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Indeed,

$$(2, \omega)(2, \omega') = \left(4, 2\omega, 2\omega', \frac{1-d}{4}\right) = A2 \left(2, \omega, \omega', \frac{1-d}{8}\right) = A2,$$

because  $\omega + \omega' = 1$ .

Also  $(2, \omega) \neq (2, \omega')$ , otherwise these ideals are equal to their sum  $(2, \omega, \omega') = A$ , because  $\omega + \omega' = 1$ .

c) If  $d \equiv 2$  or  $3 \pmod{4}$  then  $A2 = (2, \sqrt{d})^2$ , respectively  $(2, 1+\sqrt{d})^2$ . First let  $d = 4e + 2$  then

$$(2, \sqrt{d})^2 = (4, 2\sqrt{d}, d) = A2(2, \sqrt{d}, 2e+1) = A2,$$

so  $(2, \sqrt{d})$  is a prime ideal.

Now, let  $d = 4e + 3$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} (2, 1+\sqrt{d})^2 &= (4, 2+2\sqrt{d}, 1+d+2\sqrt{d}) = (4, 2+2\sqrt{d}, 4(e+1)+2\sqrt{d}) \\ &= A2(2, 1+\sqrt{d}, 2(e+1)+\sqrt{d}) = A2(2, 2e+1, 1+\sqrt{d}, 2(e+1)+\sqrt{d}) = A2 \end{aligned}$$

and so  $(2, 1+\sqrt{d})$  is a prime ideal.

Finally, these three cases are exclusive and exhaustive, so the converse assertions also hold.  $\square$

## E) UNITS

The element  $\alpha \in A$  is a unit if there exists  $\beta \in A$  such that  $\alpha\beta = 1$ . The set  $U$  of units is a group under multiplication. Here is a description of the group of units in the various cases. First let  $d < 0$ .

Let  $d \neq -1, -3$ . Then  $U = \{\pm 1\}$ .

Let  $d = -1$ . Then  $U = \{\pm 1, \pm i\}$ , with  $i = \sqrt{-1}$ .

Let  $d = -3$ . Then  $U = \{\pm 1, \pm \rho, \pm \rho^2\}$ , with  $\rho^3 = 1$ ,  $\rho \neq 1$ , i.e.

$$\rho = \frac{-1 + \sqrt{-3}}{2}.$$

Let  $d > 0$ . Then the group of units is the product  $U = \{\pm 1\} \times C$ , where  $C$  is a multiplicative cyclic group. Thus  $C = \{\varepsilon^n \mid n \in \mathbf{Z}\}$ , where  $\varepsilon$  is the smallest unit such that  $\varepsilon > 1$ .  $\varepsilon$  is called the fundamental unit.