

The order-6 law 86082  $x = y \diamond (z \diamond ((y \diamond z) \diamond (w \diamond (x \diamond w))))$  characterizes the operation  $x \diamond y = x + iy$  in  $\mathbb{Z}[i]$ -modules (with  $i^2 = -1$ ). Other order-6 laws also work.

Let  $i_x(y) = L_x \circ R_x(y) = x \diamond (y \diamond x)$ . The law can be written as  $L_y \circ L_z \circ L_{y \diamond z} \circ i_w = \text{id}$ . We first prove that  $i_v = i_w$  for all  $v, w$ . We calculate

$$\begin{aligned} (x \diamond y) \diamond i_z(u) &\stackrel{86082}{=} L_x \circ L_y \circ L_{x \diamond y} \circ i_{i_z(u)}((x \diamond y) \diamond i_z(u)) \\ &= L_x \circ L_y \left( L_{x \diamond y} \circ L_{i_z(u)} \circ L_{(x \diamond y) \diamond i_z(u)} \circ i_z(u) \right) \stackrel{86082}{=} x \diamond (y \diamond u) \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

Using this identity  $L_{x \diamond y} \circ i_z = L_x \circ L_y$  in the equation yields  $L_y \circ L_z \circ L_y \circ L_z = \text{id}$ . We learn in particular that left-multiplication is bijective.

Taking  $u = x \diamond y$  in (1) and further left-multiplying by  $z$  yields

$$z = (L_z \circ L_{x \diamond y})^2(z) = z \diamond (x \diamond (y \diamond (x \diamond y))). \quad (2)$$

Invertibility of  $L_z$  means that

$$x \diamond (y \diamond (x \diamond y)) = x \diamond i_y(x) \text{ is independent of } x \text{ and } y. \quad (3)$$

Invertibility of  $L_x$  allows us to deduce  $i_y(x)$  is  $y$ -independent (but depends on  $x$ ). We henceforth drop the subscript on the function  $i$ .

Next, we define the operation  $x - y = x \diamond i(y)$ . We shall show that the magma equipped with  $-$  is an abelian group with subtraction and that  $i$  is a group morphism squaring to negation.

The observation (3) states that  $x - x = x \diamond i(x) = x \diamond (x \diamond (x \diamond x))$  is independent of  $x$ . We denote  $0 = x - x$ . Observe that (2) becomes  $z = z \diamond 0$  so that zero is a right-unit. In particular,

$$i(x) = i_0(x) = 0 \diamond (x \diamond 0) = 0 \diamond x \quad (4)$$

and  $i(0) = 0$ . Observe that  $i(i(x)) = 0 \diamond i(x) = 0 - x$ . We call this operation negation and denote it simply by  $-x$ .

Taking  $z = 0$  in the identity  $L_y \circ L_z \circ L_y \circ L_z = \text{id}$  yields  $y - (y - x) = x$ . In particular for  $y = 0$  we see that  $-(-x) = x$ , namely  $i(i(i(x)))) = x$ .

It is then natural to introduce addition as

$$x + y = x - (-y) = x \diamond i(i(y)) = x \diamond (0 \diamond (0 \diamond (0 \diamond y))). \quad (5)$$

One has

$$x + 0 = x, \quad 0 + x = 0 \diamond i(i(i(x))) = i(i(i(i(x)))) = x. \quad (6)$$

In terms of addition,  $x - y = x - (-(-y)) = x + (-y)$ , and the magma operation is expressed as  $x \diamond y = x \diamond i(i(i(y)))) = x + i(y)$ .

The technical identity (1) evaluated at  $x = 0$  tells us that  $i$  is a magma morphism,

$$i(y) \diamond i(u) = i(y \diamond u), \quad (7)$$

and thus  $i(x + y) = i(x) + i(y)$ . Its square, negation, also is, so that  $-(x + y) = (-x) + (-y)$ .

We now return to the main equation with  $(y, z)$  replaced by  $(-y, i(z))$ , write it in terms of addition, and use that  $i$  is a morphism, to get  $x = -y + (-z + ((y + z) + x))$ . Using that  $t - (t - u) = u$ , and how subtraction and addition are related through the negation involution, we get

$$z + (y + x) = (y + z) + x. \quad (8)$$

For  $x = 0$  this yields commutativity  $z + y = y + z$ . Then, by swapping operands around, we get associativity  $(x + y) + z = x + (y + z)$ . Together with what we know about negation and 0, we deduce that  $(M, +)$  is an abelian group. It is equipped with a group automorphism  $i$  with  $i(i(x)) = -x$ , which completes the description of  $M$  as a  $\mathbb{Z}[i]$ -module.