



# Lecture 3: Lattices from Number Fields

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A number field  $K$  is a finite extension of  $\mathbb{Q}$ . We will focus on two families of number fields:

- Quadratic fields
- Cyclotomic fields

For  $d > 1$  a squarefree integer, consider the *quadratic* field

$$\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d}) = \{a + b\sqrt{d}, a, b \in \mathbb{Q}\}$$

which has degree 2, that is dimension 2 as a vector space over  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

- There are two meaningful ways of embedding  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})$  into  $\mathbb{R}$ :

$$\sigma_1 : a + b\sqrt{d} \mapsto a + b\sqrt{d}$$

$$\sigma_2 : a + b\sqrt{d} \mapsto a - b\sqrt{d}$$

- In fact,  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2$  are the only two maps that satisfy (1)  $\tau(x + y) = \tau(x) + \tau(y)$  and  $\tau(xy) = \tau(x)\tau(y)$  for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})$ , (2)  $\tau(a) = a$  for any  $a \in \mathbb{Q}$ :

$$\tau\left((\sqrt{d})^2\right) = \begin{cases} \tau(d) = d \\ \tau(\sqrt{d})^2 \end{cases}$$

and thus  $\tau(\sqrt{d})$  must satisfy

$$\tau(\sqrt{d})^2 - d = 0$$

showing that  $\tau(\sqrt{d}) = \pm\sqrt{d}$ .

- Let  $K$  be a number field, that is a finite extension of degree  $[K : \mathbb{Q}] = n < \infty$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Then  $K$  has dimension  $n$  as a vector space over  $\mathbb{Q}$ .
- For a number field  $K$  of degree  $n$ , there exists  $\theta \in K$  such that  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\theta)$  and  $\{1, \theta, \dots, \theta^{n-1}\}$  is a  $\mathbb{Q}$ -basis.
- For a number field  $K$  of degree  $n$ , there are  $n$  distinct embeddings of  $K$  into  $\mathbb{C}$ , that is  $\{\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n\}$  is the set of embeddings of  $K$  containing field homomorphisms of the form  $\sigma_m : K \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  fixing  $\mathbb{Q}$  for all  $m$ .
- Let  $K$  be a number field of degree  $n$  with  $s$  real embeddings and  $t$  pairs of complex embeddings, then

$$n = [K : \mathbb{Q}] = s + 2t.$$

- A number field  $K$  is called totally real if all embeddings are real embeddings.
  - For  $d > 1$ ,  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})$  is totally real:  $\tau(\sqrt{d}) = \pm\sqrt{d}$ .
- A number field  $K$  is called CM if there exists a totally real number field  $F \subseteq K$  where  $[K : F] = 2$  and  $\sigma_m(K) \not\subseteq \mathbb{R}$  for all  $m = 1, \dots, n$ .

Consider

$$\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{d}] = \{a + b\sqrt{d}, a, b, \in \mathbb{Z}\},$$

which has a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -basis, given for example by  $\{1, \sqrt{d}\}$ . Embedding this basis using  $\sigma = (\sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  gives

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ \sigma_1(\sqrt{d}) & \sigma_2(\sqrt{d}) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ \sqrt{d} & -\sqrt{d} \end{bmatrix}$$

and integer linear combinations of rows of  $B$  do define a lattice (since the two rows are linearly independent). Note that

$$\mathbf{u}B = (u_1, u_2) \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ \sigma_1(\sqrt{d}) & \sigma_2(\sqrt{d}) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ \sqrt{d} & -\sqrt{d} \end{bmatrix} = [\sigma_1(x) \quad \sigma_2(x)],$$

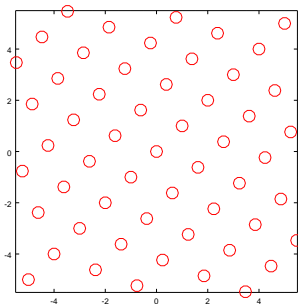
which shows how an element  $x = u_1 + u_2\sqrt{d} \in \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{d}]$  is embedded in the lattice  $\sigma(\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{d}])$ .

