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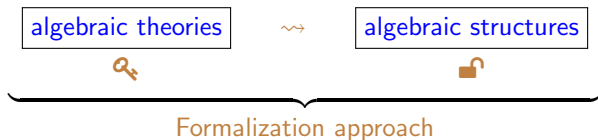
Motivation

- Ring theory has a wide range of applications in several fields of knowledge:
 - ▶ combinatorics, algebraic cryptography, and coding theory apply finite (commutative) rings [1];
 - ▶ ring theory forms the basis for algebraic geometry, which has applications in engineering, statistics, biological modeling, and computer algebra [8].

A complete formalization of ring theory would make possible the formal verification of elaborate theories involving rings in their scope.

- Formalizing rings will enrich the mathematical libraries of PVS:

<https://github.com/nasa/pvslib/tree/master/algebra>



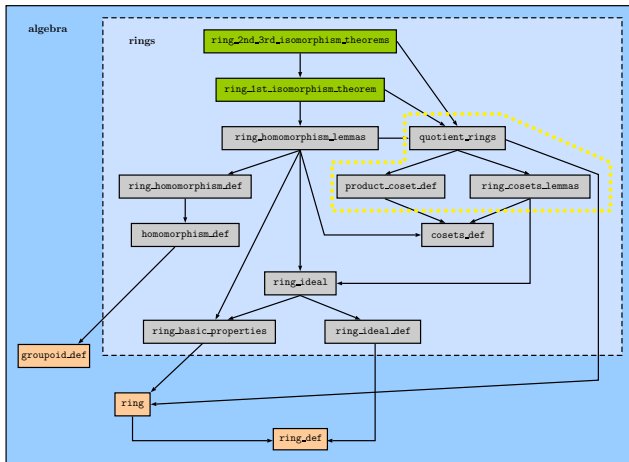


Figure: Hierarchy of the sub-theories for the three isomorphism theorems for rings (Taken from [2])

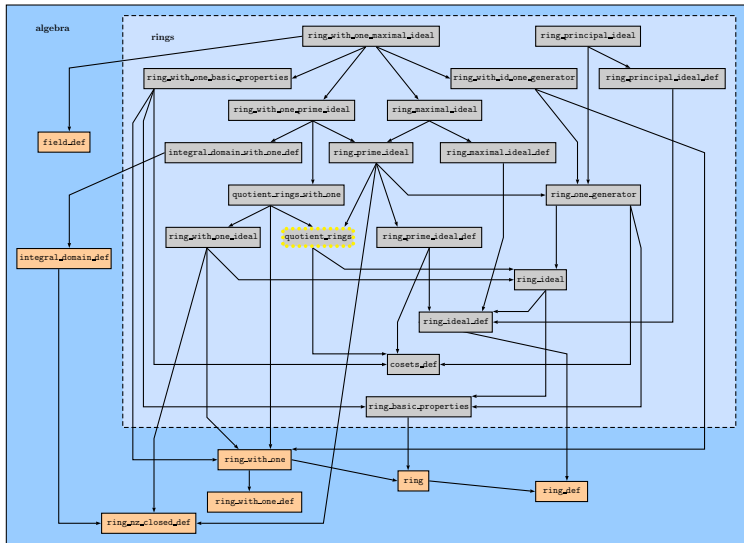


Figure: Hierarchy of the sub-theories related with principal, prime and maximal ideals
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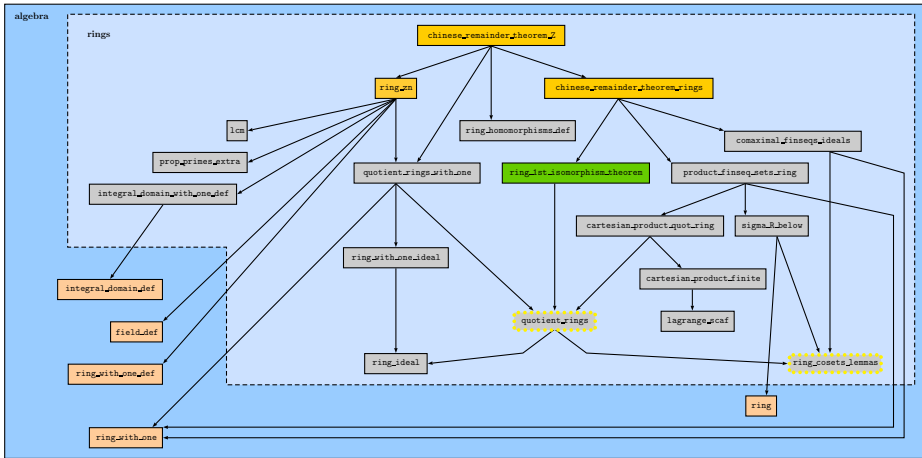
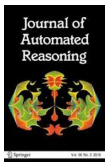


Figure: Hierarchy of the sub-theories related to the Chinese Remainder Theorem (Taken from [2])



[2] de Lima, Galdino, Avelar, Ayala-Rincón

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- Formalization of the general algebraic-theoretical version of the Chinese remainder theorem (CRT) for the theory of rings, proved as a consequence of the first isomorphism theorem.
- The number-theoretical version of CRT for the structure of integers is obtained as a consequence.

Chinese Rem. Th. for rings



Chinese Rem. Th. for $\mathbb{Z}$



Formalization approach

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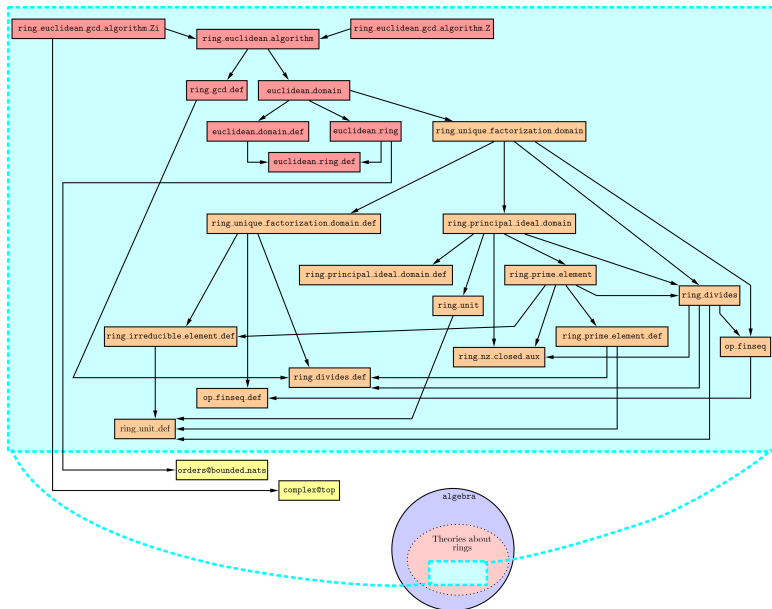


