} = \{\text{dg. integers in } K\}$

$K = \left\{ \frac{\alpha}{\beta} : \alpha, \beta \in \mathcal{O}, \beta \neq 0 \right\}$ .

eg.



This is a principal ideal ring.

$\mathcal{O} = \{r_1\alpha_1 + \dots + r_n\alpha_n : r_i \in \mathbb{Z}\}$

$\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n$  base for  $\mathcal{O} \supseteq \mathbb{Z}$

$\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n$  basis for  $K \supseteq \mathbb{Q}$

$\mathcal{O}$  is not always (usually) a principal ideal ring.

Every ideal  $J \subset \mathcal{O}$  has the form

$J = (a)$  or  $(a, b)$