The ring  $\mathbb{Z}[\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}] = \{a + b\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}, a, b \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  is a subset of the field  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{5}) = \{a + b\sqrt{5}, a, b \in \mathbb{Q}\}$ . The two ways of embedding  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{5})$  into  $\mathbb{R}$  are:

$$\sigma_1 : \sqrt{5} \mapsto \sqrt{5}, \quad \sigma_2 : \sqrt{5} \mapsto -\sqrt{5}.$$

We then embed  $\mathbb{Z}[\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}]$  into  $\mathbb{R}^2$  using  $\sigma = (\sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ , to get a generator matrix

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ \sigma_1(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}) & \sigma_2(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}) \end{bmatrix}.$$

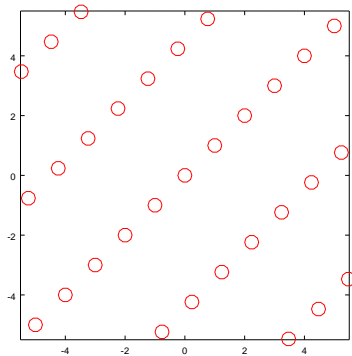


Its corresponding Gram matrix is

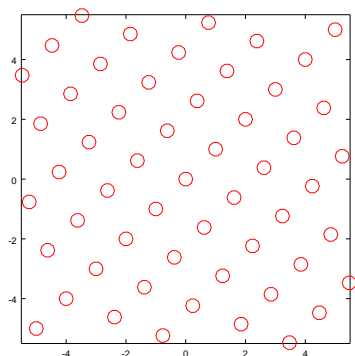
$$\begin{aligned} G &= BB^T \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

$\sigma(\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{5}]):$ 

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 10 \end{bmatrix} \cdot$$

 $\sigma(\mathbb{Z}[\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}]):$ 

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \cdot$$





Now for a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -basis  $\{\theta_1, \theta_2\}$  (of respectively  $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{d}]$  or  $\mathbb{Z}[\frac{1+\sqrt{d}}{2}]$  depending on the congruence of  $d \pmod{4}$ , or of (an ideal of) an order of these two rings), a Gram matrix is of the form

$$\begin{aligned} & \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1(\theta_1) & \sigma_2(\theta_1) \\ \sigma_1(\theta_2) & \sigma_2(\theta_2) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1(\theta_1) & \sigma_1(\theta_2) \\ \sigma_2(\theta_1) & \sigma_2(\theta_2) \end{bmatrix} \\ = & \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1(\theta_1)^2 + \sigma_2(\theta_1)^2 & \sigma_1(\theta_1)\sigma_1(\theta_2) + \sigma_2(\theta_1)\sigma_2(\theta_2) \\ \sigma_1(\theta_1)\sigma_1(\theta_2) + \sigma_2(\theta_1)\sigma_2(\theta_2) & \sigma_1(\theta_2)^2 + \sigma_2(\theta_2)^2 \end{bmatrix} \\ = & \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1(\theta_1^2) + \sigma_2(\theta_1^2) & \sigma_1(\theta_1\theta_2) + \sigma_2(\theta_1\theta_2) \\ \sigma_1(\theta_1\theta_2) + \sigma_2(\theta_1\theta_2) & \sigma_1(\theta_2^2) + \sigma_2(\theta_2^2) \end{bmatrix} \\ = & \begin{bmatrix} \text{Tr}(\theta_1^2) & \text{Tr}(\theta_1\theta_2) \\ \text{Tr}(\theta_1\theta_2) & \text{Tr}(\theta_2^2) \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

Coefficients are thus integers.

- Let  $\mathcal{O}_K$  be the ring of integers of  $K$ , a number field of degree  $n$ .
- Then  $\mathcal{O}_K$  is a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module of rank  $n$ . A  $\mathbb{Z}$ -basis for  $\mathcal{O}_K$  is called an integral basis for  $K$ .
  - If  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{5})$ , then  $\mathcal{O}_K = \mathbb{Z}\left[\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}\right]$ .
- Let  $\{\theta_1, \dots, \theta_n\}$  be an integral basis of  $K$ , for  $K$  a totally real number field. Then

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1(\theta_1) & \dots & \sigma_n(\theta_1) \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ \sigma_1(\theta_n) & \dots & \sigma_n(\theta_n) \end{bmatrix}$$

is a lattice generator matrix.

For the lattice generator matrix  $B$ , we get the Gram matrix

$$BB^T = \begin{bmatrix} \text{Tr}(\theta_1^2) & \dots & \text{Tr}(\theta_1\theta_n) \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ \text{Tr}(\theta_n\theta_1) & \dots & \text{Tr}(\theta_n^2) \end{bmatrix}$$

This is an integral quadratic form.

We introduce a “twisting” element  $\alpha$  such that  $\sigma_1(\alpha) > 0$  and  $\sigma_2(\alpha) > 0$ . Let  $\theta$  denote  $\sqrt{d}$  or  $\frac{1+\sqrt{d}}{2}$  depending on  $d \pmod{4}$ .