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A Euclidean ring is a commutative ring R equipped with a norm φ over $R \setminus \{zero\}$, where an abstract version of the well-known Euclid's division lemma holds. Euclidean rings and domains are specified in the subtheories `euclidean_ring_def` [↗](#) and `euclidean_domain_def` [↗](#).

```
euclidean_ring?(R): bool = commutative_ring?(R) AND
EXISTS (phi: [(R - {zero}) -> nat]):
  FORALL(a,b: (R)):
    ((a*b /= zero IMPLIES phi(a) <= phi(a*b)) AND
     (b /= zero IMPLIES
      EXISTS(q,r:(R)):
        (a = q*b+r AND (r = zero OR (r /= zero AND phi(r) < phi(b))))))

euclidean_domain?(R): bool = euclidean_ring?(R) AND
                             integral_domain_w_one?(R)
```

The theory `Euclidean_ring_def`  includes two additional definitions to allow abstraction of acceptable Euclidean norms, ϕ , and associated functions, f_ϕ , fulfilling the properties of Euclidean rings.

```
Euclidean_pair?(R : (Euclidean_ring?), phi: [(R - {zero}) -> nat]) : bool =
  FORALL(a,b: (R)): ((a*b /= zero IMPLIES phi(a) <= phi(a*b)) AND
    (b /= zero IMPLIES
      EXISTS(q,r:(R)): (a = q*b+r AND
        (r = zero OR (r /= zero AND phi(r) < phi(b))))))

Euclidean_f_phi?(R : (Euclidean_ring?),
  phi : [(R - {zero}) -> nat] | Euclidean_pair?(R,phi))
(f_phi : [(R) , (R - {zero}) -> [(R),(R)]] : bool =
  FORALL (a : (R), b : (R - {zero})):
    IF a = zero THEN f_phi(a,b) = (zero, zero)
    ELSE LET div = f_phi(a,b)^1, rem = f_phi(a,b)^2 IN
      a = div * b + rem AND
      (rem = zero OR (rem /= zero AND phi(rem) < phi(b)))
    ENDIF
```

The relation $\text{Euclidean_pair?}(R, \phi)$  holds whenever ϕ is a Euclidean norm over R .

The curried relation $\text{Euclidean_f_phi?}(R, \phi)(f_\phi)$  holds, whenever $\text{Euclidean_pair?}(R, \phi)$ holds, and

$$f_\phi : R \times R \setminus \{zero\} \rightarrow R \times R$$

is such that for all pair in its domain, $f_\phi(a, b)$ gives a pair of elements, say (div, rem) satisfying the constraints of Euclidean rings regarding the norm ϕ :

$$\text{if } a \neq zero, a = div * b + rem \text{ and, if } rem \neq zero, \phi(rem) < \phi(b)$$

These definitions are correct since the existence of such a ϕ and f_ϕ is guaranteed by the fact that R is a Euclidean ring.

Also, notice that the decrement of the norm ($\phi(rem) < \phi(b)$) is the key to building an abstract Euclidean terminating procedure.

Using the previous two relations, a general abstract recursive Euclidean gcd algorithm is specified in the sub-theory `ring_euclidean_algorithm` [↗](#) as the curried definition `Euclidean_gcd_algorithm` [↗](#).

```
Euclidean_gcd_algorithm(
  R : (Euclidean_domain?[T,+,*,zero,one]),
  (phi: [(R - {zero}) -> nat] | Euclidean_pair?(R,phi)),
  (f_phi: [(R),(R - {zero}) -> [(R),(R)]] |
    Euclidean_f_phi?(R,phi)(f_phi)))
  (a: (R), b: (R - {zero})) : RECURSIVE (R - {zero}) =
  IF a = zero THEN b
  ELSIF phi(a) >= phi(b) THEN
    LET rem = (f_phi(a,b))`2 IN
    IF rem = zero THEN b
    ELSE Euclidean_gcd_algorithm(R,phi,f_phi)(b,rem)
  ENDIF
  ELSE Euclidean_gcd_algorithm(R,phi,f_phi)(b,a)
  ENDIF
  MEASURE lex2(phi(b), IF a = zero THEN 0 ELSE phi(a) ENDIF)
```

The termination of the algorithm is guaranteed manually proving that two proof obligations  (termination Type Correctness Conditions - TCC) generated by PVS hold. For instance:

```
euclidean_gcd_algorithm_TCC9: OBLIGATION
FORALL (R: (euclidean_domain?[T, +, *, zero, one]),
      (phi: [(difference(R, singleton(zero))) -> nat]
            | euclidean_pair?[T, +, *, zero](R, phi)),
      (f_phi: [[(R), (remove(zero, R))] -> [(R), (R)]]
            | euclidean_f_phi?[T, +, *, zero](R, phi)(f_phi)),
      a: (R), b: (remove[T](zero, R))):
NOT a = zero AND phi(a) >= phi(b) IMPLIES
  FORALL (rem: (R)):
    rem = (f_phi(a, b))^2 AND NOT rem = zero IMPLIES
      lex2(phi(rem), IF b = zero THEN 0 ELSE phi(b) ENDIF) <
        lex2(phi(b), IF a = zero THEN 0 ELSE phi(a) ENDIF)
```

It uses the lexicographical MEASURE provided in the specification. The measure decreases after each possible recursive call.

The `Euclid_theorem`  establishes the correctness of each recursive step regarding the abstract definition of `gcd` . It states that given adequate ϕ and f_ϕ , the `gcd` of a pair (a, b) is equal to the `gcd` of the pair (rem, b) , where rem is computed by f_ϕ . Notice that since Euclidean rings allow a variety of Euclidean norms and associated functions (e.g., [7], [6]), `gcd` is specified as a relation.

