

# Math 40520 Theory of Number

## Homework 10

Due Wednesday, 2015-12-09, in class

**Do 5 of the following 8 problems. Please only attempt 5 because I will only grade 5.**

1. For a positive integer  $n$  let  $f(n) = \#\{(x, y, z, t) \in \mathbb{Z}^4 \mid n = xyzt\}$  the number of ways to write  $n$  as an ordered product of 4 integers. For example 12 can be written in 4 ways as  $12 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1$ , in 12 ways as  $6 \cdot 2 \cdot 1 \cdot 1$ , in 12 ways as  $4 \cdot 3 \cdot 1 \cdot 1$  and 12 ways as  $3 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 1$  for a total of  $f(12) = 40$ .

(a) Show that  $D_f(s) = \zeta(s)^4$ .

(b) Show that

$$f(n) = \sum_{d^2|n} \tau(n/d^2)^2$$

(For example  $f(12) = 40 = \tau(12)^2 + \tau(3)^2 = 6^2 + 2^2$ .) [Hint: Compare the Dirichlet series of  $\tau^2$  and  $f$ .]

2. Show that  $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{3}]$  is a Euclidean domain. [Hint: similar to  $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{2}]$ , but needs one more step.]
3. Consider the Euclidean domain  $R = \mathbb{Z}[i]$ . Find the gcd of  $x = 21 + 47i$  and  $y = 62 + 9i$  using the Euclidean algorithm.
4. Consider the Euclidean domain  $R = \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{2}]$  and let  $x = 36 - 19\sqrt{2}$  and  $y = 35 - 31\sqrt{2}$ . Compute the Bézout identity: find the gcd  $d = (x, y)$  and two elements  $p, q \in \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{2}]$  such that  $d = xp + yq$ .
5. Show that  $2, 3, 1 \pm \sqrt{-5}$  are irreducible in the domain  $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-5}]$ , but they are not prime. Conclude that  $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-5}]$  is not a Euclidean domain.
6. Show that if a prime integer  $p$  is  $\equiv \pm 3 \pmod{8}$  then  $p$  is a prime element of the domain  $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{2}]$ .
7. Consider the set  $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt[3]{2}] = \{a + b\sqrt[3]{2} + c\sqrt[3]{4} \mid a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  as a subset of  $\mathbb{R}$ .
- (a) Show that  $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt[3]{2}]$  is a domain. [Hint: check if it is closed under  $+, -, \cdot$ .]
- (b) Take for granted that  $N(a + b\sqrt[3]{2} + c\sqrt[3]{4}) = a^3 + 2b^3 + 4c^3 - 8abc$  satisfies the following two properties: i.  $N(xy) = N(x)N(y)$  for all  $x, y$  of the form  $a + b\sqrt[3]{2} + c\sqrt[3]{4}$  and ii.  $N(x) = 0$  if and only if  $x = 0$  (this is a boring exercise). If  $a, b, c \in (0, 1/2)$  show that  $N(a + b\sqrt[3]{2} + c\sqrt[3]{4}) \in (-1, 1)$ .
- (c) Show that  $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt[3]{2}]$  is a Euclidean domain with Euclidean function  $d(x) = |N(x)|$ .

( $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt[3]{3}]$  also has  $d(x) = |N(x)|$  as a Euclidean function but these are the only two examples of this kind.)