- A generator matrix of a lattice using a twisting element  $\alpha$  is given by

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{\sigma_1(\alpha)} & \sqrt{\sigma_2(\alpha)} \\ \sqrt{\sigma_1(\alpha)\sigma_1(\theta)} & \sqrt{\sigma_2(\alpha)\sigma_2(\theta)} \end{bmatrix}$$

and a Gram matrix by

$$BB^T = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1(\alpha) + \sigma_2(\alpha) & \sigma_1(\alpha\theta) + \sigma_2(\alpha\theta) \\ \sigma_1(\alpha\theta) + \sigma_2(\alpha\theta) & \sigma_1(\alpha\theta^2) + \sigma_2(\alpha\theta^2) \end{bmatrix}.$$

- The volume of the lattice  $\sigma(\sqrt{\alpha}\mathbb{Z}[\theta])$  is given by

$$v(\sigma(\sqrt{\alpha}\mathbb{Z}[\theta])) = \sqrt{|\sigma_1(\alpha)\sigma_2(\alpha)|} \left| \det \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1(1) & \sigma_2(1) \\ \sigma_1(\theta) & \sigma_2(\theta) \end{bmatrix} \right|.$$

Take  $(\theta = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2})$

$$\alpha = 3 - \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}, \quad \alpha\theta = -1 + 2\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}, \quad \alpha\theta^2 = 2 + \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}.$$

Then a generator matrix of  $\sigma(\sqrt{\alpha}\mathbb{Z}[\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}])$  is

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{\alpha} & \sqrt{\sigma_2(\alpha)} \\ \sqrt{\alpha}\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} & \sqrt{\sigma_2(\alpha)}\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

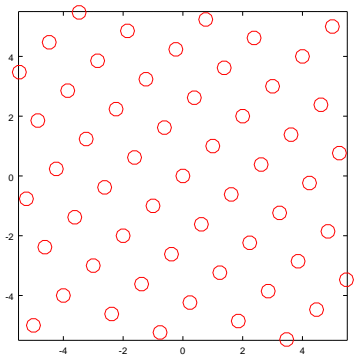
with corresponding Gram matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1(3 - \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}) + \sigma_2(3 - \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}) & \sigma_1(-1 + 2\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}) + \sigma_2(-1 + 2\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}) \\ \sigma_1(-1 + 2\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}) + \sigma_2(-1 + 2\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}) & \sigma_1(2 + \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}) + \sigma_2(2 + \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}) \end{bmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

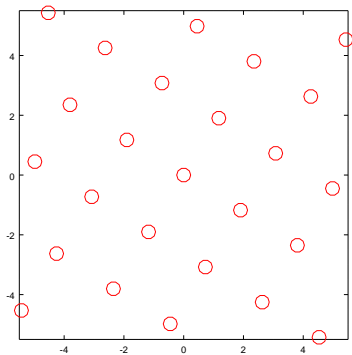
and volume

$$\begin{aligned} v(\sigma(\sqrt{\alpha}\mathbb{Z}[\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}])) &= \sqrt{|\sigma_1(\alpha)\sigma_2(\alpha)|} |\sigma_2(\theta) - \sigma_1(\theta)| \\ &= \sqrt{5}|\sqrt{5}| = 5. \end{aligned}$$

This lattice is equivalent to (a scaled version of)  $\mathbb{Z}^2$ ,



The lattice obtained from  $\{1, \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}\}$ .



The lattice obtained from  $\{1, \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}\}$  using a twisting element  $\alpha = 3 - \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}$ .

An element  $\alpha \in K$  is called totally positive if  $\sigma_m(\alpha) > 0$  for all embeddings  $\sigma_m$ ,  $m = 1, \dots, n$ .

The square volume of  $\sigma(\sqrt{\alpha}\mathcal{O}_K)$  is

$$N(\alpha)d_K$$

where  $d_K$  is the discriminant of  $K$  and  $N(\alpha)$  is the norm of  $\alpha$ .

- In the previous example

$$\sigma_1(\alpha)\sigma_2(\alpha) \det \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1(1) & \sigma_2(1) \\ \sigma_1(\theta) & \sigma_2(\theta) \end{bmatrix}^2 = N(\alpha)d_K = 25.$$

Consider two generator matrices

$$B_1 = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1(\theta_1) & \sigma_2(\theta_1) \\ \sigma_1(\theta_2) & \sigma_2(\theta_2) \end{bmatrix}, \quad B_2 = \begin{bmatrix} \tau_1(\nu_1) & \tau_2(\nu_1) \\ \tau_1(\nu_2) & \tau_2(\nu_2) \end{bmatrix}$$

and their Kronecker (tensor) product

$$B_1 \otimes B_2 = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1(\theta_1)B_2 & \sigma_2(\theta_1)B_2 \\ \sigma_1(\theta_2)B_2 & \sigma_2(\theta_2)B_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

- This is the generator matrix of a 4-dimensional lattice, since the columns of this matrix are linearly independent (use the determinant of  $B_1$  and  $B_2$ ).

