

We are proving: Hasse - Minkowski Theorem

Say F a global field, q a q.f. / F .

Then: q isotropic / $F \Leftrightarrow q$ isotropic / every F_v .

For proof: WMA q regular. We saw:

For $\dim q = 1$: $q = \langle a \rangle$, anisotropic / F, F_v . ✓

For $\dim q = 2$: $q = \langle a, b \rangle$.

After mult by constant, STS for $\langle 1, -a \rangle$
 $a \in F^\times$. This is isotropic $\Leftrightarrow a$ is a square.

So WTS: $a \in F_v^{\times 2}$ for all $v \Rightarrow a \in F^{\times 2}$.

Case of $F = \mathbb{Q}$:

Say $a \in \mathbb{Q}_p^{\times 2} \forall p$, and $a \in \mathbb{R}^{\times 2}$.
d.e. $a > 0$

So $v_p(a)$ is even

So prime factorization of a is $\prod_{i=1}^r p_i^{2n_i}$.

So a is a square in \mathbb{Q} , ✓

also = UFD

Similarly if $F = \mathbb{F}_p(x) = \text{frac } \mathbb{F}_p[x]$.

In general case: a global field $F = \text{frac } \mathbb{R}$

Say $a \in F_v^{x^2} \forall v$; WTS $a \in F^{x^2}$ ↖ Deliberate domain

Contrapositive: Say $a \notin F^{x^2}$

WTS $a \notin F_v^{x^2}$, some v .

Let $E = F[\sqrt{a}]$. Degree 2 field extension

Then \exists primes of F (i.e. of \mathbb{R})

that remain prime in S

$$\text{i.e. } \begin{array}{c} \exists! P \subset S \subset E \\ \quad \quad \quad | \quad \quad | \\ \quad \quad \quad \mathbb{R} \subset F \end{array}$$

(Chebotarev Density Theorem: half the primes split, half remain prime)

Take such a $\mathfrak{p} \leftrightarrow \mathcal{O}$

$$E_{\mathfrak{p}} = E \otimes_{F_{\mathfrak{p}}} F_{\mathfrak{p}} = F_{\mathfrak{p}}[\sqrt{a}]$$

\downarrow

$F_{\mathfrak{p}}$

$=$

\downarrow
 $F_{\mathfrak{p}}$

So no \sqrt{a} in $F_{\mathfrak{p}} = F_v$; $a \notin F_v^{x^2}$. ✓

For H-M in dim 3 + 4:

Two approaches:

- Lam: Use a special case of the local-global principle for splitting of CSC's

(Lam gives a proof of that LCP in case of $F = \mathbb{Q}$; the full thm is related to class field theory, in number thy.)

- Serre, A Course in Arithmetic, Chap. IV, §3

— gives a direct proof of H-M, but only over \mathbb{Q} .

Will follow Lam's approach to H-M

LCP for CSAs: Theorem of Albert — Brauer — Hesse — Noether

independently

Statement:

Let F be a global field.

Let A be a CSA / F . Then:

A is split / $F \iff$

A is split / F_v for all v .

Equivalently: the map

$$\text{Br}(F) \rightarrow \prod_v \text{Br}(F_v)$$

is injective.

For histories of these two
local-global theorems, see:

1) R. Parimala, A Hasse Principle
for Quadratic Forms over
Function Fields.

Bull. AMS (81), April 2014, 447-461.

2) Peter Roquette, The Brauer -
Hasse-Noether Theorem in Historical
Perspective. Springer monograph, 2005

Both are available online.

We won't need the full strength
of ABHN — just for quaternion
algebras (rather than general csc's).

Can reformulate ABHN for
 quaternions, using that a quaternion
 algebra $A = \left(\frac{a, b}{F}\right)$ is
 classified by its norm form $q = \langle 1, -a, -b, ab \rangle$,
 & that A is split

$\Leftrightarrow q$ is hyperbolic

$\Leftrightarrow q$ is isotropic,

So we can rephrase ABHN
 in this situation as:

$q = \langle 1, -a, -b, ab \rangle$ is hyperbolic / F }
 (or: isotropic) } (*)
 $\Leftrightarrow q$ is hyperbolic / F_v for all v .

