

A reduction from Hawk to the principal ideal problem in a quaternion algebra

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Abstract. In this article we present a non-uniform reduction from rank-2 module-LIP over Complex Multiplication fields, to a variant of the Principal Ideal Problem, in some fitting quaternion algebra. This reduction is classical deterministic polynomial-time in the size of the inputs. The quaternion algebra in which we need to solve the variant of the principal ideal problem depends on the parameters of the module-LIP problem, but not on the problem's instance. Our reduction requires the knowledge of some special elements of this quaternion algebras, which is why it is non-uniform.

In some particular cases, these elements can be computed in polynomial time, making the reduction uniform. This is the case for the Hawk signature scheme: we show that breaking Hawk is no harder than solving a variant of the principal ideal problem in a fixed quaternion algebra (and this reduction is uniform).

1 Introduction

Two lattices L, L' are isomorphic when there exists a linear isometry between them, and the Lattice Isomorphism Problem (LIP) asks to compute such an isometry. It has been studied in [16,23,34] as a standalone algorithmic problem, and these works achieved an algorithm with $n^{O(n)}$ time complexity for lattices of rank n . Stemming from this apparent hardness, LIP has recently been introduced as a security assumption to found cryptographic primitives in [1,3,15], joining other isomorphism-finding-based assumptions already in use in multivariate or code-based cryptography. Soon after, the signature scheme Hawk was presented [14], relying on a structured variant of LIP called module-LIP. In this variant, L and L' are now modules lattices (a transition identical to that of LWE to module-LWE in more standard lattice-based cryptography) and an isometry compatible with the module structure must be found. This design leads to an eponymous

submission⁴ to the second call for post-quantum digital signatures organized by the NIST. The resulting scheme demonstrates efficiency and signature sizes comparable to Falcon and Dilithium, the two lattice-based signatures selected by NIST during the first call [33]. Owing to its recent cryptographic introduction, the cryptanalysis of module-LIP and thus of Hawk is however quite young, making it an attractive target for cryptanalysts.

In the simplest version of module-LIP [14], an attacker is given a (module-compatible) rotation of \mathcal{O}_K^2 , where \mathcal{O}_K is the ring of algebraic integers of a number field K , and is asked to recover the corresponding isometry. As there may be many more symmetries linked to the algebraic structure of K , it can be hoped that finding isometries of module lattices can be an easier task than for the plain case. At Eurocrypt 2024, Mureau et al. [31] focused on the case of *totally real*⁵ number fields and proposed a (heuristic) algorithm to solve module-LIP over such fields. In the special case of the module \mathcal{O}_K^2 and for some totally real number fields, this algorithm runs in polynomial time. On the one hand, this confirmed the intuition that module-LIP could be significantly easier than LIP (in our current state of knowledge). But, on the other hand, the current representative of module-LIP-based schemes, Hawk, is *not* designed over totally real fields. Instead, it is designed over the pervasive power-of-two cyclotomic fields, which are by nature totally imaginary. One notes that a cyclotomic field $K = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta)$ always comes with a totally real maximal subfield $F = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta + \zeta^{-1})$, but the authors of [31] could not use this to their advantage to extend their algorithm to Hawk’s design. This work aims at narrowing this gap.

Contributions. Our main contribution is a reduction from the rank-2 version of module-LIP over complex multiplication number fields (a.k.a. *CM fields*),⁶ to the reduced-norm Principal Ideal Problem (nr dPIP). This second problem consists in computing a particular generator of a principal ideal in a suitable (not necessarily commutative) extension of K , given the so-called reduced norm (relative to the extension) of the generator we are looking for. Depending on the application context, our reduction has different precomputation and computation cost. A notable particular case, that includes Hawk’s instances, is the following:

Theorem 1.1 (Informal, special case of Corollary 3.16). *Let K be a cyclotomic field of degree d and let $G = V^*V \in \mathcal{M}_2(\mathcal{O}_K)$ with $V \in \mathbf{GL}_2(\mathcal{O}_K)$ a basis of \mathcal{O}_K^2 . Given access to an oracle solving nr dPIP, computing a matrix $U \in \mathbf{GL}_2(\mathcal{O}_K)$ such that $U^*U = G$ can be done in time polynomial in d and in the size of G , by making only one call to the nr dPIP oracle.*

The general reduction involves *quaternion algebras and ideals*. While being somewhat common objects in isogeny-based cryptography, such structures have

⁴ <https://hawk-sign.info/>

⁵ Any number field comes with a set of embeddings into either \mathbb{R} or \mathbb{C} . The field is said totally real (resp. totally imaginary) when all these embeddings map to \mathbb{R} (resp. none of these embeddings maps to \mathbb{R}).

⁶ A CM field K is a totally imaginary field which is a degree 2 extension of some totally real subfield F .

less exposure or involvement in lattice-based cryptography (they can be seen as a particular case of cyclic algebras, studied in a lattice context in e.g. [28]). In essence, we extend the reduction of Mureau et al. [31] to cover the case of CM-fields, which includes cyclotomic fields. Our reduction technique subsumes theirs, improving on their polynomial time algorithm to solve the problem over totally real fields, and additionally removing the need for a heuristic assumption and the dependency in ρ_K in their complexity.⁷

We stress that, when the field where LIP needs to be solved is a cyclotomic field, there are *no known* polynomial time algorithm to solve the quaternionic version of the principal ideal problem with given reduced norm. In other words, this work *does not* break Hawk. Our reduction rather shows that any improvement for solving the nrdPIP problem (or SVP in ideals of quaternion algebras) would directly impact the hardness of rank-two module-LIP and the security of Hawk.

To the best of our knowledge, the best algorithm solving the nrdPIP instances generated by our reduction is due to Kirschmer and Voight [27, Alg. 6.3]. Instantiating the nrdPIP oracle with this algorithm proves in particular that a single call to an SVP solver in dimension $2d$ is sufficient to break Hawk (a fact that seemed folklore so far, but was never proven anywhere to the best of our knowledge). In the original Hawk article [14], the authors explain in Section 4.2 that the best algorithms solving (module-)LIP require *at least* one SVP call, so to be conservative they “assume that the best key recovery attack requires one to find a single shortest vector”. Our result shows that this assumption is tight: one SVP call is indeed enough for a key recovery attack.

While our reduction provides an easy way to prove this fact about Hawk, it is probably overkill: the underlying module is free, has rank two and has many orthogonal shortest vectors. There are probably more straightforward ways to show that a single SVP call in a large lattice is enough. For *general rank-2* modules over a CM-field K , there does not seem to be a Karp reduction anymore (i.e., a reduction making only one call to an SVP oracle): instead we are only able to reduce the module-LIP problem in any *rank-2* module of K^2 to *two* instances of the nrdPIP problem (which can then be reduced to two instances of SVP in ideal lattices of a non-commutative ring of dimension $2d$).

Finally we mention here that the ideas of this work can be adapted to the totally real regime too, by replacing the quaternionic extension of F with a CM-extension $K = F(i)$. Doing so would improve the result of Mureau et al. [31], by removing the heuristic argument of their work, removing the dependency in ρ_K in the complexity, and providing a polynomial time algorithm for all modules of rank 2 included in K^2 , whereas the reduction of [31] was polynomial time only for some rank-2 modules in some totally real number fields K . We delay the technical details of this adaptation to a longer journal version combining both results.

Technical overview. Let us recall the main idea of Mureau et al., as it provides enough background to understand our ideas. Computing isomorphisms of lattices

⁷ ρ_K is the so-called residue at 1 of the Dedekind zeta function of the field.

is equivalently formulated as finding integral equivalence of quadratic forms: one is given $G = B^T B$ with a public lattice basis B and $G' := C^T C = U^T G U$ with a secret basis $C = B U$ and a secret unimodular matrix $U \in \mathbf{GL}_n(\mathcal{O}_K)$. The goal is to recover U (equivalently, C). Let us consider the simpler case where $B = Q = I_2$, the identity matrix, which is Hawk's setting and conveys enough intuition for this overview. In this case, the first observation of [31] was that, when the underlying field K is totally real, the diagonal entries of G' are of the form $q = x^2 + y^2$, where $(x, y) \in \mathcal{O}_F^2$ are the columns of C . In other words, they are sums of two squares. Following Dedekind's work on the famous theorem of Fermat, it is equivalently written as $q = (x + iy)(x - iy) =: \text{nrd}(x + iy)$, seeing now $x + iy$ as an element in the extension $K(i)$ for $i^2 = -1$.⁸ Over integers, the situation is well-understood thanks to the set of Gaussian integers $\mathbb{Z}[i]$. Over algebraic integers, one can restate the problem as finding the correct generator $x + iy$ of a principal ideal in $K(i)$, given a description of this ideal and its relative norm q in F . Finding the candidate principal ideal requires factoring a large number, as seen also in Howgrave-Graham-Szydlo's algorithm [24]. To maintain a polynomial time reduction, Mureau et al. randomize the instances to get a power of a prime instead — this is where they need a heuristic assumption about the success rate of this procedure, and where the quantity ρ_K in the complexity comes from. Using an algorithm by Lenstra and Silverberg [25], one can then recover the needed generator (from the knowledge of the ideal and the relative norm q) in polynomial time.

Now let us assume that the field K where LIP needs to be solved is a power-of-two cyclotomic field, with maximal totally real field F . In this case we have $G' = C^* C$, where C^* is the transpose-conjugate of C . The diagonal entries of G' are of the form $q = x\bar{x} + y\bar{y} \in F$, where $\bar{\cdot}$ stands for the complex conjugation, and $(x, y)^T \in \mathcal{O}_K^2$ is a column of C . Going down to F , actually these entries are now sums of four squares in $\frac{1}{2}\mathcal{O}_F$ as $q = a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2$ if $x = a + ib$ and $y = c + id$.⁹ We are led to a generalization of Lagrange's famous theorem, which admits a proof using quaternion arithmetic. This proof can be turned into an algorithm, illustrated by the work of Rabin and Shallit [35] to find such four-squares decompositions, but just as above, we need here an extension to algebraic numbers. Let us set $\mathcal{A} := F\langle i, j \rangle$ with $i^2 = j^2 = -1$ and such that $ij = -ji$, so that we have an extension of F -algebras $\mathcal{A}/K/F$. The non-commutative algebra \mathcal{A} is known as a quaternion algebra over F , and comes with a reduced norm $\text{nrd}(a + ib + jc + id) := a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2$. The technical part here is then to elucidate the quaternionic version of the reduction of Mureau et al., as subtleties arise from the non-commutative setting. In the end, there are currently no known polynomial-time algorithms to solve nrdPIP over quaternion algebras, so we rely on an oracle to complete the reduction in this setting.

⁸ Here, we use the notation nrd to refer to the relative norm of the extension $K(i)/K$, this is by analogy with the quaternion algebra case that will be discussed below.

⁹ Note that even if x and y are in \mathcal{O}_K , then a, b, c and d are only guaranteed to be in $\frac{1}{2}\mathcal{O}_F$ (the inclusion can be seen by observing that $2a = x + \bar{x} \in \mathcal{O}_K \cap F = \mathcal{O}_F$).

We observe additionally that the work of [31] did not use all the information given by the public form G' . As our reductions are similar whether the “highest” considered extension of F is \mathcal{A} or K , let us write temporarily E for either of these for the sake of simplicity. From our description above, one realises that they have not used the anti-diagonal entries, although these entries also gives constraints on the set of solutions to compute. Our formulation naturally involves these terms as well, and we show that from all the public data¹⁰ one can obtain a fraction $\alpha\beta^{-1}$ of E , whose numerator and denominator encode the secret columns of C . With some ideal arithmetic, we are then able to build a principal ideal $\alpha\mathcal{O}$, for a maximal order¹¹ \mathcal{O} in E . The nrdPIP oracle gives us a candidate for α (up to an element of $\mathcal{O}^1 := \{x \in \mathcal{O} \mid \text{nrd}(x) = 1\}$). We then show that this element α allows to efficiently build all possible solutions to the lattice isomorphism problem. When K is totally real (i.e., when we are in the context of [31]), Lenstra-Silverberg’s algorithm computes α in polynomial time from $\alpha\mathcal{O}$ and $\text{nrd}(\alpha) = q$. By using quaternion algebras of more general forms than the one underlying Lagrange’s theorem, we can also extend our reduction to all CM extensions K/F .

The general case of the module-LIP problem covers rank 2 modules over a field K , which are known to not all be of the form \mathcal{O}_K^2 . Such objects admit so-called pseudo-bases, involving fractional ideals in K . As ideals in K do not commute anymore when extended to an ambient quaternion algebra, tailoring the reduction to this broader context adds a thin layer of technicalities. Interestingly, we also do not need to rely on a heuristic assumption anymore: this makes our new reduction rigorously proven, and removes the need for heuristics in [31]. Compared to [31], an additional benefit is also to reduce the amounts of nrdPIP instances to be solved to a maximum of two, and even only one when the target module is \mathcal{O}_K^2 . Since this is by far the most computationally expensive task of their work, this should significantly improve the practical run-time.

Computationally, ideals in quaternionic algebras over F or in a quadratic extension K can also be seen as \mathcal{O}_F -modules of rank 2 or 4, which is enough for our purpose. In particular, there are known polynomial-time algorithms to handle their arithmetic and representations [10, Chap. 2]. As explained we need at some point the group \mathcal{O}^1 of elements of reduced norm 1 in a maximal order \mathcal{O} of the considered extension of F . In the number field case, there is a unique maximal order, and this amounts to finding the roots of unity in the field — a computationally easy task. For quaternion algebras, the situation is more dire: there are several maximal orders, which are not trivially related to one another. In other words, knowing \mathcal{O}^1 does not mean we know another $\tilde{\mathcal{O}}^1$. At last, the order \mathcal{O} involved in our work can be computed from the parameters of the module-LIP problem in polynomial time. Thus for $E = \mathcal{A}$, we assume that those

¹⁰ More precisely, the determinant of C must also be known. We give a polynomial-time algorithm to compute it from $\det G'$ and $\det B$, up to a root of unity in K . In the case of the \mathcal{O}_K^2 module, we refine our analysis to show that knowing $\det(C)$ up to a root of unity in K is sufficient.

¹¹ An order \mathcal{O} in a K -algebra \mathcal{A} is a finitely generated \mathcal{O}_K -submodule of \mathcal{A} which is also a subring and such that $K\mathcal{O} = \mathcal{A}$.

\mathcal{O} and \mathcal{O}^1 have been precomputed, or given as additional input. We also note that in our context, groups such as \mathcal{O}^1 are always *finite*, and belongs (up to isomorphism) to a small, *explicit* list of groups of small cardinalities (at most polynomial in the degree of F) [40, Chap. 32].

Related works. The Principal Ideal Problem over a number field (say, F -PIP) has been coined as a central problem in algorithmic number theory (e.g. [9]).

In an arbitrary number field, the state-of-the-art classical algorithms are heuristic and run in subexponential time [6,4] or quantum polynomial time [5]. We note that all these algorithms reduce to the problem of computing the unit group and the class group of the underlying field. In lattice-based cryptography, F -PIP appeared in important results [11,12] on the hardness of the Ideal-SVP problem. In this article we encounter a variant of this problem over (totally definite) quaternion algebras, say \mathcal{A} -PIP. In this context, an algorithm to compute a generator of a principal ideal $I \subset \mathcal{A}$ is provided in [27, Alg. 6.3]. The strategy reduces to the computation of the class group of F and to a short vector computation in a rank- $2d$ \mathbb{Z} -lattice, where d is the degree of K .

While computing the class group may be done in quantum polynomial time, computing short vectors in lattices is believed to be hard even for quantum computers. For more general algebras, Bley et al. [8] give an algorithm solving PIP by reducing it to many subproblems, including PIP in K . We note that their work also provides algorithms to compute isomorphisms between finitely generated modules over number fields, but that these are *not* isometries between modules lattices. In other words, they are not lattice isomorphisms in the sense we are interested in.

With the additional information of the reduced norm of a generator of a principal ideal (say, F -nrdPIP), the situation can change drastically and (classical) polynomial time complexity can be achieved for CM extensions. For cyclotomic fields, this observation goes back to Gentry and Szydlo's algorithm [21] to attack NTRU encryption. Variants of this algorithm [24,20,17,19] were subsequently used to attack lattice-based signatures in several context, and a more general version was described by Lenstra and Silverberg [25], covering in particular all CM fields. On the other hand, for the quaternion variant \mathcal{A} -nrdPIP, there are (to our knowledge) no known polynomial time algorithms, and thus the problem is solved by using a \mathcal{A} -PIP solver instead.

In a concurrent work [18], Espitau and Pliatsok proved a reduction from module-LIP over CM fields for certain rank-2 modules¹² to the shortest vector problem in rank-2 modules with additional symmetries. These rank-2 modules with symmetries are closely related to the ideal in \mathcal{A} that our reduction produces.

Their reduction stems from a purely geometric point of view, providing an arguably simpler intuition on the modules at stake and their symmetries. It is however restricted to a subset of *free* rank-2 modules and does not allow to compute the whole congruence class of the given instance. Luo, Jiang, Pan and

¹² Their reduction requires the rank-2 modules to be *free* and something they call *primitive* (see [18] for a definition).

Wang published another concurrent work [29], reducing module-LIP over a CM field to the problem of finding a specific (symplectic) automorphism. With the knowledge of this automorphism, finding the correct congruence matrix reduces to a \mathfrak{D} -nrdPIP instance in a *commutative* ring \mathfrak{D} , where the polynomial time algorithm of Lenstra and Silverberg [25] applies. This “reduction to rank one” has a flavour similar to our results, and one can interpret the knowledge of the symplectic automorphism as a way to bypass the non-commutativity of quaternion.

Organisation of the paper. In Section 2, we present the necessary algebraic structures for this work. We recall the worst-case search module Lattice Isomorphism Problem (wc-smodLIP) in rank 2, and define the reduced norm Principal Ideal Problem (nrdPIP). We discuss the representation and concrete handling of every object we manipulate in our reduction. In Section 3, we prove our main reduction from rank-2 module-LIP in CM fields to nrdPIP in a well-chosen maximal order of a quaternion algebra. We then prove a Karp reduction of the same kind, in the particular case where our module is \mathcal{O}_K^2 , with K a cyclotomic field. The proofs of some technical results from preliminaries are delayed to the appendices.

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2 Preliminaries

For a ring R , we denote R^\times its set of invertible elements (that is, whose inverse are in R). The set of $n \times n$ matrices with entries in R is denoted $\mathcal{M}_n(R)$ and the subset of invertible matrices forms the group $\mathbf{GL}_n(R)$. We use bold letters to denote vectors.

2.1 Number Fields

Generalities A number field K is a finite extension of the field of rational numbers \mathbb{Q} . It is isomorphic to $\mathbb{Q}[X]/P(X)$, where $P(X)$ is an irreducible monic polynomial of $\mathbb{Q}[X]$. The degree $d := [K : \mathbb{Q}]$ of K over \mathbb{Q} is exactly the degree

of $P(X)$. A number field K of degree d has d embeddings $K \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$, sending the class of X to a complex root of P . Any embedding $\sigma_i : K \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is called a real embedding. An embedding σ_i which is not real is called complex, and it can be composed with the complex conjugation in \mathbb{C} to obtain a different complex embedding $\overline{\sigma_i}$. The canonical embedding of K is defined as

$$\sigma(e) := (\sigma_1(e), \dots, \sigma_d(e)) \in \mathbb{C}^d, \quad \forall e \in K$$

where the σ_i are all the embeddings of K . We extend it coordinate-wise to K^ℓ .

When all the embedding of $K \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ are actually real embeddings, we say that K is *totally real*. When none of them are, we say that K is *totally complex*. An element $a \in K$ is totally positive, resp. totally negative, if all its embeddings are positive, resp. negative real numbers (in particular, all its embeddings are real numbers). The (absolute) trace and norm of $e \in K$ is $\text{Tr}(e) = \sum_i \sigma_i(e)$ and $N(e) = \prod_i \sigma_i(e) \in \mathbb{Q}$.

We note \mathcal{O}_K the ring of integers of a number field K . It is defined as the ring containing all elements $e \in K$ such that there exists a monic polynomial $Q(X) \in \mathbb{Z}[X]$ such that $Q(e) = 0$. It is a free \mathbb{Z} -module of rank d . The (absolute) discriminant of K is $\Delta_K = |\det([\text{Tr}(\beta_i \beta_j)]_{i,j})|$, for any \mathbb{Z} -basis $(\beta_i)_i$ of \mathcal{O}_K . We also note $\mu(K)$ the set of roots of unity in K , which is of size $\leq 2d^2$ (see, e.g., [31, Corollary 2.11]).