Suppose that  $\tau_i(\theta_j) = \theta_j$  and  $\sigma_i(\nu_j) = \nu_j$ , and we place ourself in large field, which contains  $\theta_j, \nu_j$ , and for which  $\tau_i, \sigma_i$  are embeddings. Then

$$B_1 \otimes B_2 = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1\tau_1(\theta_1\nu_1) & \sigma_1\tau_2(\theta_1\nu_1) & \sigma_2\tau_1(\theta_1\nu_1) & \sigma_2\tau_2(\theta_1\nu_1) \\ \sigma_1\tau_1(\theta_1\nu_2) & \sigma_1\tau_2(\theta_1\nu_2) & \sigma_2\tau_1(\theta_1\nu_2) & \sigma_2\tau_2(\theta_1\nu_2) \\ \sigma_1\tau_1(\theta_2\nu_1) & \sigma_1\tau_2(\theta_2\nu_1) & \sigma_2\tau_1(\theta_2\nu_1) & \sigma_2\tau_2(\theta_2\nu_1) \\ \sigma_1\tau_1(\theta_2\nu_2) & \sigma_1\tau_2(\theta_2\nu_2) & \sigma_2\tau_1(\theta_2\nu_2) & \sigma_2\tau_2(\theta_2\nu_2) \end{bmatrix}$$



Take

$$B_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ \sigma_1\left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}\right) & \sigma_2\left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}\right) \end{bmatrix}, \quad B_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ \tau_1(\sqrt{2}) & \tau_2(\sqrt{2}) \end{bmatrix}.$$

Placing ourselves in

$\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{5}) = \{a_0 + a_1\sqrt{5} + a_2\sqrt{2} + a_3\sqrt{5}\sqrt{2}, a_0, a_1, a_2, a_3 \in \mathbb{Q}\}$ ,  
so that  $\sigma(\sqrt{2}) = \sqrt{2}$  and  $\tau(\sqrt{5}) = \sqrt{5}$ . Then  $B_1 \otimes B_2$  is a  
4-dimensional lattice.

- So far we discussed the totally real case.
- Next we discuss the CM case. Another equivalent characterization of a CM field is that complex conjugation is an automorphism of  $K$  that commutes with all embeddings of  $K$ .

Set  $\zeta = \zeta_n = \exp(2\pi i/n)$  be a primitive  $n$ th root of unity. The number field  $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_n)$  is called a cyclotomic field.

- It has degree  $\varphi(n)$ , where  $\varphi$  is Euler totient function.

Set  $\zeta = \zeta_p = \exp(2\pi i/p)$ ,  $p$  an odd prime. Consider the cyclotomic field  $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_p)$ , its ring of integers  $\mathbb{Z}[\zeta_p]$  given by

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_p) &= \{a_0 + a_1\zeta + \dots + a_{p-2}\zeta^{p-2}, a_i \in \mathbb{Q} \text{ for all } i\} \\ \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_p] &= \{a_0 + a_1\zeta + \dots + a_{p-2}\zeta^{p-2}, a_i \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ for all } i\}\end{aligned}$$

and the embeddings

$$\sigma_r : \zeta \mapsto \zeta^r, r = 1, \dots, p-1.$$

Let  $\text{Tr}(\alpha) = \sum_{i=1}^{p-1} \sigma_i(\alpha)$ ,  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_p)$ .

Let  $\bar{x}$  denote the complex conjugate of  $x$  for  $x \in \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_p]$ . Then  $(x, y) \mapsto \text{Tr}(x\bar{y})$  is a positive definite symmetric bilinear form:

$$\text{Tr}(x\bar{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^{p-1} \sigma_i(x)\overline{\sigma_i(x)} > 0, x \neq 0.$$



Set  $\mathfrak{P} = (1 - \zeta)\mathbb{Z}[\zeta_p] = \{(1 - \zeta)(a_0 + a_1\zeta + \dots + a_{p-1}\zeta^{p-2}), a_i \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ for all } i\}$ .

**Claim.**  $\mathfrak{P}$  equipped with  $(x, y) \mapsto \text{Tr}(x\bar{y}/p)$  is an integral lattice.

- $\text{Tr}(x) \in \mathbb{Z}$  for  $x \in \mathbb{Z}[\zeta]$ .
- $\text{Tr}(x\bar{y}) \in p\mathbb{Z}$

For  $p = 3$ , we have  $\zeta_3 = \frac{-1+i\sqrt{3}}{2}$ ,  $\mathfrak{P}$  has  $\mathbb{Z}$ -basis

$(1 - \zeta_3), (1 - \zeta_3)\zeta_3 = 2\zeta_3 + 1$ . Then

$\sigma(\mathfrak{P}) = \{u_0(1 - \zeta_3) + u_1(1 + 2\zeta_3), u_0, u_1 \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  and

e.g.