Of course (*) is a special case
 of H-M. But it can also be used in
 the proof of H-M if shown separately.

Lang proves (*) for $F = \mathbb{Q}$
 in Chap. VI, §4, as follows:

For each odd p , we have $\xrightarrow{\text{Second residue form}}$

$$W(\mathbb{Q}) \rightarrow W(\mathbb{Q}_p) \xrightarrow{\partial_2} W(\mathbb{F}_p)$$

By abuse of notation, call this composition ∂_p .

Also, define $W(\mathbb{Q}) \xrightarrow{\partial_{(\infty)}} W(\mathbb{R}) = \mathbb{Z}$
 by $g \longmapsto \text{sign}(g)$ (signature)

And define $W(\mathbb{Q}) \xrightarrow{\partial_{(2)}} \mathbb{Z}/2$
 by $g \longmapsto v_2(\det g) \pmod{2}$

Then have a map

$$\partial := (\partial_{(\infty)}, \partial_{(2)}, \partial_{(3)}, \partial_{(5)}, \dots) : W(\mathbb{Q}) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}/2 \oplus \bigoplus_{p \neq 2} W(\mathbb{F}_p)$$

In Chap. VI §4, Lang shows directly that

∂ is an isomorphism. This gives the structure
 of $W(\mathbb{Q})$.

Using that \mathcal{D} is an iso, we can get the following;

Prop. If q.f.'s $g, g' / \mathbb{Q}$ become isometric $/ \mathbb{C} / \mathbb{Q}_p + / \mathbb{R}$, then they are isometric $/ \mathbb{Q}$.

Proof g, g' isometric $/ \mathbb{R} \Rightarrow$ same signature.

g, g' isometric $/ \mathbb{Q}_2 \Rightarrow v_2(\det g) \equiv v_2(\det g') \pmod{2}$.

So $\mathcal{D}_{(\infty)}(g) = \mathcal{D}_{(\infty)}(g')$ and $\mathcal{D}_{(p)}(g) = \mathcal{D}_{(p)}(g')$.

Since isometric $/ \mathbb{Q}_p$, have same 2^D full form

at p : $\mathcal{D}_{(p)}(g) = \mathcal{D}_{(p)}(g')$

So $\mathcal{D}(g) = \mathcal{D}(g')$. \mathcal{D} iso $\Rightarrow g, g'$ in

same class in $W(\mathbb{Q})$. But same dim. So $g \cong g'$.

In particular, this applies to a q.f. g of dimension 4, and $g' = 2h = \langle 1, -1, 1, -1 \rangle$.

So: if g is hyperbolic at real completion of \mathbb{Q} , then g, g' are isometric over real completion; so above Prop $\Rightarrow g \cong g'$. $\therefore g$ hyperbolic

Apply to $q = \langle 1, -a, -b, ab \rangle$. Get
 the desired special case of ABHN for $F = \mathbb{Q}$:

$$q \text{ hyperbolic / } F \Leftrightarrow q \text{ hyperbolic / all } F_r$$

$$\text{Equiv: } q \text{ isotropic / } F \Leftrightarrow q \text{ isotropic / all } F_r$$

$$\text{Equiv: } A = \left(\frac{a, b}{F}\right) \text{ split / } F \Leftrightarrow A \text{ split / all } F_r.$$

To use this to prove H-M for the

Case $\dim q = 3$:

Say $\dim q = 3$, q regular / F , q isotropic / all F_r .
 WTS q isotropic / F .

$$\text{WMA } q = \langle 1, a, b \rangle, \quad a, b \in F^\times$$

$$q \text{ isotropic / } F_r \Rightarrow \langle 1, a, b, ab \rangle \text{ isotropic / } F_r.$$

norm form of
 $\left(\frac{-a, -b}{F}\right)$

So $\left(\frac{-a, -b}{F}\right)$ splits / F_r for all r ,
 and $\langle 1, a, b, ab \rangle$ is hyperbolic / F_r .