The space $K_{\mathbb{R}}$ is defined as $K_{\mathbb{R}} = K \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}} \mathbb{R}$.¹³ Then the canonical embedding of K extends to $K_{\mathbb{R}}$ and its image is isomorphic to the real subspace $\mathcal{H} = \{(x_1, \dots, x_d) : x_{d_1+i} = \overline{x_{d_1+d_2+i}} \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq d_2\} \subset \mathbb{R}^{d_1} \times \mathbb{C}^{2d_2} \subset \mathbb{C}^d$ where d_1 is the number of real embeddings of K and $2d_2$ the number of complex embeddings. Through this identification $K_{\mathbb{R}}$ is equipped with a complex conjugation $\bar{\cdot}$ which amounts to taking the complex conjugate coordinate-wise.

CM fields. A Complex Multiplication (CM) number field K is a totally complex quadratic extension of a totally real number field F (we also say K/F is a CM-extension). Equivalently, here F is a totally real number field and there exists a totally negative element $a \in F$ such that $K = F(\sqrt{a})$ [41, Page 38]. From now on, K/F will denote a CM extension. A fundamental example of CM fields for cryptographic applications are cyclotomic fields. Let $m \in \mathbb{N}_{>2}$ and ζ_m be a primitive m -th root of unity. Then, $K_m = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_m)$ is a totally complex number field of degree $d = \varphi(m)$ containing the totally real field $F_m = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_m + \zeta_m^{-1})$ and K/F is quadratic.¹⁴ In full generality we have $K_m = F_m(\sqrt{a_m})$ where $a_m = (\zeta_m - \zeta_m^{-1})^2 = \zeta_m^2 + \zeta_m^{-2} - 2 \in F_m$. In the case where m is divisible by 4, the element $i = \zeta_m^{m/4}$ is a square root of -1 , thus $i \in K_m \setminus F_m$ and we can write $K_m = F_m(\sqrt{-1})$. In a CM-extension K/F , there is a unique non-trivial automorphism of K fixing F pointwise, which is called the complex conjugation. With the notation $K = F(\sqrt{a})$, it acts on K by $\tau : \sqrt{a} \mapsto -\sqrt{a}$. In particular, the *relative* norm for the extension K/F is defined by $N_{K/F}(x + y\sqrt{a}) := (x +$

¹³ If $K \simeq \mathbb{Q}[X]/(P)$, then one has $K_{\mathbb{R}} \simeq \mathbb{R}[X]/(P)$.

¹⁴ Since $\zeta_m \notin F_m$ we have $[K_m : F_m] > 1$ and one can check that ζ_m is a root of $\Psi_m(X) = X^2 - (\zeta_m + \zeta_m^{-1})X + 1 \in F_m[X]$, so $[K_m : F_m] \leq 2$.

$y\sqrt{a}) \cdot \tau(x + y\sqrt{a}) = (x + y\sqrt{a})(x - y\sqrt{a}) = x^2 - ay^2$, for all $x + y\sqrt{a} \in K$. The following lemma justifies why the automorphism τ is also called complex conjugation.

Lemma 2.1 ([31, Lemma 2.7]). *Let K/F be a CM extension of number fields. For any embedding $\sigma_i : K \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ and $x \in K$, we have $\overline{\sigma_i(x)} = \sigma_i(\tau(x))$.*

To simplify notations in the rest of this article, we write \bar{x} instead of $\tau(x)$.

Kronecker's theorem and an application. Equations of the form $a\bar{a} + b\bar{b} = 1$ (for a, b in the ring of integers of a CM number field K) will naturally appear further in the paper (see Proposition 3.13 and Corollary A.23). The main tool for studying these equations is a celebrated result, attributed to Kronecker.

Proposition 2.2 ([13, Theorem K]). *Let K be a CM field and $a \in \mathcal{O}_K$. If a is non zero and if all its conjugates have absolute value at most 1, then a is a root of unity.*

Corollary 2.3. *Let K be a CM field and $a, b \in \mathcal{O}_K$ be such that $a\bar{a} + b\bar{b} = 1$. Then either a is a root of unity and $b = 0$ or $a = 0$ and b is a root of unity.*

Proof. By Lemma 2.1), for all embeddings σ_i of K , $\sigma_i(a\bar{a}) = |\sigma_i(a)|^2$ and $\sigma_i(b\bar{b}) = |\sigma_i(b)|^2$ are both positive. Moreover, we have $\sigma_i(a\bar{a}) + \sigma_i(b\bar{b}) = \sigma_i(1) = 1$. Suppose that $a \neq 0$, so $0 < \sigma_i(a\bar{a}) \leq 1$ for all i 's. Then Proposition 2.2 implies that $a\bar{a}$ must be a root of unity in K . But $a\bar{a}$ is totally positive so $a\bar{a} = 1$ and $b = 0$, which also implies that $|\sigma_i(a)| = 1$. Applying again Proposition 2.2 to a , we conclude that a is a root of unity. \square

The computation of the roots of unity in a number field is handled by the following lemma.

Lemma 2.4 (Computing roots of unity [31, Cor. 2.11]). *Let K be a degree d number field. Then, K has at most $2d^2$ roots of unity and there is a polynomial time algorithm that given a basis of \mathcal{O}_K , computes the roots of unity in K .*

Note that, according to [32, 7.4], this group is cyclic.

Ideals. An integral ideal \mathfrak{a} of K is an additive subgroup of \mathcal{O}_K , such that for all $x \in K$, $x\mathfrak{a} \subseteq \mathfrak{a}$. A fractional ideal \mathfrak{a} of K is an additive subgroup of K such that for some $x \in K \setminus \{0\}$, $x\mathfrak{a}$ is an integral ideal. If \mathfrak{a} is generated by a single element x , it is said to be *principal*, and is noted $\mathfrak{a} = x\mathcal{O}_K$. Generally, fractional \mathcal{O}_K -ideals can all be generated using at most two elements, see [9, Proposition 4.7.7] We will use fraktur-letters to denote fractional ideals of K or F .

Let $\mathfrak{a}, \mathfrak{b}$ be two fractional ideals. The product $\mathfrak{a}\mathfrak{b}$ is the smallest ideal containing all products xy for $x \in \mathfrak{a}$ and $y \in \mathfrak{b}$. We have that $\mathfrak{a} \subseteq \mathfrak{b}$ if and only if there exists an integral ideal \mathfrak{c} such that $\mathfrak{a} = \mathfrak{b}\mathfrak{c}$. When this is the case, we say that \mathfrak{b} (equivalently \mathfrak{c}) divides \mathfrak{a} . An integral ideal \mathfrak{p} is prime whenever $xy \in \mathfrak{p}$ implies $x \in \mathfrak{p}$ or $y \in \mathfrak{p}$. Prime ideals are the maximal ideals in \mathcal{O}_K . When dealing with

number fields, we have unique factorization of integral ideals into prime ideals (up to permutation of the factors). Typically, given a prime integer $p \in \mathbb{Z}$, the ideal $p \cdot \mathcal{O}_K$ is a product $\prod_i \mathfrak{p}_i^{e_i}$ of at most $[K : \mathbb{Q}]$ prime ideals ([32, Chapter I, Proposition 8.3]). Moreover this factorization can be computed in polynomial time.

Lemma 2.5 ([10, Section 6.2.5]). *There exists a polynomial time algorithm that takes as input any prime integer $p \in \mathbb{Z}$ and a basis of the ring of integers \mathcal{O}_K of a number field K , and computes all the prime ideals of \mathcal{O}_K dividing $p \cdot \mathcal{O}_K$.*

When K/F is a CM extension and \mathfrak{a} is a fractional ideal of K , the set $\bar{\mathfrak{a}} := \{\bar{x} \mid x \in \mathfrak{a}\}$ is again a fractional ideal of K , called the conjugate of \mathfrak{a} .

Modules. The main reference for this paragraph is the first chapter from [10]. Let V be a finite-dimensional vector space over a number field K . We call module¹⁵ any set of the form $\mathfrak{a}_1 \mathbf{b}_1 + \dots + \mathfrak{a}_\ell \mathbf{b}_\ell$, where the \mathfrak{a}_i 's are fractional ideals in K and the \mathbf{b}_i 's are K -linearly independent vectors in V . The data of $((\mathbf{b}_1, \mathfrak{a}_1), \dots, (\mathbf{b}_\ell, \mathfrak{a}_\ell))$ is called a pseudo-basis of M and the integer ℓ is called the rank of the module. We write $\mathbf{B} = (B, \{\mathfrak{a}_i\}_{i \leq \ell})$ where B is the (column) matrix of the \mathbf{b}_i 's, and we call it a pseudo-basis of the module. We use bold capital letters to denote pseudo-bases. In this article we always consider modules with full rank, and let $\dim_K(V) = \ell$. A module $M \subset K^\ell$ (resp. \mathcal{O}_K^ℓ) is said to be rational (resp. integer).

Two pseudo-bases $\mathbf{B} = (B, \{\mathfrak{a}_i\}_{1 \leq i \leq \ell})$ and $\mathbf{C} = (C, \{\mathfrak{b}_i\}_{1 \leq i \leq \ell})$ generate the same module if and only if there exists $U = (u_{i,j})_{1 \leq i,j \leq \ell} \in \mathbf{GL}_\ell(K)$ such that $C = BU$ and $u_{i,j} \in \mathfrak{a}_i \mathfrak{b}_j^{-1}$ for all $1 \leq i, j \leq \ell$ and $\mathfrak{a}_1 \cdots \mathfrak{a}_\ell = (\det U) \mathfrak{b}_1 \cdots \mathfrak{b}_\ell$ ([10, Proposition 1.4.2]).

When K is a CM-field, the pseudo-Gram matrix associated to a pseudo-basis $\mathbf{B} = (B, \{\mathfrak{a}_i\}_{i \leq \ell})$ is $\mathbf{G} = (B^* B, \{\mathfrak{a}_i\}_{i \leq \ell})$, where $B^* := \bar{B}^t$ is the conjugate-transpose matrix (where the complex conjugation of K is taken on each matrix coefficient).¹⁶

Let $M, M' \subset K^\ell$ be modules and let $\Theta \in \mathcal{U}_\ell(K_\mathbb{R})$, i.e., $\Theta \in \mathcal{M}_\ell(K_\mathbb{R})$ with $U^* U = Id$. When $M' = \Theta \cdot M$, we say that Θ is a *module lattice isomorphism* between M and M' . Furthermore when $M' = M$, we say Θ is a *module lattice automorphism*.

2.2 Quaternion algebras

We now give the background on quaternion algebras that is needed in this work. A general reference for this topic is [40], from which we borrow most of the material. For a field F , a F -algebra is a F -linear space which is also a ring (its

¹⁵ In full generality, these should be called finitely generated, torsion-free \mathcal{O}_K -modules in V . Since we will only consider these kind of modules, we drop the ‘‘finitely generated, torsion free’’ part, to make it easier to read.

¹⁶ The pseudo-Gram matrix can be more generally defined for any number field [31, Definition 3.6], but in this work we will only be interested in CM-field.

elements can be multiplied together into another ring element). In this work, we are interested in one type of quaternion algebra, defined below. Recall that F is a totally real field, a is a totally negative element in F , so that $K = F(\sqrt{a})$ is a CM-extension.

Definition 2.6. *The quaternion algebra $\mathcal{A} := (\frac{a, -1}{F})$ is the F -algebra of dimension 4 with basis $\{1, i, j, ij\}$ and satisfying the rules*

$$i^2 = a \quad ; \quad j^2 = -1 \quad ; \quad ij = -ji.$$

Because of the rule $ij = -ji$, \mathcal{A} is a non commutative algebra. Its center (the set of elements that commute with every other) is equal to F . A quaternion algebra is also equipped with an involution $\bar{\cdot}$ defined by $\overline{x + iy + jz + ijt} = x - iy - jz - ijt$. This map is F -linear and satisfies $\overline{\overline{\alpha}} = \alpha$ and $\overline{\alpha\beta} = \overline{\beta} \cdot \overline{\alpha}$ for any $\alpha, \beta \in \mathcal{A}$ (see [40, Section 3.2]). The reduced norm on \mathcal{A} is the map $\text{nrd} : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow F$ defined by $\alpha = x + iy + jz + ijt \mapsto \alpha\overline{\alpha} = x^2 - ay^2 + z^2 - at^2$. We have $\text{nrd}(\alpha\beta) = \text{nrd}(\alpha)\text{nrd}(\beta)$ for all $\alpha, \beta \in \mathcal{A}$ [40, Par. 3.3.4]. Since a is totally negative, $K = F(\sqrt{a})$ is a CM extension of F included in \mathcal{A} , and when $x \in K$, we have $\text{nrd}(x) = N_{K/F}(x)$.

Example 2.7. Consider the quaternion algebra $(\frac{-1, -1}{\mathbb{Q}})$. The standard involution acts as $\overline{x + iy + jz + ijt} = x - iy - jz - ijt$ and the reduced norm is given by $\text{nrd}(x + iy + jz + ijt) = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + t^2$.

Because of our choice for a , the quaternion algebras $(\frac{a, -1}{F})$ are said to be *totally definite*. In this article, we will not need to know precisely what a totally definite algebra is, but we will use results that hold only for totally definite algebras. We provide the following lemma which confirms that the algebras we are interested in are totally definite.

Proposition 2.8 ([22, Page 3], adapted). *If F is a totally real number field and $a \in F$ is totally negative, then the quaternion algebra $(\frac{a, -1}{F})$ is totally definite.*

A notable property of algebras of the form $\mathcal{A} = (\frac{a, -1}{F})$ with F totally real and a totally negative is that they are division algebras — that is, all their elements are invertible, or equivalently, they are non-commutative fields. To see this, note that by definition, all the embeddings of $-a$ are positive numbers. Hence, for any $\alpha = x + iy + jz + ijt \in \mathcal{A} \setminus \{0\}$, all the embeddings of $\text{nrd}(\alpha) = x^2 - ay^2 + z^2 - at^2$ are also positive (they are a sum of four non-negative real numbers and at least one of them has to be non-zero since $\alpha \neq 0$), which implies that $\text{nrd}(\alpha)$ is a non-zero element of F . We know that an element $\alpha \in \mathcal{A}$ is invertible if and only if its reduced norm is non-zero (see [40, Lemma 3.3.6]), in which case its inverse is $\alpha^{-1} = \text{nrd}(\alpha)^{-1}\overline{\alpha}$. Hence, we conclude that for our algebras, $\mathcal{A}^\times = \mathcal{A} \setminus \{0\}$.

Quaternion orders and ideals. Let us fix a quaternion algebra $\mathcal{A} = (\frac{a, -1}{F})$ over a totally real field F . We begin by the definition of \mathcal{O}_F -lattices in \mathcal{A} .

Definition 2.9 ([40, Definition 9.3.1]). An \mathcal{O}_F -lattice in \mathcal{A} is a finitely generated \mathcal{O}_F -module contained in \mathcal{A} and with full-rank in \mathcal{A} (i.e., it is a rank-4 \mathcal{O}_F -module included in \mathcal{A}).

We can now define the notion of orders in \mathcal{A} .

Definition 2.10 ([40, Definition 10.2.1]). An \mathcal{O}_F -order $\mathcal{O} \subseteq \mathcal{A}$ is an \mathcal{O}_F -lattice in \mathcal{A} that is also a subring of \mathcal{A} (in particular, $1 \in \mathcal{O}$). An \mathcal{O}_F -order of \mathcal{A} is said to be maximal if it is not strictly contained in another \mathcal{O}_F -order.

One can define analogously orders of \mathcal{A} for different subrings of \mathcal{A} (e.g. \mathbb{Z}). In this article, we will only be interested in \mathcal{O}_F -orders, so we simply call them orders.

Lemma 2.11 ([40, Prop. 15.5.2], adapted). In the quaternion algebra \mathcal{A} , there exists (at least) one maximal order, and every order \mathcal{O} is contained in a maximal order $\tilde{\mathcal{O}}$.

Example 2.12. Over $F = \mathbb{Q}$, the \mathbb{Z} -module $\mathbb{Z} + i\mathbb{Z} + j\mathbb{Z} + ij\mathbb{Z}$ is an order but is not maximal. However, it is contained in the maximal order $\mathbb{Z} + i\mathbb{Z} + j\mathbb{Z} + \omega\mathbb{Z}$, where $\omega = \frac{1+i+j+ij}{2}$.

Contrary to the case of number fields where the ring of integers is the unique maximal order, there can be many maximal orders in a quaternion algebra.

Proposition 2.13 ([40, Lemma 10.2.7 and Definition 10.2.8]). Let $I \subseteq \mathcal{A}$ be an \mathcal{O}_F -lattice. The set $\mathcal{O}_\ell(I) := \{x \in \mathcal{A} \mid xI \subseteq I\}$ is an order of \mathcal{A} , called the left order of I . Similarly, the set $\mathcal{O}_r(I) := \{x \in \mathcal{A} \mid Ix \subseteq I\}$ is an order of \mathcal{A} called the right order of I .

Given an order \mathcal{O} , a left (resp. right) fractional \mathcal{O} -ideal is an \mathcal{O}_F -lattice $I \subseteq \mathcal{A}$ satisfying $xI \subseteq I$ (resp. $Ix \subseteq I$) for all $x \in \mathcal{O}$. Since a left fractional \mathcal{O} -ideal is in particular an \mathcal{O}_F -lattice in \mathcal{A} , we can define its left order $\mathcal{O}_\ell(I)$. By definition, this order contains \mathcal{O} , but it can be larger. We say that I is a *sated* left fractional \mathcal{O} -ideal if $\mathcal{O} = \mathcal{O}_\ell(I)$ (i.e., if \mathcal{O} is the largest order for which I is a left ideal) [40, Definition 16.2.11]. A similar definition holds for right \mathcal{O} -ideals.

An important observation that follows from the definition above is that any \mathcal{O}_F -lattice $I \subseteq \mathcal{A}$ is a left fractional \mathcal{O} -ideal for some order \mathcal{O} , namely its left order $\mathcal{O}_\ell(I)$ (it is even a sated left fractional $\mathcal{O}_\ell(I)$ -ideal). In the rest of this section, we will review some definitions and lemmas, that extend similar results for ideals in number fields. These results will be stated for \mathcal{O}_F -lattices in \mathcal{A} (but keep in mind that these are left fractional \mathcal{O} -ideals for some order \mathcal{O} , depending on the lattice).

Let I and J be two \mathcal{O}_F -lattices in \mathcal{A} . The sum of I and J is defined by $I + J := \{\alpha + \beta \mid \alpha \in I, \beta \in J\}$ and their product IJ is the set of all finite sums $\sum_i \alpha_i \beta_i$, where $\alpha_i \in I, \beta_i \in J$. It can be checked that $I + J$ and IJ are still \mathcal{O}_F -lattices in \mathcal{A} (the sum of two finitely generated \mathcal{O}_F -modules is still a finitely generated \mathcal{O}_F -module whose rank is at least the maximum of the ranks

of the two modules; for the product see [40, p.260]). We say that I is *integral* if $I^2 \subset I$ [40, Definition 16.2.7].

For an \mathcal{O}_F -lattice I of \mathcal{A} , the reduced norm of I , denoted by $\text{nr}_d(I)$, is the (fractional) ideal of F generated by the set $\{\text{nr}_d(\alpha) \mid \alpha \in I\}$ [40, Definition 16.3.1 and Proposition 16.3.2]. Let $\bar{I} := \{\bar{\alpha} \mid \alpha \in I\}$, then this forms another \mathcal{O}_F -lattice which we will call the conjugate of I [40, 16.6.6].

We say that an \mathcal{O}_F -lattice is principal if there exists $\alpha \in \mathcal{A}^\times$ such that $I = \alpha\mathcal{O}_r(I) = \mathcal{O}_\ell(I)\alpha$ [40, Definition 16.2.1, 16.2.2]. For any \mathcal{O}_F -lattice I , if there exists $\alpha \in \mathcal{A}^\times$ such that $I = \alpha\mathcal{O}_r(I)$, then it also automatically holds that $I = \mathcal{O}_\ell(I)\alpha$ [40, 16.2.3]. Hence, to test if an \mathcal{O}_F -lattice is principal, it suffices to test if it is left (or right) principal.

The quasi-inverse of an \mathcal{O}_F -lattice $I \subset \mathcal{A}$ is the set $I^{-1} := \{\alpha \in \mathcal{A} \mid I\alpha I \subseteq I\}$, which is, again, an \mathcal{O}_F -lattice [40, Def. 16.5.5 and Le. 16.5.7]. Using the definition of the left order of an \mathcal{O}_F -lattice, one can check that the above definition is equivalent to $I^{-1} = \{\alpha \in \mathcal{A} \mid I\alpha \subseteq \mathcal{O}_\ell(I)\}$ (because for all $x \in \mathcal{A}$, we have $x \in \mathcal{O}_\ell(I)$ if and only if $xI \subseteq I$). By definition, we always have $II^{-1} \subseteq \mathcal{O}_\ell(I)$ and $I^{-1}I \subseteq \mathcal{O}_r(I)$. We say that I is invertible when the previous inclusions are in fact equalities [40, Prop. 16.5.8]. We say that a left fractional \mathcal{O} -ideal I is invertible if it is invertible as an \mathcal{O}_F -lattice and if it is sated as a left \mathcal{O} -ideal (i.e., $\mathcal{O}_\ell(I) = \mathcal{O}$). The following lemma gives a sufficient condition for an \mathcal{O}_F -lattice to be invertible and an expression of its inverse.

