

Math 3032    Lecture 19    (1 April 2021)

Final HW due April 6

Last time: "norms" on a ring. Best behaved version:

Defn: Let  $R$  be an integral domain. A

multiplicative norm on  $R$  is a function

$$N: R \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \quad \text{s.t.}$$

$$(\star) \quad N(ab) = N(a)N(b)$$

$$(\star\star) \quad N(a) = 0 \quad \text{iff} \quad a = 0.$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{if } a, b \neq 0, \\ & |N(ab)| \\ & = |N(a)| |N(b)| \\ & \quad \underbrace{\geq 1} \\ & \geq |N(b)| \end{aligned}$$

Niceness, not obligatory, property:

$$(\star\star\star) \quad \text{If } N(a) = \pm 1 \text{ then } a \text{ is a unit.}$$

converse is automatic.

Lemma:  
(~~\*~~, ~~\*\*~~, ~~\*\*\*~~) imply: if  $\alpha, \beta \in R$   
and  $\alpha, \beta \neq 0$  and  $\beta$  is not a unit,  
then  $|N(\alpha\beta)| > |N(\alpha)|$

Pf: If  $\beta \neq 0$  not a unit, then  $|N(\beta)| \geq 2$ .  
~~\*\*~~:  $|N(\beta)| \neq 0$       ~~\*\*\*~~:  $|N(\beta)| \neq 1$

Cor: If  $\pi \in R$  and  $N(\pi) = p$  is a <sup>nonzero</sup> prime in  $\mathbb{Z}$ ,  
then  $\pi$  is irred in  $R$ .

Pf: Contrapositively, if  $\pi = \alpha\beta$  for  $\alpha, \beta$  both  
not units, then  $N(\pi) = N(\alpha)N(\beta)$   
would be a factorization into two non-units in  $\mathbb{Z}$ .  $\square$

Our main example of a normed ring is

$$\text{Gaussian integers} \quad \mathbb{Z}[i] = \left\{ a+ib \text{ s.t. } a, b \in \mathbb{Z} \right\} \\ \subseteq \mathbb{C}$$

$$N(\alpha) = \alpha \bar{\alpha} = a^2 + b^2 \quad \text{if } \alpha = a+ib.$$

This norm is Euclidean:

$$(\text{****}) \text{ Given } \alpha, \beta \text{ non zero, } \exists q, r \\ \text{s.t. } \alpha = q\beta + r \text{ and } |N(r)| < |N(\beta)|.$$

This implied that  $\mathbb{Z}[i]$  is a PID and thus a UFD.

Let's work out what are all of its primes.

We'll find out that the Cor on previous slide is almost iff.

Let's suppose  $\pi \in \mathbb{Z}[i]$  is prime.

We'll study  $N(\pi) = \pi \cdot \bar{\pi}$ . ring automorphism.

Observe: If  $\pi$  is prime then so is its complex conj.  $\bar{\pi}$ .

Indeed, if  $\bar{\pi} = \alpha \beta$  then  $\pi = \bar{\alpha} \bar{\beta}$ .

In  $\mathbb{Z}[i]$ ,  $N(\pi)$  factors into a product of exactly two primes. Since  $\mathbb{Z}[i]$  is a UFD, this factorization is unique (up to associates). So "two" is sharp.

So in particular  $N(\pi)$  cannot have more than two factors in  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

using:  
if  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$   
not a unit,  
then it is  
still a unit  
in  $\mathbb{Z}[i]$ .

Two cases:

(1)  $N(\pi) = p$  is prime in  $\mathcal{D}$ .

This is the case in the cor.

(2)  $N(\pi) = p \cdot q$  where  $p, q$  are primes in  $\mathcal{D}$ ,  
(perhaps  $p = q$ ).

Lemma: In case (2), indeed  $p = q$ .

Pf:  $N(\pi) = \pi \cdot \bar{\pi}$  both prime.

$p \cdot q$  valid factorizations in  $\mathcal{D}[i]$ .