By the above result, $\left(\frac{-a, -b}{F}\right)$ splits F ,

or equivalently $\langle 1, a, b, ab \rangle$ is hyperbolic $/F$.

$$\text{i.e. } \langle 1, a, b, ab \rangle \cong 2h = \langle 1, -1, -ab, ab \rangle$$

By Witt Cancellation,

$$q := \langle 1, a, b \rangle \cong \langle b, -1, -ab \rangle$$

↑ isotropic $/F$

$\therefore q$ isotropic $/F$. ✓

Case: $\dim q = 4$.

First: another theorem of Springer:

Thm (Lang, Chap VII, Thm 2.7)

Say K/F is a field extension such

that $n := [K:F]$ is odd. Let q

be a q.f. $/F$ that is anisotropic $/F$.

Then q is also anisotropic $/K$.

As a nice consequence of this thm:

Cor. If K/F has odd degree,
then $w(K) \geq w(F)$.

Pf of above thm: By contradiction.

Suppose \exists anisotropic q.f. g of F and
 K/F of odd degree n st g is
isotropic $\wedge K$. If so, take (K, g)
st n is min. So $n \geq 1$.

Say $K = F(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m)$. By induction on m ,
we are reduced to the case $m=1$

(Since each step $\frac{F(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m)}{F(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{m-1})}$ has odd degree)

So $K = F(\alpha)$. Let $p(t) = \text{min poly of } \alpha \wedge F$.

So $\deg p(t) = n$.

q isotropic / $K \Rightarrow \exists \delta_1, \dots, \delta_d \in K$

st $q(\delta_1, \dots, \delta_d) = 0$, where $d = \dim q$.

$K = F[\alpha] \Rightarrow \delta_i = g_i(\alpha)$, $\deg g_i < n = \deg P(\alpha)$

We may choose $\delta_1, \dots, \delta_d$ st $\max_i \deg g_i$ is min.

Then the poly's $g_1(t), \dots, g_d(t) \in F[t]$

are relatively prime (no common factor f)

— or else we'd have $g_i(t) = \tilde{g}_i(t) f(t)$

and then $q(\tilde{\gamma}_1, \dots, \tilde{\gamma}_d) = 0$ with $\tilde{\gamma}_i = \tilde{g}_i(\alpha)$

Contradicting minimality of $\max_i \deg g_i$.

So the ideal $(g_1(t), \dots, g_d(t)) = (1)$ in $F[t]$

& hence also in $\overline{F}[t]$

Under $F[t] \xrightarrow{\varphi} K$, $t \mapsto \alpha$

$q(g_1(t), \dots, g_d(t)) \mapsto q(\delta_1, \dots, \delta_d) = 0$

\therefore in $\ker \varphi = (p(t)) \subset F[t]$.

So $q(g_1(t), \dots, g_d(t)) = p(t) h(t)$ (*)

Some poly in $F[t]$.

$$\deg \underbrace{q}_{\text{even}}(g_1(t), \dots, g_n(t)) \leq 2 \max_i \deg g_i(t) \leq 2(n-1)$$

and $\deg P(t) = n$,

So $(*) \Rightarrow \deg h(t) \leq n-2$.