$(1 - \zeta_3)\overline{(1 - \zeta_3)} = (1 - \zeta_3)(1 - \zeta_3^2) = 1 - \zeta_3^2 - \zeta_3 + 1 = 2 + \zeta_3 + 1 - \zeta_3$

and  $\text{Tr}((1 - \zeta_3)\overline{(1 - \zeta_3)}) = 2 \cdot 3 = 6$ .

$$\frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -3 \\ -3 & 6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

This is  $A_2$ , the hexagonal lattice.





The hexagonal lattice  $A_2$ :

$$\frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -3 \\ -3 & 6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Also

$$\sigma_1 : a + b\zeta_3 \mapsto a + b\zeta_3$$

$$\sigma_2 : a + b\zeta_3 \mapsto a + b\zeta_3^2.$$



Create the lattice  $\sigma((1 - \zeta_3)\mathbb{Z}[\zeta_3])$

$$\begin{aligned} & \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1(1 - \zeta_3) & \sigma_2(1 - \zeta_3) \\ \sigma_1(1 + 2\zeta_3) & \sigma_2(1 + 2\zeta_3) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \overline{\sigma_1(1 - \zeta_3)} & \overline{\sigma_1(1 + 2\zeta_3)} \\ \overline{\sigma_2(1 - \zeta_3)} & \overline{\sigma_2(1 + 2\zeta_3)} \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -3 \\ -3 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

(e.g.  $2(1 - \zeta_3)(1 - \zeta_3^2) = 2(1 - \zeta_3^2 - \zeta_3 + 1) = 2 \cdot 3$ ).

- A generator matrix of a lattice using a twisting element  $\alpha = (1 - \zeta_3)^2$  is given by

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1(1 - \zeta_3) & \sigma_2(1 - \zeta_3) \\ \sigma_1(1 - \zeta_3)\sigma_1(\zeta) & \sigma_2(1 - \zeta_3)\sigma_2(\zeta) \end{bmatrix}.$$

- The volume of the lattice  $\sigma((1 - \zeta_3)\mathbb{Z}[\zeta])$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned} v(\sigma(\sqrt{\alpha}\mathbb{Z}[\theta])) &= |\sigma_1(1 - \zeta_3)\sigma_2(1 - \zeta_3)| \left| \det \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1(1) & \sigma_2(1) \\ \sigma_1(\zeta) & \sigma_2(\zeta) \end{bmatrix} \right| \\ &= 3 \cdot \sqrt{3}. \end{aligned}$$



The discriminant of  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_p)$  is defined as  $d_K = \det[\sigma_j(\zeta^{i-1})]^2$ ,  $i, j = 1, \dots, p-1$ , which is

$$(-1)^{(p-1)/2} p^{p-2}.$$

- In our example

$$\begin{aligned} v(\sigma(\sqrt{\alpha}\mathbb{Z}[\theta])) &= |\sigma_1(1 - \zeta_3)\sigma_2(1 - \zeta_3)| \left| \det \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1(1) & \sigma_2(1) \\ \sigma_1(\zeta) & \sigma_2(\zeta) \end{bmatrix} \right| \\ &= |N(1 - \zeta_3)| \sqrt{d_K} \\ &= 3 \cdot \sqrt{3} \\ &= \left( \det \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -3 \\ -3 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \right)^{1/2} \end{aligned}$$

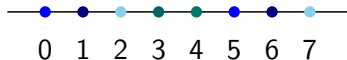
and  $N(\alpha) = \prod_{i=1}^n \sigma_i(\alpha)$ .





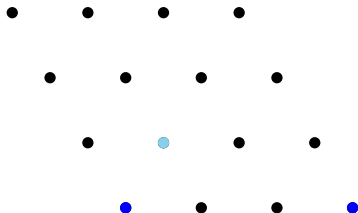
The construction holds for an arbitrary prime  $p$ .

- This provides a parameterized family of lattices.



$$\rho: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z}$$

$$x \mapsto x \pmod{5}$$



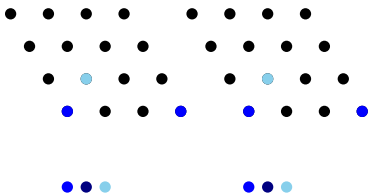
$$\rho: \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_3] \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_3$$

$$x \mapsto x \pmod{1 - \zeta_3}$$

$$(a + b\zeta_3 = a + b \frac{-1+i\sqrt{3}}{2} = a - \frac{1}{2}b + i \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}b \mapsto a + b \text{ so } 0 \mapsto 0,$$