So up to  $p \leftrightarrow q$ , must have

$\bar{\pi} \sim q$   
 $\pi \sim p$  ie.  $\pi = \begin{matrix} \pm p \\ \pm i p \end{matrix}$

$\bar{\pi} \sim \bar{p} = p$

So  $p \sim q$  in  $\mathcal{D}[i]$

so  $p = q$ .

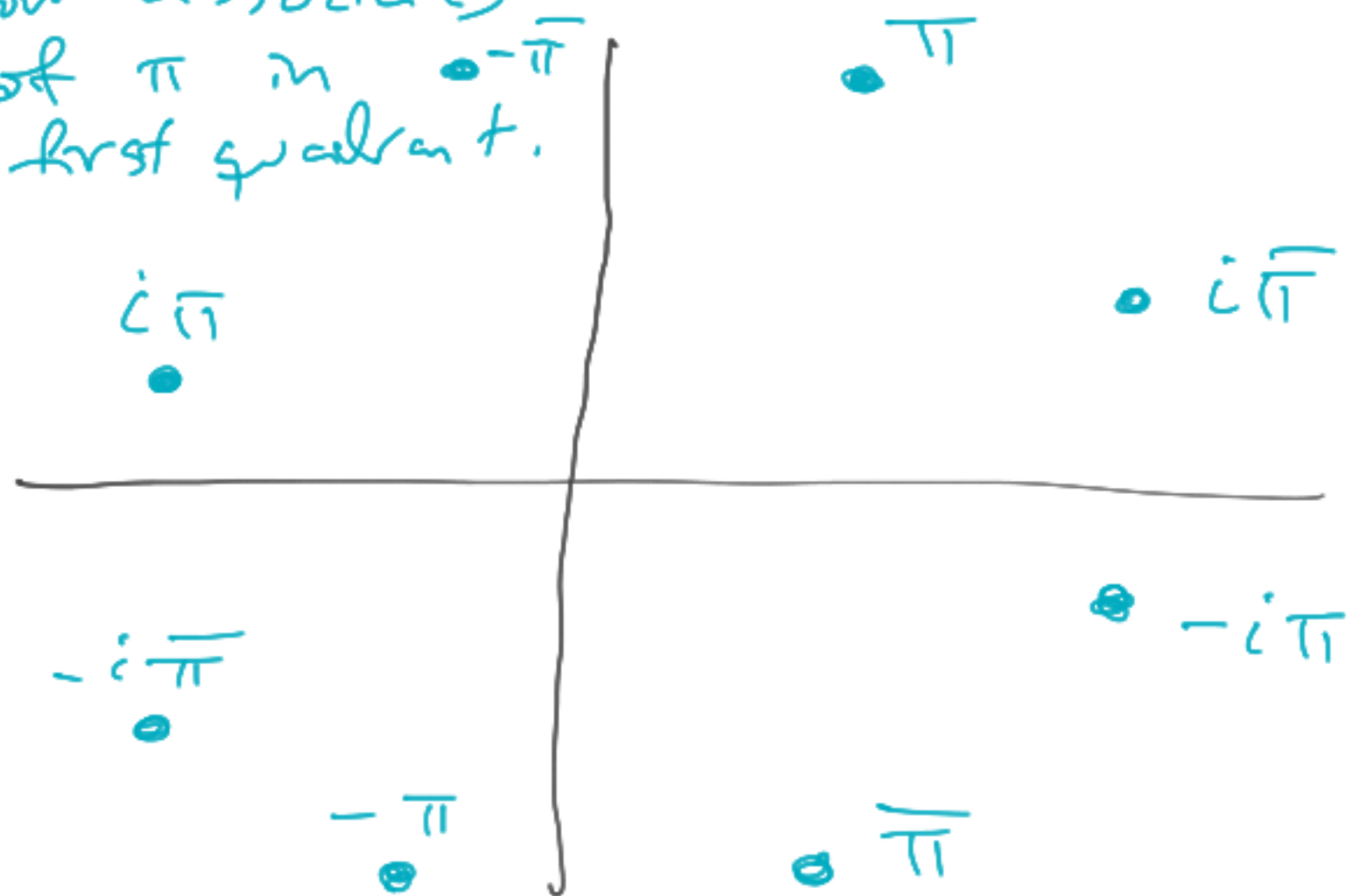
Summary: <sup>nonzero</sup> Primes  $\pi \in \mathbb{Z}[i]$

$$(1) N(\pi) = p$$

$\exists$  prime in  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

$\pi \notin \mathbb{Z}$  otherwise  $N(\pi) = \pi^2$   
would be a square integer.

