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1826-1866

Gauss and Riemann versus elementary mathematics Given that the polynomial  $f(x) = x^2 + x + p$  yields primes for  $x = 0, 1, 2, ..., \left[\sqrt{\frac{p}{3}}\right]$ . Show that it yields primes for x = 0, 1, 2, ..., p - 2.

### Example

$$p = 41, \left[\sqrt{\frac{41}{3}}\right] = 3.$$
  
 $f(0) = 41, f(1) = 43, f(2) = 47, f(3) = 53.$   
So  $f(4), \dots, f(39)$ , i.e.  $61, 71, 83, 97, 113, \dots, 1601$  are all primes.  
(First observed by Euler in 1772.)

### Theorem

Let p be prime, and let  $f_p(x) = x^2 + x + p$ . Then the following conditions are equivalent:

$$p = 2, 3, 5, 11, 17, 41$$

**2** 
$$f_p(x)$$
 is prime for  $x = 0, 1, 2, ..., \left| \sqrt{\frac{p}{3}} \right|$ .

3 
$$f_p(x)$$
 is prime for  $x = 0, 1, 2, ..., p - 2$ 

$$\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{1-4p})$$
 has class number one.

The prime numbers between 5000 and 7498

 $41 < \sqrt{\frac{P}{3}} < 50$ 

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Gauss ("Disquisitiones Arithmeticae", 1801) stated that  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{D})$ , where D < 0, has class number one if D = -1, -2, -3, -7, -11, -19, -43, -67, -163.

He asked if there were other imaginary quadratic fields that had this property. It was shown independently by Baker and Stark in 1966 that Gauss' list was complete.

# Quadratic binary forms

$$f(x,y) = ax^2 + bxy + cy^2$$
;  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$   
Discriminant  $D = b^2 - 4ac$ .

## Example

$$f(x, y) = x^2 + y^2$$
;  $D = -4$ .

Equivalent form to f(x, y):

$$\tilde{f}(x, y) = f(\alpha x + \beta y, \gamma x + \delta y),$$

where  $\alpha\delta-\beta\gamma=$  1, i.e.

$$egin{bmatrix} lpha & eta \ \gamma & \delta \end{bmatrix} \in \operatorname{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha & \beta \\ \gamma & \delta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha x + \beta y \\ \gamma x + \delta y \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{Z}^{2}$$
$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \delta & -\beta \\ -\gamma & \alpha \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \delta X - \beta Y \\ -\gamma X + \alpha Y \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{Z}^{2}$$

# Example

$$\tilde{f}(x, y) = 13x^2 - 42xy + 34y^2 = f(2x - 3y, -3x + 5y)$$
, where  $f(x, y) = x^2 + y^2$ .

If f(x, y) and  $\tilde{f}(x, y)$  are equivalent forms, they have the same discriminant.

Clearly f(x, y) and  $\tilde{f}(x, y)$  have the same set of values as x and y run through the integers  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

Conversely, let g(x, y) and h(x, y) be two forms with the same discriminant, and assume that g(x, y) and h(x, y) take the same set of values as x and y run through  $\mathbb{Z}$ . Then g(x, y) is equivalent to h(x, y). (We assume the forms are irreducible and primitive, i.e. the g.c.d. of the coefficients is 1.) (Schering (1859), Chowla (1966), Perlis (1979))

$$\begin{array}{rcl} ax^2 + bxy + cy^2 & \sim & AX^2 + BXY + CY^2 \\ \uparrow & & \uparrow \\ (a, b, c) & \sim & (A, B, C) \end{array}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha & \beta \\ \gamma & \delta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{bmatrix} \alpha & \beta \\ \gamma & \delta \end{bmatrix} \in \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}).$$
$$D = b^2 - 4ac = B^2 - 4AC < 0.$$

Associate the complex numbers

$$w=rac{-b+\sqrt{D}}{2a}, \qquad w'=rac{-B+\sqrt{D}}{2A}.$$

Then

$$w = \frac{\alpha w' + \beta}{\gamma w' + \delta}.$$

A form is called <u>reduced</u> if its associated complex number w lies in the fundamental domain for the modular group  $SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$ . A form is reduced if (a, b, c) satisfies  $-a < b \le a < c$  or  $0 \le b \le a = c$ . Every form is equivalent to a unique reduced form.