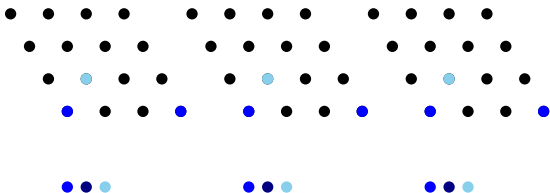
$$1 + \zeta_3 = \frac{1}{2} + i \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \mapsto 2)$$

Given a linear code  $C \subset \mathbb{F}_p^n$  and  $\rho$  the componentwise reduction modulo  $1 - \zeta$  on  $\mathbb{Z}[\zeta]^n$ ,  $\Lambda_C = \rho^{-1}(C) \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  equipped with  $(x, y) \mapsto \text{Tr}(x\bar{y}/\rho)$  is an integral lattice obtained by **Construction A**.





$$\rho : \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_3] \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_3, a + b\zeta_3 \mapsto a + b\zeta_3 \pmod{1 - \zeta_3} = a + b.$$



Consider the repetition code of length 3 over  $\mathbb{F}_3$ :

$$C = \{a(1, 1, 1), a \in \mathbb{F}_3\}. \text{ Then } \rho^{-1}(C) = \{x = (a_0 + b_0\zeta_3, a_1 + b_1\zeta_3, a_2 + b_2\zeta_3) \in \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_3]^3, \rho(x) \in C\}.$$



$$\rho^{-1}(C) = \{x = (a_0 + b_0\zeta_3, a_1 + b_1\zeta_3, a_2 + b_2\zeta_3) \in \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_3]^3, \rho(x) \in C\}$$

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \zeta_3 & \zeta_3^2 & \zeta_3 & \zeta_3^2 & \zeta_3 & \zeta_3^2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 - \zeta_3 & 1 - \zeta_3^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & (1 - \zeta_3)\zeta_3 & (1 - \zeta_3^2)\zeta_3^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 - \zeta_3 & 1 - \zeta_3^2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & (1 - \zeta_3)\zeta_3 & (1 - \zeta_3^2)\zeta_3^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

columns 1,2:  $a_0 + b_0\zeta_3 \mapsto a_0 + b_0 \pmod{1 - \zeta_3}$

columns 3,4:  $a_0 + b_0\zeta_3 + (1 - \zeta_3)(a_1 + b_1\zeta_3) \mapsto a_0 + b_0 \pmod{1 - \zeta_3}$

columns 5,6:  $a_0 + b_0\zeta_3 + (1 - \zeta_3)(a_2 + b_2\zeta_3) \mapsto a_0 + b_0 \pmod{1 - \zeta_3}$

- $\rho(\mathbf{u}M) = \{a(1, 1, 1), a \in \mathbb{F}_3\}$



Given a linear code  $C \subset \mathbb{F}_p^n$  of dimension  $m$  and  $\rho$  the componentwise reduction modulo  $1 - \zeta$  on  $\mathbb{Z}[\zeta]^n$ ,  $\Lambda_C = \rho^{-1}(C) \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  equipped with  $(x = (x_1, \dots, x_n), y = (y_1, \dots, y_n)) \mapsto \sum_{i=1}^n \text{Tr}(x_i \bar{y}_i / p)$  is an integral lattice obtained by **Construction A**. It has rank  $n(p-1)$ , volume  $\sqrt{p^{n-2m}}$ . If  $C$  is self-dual, then  $\Lambda_C$  is unimodular.

This construction combines

- the basic Construction A,
- the construction of lattices from number fields.



- A fractional ideal  $\mathfrak{a}$  of  $\mathcal{O}_K$  is principal if it is of the form  $c^{-1}\mathfrak{b}$  where  $\mathfrak{b}$  is a principal ideal of  $\mathcal{O}_K$ .
  - Recall that an  $\mathcal{O}_K$ -submodule  $\mathfrak{a}$  of  $K$  is a fractional ideal of  $\mathcal{O}_K$  if there exists some non-zero  $c \in \mathcal{O}_K$  such that  $c\mathfrak{a} \subseteq \mathcal{O}_K$ .
  - The non-zero fractional ideals of  $\mathcal{O}_K$  form an abelian group under multiplication.
  - The identity is  $\mathcal{O}_K$  and we have  $\mathfrak{a}^{-1} = \{x \in K, x\mathfrak{a} \subseteq \mathcal{O}_K\}$ .
- Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be the group of fractional ideals under multiplication.
- Let  $\mathcal{P}$  be the subgroup of principal fractional ideals.
- The **class group** of  $\mathcal{O}_K$  is the quotient group

$$\mathcal{F}/\mathcal{P}.$$



- Embed again  $K$  into  $\mathbb{C}$  using each of the embeddings

$$\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_s, \sigma_{s+1}, \bar{\sigma}_{s+1}, \dots, \sigma_{s+t}, \bar{\sigma}_{s+t}.$$

- Consider again the map  $\sigma : K \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^s \times \mathbb{C}^t$  given by

$$\sigma(\alpha) = (\sigma_1(\alpha), \dots, \sigma_s(\alpha), \sigma_{s+1}(\alpha), \dots, \sigma_{s+t}(\alpha)).$$

- If  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n$  is a basis for  $K$ , then  $\sigma(\alpha_1), \dots, \sigma(\alpha_n)$  are linearly independent over  $\mathbb{R}$  (it is worth looking at this claim into more details).



