

# Norm equations and More in Oscar

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## Topics:

- Oscar
- Norm Equations
- ... and more

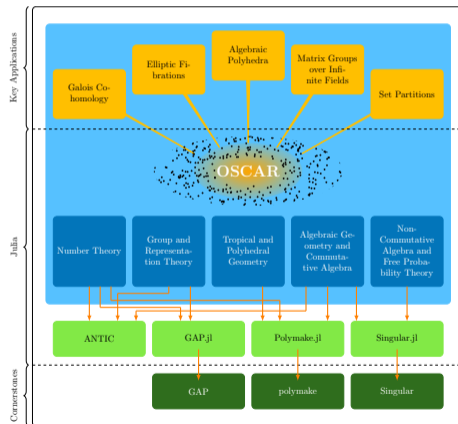
*Develop a visionary, next generation, open source computer algebra system, integrating all systems, libraries and packages developed within the TRR.  
(Be able to compete with Magma in our area of expertise.)*

# What is Oscar?

<http://oscar-system.org/>

<https://oscar-system.github.io/oscar-website/>

- (software) project of the CRC 195
- funded by DFG
- in Julia
- funding (planned) 2017 – 2028
- in three phases



## Oscar

```

julia> Pkg.add("Oscar")
... [wait some time] ...
julia> using Oscar

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Combining ANTIC, GAP, Polymake, Singular  
 Type "`?Oscar`" **for** more information  
 Manual: <https://docs.oscar-system.org>  
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# What is Oscar?

O pen

S ource

C omputer

A lgebra

R esearch

# Why Julia?

- Interactive
- As fast as C
- Solves 2-language problem
- Not maintained by us
- Modern
- Interoperates well with C
- (Originates at the MIT, group of Alan Edelman)

# Intro

Given some finite extension

$$A/B$$

with a norm map  $N : A \rightarrow B$  and some  $b \in B$ , find one/all  $a \in A$  s.th.

$$N(a) = b$$

.



# First Examples

- $K/\mathbb{Q}$  a number field (absolute norm equation)
- $K/k$  number fields (relative norm equation)
- $\mathcal{O}_K/\mathbb{Z}$  (Diophantine case)
- $\mathbb{Z}[\alpha]/\mathbb{Z}$  (for Thue equations)
- $K/k$  finite fields
- $K/k$  local fields
- $\mathbb{I}_K/\mathbb{I}_k$  idele-ic case

... and the decision problems as well. ... and function fields.

## Motivation/Applications

- In representation theory of finite groups: norm equations determine/ are used to find minimal fields for the representation.
- Points on conics (= isotropic vectors for quad. forms) are used in elliptic curves.
- Solving Thue equations starts by solving norm equations.
- (Some) Embedding problems reduce to norm equations
- Base case of Galois cohomology

# Broadly

Different cases require different techniques and show different runtime characteristics:

- $K/k$  number fields,  $K/k$  normal:  $S$ -units and linear algebra
- $K/k$  number fields, not normal: very interesting!
- $\mathcal{O}_K/\mathbb{Z}$ :  $S$ -units and lattice points in polytopes.
- $K/k$  finite fields: irreducibility and roots.
- $K/k$  local fields: finite fields and linear algebra.
- $\mathbb{I}_K/\mathbb{I}_k$ : local fields and their mult. group.

## Decision Problems

- finite fields: no problem, norm is surjective
- $K/k$  number fields, cyclic case: Hasse norm theorem: solvable iff locally solvable everywhere
- $K/k$  normal: “known” obstacle to Hasse norm theorem, the *Knot*
- $K/k$  not normal: Knot is known in some cases.
- $K/k$  local, unramified: valuation only, trivial

# Finite Fields

$K/k$  finite fields,  $b \in k$ ,  $b \neq 0$ .

- pick random irreducible monic polynomial  $f$  of degree  $[K : k]$  with constant term  $(-1)^{[K:k]}b$
- return a root  $a$  of  $f$
- Steel (approx. 2002) from Shoup (s.t. before), folklore

In almost all other cases we have to work.

# Number Fields and Rings

Now fix a finite extension  $K/k$  of number fields.

Fundamental idea:  $a \in K$  s.th.  $N(a) = b$  is a  $S$ -unit. Find a suitable set  $S$ , compute the  $S$ -unit group and find  $a$ .

Problem:

- $S$  will depend on  $b$ , but may depend on  $K$  as well
- for number rings, we also want integrality
- for non Dedekind domains using ideals (and  $S$ -units) is tricky

# Roughly

$T$  a set of ideals in  $K$  and  $S$  in  $k$  s.th.

$$N : T\text{-units in } K \rightarrow S\text{-units in } k$$

is well defined. Assume that the  $S$ - and  $T$ -unit groups are given algorithmically, ie.

- as an abstract abelian group
- with disc. log and disc. exponential

Then  $N$  can be constructed explicitly as a map between abelian groups, and the rest is easy.

## Example: Number Field

Want

$$N(b) = 31$$

for  $b \in \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{10})$ :

