

10pt **8.2.4.** Let  $R$  be an integral domain. Prove that the following two conditions (together) imply that  $R$  is a PID:

- (i) Any two nonzero elements  $a, b \in R$  have a greatest common divisor of the form  $ra + sb$  for some  $r, s \in R$ .  
(ii)  $R$  satisfies the ascending chain condition for principal ideals: if  $a_1, a_2, \dots$  are nonzero elements of  $R$  such that  $a_{i+1} \mid a_i$  for all  $i$ , then there is  $n$  such that the elements  $a_n, a_{n+1}, \dots$  are all associate.

*Solution.* Condition (i) says that any ideal  $(a, b)$  generated by two elements is principal.

Let  $I$  be a nonzero ideal in  $R$ . Choose any nonzero  $a_1 \in I$ . If  $I \neq (a_1)$ , choose any  $b_2 \in I \setminus (a_1)$ . By assumption, the ideal  $(a_1, b_2)$  is principal,  $= (a_2)$  for some  $a_2 \in R$ . If  $I \neq (a_2)$ , choose  $b_3 \in I \setminus (a_2)$ , etc. The sequence  $(a_1) \subset (a_2) \subset \dots$  is a strictly increasing sequence of principal ideals, by condition (ii) it cannot be infinite, that is,  $I = (a_n)$  for some  $n$ .

10pt **8.1.7(a).** Find the generator for the ideal  $(85, 1 + 13i)$  in  $\mathbb{Z}[i]$ .

*Solution.* The problem is to find the gcd of 85 and  $1 + 13i$ . We could try to guess it, using the field norm  $N$ . But since  $\mathbb{Z}[i]$  is a ED, we can use the Euclidean algorithm instead. We have  $85/(1 + 13i) = 0.5 - 6.5i$ ; as the nearest element of  $\mathbb{Z}[i]$  take  $-6i$ , and get

$$85 = (-6i)(1 + 13i) + (7 + 6i).$$

Next,  $(1 + 13i)/(7 + 6i) = 1 + i$ , so  $7 + 6i$  divides  $1 + 13i$ ,

$$1 + 13i = (1 + i)(7 + 6i),$$

which means that we are done, and  $(85, 1 + 13i) = (7 + 6i)$ .

10pt **8.1.9.** Prove that the ring  $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{2}]$  is a ED with respect to the norm  $N(a + b\sqrt{2}) = |a^2 - 2b^2|$ .

*Solution.*  $N$  is the absolute value of the field norm, and is a multiplicative function. Now, given  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathcal{O}$ ,  $\alpha \neq 0$ , write  $\beta/\alpha = x + y\sqrt{2}$  with  $x, y \in \mathbb{Q}$ . Find  $c, d \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $|x - c|, |y - d| \leq 1/2$ , and put  $\gamma = c + d\sqrt{2}$ . Then

$$N(\beta/\alpha - \gamma) = N((x + y\sqrt{2}) - (c + d\sqrt{2})) = |(x - c)^2 - 2(y - d)^2| \leq 1/2,$$

so, for  $\delta = \beta - \gamma\alpha$ , we have  $N(\delta) = N(\beta/\alpha - \gamma)N(\alpha) \leq \frac{1}{2}N(\alpha) < N(\alpha)$ . Hence, we have  $\beta = \gamma\alpha + \delta$ , with  $\gamma, \delta \in \mathcal{O}$ , and  $N(\delta) < N(\alpha)$ , which proves that  $\mathcal{O}$  is Euclidean.

**8.3.5.** Let  $R = \mathbb{Z}[\omega]$  where  $\omega = \sqrt{-n}$  and  $n$  is a squarefree integer  $\geq 5$ .

5pt (a) Prove that 2 is irreducible in  $R$ .

*Solution.* For  $\alpha = a + b\omega \in R$ ,  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ , we have  $N(\alpha) = a^2 + nb^2$ , and if  $b \neq 0$ , then  $N(\alpha) \geq n$ . If  $\alpha \mid 2$  then  $N(\alpha) \mid N(2) = 4$ , so  $b = 0$ , so  $\alpha = a \mid 2$ , so  $a = \pm 1, \pm 2$ . Hence, 2 is irreducible.

5pt (b) Prove that 2 is not prime in  $R$  and deduce that  $R$  is not a UFD.

*Solution.* If  $n$  is even, then  $2 \mid n = -\omega^2$ , but  $2 \nmid \omega$ . (For any  $\alpha = a + b\omega \in R$  the element  $2\alpha = 2a + 2b\omega$  has even coefficients.)