- Write  $\sigma_k(\alpha_l) = x_k^{(l)}$ ,  $\sigma_{s+j}(\alpha_l) = y_j^{(l)} + iz_j^{(l)}$ .
- We have

$$E = \begin{bmatrix} x_1^{(1)} & \dots & x_s^{(1)} & y_1^{(1)} + iz_1^{(1)} & y_1^{(1)} - iz_1^{(1)} & \dots \\ & & \vdots & & & \\ x_1^{(n)} & \dots & x_s^{(n)} & y_1^{(n)} + iz_1^{(n)} & y_1^{(n)} - iz_1^{(n)} & \dots \end{bmatrix}$$

which is the usual embedding of a basis, so its determinant is not 0 ( $\det(E)^2$  is the discriminant of this basis).

- Also

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} x_1^{(1)} & \dots & x_s^{(1)} & y_1^{(1)} & z_1^{(1)} & \dots & y_t^{(1)} & z_1^{(1)} \\ & & \vdots & & & & & \\ x_1^{(n)} & \dots & x_s^{(n)} & y_1^{(n)} & z_1^{(n)} & \dots & y_t^{(n)} & z_1^{(n)} \end{bmatrix}$$

and  $\det(E) = (-2i)^t \det(D)$  so  $\det(D) \neq 0$  as required.



**Lemma.** If  $L$  is a lattice in  $\mathbb{R}^s \times \mathbb{C}^t$  of volume  $V$ , and if  $c_1, \dots, c_{s+t}$  are positive reals such that

$$c_1 \cdots c_{s+t} > \left(\frac{4}{\pi}\right)^t V,$$

then there exists  $(x_1, \dots, x_s, x_{s+1}, \dots, x_{s+t}) \neq \mathbf{0}$  in  $L$  such

$$|x_1| < c_1, \dots, |x_s| < c_s, |x_{s+1}| < c_{s+1}, \dots, |x_{s+t}| < c_{s+t}.$$

**Proof.**

- Pick a set  $X$  which is a cartesian product of line segments and circular discs satisfying the required constraints and compute  $v(X)$ , using  $\int_{-c_j}^{c_j} dx_j$  and  $\int_{y_j^2+z_j^2 < c_{s+j}} dy_j dz_j$  to find  $v(X) = 2^s \pi^t c_1 \cdots c_{s+t}$ .
- Since  $X$  is bounded, symmetric and convex, apply Minkowski's theorem.  $\square$



**Theorem.** Let  $K$  be a number field of degree  $n = s + 2t$  and let  $0 \neq \mathfrak{b}$  be an ideal of  $\mathcal{O}_K$ . Then

$$v(\sigma(\mathfrak{b})) = 2^{-t} N(\mathfrak{b}) \sqrt{|d_K|}.$$

**Proof.** The term  $2^{-t}$  comes from separating the real and imaginary parts. Then since  $\mathfrak{b}$  has a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -basis, it may be expressed in terms of an integral basis, which gives both  $N(\mathfrak{b})$  and  $\sqrt{|d_K|}$ .  $\square$



**Theorem.** If  $\mathfrak{b} \neq 0$  is an ideal of  $\mathcal{O}_K$ , then  $\mathfrak{b}$  contains an integer  $\alpha$  with

$$|N(\alpha)| \leq (2/\pi)^t N(\mathfrak{b}) \sqrt{|d_K|}.$$

**Proof.**

- For  $\epsilon > 0$ , choose positive reals  $c_1, \dots, c_{s+t}$  such that

$$c_1 \cdots c_{s+t} = (2/\pi)^t N(\mathfrak{b}) \sqrt{|d_K|} + \epsilon.$$

- Thus there exists  $0 \neq \alpha \in \mathfrak{b}$  such that

$$|\sigma_1(\alpha)| < c_1, \dots, |\sigma_s(\alpha)| < c_s, |\sigma_{s+1}(\alpha)|^2 < c_{s+1}, \dots, |\sigma_{s+t}(\alpha)|^2 < c_{s+t}.$$

- Since a lattice is discrete, the set  $A_\epsilon$  of  $\alpha$  such that  $|N(\alpha)| < (2/\pi)^t N(\mathfrak{b}) \sqrt{|d_K|} + \epsilon$  is finite and we pick an  $\alpha \in A = \bigcap A_\epsilon$ . This  $\alpha$  satisfies the claim.  $\square$