Let h(D) denote the number of inequivalent forms  $ax^2 + bxy + cy^2$  of discriminant  $D = b^2 - 4ac (\equiv 0 \text{ or } 1 \pmod{4})$ . Gauss proved that h(D) is finite for all D.

### Conjecture

The number of negative discriminants D < 0 which have a given class number h is finite. In other words,  $h(D) \rightarrow \infty$  as  $D \rightarrow -\infty$ .

#### Fact

 $h(D) = 1 \Leftrightarrow \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{D})$  has class number one, i.e. the integers  $A_D$  in

$$\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{D}) = \left\{ \alpha + \beta \sqrt{D} \big| \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{Q} \right\}$$

is a unique factorization domain  $\Leftrightarrow A_D$  is a PID.

In our case, where D is of the form 1 - 4n,

$$A_D = \left\{ \left. rac{a+b\sqrt{D}}{2} 
ight| a,b\in\mathbb{Z} ext{ with same parity} 
ight\}.$$

 $(A_D \text{ is the set of solutions to } x^2 + cx + d = 0; c, d \in \mathbb{Z}$ , that lie in  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{D})$ .

There are 5 imaginary quadratic fields  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{D})$  which are Euclidean w.r.t the norm  $N(a + \beta\sqrt{D}) = (a + \beta\sqrt{D})(a - \beta\sqrt{D}) = \alpha^2 - D\beta^2$ : D = -1, -2, -3, -7, -11.

The units of  $A_D$  are  $\pm 1$  if D < 0, except for

$$D = -1\{\pm 1, \pm i\}$$
 and  $D = -3\left\{\pm 1, \pm 
ho, \pm 
ho^2 \left| 
ho = rac{-1 + \sqrt{-3}}{2} 
ight\}$ 

### Example

Example of a non-unique factorization domain:

$$A_{-5}=\left\{ a+b\sqrt{-5}ig|a,b\in\mathbb{Z}
ight\} \subset\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-5}).$$

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

G. Rabinovitch, "Eindeutigkeit der Zerlegung in Primzahlfaktoren in quadratischer Zahlkörpern". Proceedings 5th Congress of Mathematicians, Cambridge 1912.

### Theorem

 $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{1-4p})$  has class number one  $\Leftrightarrow f_p(x) = x^2 + x + p$  is a prime for x = 0, 1, 2, ..., p - 2.

We will prove that if  $f_p(x)$  is a prime for  $x = 0, 1, 2, ..., \lfloor \sqrt{\frac{p}{3}} \rfloor$ , then  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{1-4p})$  has class number one.

# Proof

We must show that there exists a unique reduced form  $ax^2 + bxy + cy^2$ , i.e.

$$-a < b \le a < c$$
 or  $0 \le b \le a = c$  (\*)

such that the discriminant D equals 1 - 4p, i.e.

$$D = b^2 - 4ac = 1 - 4p.$$
 (\*\*)

Since *D* is odd, *b* must be odd, say b = 2k + 1. By (\*\*) we get  $(2k + 1)^2 - 4ac = 4k^2 + 4k + 1 - 4ac = 1 - 4p$ , and so

$$ac = k^2 + k + p = f_p(k).$$
 (\*\*\*)

The inequalities (\*), together with (\*\*), yield  $-1 - \left[\sqrt{\frac{p}{3}}\right] \le k \le \left[\sqrt{\frac{p}{3}}\right]$ . Since  $f_p(-k) = f_p(k-1)$ , we get by (\* \* \*) and our assumption that *ac* is a prime. By (\*) we get finally that a = 1, b = -1 and so by (\*\*), c = p. So the unique reduced form is  $x^2 - xy + py^2$ . Hence the class number of  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{1-4p})$  is one.