One of the four associates of  $\pi$  in first quadrant.

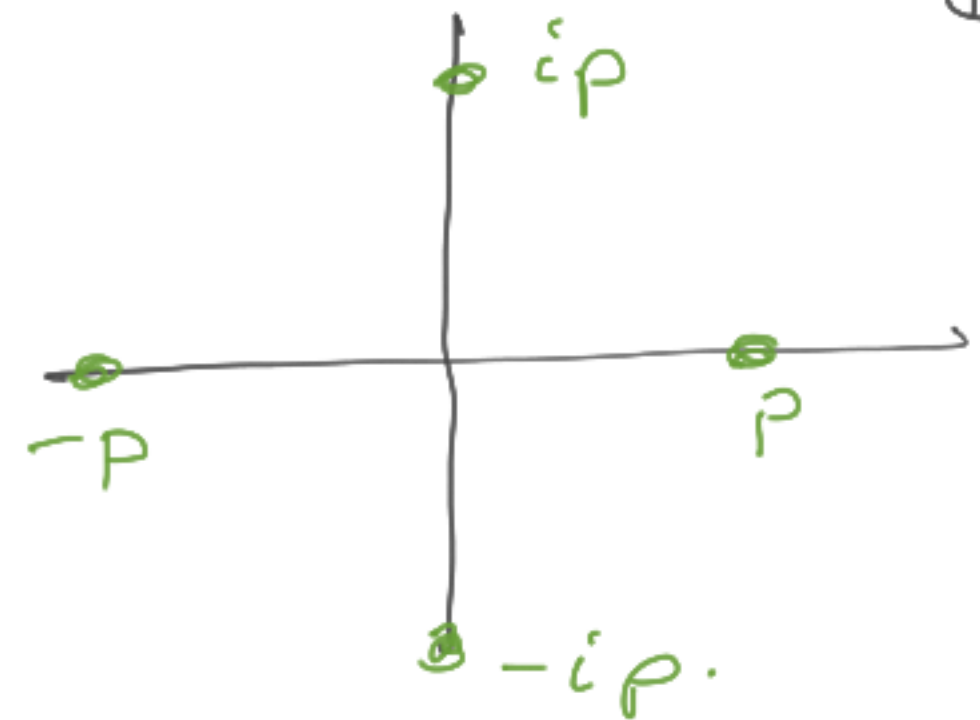


come in two sets:

$$(2) N(\pi) = p^2$$

$p$  is prime in  $\mathbb{Z}$

$$\pi \sim p$$



Need to decide:

which case  $\exists$  which?

i.e. given  $p \in \mathbb{Z}$  prime,

$\exists$  it prime in  $\mathbb{Z}[i]$  or  $N(\pi)$ ?

Let  $\pi = a + ib$ .

$$N(\pi) = a^2 + b^2$$

$$= 0 + 0$$

$$0 + 1$$

$$1 + 0$$

$$1 + 1$$

$$\pmod{4}$$

In other words,

$$\text{if } n = 3 \pmod{4}$$

then  $n \neq N(\alpha)$  for any  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}[i]$ .

So if  $p = 3 \pmod{4}$  is prime

3, 7, 11, 19, ...

then  $p$  is in case (2), i.e. it is prime in  $\mathbb{Z}[i]$ .

if  $n = 2k$  even, then

$$a^2 = 0 \pmod{4}$$

$$\text{"}$$
$$4k^2$$

if  $n$  odd

$$2k+1$$

$$a^2 = 1 \pmod{4}$$

$$\text{"}$$

$$4k^2 + 4k + 1$$

$p=2$  is the only even prime. It is (1):  
 $2 = N(1+i)$ .  $1+i$  is therefore prime.

left to study:  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ .

Punchline will be that is case (1).

Prop: If  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ , then  $-1$  is a square mod  $p$ . } i.e. " $-1$  is a quadratic residue".