`Euclid_theorem` : LEMMA

```
FORALL (R: (Euclidean_domain? [T, +, *, zero, one]),
  (phi: [(R - {zero}) -> nat] | Euclidean_pair?(R, phi)),
  (f_phi: [(R), (R - {zero}) -> [(R), (R)]] |
    Euclidean_f_phi?(R, phi)(f_phi)),
  a: (R), b: (R - {zero}), g : (R - {zero})) :
  gcd?(R)({x : (R) | x = a OR x = b}, g) IFF
  gcd?(R)({x : (R) | x = (f_phi(a, b))^2 OR x = b}, g)
```

```
gcd?(R)(X: {X | NOT empty?(X) AND subset?(X, R)}, d: (R - {zero})): bool =
  (FORALL a: member(a, X) IMPLIES divides?(R)(d, a)) AND
  (FORALL (c: (R - {zero})):
    (FORALL a: member(a, X) IMPLIES divides?(R)(c, a)) IMPLIES
    divides?(R)(c, d))
```

Finally, the theorem `Euclidean_gcd_alg_correctness`  formalizes the correctness of the abstract Euclidean algorithm. The proof is by induction. For an input pair (a, b) , in the inductive step of the proof, when $\phi(b) > \phi(a)$ and the recursive call swaps the arguments the lexicographic measure decreases.

Otherwise, when the recursive call is

`Euclidean_gcd_algorithm( $R, \phi, f_\phi$ )( $b, rem$ )` the measure decreases and by application of `Euclid_theorem`, one concludes.

```
Euclidean_gcd_alg_correctness : THEOREM
  FORALL (R: (Euclidean_domain? [T, +, *, zero, one]),
    (phi: [(R - {zero}) -> nat] | Euclidean_pair?(R, phi)),
    (f_phi: [(R), (R - {zero}) -> [(R), (R)]] |
      Euclidean_f_phi?(R, phi)(f_phi)),
    a: (R), b: (R - {zero}) ) :
  gcd?(R)({x : (R) | x = a OR x = b},
    Euclidean_gcd_algorithm(R, phi, f_phi)(a, b))
```

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Corollary `Euclidean_gcd_alg_correctness_in_Z`  gives the Euclidean algorithm correctness for the **Euclidean ring of integers**, $\mathbb{Z}$. It states that the parameterized abstract algorithm, `Euclidean_gcd_algorithm[int,+,*,0,1]` satisfies the relation `gcd?[int,+,*,0]`, for any $i, j \in \mathbb{Z}, j \neq 0$.

It follows from the correctness of the abstract Euclidean algorithm and requires proving that $\phi_{\mathbb{Z}}$ and $f_{\phi_{\mathbb{Z}}}$ fulfill the definition of Euclidean rings. The latter is formalized as lemma `phi_Z_and_f_phi_Z_ok` .

```
phi_Z(i : int | i /= 0) : posnat = abs(i)

f_phi_Z(i : int, (j : int | j /= 0)) : [int, below[abs(j)]] =
  ((IF j > 0 THEN ndiv(i,j) ELSE -ndiv(i,-j) ENDIF), rem(abs(j))(i))

phi_Z_and_f_phi_Z_ok : LEMMA Euclidean_f_phi?[int,+,*,0](Z,phi_Z)(f_phi_Z)

Euclidean_gcd_alg_correctness_in_Z : COROLLARY
  FORALL(i: int, (j: int | j /= 0) ) :
    gcd?[int,+,*,0](Z)({x : (Z) | x = i OR x = j},
      Euclidean_gcd_algorithm[int,+,*,0,1](Z, phi_Z,f_phi_Z)(i,j))
```

Correctness of the Euclidean algorithm for the **Euclidean ring $\mathbb{Z}[i]$ of Gaussian integers**.

The Euclidean norm of a Gaussian integer $x = (\operatorname{Re}(x) + i \operatorname{Im}(x)) \in \mathbb{Z}[i]$, $\phi_{\mathbb{Z}[i]}(x)$, is selected as the natural given by the multiplication of x by its conjugate ($\bar{x} = \operatorname{conjugate}(x) = \operatorname{Re}(x) - i \operatorname{Im}(x)$): $\operatorname{Re}(x)^2 + \operatorname{Im}(x)^2$.

```

Zi: set[complex] = {z : complex | EXISTS (a,b:int): a = Re(z) AND b = Im(z)}

Zi_is_ring: LEMMA ring?[complex,+,*,0](Zi)

Zi_is_integral_domain_w_one: LEMMA integral_domain_w_one?[complex,+,*,0,1](Zi)

phi_Zi(x:(Zi) | x /= 0): nat = x * conjugate(x)

phi_Zi_is_multiplicative: LEMMA
  FORALL((x: (Zi) | x /= 0), (y: (Zi) | y /= 0)):
    phi_Zi(x * y) = phi_Zi(x) * phi_Zi(y)

```

The auxiliary function `div_rem_appx`  is used to specify the associated function $f_{\phi_{\mathbb{Z}[i]}}$ for the **Euclidean ring** $\mathbb{Z}[i]$.

For a pair of integers (a, b) , $b \neq 0$, `div_rem_appx` computes the pair of integers (q, r) such that $a = qb + r$, and $|r| \leq |b|/2$; thus, qb is the integer closest to a . Lemma `div_rev_appx_correctness`  proves the equality $a = qb + r$.

```
div_rem_appx(a: int, (b: int | b /= 0)) : [int, int] =
  LET r = rem(abs(b))(a),
    q = IF b > 0 THEN ndiv(a,b) ELSE -ndiv(a,-b) ENDIF IN
  IF r <= abs(b)/2 THEN (q,r)
  ELSE IF b > 0 THEN (q+1, r - abs(b))
    ELSE (q-1, r - abs(b))
    ENDIF
  ENDIF

div_rev_appx_correctness : LEMMA
  FORALL (a: int, (b: int | b /= 0)) :
    abs(div_rem_appx(a,b)^2) <= abs(b)/2 AND
    a = b * div_rem_appx(a,b)^1 + div_rem_appx(a,b)^2
```

Construction of $f_{\phi_{\mathbb{Z}[i]}}$ : For y , a Gaussian integer and x , a positive integer, let $\text{Re}(y) = q_1x + r_1$ and $\text{Im}(y) = q_2x + r_2$, where (q_1, r_1) and (q_2, r_2) are computed by $\text{div_rem_appx}(\text{Re}(y), x)$ and $\text{div_rem_appx}(\text{Im}(y), x)$, respectively.