Lemma 2.14 ([40, Prop. 16.6.15 (b)]). *Let $I \subseteq \mathcal{A}$ be an \mathcal{O}_F -lattice. Whenever $\mathcal{O}_\ell(I)$ or $\mathcal{O}_r(I)$ is maximal, then both are and I is invertible.*

The inverse of an invertible \mathcal{O}_F -lattice is characterized by the following result.

Proposition 2.15. *Let I, I' be \mathcal{O}_F -lattices I such that $\mathcal{O}_r(I) = \mathcal{O}_\ell(I')$ and I is invertible. Then, one has $II' = \mathcal{O}_\ell(I)$ if and only if $I' = I^{-1}$.*

Proof. Suppose that $II' = \mathcal{O}_\ell(I')$. Then multiplying on the left by I^{-1} gives $\mathcal{O}_r(I)I' = I^{-1}\mathcal{O}_\ell(I)$ but $\mathcal{O}_\ell(I') = \mathcal{O}_r(I)$ by assumption, so $\mathcal{O}_r(I)I' = I'$. By definition of the pseudo-inverse one has $\mathcal{O}_r(I^{-1}) = \mathcal{O}_\ell(I)$, so $I^{-1}\mathcal{O}_\ell(I) = I^{-1}$. Therefore one obtains $I' = I^{-1}$ as expected. The converse is contained in the definition of being an invertible \mathcal{O}_F -lattice. \square

We will use the following lemma on reverse inclusion of quasi-inverses.

Lemma 2.16. *Let $I, J \subseteq \mathcal{A}$ be \mathcal{O}_F -lattices with the same left order, i.e., $\mathcal{O}_\ell(I) = \mathcal{O}_\ell(J)$. If $J \subseteq I$, then the inclusion of quasi-inverses $I^{-1} \subseteq J^{-1}$ holds.*

Proof. Using the second definition of the quasi-inverse, we have $I^{-1} = \{\alpha \in \mathcal{A} \mid I\alpha \subseteq \mathcal{O}_\ell(I)\}$. Similarly $J^{-1} = \{\alpha \in \mathcal{A} \mid J\alpha \subseteq \mathcal{O}_\ell(J)\}$. Using the fact that $J \subseteq I$ and that $\mathcal{O}_\ell(I) = \mathcal{O}_\ell(J)$, we have that any element $\alpha \in I^{-1}$ verifies $J\alpha \subseteq I\alpha \subseteq \mathcal{O}_\ell(I) = \mathcal{O}_\ell(J)$, so $\alpha \in J^{-1}$. \square

By [40, Definition 16.2.7], a left- \mathcal{O} ideal I is said to be integral if and only if $I^2 \subset I$. Then, by [40, Lemma 16.2.8], I is integral if and only if $I \subset \mathcal{O}_\ell(I)$, if and

only if $I \subset \mathcal{O}_r(I)$. This is a useful criteria to determine whether a quaternion ideal is integral or not.

Recall that for a given order \mathcal{O} , a sated fractional left \mathcal{O} -ideal I is an \mathcal{O}_F -lattice with $\mathcal{O}_\ell(I) = \mathcal{O}$. When \mathcal{O} is a maximal order of \mathcal{A} , such sated left \mathcal{O} -ideals enjoy many nice properties. A first property is that I is always invertible by Lemma 2.14. Analogously as the situation for fractional ideals of the ring of integers in a number field, invertible \mathcal{O}_F -lattices in $\mathcal{A} = (\frac{a, -1}{F})$ are locally principal ([40, Thm. 16.6.1]). A precise definition of this notion is not needed for the core of this work; rather, it is enough to know that such lattices have nice properties with respect to the reduced norm, and that the quaternionic ideals we will consider in this work are all sated. We say that I is compatible with J if $\mathcal{O}_r(I) = \mathcal{O}_\ell(J)$ [40, Definition 16.2.5].

Lemma 2.17 ([40, Le. 16.3.7, 16.3.5 and 16.3.8]). *Let I, J be two \mathcal{O}_F -lattices in \mathcal{A} , with I invertible.*

1. *If I is compatible with J , then $\text{nrd}(IJ) = \text{nrd}(I)\text{nrd}(J)$.*
2. *We have $I = \mathcal{O}_\ell(I)\alpha$ if and only if $\alpha \in I$ and $\text{nrd}(\alpha)\mathcal{O}_F = \text{nrd}(I)$.*

In the same fashion, when dealing with compatible ideals, we can also state the following lemmas:

Lemma 2.18 ([40, Le. 16.5.11], adapted). *Let I, J be two \mathcal{O}_F -lattices in \mathcal{A} , with I invertible. If I is compatible with J , then $\mathcal{O}_r(IJ) = \mathcal{O}_r(J)$.*

The proof of this proposition goes exactly as the proof of [40, Le. 16.5.11] for left orders.

Lemma 2.19. *Let I, J be two \mathcal{O}_F -lattices in \mathcal{A} , with I invertible and $\mathcal{O}_\ell(I) = \mathcal{O}_\ell(J)$ or $\mathcal{O}_r(I) = \mathcal{O}_r(J)$. If $I \subset J$ and $\text{nrd}(I) = \text{nrd}(J)$, then $I = J$.*

Proof. We do the proof when $\mathcal{O}_\ell(I) = \mathcal{O}_\ell(J)$, the case where $\mathcal{O}_r(I) = \mathcal{O}_r(J)$ being analogous. Since I invertible and $I \subset J$, we have $I^{-1}I = \mathcal{O}_r(I) \subset I^{-1}J$. By hypothesis the latter is a product of compatible ideals, hence by Lemma 2.17 1., $\text{nrd}(I^{-1}J) = \text{nrd}(I^{-1})\text{nrd}(J)$. Since $\mathcal{O}_F = \text{nrd}(II^{-1}) = \text{nrd}(I)\text{nrd}(I^{-1})$, we have $\text{nrd}(I^{-1}) = \text{nrd}(I)^{-1}$ and $\text{nrd}(I^{-1}J) = \text{nrd}(I)^{-1}\text{nrd}(J) = \mathcal{O}_F$. Thus, the element $1 \in \mathcal{O}_r(I) \subset I^{-1}J$ generates $\text{nrd}(1)\mathcal{O}_F = \mathcal{O}_F = \text{nrd}(I^{-1}J)$, so by Lemma 2.17 2., $I^{-1}J = \mathcal{O}_r(J)$ and we conclude $I = J$. \square

When \mathcal{O} is maximal, a left- \mathcal{O} -ideal is sated. This implies in particular that if I and J are two sated left \mathcal{O} -ideals, then their sum is still a sated left \mathcal{O} -ideal. Indeed, $I + J$ is a left \mathcal{O} -ideal, and since \mathcal{O} is maximal then it has to be sated. When \mathcal{O} is maximal, we also have the following proposition, which gives us a description of the quasi-inverse¹⁷ of a sum of sated left \mathcal{O} -ideals.

Proposition 2.20. *Let n be a positive integer, \mathcal{O} be a maximal order in \mathcal{A} and J_1, \dots, J_n be sated fractional left \mathcal{O} -ideals in \mathcal{A} . Then, the sum $I = J_1 + \dots + J_n$ has quasi-inverse*

$$I^{-1} = J_1^{-1} \cap \dots \cap J_n^{-1}.$$

¹⁷ The same result holds for sums of invertible ideals of number fields.

Proof. Since \mathcal{O} is maximal, we know that I is a sated left \mathcal{O} -ideal, i.e., $\mathcal{O}_\ell(I) = \mathcal{O} = \mathcal{O}_\ell(J_i)$ for all i . Moreover, for any $1 \leq i \leq n$, we have $J_i \subset I$ so we can apply Lemma 2.16, which gives $I^{-1} \subset J_i^{-1}$. Therefore, $I^{-1} \subset J_1^{-1} \cap \cdots \cap J_n^{-1}$.

Conversely, let $x \in J_1^{-1} \cap \cdots \cap J_n^{-1}$. Then $Ix = (J_1 + \cdots + J_n)x = J_1x + \cdots + J_nx$. Since $x \in J_i^{-1}$ for all i , and by the second definition of the quasi-inverse, it holds that $J_ix \subseteq \mathcal{O}_\ell(J_i) = \mathcal{O}$. Thus $Ix \subset \mathcal{O} = \mathcal{O}_\ell(I)$ which means $x \in I^{-1}$. We conclude that $J_1^{-1} \cap \cdots \cap J_n^{-1} \subset I^{-1}$, as wanted. \square

Definition 2.21. Let $\mathcal{O} \subseteq \mathcal{A}$ be any order and $S \subseteq \mathcal{A}$ be a subset of \mathcal{A} that is included in some \mathcal{O}_F -lattice in \mathcal{A} .¹⁸ Then, the left (resp. right) \mathcal{O} -ideal generated by S is the smallest fractional left \mathcal{O} -ideal of \mathcal{A} containing the elements $s \cdot \alpha$ (resp. $\alpha \cdot s$), for $(s, \alpha) \in S \times \mathcal{O}$. It is denoted by $\mathcal{O}S$ (resp. $S\mathcal{O}$).

In the case where $S = \{\alpha\}$ is a singleton, the left (resp. right) \mathcal{O} -ideal generated by $\{\alpha\}$ is called the principal left (resp. right) \mathcal{O} -ideal generated by α . It is equal to $\mathcal{O}\alpha = \{\alpha x \mid x \in \mathcal{O}\}$ (resp. $\alpha\mathcal{O} = \{\alpha x \mid x \in \mathcal{O}\}$).

Note that if the order \mathcal{O} is maximal, the left \mathcal{O} -ideal generated by S in the definition above is necessarily a sated left \mathcal{O} -ideal.

The group \mathcal{O}^1 . The subgroup of norm 1 elements in a order $\mathcal{O} \subset \mathcal{A}$ is $\mathcal{O}^1 := \{\alpha \in \mathcal{O} \mid \text{nrd}(\alpha) = 1\}$. It is a multiplicative subgroup of \mathcal{O}^\times . In totally definite quaternion algebras, \mathcal{O}^1 is always a finite group, and $\mathcal{O}^1/\{\pm 1\}$ falls into some known list of groups, up to automorphism — see A.3 for details.

To conclude this subsection, we introduce the *norm reduced-Principal Ideal Problem* in quaternion orders. In the commutative version of this problem, K is typically a cyclotomic number field, and the input are (a \mathbb{Z} -basis of) a principal ideal $a \cdot \mathcal{O}_K$ and the relative norm $a\bar{a}$ of one of its generator. The so-called Gentry-Szydlo algorithm [21] then recovers a in polynomial time — for more general context, one can also use Lenstra-Silverberg’s algorithm [25].

Definition 2.22 (\mathcal{O} -nrdPIP). For an order \mathcal{O} in \mathcal{A} , the \mathcal{O} -norm reduced Principal Ideal Problem (\mathcal{O} -nrdPIP) is, given as input a right \mathcal{O} -ideal I and an element $q \in F$ such that $\text{nrd}(I) = q \cdot \mathcal{O}_F$, to compute, if it exists, an element $g \in I$ with $\text{nrd}(g) = q$.

Lemma 2.23. Let (I, q) be an instance of \mathcal{O} -nrdPIP and suppose that $g \in I$ is a solution. Then I is a principal right \mathcal{O} -ideal and g is a generator. Moreover the set of solutions is precisely the set of generators of I with reduced norm q , which is equal to $g \cdot \mathcal{O}^1$.

Proof. Almost everything is contained in Lemma 2.17 (2). The only thing we need to prove is that the solutions are all equal up to right multiplication by an element in \mathcal{O}^1 . Let $g' \in I$ be another solution. Since $I = g \cdot \mathcal{O}$, there exists $u \in \mathcal{O}$ such that $g' = gu$. But then $\text{nrd}(g) = q = \text{nrd}(g')$ (and the multiplicativity of nrd) implies $\text{nrd}(u) = 1$, i.e., $u \in \mathcal{O}^1$. The converse is true: if $u \in \mathcal{O}^1$ then $gu \in I$ has reduced norm q . \square

¹⁸ In more standard terms, the condition “ S is included in some \mathcal{O}_F -lattice in \mathcal{A} ” means that the \mathcal{O}_F -submodule of \mathcal{A} generated by S is finitely generated.

2.3 Algorithmic considerations

This section covers how we represent each mathematical objects to carry actual computations. We borrow most arguments from [31, Section 2.3].

Lattices in \mathbb{R}^ℓ Let $1 \leq r \leq \ell$ be integers, and a fixed set of r independents vectors of \mathbb{R}^ℓ , noted $\mathbf{b}_1, \dots, \mathbf{b}_r$. The \mathbb{Z} -lattice of \mathbb{R}^ℓ of dimension r generated by the \mathbf{b}_i 's, is the set $\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{b}_1 | \dots | \mathbf{b}_r) := \{\sum a_i \mathbf{b}_i, a_i \in \mathbb{Z}\}$. This set is discrete and stable by addition. When $r = \ell$, we say that \mathcal{L} is *full rank*.

From now on, we will only manipulate full rank lattices when dealing with lattices in \mathbb{R}^ℓ . Consider a matrix $B \in \mathbf{GL}_\ell(\mathbb{R})$. Since B is invertible, their column vectors are independent, and span a full rank lattice $\mathcal{L}(B)$. To represent lattices in \mathbb{R}^ℓ , we use such matrices B , in a form that is called "LLL-reduced".

Representations of ground objects. While we consider several sets of numbers, they are all built on a ground, totally real, number field F of degree d . We therefore chose this field as the base for representing all elements. Let $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_d$ be a \mathbb{Z} -basis¹⁹ of \mathcal{O}_F . An element $x \in F$ is represented by its rational coordinates in the basis $(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_d)$. The size of a rational is the sum of the bit-size of its numerator and denominator, and the size of an element $x \in F$ is defined as $\text{size}(x) = \sum_i \text{size}(x_i)$, where x_i are the coordinates of x in the give basis of \mathcal{O}_F . A fractional \mathcal{O}_F -ideal \mathfrak{a} is also a \mathbb{Z} -module of rank d , and admits a \mathbb{Z} -basis (a_1, \dots, a_d) — this includes the case of \mathcal{O}_F . There are many such bases for a given ideal, but we can always assume that $(\sigma(a_1), \dots, \sigma(a_d))$ is LLL-reduced for the so-called T_2 -norm $\|a\|^2 := \sum_i |\sigma_i(a)|^2$. Then the size of an ideal will be $\text{size}(I) = \sum_i \text{size}(a_i)$, where the a_i 's are reduced in the sense above.

By LLL-reducedness and following the arguments presented in [31, Section 2.3], one can show that $\text{size}(x) \leq \text{poly}(\log \Delta_F, \|\sigma(x)\|)$ as well as $\|\sigma(x)\| \leq \text{poly}(\log \Delta_F, \text{size}(x))$ for all $x \in K$. Additionally, an integral \mathcal{O}_F -ideal \mathfrak{a} can be represented with $\text{size}(\mathfrak{a}) = \text{poly}(\log \Delta_F, \log N(\mathfrak{a}))$, where $N(\mathfrak{a}) = [\mathcal{O}_F : \mathfrak{a}]$ is the algebraic norm of the ideal \mathfrak{a} .

Representations in extensions and of modules. Recall that we are in the setting of a totally negative $a \in F$ and a quaternion algebra $\mathcal{A} = (\frac{a, -1}{F})$. Then, the CM-extension $K = F(\sqrt{a})$ can be seen as a F -linear space of dimension 2 and basis $\{1, \sqrt{a}\}$. All $x \in K$ have coordinates $(x_1, x_2) \in F^2$ in this basis, and can thus be represented as a vector in \mathbb{Q}^{2d} . Likewise, since \mathcal{A} is 4-dimensional over F with basis $\{1, i, j, ij\}$, every element of \mathcal{A} has 4 coordinates in this basis, and corresponds to a vector in \mathbb{Q}^{4d} . The size of elements of K and \mathcal{A} is then the sum of the sizes of their F -coordinates. For a matrix B with entries in F and ℓ columns b_i , its size is $\text{size}(B) := \sum_{i \leq \ell} \text{size}(b_i)$.

Fractional \mathcal{O}_K -ideals can be viewed as rank 2 modules over \mathcal{O}_F living in $K \simeq F^2$. Similarly, quaternionic ideals in \mathcal{A} are also \mathcal{O}_F -modules (of rank 4) in \mathcal{A} . Any

¹⁹ Note however that computing such a basis may be an expensive task. It is a standard practice to assume that such a basis is available, at the cost of having non-uniform reductions. In most of practical usecases, a good basis is explicitey known.

such module has a pseudo-basis $(B, \{\mathfrak{a}_i\}_{i \leq \ell})$. According to the representation of elements above, B is a 2 by 2 or 4 by 4 matrix with entries in F and the \mathfrak{a}_i 's are fractional \mathcal{O}_F -ideals given by a LLL-reduced basis. The size of such an object M is then $\text{size}(M) := \text{size}(B) + \sum_i \text{size}(\mathfrak{a}_i)$. Likewise, pseudo-Gram matrices \mathbf{G} are represented by tuples $(G, \{\mathfrak{a}_i\}_{i \leq \ell})$, with G that is also a 2 by 2 or 4 by 4 matrix with entries in F , and \mathfrak{a}_i fractional \mathcal{O}_F -ideals that supports the same assumptions as above. Therefore, $\text{size}(\mathbf{G}) := \text{size}(G) + \sum_i \text{size}(\mathfrak{a}_i)$.

Computing arithmetic operations with modules. Still following [31, Section 2.3], we have $\text{size}(x \cdot y) \leq \text{poly}(\text{size}(x), \text{size}(y), \log(\Delta_F))$ for all $x, y \in F$. We now turn to ideals in F , in the CM extension K and the quaternion algebra $(\frac{a, -1}{F})$. Generally, they are all finitely generated \mathcal{O}_F -modules in $\mathcal{A} \simeq F^4$ of respective rank 1, 2 or 4. This gives a convenient way to do arithmetic with them, whenever the target operation makes sense (*e.g.* compatibility for the product of quaternion ideals). Indeed, it is known that the sum, the intersection, the product of two \mathcal{O}_F -modules I, J can be computed from generating sets and the use of the pseudo-Hermite Normal Form algorithm [10, Section 1.5.2]. Noting that in our case the rank over \mathcal{O}_F is bounded by 4, there exists version of this algorithm running in time $\text{poly}(\text{size}(I), \text{size}(J), \log |\Delta_F|)$, see *e.g.* [7]. If I is invertible, computing I^{-1} can be done by using that $I^{-1} = \overline{\text{Inrd}(I)}^{-1}$ [40, 16.6.14].

Selecting module lattice isomorphisms from isomorphisms of lattices. Recall that two (Euclidean) lattices $L, L' \subset \mathbb{R}^\ell$ are said to be *isomorphic* if there exists an orthogonal matrix $O \in \mathcal{O}_\ell(\mathbb{R})$ such that $L' = O \cdot L$. Such a matrix O is called an isomorphism between the lattices L and L' .

Given a module $M \subset K^\ell$ represented by a pseudo-basis \mathbf{B} , one can associate to it a full-rank lattice $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{B}) \subset \mathbb{R}^{d\ell}$, once a \mathbb{Z} -basis of \mathcal{O}_K has been fixed. A natural question is to decide when an isomorphism between $\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{B})$ and $\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{C})$ (where \mathbf{C} stands for a pseudo-basis of a module $M' \subset K^\ell$) actually corresponds to a module lattice isomorphism between M and M' . The answer is given in the following lemma.

Lemma 2.24 ([26, Lemma 2.4.3, adapted]). *Let $K = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta)$ be a CM field of degree d and $M, M' \subset K^\ell$ be two modules, given by pseudo-bases \mathbf{B} and \mathbf{C} . Suppose that $\sigma : K^\ell \rightarrow K^\ell$ is a \mathbb{Q} -linear map, represented by some $\Sigma \in \mathcal{M}_{d\ell}(\mathbb{Q})$ in a fixed \mathbb{Q} -basis of K^ℓ . The following statements are equivalent:*

1. σ is an isomorphism of module lattices between M and M' .
2. $\Sigma \cdot \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{B}) = \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{C})$ and

$$\text{Tr}\left(\alpha\sigma(\mathbf{v})^*\sigma(\mathbf{w}) + \overline{\alpha\sigma(\mathbf{v})^*\sigma(\mathbf{w})}\right) = \text{Tr}\left(\alpha\mathbf{v}^*\mathbf{w} + \overline{\alpha\mathbf{v}^*\mathbf{w}}\right), \quad (1)$$

for all $\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \in K^\ell$ and $\alpha \in \{1, \zeta\}$.

Remark 2.25. Since the form $(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}) \mapsto \text{Tr}(\alpha\mathbf{v}^*\mathbf{w} + \overline{\alpha\mathbf{v}^*\mathbf{w}})$ is \mathbb{Q} -bilinear, it is enough to check the condition 2. on a \mathbb{Q} -generating set of K^ℓ .