Pf: We want to show that there is  
 $a \in \mathbb{Z}_p^\times$  s.t.  $a^2 = -1$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ .

Since  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  is a field,  $\mathbb{Z}_p^\times$  is an abelian  
grp of order  $p-1=4k$ . We showed a month ago  
that it was cyclic  $\mathbb{Z}_{p-1} \cdot g$ .  $g^k$  would have  
order 4.



Claim:  $\mathbb{Z}_p^*$  contains an element of exact order 4. i.e.  $\exists a \in \mathbb{Z}_p^*$  st.  $a^4 = 1$  but  $a^2 \neq 1$ .

Pf of claim: Since  $\mathbb{Z}_p^*$  has order  $4k$  and  $a^4 = 1$ ,

$\mathbb{Z}_p^* \supseteq \mathbb{Z}_4$  cyclic gp of order 4

or  $\mathbb{Z}_2^2$  Klein-4 gp.

In the latter case, there would be 2 or 4 solutions

to  $x^2 = 1$ . Impossible since  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  is a field. proves the claim.

So  $a^4 = 1$  so  $(a^2)^2 = 1$  but  $a^2 \neq 1$  so  $a^2 = -1$ .

□

Spelled out, the proposition says

$$\exists n \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ s.t. } n^2 \equiv -1 \pmod{p}$$

i.e.  $n^2 = lp - 1$  i.e.  $n^2 + 1 = lp$ .

$$n^2 + 1 = \mathcal{N}(\overbrace{n+ci}^{\alpha}) \quad p \mid n^2 + 1$$
$$= \alpha \bar{\alpha}$$

Since we're in a UFD and  $p \mid \alpha \bar{\alpha}$ ,  
the same prime factor  $\checkmark$  of  $p$  divides  $\alpha$  or  $\bar{\alpha}$ .  
If  $p$  itself were prime in  $\mathbb{Z}[i]$ , i.e. if  $p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$  case (2)  
then  $p \mid \alpha$  or  $\bar{\alpha}$  i.e.  $p \mid n \pm ci$ .

If  $p \mid n \pm i$  then  $\exists \beta = (a + ib)$   
 $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

s.t.  $p\beta = n \pm i$

$$pa + ipb$$

so

$$pb = \pm 1$$

impossible.

Thm: If  $p \in \mathbb{Z}$  is prime then

•  $p = 2$  or  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4} \iff p = N(\pi)$  for  
some prime  $\pi \in \mathbb{Z}[i]$ .

•  $p \equiv 3 \pmod{4} \iff p$  is prime in  $\mathbb{Z}[i]$ .

And all primes in  $\mathbb{Z}[i]$  are of this form.

Counting: In case (2), get

for each  $\pm$  prime in  $\mathbb{Z}$ ,

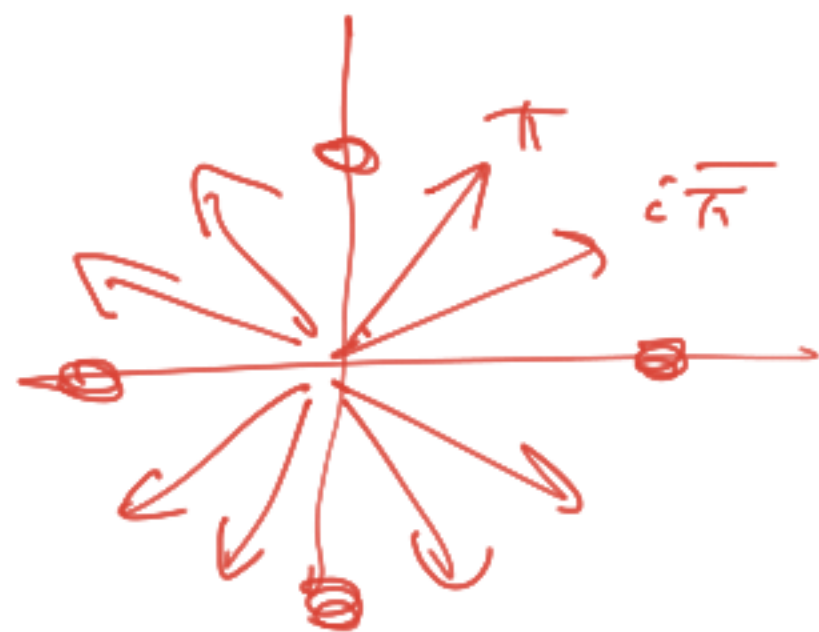
$1 \times 4$  primes in  $\mathbb{Z}[i]$   
↑ associates