LHS of $(*)$ has even degree,

$\& P(t)$ has odd degree n ,

So $\deg h(t)$ is odd.

$$\deg h_1 \leq \deg h \leq n-2$$

So $h(t) \in F[t]$ has an odd deg irred factor $h_1(t)$

Let $\beta \in \bar{F}$ be a root of $h_1(t)$. $\therefore [F(\beta):F] \leq n-2$

So $h(\beta) = 0$. But we had

$$\deg h_1$$

$$q(g_1(t), \dots, g_n(t)) = P(t)h(t). \quad (*)$$

$$\text{So } q(g_1(\beta), \dots, g_n(\beta)) = P(\beta)h(\beta) = 0 \in F(\beta)$$

So q is isotropic over an

odd degree extension of $\deg \leq n-2 < n$.

$$\deg \leq n-2 / \text{odd}$$

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Contradicting the minimality of n .

Above theorem of Springer is for extensions of odd degree: can't gain new isotropy.

What about extensions of even degree?

Then a q.f. can become isotropic
(ex. $\langle 1, 1 \rangle$, going from \mathbb{R} to \mathbb{C})

Q: When does this happen? Ans:

Thm (Lam, Ch VIII, Thm 3.1.)

Let q be an anisotropic q.f. / F .

Let $a \in F^\times - F^{\times 2}$ and $K = F(\sqrt{a})$.

Then q becomes isotropic / K

$\Leftrightarrow q \cong \langle -ab, b \rangle \perp q'$ for some $b \in F^\times$
and some q.f. q' over F .

Egais: q remains anisotropic unless q is
of this form / F .
 $\swarrow K$

Pf of thm:

(\Leftarrow) If q is of this form, then $/K$:

$$q \cong \langle -ab, b \rangle \perp q'$$

$$\cong \langle -b, b \rangle \perp q' \text{ is isotropic } /K.$$

$a \in K^{\times 2}$ \xrightarrow{h}

(\Rightarrow) Say $q = \langle b_1, \dots, b_n \rangle$, anisotropic $/F$,

becomes isotropic $/K = F[\sqrt{a}]$.

$$\text{WTS } q \cong \langle -ab, b \rangle \perp q'.$$

$$q \text{ isotropic } /K \Rightarrow \exists z \neq 0 = (z_1, \dots, z_n) \in K^n$$

$$\text{st } q(z) = 0. \text{ Write } z_i = x_i + \sqrt{a}y_i,$$

$$x_i, y_i \in F. \text{ Write } x = (x_1, \dots, x_n), y = (y_1, \dots, y_n).$$

So $x, y \in F^n$, not both 0, since $x + \sqrt{a}y = z \neq 0$.

$$0 = q(z) = \sum b_i z_i^2 = \sum b_i (x_i + y_i \sqrt{a})^2$$

$$= \alpha + \beta \sqrt{a}$$

where $\alpha = q(x) + a q(y) \in F$

and $\beta = 2B(x, y) \in F$, where $B \leftrightarrow q$

$$\alpha + \beta\sqrt{a} = 0, \quad \alpha, \beta \in F \Rightarrow \alpha, \beta = 0.$$

$\therefore B(x, y) = 0$, so $x \perp y$ wrt q .

x, y not both 0; q anisotropic

$$\Rightarrow q(x), q(y) \text{ not both } 0.$$

$$0 = \alpha = q(x) + a q(y) \Rightarrow q(x) = -a q(y);$$

but $a \neq 0$. So neither of $q(x), q(y)$ is 0.

$\therefore x, y$ both non-0; and orthogonal.

So can extend $\{x, y\}$ to an orthogonal basis.

Wrt this basis,

$$q \cong \langle q(x), q(y), \dots \rangle = \langle -a q(y), q(y), \dots \rangle$$

q eval. at other basis elems \rightarrow $= \langle -a q(y), q(y) \rangle \perp q'$

$$\text{Set } b = q(y). \text{ So } q \cong \langle -ab, b \rangle \perp q'.$$

✓

Cor. Say $q = q.f./F$, $\dim q = 4$,
 $\delta := \det q$. If q is anisotropic / F
then q is anisotropic / $K := F[\sqrt{\delta}]$.

Equi: q isotropic / $K \Rightarrow q$ isotropic / F .

Pf. WMA $\delta \notin F^{\times 2}$ (otherwise trivial).