Corollary 2.26. *With the same notations as in the previous lemma, suppose that we are given an isomorphism $\Sigma \in \mathcal{O}_{d\ell}(\mathbb{R})$ between the lattices $\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{B})$ and $\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{C})$. Then there is an algorithm to determine if Σ is the ground representation of a module lattice isomorphism σ between M and M' . Moreover for fixed ℓ , this algorithm runs in polynomial time in d .*

Proof. Let us denote by \mathcal{B} a fixed \mathbb{Q} -basis of K^ℓ , containing $d\ell$ elements. Thanks to \mathcal{B} , one can check in polynomial time if Σ is a \mathbb{Q} -endomorphism of K^ℓ . If it is not, then the algorithm returns \perp . Otherwise, looping over all \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} in a $\mathcal{B} \times \mathcal{B}$, the algorithm computes $\sigma(\mathbf{v}) := \Sigma \cdot \mathbf{v}^t$ and $\sigma(\mathbf{w}) := \Sigma \cdot \mathbf{w}^t$, seen as elements of K^ℓ , and check if Equation (1) is satisfied for $\alpha \in \{1, \zeta\}$. If the condition is not satisfied, the algorithm returns \perp ; if it finishes the loop, it returns True. Each of these computations can be done in polynomial time, and there are at most $2(d\ell)^2$ of them. The correctness is guaranteed by Lemma 2.24. \square

2.4 Module-LIP

In this section we give formal definitions of the problem we study, borrowing from [31].

Definition 2.27 (Congruent pseudo-Gram matrices). *Two pseudo-Gram matrices $\mathbf{G} = (G, \{\mathbf{a}_i\}_{1 \leq i \leq \ell})$ and $\mathbf{G}' = (G', \{\mathbf{b}_i\}_{1 \leq i \leq \ell})$ are said to be congruent if there exists a matrix $U = (u_{i,j})_{1 \leq i,j \leq \ell} \in \mathbf{GL}_\ell(K)$ such that:*

1. $G' = U^*GU$.
2. $\forall i, j \in \{1, \dots, \ell\}, u_{i,j} \in \mathbf{a}_i \mathbf{b}_j^{-1}$.
3. $\prod_i \mathbf{a}_i = (\det U) \prod_i \mathbf{b}_i$.

The set of congruence matrices between \mathbf{G} and \mathbf{G}' is denoted by $\text{Cong}(\mathbf{G}, \mathbf{G}')$.

Given two congruent pseudo-Gram matrices \mathbf{G} and \mathbf{G}' , module-LIP is the task of computing the set $\text{Cong}(\mathbf{G}, \mathbf{G}')$. To fix an underlying module, module-LIP takes as a parameter a pseudo-basis \mathbf{B} of a module $M \subset K^\ell$ whose pseudo-Gram matrix is \mathbf{G} , instead of \mathbf{G} only.

Definition 2.28 (wc-smodLIP $_K^{\mathbf{B}}$ [31, Definition 3.11]). *Let \mathbf{B} be a pseudo-basis of a module $M \subset K^\ell$, and \mathbf{G} the pseudo-Gram matrix associated to \mathbf{B} . Let \mathbf{G}' be a pseudo-Gram matrix congruent to \mathbf{G} . The worst-case search module Lattice Isomorphism Problem with parameters K and \mathbf{B} (wc-smodLIP $_K^{\mathbf{B}}$) and input \mathbf{G}' , is to compute an element of $\text{Cong}(\mathbf{G}, \mathbf{G}')$.*

One can interpret module-LIP as the problem of computing factorizations $\mathbf{C} = (C, \{\mathbf{b}_i\}_i)$ of $\mathbf{G}' = (G', \{\mathbf{b}_i\}_i)$ (that is $C^*C = G'$) with the constraint that \mathbf{C} is a pseudo-basis of M . In fact the equivalence between LIP and Gram factorization has already been noticed by Szydło in [38], for rotations of \mathbb{Z}^n , in which case the equivalence with SVP also holds.

Lemma 2.29. *Let $\mathbf{B} = (B, \{\mathbf{a}_i\}_{1 \leq i \leq \ell})$ be a pseudo-basis of a rank- ℓ module $M \subseteq K^\ell$ and with associated pseudo-Gram matrix \mathbf{G} . Let $\mathbf{G}' = (G', \{\mathbf{b}_i\}_{1 \leq i \leq \ell})$ be a pseudo-Gram matrix congruent to \mathbf{G} . Then a matrix $U \in \mathbf{GL}_\ell(K)$ is in $\text{Cong}(\mathbf{G}, \mathbf{G}')$ if and only if $C = BU$ satisfies $C^*C = G'$ and $\mathbf{C} = (C, \{\mathbf{b}_i\}_{1 \leq i \leq \ell})$ is a pseudo-basis of M .*

Proof. Observe that the condition 1. in Definition 2.27 is equivalent to $G' = C^*C$, where $C = BU$ and 2., 3. are the necessary and sufficient conditions for U to be a pseudo-base change between \mathbf{B} and \mathbf{C} , i.e., for \mathbf{C} to be a pseudo-basis of the same module M . \square

The relation $G' = U^*GU$ implies that $\det U$ is a solution to the norm equation $\text{nrd}(x) = N_{K/F}(x) = \det G' / \det G$ in K . These equations has been studied and solved in [24] but in general the number of solutions is large. The following technical lemma will be useful for the reduction. It tells us that all $U \in \text{Cong}(\mathbf{G}, \mathbf{G}')$ have the same determinant in $K^\times / \mu(K)$. Moreover when K is a CM field, a representative of this class can be computed efficiently.

Lemma 2.30 (Computing the determinant). *Let $\mathbf{G} = (G, \{\mathbf{a}_i\}_i)$ and $\mathbf{G}' = (G', \{\mathbf{b}_i\}_i)$ be two congruent pseudo-Gram matrices. Congruence matrices between \mathbf{G} and \mathbf{G}' all have the same determinant, up to root of a unity of K . We write $\bar{\delta}(\mathbf{G}, \mathbf{G}') \in K^\times / \mu(K)$ for the equivalence class of all these determinants modulo the roots of unity of K .*

Moreover, if K is a CM field, then there is a polynomial time algorithm `ComputeDet` that given \mathbf{G} and \mathbf{G}' (and a basis of \mathcal{O}_K), computes a representative in K^\times of $\bar{\delta}(\mathbf{G}, \mathbf{G}')$.

Proof. Let U be a congruence matrix between \mathbf{G} and \mathbf{G}' . By definition U satisfies $G' = U^*GU$ so taking the determinant we see that $\det U$ is a solution to the norm equation $\bar{x}x = \det G' / \det G$. Another property of U is that $\prod_i \mathbf{a}_i = (\det U) \prod_i \mathbf{b}_i$. In particular, $\det U$ is a generator of the fractional ideal $I = \prod_i \mathbf{a}_i \mathbf{b}_i^{-1}$. Any other congruence matrix U' satisfies again these two conditions: $\det U'$ is a generator of I , so one can write $\det U' = u \cdot \det U$ with $u \in \mathcal{O}_K^\times$, and the fact that $\det U'$ is a solution to the same norm equation gives $\bar{u}u = 1$. By Kronecker's theorem, we conclude that u is a root of unity.

Knowing \mathbf{G} and \mathbf{G}' , we can call the Lenstra-Silverberg algorithm [25, Theorem 1.3] with inputs I and relative norm $\det G' / \det G$ (and a basis of \mathcal{O}_K). This algorithm outputs (if it exists) a generator x of I such that $x\bar{x} = \det G' / \det G$, and runs in polynomial time. This provides us with the determinant of our congruence matrix U , up to a root of unity. \square

3 A reduction from modLIP to nrdPIP

Let K/F be a CM extension of number fields where $K = F(\sqrt{a})$ and \mathcal{A} denotes the totally definite quaternion algebra $\mathcal{A} = \left(\frac{a, -1}{F}\right)$ over F . Through this section we fix a maximal order \mathcal{O} in \mathcal{A} containing the order $\mathcal{O}_0 = \mathcal{O}_K \oplus \mathcal{O}_K \cdot j$.

In this section we prove the main result of this paper, namely, a polynomial time reduction from module-LIP for rank-2 modules in K^2 to nrdPIP, the problem of computing a generator of a (right) principal ideal in \mathcal{A} , with given reduced norm (see Definition 2.22). Thanks to Lemma 2.29, module-LIP can be reinterpreted as the task of computing factorizations of a pseudo-Gram matrix which are also pseudo-bases of a fixed module $M \subset K^2$.

The key point is the isomorphism $\mathcal{A} = K \oplus K \cdot j \simeq K^2$ of K -vector spaces. As a consequence, to a matrix $C \in M_2(K)$ corresponds a unique pair $(\alpha, \beta) \in \mathcal{A}^2$ (applying the previous isomorphism on each column of C). We prove in Lemma 3.5 that when $C^*C = G'$ holds, then the quotient $\alpha\beta^{-1}$ can be obtained from an elementary computation involving only G' and $\det(C)$. In the setting of module-LIP, this determinant can be computed (up to a root of unity of K) in polynomial time, using Lemma 2.30. We won't be able to obtain α directly from $\alpha\beta^{-1}$, still we show how to build a principal ideal generated by α .

Again, the isomorphism $K^2 \simeq \mathcal{A}$ allows to associate to a module $M \subset K^2$ a left \mathcal{O} -ideal in \mathcal{A} : the left ideal of \mathcal{A} generated by all the vectors of M , when seen as element of \mathcal{A} via the isomorphism. This ideal, denoted by I_M , is efficiently computable from any pseudo-basis of M (*c.f.*, Lemma 3.2). In Proposition 3.6, we use the knowledge of $\alpha\beta^{-1}$ and I_M to build a principal right \mathcal{O}' -ideal $\alpha \cdot \mathcal{O}'$, where \mathcal{O}' is some maximal order in \mathcal{A} , efficiently computable from I_M but different from \mathcal{O} in general.

Since $\alpha \cdot \mathcal{O}'$ is known, as well as $\text{nrd}(\alpha)$ (*c.f.*, Lemma 3.5), this defines an instance of \mathcal{O}' -nrdPIP. The set of factorizations of \mathbf{G}' which are also pseudo-bases of M is then obtained from the set of generators of $\alpha \cdot \mathcal{O}'$, with reduced norm $\text{nrd}(\alpha)$. Notice that once such a generator has been computed, the other are its (right) multiples by the elements of \mathcal{O}' (*c.f.*, Lemma 2.23). From the set of generators, one recovers efficiently the set of pseudo-matrices we are interested in (see the proof of Theorem 3.8).

Most of the objects used in the reduction depends only on the parameters of module-LIP and not on its input. We will therefore assume that several structures have been precomputed. Following standard practices, we assume that we are given \mathbb{Z} -bases of \mathcal{O}_F and \mathcal{O}_K and pseudo-bases of \mathcal{O} , I_M and \mathcal{O}' (as \mathcal{O}_F -modules, see the previous section). We will also assume that the finite group \mathcal{O}'^1 has been precomputed²⁰, and we also know that in our situation such a group belongs to an explicit list of finite groups ([40, Chap. 32] and see also Appendix A.3).

3.1 The reduction

Embedding modules. Let us recall the setting for an instance of (rank-two) module-LIP. We are given a pseudo-basis $\mathbf{B} = (B, \mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2)$ of a rank-two module $M \subset K^2$, with associated pseudo-Gram matrix \mathbf{G} . Then, $\text{wc-smodLIP}_K^{\mathbf{B}}$ takes as input a pseudo-Gram matrix \mathbf{G}' and asks to compute the set $\text{Cong}(\mathbf{G}, \mathbf{G}')$.

²⁰ By computation we mean an abstract finite presentation of a group G , together with an isomorphism $G \simeq \mathcal{O}^1$.

Recall the relation $\mathcal{A} = K \oplus K \cdot j$. In particular,

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi : K^2 &\longrightarrow \mathcal{A} \\ (x, y) &\longmapsto x + yj \end{aligned}$$

is an isomorphism of K -vectors spaces, where K acts both on K^2 and \mathcal{A} by left multiplication.

Definition 3.1. Let $M \subset K^2$ be a module. Then, I_M is defined as the left \mathcal{O} -ideal generated by $\varphi(M)$, i.e.,

$$I_M = \mathcal{O} \cdot \varphi(M),$$

where we recall that \mathcal{O} is a maximal order of \mathcal{A} containing $\mathcal{O}_0 = \mathcal{O}_K \oplus \mathcal{O}_K \cdot j$, which has been fixed once and for all.

The content of the following lemma is to argue that I_M is well defined, according to Definition 2.21, but also to prove that I_M can be computed using any pseudo-basis of M .

Lemma 3.2. Let $\mathbf{B} = ((b_1 | b_2), \mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2)$ be a pseudo-basis of a module $M \subset K^2$. Then, the following equality of left \mathcal{O} -ideals holds

$$I_M = \mathcal{O}\mathbf{a}_1\alpha + \mathcal{O}\mathbf{a}_2\beta,$$

where $\alpha = \varphi(b_1)$ and $\beta = \varphi(b_2)$.

Proof. Let $\{a_1, a_2\} \subset K$ be a two elements generating set for \mathbf{a}_1 . Then $\mathbf{a}_1\alpha = a_1\mathcal{O}_K \cdot \alpha + a_2\mathcal{O}_K \cdot \alpha$ is contained in a \mathcal{O}_F -lattice of \mathcal{A} . Therefore, Definition 2.21 ensures that $\mathcal{O}\mathbf{a}_1\alpha$ is well defined. The same argument holds for $\mathcal{O}\mathbf{a}_2\beta$. Since φ is left K -linear and $M = \mathbf{a}_1b_1 + \mathbf{a}_2b_2$ we have $\varphi(M) = \mathbf{a}_1\alpha + \mathbf{a}_2\beta$, so $I_M \subset \mathcal{O}\mathbf{a}_1\alpha + \mathcal{O}\mathbf{a}_2\beta$. Conversely, $\varphi(M)$ contains the rank one submodule $\mathbf{a}_1\alpha$ so it holds that $\mathcal{O}\mathbf{a}_1\alpha \subset I_M$, and in the same way $\mathcal{O}\mathbf{a}_2\beta \subset I_M$. As I_M is stable by addition, it must contain the sum $\mathcal{O}\mathbf{a}_1\alpha + \mathcal{O}\mathbf{a}_2\beta$. \square

By construction, the left order of I_M is \mathcal{O} . Its right order $\mathcal{O}' := \mathcal{O}_r(I_M)$ is a priori different from \mathcal{O} , except for special cases such as when $M = \mathcal{O}_K^2$. In this case, the previous lemma applied with the (pseudo)-basis $\mathbf{Id} = (Id, \mathcal{O}_K, \mathcal{O}_K)$ of \mathcal{O}_K^2 immediately gives $I_M = \mathcal{O}$, thus $\mathcal{O}' = \mathcal{O}$ holds. This fact is stated in the following corollary, which will be useful to state a simplified version of our reduction when $M = \mathcal{O}_K^2$.

Corollary 3.3. For $M = \mathcal{O}_K^2$, we have $I_M = \mathcal{O}$.

Remark 3.4. By referring to the discussion at the beginning of [36, Chapter 24], the identity $I_M = \mathcal{O}$ holds whenever I_M is integral and $\text{nrd}(I_M) = \mathcal{O}_F$

is verified.²¹ This can be rephrased as conditions on M directly. Recall that the reduced norm of I_M is by definition the fractional ideal of F generated by $\{\text{nrd}(x)\}_{x \in I_M}$. Moreover, I_M is integral whenever M is integer, *i.e.*, when $M \subset \mathcal{O}_K^2$ (this is because $M \subset \mathcal{O}_K^2 \Rightarrow \varphi(M) \subset \mathcal{O}_0 \Rightarrow I_M \subset \mathcal{O} \Leftrightarrow I_M$ is integral). Therefore, having M integer with $\mathcal{G}(M) = \mathcal{O}_F$ is a sufficient condition to have $I_M = \mathcal{O}$. This is indeed the case for $M = \mathcal{O}_K^2$.

Gram matrices and quaternions. We can identify $M_2(K)$ with $K^2 \times K^2$ (taking the column vectors) and thus with \mathcal{A}^2 , applying φ coordinate wise. Therefore to a matrix $C \in M_2(K)$ corresponds a unique pair $(\alpha, \beta) \in \mathcal{A}^2$. In the following lemma, we prove that if C is a factorization of G' , then the quotient $\alpha\beta^{-1}$ is expressible in terms of the coefficients of G' and $\det(C)$. We note that Equation (2) below and its proof are very similar to Equation (3) (p.13) from the concurrent work [18].

Lemma 3.5. *Let $C = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 & x_2 \\ y_1 & y_2 \end{pmatrix}$, $G' = \begin{pmatrix} q_{1,1} & q_{1,2} \\ q_{1,2} & q_{2,2} \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbf{GL}_2(K)$ and let $\alpha, \beta \in \mathcal{A}$ be the quaternions defined by $\alpha = \varphi(x_1, y_1)$ and $\beta = \varphi(x_2, y_2)$. Then we have the following equivalence*

$$C^*C = G' \iff \begin{cases} \text{nrd}(\alpha) = q_{1,1} \\ \text{nrd}(\beta) = q_{2,2} \\ \alpha\beta^{-1} = q_{2,2}^{-1}(q_{1,2} - \det(C)j) \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

Proof. Let us write $c_1 = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{pmatrix}$ and $c_2 = \begin{pmatrix} x_2 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix}$ for the columns of C , so that $C^*C = \begin{pmatrix} c_1^* \cdot c_1 & c_1^* \cdot c_2 \\ c_2^* \cdot c_1 & c_2^* \cdot c_2 \end{pmatrix}$. The first coefficient is $c_1^* \cdot c_1 = x_1\bar{x}_1 + y_1\bar{y}_1 = \text{nrd}(\alpha)$ and in the same way, the last coefficient is $c_2^* \cdot c_2 = \text{nrd}(\beta)$. For the non diagonal terms, we first compute

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha\bar{\beta} &= (x_1 + y_1j)(\bar{x}_2 - y_2j) \\ &= x_1\bar{x}_2 + y_1\bar{y}_2 + (y_1x_2 - x_1y_2)j \\ &= c_2^* \cdot c_1 - \det(C)j, \end{aligned}$$

where we used the relations $\overline{xj} = -xj$ and $jx = \bar{x}j$ which hold for any $x \in K$. Combining with $\beta^{-1} = \bar{\beta} \cdot \text{nrd}(\beta)^{-1}$, we obtain $\alpha\beta^{-1} = \text{nrd}(\beta)^{-1} \cdot (c_2^* \cdot c_1 - \det(C)j)$. This gives the result. \square

Next we show how to recover a principal generated by α , from $\alpha\beta^{-1}$ and I_M .

Proposition 3.6. *Let $\mathbf{C} = ((c_1 | c_2), \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b})$ be a pseudo-basis for a module $M \subset K^2$. Let $\alpha = \varphi(c_1)$, $\beta = \varphi(c_2)$ and $\mathcal{O}' = \mathcal{O}_r(I_M)$. Then $\mathcal{O}' = I_M^{-1}I_M$ is a maximal order, and we have the following equality of right \mathcal{O}' -ideals*

$$\alpha\mathcal{O}' = \mathbf{a}^{-1}I_M \cap \alpha\beta^{-1}\mathbf{b}^{-1}I_M.$$

²¹ Note that in *loc. cit.*, the norm map $N_{\mathcal{A}/F}$ is defined exclusively for normal ideals, *i.e.*, ideals whose left and right orders are maximal. Its definition is different from the one of nrd we gave in Section 2. However Theorem 24.11 and Corollary 24.12 of *loc. cit.* ensure that the identity $N_{\mathcal{A}/K}(I) = \text{nrd}(I)^2$ holds for such ideals. In particular we have $N_{\mathcal{A}/K}(I) = \mathcal{O}_F$ whenever $\text{nrd}(I) = \mathcal{O}_F$.

Proof. Recall that $\mathcal{O}_\ell(I_M) = \mathcal{O}$ is a maximal order. Then, Lemma 2.14 tells us that I_M is invertible and that $\mathcal{O}' = \mathcal{O}_r(I_M)$ is maximal too. The same argument applies to $I := \mathcal{O}\mathbf{a}\alpha$ and we will show that its inverse is $I^{-1} = \alpha^{-1}\mathbf{a}^{-1}\mathcal{O}$. From Proposition 2.15, it is enough to prove the equality $I(\alpha^{-1}\mathbf{a}^{-1}\mathcal{O}) = \mathcal{O}_\ell(I) = \mathcal{O}$. The inclusion $I(\alpha^{-1}\mathbf{a}^{-1}\mathcal{O}) = \mathcal{O}_\ell(I) \subset \mathcal{O}$ is clear from the definition of the product of two ideals, and because $\mathbf{a}\mathbf{a}^{-1} = \mathcal{O}_K$ is contained in \mathcal{O} . Conversely, since $\mathbf{a}\mathbf{a}^{-1} = \mathcal{O}_K$, there exists elements $a_1, \dots, a_k \in \mathbf{a}$ and $a'_1, \dots, a'_k \in \mathbf{a}^{-1}$ such that $\sum_k a_k a'_k = 1$. Since $1 \in \mathcal{O}$, we have $a_k \alpha \in I$ for all k . By definition, we also have $\alpha^{-1} a'_k x \in \alpha^{-1} \mathbf{a}^{-1} \mathcal{O}$ for all $x \in \mathcal{O}$. This means that $x = \sum_k (a_k \alpha)(\alpha^{-1} a'_k x) \in I(\alpha^{-1} \mathbf{a}^{-1} \mathcal{O})$, and proves the other inclusion.

