

Theorem (Fermat). *Let $p \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ with $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ be a prime. Then: there are $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$ with $x^2 + y^2 = p$.*

Proof. Let $\chi_4 : \mathbb{F}_p^\times \rightarrow \mu_4 \subseteq \mathbb{C}^\times$, and note that $J := \sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_p} \chi_4(x) \chi_4(1-x) \in \mathbb{Z}[i]$ has $|J|^2 = p$.