Let $q = q_1 + iq_2$ and $r = r_1 + ir_2$, then $y = qx + r$. Also, notice that if $r \neq 0$ then $\phi_{\mathbb{Z}[i]}(r) \leq \phi_{\mathbb{Z}[i]}(x)$ since $r_1^2 + r_2^2 \leq x^2$.

For the case in which x is a non zero Gaussian integer, $\phi_{\mathbb{Z}[i]}(x) > 0$ holds.

Then, $\text{div_rem_appx}(y \bar{x}, x \bar{x})$ computes $q, r' \in \mathbb{Z}[i]$ such that $y \bar{x} = q(x \bar{x}) + r'$, and $r' = 0$ or $\phi_{\mathbb{Z}[i]}(r') < \phi_{\mathbb{Z}[i]}(x \bar{x})$.

Finally, selecting $r = y - qx$ ($y = qx + r$) and $r' = r \bar{x}$:

If $r \neq 0$, since $\phi_{\mathbb{Z}[i]}(r \bar{x}) < \phi_{\mathbb{Z}[i]}(x \bar{x})$, by lemma `phi_Zi_is_multiplicative` , we conclude that $\phi_{\mathbb{Z}[i]}(r) < \phi_{\mathbb{Z}[i]}(x)$.

```
f_phi_Zi(y: (Zi), (x: (Zi) | x /= 0)): [(Zi), (Zi)] =
  LET q = div_rem_appx(Re(y * conjugate(x)), x * conjugate(x))`1 +
    div_rem_appx(Im(y * conjugate(x)), x * conjugate(x))`1 * i,
    r = y - q * x IN (q, r)
```

Corollary `Euclidean_gcd_alg_in_Zi`  gives the correctness of the Euclidean algorithm for the Euclidean ring $\mathbb{Z}[i]$.

This is consequence of the correctness of the abstract Euclidean algorithm and lemma `phi_Zi_and_f_phi_Zi_ok`  that states that $\phi_{\mathbb{Z}[i]}$ and $f_{\phi_{\mathbb{Z}[i]}}$ are adequate for $\mathbb{Z}[i]$: `Euclidean_f_phi?[complex,+,*,0](Z[i],phi_Zi)(f_phi_Zi)`.

```
phi_Zi_and_f_phi_Zi_ok: LEMMA
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Euclidean_gcd_alg_in_Zi: COROLLARY
  FORALL(x: (Zi), (y: (Zi) | y /= 0) ) :
    gcd?[complex,+,*,0](Zi)({z :(Zi) | z = x OR z = y},
      Euclidean_gcd_algorithm[complex,+,*,0,1](Zi, phi_Zi,f_phi_Zi)(x,y))
```



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Euclidean algorithm for rings



Euclidean algorithm for $\mathbb{Z}$

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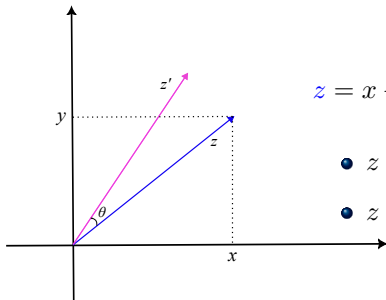
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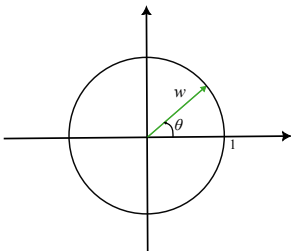
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Complex numbers and bi-dimensional real space



$$z = x + yi \quad w = c + di$$

- $z + w = (x + c) + (y + d)i$
- $z \cdot w = (xc - yd) + (xd + yc)i$



$$w = \cos(\theta) + \sin(\theta)i$$

$$z' = x \cos(\theta) - y \sin(\theta) + (x \sin(\theta) + y \cos(\theta))i$$

$$z' = z \cdot w$$

For about ten years, Sir William Rowan Hamilton tried to model three-dimensional space with a structure like “complex numbers”, equipped with and closed under addition and multiplication.

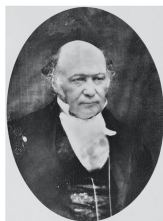


Figure: Sir William Rowan Hamilton, picture taken from [9]

On October 16, 1843, Hamilton realized he needed a four-dimensional structure to model the three-dimensional real space.

It provided some peculiar/special results...

- The advent of an algebraic structure at the intersection of many mathematical topics such as non-commutative ring theory, number theory, geometric topology, etc.

“The most famous act of mathematical vandalism”



Figure: Sand sculpture by Daniel Doyle, picture taken from [9]



Figure: Broom bridge plaque in Dublin, picture taken from [12]

Hamilton's Quaternions

The structure $\langle \mathbb{H}, +, \cdot, \text{one}_q, \textcolor{brown}{i}, \textcolor{blue}{j}, \textcolor{red}{k} \rangle$, where:

- $\mathbb{H} = \{q_0 \text{one}_q + q_1 \textcolor{brown}{i} + q_2 \textcolor{blue}{j} + q_3 \textcolor{red}{k} \mid q_\ell \in \mathbb{R}, \text{ for } 0 \leq \ell \leq 3\};$
- $\textcolor{brown}{i}^2 = \textcolor{blue}{j}^2 = \textcolor{brown}{i} \cdot \textcolor{blue}{j} \cdot \textcolor{red}{k} = -1 + 0\textcolor{brown}{i} + 0\textcolor{blue}{j} + 0\textcolor{red}{k} = -\text{one}_q;$

For p and $q \in \mathbb{H}$:

- $\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{q} = (p_0 + q_0) + (p_1 + q_1)\textcolor{brown}{i} + (p_2 + q_2)\textcolor{blue}{j} + (p_3 + q_3)\textcolor{red}{k}$
- $\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{q} = \begin{pmatrix} (p_0 q_0 - p_1 q_1 - p_2 q_2 - p_3 q_3) \\ + (p_0 q_1 + p_1 q_0 + p_2 q_3 - p_3 q_2)\textcolor{brown}{i} \\ + (p_0 q_2 - p_1 q_3 + p_2 q_0 + p_3 q_1)\textcolor{blue}{j} \\ + (p_0 q_3 + p_1 q_2 - p_2 q_1 + p_3 q_0)\textcolor{red}{k} \end{pmatrix}$

Hamilton's Quaternions

Hamilton's Quaternions can be seen as a four dimensional vector space over the field of real numbers.