```
julia> k, a = quadratic_field(10)
```

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(Real quadratic field defined by  $x^2 - 10$ ,  $\sqrt{10}$ )
```

```
julia> zk = maximal_order(k)
```

```
Maximal order of Real quadratic field defined by  $x^2 - 10$   
with basis AbsSimpleNumFieldElem[1,  $\sqrt{10}$ ]
```

```
julia> a = 31
```



## Example: Number Field

We choose  $S = \{31\}$  and  $T$  the primes above.

```
julia> S, mS = sunit_group([31])
(Z/2 x Z, SUnits map of Rational field for ZZRingElem[31]
)
```

```
julia> T, mT = sunit_group(prime_ideals_over(zk, 31))
(Z/2 x Z^(3), SUnits map of k for AbsSimpleNumFieldOrderIdeal[<31, sqrt(10)
Norm: 31
Minimum: 31
two normal wrt: 31, <31, sqrt(10) + 14>
Norm: 31
Minimum: 31
two normal wrt: 31]
)
```

## Example: Number Field

Now we set up the norm map: Using  $m_T$  to map abstract generators for the  $T$ -unit group into elements on  $K$ , then applying the norm and finally using the disc. log in the  $S$ -units (of  $\mathbb{Q}$ ), via the preimage of  $m_S$ . All of this is collected in an (abstract) homomorphism.

```
julia> N = hom(T, S, [preimage(mS, norm(mT(x)))  
                    for x = gens(T)])
```

Map

```
from Z/2 x Z^(3)  
to Z/2 x Z
```

## Example: Number Field

Now testing for solvability just requires to write  $a$  as an element of  $S$  and using the abstract norm map... In order to get a solution, the abstract preimage has to be converted into an element of  $K$  again.

```
julia> preimage(mS, a)
Abelian group element [0, 1]
```

```
julia> has_preimage(N, ans)
(true, Abelian group element [0, -1, 0, 1])
```

```
julia> mT(ans[2])
3*sqrt(10) + 11
```

```
julia> norm(ans)
31
```

## Problem(s)

Trying for  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{34})$ , we see that

$$\mathcal{O}_K^* = \langle -1, 35 - 6\sqrt{34} \rangle$$

Since  $N(35 - 6\sqrt{34}) = 1$ , there is no integral element with norm  $-1$ .

However

$$N\left(\frac{1}{3}\sqrt{34} - \frac{5}{3}\right) = -1$$

so in general finding  $S$  and  $T$  is non-trivial,  $T$  cannot just depend on the RHS.

Furthermore, since units can be **extremely** large, solutions can not be expected to be small.

## Factored elements

One (well known) improvement is to use factored elements: since units are (frequently) huge, we use a multiplicative representation

$$\prod \alpha_i^{n_i}$$

for (smallish)  $\alpha_i$  and (largeish) exponents  $n_i \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

- Magma: `ProductRepresentation` or `Raw`
- Pari/gp:  $\mathbb{Z}[K]$  presentation
- Oscar: factorised elements, `FacElem`

We need to replace `sunit_group` by `sunit_group_fac_elem`...or even `sunit_mod_units_group_fac_elem`. And add `evaluate` at the end.