If  $n$  is odd, then  $2 \mid (1 + n) = (1 - \omega)(1 + \omega)$ , but  $2 \nmid 1 \pm \omega$ .

So, in both cases, the irreducible element 2 is not prime, hence,  $R$  is not a UFD.

**8.3.8.** Let  $\mathcal{O} = \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-5}]$ , the ring of quadratic integers associated with  $D = -5$ . Let  $\alpha = 1 + \sqrt{-5}$ , then  $\bar{\alpha} = 1 - \sqrt{-5}$ .

5pt (b) Let  $I_2 = (2, \alpha)$  and  $I_3 = (3, \alpha)$ , then  $\bar{I}_3 = (3, \bar{\alpha})$ . Prove that  $\bar{I}_2 = I_2$ , and that  $I_2, I_3$ , and  $\bar{I}_3$  are maximal ideals in  $\mathcal{O}$ .

*Solution.* Since  $\bar{\alpha} = 2 - \alpha$ ,  $I_2$  is "self-conjugate":  $I_2 = (2, \alpha) = (2, \bar{\alpha}) = \bar{I}_2$ .

In  $R/I_2$ ,  $2 = 0$  and  $\sqrt{-5} = -1 = 1$ , so  $R/I_2 \cong \mathbb{Z}_2$ , which is a field, so  $I_2$  is maximal.

In  $R/I_3$ ,  $3 = 0$  and  $\sqrt{-5} = -2 = 1$ , so  $R/I_3 \cong \mathbb{Z}_3$ , which is a field, so  $R/I_3$  is maximal.

$\bar{I}_3$  is conjugate to  $I_3$ , so is also maximal.

10pt (c) Prove that  $(2) = I_2^2$ ,  $(3) = I_3\bar{I}_3$ ,  $(\alpha) = I_2I_3$ , and  $(\bar{\alpha}) = I_2\bar{I}_3$ .

*Solution.*

$$I_2^2 = (2^2, 2\alpha, \alpha^2) = (4, 2 + 2\sqrt{-5}, -4 + 2\sqrt{-5}).$$

All the generators of  $I_2^2$  are divisible by 2, so  $I_2^2 \subseteq (2)$ . Also,  $2 = -4 + (2 + 2\sqrt{-5}) - (-4 + 2\sqrt{-5})$ , so  $2 \in I_2^2$ , so  $(2) \subseteq I_2^2$ .

$$I_3\bar{I}_3 = (3^2, 3\bar{\alpha}, 3\alpha, \alpha\bar{\alpha}) = (3^2, 3\bar{\alpha}, 3\alpha, 6),$$

so  $I_3\bar{I}_3 \subseteq (3)$ . Also,  $3 = 9 - 6$ , so  $(3) \subseteq I_3\bar{I}_3$ .

$$I_2I_3 = (2 \cdot 3, 2\alpha, 3\alpha, \alpha^2).$$

Since  $2 \cdot 3 = 6 = \alpha\bar{\alpha}$ , all the generators of  $I_2I_3$  are divisible by  $\alpha$ , so  $I_2I_3 \subseteq (\alpha)$ . Also,  $3\alpha - 2\alpha = \alpha$ , so  $(\alpha) \subseteq I_2I_3$ .

Since  $I_2 = \bar{I}_2$ ,  $I_2\bar{I}_3 = \overline{I_2I_3}$ , so  $I_2\bar{I}_3 = (\bar{\alpha})$ .

Now,  $(6) = (2)(3) = I_2^2I_3\bar{I}_3$ , and  $(6) = (\alpha)(\bar{\alpha}) = I_2\bar{I}_3I_2I_3 = I_2^2I_3\bar{I}_3$ .

10pt

**8.3.9.** If a quadratic integer ring  $\mathcal{O}$  is a PID, prove that the absolute value  $|N|$  of the field norm  $N$  on  $\mathcal{O}$  is a Dedekind-Hasse norm.

*Solution.* Let  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathcal{O}$ . Since  $\mathcal{O}$  is a PID, the ideal  $(\alpha, \beta) = (\gamma)$  for some  $\gamma \in \mathcal{O}$ . Then  $\gamma \mid \beta$ , so  $N(\gamma) \mid N(\beta)$ , so  $|N(\gamma)| \leq |N(\beta)|$ . If  $|N(\gamma)| = |N(\beta)|$ , then  $N(\beta/\gamma) = \pm 1$ , so  $\beta/\gamma$  is a unit, so  $(\beta, \alpha) = (\gamma) = (\beta)$ , so  $\alpha \in (\beta)$ . Otherwise  $|N(\gamma)| < |N(\beta)|$ , which just proves that  $|N|$  is a Dedekind-Hasse norm.