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Waring's problem in quadratic number fields. Addendum

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I am grateful to Professor P. T. Bateman for pointing out to me that there is some overlap between the results of [2] and those contained in [1] and [5]. In particular [2; Theorem 8] is a special case of [5; Theorem 10].

However, some of the results of [5] can be improved. Thus in the ring of Gaussian integers, it has been shown [3], that $g(3) \leq 4$, i.e. that every Gaussian integer is the sum of at most four cubes of Gaussian integers. It is easily seen that $g(3) \geq 3$ in this case, but which of the values 3 or 4 is the correct one is not known.

For fourth powers, we consider, again in the ring of Gaussian integers, two quantities $g(4)$ and $v(4)$, respectively the least number of fourth powers required to represent any member of J_4 as their sum, or as their sum or difference. In [4] it is shown that $g(4) \leq 18$, and in [5] that $g(4) \leq 14$ and $v(4) \leq 10$. We now show that $g(4) \leq 10$ and $v(4) \leq 8$. We have the identity

$$120x - 131 = (2x+1)^4 + (x-2+2i)^4 + (x-2-2i)^4 + \{(2+i)x\}^4 + \{(2-i)x\}^4 + \{(1+i)(x+1)\}^4,$$

and so if $r \equiv -11 \pmod{120}$, r can be represented as the sum of six fourth powers. To conclude the proof that $g(4) \leq 10$, we observe that if $r \in J_4$ then $r \equiv 0$ or $\pm 1 \pmod{3}$ and $r \equiv 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3$ or $4 \pmod{8}$ and it is easily seen that for any such r it is possible to choose $a, \beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_3, \beta_4, \gamma_1, \gamma_2, \gamma_3, \gamma_4, \delta_1, \delta_2, \delta_3$, and δ_4 to satisfy

$$\begin{aligned} r - a^4 &\equiv 1 \pmod{3}, \\ r - \beta_1^4 - \beta_2^4 - \beta_3^4 - \beta_4^4 &\equiv 5 \pmod{8}, \\ r - \gamma_1^4 - \gamma_2^4 - \gamma_3^4 - \gamma_4^4 &\equiv -1 \pmod{1+2i}, \\ r - \delta_1^4 - \delta_2^4 - \delta_3^4 - \delta_4^4 &\equiv -1 \pmod{1-2i}. \end{aligned}$$