In case (1),  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$

$\pi = a + ib \rightsquigarrow$  up to associates,  
 $a, b > 0$ .  
one even other odd.

$$i\bar{\pi} = b + ia.$$

$\pi, \bar{\pi} \rightsquigarrow 2 \times 4$  primes in  $\mathbb{Z}[i]$ .  
↑ associates



why not  
more?

$$\begin{aligned} \text{If } N(\pi) &= \pi\bar{\pi} \\ &= N(\pi') = \pi'\bar{\pi}' \end{aligned}$$

all primes, so

$$\pi \sim \pi' \sim \bar{\pi}'$$

$$\bar{\pi} \sim \bar{\pi}' \sim \pi'$$

( $a^2 + b^2$  theorem)

Given  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , in how many ways  
can it be expressed as  $a^2 + b^2$ ?

$$r_1^*(n) \quad \alpha = a + ib$$

Outline of the answer:

- factor  $n$  into primes in  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

$$n \in \mathbb{Z} = 2^{k_2} \cdot 3^{k_3} \cdot 5^{k_5} \dots$$

$$k_p \in \mathbb{N}$$

all but finitely  
may zero.

- if any  $k_p$  for  $p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$   
odd, no solutions.

because  $p$  prime in  $\mathbb{Z}[i]$ , divides  $\alpha$  iff  $p \mid \alpha$   
so  $r_1^*(n)$  must have even # of  $p$ 's.

• primes  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ ,

$$\alpha \bar{\alpha} = \dots 5^3 \dots$$

each of these "5"s factors in  $\mathbb{Z}[i]$

$$\text{as } \pi \cdot \bar{\pi}$$

$$\text{" } (2+i)(2-i)$$



must assign  
to  $\alpha, \bar{\alpha}$   
in some order.

Cont:

•  $p \equiv 3 \pmod{4} \rightsquigarrow k_p$  must be even, 1 choice up to associativity,  
else no solns

•  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4} \rightsquigarrow 2^{k_p}$  choices (up to assoc.)