Identifying

- $\text{one}_q \longleftrightarrow (1, 0, 0, 0)$
- $\mathbf{i} \longleftrightarrow (0, 1, 0, 0)$
- $\mathbf{j} \longleftrightarrow (0, 0, 1, 0)$
- $\mathbf{k} \longleftrightarrow (0, 0, 0, 1)$

$$\mathbb{H} \cong \mathbb{R}^4$$

Considering...

$$\bullet \mathbb{H}^0 = \{\mathbf{q} \mid q_0 = 0\} \subset \mathbb{H};$$

$$\mathbb{H}^0 \cong \mathbb{R}^3$$

Conjugate and norm

Define:

- The *conjugate* of a quaternion $\mathbf{q}$ as

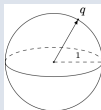
$$\begin{aligned}\bar{\mathbf{q}} &= q_0 - \underbrace{q_1 \mathbf{i} - q_2 \mathbf{j} - q_3 \mathbf{k}}_{\mathbf{q}} \\ &= q_0 - \mathbf{q}\end{aligned}$$

where $\mathbf{q}$ is the *pure part* of $\mathbf{q}$

- The *norm* of $\mathbf{q}$ is given as $|\mathbf{q}| = \sqrt{q_0^2 + q_1^2 + q_2^2 + q_3^2}$

Denote

- $\mathbb{H}^1 = \{\mathbf{q} \in \mathbb{H} ; |\mathbf{q}| = 1\}$



A special function

Let $\mathbf{q}$ be a quaternion. Consider the function

$$\begin{aligned} T_q : \mathbb{H}^0 &\rightarrow \mathbb{H} \\ \mathbf{v} &\mapsto \mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{v} \cdot \bar{\mathbf{q}} \end{aligned}$$

One can prove that:

$$\begin{aligned} T_q : \mathbb{H}^0 &\rightarrow \mathbb{H}^0, \text{ or equivalently} \\ T_q : \mathbb{R}^3 &\rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3 \end{aligned}$$

Some properties of T_q

- T_q is linear:

$$T_q(av + bu) = aT_q(v) + bT_q(u), \text{ for all } a, b \in \mathbb{R} \text{ and } v, u \in \mathbb{R}^3.$$

- If $q \in \mathbb{H}^1$ then T_q preserves the norm of v :

$$|T_q(v)| = |q \cdot v \cdot \bar{q}| = |q| \cdot |v| \cdot |\bar{q}| = |v|$$

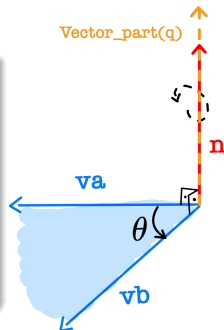
- If $q \in \mathbb{H}^1$ then $T_q(kq) = kq$, where $k \in \mathbb{R}$;

Completeness of rotation using Hamilton's quaternions

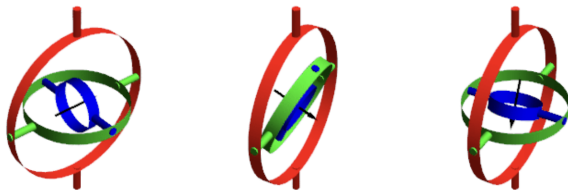
Consider va and vb linearly independent vectors from $\mathbb{R}^3$ such that $|va| = |vb|$. There exists a Hamilton's quaternion q , such that

$$T_q(va) = vb$$

and q is the axis of rotation that leads va into vb .



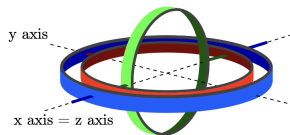
Benefits of rotating using Quaternions



Taken from [11]

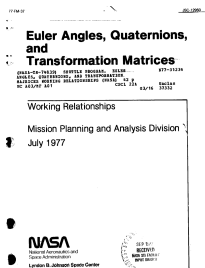
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos(\alpha) & -\sin(\alpha) \\ 0 & \sin(\alpha) & \cos(\alpha) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\beta) & 0 & \sin(\beta) \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\sin(\beta) & 0 & \cos(\beta) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\gamma) & -\sin(\gamma) & 0 \\ \sin(\gamma) & \cos(\gamma) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Benefits of rotating using Quaternions - Avoiding Gimbal Lock



$$\text{For } \beta = \frac{\pi}{2}, R = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ \sin(\alpha + \gamma) & \cos(\alpha + \gamma) & 0 \\ -\cos(\alpha + \gamma) & \sin(\alpha + \gamma) & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Figure: Gimbal Lock: taken from [10]



Implementations of quaternions have been considered in the NASA Space Shuttle Program. E.g., D. M. Henderson's [Design Note NO. 1.4-8-020](#) relates quaternion transformation to the twelve three-axis Euler transformation(s):

$T_q \rightsquigarrow$

XYZ	YXZ	ZXZ
XZY	YZX	ZYX
XYX	YXY	ZXZ
XZX	YZY	ZYZ

Applications

- Quaternions have been used in computer graphics, robotics, signal processing, bioinformatics, and orbital mechanics.

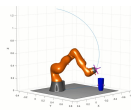
Tomb Raider (1996) is often cited as the first mass-market computer game to have used quaternions to achieve smooth 3D rotation.



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The theory `quaternions_def` $[T:\text{Type}, +, *: [T, T \rightarrow T], \text{zero}, \text{one}, a, b:T]$ 

uses an abstract type T , and assumes $\text{group}[T, +, \text{zero}]$, and axioms:

```
i = (zero, one, zero, zero)
j = (zero, zero, one, zero)
k = (zero, zero, zero, one)
a_q = (a, zero, zero, zero)
b_q = (b, zero, zero, zero)
```

```
conjugate(v) = (v`x, inv(v`y), inv(v`z), inv(v`t))
red_norm(v) = v*conjugate(v)
+(u,v):quat=(u`x+v`x, u`y+v`y, u`z+v`z, u`t+v`t);
*(c,v):quat=(c * v`x, c * v`y, c * v`z, c * v`t);
*:[quat, quat -> quat]; %quat multiplication

sqr_i      :AXIOM i * i = a_q
sqr_j      :AXIOM j * j = b_q
ij_is_k    :AXIOM i * j = k
ji_prod    :AXIOM j * i = inv(k)
sc_quat_assoc :AXIOM c*(u*v) = (c*u)*v
sc_comm     :AXIOM (c*u)*v = u*(c*v)
sc_assoc    :AXIOM c*(d*u) = (c*d)*u
q_distr     :AXIOM distributive?[quat](*, +)
q_distr1    :AXIOM (u + v) * w = u * w + v * w
q_assoc     :AXIOM associative?[quat](*)
one_q_times :AXIOM one_q * u = u
times_one_q :AXIOM u * one_q = u
```