# The historical continuity of mathematics (Felix Klein (1894))

Mathematics develops and progresses as old problems are being understood and clarified by means of new methods. Simultaneously, as a better and deeper understanding of the old questions is thus obtained, new problems naturally arise.

$$\begin{split} \frac{1}{1-\frac{1}{p^{s}}} &= 1+\frac{1}{p^{s}}+\frac{1}{(p^{2})^{s}}+\frac{1}{(p^{3})^{s}}+\cdots \quad (\operatorname{Re}(s)>1).\\ \prod_{p}\frac{1}{1-\frac{1}{p^{s}}} &= (1+\frac{1}{2^{s}}+\frac{1}{(2^{2})^{s}}+\frac{1}{(2^{3})^{s}}+\cdots)\\ &\quad \cdot (1+\frac{1}{3^{s}}+\frac{1}{(3^{2})^{s}}+\frac{1}{(3^{3})^{s}}+\cdots)\\ &\quad \cdot (1+\frac{1}{5^{s}}+\frac{1}{(5^{2})^{s}}+\frac{1}{(5^{3})^{s}}+\cdots)\cdots \\ &= \sum_{i_{1}< i_{2}< \cdots < i_{k}}\frac{1}{(p_{i_{1}}^{r_{i_{1}}}\cdots p_{i_{k}}^{r_{i_{k}}})^{s}}\\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty}\frac{1}{n^{s}} = \zeta(s)\\ &\zeta(s) = 2^{s}\cdot\pi^{s-1}\cdot\sin\frac{\pi s}{2}\cdot\Gamma(1-s)\cdot\zeta(1-s). \end{split}$$
 The functional equation for the Riemann zeta-function  $\zeta(s). \end{split}$ 

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\zeta(s)} &= \prod_{p} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{p^{s}} \right) = \left( 1 - \frac{1}{2^{s}} \right) \left( 1 - \frac{1}{3^{s}} \right) \left( 1 - \frac{1}{5^{s}} \right) \cdots \\ &= 1 - \frac{1}{2^{s}} - \frac{1}{3^{s}} - \frac{1}{5^{s}} + \frac{1}{6^{s}} - \frac{1}{7^{s}} + \frac{1}{10^{s}} - \cdots = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\mu(n)}{n^{s}} \\ &= s \int_{1}^{\infty} M(x) x^{-s-1} \, \mathrm{d}x, \text{ where } M(x) = \sum_{n \le x} \mu(n) \text{ (see next page)}. \end{aligned}$$

 $\mu(n) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } n \text{ is not square-free} \\ 1 & \text{if } n \text{ is square-free with an even number of distinct prime factors} \\ -1 & \text{if } n \text{ is square-free with an odd number of distinct prime factors} \end{cases}$ 



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$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\mu(n)}{n^s} = \lim_{N \to \infty} \sum_{n=1}^{N} \frac{\mu(n)}{n^s}.$$

By Abel's partial summation we get:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{N} \frac{\mu(n)}{n^s} = \sum_{n=1}^{N} \frac{M(n) - M(n-1)}{n^s}$$
$$= \frac{M(N)}{N^s} - \sum_{n=1}^{N-1} M(n) \{f(n+1) - f(n)\}$$
$$= \frac{M(N)}{N^s} - \sum_{n=1}^{N-1} M(n) \int_n^{n+1} \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}x} \left(\frac{1}{x^s}\right) \mathrm{d}x$$
$$= \frac{M(N)}{N^s} + s \int_1^{N+1} M(x) x^{-s-1} \mathrm{d}x$$
$$\xrightarrow[N \to \infty]{} s \int_1^{\infty} M(x) x^{-s-1} \mathrm{d}x$$

## Theorem (Hadamard and de la Vallée Poussin (1896))



# The Riemann Hypothesis (Riemann (1859))

The (non-trivial) zeros of the zeta-function  $\zeta(s)$  lie on the "critical" line  $\operatorname{Re}(s) = \frac{1}{2}$ .