Similarly we have $(\mathcal{O}\mathbf{b}\beta)^{-1} = \beta^{-1}\mathbf{b}^{-1}\mathcal{O}$. Using Proposition 2.20 and the definition of I_M from Lemma 3.2 yields $I_M^{-1} = (\mathcal{O}\mathbf{a}\alpha)^{-1} \cap (\mathcal{O}\mathbf{b}\beta)^{-1}$. Multiplying this equality by α on the left and by I_M on the right (the product of ideals is compatible), we obtain the result. \square

Now we have everything to prove the main results of this paper. They are described in Algorithm 2 for the general case and Algorithm 3 for an important particular case. Both rely on the following routine algorithm which computes all matrices in $\text{Cong}(\mathbf{G}, \mathbf{G}')$ with prescribed determinant, from one call to a nrdPIP oracle²².

Theorem 3.7. *Let $\mathbf{B} = (B, \mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2)$ be a pseudo-basis of a rank-2 module $M \subset K^2$, with associated pseudo-Gram matrix \mathbf{G} and let $\mathbf{G}' = (G', \mathbf{b}_1, \mathbf{b}_2)$ be a pseudo-Gram matrix congruent to \mathbf{G} , and let $\delta \in K$ be a candidate determinant. Assume that pseudo-bases over \mathcal{O}_F of \mathcal{O} , I_M and $\mathcal{O}' = \mathcal{O}_r(I_M)$ have been precomputed, as well as the finite groups $\mu(K)$ and \mathcal{O}^1 . Finally, assume that we are given an oracle \mathfrak{D} that solves \mathcal{O}' -nrdPIP. Then Algorithm 1 returns the (potentially empty) set of congruence matrices between \mathbf{G} and \mathbf{G}' with determinant δ . It makes exactly one call to the oracle \mathfrak{D} and except for this call it runs in time*

$$\text{poly}(\log \Delta_K, \text{size}(\mathbf{G}), \text{size}(\mathbf{G}')).$$

Proof. Correctness. We prove that the algorithm outputs the set of congruence matrices between \mathbf{G} and \mathbf{G}' with determinant δ . Let C be a matrix computed during Step 11 and satisfying Step 12. By construction, the coefficients of C verify all the conditions in Lemma 3.5 so we must have $C^*C = G'$. Therefore the corresponding $U = B^{-1} \cdot C$ computed at Step 13 is a pseudo-base change between \mathbf{B} and \mathbf{C} and it satisfies $U^*GU = G'$, i.e., $U \in \text{Cong}(\mathbf{G}, \mathbf{G}')$. Moreover, Lemma 3.5 ensures that $\det(C) = \gamma$ so $\det(U) = \delta$ and U is a valid output.

Conversely, let $U \in \text{Cong}(\mathbf{G}, \mathbf{G}')$ with $\det(U) = \delta$ and let us prove that $U \in \text{Congruence_mat}_\delta$ by the end of the algorithm. Then, $C = B \cdot U$ is a pseudo-basis of M with $\det(C) = \gamma$ and such that $C^*C = G'$. By Lemma 3.5 and Proposition 3.6 (and with the same notations), it holds that $\beta = q^{-1}\alpha$, $\text{nrd}(\alpha) = q_{1,1}$ and $\alpha\mathcal{O}' = I$. Then, α is a solution to the nrdPIP instance $(I, q_{1,1})$

²² This set can be empty, for example if the candidate determinant δ for C is not a solution to the equation $\delta\bar{\delta} = \det(G)$.

Algorithm 1: Computing congruence matrices of fixed determinant

Input:

- $\mathbf{B} = (B, \mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2)$ a pseudo-basis of a rank-2 module $M \subset K^2$, of associated pseudo-Gram matrix \mathbf{G} ;
- $\mathbf{G}' = (G' = (q_{i,j})_{1 \leq i,j \leq 2}, \mathbf{b}_1, \mathbf{b}_2)$ pseudo-Gram matrix congruent to \mathbf{G} ;
- pseudo-bases of \mathcal{O} , I_M and $\mathcal{O}' = \mathcal{O}_r(I_M)$ over \mathcal{O}_F ;
- the (finite) sets $\mu(K)$ and \mathcal{O}^1 ;
- an oracle \mathfrak{D} solving \mathcal{O}' -nrdPIP (outputting \perp when there is no solution);
- a candidate determinant $\delta \in K$

Output: The set of all congruence matrices $\text{Cong}(\mathbf{G}, \mathbf{G}')$ with determinant δ

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1 Congruence_mat_δ ← {}
2 γ ← δ · det B
3 q ← q2,2-1(q2,1 - γj) ∈ A // c.f., Lemma 3.5
4 I ← b1-1IM ∩ qb2-1IM // c.f., Proposition 3.6
5 α' ← ℱ(I, q1,1)
6 if α' = ⊥ then
7   | Return {} // the nrd-PIP instance was invalid
8 S ← {α' · x | x ∈ ℱ1} // set of all solutions to the nrdPIP instance
9 for α in S do
10  | β ← q-1α
11  | C ← (φ-1(α) | φ-1(β))
12  | if C = (C, b1, b2) is a pseudo-basis for M then
13  |   | U ← B-1 · C
14  |   | Congruence_mat_δ ← Congruence_mat_δ ∪ {U}
15 Return Congruence_mat_δ.
```

and according to Lemma 2.23, it belongs to the set S computed during Step 8. For this choice of α in the loop, C is computed at Step 11, it passes Step 12, and U is added to $\text{Congruence_mat}_\delta$ at Step 14.

Complexity. The computation of γ at Step 2, as well as the computation of q at Step 3 and the computation of I at Step 4 can be done in polynomial time (see subsection 2.3 for the computation of I). Note that the size of the right \mathcal{O}' -ideal I is polynomially bounded by the size of the inputs of the algorithm. At Step 5, the algorithm makes one call to the oracle \mathfrak{D} . Step 8 can be performed in time $\text{poly}(\log \Delta_K, \text{size}(\alpha'), |\mathcal{O}^1|)$. By Lemma A.25, the size of $|\mathcal{O}^1|$ is polynomial in the degree of F , so this step can be done in polynomial time too, and the size of S is polynomial in $[F : \mathbb{Q}]$. The for loop starting at Step 9 will then be iterated a polynomial number of times. Each computation from Step 9 to the end, including checking that the candidates \mathbf{C} are indeed pseudo-basis of M , require only simple linear algebra computations. This concludes the bound on the running time of the algorithm. \square

Algorithm 2: Reduction of wc-smoLIP to nrdPIP

Input: $\bullet \mathbf{B} = (B, \mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2)$ a pseudo-basis of a rank-2 module $M \subset K^2$, of associated pseudo-Gram matrix \mathbf{G} ;

- $\bullet \mathbf{G}' = (G', \mathbf{b}_1, \mathbf{b}_2)$ pseudo-Gram matrix congruent to \mathbf{G} ;
- \bullet pseudo-bases of \mathcal{O} , I_M and $\mathcal{O}' = \mathcal{O}_r(I_M)$ over \mathcal{O}_F ;
- \bullet the (finite) sets $\mu(K) = \langle \mu_0 \rangle$ and \mathcal{O}^1 ;
- \bullet an oracle \mathfrak{D} solving \mathcal{O}' -nrdPIP (outputting \perp when there is no solution)

Output: The set of all congruence matrices $\text{Cong}(\mathbf{G}, \mathbf{G}')$

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1 Congruence_mat  $\leftarrow$  {}
2  $\delta_0 \leftarrow \text{ComputeDet}(\mathbf{G}, \mathbf{G}')$  // c.f., Lemma 2.30
3  $\mu_0 \leftarrow$  A generator of  $\mu(K)$ 
4 for  $i \in \{0, 1\}$  do
5    $\delta \leftarrow \delta_0 \cdot \mu_0^i$ 
6   Compute Congruence_mat $_\delta$  with Algorithm 1 // c.f., Theorem 3.7
7   for  $U \in \text{Congruence\_mat}_\delta$  do
8     for  $\mu \in \mu(K)$  do
9        $V \leftarrow \mu \cdot U$ 
10      Congruence_mat  $\leftarrow$  Congruence_mat  $\cup$   $\{V\}$ 
11 Return Congruence_mat.
```

Theorem 3.8. *Let $\mathbf{B} = (B, \mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2)$ be a pseudo-basis of a rank-2 module $M \subset K^2$, with associated pseudo-Gram matrix \mathbf{G} and let $\mathbf{G}' = (G', \mathbf{b}_1, \mathbf{b}_2)$ be a pseudo-Gram matrix congruent to \mathbf{G} . Assume that pseudo-bases over \mathcal{O}_F of \mathcal{O} , I_M and $\mathcal{O}' = \mathcal{O}_r(I_M)$ have been precomputed, as well as the finite groups $\mu(K)$ and \mathcal{O}^1 . Finally, assume that we are given an oracle \mathfrak{D} that solves \mathcal{O}' -nrdPIP. Then Algorithm 2 returns the set $\text{Cong}(\mathbf{G}, \mathbf{G}')$ of all congruence matrices between \mathbf{G} and \mathbf{G}' . In particular it solves wc-smoLIP $_K^{\mathbf{B}}$ on input \mathbf{G}' . Moreover, it makes exactly two calls to the oracle \mathfrak{D} and except for these calls it runs in time*

$$\text{poly}(\log \Delta_K, \text{size}(\mathbf{G}), \text{size}(\mathbf{G}')).$$

Proof. Correctness: We want to prove that at the end of the algorithm, the variable set `Congruence_mat` contains all the congruence matrices between \mathbf{G} and \mathbf{G}' , i.e., that `Congruence_mat` = $\text{Cong}(\mathbf{G}, \mathbf{G}')$. Observe first that if $U \in \text{Congruence_mat}_\delta$ is chosen at Step 7, then for all $\mu \in \mu(K)$, the matrix $V = \mu \cdot U$ satisfies the three conditions in Definition 2.27 (because U does) thus $V \in \text{Cong}(\mathbf{G}, \mathbf{G}')$. This proves the inclusion `Congruence_mat` \subseteq $\text{Cong}(\mathbf{G}, \mathbf{G}')$.

Let us now prove the reverse inclusion. Let $V_0 \in \text{Cong}(\mathbf{G}, \mathbf{G}')$ arbitrary, we want to prove that, by the end of the algorithm, $V_0 \in \text{Congruence_mat}$ holds. Let $\delta_0 \leftarrow \text{ComputeDet}(\mathbf{G}, \mathbf{G}')$ be as in Step 2 of the algorithm. By Lemma 2.30, we know that $\det(V_0)$ is equal to δ_0 up to a root of unity of K , i.e., $\det(V_0) = \delta_0 \cdot \mu$ for some $\mu \in \mu(K)$. Since μ_0 generates $\mu(K)$, one can write in a unique way $\mu = \mu_0^i \cdot \mu_0^{2k}$, where $i \in \{0, 1\}$ and $k \in \{0, \dots, \lfloor (|\mu(K)| + 1)/2 \rfloor\}$. Let us focus on this i -th iteration of the outer for loop. We will prove that V_0 is added

to `Congruence_mat` during this iteration. By the previous observation, $U_0 := \mu_0^{-k} \cdot V_0$ belongs to $\text{Cong}(\mathbf{G}, \mathbf{G}')$ as well. Also by construction, $\det(U_0) = \delta$ so by Theorem 3.7, U_0 is computed during Step 8. During the iteration of the inner loop corresponding to $U_0 \in \text{Congruence_mat}_\delta$, V_0 is then computed at Step 9. This concludes the proof of the correctness.

Complexity: According to Lemma 2.30, a representative δ_0 of the determinant class can be computed in polynomial time. Inside the outer loop (starting at Step 4), the computation of δ at Step 5 can be done in polynomial time. Since it makes two iterations, and by Theorem 3.7, the algorithm makes exactly two calls to the `nrdPIP` oracle and except for these calls, Step 8 runs in polynomial time. The for loop starting at Step 7 will then be iterated a polynomial number of times (this can be made more precise, see subsection 3.2) and Lemma 2.4 tells us that there is a polynomial number of roots of unity in K , so the number of iterations of the final loop (starting at Step 8) will be polynomially bounded and each computation from Step 7 to the end require only simple linear algebra computations. This concludes the bound on the running time of the algorithm. \square

Algorithm 2 requires as input a pseudo-Gram matrix \mathbf{G}' congruent to \mathbf{G} (which will be the input of our module-LIP problem) but also multiple other objects: a pseudo-basis \mathbf{B} of M , a maximal order \mathcal{O} containing $\mathcal{O}_K + \mathcal{O}_K \cdot j$, the ideal I_M , the right order \mathcal{O}' of I_M , the roots of unity $\mu(K)$ of K , and the set \mathcal{O}'^1 of elements of reduced norm 1 in \mathcal{O}' . An important observation is that all these additional objects only depend on K and \mathbf{B} , which are parameters of the module-LIP problem. Hence, for the purpose of reductions, one can assume that all these objects have been pre-computed somehow, and that the reduction algorithm only takes as input \mathbf{G}' , the input of module-LIP. This makes the reduction from module-LIP to `nrdPIP non-uniform`: for every choice of parameters K and \mathbf{B} of the module-LIP problem, there exists a reduction from `wc-smodLIP_K^B` to `nrdPIP`, but there might not exist an efficient algorithm computing a description of these reductions from the knowledge of K and \mathbf{B} .

Still, some of the objects from the list above can be computed efficiently. This is the case of $\mu(K)$, which can always be computed from K in polynomial time (see Lemma 2.4). If \mathcal{O} has been computed, then the ideal I_M can also be computed efficiently from \mathcal{O} and \mathbf{B} , using Lemmas 3.2 and results from subsection 2.3. Once I_M has been computed, its right order \mathcal{O}' can also be computed efficiently, again by subsection 2.3. The only two objects that may require effort to compute are \mathcal{O} and \mathcal{O}'^1 . If K is a cyclotomic field, then \mathcal{O} becomes efficiently computable using Proposition A.18. In the case where $M = \mathcal{O}_K^2$, then $\mathcal{O}' = \mathcal{O}$ and the set $\mathcal{O}'^1 = \mathcal{O}^1$ becomes efficiently computable too, using Corollary A.26.

Summing up, we obtain a non-uniform reduction for the general case (stated in Corollary 3.9 below), and a uniform reduction for the special case of cyclotomic fields when the module M is \mathcal{O}_K^2 (stated in Corollary 3.16).

Corollary 3.9 (modLIP to \mathcal{O}' -nrdPIP). *There is a non-uniform polynomial time reduction from `wc-smodLIP_K^B` to \mathcal{O}' -nrdPIP, where K is any CM field*

(with maximal totally real subfield F), \mathbf{B} is any pseudo-basis of a rank-2 module $M \subseteq K^2$ and \mathcal{O}' is a particular maximal order of a quaternion algebra over F , depending only on K and \mathbf{B} .

Proof. Let K be any CM field with maximal totally real subfield F , and let $a \in F$ totally negative such that $K = F(\sqrt{a})$. Let \mathbf{B} be a pseudo-basis of a rank-2 module $M \subseteq K^2$. Let \mathcal{A} be the quaternion algebra $(\frac{a,-1}{F})$ and \mathcal{O} be a maximal order of \mathcal{A} containing $\mathcal{O}_K + \mathcal{O}_K \cdot j$. Let I_M be the left \mathcal{O} -ideal of \mathcal{A} associated to the module M , as in Definition 3.1, and let $\mathcal{O}' = \mathcal{O}_r(I_M)$ (note that \mathcal{O}' is maximal because \mathcal{O} is, using Lemma 2.14). We want to prove that there is a non-uniform polynomial time reduction from $\text{wc-smodLIP}_K^{\mathbf{B}}$ to \mathcal{O}' -nrdPIP. The reduction is provided by Algorithm 2. This algorithm takes as input a pseudo-Gram matrix \mathbf{G}' , which is the input of the $\text{wc-smodLIP}_K^{\mathbf{B}}$ problem, as well as many other inputs that only depend on K and \mathbf{B} , and solves $\text{wc-smodLIP}_K^{\mathbf{B}}$ on input \mathbf{G}' by making some calls to a \mathcal{O}' -nrdPIP oracle. Since \mathbf{B} , \mathcal{O} , I_M , \mathcal{O}' , \mathcal{O}'^1 and $\mu(K)$ all depends only on K and \mathbf{B} , which are parameters of the module-LIP problem, we can assume that these quantities have been hardcoded into the algorithm, instead of being given as input. \square

Note that computing these quantities from K and \mathbf{B} may not be doable in polynomial time, which is why our reduction is *non-uniform*: we prove the existence of a reduction from $\text{wc-smodLIP}_K^{\mathbf{B}}$ to \mathcal{O}' -nrdPIP, but computing explicitly the algorithm performing the reduction may not be doable efficiently from the knowledge of K and \mathbf{B} .

Before focusing on the relevant case of \mathcal{O}_K^2 , we give an immediate consequence of Theorem 3.8 on the number of lattice automorphisms of a rank-two module.

3.2 Application to the number of module lattice automorphisms of rank-2 modules

The following lemma and its corollary hold for modules of any rank $\ell > 0$. Let us fix a module $M \subset K^\ell$, which is implicitly equipped with the standard hermitian metric $\langle a, b \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} \bar{a}_i b_i$ over K^ℓ . We make clear the link between $\text{Aut}(M)$, the module lattice automorphism group of M and the full set of solutions to an instance of module-LIP. A module lattice automorphism of M is a K -linear map $\Theta : K^\ell \rightarrow K^\ell$ which also satisfies $\langle \Theta(a), \Theta(b) \rangle = \langle a, b \rangle$ for all $a, b \in K^\ell$ (that is, it is a K -linear isometry for this form). We identify these automorphisms to their matrix representation in the canonical basis of K^ℓ . The group of automorphism of M is then $\text{Aut}(M) = \{\Theta \in \text{End}_K(K^\ell) \mid \Theta \cdot M = M \text{ and } \Theta^* \Theta = Id\}$.

Lemma 3.10. *Let $\mathbf{C} = (C, \{\mathbf{b}_i\}_{1 \leq i \leq \ell})$ be a pseudo-basis of a rank- ℓ module $M \subset K^\ell$ and let $G = C^* C$. We have*

$$\text{Aut}(M) = \{C' C^{-1} \mid \mathbf{C}' = (C', \{\mathbf{b}_i\}_{1 \leq i \leq \ell}) \text{ is a pseudo-basis of } M \text{ and } C'^* C' = G\}.$$

Proof. If $\Theta \in \text{Aut}(M)$, then $\Theta = C' C^{-1}$ for $C' = \Theta C$ which, with the coefficient ideals \mathbf{b}_i , forms a pseudo-basis of M having the same Gram matrix G . Conversely,

let C' be as in the right set. Then, $\Theta = C'C^{-1}$ is a K -endomorphism of K^ℓ such that $\Theta^*\Theta = (C^{-1})^*(C'^*C')C^{-1} = (C^{-1})^*(C^*C)C^{-1} = \text{Id}$. Moreover, $\Theta \cdot M = C'C^{-1} \cdot (C_1\mathbf{b}_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus C_\ell\mathbf{b}_\ell) = C'_1\mathbf{b}_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus C'_\ell\mathbf{b}_\ell = M$, where C_i and C'_i denote the column vectors of C and C' respectively. Hence we have proved $\Theta \in \text{Aut}(M)$ and the result. \square

Corollary 3.11. *Let $\mathbf{B} = (B, \{\mathbf{a}_i\}_{1 \leq i \leq \ell})$ be a pseudo-basis of a module $M \subset K^\ell$, with pseudo-Gram matrix \mathbf{G} . Consider an instance \mathbf{G}' of $\text{wc-smodLIP}_K^{\mathbf{B}}$. For $U_0 \in \text{Cong}(\mathbf{G}, \mathbf{G}')$ arbitrary and $C_0 := BU_0$, we have*

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Aut}(M) &\longrightarrow \text{Cong}(\mathbf{G}, \mathbf{G}') \\ \Theta &\longmapsto B^{-1}\Theta C_0 \end{aligned}$$

is a bijection. In particular, $|\text{Aut}(M)| = |\text{Cong}(\mathbf{G}, \mathbf{G}')|$ and each of them can be computed efficiently knowing the other.