The PVS theory quaternions  assumes `field[T,+,*,zero,one]` and formalizes several basic properties.

```
basis_quat: LEMMA
```

```
  FORALL (q: quat): q = q`x * one_q + q`y * i + q`z * j + q`t * k
```

```
q_prod_charac: LEMMA FORALL (u,v:quat):
```

```
  u * v = (u`x * v`x + u`y * v`y * a + u`z * v`z * b + u`t * v`t * inv(a) * b,
           u`x * v`y + u`y * v`x + (inv(b)) * u`z * v`t + b * u`t * v`z,
           u`x * v`z + u`z * v`x + a * u`y * v`t + inv(a) * u`t * v`y,
           u`x * v`t + u`y * v`z + inv(u`z * v`y) + u`t * v`x )
```

```
quat_is_ring_w_one: LEMMA
```

```
  ring_with_one?[quat,+,*,zero_q,one_q](fullset[quat])
```

```
red_norm_charac: LEMMA FORALL (q: quat):
```

```
  red_norm(q) = (q`x * q`x +
                 inv(a) * (q`y * q`y) +
                 inv(b) * (q`z * q`z) +
                 (a * b) * (q`t * q`t),
                 zero, zero, zero)
```

The general function $T_q(v)$

```

T_q(q: quat)(v:(pure_quat)): (pure_quat) = q * v * conjugate(q)

T_q_is_linear: LEMMA FORALL (c,d: T, q: quat, v,w: (pure_quat)):
  T_q(q)(c * v + d * w) = c * T_q(q)(v) + d * T_q(q)(w)

T_q_red_norm_invariant: LEMMA FORALL (q: quat, v:(pure_quat)):
  red_norm(q) = one_q IMPLIES red_norm(T_q(q)(v)) = red_norm(v)

T_q_invariant_red_norm: LEMMA FORALL (c: T, q: quat):
  red_norm(q) = one_q IMPLIES T_q(q)(c * pure_part(q)) = c * pure_part(q)

```

Characterization of Quaternions as Division Rings

```

quat_div_ring_char: LEMMA
charac(fullset[T]) /= 2 IMPLIES
((FORALL (x,y:T): a*(x*x) + b*(y*y) /= one) IFF
division_ring?[quat,+,*,zero_q,one_q](fullset[quat]))

```

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Formalization of Hamilton's Quaternion

Hamilton's quaternions  are obtained by importing the quaternions theory using the field of reals as a parameter, and the real -1 for the parameters a and b :

```
IMPORTING quaternions[real,+,*,0,1,-1,-1]
```

Rotation by Hamilton's Quaternions

```

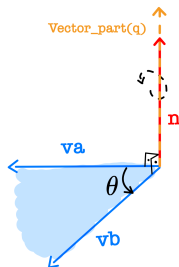
Real_part(q: quat): real = q`x
Vect_part(q: quat): Vect3 = (q`y, q`z, q`t)

r_angle(a,b:(nzpure_quat)):nnreal_le_pi =
  angle_between(Vect_part(a),Vect_part(b))

n_rot_axis(a:(pure_quat),b:(pure_quat) |
  lin_independent?(Vect_part(a),Vect_part(b))):Vect3 =
  normalize(cross(Vect_part(a), Vect_part(b)))

rot_quat(a:(pure_quat),b:(pure_quat) |
  lin_independent?(Vect_part(a),Vect_part(b))):quat =
  LET  rot_angl_half : nnreal_le_pi = r_angle(a,b)/ 2,
        sin_ha = sin(rot_angl_half),
        cos_ha = cos(rot_angl_half),
        n = n_rot_axis(a,b)
  IN (cos_ha,  sin_ha * n`x, sin_ha * n`y, sin_ha * n`z)

```



```

T_q_Real_charac: LEMMA FORALL (q: quat, a: (pure_quat)):
  Vect_part(T_q(q)(a)) = (2 * (Vect_part(q) * Vect_part(a))) * Vect_part(q) +
    (sq(q'x) - sq(norm(Vect_part(q)))) * Vect_part(a) +
    (2 * q'x) * cross(Vect_part(q), Vect_part(a))

```

```

Quat_Rot_Aux1 : LEMMA FORALL (a:(pure_quat), b:(pure_quat) |
lin_independent?(Vect_part(a), Vect_part(b))):
  (Vect_part(rot_quat(a, b)) * Vect_part(a)) = 0

```

```

Quat_Rot_Aux2 : LEMMA FORALL (a:(pure_quat), b:(pure_quat) |
lin_independent?(Vect_part(a), Vect_part(b))):
LET q = rot_quat(a, b), theta = r_angle(a,b), norm_q = norm(Vect_part(q)) IN
  (sq(q'x) - sq(norm_q)) * Vect_part(a) = cos(theta) * Vect_part(a)

```

```

Quat_Rot_Aux3 : LEMMA FORALL (a:(pure_quat), b:(pure_quat) |
norm(Vect_part(a)) = norm(Vect_part(b)) AND
lin_independent?(Vect_part(a), Vect_part(b))):
LET q = rot_quat(a, b), theta = r_angle(a,b) IN
  (2*q'x) * cross(Vect_part(q), Vect_part(a)) = Vect_part(b) - cos(theta) * Vect_part(a)

```

Rotation by Hamilton's Quaternions

Quaternions_Rotation: THEOREM

```
FORALL (a:(pure_quat), b:(pure_quat) |
    norm(Vect_part(a)) = norm(Vect_part(b)) AND
    linearly_independent?(Vect_part(a), Vect_part(b))):
    LET q = rot_quat(a,b) IN
    b = T_q(q)(a)
```

Quaternions_Rotation_Deform: THEOREM

```
FORALL (a:(pure_quat), b:(pure_quat) |
    linearly_independent?(Vect_part(a), Vect_part(b))):
    LET q =
        (sqrt(norm(Vect_part(b))/norm(Vect_part(a))))*
        rot_quat(a, norm(Vect_part(a))/norm(Vect_part(b))*b)
    IN b = T_q(q)(a)
```

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Lagrange's four-square theorem

Given a positive integer x there are four non-negative integers a, b, c, d such that

$$x = a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2$$

Strategy:

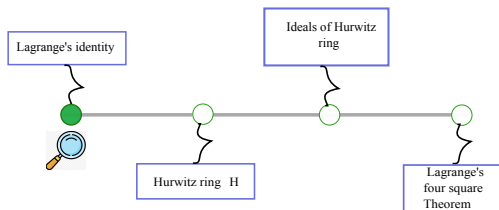
- 1 Prove that the product of the sum of four squares is also a sum of four squares (Lagrange's identity).

$$(a_0^2 + a_1^2 + a_2^2 + a_3^2) \cdot (b_0^2 + b_1^2 + b_2^2 + b_3^2) = (c_0^2 + c_1^2 + c_2^2 + c_3^2)$$

- 2 Prove the Lagrange's four-square theorem considering x as an odd prime number, since

$$2 = 1^2 + 1^2 + 0^2 + 0^2$$

Lagrange's identity and Norm of Quaternions

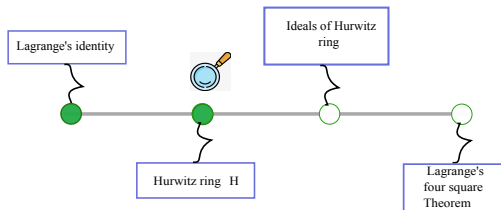


```
Lagrange_identity: LEMMA FORALL (a0, a1, a2, a3, b0, b1, b2, b3: real):
(a0^2 + a1^2 + a2^2 + a3^2) * (b0^2 + b1^2 + b2^2 + b3^2) =
  (a0*b0 - a1*b1 - a2*b2 - a3*b3)^2 + (a0*b1 + a1*b0 + a2*b3 - a3*b2)^2 +
  (a0*b2 - a1*b3 + a2*b0 + a3*b1)^2 + (a0*b3 + a1*b2 - a2*b1 + a3*b0)^2
```

Let $\mathbf{x} = (a_0, a_1, a_2, a_3)$ and $\mathbf{y} = (b_0, b_1, b_2, b_3)$ be Hamilton's quaternions. Then,

$$N(\mathbf{x}) \cdot N(\mathbf{y}) = N(\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{y})$$

Special structure where a prime p is norm of some element



```

IMPORTING algebra@quaternions[rational,+,*,0,1,-1,-1]
Hurwitz_ring: set[quat] = {q: quat | EXISTS (x, y, z, t: int):
(q`x = x/2 AND q`y = x/2 + y AND q`z = x/2 + z AND q`t = x/2 + t)}

Hurwitz_ring_is_ring_w_one: THEOREM
  ring_with_one?[quat,+,*,zero_q, one_q](Hurwitz_ring)

Hurwitz_red_norm_charac: LEMMA FORALL (q: Hurwitz_ring):
  red_norm(q) = (q`x^2 + q`y^2 + q`z^2 + q`t^2, 0, 0, 0)

Hurwitz_red_norm_is_posint: LEMMA FORALL (q: Hurwitz_ring):
  integer?((red_norm(q))`x) AND (red_norm(q))`x >= 0
  
```

Other properties of the Hurwitz Ring

A left-division algorithm holds for the Hurwitz Ring

`Hurwitz_left_division: THEOREM`

```
FORALL (a: Hurwitz_ring, b: Hurwitz_ring | red_norm(b)`x > 0):
  EXISTS (c, d: Hurwitz_ring): a = c*b+d AND red_norm(d)`x < red_norm(b)`x
```

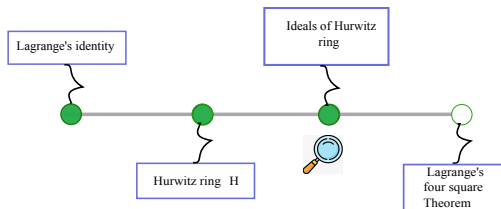


Every left-ideal L of the Hurwitz ring H has a generator

`left_product_generator: LEMMA`

```
FORALL (L: Hurwitz_left_ideal):
  EXISTS (u: (L)):
    FORALL (x: (L)): EXISTS (r: Hurwitz_ring): x = r*u
```

When $L \neq (0)$, the generator $u \in L$ is an element whose norm is minimal over the nonzero elements of L .



We want to guarantee the **existence of a left-ideal L** of H such that:

- $\mathbf{p} = (p, 0, 0, 0) \in L$;
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- $N(\mathbf{r}) = N(\mathbf{u}) = p$

May L be the Hurwitz ring?



$$H = \left\{ \left(\frac{x_0}{2}, \frac{x_0}{2} + x_1, \frac{x_0}{2} + x_2, \frac{x_0}{2} + x_3 \right) \mid x_i \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$$

- The Hurwitz ring is an ideal of itself;
- $(p, 0, 0, 0) = \left(\frac{2p}{2}, \frac{2p}{2} - p, \frac{2p}{2} - p, \frac{2p}{2} - p \right) \in H$;

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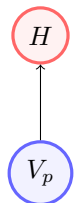
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May L be the Prime Hurwitz ideal V_p ?



$$V_p = \left\{ \left(\frac{p \cdot x_0}{2}, p \cdot \left(\frac{x_0}{2} + x_1 \right), p \cdot \left(\frac{x_0}{2} + x_2 \right), p \cdot \left(\frac{x_0}{2} + x_3 \right) \right) \mid x_i \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$$

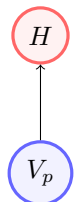
- V_p is an ideal of the Hurwitz ring H ;
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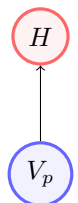
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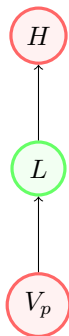
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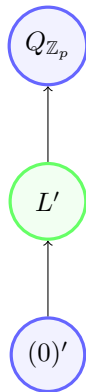
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- $N(\mathbf{r}) = N(\mathbf{u}) = p$

We need to prove that V_p is not a maximal left ideal

The existence of an intermediate ideal L

V_p is not a maximal ideal:



- Specification of quaternions over $\mathbb{Z}_p$:

$$Q_{\mathbb{Z}_p} = \{(a_0, a_1, a_2, a_3) | a_i \in \mathbb{Z}_p\}$$

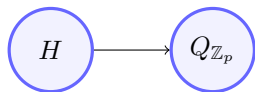
- Prove that $Q_{\mathbb{Z}_p}$ is not a division ring;

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quat_div_ring_char: LEMMA
  charac(fullset[T]) /= 2 IMPLIES
  ((FORALL (x,y:T): a*(x*x) + b*(y*y) /= one) IFF
  division_ring?[quat,+,*,zero_q,one_q](fullset[quat]))
  
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- Apply the result that a ring, which is not a division ring, has a left-ideal different from the trivial ones.