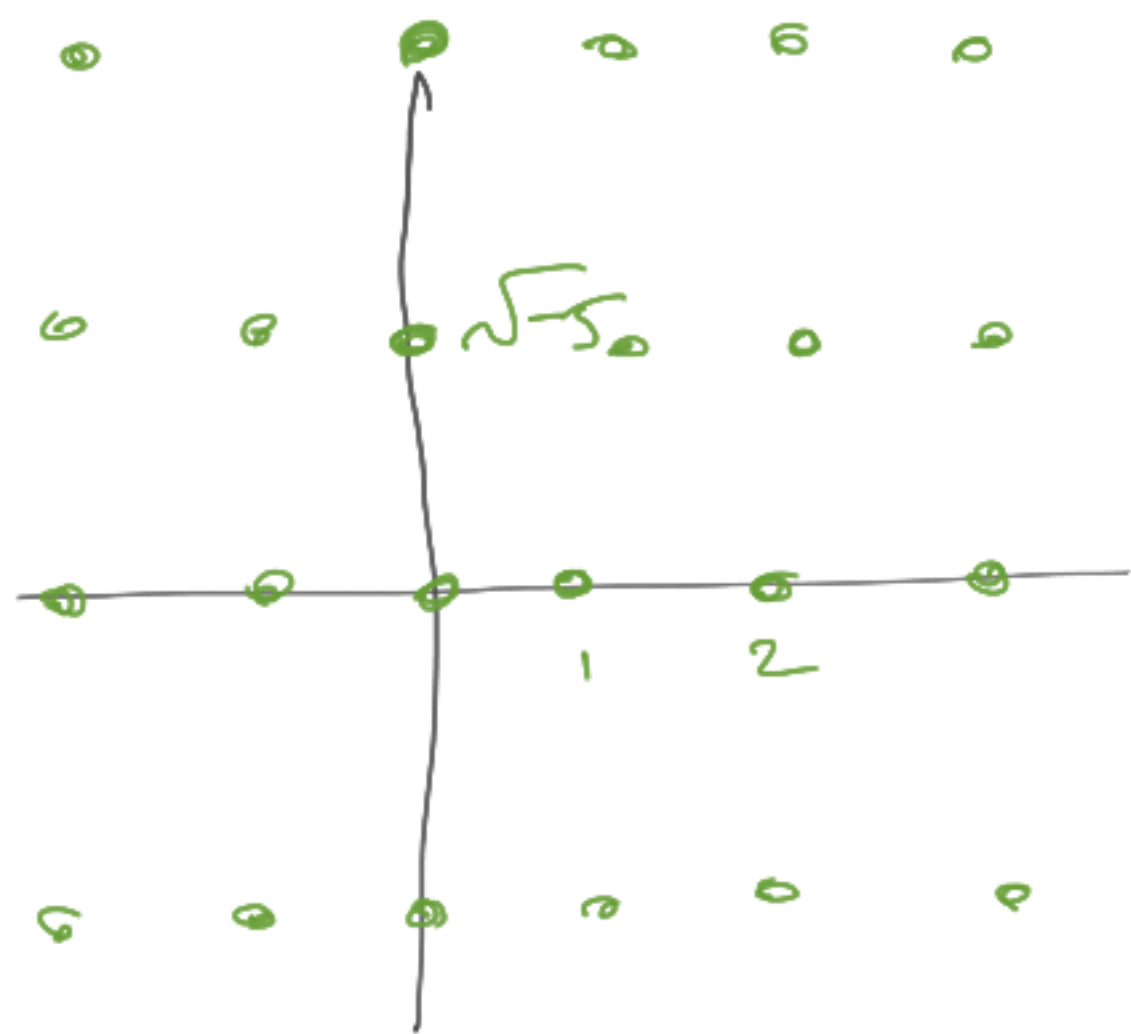
Over the last few weeks, we proved that a bunch of common rings are UFDs.

e.g.  $\mathbb{Z}[i]$   $\mathbb{Z}[x, y]$ .

It's past due to describe a non UFD.  $\alpha$

The standard example:  $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-5}] = \{ \sqrt{a^2 + b^2(-5)} \} \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ .

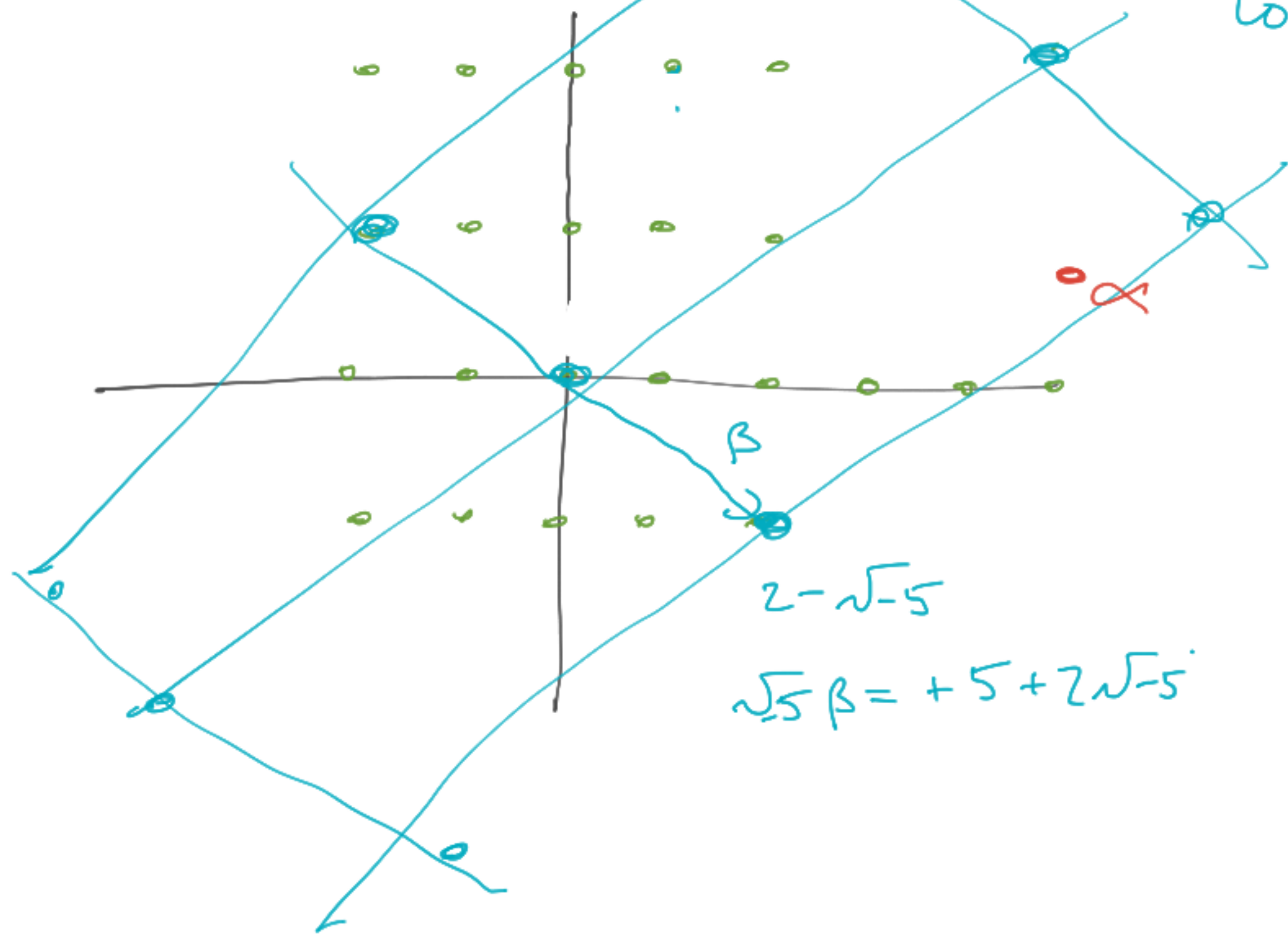
$\sqrt{-5}$   
 $\approx 2.2i$



Does have a multiplicative norm.

$$N(\alpha) = \alpha \bar{\alpha} \\ = a^2 + 5b^2.$$

$R = \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-5}]$   
 Why not Euclidean?