Proof. We have the following sequence of equivalences

$$\begin{aligned} U &\in \text{Cong}(\mathbf{G}, \mathbf{G}') \\ \iff \mathbf{C} = (C = BU, \{\mathbf{b}_i\}_{1 \leq i \leq \ell}) &\text{ is a pseudo-basis of } M \text{ with } C^*C = \mathbf{G}'. \\ \iff C = BU \in \text{Aut}(M) \cdot C_0 & \\ \iff U \in B^{-1} \cdot \text{Aut}(M) \cdot C_0, & \end{aligned}$$

where the first equivalence comes from Lemma 2.29 and the second is a direct consequence of Lemma 3.10. \square

Analyzing carefully Algorithms 1 and 2, we are able to give a bound on the number of solutions to a module-LIP instance, when $M \subset K^2$. In the light of Corollary 3.11, this also bounds the cardinality of $\text{Aut}(M)$ for such modules.

Theorem 3.12. *Let K be a CM field of degree $d > 4$ and let $M \subset K^2$ be a rank-two module. We have $|\text{Aut}(M)| \leq 64d^4$.*

Proof. Let \mathbf{B} be any pseudo-basis of M , with associated pseudo-Gram matrix \mathbf{G} , and let \mathbf{G}' be any instance of $\text{wc-smodLIP}_K^{\mathbf{B}}$. By Corollary 3.11, it is enough to upper bound the cardinal of $\text{Cong}(\mathbf{G}, \mathbf{G}')$. Looking at Algorithm 1, one observes that its output has size less or equal to $|S| = |\mathcal{O}^1|$. In the same way, at the end of Algorithm 2, we have $|\text{Cong}(\mathbf{G}, \mathbf{G}')| = |\text{Congruence_mat}| \leq 2|\mathcal{O}^1| \cdot |\mu(K)|$ (thanks to Theorem 3.8). But now, Proposition A.25 gives $|\mathcal{O}^1| \leq 16d^2$ and Lemma 2.4 tells us $|\mu(K)| \leq 2d^2$ so that $|\text{Cong}(\mathbf{G}, \mathbf{G}')| \leq 64d^4$. \square

3.3 The special case of Hawk

Lastly, suppose that K is a cyclotomic field and M is the module \mathcal{O}_K^2 , given by a pseudo-basis $\mathbf{B} = (B, \mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2)$. This module is of particular interest, as it occurs in Hawk's framework [14] (with $B = \text{Id}$ and $\mathbf{a}_1 = \mathbf{a}_2 = \mathcal{O}_K$). We already mentioned that over cyclotomic fields, the reduction becomes uniform since a lot of inputs

in Algorithm 2 can be computed directly from the parameters. In addition to the uniformity, we will prove that a Karp reduction is possible in that case. This means that the same result can be achieved making only one call to the nrdPIP oracle. Informally, in this situation the module lattice automorphism group of \mathcal{O}_K^2 can be described and computed efficiently, thanks to Kronecker's theorem and Corollary 2.3. Then, from the knowledge of one solution we can deduce them all, thanks to Corollary 3.11.

Denote by $\text{Aut}(\mathcal{O}_K^2) := \{\Theta \in \mathbf{GL}_2(\mathcal{O}_K) \mid \Theta^* \Theta = \text{Id}\}$ the group of unitary matrices with integral coefficients, equivalently, the group of module lattice automorphisms of the module \mathcal{O}_K^2 .

Proposition 3.13. *The group $\text{Aut}(\mathcal{O}_K^2)$ is finite of order $2|\mu(K)|^2 \leq 8d^4$. Moreover, $\Theta \in \text{Aut}(\mathcal{O}_K^2)$ is either diagonal or antidiagonal and its non-zero coefficients are in $\mu(K)$.*

Proof. Let $\Theta = \begin{pmatrix} a & c \\ b & d \end{pmatrix} \in \text{Aut}(\mathcal{O}_K^2)$. The relation $\Theta^* \Theta = \text{Id}$ implies $a\bar{a} + b\bar{b} = 1$ and $c\bar{c} + d\bar{d} = 1$. Following Corollary 2.3, either a or b equals 0, and either c or d equals 0. Since M must be invertible, either a and d are both 0, or b and c are. Hence Θ is either diagonal or antidiagonal and the non zero coefficients are in $\mu(K)$. We count $\mu(K)^2$ diagonal matrices, and the same number of antidiagonal matrices. Lemma 2.4 then gives $|\text{Aut}(\mathcal{O}_K^2)| = 2\mu(K)^2 \leq 8d^4$. \square

Remark 3.14. Even though for a random module $M \subset K^2$ one would expect $\text{Aut}(M) = \{\pm \text{Id}\}$ to be trivial, the previous result shows that the bound obtained in Theorem 3.12 is tight, up to a small constant factor. As expected, \mathcal{O}_K^2 is (one of) the module having the largest number of module lattice automorphisms. As a comparison, its “non-module” version \mathbb{Z}^n has $2^n n!$ lattice automorphisms (see [23, Section 1.1]).

Theorem 3.15. *Let K be a cyclotomic field of degree $d = \varphi(m)$ with $m \geq 31$ and let $M = \mathcal{O}_K^2$, with a pseudo-basis $\mathbf{B} = (B, \mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2)$ and \mathbf{G} its pseudo-Gram matrix. Let $\mathbf{G}' = (G', \mathbf{b}_1, \mathbf{b}_2)$ be a pseudo-Gram matrix congruent to \mathbf{G} . Assume that we are given an oracle \mathfrak{D} that solves \mathcal{O} -nrdPIP. Then Algorithm 3 returns the set $\text{Cong}(\mathbf{G}, \mathbf{G}')$ of all congruence matrices between \mathbf{G} and \mathbf{G}' . In particular it solves $wc\text{-smo}dLIP_K^{\mathbf{B}}$ on input \mathbf{G}' . Moreover, it makes exactly one call to the oracle \mathfrak{D} and except for this call it runs in time*

$$\text{poly}(d, \text{size}(\mathbf{G}), \text{size}(\mathbf{G}')).$$

Proof. Correctness: First of all we justify that $\text{Congruence_mat}_{\delta_0}$ computed at Step 9 is non empty. Since \mathbf{G} and \mathbf{G}' are chosen to be congruent, there exists a congruence matrix $U' \in \text{Cong}(\mathbf{G}, \mathbf{G}')$, but we might have $\det(U') \neq \delta_0$ in general. However, by Lemma 2.30, it holds that $\det(U') = \mu\delta_0$ for some root of unity $\mu \in \mu(K)$. Thus, $U_0 := \text{diag}(\mu^{-1}, 1) \cdot U'$ has determinant δ_0 and it is still a congruence matrix between \mathbf{G} and \mathbf{G}' . By the correctness of Algorithm 1, this means that $U_0 \in \text{Congruence_mat}_{\delta_0}$ is non empty. For any such U_0 chosen during

Algorithm 3: Karp reduction of wc-smoDLIP to nrdPIP for \mathcal{O}_K^2

Input: • $K = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_m)$ a cyclotomic field, $\mathbf{B} = (B, \mathfrak{a}_1, \mathfrak{a}_2)$ a pseudo-basis of \mathcal{O}_K^2 ;
• $\mathbf{G} = (G = B^*B, \mathfrak{a}_1, \mathfrak{a}_2)$ and $\mathbf{G}' = (G, \mathfrak{b}_1, \mathfrak{b}_2)$ congruent to \mathbf{G} ;
• An oracle \mathfrak{D} solving \mathcal{O} -nrdPIP.

Output: The set of all congruence matrices $\text{Cong}(\mathbf{G}, \mathbf{G}')$.

- 1 $\mu(K) \leftarrow \langle \zeta_m \rangle \subset K^\times$
- 2 $\text{Aut}(\mathcal{O}_K^2) \leftarrow \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & b \end{pmatrix} ; \begin{pmatrix} 0 & a \\ b & 0 \end{pmatrix} : a, b \in \mu(K) \right\}$ // c.f., Corollary 3.13
- 3 $\mathcal{O} \leftarrow$ Run Algorithm 4 on the order $\mathcal{O}_K + \mathcal{O}_K \cdot j$ // c.f., Proposition A.18
- 4 $I_M \leftarrow \mathcal{O}$; $\mathcal{O}' \leftarrow \mathcal{O}$ // c.f., Corollary 3.3
- 5 $\mathcal{O}'^1 \leftarrow \langle \zeta_m, j \rangle$ // c.f., Corollary A.26
- 6 $\text{Congruence_mat} \leftarrow \{\}$
- 7 $\delta_0 \leftarrow \text{ComputeDet}(\mathbf{G}, \mathbf{G}')$ // c.f., Lemma 2.30
- 8 Compute $\text{Congruence_mat}_{\delta_0}$ with Algorithm 1 on input
 $(\mathbf{B}, \mathbf{G}', \delta_0, \mathcal{O}, I_M, \mathcal{O}', \mathcal{O}'^1, \mu(K))$ // c.f., Theorem 3.7
- 9 Pick any $U_0 \in \text{Congruence_mat}_{\delta_0}$
- 10 **for** $\Theta \in \text{Aut}(\mathcal{O}_K^2)$ **do**
- 11 $U \leftarrow B^{-1}\Theta BU_0$
- 12 $\text{Congruence_mat} \leftarrow \text{Congruence_mat} \cup \{U\}$
- 13 **Return** Congruence_mat .

Step 9, Corollary 3.11 guarantees that the the loop computes iteratively exactly all the other solutions so by the end, the algorithm outputs indeed $\text{Cong}(\mathbf{G}, \mathbf{G}')$.

Complexity: We need to argue that when K and M are as in the theorem, then the quantities \mathcal{O} , I_M , \mathcal{O}' , \mathcal{O}'^1 and $\mu(K)$ that are required as input of Algorithm 2 can be computed in polynomial time from the knowledge of K and \mathbf{B} . First, when K is a cyclotomic field of conductor m , then $\mathcal{O}_K = \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_m]$ can easily be computed, where ζ_m is a primitive m -th root of unity in K . Using Proposition A.18, a maximal order \mathcal{O} of \mathcal{A} containing $\mathcal{O}_K + \mathcal{O}_K \cdot j$ can be computed in polynomial time. According to Corollary 3.3, we have $I_M = \mathcal{O}$ thus $\mathcal{O}' = \mathcal{O}$ and $\mathcal{O}'^1 = \mathcal{O}^1$. The latter equals $\langle \zeta_m, j \rangle$ for conductors $m \geq 31$, by Corollary A.26, so it can be computed in polynomial time. Finally, recall that $\log \Delta_K = \text{poly}(d)$ holds for cyclotomic fields. Hence, the complexity is a consequence of the above discussion, Lemma 2.30 for Step 7 and Theorem 3.7. \square

Corollary 3.16 (modLIP to \mathcal{O} -nrdPIP, Hawk). *For any cyclotomic field K (with F its maximal totally real subfield) and pseudo-basis $\mathbf{B} = (B, \mathfrak{a}_1, \mathfrak{a}_2)$ of \mathcal{O}_K^2 , there exists a uniform polynomial time Karp reduction from wc-smoDLIP $_K^{\mathbf{B}}$ to \mathcal{O} -nrdPIP, where \mathcal{O} is a maximal order of a quaternion algebra over F , and is efficiently computable from the parameters.*

Proof. When the conductor of K is $m \geq 31$, the reduction is provided by Algorithm 3 and the previous theorem. In that case, since Algorithm 3 makes only one call to the \mathcal{O} -nrdPIP oracle, the reduction is Karp. The fact that it is uniform follows from several observations, already mentioned. Indeed, $\mathcal{O}_K = \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_m]$ and $\mathcal{O} = I_M = \mathcal{O}'$ can be computed in polynomial time (see Proposition A.18), as well as the finite group \mathcal{O}^1 (see Corollary A.26 for conductors $m \geq 31$).

For lower conductors $m \leq 30$, we rely on a generic method that we describe below. On an input $\mathbf{G}' = (G', \mathbf{b}_1, \mathbf{b}_2)$ congruent to \mathbf{G} , one computes the “structured” Cholesky factorization of G' with coefficients in $K_{\mathbb{R}}$, that is, some $C \in \mathcal{M}_2(K_{\mathbb{R}})$ such that $C^*C = G'$ (see [31, Proposition 3.4] for more details). Observe that for any solution $U \in \text{Cong}(\mathbf{G}, \mathbf{G}')$, then $(BU)^*(BU) = G'$ is another factorization of G' (in K and *a fortiori* in $K_{\mathbb{R}}$). Thus, [31, Proposition 3.5]) ensures²³ the existence of a unitary transformation $\Theta \in \mathcal{U}_2(K_{\mathbb{R}})$ such that $C = \Theta \cdot B \cdot U$. Now from \mathbf{B} and $\mathbf{C} := (C, \mathbf{b}_1, \mathbf{b}_2)$, we explain how to compute all such Θ , from which we will deduce the congruence matrices.

To \mathbf{B} and \mathbf{C} one associates the full-rank module lattices $\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{B}), \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{C}) \subset \mathbb{R}^{2d}$ using the canonical embedding. These two Euclidean lattices are isomorphic as module lattices and so *a fortiori* as “plain” lattices. In other words, this gives an instance of LIP as defined in [23]. Using Theorem 1.1 of *loc. cit.* one computes all isomorphisms $O \in \mathcal{O}_{2d}(\mathbb{R})$ between $\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{B})$ and $\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{C})$ in time exponential in $d \leq 30$ here. Finally thanks to Corollary 2.26, it is possible to check if O is actually a module lattice isomorphism Θ or not. When it is, we compute $U = (\Theta \cdot B)^{-1} \cdot C$ and check if $U \in \text{Cong}(\mathbf{G}, \mathbf{G}')$. Summing up, for $m \leq 30$, the algorithm we just described solves $\text{wc-smodLIP}_{\mathbb{B}}^K$ making no call to the oracle for nrdPIP , providing the claimed Karp reduction. Since all necessary structures can be computed efficiently from the parameters of the instance, it is also uniform. \square

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A Supplementary material

The aim of this appendix is to justify the computability of some structures used in Section 3, to prove our reduction in the case where K is a cyclotomic field and $M = \mathcal{O}_K^2$. Precisely, Algorithm 3 requires to compute a maximal order \mathcal{O} containing $\mathcal{O}_K + \mathcal{O}_K \cdot j$ and the finite group \mathcal{O}^1 .

Subsection A.2 is devoted to the computation of maximal orders in quaternion algebras $\mathcal{A}_m = (\frac{a_m, -1}{F_m})$. A preliminary step is to compute the discriminant of \mathcal{A}_m , which is discussed in A.1. Finally in A.3, we explicit the group \mathcal{O}^1 for big enough conductors m , thanks to the classification given in [40, Chapter 32].

A.1 Discriminant of a quaternion algebra

Places and ramification. The complex embeddings σ of a number field F provides absolute values $v_\sigma(x) = |\sigma(x)|$, and completing F with respect to them yields \mathbb{R} or \mathbb{C} , depending on whether σ is real or complex — these are often called archimedean absolute values. Other absolute values can be obtained by looking at prime ideals. For a prime ideal \mathfrak{p} of a number field F , the \mathfrak{p} -adic valuation of $x \in \mathcal{O}_F$ is the largest integer $e_{\mathfrak{p}}(x)$ such that $\mathfrak{p}^{e_{\mathfrak{p}}}(x) \in \mathcal{O}_F$. This yields a corresponding \mathfrak{p} -adic absolute value $v_{\mathfrak{p}}(x) = N(\mathfrak{p})^{-e_{\mathfrak{p}}(x)}$, and accordingly a corresponding \mathfrak{p} -adic completion $F_{\mathfrak{p}}$. In a generic way, from now on we denote by v an arbitrary absolute value of F , and the completion of F at v as the field F_v . We may also call v a *place*²⁴ of F . Given a quaternion algebra \mathcal{A} over F and a place v of F , one can extend the scalars of \mathcal{A} from F to F_v , giving the quaternion algebra $\mathcal{A}_v := \mathcal{A} \otimes_F F_v$ over F_v .

Wedderburn-Artin theorem [40, Corollary 7.3.12] states that a quaternion algebra \mathcal{A} over a field F is either isomorphic to $M_2(F)$, or a division algebra (i.e., a non necessarily commutative ring in which every non zero element has an inverse). In the first case, called the split case, all the completions are isomorphic to a matrix algebra : $\mathcal{A}_v \simeq M_2(F) \otimes_F F_v = M_2(F_v)$. When \mathcal{A} is a division ring, \mathcal{A}_v can be either a matrix algebra or again a division ring. This leads to the notion of ramification.

Definition A.1 ([40, 14.5.1 and 14.3.1]). *Let v a place of F . We say that the algebra \mathcal{A} is ramified at v if $\mathcal{A}_v = \mathcal{A} \otimes_F F_v$ is a division ring, which means that every nonzero element has an inverse. Otherwise we say that \mathcal{A} is split (or unramified) at v .*

We denote $\text{Ram } \mathcal{A}$ the set of ramified places of \mathcal{A} . This set is finite [40, Lem. 14.5.3]. Analogously as the discriminant for relative extensions of number fields, the discriminant of \mathcal{A} is an integral ideal of \mathcal{O}_F , defined as the product of

²⁴ Formally, the language of *places* allows to avoid explicit choices of valuations, since a place of a number field F is defined as an equivalence class of non-trivial absolute values on F .

the finite ramified places in \mathcal{A} .

$$\text{disc}_F(\mathcal{A}) := \prod_{\substack{\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Ram}(\mathcal{A}) \\ \mathfrak{p} \text{ finite}}} \mathfrak{p}.$$

From its definition, it is clear that the discriminant encodes the ramification at finite places. The behaviour at infinite places leads to the definition of totally definite and indefinite algebras. In the core of this paper we focused on the algebras $(\frac{a,-1}{F})$ where $K = F(\sqrt{a})/F$ is a CM extension. They fall into the category of totally definite quaternion algebras, an important property which implies, for example, the finiteness of the groups \mathcal{O}^1 (see A.3).

Definition A.2 ([40], 14.5.7). *We say that \mathcal{A} is totally definite if all archimedean places of F are ramified in \mathcal{A} ; otherwise, we say \mathcal{A} is indefinite.*

Hilbert symbol. To check if a quaternion algebra \mathcal{A} over F ramifies at some place v of F , one can compute a Hilbert symbol. In the following we give the definition of the Hilbert symbol and we stand some properties useful for our purpose. A standard reference for the theory of Hilbert symbol is [37, Chapter III] but all the following results can be found in [40].

Definition A.3. *Let $\mathcal{A} = (\frac{a,b}{F})$ be a quaternion algebra over a number field F and v be a place of F (either finite or infinite). The Hilbert symbol of \mathcal{A} at v is*

$$\left(\frac{a,b}{v}\right) := \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x^2 - ay^2 - bz^2 = 0 \text{ has a non trivial solution in } (F_v)^3 \\ -1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Let us link the Hilbert symbol with the ramification. Recall that an element $\alpha = x + iy + jz + kt \in \mathcal{A}$ has reduced norm $\text{nrd}(\alpha) = x^2 - ay^2 - bz^2 + abt^2$. In this expression, one recognizes the quadratic form involved in the definition of the Hilbert symbol, with an extra term abt^2 . If there exists a non trivial solution $(x_0, y_0, z_0) \in (F_v)^3$ to $x^2 - ay^2 - bz^2 = 0$, one can consider the quaternion $\alpha_0 = x_0 + iy_0 + jz_0 \in \mathcal{A}_v$, which reduced norm is zero, by construction. Since the invertible elements in \mathcal{A}_v are the ones with non zero reduced norm, we conclude that $\alpha_0 \neq 0$ is not invertible and \mathcal{A}_v can't be a division ring (and so \mathcal{A} does not ramify at v).

The converse is actually true, that is, any element in $\mathcal{A} \setminus \{0\}$ with reduced norm equal to zero gives a non trivial zero in $(F_v)^3$ to the quadratic form $x^2 - ay^2 - bz^2$. As a consequence, we obtain that the Hilbert symbol is non trivial exactly at the ramified places:

$$\left(\frac{a,b}{v}\right) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \mathcal{A} \text{ is split at } v \\ -1 & \text{if } \mathcal{A} \text{ is ramified at } v \end{cases}.$$

Hilbert reciprocity law states that the product $\prod_v (\frac{a,b}{v})$ over all places v of F is always equal to 1. Therefore, the set $\text{Ram}(\mathcal{A}) = \{v \mid (\frac{a,b}{v}) = -1\}$ of ramified places has even cardinal.

Lemma A.4 (Hilbert reciprocity law, [40, 14.6.3]). *Let F be a number field and $a, b \in F^\times$. Then,*

$$\prod_v \left(\frac{a, b}{v} \right) = 1, \quad (3)$$

where the product is taken over all places v of F . In particular when F is totally real of even degree and \mathcal{A} is totally definite, the same holds when the product is indexed over finite places of F .

This is a powerful result which sometimes makes us able to decide if the ramification at a place is impossible or must occur, without computing any Hilbert symbol. Finally, we state a formula for computing Hilbert symbols, in the particular case of our quaternion algebras $(\frac{a, -1}{F_m})$. We emphasize that the following formula does not hold for prime ideals above 2.