Note: we can also obtain a `compact_presentation`.

## Norm Equations - Factored Elements

```
julia> T, mT = sunit_group_fac_elem(prime_ideals_over(maximal_order(k), 31),  
(Z/2 x Z^(3), SUnits (in factored form) map of Factored elements over Real  
)  
...  
julia> N = hom(T, S, [preimage(mS, norm(mT(t))) for t = gens(T)])  
...  
julia> preimage(N, ans)  
Abelian group element [0, -1, 0, 1]  
julia> mT(ans)  
(2*sqrt(10))^2*(sqrt(10) + 17)^-1*7^-1*71^-1*67^1*4^-2*13^3*(sqrt(10) + 9)  
  
julia> evaluate(ans)  
3*sqrt(10) + 11
```

# Ideals

So:

$$N(a) = b$$

for  $a$  a  $T$ -unit. How do we find  $T$ ?

Observation:

- wlog  $b$  is integral
- if  $N(a) = b$ , then  $N(a\mathcal{O}_K) = b\mathcal{O}_k$  as well
- on ideals we have unique factorisation

So, assume we have a solution  $a \in K$  and any integral ideal  $\mathfrak{A}$  of the correct norm.  
Then  $N(a\mathfrak{A}^{-1}) = \mathcal{O}_k$ .

## Ideals - Hilbert 90 and Normal Fields

Simplifying to  $k = \mathbb{Q}$  and  $K/\mathbb{Q}$  normal, we have Hilbert 90 for ideals:

### Theorem

$$N(\mathfrak{A}) = 1 \text{ iff } \mathfrak{A} = \prod P_i^{1-\sigma_i}.$$

Or even more fancy ( $I_K$  the group of invertible ideals of  $K$ ):

### Theorem

*Both  $H^1(\text{Gal}(K/k), I_K)$  and  $H_1(\text{Gal}(K/k), I_K)$  are trivial.*



## Ideals - Hilbert 90 and Normal Fields

So  $N(a) = b$ ,  $N(\mathfrak{A}) = b\mathcal{O}_k$  so  $N(a\mathfrak{A}^{-1}) = \mathcal{O}_k$  and

$$a\mathfrak{A}^{-1} = \prod P_i^{1-\sigma_i}$$

If  $\text{Cl}_K = \langle \mathfrak{B}_j | 1 \leq j \leq k \rangle$ , then for any  $P_i$  there is some  $\alpha_i$  s.th.  $P_i = \alpha_i \prod \mathfrak{B}_j^{n_{i,j}}$ , thus

$$a\mathfrak{A}^{-1} = \prod \alpha_i^{1-\sigma_i} \prod \mathfrak{B}_i^{n_{i,j}(1-\sigma_i)}$$

Sorting:

$$a \prod \alpha_i^{\sigma_i-1} \mathcal{O}_K = \mathfrak{A} \prod \mathfrak{B}_i^{n_{i,j}(1-\sigma_i)}$$

The LHS is now a solution as well and the RHS has a known support.

Hence: we have a set  $T$  of prime ideals s.th. if there is a solution, there is one with support in  $T$ !

$T$  depends on the RHS  $b$  and the class group.

## Non-normal Fields

- Siegel (1973), Bartel (1980): choose  $T$  as the set of primes of norm bounded by the Minkowski constant of the normal closure.
- Simon (1998) choose  $T$  to generate the class groups of all relative cyclic subfields of the normal closure.

Pros and Cons:

- Bartel: no need to compute in a large field, many primes
- Simon: many class groups, small set  $T$ , can use GRH

Would like small set  $T$ , use GRH and do computations in  $K$  only.

## Norm 1 Ideals

Fix  $K/k$  finite.  $N = N_{K/k}$  denotes the norm (on elements and ideals).

