

Exercise Set 8

- Let d be a squarefree negative integer. Show that the group of units U of the ring of integers I_d is as follows:
 - For $d = -1$, $U = \{\pm 1, \pm i\}$ where $i = \sqrt{-1}$,
 - For $d = -3$, $U = \{\pm 1, \pm \omega, \pm \omega^2\}$ where $\omega = (\sqrt{-3} + 1)/2$,
 - For all other $d < 0$, $U = \{\pm 1\}$.
- Let R be an integral domain and x, y are non-zero elements of R . Show that the following are equivalent:
 - x and y are associates, (An element y is called an associate of x if $x = uy$ for a unit u in R .)
 - $x|y$ and $y|x$, (We write $x|y$ if there exists $z \in R$ such that $y = xz$.)
 - $(x) = (y)$.
- Prove that a prime element in an integral domain is irreducible. Show that the converse is not true in general.
- Show that $\sqrt{-5}$ is a prime element in I_{-5} . Is $1 + \sqrt{-5}$ a prime element? What about $3 + 2\sqrt{-5}$?
- Show that I_d is not a UFD for $-d \in \{5, 6, 10, 13, 14, 15, 17, 21, 22, 23, 26, 29, 30\}$.
- Is $10 = (3 + i)(3 - i) = 2 \cdot 5$ an example of non-unique factorization in $\mathbf{Z}[i]$.
- Show that 6 and $2(1 + \sqrt{-5})$ do not have a greatest common factor in I_{-5} . Do they have a least common multiple?
- If R is a Euclidean domain then the greatest common factor exist for each pair of nonzero elements α and β . Moreover $\gcd(\alpha, \beta)$ can be found by the Euclidean algorithm.
 - Show that $(\alpha, \beta) = (\gcd(\alpha, \beta))$.
 - Find a generator for the ideal $(x^4 - 1, x^3 - x)$ in $\mathbf{Q}[x]$.