# Littlewood(1912)

The Riemann hypothesis is equivalent to  $M(x) = o(x^{1/2+\epsilon})$  for all  $\epsilon > 0$ , i.e.

$$\frac{M(x)}{x^{1/2+\epsilon}} \longrightarrow 0 \text{ as } x \to \infty, \text{ where } M(x) = \sum_{n \le x} \mu(n).$$

Farey fractions  $\mathcal{F}_n$  of order *n*:

$$\mathcal{F}_n = \left\{ \frac{p}{q} \left| 0 < \frac{p}{q} \le 1, \ q \le n \right\}.$$
et  $A_n = |\mathcal{F}_n|$  and let  $\mathcal{F}_n = \left\{ r_1 < r_2 < r_3 < \cdots < r_{A_n} = \frac{1}{1} = 1 \right\}.$ et

$$\delta_1 = r_1 - \frac{1}{A_n}, \ \delta_2 = r_2 - \frac{2}{A_n}, \ \delta_3 = r_3 - \frac{3}{A_n}, \dots, \delta_{A_n} = r_{A_n} - \frac{A_n}{A_n} \ (= 0).$$

### Example



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# Theorem (Franel and Landau (1924))

The Riemann hypothesis is true  

$$(\delta_1| + |\delta_2| + \dots + |\delta_{A_n}| = o(n^{1/2 + \epsilon}) \text{ for all } \epsilon > 0 \text{ as } n \to \infty.$$

# Proof of ↑

Let  $f : [0,1] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ . Then

$$\sum_{\nu=1}^{A_n} f(r_{\nu}) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sum_{j=1}^k f\left(\frac{j}{k}\right) M\left(\frac{n}{k}\right) \tag{*}$$

<u>Comment</u> This is the key identity, where the rather irregular operation of summing f over the Farey fractions can be expressed more regularly using the function M and a double sum (we show this later).

Formula (\*) applied to  $f(x) = e^{2\pi i x}$  gives

$$\sum_{\nu=1}^{A_n} e^{2\pi i r_{\nu}} = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sum_{j=1}^{k} e^{2\pi i \frac{j}{k}} M\left(\frac{n}{k}\right) = M(n)$$
  
since 
$$\sum_{j=1}^{k} e^{2\pi i \frac{j}{k}} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } k \neq 1\\ 1 & \text{if } k = 1 \end{cases}$$

# Proof of $\Uparrow$ (cont.)

Set  $A = A_n$ . Then

$$\begin{split} \mathcal{M}(n) &= \sum_{\nu=1}^{A} \mathrm{e}^{2\pi \mathrm{i} r_{\nu}} \\ &= \sum_{\nu=1}^{A} \mathrm{e}^{2\pi \mathrm{i} \left[\frac{\nu}{A} + \delta_{\nu}\right]} \\ &= \sum_{\nu=1}^{A} \mathrm{e}^{2\pi \mathrm{i} \frac{\nu}{A}} \left[ \mathrm{e}^{2\pi \mathrm{i} \delta_{\nu}} - 1 \right] + \sum_{\nu=1}^{A} \mathrm{e}^{2\pi \mathrm{i} \frac{\nu}{A}} \end{split}$$

so

$$|M(n)|\leq \sum_{
u=1}^{A}\left|\mathrm{e}^{2\pi\mathrm{i}\delta_{
u}}-1
ight|+0\leq 2\sum_{
u=1}^{A}\left|\sin\left(\pi\delta_{
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ight|\leq 2\pi\sum_{
u=1}^{A}\left|\delta_{
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ight|.$$

#### Lemma

With f as in the theorem

$$\sum_{\nu=1}^{A_n} f(r_{\nu}) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sum_{j=1}^k f\left(\frac{j}{k}\right) M\left(\frac{n}{k}\right) \tag{*}$$