Lemma A.5 ([40, 12.4.10]). *Let F be a number field and $\mathcal{A} = (\frac{a, -1}{F})$. For any prime ideal \mathfrak{p} of F such that $\mathfrak{p} \nmid (2)$, the Hilbert symbol of \mathcal{A} at \mathfrak{p} is given by*

$$\left(\frac{a, -1}{\mathfrak{p}} \right) = \left(\frac{-1}{\mathfrak{p}} \right)^{v_{\mathfrak{p}}(a)},$$

where $\left(\frac{-1}{\mathfrak{p}} \right) := \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } -1 \text{ is a square in } (\mathcal{O}_F/\mathfrak{p})^\times \\ -1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$ is the Legendre symbol of -1 at \mathfrak{p} and $v_{\mathfrak{p}}(a) := \max\{e \in \mathbb{N} \mid a \in \mathfrak{p}^e\}$ is the \mathfrak{p} -adic valuation of a .

Algorithms. In [39], the authors gave deterministic polynomial time algorithms for computing Hilbert symbols, treating the case where \mathfrak{p} is above 2 separately.

Lemma A.6 ([39, Theorem 6.1]). *Let F be a number field and let v be a place of F . There exists an algorithm to evaluate the Hilbert symbol $(\frac{a, b}{v})$ for $a, b \in F^\times$, that is deterministic polynomial time in the size of the inputs.*

Corollary A.7. *There exists an algorithm that given a quaternion algebra $\mathcal{A} = (\frac{a, -1}{F})$ and the prime factorization of $a \cdot \mathcal{O}_F$, computes $\text{disc}_F(\mathcal{A})$. Moreover, this algorithm is deterministic and runs in polynomial time.*

Proof. According to Lemma A.5, it is enough to check if the prime ideals dividing $a \cdot \mathcal{O}_F$ ramify in \mathcal{A} , as well as the prime ideals above 2. The latter can be computed in polynomial time thanks to Lemma 2.5. For each prime ideal \mathfrak{p} dividing either $a \cdot \mathcal{O}_F$ or $2 \cdot \mathcal{O}_F$, the Hilbert symbol $(\frac{a, -1}{\mathfrak{p}})$ is computed in deterministic polynomial time, using Lemma A.6. There are at most $2 \cdot [F : \mathbb{Q}]$ such ideals. \square

A.2 Computing maximal orders

Relative norm for ideals in CM extensions. Here, we state some additional results and terminology regarding ideals in CM fields, that will be of use later.

Let K/F be a CM field, and \mathfrak{p} be a prime ideal of \mathcal{O}_F . Recall from [32, Chapter I, (8.3) and (9.1)] that $\mathfrak{p}\mathcal{O}_K$ factorizes in \mathcal{O}_K either as

$$\mathfrak{p}\mathcal{O}_K = \begin{cases} \mathfrak{q}\bar{\mathfrak{q}} \text{ with } \mathfrak{q} \neq \bar{\mathfrak{q}} \text{ prime ideals (split case)} \\ \mathfrak{q}^2 \text{ with } \mathfrak{q} = \bar{\mathfrak{q}} \text{ prime ideal (ramified case)} \\ \mathfrak{q} \text{ with } \mathfrak{q} = \bar{\mathfrak{q}} \text{ prime ideal (inert case)}. \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

In the split and ramified cases, we have $\mathfrak{q}\bar{\mathfrak{q}} \cap F = \mathfrak{p}\mathcal{O}_K \cap \mathcal{O}_F = \mathfrak{p}$ ([30, Chapter 3, Exercise 9 (c)]). For the inert case, $\mathfrak{q}\bar{\mathfrak{q}} \cap F = \mathfrak{p}^2\mathcal{O}_K \cap \mathcal{O}_F = \mathfrak{p}^2$. The relative norm of a prime ideal $\mathfrak{q} \subset \mathcal{O}_K$ is then as $N_{K/F}(\mathfrak{q}) = \mathfrak{q}\bar{\mathfrak{q}} \cap F$. Thanks to the previous observation, this definition coincides with the one given in [32, Chapter III, §1]. The relative norm is then extended multiplicatively to the set of fractional ideals of K . In particular it is multiplicative, i.e., $N_{K/F}(\mathfrak{a}\mathfrak{b}) = N_{K/F}(\mathfrak{a})N_{K/F}(\mathfrak{b})$ holds. In fact $N_{K/F}(\mathfrak{a})$ is also equal to the ideal of F generated by $\{N_{K/F}(x) \mid x \in \mathfrak{a}\}$, see [32, Chapter III, (1.6)]. For a principal ideal $\mathfrak{a} = g \cdot \mathcal{O}_K$, we have $N_{K/F}(\mathfrak{a}) = N_{K/F}(g) \cdot \mathcal{O}_F$.

Discriminant of orders. The discriminant of an order \mathcal{O} in a quaternion algebra \mathcal{A} over F is the following ideal of \mathcal{O}_F :

$$\text{disc}(\mathcal{O}) := \{\det(\text{trd}(\alpha_i\alpha_j)_{1 \leq i, j \leq 4}), \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_4 \in \mathcal{O}\} \cdot \mathcal{O}_F,$$

where $\text{trd}(a) := a + \bar{a}$ is the reduced trace map on \mathcal{A} , and $\text{trd}(a_i a_j)_{1 \leq i, j \leq 4}$ is a 4×4 matrix with coefficients in F . Given a pseudo-basis $\mathcal{O} = \mathfrak{a}_1\alpha_1 \oplus \dots \oplus \mathfrak{a}_4\alpha_4$, and according to [40, Corollary 15.2.7, Paragraph 15.2.8], we have

$$\text{disc}(\mathcal{O}) = (\mathfrak{a}_1 \cdots \mathfrak{a}_4)^2 \cdot \det(\text{trd}(\alpha_i\alpha_j)_{1 \leq i, j \leq 4}) \cdot \mathcal{O}_F$$

In fact $\text{disc}(\mathcal{O})$ is the square of an ideal of \mathcal{O}_F (see [40, Section 15.4]) and we call reduced discriminant of \mathcal{O} the ideal such that $\text{discrd}(\mathcal{O})^2 = \text{disc}(\mathcal{O})$. It somehow measures how far \mathcal{O} is from being a maximal order, in the sense that it is a maximal order if and only if its (reduced) discriminant is equal to the one of \mathcal{A} .

Lemma A.8 ([40, Proposition 15.5.5]). *A quaternion order \mathcal{O} in a quaternion algebra \mathcal{A} is maximal if and only if $\text{discrd}(\mathcal{O}) = \text{disc}(\mathcal{A})$.*

Notice that relative discriminants in a CM (so quadratic) extension K/F are defined in the same fashion

$$\text{disc}(\mathcal{O}) := \{\det(\text{trd}(a_i a_j)_{1 \leq i, j \leq 2}), a_1, a_2 \in \mathcal{O}\} \cdot \mathcal{O}_F,$$

for any order $\mathcal{O} \subset \mathcal{O}_K$. For the maximal order $\mathcal{O} = \mathcal{O}_K$, we denote $\Delta_{K/F} := \text{disc}(\mathcal{O}_K)$ the relative discriminant of K over F .

Example A.9. Consider $\mathcal{A} = \left(\frac{-1, -1}{\mathbb{Q}}\right)$. According to [40, Example 15.5.7] we have $\text{disc}(\mathcal{A}) = 2\mathbb{Z}$. The order $\mathcal{O} := \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}i \oplus \mathbb{Z}j \oplus \mathbb{Z}k$ has basis $\{1, i, j, k\}$ and one computes $\text{disc}(\mathcal{O}) = (\det \text{diag}(2, -2, -2, -2)) \cdot \mathbb{Z}$ so $\text{discrd}(\mathcal{O}) = 4\mathbb{Z}$ and \mathcal{O} is not maximal. So this order is not maximal in \mathcal{A} . Now consider $\mathcal{O}' := \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}i \oplus \mathbb{Z}j \oplus \mathbb{Z}\gamma$, where $\gamma = \left(\frac{1+i+j+k}{2}\right)$. Then one computes $\text{disc}(\mathcal{O}') = (\det \text{diag}(2, -2, -2, -1/2)) \cdot \mathbb{Z}$ so $\text{discrd}(\mathcal{O}') = 2\mathbb{Z}$ and \mathcal{O}' is thus maximal.

Algorithms. Before focusing on the case of the algebras \mathcal{A}_m , we give a generic procedure to compute a maximal order $\tilde{\mathcal{O}}$ containing some given order \mathcal{O} in a quaternion algebra \mathcal{A} . As in the commutative case, the algorithm can be described iteratively. Given a prime ideal \mathfrak{p} of \mathcal{O}_F , we say that \mathcal{O} is \mathfrak{p} -maximal if $v_{\mathfrak{p}}(\text{discrd}(\mathcal{O}))$ is minimal, *i.e.*, when $v_{\mathfrak{p}}(\text{discrd}(\mathcal{O})) = v_{\mathfrak{p}}(\text{disc}_F(\mathcal{A}))$ holds. Therefore, the maximal orders of \mathcal{A} are precisely the orders which are \mathfrak{p} -maximal for every prime ideal. It is enough to look at the prime ideals \mathfrak{p} dividing $\text{discrd}(\mathcal{O})$ (since $\mathfrak{q} \nmid \text{discrd}(\mathcal{O})$ implies that $v_{\mathfrak{q}}(\text{discrd}(\mathcal{O}))$ is already minimal). Once the factorization of $\text{discrd}(\mathcal{O})$ is known, a \mathfrak{p} -maximal order containing \mathcal{O} can be computed in deterministic polynomial-time. Repeating this step for each prime $\mathfrak{p} \mid \text{discrd}(\mathcal{O})$ leads to a maximal order \mathcal{O} , as desired.

Lemma A.10 ([39, Algorithm 7.10]). *Let \mathcal{O} and \mathcal{A} be as above and let \mathfrak{p} be a prime ideal of \mathcal{O}_F . There exists an algorithm that given as input a pseudo-basis of \mathcal{O} and \mathfrak{p} , computes a pseudo-basis of a \mathfrak{p} -maximal order containing \mathcal{O} . It is deterministic and it runs in polynomial-time in $\text{rank}_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathcal{O}) = 4 \cdot [F : \mathbb{Q}]$ and in the size of \mathcal{O} .*

Remark A.11. The complexity of this algorithm is not mentioned in [39] however it is guaranteed to run in deterministic polynomial-time thanks to the following result.

Lemma A.12 ([39, Theorem 7.14]). *Let \mathcal{O} and \mathcal{A} be as above and let \mathfrak{p} be a prime ideal of \mathcal{O}_F . There exists an algorithm that given as input a pseudo-basis of \mathcal{O} , computes a pseudo-basis of a maximal order $\tilde{\mathcal{O}} \supset \mathcal{O}$. It is deterministic polynomial-time reducible to the problem of factoring $\text{discrd}(\mathcal{O})$ in \mathcal{O}_F .*

An explicit computation in cyclotomic fields. Let $K_m = F_m(a_m)$ be the m -th cyclotomic field with maximal totally real subfield F_m , and \mathcal{A}_m be the quaternion algebra $(\frac{a_m, -1}{F_m})$ over F_m . We investigate the maximality of the order $\mathcal{O}_m = \mathcal{O}_{K_m} \oplus \mathcal{O}_{K_m} \cdot j \subset \mathcal{A}_m$, and we give a polynomial time algorithm for computing a maximal order containing it. In Corollary A.17, we prove that \mathcal{O}_m is often maximal and always not far from being maximal, in the sense that $\text{discrd}(\mathcal{O}_m)$ is either \mathcal{O}_{F_m} , a prime ideal \mathfrak{p} of \mathcal{O}_{F_m} or \mathfrak{p}^2 . Since $\text{discrd}(\mathcal{O}_m) \subset \text{disc}_{F_m}(\mathcal{A}_m)$ holds (as for any order in \mathcal{A}_m) we get as a corollary the prime factorization of $\text{disc}_{F_m}(\mathcal{A}_m)$. Once given the factorizations of $\text{disc}_{F_m}(\mathcal{A}_m)$ and $\text{discrd}(\mathcal{O}_m)$, we are then able to compute a maximal order containing \mathcal{O}_m in polynomial time.

Lemma A.13 ([40, 15.2.12]). *We have the equality $\text{disc}_{F_m}(\mathcal{O}_m) = \Delta_{K_m/F_m}^2$.*

Proof. Apply [40, 15.2.12] with the \mathcal{O}_{F_m} -order $S = \mathcal{O}_{K_m}$, whose discriminant relatively to \mathcal{O}_{F_m} is by definition Δ_{K_m/F_m} . \square

So, computing $\text{disc}_{F_m}(\mathcal{O}_m)$ boils down to computing the factorization of Δ_{K_m/F_m} . This is done in two steps. First, we recall how this ideal can be built efficiently. Then, a property says that the prime ideals of \mathcal{O}_{F_m} dividing Δ_{K_m/F_m} are the ones which ramify in \mathcal{O}_{K_m} (this is in fact an equivalence, see [32,

Chapter III, Corollary 2.12]). Ramification in cyclotomic CM-extensions is well-understood: Lemma A.15 recalls those ramified prime ideals. Additionally, the (relative) different ideal $\mathcal{D}_{K/F}$ is an ideal of \mathcal{O}_K whose prime factors are exactly the primes of \mathcal{O}_K over the ones in F that ramify. Morally, $\mathcal{D}_{K/F}$ encodes the ramification in K/F , as $\Delta_{K/F}$ does, but at the level of K . Below we recall how these ideals are linked.

Lemma A.14 ([32, Chap. 3, Prop. 2.4]). *Let $K = F(\alpha)/F$ be an extension of number fields and suppose that $\mathcal{O}_K = \mathcal{O}_F[\alpha]$. Then,*

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{D}_{K/F} &= (T'(\alpha)) \cdot \mathcal{O}_K \\ \Delta_{K/F} &= N_{K/F}(T'(\alpha)) \cdot \mathcal{O}_F,\end{aligned}$$

where $T(X) \in \mathcal{O}_F[X]$ is the minimal polynomial of α over F .

In our case, $K_m = F_m(\zeta_m)$, $\mathcal{O}_{K_m} = \mathcal{O}_{F_m}[\zeta_m]$ ²⁵ and the minimal polynomial of ζ_m over F_m is $T(X) = X^2 - (\zeta_m + \zeta_m^{-1})X + 1$ so $\Delta_{K_m/F_m} = N_{K_m/F_m}(2\zeta_m - (\zeta_m + \zeta_m^{-1})) \cdot \mathcal{O}_{F_m} = N_{K_m/F_m}(\zeta_m - \zeta_m^{-1}) \cdot \mathcal{O}_{F_m} = (\zeta_m - \zeta_m^{-1})^2 \cdot \mathcal{O}_{F_m}$. Moreover, from the identity $\zeta_m^{-1} - \zeta_m = \zeta_m^{-1}(1 - \zeta_m)(1 + \zeta_m)$, we have $\mathcal{D}_{K_m/F_m} = (1 - \zeta_m)(1 + \zeta_m) \cdot \mathcal{O}_{K_m}$.

Lemma A.15 ([41, Proposition 2.15]). *If $m = p^e$ or $2p^e$ with p an odd prime, then K_m/F_m is ramified at the unique prime ideal above p and unramified everywhere else. In the other cases, K_m/F_m is unramified.*

Corollary A.16. *If $m = p^e$ or $2p^e$ with p an odd prime, then $\Delta_{K_m/F_m} = \mathfrak{p}$ where $\mathfrak{p} = (\zeta_m + \zeta_m^{-1} - 2)$ is the unique prime ideal above p . If $m = 2^e$ is a power of two (with $e > 2$), then $\Delta_{K_m/F_m} = \mathfrak{p}_2^2$ where $\mathfrak{p}_2 = (\zeta_m + \zeta_m^{-1})$ is the unique prime ideal above 2. Otherwise, $\Delta_{K_m/F_m} = \mathcal{O}_{F_m}$.*

Before proving this corollary, recall that, given a CM extension K_m/F_m , the relative norm of $a \in K_m$ over F_m is $N_{K_m/F_m}(a) = a\bar{a}$. The same notation N_{K_m/F_m} is used for the relative norm of ideals of K , as defined at the beginning of this subsection. The absolute norm of an ideal $\mathfrak{a} \subset K$ is the \mathbb{Z} -fractional ideal $N(\mathfrak{a})$ (equal to $|\mathcal{O}_{K_m}/\mathfrak{a}| \cdot \mathbb{Z}$ when \mathfrak{a} is an integral ideal).

Proof. Thanks to [32, Chapter III, Corollary 2.3 and 2.12], the prime ideals of F_m dividing Δ_{K_m/F_m} are exactly the ramified primes in \mathcal{O}_{K_m} . So, by Lemma A.15, there are three cases to distinguish. If m is not a prime power, then no prime ideal ramifies so $\Delta_{K_m/F_m} = \mathcal{O}_{F_m}$. If $m = p^e$, then 2 is coprime to m and therefore $1 + \zeta_m = \frac{1 - \zeta_m^2}{1 - \zeta_m}$ is a cyclotomic unit, see *c.f.*, [41, §8.1]. Since K_m/F_m is ramified at the unique prime ideal above p by Lemma A.15, $1 - \zeta_m$ cannot also be a unit, and so we have $\mathcal{D}_{K_m/F_m} = (1 - \zeta_m) \cdot \mathcal{O}_{K_m}$ as the sole ideal above the prime \mathfrak{p} in F_m that ramifies in K_m , and $\mathfrak{p} = (\zeta_m + \zeta_m^{-1} - 2) \cdot \mathcal{O}_{F_m}$ as claimed, by computing the relative norm of $1 - \zeta_m$. Note that the case where $m = 2p^e$ with p odd prime leads to the same result, since $K_m = K_{p^e}$.²⁶

²⁵ In fact for cyclotomic rings of integers we have $\mathcal{O}_{K_m} = \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_m]$. But then $\mathcal{O}_{F_m}[\zeta_m]$ is a sub-order containing both \mathbb{Z} and ζ_m , so we must have equality.

²⁶ Indeed, $K_{p^e} \subset K_m$ holds because $p^e \mid m$ and $\varphi(p^e) = \varphi(m)$ so the fields have same degree over \mathbb{Q} and are thus equal.

Now suppose that $p = 2$. Then both ζ_m and $-\zeta_m$ are primitive m -th roots of unity. In particular $N_{K_m/\mathbb{Q}}(1-\zeta_m) = N_{K_m/\mathbb{Q}}(1+\zeta_m)$. Using that $-\zeta_m = \zeta^{m/2+1}$, we have the identity $(1-\zeta_m) \sum_{i=0}^{m/2} \zeta_m^i = 1 + \zeta_m$, so that $\sum_{i=0}^{m/2} \zeta_m^i \in \mathcal{O}_{K_m}$ has norm 1: it is a unit. Hence we have $(1-\zeta_m) \cdot \mathcal{O}_{K_m} = (1+\zeta_m) \cdot \mathcal{O}_{K_m}$. We compute Δ_{K_m/F_m} as $N_{K_m/F_m}((1-\zeta_m)^2) = (\zeta_m + \zeta_m^{-1} - 2)^2$. To finish the proof, we must argue that $(\zeta_m + \zeta_m^{-1} - 2) \cdot \mathcal{O}_{F_m}$ is in fact equal to \mathfrak{p}_2 . For this, we use [2, Theorem 2.2] which implies that $N(\zeta_m + \zeta_m^{-1}) = 2$. Thus, $2 \in (\zeta_m + \zeta_m^{-1}) \cdot \mathcal{O}_{F_m}$ and the inclusion $(\zeta_m + \zeta_m^{-1} - 2) \subset \mathfrak{p}_2$ holds. But these two integral ideals have the same absolute norm, so they must be equal. \square

Corollary A.17. *The following assertions hold:*

1. If $m = 2^e$ (with $e > 2$) then $\text{discrd}(\mathcal{O}_m) = \mathfrak{p}_2^2$, where $\mathfrak{p}_2 = (\zeta_m + \zeta_m^{-1})$ is the unique prime ideal above 2, whereas $\text{disc}_{F_m}(\mathcal{A}_m) = \mathcal{O}_{F_m}$.
2. If $m = p^e$ or $2p^e$ with $p = 1 \pmod{4}$ then $\text{discrd}(\mathcal{O}_m) = \mathfrak{p}$, where $\mathfrak{p} = (\zeta_m + \zeta_m^{-1} - 2)$ is the unique prime ideal above p , whereas $\text{disc}_{F_m}(\mathcal{A}_m) = \mathcal{O}_{F_m}$.
3. If $m = p^e$ or $2p^e$ with $p = 3 \pmod{4}$ then $\text{discrd}(\mathcal{O}_m) = \mathfrak{p}$, where $\mathfrak{p} = (\zeta_m + \zeta_m^{-1} - 2)$ is the unique prime ideal above p , whereas $\text{disc}_{F_m}(\mathcal{A}_m) = \mathfrak{p}$. In particular, \mathcal{O}_m is maximal.
4. Otherwise, $\text{discrd}(\mathcal{O}_m) = \text{disc}_{F_m}(\mathcal{A}_m) = \mathcal{O}_{F_m}$. In particular, \mathcal{O}_m is maximal.