Recall that the class group of  $\mathcal{O}_K$  is the quotient group

$$\mathcal{F}/\mathcal{P}.$$

- Two fractional ideals are equivalent if they belong to the same coset of  $\mathcal{P}$  in  $\mathcal{F}$ .
- Then  $[\mathfrak{a}]$  denotes the equivalence class of  $\mathfrak{a}$ , that is it contains all fractional ideals that are equivalent to  $\mathfrak{a}$ .
- If  $\mathfrak{a}$  is a fractional ideal, then  $\mathfrak{a} = c^{-1}\mathfrak{b}$ ,  $c \in \mathcal{O}_K$  and  $\mathfrak{b}$  an ideal, so

$$\mathfrak{b} = c\mathfrak{a} = \langle c \rangle \mathfrak{a}$$

for  $\langle c \rangle \in \mathcal{P}$ . So  $\mathfrak{a}$  and  $\mathfrak{b}$  are equivalent.

- Also every equivalence class contains an ideal ( $\mathfrak{b} \in [\mathfrak{a}]$ ).

**Corollary.** Every non-zero ideal  $\mathfrak{b}$  of  $\mathcal{O}_K$  is equivalent to an ideal  $\mathfrak{c}'$  such that  $N(\mathfrak{c}') \leq (2/\pi)^t \sqrt{|\Delta|}$ .

**Proof.**

- The class  $[\mathfrak{b}^{-1}]$  of fractional ideals equivalent to  $\mathfrak{b}^{-1}$  contains an ideal  $\mathfrak{c}$ .
- We find an integer  $\gamma \in \mathfrak{c}$  such that

$$|N(\gamma)| \leq (2/\pi)^t N(\mathfrak{c}) \sqrt{|d_K|}.$$

- Since  $\mathfrak{c} | \langle \gamma \rangle$ , we have  $\langle \gamma \rangle = \mathfrak{c}\mathfrak{c}'$  for some ideal  $\mathfrak{c}'$ .
- Since  $N(\mathfrak{c}')N(\mathfrak{c}) = |N(\gamma)|$ , we have

$$N(\mathfrak{c}') \leq (2/\pi)^t \sqrt{|d_K|}.$$

- Since  $\mathfrak{c}$  is equivalent to  $\mathfrak{b}^{-1}$  and  $\mathfrak{c}'$  is equivalent to  $\mathfrak{c}^{-1}$  (recall  $\langle \gamma \rangle = \mathfrak{c}\mathfrak{c}'$ ), we have that  $\mathfrak{c}'$  is equivalent to  $\mathfrak{b}$ .  $\square$



If  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-5})$ , then  $\mathcal{O}_K = \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-5}]$  and  $d_K = -20$ . So

$$(2/\pi)^t \sqrt{|d_K|} = \frac{2\sqrt{20}}{\pi} < 2.85.$$

Thus every ideal of  $\mathcal{O}_K$  is equivalent to either an ideal of norm 1 (thus  $\mathcal{O}_K$ ) or to an ideal of norm 2, which must divide  $\langle 2 \rangle = \langle 2, 1 + \sqrt{-5} \rangle^2$ . In fact  $\langle 2, 1 + \sqrt{-5} \rangle$  is the only ideal of norm 2, so every ideal is either equivalent to  $\mathcal{O}_K$  or to  $\langle 2, 1 + \sqrt{-5} \rangle$ .

**Theorem.** The class number  $h_K$  is finite for  $K$  a number field of discriminant  $d_K$  and degree  $n = s + 2t$ .

**Proof.**

- That  $h_K = |\mathcal{F}/\mathcal{P}|$  is finite is equivalent to say that the number of distinct equivalence classes of fractional ideals is finite.
- Let  $[\mathfrak{c}]$  be such an equivalence class. Then  $[\mathfrak{c}]$  contains an ideal  $\mathfrak{a}$  which is equivalent to an ideal  $\mathfrak{b}$  with  $N(\mathfrak{b}) \leq (2/\pi)^t \sqrt{|d_K|}$ .
- Since only finitely many ideals have a given norm (use ideal factorization and compute the norms appearing in this factorization), there are only finitely many possible choices for  $\mathfrak{b}$ .
- Since  $[\mathfrak{c}] = [\mathfrak{a}] = [\mathfrak{b}]$ , there are only finitely many equivalence classes  $[\mathfrak{c}]$ .  $\square$



Lattices from number fields are of interest:

- to mathematicians working on quadratic forms and algebraic number theory,
- to cryptographers ('ideal' lattices),
- to coding theorists (fading channels).