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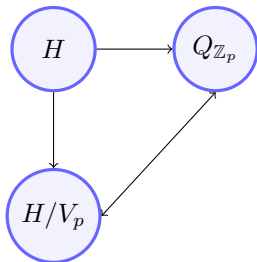
V_p is not a maximal ideal:

- Building an epimorphism $\varphi : H \rightarrow Q_{\mathbb{Z}_p}$ such that $\ker(\varphi) = V_p$;

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi \left(\left(\frac{x}{2}, \frac{x}{2} + y, \frac{x}{2} + z, \frac{x}{2} + t \right) \right) &= (2^{p-2} \cdot x + p\mathbb{Z}, \\ &\quad (2^{p-2} \cdot x + y) + p\mathbb{Z}, \\ &\quad (2^{p-2} \cdot x + z) + p\mathbb{Z}, \\ &\quad (2^{p-2} \cdot x + t) + p\mathbb{Z}) \end{aligned}$$

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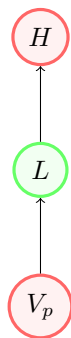


- Building an epimorphism $\varphi : H \rightarrow Q_{\mathbb{Z}_p}$ such that $\ker(\varphi) = V_p$;
- Using the First Isomorphism Theorem to prove that $H/V_p \cong Q_{\mathbb{Z}_p}$.
- Conclude using

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maximal_ideal_charac2: THEOREM
ideal?(M,R) AND maximal_left_ideal?(M,R) =>
division_ring?(/[T,+] (R,M))
  
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The existence of an intermediate ideal L



- $\mathbf{p} = (p, 0, 0, 0) \in V_p$ implies $\mathbf{p} \in L$;

- $\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{u}$ for some $\mathbf{r} \in H$ and $\mathbf{u} \in L$

AND

- $p^2 = N(\mathbf{p}) = N(\mathbf{r}) \cdot N(\mathbf{u})$, where $N(\mathbf{r}) > 1$ and $N(\mathbf{u}) > 1$

by using

Hurwitz_prod_inv_exists: LEMMA

FORALL (h: (Hurwitz_ring)):

red_norm(h) = 1 IFF

EXISTS(r: (Hurwitz_ring)): h*r = one_q AND r*h = one_q



$$p = N(\mathbf{u})$$

Euler's Trick

- $\mathbf{u} \in H \implies \mathbf{u} = \left(\frac{m_0}{2}, \frac{m_0}{2} + m_1, \frac{m_0}{2} + m_2, \frac{m_0}{2} + m_3 \right), m_i \in \mathbb{Z}.$
- $2\mathbf{u} = (m_0, m_0 + 2m_1, m_0 + 2m_2, m_0 + 2m_3)$ and

$$N(2\mathbf{u}) = m_0^2 + (m_0 + 2m_1)^2 + (m_0 + 2m_2)^2 + (m_0 + 2m_3)^2$$
- On the other hand, $N(2\mathbf{u}) = 4N(\mathbf{u}) = 4p$

Euler's Trick

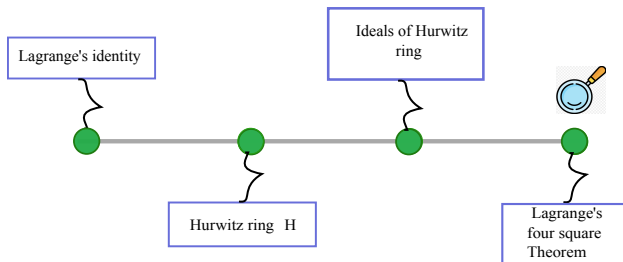
If $2a = x_0^2 + x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2$, where $a, x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3 \in \mathbb{Z}$ then

$$a = y_0^2 + y_1^2 + y_2^2 + y_3^2 \text{ for some } y_0, y_1, y_2, y_3 \in \mathbb{Z}$$

Proof: Depending on the parity of x_i , choose

$$y_0 = \frac{x_0 + x_1}{2}, y_1 = \frac{x_0 - x_1}{2}, y_2 = \frac{x_2 + x_3}{2}, y_3 = \frac{x_2 - x_3}{2}$$

Lagrange's four-square theorem



Given a positive integer x there are four non-negative integers a, b, c, d such that

$$x = a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2$$

Proof: By induction on x .

Formalization of Quaternion Algebras

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The formalization approach follows the same principle:

Quaternions theory over any field

$\rightsquigarrow$

Hamilton's Quaternions ($Q[\mathbb{R}]$)

Lagrange's 4 sq. Th. ($Q[\mathbb{Q}], Q[\mathbb{Z}_p]$)



Formalization approach

Related Work - Formalization of Quaternions



Andrea Gabrielli and Marco Maggesi (2017)

Formalizing Basic Quaternionic Analysis.

ITP 2017. Lecture Notes in Computer Science, vol 10499.

https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-66107-0_15



Lawrence C. Paulson (2018)

Quaternions.

Archive of Formal Proofs.

<https://isa-afp.org/entries/Quaternions.html>



Reynald Affeldt and Cyril Cohen (2017)

Formal foundations of 3D geometry to model robot manipulators.

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All of them are **restricted to** Hamilton's Quaternions.



Lean Mathlib includes general definitions and results about Quaternions.

[Mathlib.Algebra.Quaternion](#)

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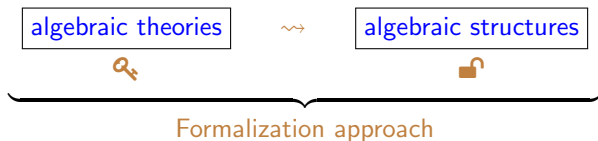
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4 Conclusions

Conclusions

Our formalizations follow academic mathematical principles:

-  first, formalize abstract theories with their generic properties;
-  second, obtain particular structures as instantiations of the general theory and proceed with the formalization of their specialized properties.



-  Completing the theory of rings (rings of polynomials/polynomial factorization)
-  Formalizing properties of Hamilton's quaternions.
-  Enriching automation of PVS strategies for abstract structures.

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