Proof. In all cases we will use the inclusion of ideals $\text{discrd}(\mathcal{O}_m) \subset \text{disc}_{F_m}(\mathcal{A}_m) \subset \mathcal{O}_{F_m}$, so that any prime ideal dividing the second discriminant must also divide the first one.

1. If $m = 2^e$ and $e > 2$, then we have $\text{disc}_{F_m}(\mathcal{O}_m) = \Delta_{K_m/F_m}^2$, by Lemma A.13 and $\Delta_{K_m/F_m} = \mathfrak{p}_2^2$ by Corollary A.16 so $\text{discrd}(\mathcal{O}_m) = \mathfrak{p}_2^2$. There are $[F_m : \mathbb{Q}] = \varphi(m)/2 = 2^{e-2} \in 2\mathbb{Z}$ infinite places in F_m which all ramify in \mathcal{A}_m . Since $\text{disc}_{F_m}(\mathcal{A}_m) \mid \text{discrd}(\mathcal{O}_m)$, the unique finite place of F_m which can potentially ramify in \mathcal{A}_m is \mathfrak{p}_2 . But then by Hilbert reciprocity law (3),

$$1 = \underbrace{\prod_{v_\infty} \left(\frac{a_m, -1}{v_\infty} \right)}_{=(-1)^{\text{deg}(F_m)} = 1} \cdot \prod_{\mathfrak{p}} \left(\frac{a_m, -1}{\mathfrak{p}} \right) = \left(\frac{a_m, -1}{\mathfrak{p}_2} \right) \cdot \prod_{\mathfrak{p} \nmid (2)} \underbrace{\left(\frac{a_m, -1}{\mathfrak{p}} \right)}_{=1} = \left(\frac{a_m, -1}{\mathfrak{p}_2} \right).$$

- so \mathcal{A}_m does not ramify at \mathfrak{p}_2 and $\text{disc}_{F_m}(\mathcal{A}_m) = \mathcal{O}_{F_m}$.
2. If $m = p^e$ or $2p^e$ with $p = 1 \pmod{4}$, then Corollary A.16 gives $\Delta_{K_m/F_m} = \mathfrak{p}$ so $\text{discrd}(\mathcal{O}_m) = \mathfrak{p}$. There are $[F_m : \mathbb{Q}] = \varphi(m)/2 = (p-1)p^{e-1}/2 \in 2\mathbb{Z}$ infinite places in F_m which all ramify in \mathcal{A}_m . In the same way, the unique finite place of F_m which can potentially ramify in \mathcal{A}_m is \mathfrak{p} . Again by Hilbert reciprocity law, \mathcal{A}_m can't ramify at \mathfrak{p} so $\text{disc}_{F_m}(\mathcal{A}_m) = \mathcal{O}_{F_m}$.
3. If $m = p^e$ or $2p^e$ with $p = 3 \pmod{4}$, then Corollary A.16 gives $\Delta_{K_m/F_m} = \mathfrak{p}$ so $\text{discrd}(\mathcal{O}_m) = \mathfrak{p}$. There are $[F_m : \mathbb{Q}] = \varphi(m)/2 = (p-1)p^{e-1}/2 \in (2\mathbb{Z} + 1)$ infinite places in F_m which all ramify in \mathcal{A}_m . In the same way, the unique finite place of F_m which can potentially ramify in \mathcal{A}_m is \mathfrak{p} . Now Hilbert reciprocity law implies that \mathcal{A}_m must ramify at \mathfrak{p} , so $\text{disc}_{F_m}(\mathcal{A}_m) = \mathfrak{p}$. Finally, $\text{discrd}(\mathcal{O}_m) = \text{disc}_{F_m}(\mathcal{A}_m)$ so \mathcal{O}_m is maximal, by Lemma A.8.

4. In all other cases, Corollary A.16 gives $\Delta_{K_m/F_m} = \mathcal{O}_{F_m}$ so $\text{disc}_{F_m}(\mathcal{A}_m) = \text{discrd}(\mathcal{O}_m) = \mathcal{O}_{F_m}$ and \mathcal{O}_m is maximal, by Lemma A.8.

□

Algorithm 4: Computing a maximal order $\widetilde{\mathcal{O}}_m \supset \mathcal{O}_m = \mathcal{O}_{K_m} \oplus \mathcal{O}_{K_m} \cdot j$

Input: An integer $m \in \mathbb{N}_{>2}$ ($m \neq 4$), a primitive m -th root of unity ζ_m .
 $K_m = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_m)$ (resp. $F_m = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_m + \zeta_m^{-1})$). A pseudo-basis
 $(B, \{\mathfrak{a}, \mathfrak{b}\})$ of $\mathcal{O}_{K_m} = \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_m]$ over $\mathcal{O}_{F_m} = \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_m + \zeta_m^{-1}]$.

Output: A pseudo-basis over \mathcal{O}_{F_m} of a maximal order containing \mathcal{O}_m .

- 1 Check if $m = 2^e, p^e$ or $2p^e$ and if $p = 1$ or $3 \pmod{4}$;
 - 2 Compute (the prime factorization of) $\text{disc}_{F_m}(\mathcal{A}_m)$ and $\text{discrd}(\mathcal{O}_m)$ ▷
 Thanks to Corollary A.17;
 - 3 **if** $\text{disc}_{F_m}(\mathcal{A}_m) = \text{discrd}(\mathcal{O}_m)$ **then**
 - 4 **return** $(\text{diag}(B, B), \{\mathfrak{a}, \mathfrak{b}, \mathfrak{a}, \mathfrak{b}\})$
 - 5 **else**
 - 6 $\widetilde{\mathcal{O}}_m \leftarrow$ \mathfrak{p} -maximal order containing \mathcal{O}_m ▷ Using Lemma A.10;
 - 7 **return** $(\widetilde{\mathcal{O}}_m)$
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Proposition A.18. For $m \in \mathbb{N}_{>2}, m \neq 4$ and with the previous notations, Algorithm 4 computes (a pseudo-basis of) a maximal order $\widetilde{\mathcal{O}}_m$ of \mathcal{A}_m containing the order $\mathcal{O}_m = \mathcal{O}_{K_m} \oplus \mathcal{O}_{K_m} \cdot j$. Moreover, it runs in polynomial time in the degree $d_m = \varphi(m) = [K_m : \mathbb{Q}]$.

Proof. Correctness. If $\text{disc}_{F_m}(\mathcal{A}_m) = \text{discrd}(\mathcal{O}_m)$, then Lemma A.8 ensures that \mathcal{O}_m is already maximal. Otherwise, Corollary A.17 tells us that we have $\text{discrd}(\mathcal{O}_m) = \mathfrak{p}$ or \mathfrak{p}^2 . In both cases, $v_{\mathfrak{p}}(\text{disc}_{F_m}(\mathcal{A}_m)) = 0$ and $v_{\mathfrak{q}}(\text{disc}_{F_m}(\mathcal{A}_m)) = v_{\mathfrak{q}}(\text{discrd}(\mathcal{O}_m)) = 0$ for any prime $\mathfrak{q} \neq \mathfrak{p}$, so it is enough to build an order $\widetilde{\mathcal{O}}_m \supset \mathcal{O}_m$ which is \mathfrak{p} -maximal *i.e.*, such that $v_{\mathfrak{p}}(\text{discrd}(\widetilde{\mathcal{O}}_m))$ is maximal. This is done in step 6, according to Lemma A.10.

Complexity. One can check if m is either of the form $2^e, p^e$ or $2p^e$, in polynomial time in m . Step 6 is achieved in polynomial time in $\text{rank}_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathcal{O}) = 2d$ and in $\text{size}(\mathcal{O}) = \text{poly}(d_m, \log \Delta_{K_m}) = \text{poly}(d_m)$, as $\log \Delta_{K_m} = \text{poly}(d_m)$ holds for cyclotomic fields (see [41, Proposition 2.1]). □

A.3 Units of reduced norm 1 of an order

Recall that our setting is a CM extension K/F of number fields, and a totally definite quaternion algebra $\mathcal{A} = (\frac{a, -1}{F})$, where a is such that $K = F(\sqrt{a})$. Let \mathcal{A}^\times resp. \mathcal{A}^1 is the set of elements with non-zero reduced norm (equivalently, invertible), resp. reduced norm equal to 1. For any order \mathcal{O} in \mathcal{A} , we let $\mathcal{O}^\times = \mathcal{A}^\times \cap \mathcal{O}$ (so, the units of \mathcal{O}) and $\mathcal{O}^1 = \mathcal{A}^1 \cap \mathcal{O}$. Lastly, we let $\mathcal{O}_K^\times, \mathcal{O}_K^1$ and $\mathcal{O}_F^\times, \mathcal{O}_F^1$ the intersection of \mathcal{A}^\times resp. \mathcal{A}^1 with \mathcal{O}_K , resp. \mathcal{O}_F .

We now precise the structure of \mathcal{O}^\times and \mathcal{O}^1 .

Proposition A.19 ([40, Proposition 32.3.7]). *Let \mathcal{O} be a maximal order of a definite quaternion algebra \mathcal{A} . Then \mathcal{O}^1 is a finite group.*

We are mostly concerned with the possible size of \mathcal{O}^1 , and the goal of this section is to show that it remains small. The structure of \mathcal{O}^1 can sometimes be elucidated, but following [40, Chap. 32], it is easier to understand working modulo signs. Let $P\mathcal{A}^\times := \mathcal{A}^\times/F^\times$. In the totally definite case, $\mathcal{O}^1/\{\pm 1\}$ is not only a finite subgroup of $P\mathcal{A}^1$, but its structure is also known to some extent.

A dihedral group D_m can be understood as the group of symmetry of a regular polygon with m vertices, and thus is generated by a reflexion τ and a cyclic permutation σ of order m . It is non commutative when $m > 2$, as we have $\tau\sigma\tau = \sigma^{-1}$. Recall that S_n is the group of all the permutations of n symbols, and A_n is its subgroup of even permutations.

Proposition A.20 ([40, Proposition 32.4.1]). *The finite subgroups of $P\mathcal{A}^\times$ are cyclic, dihedral, or isomorphic to a permutation group A_4, S_4, A_5 . In particular, the group $\mathcal{O}^1/\{\pm 1\}$ is of this form.*

Finite groups of $P\mathcal{A}^\times$ isomorphic to a permutation group are called exceptional. Their size is constant (respectively 12, 24 and 60), and particularly independent of the CM extension K/F . We will show that for many (and the most interesting) cases, $\mathcal{O}^1/\{\pm 1\}$ will not be an exceptional group.

There are known characterizations and even descriptions (up to isomorphism) of each of the possible situations above, proved in [40, Proposition 32.5.1, 32.5.5, 32.5.8, 32.6.6, 32.7.1]. We separate the exceptional and non-exceptional cases for clarity.

Proposition A.21 (Characterizations of non-exceptional groups).

- $P\mathcal{A}^\times$ contains a cyclic subgroup Γ of order $m > 2$ if and only there exists a primitive m -th root of unity ζ_m in an algebraic closure of F , such that $\zeta_m + \zeta_m^{-1} \in F$ and $F(\zeta_m) = K$.²⁷
- $P\mathcal{A}^1$ contains a cyclic subgroup of order m if and only if $P\mathcal{A}^\times$ contains one of order $2m$. In this case, it contains $\langle \zeta_{2m} \rangle$, of order m .
- $P\mathcal{A}^1$ contains a dihedral group of order $2m > 4$ if and only if, with the notation ζ_m as above, we have $K = F(1 + \zeta_m)$.

When there exists a cyclic group Γ in $P\mathcal{A}^\times$, then it is conjugated to $\langle 1 + \zeta_m \rangle$, the group generated by $1 + \zeta_m$, by an element of \mathcal{A}^\times .

Proposition A.22 (Characterizations of exceptional groups). *The group $P\mathcal{A}^1$ contains a subgroup isomorphic to:*

- A_4 if and only if $a^2 = -1$;
- S_4 if and only if $a^2 = -1$ and $\sqrt{2} \in F$;
- A_5 if and only if $a^2 = -1$ and $\sqrt{5} \in F$.

²⁷ In [40, Proposition 32.5.1] the condition that K splits \mathcal{A} is needed. The latter is in fact automatic for us, thanks to [40, Proposition 2.3.1].

Any such subgroups are isomorphic if and only if they are conjugated by an element of \mathcal{A}^\times .

These exceptional characterizations can be understood informally by the presence of $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(1 \pm \epsilon)$, of order 4 (modulo sign) and $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\epsilon \pm \epsilon')$ of order 2 (modulo sign) when $\sqrt{2} \in F$, for ϵ, ϵ' distinct in $\{i, j, k\}$. Algebraically, one then works out the structure of S_4 , or identifies these quaternions to symmetries of regular polygons. In the typical usecase where K is a power-of-two cyclotomic field, these exceptional groups appear in $P\mathcal{A}^1$. The case of $\sqrt{5}$ involves the golden ratio and can also be worked out similarly, see [40, Chap. 11].

While copies of all these well-identified groups can be explicitly written out in $P\mathcal{A}^\times$, without the knowledge of the conjugating element $\delta \in \mathcal{A}^\times$, we only know them “up to isomorphism” and cannot explicitly compute with them. We now characterize the elements of norm 1 in $\mathcal{O}_K + \mathcal{O}_K \cdot j$. Recall that $\mu(K)$ is the group of roots of unity in the number field K , which is cyclic [32, 7.4].

Corollary A.23 (Corollary of 2.3). *Let $\mathcal{O}_0 := \mathcal{O}_K + \mathcal{O}_K \cdot j$. We have $\mathcal{O}_0^1 = \langle j, \mu(K) \rangle$, that is, \mathcal{O}_0^1 is the group generated by j and $\mu(K)$*

Proof. Let $x = a + bj \in \mathcal{O}_0$. We have $x \in \mathcal{O}_0^1$ if and only if $\text{nrd}(x) = a\bar{a} + b\bar{b} = 1$. Corollary 2.3 gives the solutions. \square

This tells us that $\mathcal{O}_0^1/\{\pm 1\}$ is a dihedral group of size at least $|\mu(K)|$. When $\mu(K)$ is large enough, $\mathcal{O}^1/\{\pm 1\}$ then cannot be exceptional. We sum-up these observations in the next proposition.

Proposition A.24. *Let \mathcal{O} be a maximal order containing \mathcal{O}_0 and $d = [F : \mathbb{Q}]$. If $|\mu(K)| \geq 61$, then $\mathcal{O}^1/\{\pm 1\}$ is dihedral and \mathcal{O}^1 has at most $16d^2$ elements.*

Proof. By inclusion, we have $\mathcal{O}^1 \supset \langle j, \mu(K) \rangle = \mathcal{O}_0^1$. Let G, G_0 be respectively $\mathcal{O}^1/\{\pm 1\}$ and $\mathcal{O}_0^1/\{\pm 1\}$. Because $|G_0| > 60$, neither G or G_0 can be any of the exceptional groups, thus they are cyclic or dihedral. In any of this cases, the cyclic component of G , generated by γ (say), contains the cyclic component $\mu(K)/\{\pm 1\}$ of G_0 generated by ζ . This means that γ commutes with ζ , and that $\pm\gamma^k = \pm\zeta$, for some integer $k \geq 1$. By cardinality of $\mu(K)$, we also see that $\gamma \neq -1$ and therefore $\gamma \notin F$. Now, ζ or $-\zeta$ is a primitive root of 1 in $K \setminus F$, so we have $F \subsetneq F(\zeta) \subset K$. Because K is quadratic over F , this means that we have $K = F(\zeta) \subset F(\gamma) \subset \mathcal{A}$. Since all elements in \mathcal{A} have degree at most 2 over F , with minimal polynomial $T^2 - (\gamma + \bar{\gamma})T + \text{nrd}(\gamma)$, $F(\gamma)$ has degree 2 over F and thus actually $F(\gamma) = K$. We deduce that γ and $-\gamma$ are roots of unity in K , and one (or both) of them any generator of $\mu(K)$. The conclusion comes from Lemma 2.4. \square

A more general version of this proposition is as follows:

Proposition A.25. *Let K be a CM field, such that $K = F(\sqrt{a})$ is a quadratic extension of a totally real field F of degree $d = [F : \mathbb{Q}]$. Let \mathcal{O}' be an order in $\mathcal{A} = (\frac{K, -1}{F})$. If $d > 2$, then \mathcal{O}'^1 has at most $16d^2$ elements.*

Proof. $\mathcal{O}^1/\{\pm 1\}$ is a finite subgroup of $P\mathcal{A}^1$. According to Proposition A.21, and [40, Proposition 32.7.1], the finites subgroup of $P\mathcal{A}^1$ are either dihedral, cyclic, or conjugated to an exceptionnal subgroup A_4, A_5 or S_4 . If $\mathcal{O}^1/\{\pm 1\}$ falls in the latter case, considering the size of each of these groups, this means that $|\mathcal{O}^1/\{\pm 1\}| \leq 60$.

Suppose now that $\mathcal{O}^1/\{\pm 1\}$ is cyclic of order m . Then by Proposition A.21, it is conjugated to the group generated by ζ_{2m} , where ζ_{2m} is a $2m$ -th root of unity in \mathcal{A} (so a m -th root of -1) such that $\mathcal{A} = (\frac{F(\zeta_{2m}), -1}{F})$. Again by Proposition A.21, $\zeta_{2m} + \zeta_{2m}^{-1} \in F$, so the minimal polynomial of ζ_{2m} in $F[T]$ is $T^2 - (\zeta_{2m} + \zeta_{2m}^{-1})T + 1$. This polynomial is of degree 2, and so $[F(\zeta_{2m}) : F] = 2$. We know, according to Lemma 2.4, that $\mu(F)$ is a cyclic group of order $\leq 2d^2$, so $\mu(F(\zeta_{2m}))$ is a cyclic group of order $\leq 8d^2$, so $2m$ is at most equal to $8d^2$. To sum up, in this case, we have $|\mathcal{O}^1/\{\pm 1\}| \leq 4d^2$, and $|\mathcal{O}^1| \leq 8d^2$.

Finally, if $\mathcal{O}^1/\{\pm 1\}$ is dihedral of order $2m > 4$, then by Proposition A.21, it contains a cyclic subgroup of order m . As per the same argument as above, $m \leq 4d^2$, $|\mathcal{O}^1/\{\pm 1\}| \leq 8d^2$, and $|\mathcal{O}^1| \leq 16d^2$.

Since we assumed in the Proposition that $d > 2$, we have $16d^2 > 120$, and so, to sum up, $|\mathcal{O}^1| \leq 16d^2$. \square

Quaternion algebra over cyclotomic fields. The special case of cyclotomic CM extensions can be made explicit for large conductors, so we isolate its formulation for the sake of clarity and reusability. Recall the notation K_m for the cyclotomic field $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_m)$, with maximal totally real subfield F_m . Denote by \mathcal{A}_m the quaternion algebra $K_m + K_m \cdot j$ over F_m , with order $\mathcal{O}_m = \mathcal{O}_{K_m} + \mathcal{O}_{K_m} \cdot j$. Finally, $\widetilde{\mathcal{O}}_m$ denotes a maximal order containing \mathcal{O}_m . The following result explicits $\widetilde{\mathcal{O}}_m$ in all but one cases.

Corollary A.26. *Let $m \geq 2$ be an integer. If m is of the form $m = 2^e$ or $m = p^e$ or $2p^e$ with $p = 1 \pmod{4}$ prime, suppose furthermore that $m \geq 31$. Then,*

$$\widetilde{\mathcal{O}}_m^1 = \mathcal{O}_m^1 = \langle \pm \zeta_m, j \rangle.$$

Remark A.27. Let G be the subgroup of $\text{Aut}(\mathcal{O}_{K_m}^2)$ formed by diagonal matrices $\text{diag}(a, \bar{a})$ (c.f., Proposition 3.13) and H the subgroup of matrices either diagonal or antidiagonal with coefficients $a \in \mu(K_m)$ on the first row, and 1 on the second. Then G is a normal subgroup and $G \cap H = \{\text{Id}\}$. Moreover, one checks that $G \cdot H = \text{Aut}(\mathcal{O}_{K_m}^2)$, so $\text{Aut}(\mathcal{O}_{K_m}^2)$ is isomorphic to a semi-direct product $G \rtimes H$. Through the natural embedding $\mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A} \otimes_{F_m} K_m \simeq \mathcal{M}_2(K_m)$, the order \mathcal{O}_m is mapped to $\mathcal{M}_2(\mathcal{O}_{K_m})$ and \mathcal{O}_m^1 to G . Automorphisms in $\text{Aut}(\mathcal{O}_{K_m}^2) \setminus G$ do not correspond to quaternions.