For ideals  $\mathfrak{A}$  and  $\mathfrak{B}$  of norm  $1 = \mathcal{O}_k$  s.th.  $[\mathfrak{A}] = [\mathfrak{B}]$  in the class group we get

$$\mathfrak{A} = \beta \mathfrak{B}$$

and  $N(\beta)\mathcal{O}_k = \mathcal{O}_k$ , so  $N(\beta) \in U_k$ , a unit:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & & & & 1 & & \\
 & & & & \downarrow & & \\
 1 & \longrightarrow & \frac{U_K}{\{u|N(u)=1\}} & \longrightarrow & \frac{\{a|N(a) \in U_k\}}{\{a|N(a)=1\}} & \longrightarrow & \frac{\{\mathfrak{A}|N(\mathfrak{A})=\mathcal{O}_k\}}{\{a|N(a)=1\}} \longrightarrow \text{Cl} \\
 & & & & \downarrow N & & \\
 & & & & U_k & & 
 \end{array}$$

# Norm 1 Ideals

Collapsing from the left:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & & 1 & & & 1 & \\
 & & \downarrow & & & \downarrow & \\
 1 & \longrightarrow & \frac{\{a|N(a)\in U_k\}}{U_K\{a|N(a)=1\}} & \longrightarrow & \frac{\{\mathfrak{A}|N(\mathfrak{A})=\mathcal{O}_k\}}{\{a|N(a)=1\}} & \longrightarrow & X \longrightarrow 1 \\
 & & \downarrow N & & & \downarrow & \\
 & & \frac{U_k}{N(U_K)} & & & \text{Cl}_K & 
 \end{array}$$

And since  $U_k^n < N(U_K)$ , we get

- $\frac{U_k}{N(U_K)}$  is finite
- $\frac{\{a|N(a)\in U_k\}}{U_K\{a|N(a)=1\}}$  is finite
- $X$ , the subgroup of  $\text{Cl}_K$  gen. by ideals of norm 1 is finite,

so:

# Norm 1 Ideals

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & & 1 & & & 1 & \\
 & & \downarrow & & & \downarrow & \\
 1 & \longrightarrow & \frac{\{a \mid N(a) \in U_k\}}{U_K \{a \mid N(a) = 1\}} & \longrightarrow & \frac{\{\mathfrak{A} \mid N(\mathfrak{A}) = \mathcal{O}_k\}}{\{a \mid N(a) = 1\}} & \longrightarrow & X \longrightarrow 1 \\
 & & \downarrow N & & & \downarrow & \\
 & & \frac{U_k}{N(U_K)} & & & \text{Cl}_K & 
 \end{array}$$

Yields:

$$\text{Cl}_K^1 := \frac{\{\mathfrak{A} \mid N(\mathfrak{A}) = \mathcal{O}_k\}}{\{a \mid N(a) = 1\}}$$

is finite!

Partly constructive,  $X = \{x \in \text{Cl}_K \mid \exists \mathfrak{A} \in x, N(\mathfrak{A}) = 1\}$

- we can generate ideals of norm 1
- given two such ideals we can check equality in  $X$  (and  $\text{Cl}_K^1$ )

So we can just do this to get a subgroup, but completeness?

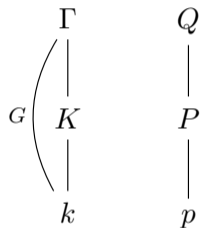
Similarly, we can test if  $\mathfrak{A}$  and  $\mathfrak{B}$  coincide in  $\text{Cl}_K^1$ :  $\mathfrak{A} = \beta\mathfrak{B}$  and  $N(\beta) \in N(U_K)$ .

So we can obtain a subgroup of  $\text{Cl}_K^1$ , but completeness?