Given  $\beta \neq 0 \quad \zeta \in R$

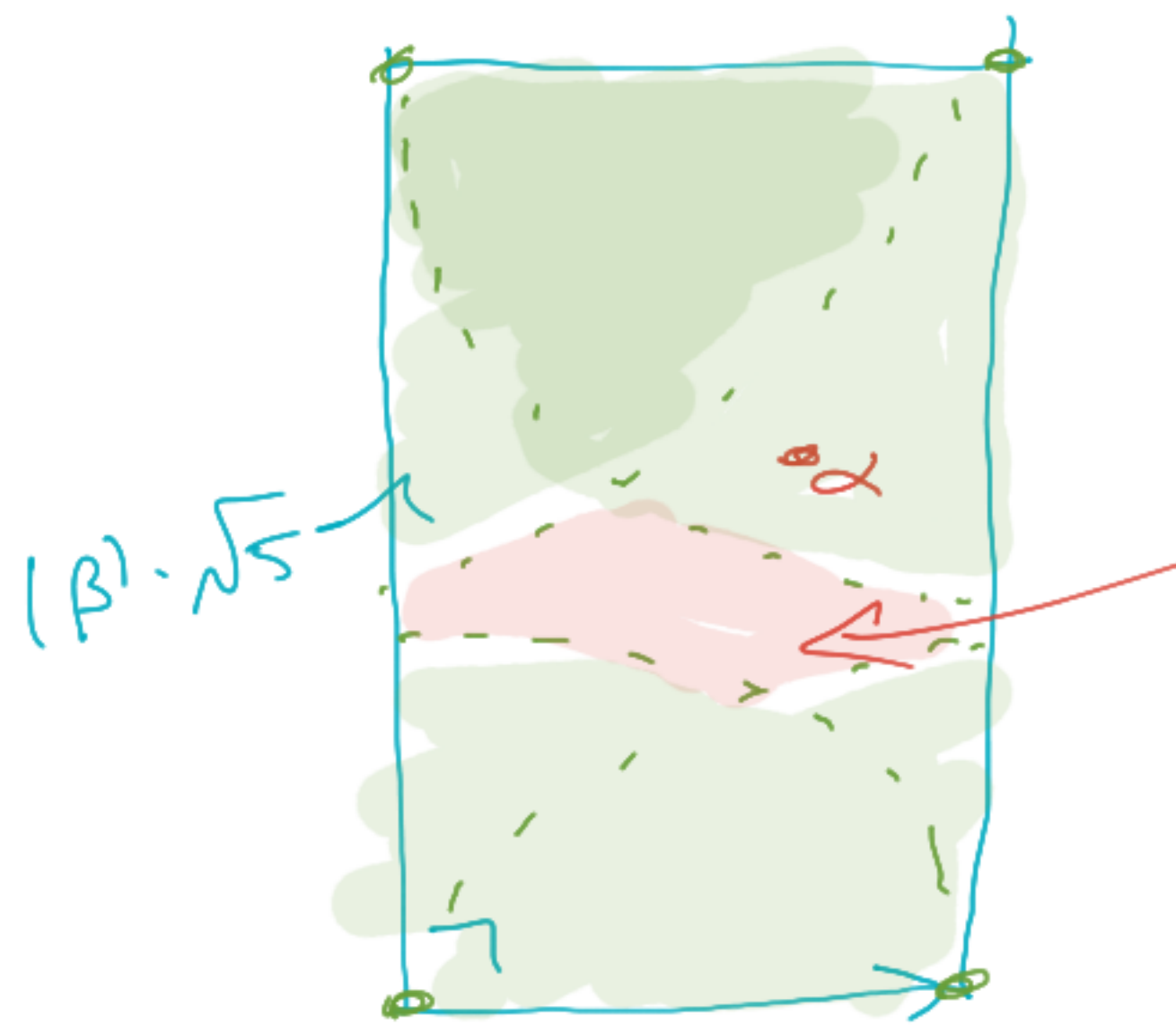
look at  $\langle \beta \rangle = \{\zeta\beta\}$

It is a rescaled  
 rotated copy of  
 $R$ .

Given  $\alpha$ , is there  
 $\zeta\beta$  near by? want:

$$\alpha = \zeta\beta + r \quad N(r) < N(\beta)$$





$$|\beta| = \sqrt{N(\beta)}$$

$$N(\beta) = |\beta|^2$$

Some  $\alpha$ 's work,  
not all

region far from any  
multiple of  $\beta$ .

So  $(\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-5}], N)$   
not Euclidean.

It could still be a UFD.

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

Claim: 2, 3,  $1 \pm \sqrt{-5}$  are non-associate  
irreducibles.

so  
not  
a  
UFD.

$$2 \nmid 1 \pm \sqrt{-5}$$

because  $N(2) = 4$   $N(1 \pm \sqrt{-5}) = 6$ . ✓

$$N(2) = 4.$$

$$N(3) = 9$$

$$N(1 \pm \sqrt{-5}) = 6$$

if ~~2~~  <sup>$1 \pm \sqrt{-5}$</sup>  factors nontrivially in  $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-5}]$

then it factors as  $\alpha\beta$  me, say  $\alpha$ ,

$$\text{w/ } \cancel{N(\alpha) = N(\beta) = 2 \cdot 3}$$

$$N(\alpha) = 2$$

$$N(\beta) = 3$$

w/  $0 \sim 1$ .

$$\text{But } N(a + b\sqrt{-5}) = a^2 + 5b^2 \geq 4 \text{ if}$$

if  $10$   
 $4$   
if w/  $0 \sim 1$

$$\geq 5 \text{ if w/ } 0.$$

so w/ 2.  
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