### Proof:

Let 0 , p and q relatively prime. The term

$$f\left(\frac{p}{q}\right) = f\left(\frac{2p}{2q}\right) = f\left(\frac{3p}{3q}\right) = \cdots$$

occurs on the right hand side of (\*) with the coefficient

$$M\left(\frac{n}{q}\right) + M\left(\frac{n}{2q}\right) + M\left(\frac{n}{3q}\right) + \dots = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } q \le n \\ 0 & \text{if } q > n \end{cases} \quad (**)$$

and so we get (\*).

$$M(x) = \sum_{k \le x} \mu(k) = \sum_{k} \mu(k) D\left(\frac{x}{k}\right)$$

where

$$D(x) = egin{cases} 1 & ext{for } x \geq 1 \ 0 & ext{for } x < 1 \end{cases}.$$

By the Möbius inversion (see next page) we get  $D(x) = \sum_{k} M\left(\frac{x}{k}\right)$ . Set  $x = \frac{n}{q}$ , and we get (\*\*).

# Theorem

Möbius inversion Let  $f, g : \mathbb{R}_+ \to \mathbb{C}$ .

$$f(x) = \sum_{n \le x} g\left(\frac{x}{n}\right) \Leftrightarrow g(x) = \sum_{n \le x} \mu(n) f\left(\frac{x}{n}\right)$$

### **Proof:**

 $\Rightarrow$ :

$$\sum_{n \le x} \mu(n) f\left(\frac{x}{n}\right) = \sum_{n \le x} \mu(n) \sum_{m \le \frac{x}{n}} g\left(\frac{x}{mn}\right)$$
$$= \sum_{mn \le x} \mu(n) g\left(\frac{x}{mn}\right)$$
$$= \sum_{r \le x} g\left(\frac{x}{r}\right) \sum_{n|r} \mu(n)$$
$$= g\left(\frac{x}{1}\right) = g(x)$$

# $\mathsf{Proof} \Leftarrow$

⇐:

$$\sum_{n \le x} g\left(\frac{x}{n}\right) = \sum_{n \le x} \sum_{m \le \frac{x}{n}} \mu(m) f\left(\frac{x}{mn}\right)$$
$$= \sum_{mn \le x} \mu(m) f\left(\frac{x}{mn}\right)$$
$$= \sum_{r \le x} f\left(\frac{x}{r}\right) \sum_{m|r} \mu(m)$$
$$= f\left(\frac{x}{1}\right) = f(x)$$

$$\left( ext{We have used that } \sum_{d \mid n} \mu(d) = egin{cases} 1 & ext{if } n = 1 \ 0 & ext{if } n > 1. \end{array} 
ight)$$

$$L(s,\chi) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\chi(n)}{n^s} = \prod_{p \text{ prime}} \left(1 - \frac{\chi(p)}{p^s}\right)^{-1}, \quad \text{Re}(s) > 1,$$

where  $\chi : \mathbb{Z}/q\mathbb{Z} \to \{\text{roots of unity}\}\ \text{is a character.}\ L(s, \chi)\ \text{can be}\ \text{extended to a holomorphic function on } \mathbb{C}\ (\text{if }\chi\ \text{is not the trivial character}).$ 

# The Generalized Riemann Hypothesis (GRH)

The (non-trivial) zeros of  $L(s, \chi)$  lie on the line  $\operatorname{Re}(s) = 1/2$ .

# Theorem (Dirichlet (1839))

 $L(1,\chi) = 2\pi h(D)/(const.\sqrt{|D|})$ , where  $D = b^2 - 4ac < 0$  is the discriminant of an imaginary quadratic form  $ax^2 + bxy + cy^2$ , and h(D) is the class number. ( $\chi$  is a primitive character mod D.)

# Theorem 1 (Hecke (1918))

If GRH is true, then  $h(D) \rightarrow \infty$  as  $D \rightarrow -\infty$ .

Theorem 2 (Heilbronn (1934))

If GRH is false, then  $h(D) \rightarrow \infty$  as  $D \rightarrow -\infty$ .

### Corollary

*Gauss' conjecture about the class number for imaginary quadratic forms is true.* 



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