Assume  $\text{Cl}_K^1 = \langle \mathfrak{A}_i | i \rangle$ , then we solve norm equations as before: (wlog  $b \in \mathcal{O}_k$ ), assume  $N(a) = b$

- 1 find  $\mathfrak{A} \leq \mathcal{O}_K$  s.th.  $N(\mathfrak{A}) = b\mathcal{O}_k$
- 2 then  $N(a\mathfrak{A}^{-1}) = \mathcal{O}_k$
- 3 thus  $a\mathfrak{A}^{-1} \in \text{Cl}_K^1$
- 4 there is  $\beta$ ,  $N(\beta) = 1$  and  $a\mathfrak{A}^{-1} = \beta\mathfrak{A}_i$
- 5 then  $a\beta^{-1}\mathcal{O}_K = \mathfrak{A}\mathfrak{A}_i$  yields a solution with a known support.

# The set $S$



- $\Gamma$  be the normal closure of  $K/k$
- $Q/P/p$  (unramified) primes
- $G = \text{Aut}(\Gamma/k)$

Then  $P\mathcal{O}_\Gamma = \prod Q_i$ .  $G$  operates transitively on the primes, so for  $Q = Q_1$  we have  $Q_i = Q_1^{s_i}$  for  $s_i \in G$ , hence,  $\sigma := \sum s_i \in \mathbb{Z}[G]$ :

$$P\mathcal{O}_\Gamma = Q^\sigma$$



Let  $\mathfrak{A}$  be an ideal in  $K$ ,  $N(\mathfrak{A}) = \mathcal{O}_k$  and supported only at primes above  $p$ .

$$\mathfrak{A}\mathcal{O}_\Gamma = \prod P_i^{n_i} \mathcal{O}_\Gamma = \prod Q^{n_i \sigma_i} = Q^{\sum n_i \sigma_i} =: Q^\tau$$

Since  $N(\mathfrak{A}) = \mathcal{O}_k$ , also  $N_{\Gamma/k}(\mathfrak{A}\mathcal{O}_\Gamma) = \mathcal{O}_k$  as well. So

$$\tau \in I_G = \langle 1 - s \mid s \in G \rangle \leq \mathbb{Z}[G],$$

the augmentation ideal.

$\mathfrak{A} \subset K$ , so  $\tau$  is stable under  $\text{Aut}(\Gamma/K)$ ,  $\tau s = \tau$  for all  $s \in \text{Aut}(\Gamma/K)$ !

Thus:  $\alpha^\tau \in K$  and  $N(\alpha^\tau) = 1$  for all  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ .

Let  $\text{Cl}_\Gamma = \langle [S_i] | i \rangle$  for unramified ideals  $S_i$  and  $\mathfrak{A} \leq \mathcal{O}_K$  of norm 1 as above, so  
 $\exists S = \prod S_i^{n_i}$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ :

$$\mathfrak{A}\mathcal{O}_\Gamma = R^\tau = (\alpha S)^\tau = \alpha^\tau S^\tau$$

Thus in  $\text{Cl}_K^1$  all (unramified) ideals of norm 1 come from generators of the class group of  $\Gamma$ . — GRH or unconditional.

(The (few) (finitely many) ramified ideals of norm 1 are easily added.)

Let  $\mathfrak{m}$  be an integral ideal in  $k$  s.th. for all units  $u \in \mathcal{O}_k^*$ ,  $u \equiv 1 \pmod{\mathfrak{m}}$  we have that  $u = v^n$  for  $n = [K : k]$

Let  $X \leq \text{Cl}_{\mathfrak{m}\mathcal{O}_K}$  be subgroup of rays containing ideals of norm 1. Then

$$1 \rightarrow X \rightarrow \text{Cl}_{\mathfrak{m}\mathcal{O}_K}$$

is exact:

$\mathfrak{A} = \mathfrak{B}$  in  $\text{Cl}_{\mathfrak{m}\mathcal{O}_K}$  implies  $\mathfrak{A} = \beta\mathfrak{B}$  and  $\beta = 1 \pmod{\mathfrak{m}\mathcal{O}_K}$ .  $N(\mathfrak{A}) = N(\mathfrak{B}) = \mathcal{O}_k$  implies  $N(\beta) \in U_k$ . Since  $N(\beta) = 1 \pmod{\mathfrak{m}}$ . So  $N(\beta) = \epsilon^n$  and  $N(\beta/\epsilon) = 1$  and  $\mathfrak{A} = \mathfrak{B} \in \text{Cl}_K^1$  as well.

