

ALGEBRAIC NUMBER THEORY II

**Problem Set 0**

**Exercise 1.**

- i) Let  $k$  be a finite field and  $|\cdot|: k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$  an absolute value. Prove that  $|x| = 1$  for every  $x \in k^\times$ .
- ii) Let  $k$  be a field of characteristic  $p$ . Show that there does not exist an archimedean absolute value on  $k$ .
- iii) Give two non-equivalent archimedean absolute values on  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})$ .

**Exercise 2.** Let  $k$  be a field with a non-archimedean absolute value  $|\cdot|$ . For  $x, y \in k$ , define  $d(x, y) = |x - y|$ .

- i) Show that if  $|x| \neq |y|$ , then  $|x + y| = \max\{|x|, |y|\}$ .
- ii) For  $a \in k$  and  $r \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$ , let  $D(a, r) = \{x \in k \mid d(x, a) \leq r\}$  be the “closed” disc of center  $a$  and radius  $r$ . Show that  $D(a, r)$  is open and closed in  $k$ .
- iii) Show that two discs  $D$  and  $D'$  are either disjoint or concentric (that is, there exists  $a \in k$  and  $r, r' \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$  such that  $D = D(a, r)$  and  $D' = D(a, r')$ ).
- iv) Show that every triangle is isosceles: if for  $x, y, z \in k$  one has  $d(x, z) < d(y, z)$ , then  $d(y, z) = d(x, y)$ .

**Exercise 3.** Write the 5-adic expansions of  $\frac{2}{3}$ ,  $-\frac{2}{3}$  as elements of  $\mathbb{Z}_5$ .

*Solution:*

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{2}{3} &= 4 + 1 \cdot 5 + 3 \cdot 5^2 + 1 \cdot 5^3 + 3 \cdot 5^4 + \dots \\ -\frac{2}{3} &= 1 + 3 \cdot 5 + 1 \cdot 5^2 + 3 \cdot 5^3 + 1 \cdot 5^4 + \dots\end{aligned}$$

**Exercise 4.** Write the first 4 digits in the 7-adic expansion of a root of the polynomial  $x^2 - 2 \in \mathbb{Z}_7[x]$ .

*Solution:*

$$3 + 1 \cdot 7 + 2 \cdot 7^2 + 6 \cdot 7^3.$$

**Exercise 5.** The only field automorphism of  $\mathbb{Q}_p$  is the identity.

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**Problem Set 1**

Due date: 26/4/2016

**Exercise 1.**

1. Let  $E/K$  be a Galois extension and let  $M/K$  be a Galois subextension of  $E/K$ . Let  $\mathfrak{p}$  be a nonzero prime ideal of  $K$ , let  $\mathfrak{P}$  be a prime ideal of  $L$  lying over  $\mathfrak{p}$ , and write  $\mathfrak{p}_M = \mathfrak{p} \cap M$ . Then  $e_{M/K}(\mathfrak{p}_M) = f_{M/K}(\mathfrak{p}_M) = 1$  if and only if the decomposition group  $D_{E/K}(\mathfrak{P}) \subseteq \text{Gal}(E/M)$ .
2. Let  $\mathfrak{p}$  be a nonzero prime ideal of a number field  $K$ . Let  $L/K$  and  $L'/K$  be finite Galois extensions. Show that  $\mathfrak{p}$  is split in  $LL'/K$  if and only if it is split in  $L/K$  and  $L'/K$ .

**Exercise 2.** Show that the polynomial  $x^3 - 3x^2 + 2x + 3 \in \mathbb{Z}_3[x]$  decomposes into linear factors over  $\mathbb{Q}_3$ .

**Exercise 3.** Let  $K/\mathbb{Q}_p$  be a finite extension, and denote by  $\mathfrak{p}$  the maximal ideal of the valuation ring of  $K$ . Write  $p\mathcal{O}_K = \mathfrak{p}^e$ . Write  $U^{(n)} = 1 + \mathfrak{p}^n$  for  $n \geq 1$ .

- i) Show that for  $1 + x \in U^{(1)}$ , the following series converges

$$\log(1 + x) = x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} - \dots$$

- ii) Show that for  $x \in \mathfrak{p}^n$  with  $n > \frac{e}{p-1}$ , the following series converges

$$\exp(x) = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots$$

*Hint: Let  $v_p$  be the  $p$ -adic valuation of  $\mathbb{Q}_p$ . Show that if  $\nu = \sum_{i=0}^r a_i p^i$ , with  $0 \leq a_i < p$ , then  $v_p(\nu!) = \frac{1}{p-1} \sum_{i=0}^r a_i (p^i - 1)$ .*

- iii) For  $n > \frac{e}{p-1}$  show that  $\log$  maps  $U^{(n)}$  into  $\mathfrak{p}^n$  and  $\exp$  maps  $\mathfrak{p}^n$  into  $U^{(n)}$ .