By the prev. thm,

q isotropic / $K = F[\sqrt{\delta}] \Rightarrow q \cong \langle -\delta b, b \rangle \perp q'$
for some $b \in F^{\times}$ and q' , $q.f./F$.

$$\det \langle -\delta b, b \rangle = -\delta \in F^{\times} / F^{\times 2}$$

$$\det q = \delta, \text{ so } \det q' = -1$$

$$\therefore q' \cong \langle c, -c \rangle \cong h, \text{ isotropic / } F.$$

$$\therefore q \text{ isotropic / } F. \quad \checkmark$$

Using this, we can prove H-M for $\dim q = 4$:

Pf of Hasse-Minkowski for $\dim q = 4$:

WMA q regular / F , + isotropic / each F_v . ← global field

WTS q isotropic / F . WMA $q \cong \langle 1, a, b, c \rangle$.

$$\delta := \det q = abc$$

← global field

By above Cor, STS q isotropic / $K = F(\sqrt{\delta})$

$$K \subset K_w \leftarrow \text{abs val's on } K$$

$$| \quad | \quad \text{restricted to}$$

$$F \subset F_v \quad \text{abs val's on } F$$

q isotropic / each $F_v \Rightarrow q$ isotropic / each K_w

$\delta \in K^{\times 2} \Rightarrow c, ab$ are in the same
 " abc square class in $K^{\times} / K^{\times 2}$

$$\text{So } q = \langle 1, a, b, c \rangle \cong \langle 1, a, b, ab \rangle \quad / K$$

← norm form

q isotropic / each K_w ← of $(\frac{-a, -b}{F})$

⇓ previous result (re ABHW)

q isotropic / K . So ✓.

To prove H-M for $\dim \geq 5$, by induction:

Will use the Weak Approximation Thm,

an extension of Chinese Remainder Thm:

Weak Approx for a global field F :

Given distinct abs. values v_1, \dots, v_m on F ,
and $\varepsilon_1, \dots, \varepsilon_m > 0$, and $a_i \in F_{v_i}$ for $i=1, \dots, m$,

$\exists a \in F$ st $|a - a_i|_{v_i} < \varepsilon_i$ for all i .

Ex. $F = \mathbb{Q}$, $v_i \leftrightarrow p_i$ (primes),

$\varepsilon_i = \frac{1}{p_i^{n_i}}$ for $i=1, \dots, m$, $a_i \in \mathbb{Z}_{p_i}$.

\mathbb{Z} dense in \mathbb{Z}_{p_i} w.r.t. $|\cdot|_{p_i}$; take $b_i \in \mathbb{Z}$, $|b_i - a_i|_{p_i} < \frac{1}{p_i^{n_i}}$.

CRT $\Rightarrow \exists a \in \mathbb{Z}$ st. $a \equiv b_i \pmod{p_i^{n_i}}$

for all i ; so $|a - a_i|_{p_i} \leq |a - b_i|_{p_i} < \frac{1}{p_i^{n_i}}$, \checkmark .

(By clearing denoms, ok even if $a_i \in \mathbb{Q}_{p_i}$; get $a \in \mathbb{Q}$.)

Weak approx also allows archimedean abs. val's


— + so extends CRT.

It remains to prove
Hasse-Minkowski for q.f.'s q
of $\dim \geq 5$.

We will proceed by induction on $\dim q$:

We'll take q of some $\dim \geq 5$, and
assume it holds for all q.f.'s of lower \dim .
(We already know it holds in $\dim \leq 4$)

We'll assume q isotropic / all F_v .
WTS q isotropic / F .

Strategy: Write $q \cong \langle w \rangle \perp q'$
lower dim 

st q' is isotropic / every completion F_v .

Once we do this, we can apply H-M to q' .

(by inductive hypothesis). So get

q' isotropic / all $F_v \xrightarrow{HM} q'$ isotropic / F
 $\Rightarrow q$ isotropic / F .