This is easier to work with than  $\text{Cl}_K^1$  directly - but misses the primes in  $\mathfrak{m}$ .

## The algorithm(s)

Solve  $N(a) = b$ .

- ① Find a suitable  $\mathfrak{m}$
- ②  $S = \{\}, X = \langle \mathcal{O}_K \rangle \leq \text{Cl}_{\mathfrak{m}}$
- ③ for  $p$  (unramified) primes in  $k$  (coprime to  $\mathfrak{m}$ ) do
  - ①  $p\mathcal{O}_K = \prod P_i^{f_i}$  with  $N(P_i) = p^{f_i}$
  - ② Let  $n_{i,j}$  a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -basis for  $\sum n_{i,j} f_i = 0$
  - ③ if  $\prod P_i^{n_{i,j}} \notin X$ , then add  $p$  to  $S$  and enlarge  $X$

We can

- use the Minkowski/ Bach/ Belabas et. al./ ... bound for  $S$ ,
- stop the search when  $X$  did not change for ? primes  $p$ .

We have to supplement with the primes in  $\mathfrak{m}$  and the ramified ones.

$T$  is the set of primes above  $S$ .

## Knots - the Decision Problem

Let  $\mathbb{I}_K$ , resp.  $\mathbb{I}_k$  the idele groups, then Scholz (1936) defined the (number) knot

$$\delta_{K/k} := N(\mathbb{I}_K)/N(K^*)$$

to measure the error in the Hasse norm theorem:

### Theorem

*For cyclic extensions  $K/k$ , the knot is trivial, hence solvability can be tested locally.*

Well, actually, not, he studied:

*Wir nennen  $K_0$  die Restklassengruppe der Normreste nach den Zahlnormen den (Gesamt-, Zahl-) Knoten  $\mathcal{K} = \mathcal{K}_\alpha$  von  $K$ .*

(We call the quotient group of norm residues modulo norms the (total-, number-) knot.) Free of ideles.

# Knots - the Decision Problem

$$\delta_{K/k} := N(\mathbb{I}_K)/N(K^*)$$

- The knot is trivial for cyclic extensions.
- There are infinitely many bi-quadratic fields where the knot is non trivial, but also infinitely many where the norm theorem holds. Newton et. al. studied this quantitatively.
- Testing local solvability is also not always easy.
- Jehne defined many more knots in 1979.

For  $K/k$  normal, the knot can be computed classically (Tate)

$$1 \rightarrow \delta_{K/k} \rightarrow H^2(G, \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow \bigoplus H^2(G_p, \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z})$$

(The sum runs over all places of  $K$  and  $G_p$  are the decomposition groups, the local Galois groups.)

For abelian  $G$ , this is easy, for general  $G$  one needs more group theory (Schur multipliers, group cohomology).

# Strategy

If not locally solvable: return fail.

Start with choosing  $S$  to contain

- all primes dividing the RHS
- all ramified primes
- enough primes to likely generate  $\text{Cl}_K^1$

And try to find a solution using  $U_S$  units.

If this fails then

- if knot is trivial: increase  $S$  until it works
- use GRH (or not) to enlarge  $S$  and try again



# Integral Norm Equations

Let  $K/k$  be finite and  $b \in \mathcal{O}_k$ . Find

$$N(a) = b$$

for  $a \in \mathcal{O}_K$ . Modulo units in  $K$ , this equation has only fin. many solutions.  
Classical: turn into lattice problem. Let the units operate, to obtain a finite search domain.

Solve by enumeration:

- bound into a box (classical)
- cover by ellipsoids (Fincke/Pohst (1988), Jurk (1993), F.(1997)).

Very nice, beautiful pictures, slow.

