# Math 361

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# Today

- ► Operations on ideals.
- Example of using ideals to recapture uniqueness of factorization.

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Exercise: These are ideals.

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$$6 = 2 \cdot 3 = (1 + \sqrt{-5})(1 - \sqrt{-5})$$

where  $2,3,1\pm\sqrt{-5}$  are non-associated irreducibles, and none are prime.

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These ideals are prime, and

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