

Euclidean domain \Rightarrow Principal Ideal domain

\Rightarrow Uniquely factorization domain

Defn (UFD). $\forall a \in R$. if a is not irreducible

$a = a_1 b_1$. neither a_1 nor b_1
is unit

$a_1 = c_1 d_1$, $b_1 = c_2 d_2 \dots$

Factoring terminates if after finite steps, all
the factors are irreducible.

$a = p_1 p_2 p_3 \dots p_m$. p_i are irreducible.
 $= q_1 q_2 \dots q_n$ q_m are irreducible.

The irreducible factorization is unique,

if $m=n$, and after rearranging
 $q_1 \dots q_n$ suitably, q_i is an associate
of p_i for each i .

Example:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{In } \mathbb{Z}[i] \quad 5 &= (1+2i)(1-2i) \\ &= (2+i)(2-i). \end{aligned}$$

$1-2i$ and $2+i$ are associates.

$$(2+i)i = 1-2i.$$

$i(-i) = -1$ i is a unit
in $\mathbb{Z}[i]$.

Lemma 1: In an integral domain R , any prime element is irreducible

Pf: p prime element, if $p \mid ab$,
then $p \mid a$ or $p \mid b$.

p irreducible if $p = ab$ one of a, b
must be unit. (or one of a, b is
an associate of p)

If p is prime and $p = ab$, then

$$p|a \quad \text{or} \quad p|b.$$

Assume $a = p \cdot c$.

$$\text{then } p = p \cdot c \cdot b \Rightarrow bc = 1.$$

Lemma 2: If R is PID, then every irreducible element is a prime element.

Pf: Assume p is irreducible, then there is no principal ideal

$$(p) \subsetneq (c) \subsetneq (1).$$

So (p) is maximal ideal.

$R/(p)$ is a field.

So p is prime.

Prop: i) Suppose factoring process terminates in R . Then R is UFD iff every irreducible element is a prime element.

(ii) PID is UFD.

i) Pf: \Leftarrow $a = p_1 p_2 \dots p_m$
 $= q_1 q_2 \dots q_h$

$m \leq h$, induction on n .

$n = 1$, then $a = p_1 = q_1$.

$n \geq 2$, q_1 irreducible $\Rightarrow q_1$ prime \Rightarrow

q_1 divides $p_1 \dots p_m$, then

q_1 divides p_j .

Assume $q_1 \mid p_1$, since p_1 is irreducible.

q_1 is a unit or associates with p_1 .
Since q_1 is irreducible, q_1 is not
a unit, so q_1, p_1 are associates.

We can assume $q_1 = p_1$ by multiplying
a unit to p_1 .

So $q_2 q_3 \cdots q_n = p_2 \cdots p_m$.

(iii) We only need to prove that
factoring terminates.

Prop: ① and ② are equivalent.

① Factoring terminates

② R does not contain an infinite

strictly increasing chain

$(a_1) \subsetneq (a_2) \subsetneq \cdots \subsetneq \cdots$

$$\textcircled{1} \Rightarrow \textcircled{2}. \quad (a_1) \subsetneq (a_2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow a_1 &= a_2 b_1 && b_1 \text{ not unit} \\ &= a_3 b_2 b_1 \\ &= \dots \end{aligned}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \Rightarrow \textcircled{1}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} a_1 &= a_2 b_1 \\ &= a_3 b_2 b_1 \\ &= \dots \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{then } (a_1) \subsetneq (a_2) \subsetneq \dots$$

For PID, if $(a_1) \subseteq (a_2) \subseteq \dots$

Take the union $\bigcup (a_i) = I$.

I is an ideal, and $I = (a)$.

So $a \in \bigcup (a_i)$. assume

$a \in (a_j)$, then $(a_j) = \bigcup (a_i)$

$$\text{So } (a_j) = (a_{j+1}) = \dots$$

Non UFD.

$$\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-5}]$$

$$6 = 2 \cdot 3 = (1 + \sqrt{-5})(1 - \sqrt{-5})$$

$2, 3, 1 + \sqrt{-5}, 1 - \sqrt{-5}$ are all
irreducible.