## Using Class Group

$$N(a) = b$$

For  $a \in \mathcal{O}_K$ . Any solution  $a$  generates a principal ideal  $a\mathcal{O}_K$  of norm  $b\mathcal{O}_k$ . So

- 1 find all integral ideals of norm  $b\mathcal{O}_k$
- 2 for each ideal test if principal
- 3 for each principal ideal test if the generator can be made to work

Let  $P_i$  be the primes in  $\mathcal{O}_K$  dividing a prime in  $\mathcal{O}_k$  of the support of  $b$ .

We have  $N(P_i) = p_{j_i}^{f_i}$  and,  $P_i \rightsquigarrow c_i \in \text{Cl}_K$ .

To list all integral principal ideals of the correct norm is a classical combinatorial problem:

Find  $n = (n_i)_i$  s.th.

- $n_i \geq 0$  for all  $i$  (integrality)
- Let  $A = (v_{p_j}(P_i))_{i,j}$  and  $An = (v_{p_j}(b))_j$  (norm)
- $\sum n_i c_i = 0$  (principality)

Then  $\prod P_i^{n_i}$  is an integral principal ideal of the correct norm (up to units).

## Using $S$ -Units

The same, without the class group, using  $S$ -units directly:

- find  $S := \{P \leq \mathcal{O}_K \mid v_P(b) > 0\}$
- compute  $U_S/U_K = \langle \epsilon_i \mid i \rangle$
- $A := (v_{P_j}(\epsilon_i))_{i,j}$ ,  $B := (v_p(N(\epsilon_j)))_{i,j}$
- solve  $An \geq 0$  s.th.  $Bn = (v_p(b))_p$  and (try to) adjust by units

In all cases, this is a combinatorial problem: points in a lattice (in ellipsoids) or points in a polytope.

## Non-maximal Order

Final case:

$$N(a) = b$$

for  $a \in \mathcal{O}$  a non-maximal order. This is used e.g. in Thue equations where  $\mathcal{O} = \mathbb{Z}[\alpha]$  is an equation order.

If  $N(a) = b$  for  $a \in \mathcal{O} \subseteq \mathcal{O}_K$ , then any solution is also one from the last case.

Step 1: solve in the maximal order, find all solutions.

Since  $U_K/\mathcal{O}^*$  is finite, any solution in  $\mathcal{O}$  is obtained from one in  $\mathcal{O}_K$  and a unit  $\epsilon \in U_K/\mathcal{O}^*$  of norm 1.

For the final step, assuming  $b$  is coprime to the conductor  $\mathfrak{f}$  of  $\mathcal{O}$  in  $\mathcal{O}_K$ , then  $a$  is also coprime, so

$$\begin{array}{c}
 a \in (\mathcal{O}_K/\mathfrak{f})^* \\
 \downarrow \\
 0 \longrightarrow \mathcal{O}^* \longrightarrow U_K \longrightarrow (\mathcal{O}_K/\mathfrak{f})^*/(\mathcal{O}/\mathfrak{f})^* =: X
 \end{array}$$

This is always used to compute  $\mathcal{O}^*$  or  $\mathcal{O}_K^*/\mathcal{O}^*$ , but can also be used in the last step: solutions in  $\mathcal{O}$  correspond to preimages in  $U_K$  of  $a \in X$

- <https://oscar-system.org>
- The Oscar book: The Computer Algebra System OSCAR
- development on <https://github.com/oscar-system/Oscar.jl>
- most number theory <https://github.com/thofma/Hecke.jl>
- foundations on <https://github.com/Nemocas/AbstractAlgebra.jl>
- optimizations <https://github.com/Nemocas/Nemo.jl>
- active slack community <https://oscar-system.org/slack>

## Features (Number Theory)

- number fields, (non)-simple extensions
- orders, maximal order
- class groups, ( $S$ -)units
- Galois groups, automorphisms
- constructive class field theory
- localizations and completions
- Galois cohomology
- algebras and orders
- lattices, automorphisms, isomorphisms
- function fields and orders
- verified real computations using arb
- ...