*Hint: Show that if  $v_{\mathfrak{p}}$  denotes the normalized valuation of  $K$ , then  $v_{\mathfrak{p}}(\log(1+x)) = v_{\mathfrak{p}}(x)$  and  $v_{\mathfrak{p}}(\exp(x) - 1) = v_{\mathfrak{p}}(x)$  for  $v_{\mathfrak{p}}(x) > \frac{e}{p-1}$ .*

- iv) Deduce that for  $n > \frac{e}{p-1}$ ,  $\log: U^{(n)} \rightarrow \mathfrak{p}^n$  and  $\exp: \mathfrak{p}^n \rightarrow U^{(n)}$  are mutually inverse isomorphisms.

*Hint: Simply invoke the following identities of formal power series:*

$$\log((1+X)(1+Y)) = \log(1+X) + \log(1+Y), \quad \exp(X+Y) = \exp(X) \exp(Y),$$

$$\exp(\log(1+X)) = 1+X, \quad \log(\exp(X)) = X.$$

**Exercise 4.** Let  $((X_i)_{i \in I}, (f_{ij})_{i \leq j \in I})$  be an inverse system of topological spaces  $X_i$  and continuous maps  $f_{ij}: X_j \rightarrow X_i$ . The inverse limit  $X = \varprojlim X_i$  is endowed with projection maps

$$p_i: X \rightarrow X_i.$$

Equip  $X$  with the following topology:  $U \subseteq X$  is an open set if and only if  $U$  is a union of subsets of the form  $p_{i_1}^{-1}(U_{i_1}) \cap \cdots \cap p_{i_n}^{-1}(U_{i_n})$  for  $i_\nu \in I$  and  $U_{i_\nu} \subseteq X_{i_\nu}$  open.

- i) Show that this is the coarsest topology such that all maps  $p_i$  are continuous.
- ii) Show that if  $Y$  is a topological space and  $g_i: Y \rightarrow X_i$  are continuous maps such that  $g_i = f_{ij} \circ g_j$ , then there exists a unique continuous map  $u: Y \rightarrow X$  such that  $g_i = p_i \circ u$ .

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**Problem Set 2**

Due date: 3/5/2016

**Exercise 1.** A *topological group*  $G$  is a topological space endowed with a group structure such that the operations of product

$$G \times G \rightarrow G, \quad (x, y) \mapsto xy$$

and taking inverses

$$G \rightarrow G, \quad x \mapsto x^{-1}$$

are continuous maps. Let  $G$  and  $G'$  be topological groups.

- i) Show that a subgroup  $H \subseteq G$  is open if and only if it contains an open neighbourhood of the identity element  $1 \in G$ .
- ii) Show that a group homomorphism  $f: G \rightarrow G'$  is continuous if and only if there is a basis of open neighbourhoods  $\mathcal{B}$  of the identity  $1 \in G'$  such that  $f^{-1}(B)$  is open for every  $B \in \mathcal{B}$ .
- iii) Show that every open subgroup of  $G$  is also closed.
- iv) Give an example of a closed and non-open subgroup in a topological group.

**Exercise 2.** Let  $K$  be a field with a non-trivial non-archimedean absolute value  $|\cdot|$ . Suppose that  $K$  is locally compact with the topology induced by  $|\cdot|$ . Prove that then  $K$  is complete,  $|\cdot|$  is discrete, and the residue field is finite.

**Exercise 3.** Let  $K$  be a local field. Prove that:

- i) If  $\text{Char}(K) = 0$ , then  $(K^\times)^n$  is an open subgroup of  $K^\times$  for every  $n \geq 1$ .
- ii) If  $\text{Char}(K) = p$ , then  $(K^\times)^n$  is an open subgroup of  $K^\times$  if and only if  $p \nmid n$ .

*Hint: Use the “p-adic Newton method” in the form that given  $f \in \mathcal{O}_K[X]$  and  $a \in \mathcal{O}_K$  with  $|f(a)| < |f'(a)|^2$  there exists a zero  $b$  of  $f$  in  $\mathcal{O}_K$ .*

**Exercise 4.** Let  $K$  be a complete non-archimedean field and let  $\overline{K}$  denote an algebraic closure. Let  $\alpha, \beta \in \overline{K}$ , assume that  $\alpha$  is separable over  $K(\beta)$ , and let  $\alpha = \alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n$  be the Galois conjugates of  $\alpha$  over  $K$ . Prove that if

$$|\alpha - \beta| < |\alpha - \alpha_i|$$

for  $2 \leq i \leq n$ , then  $K(\alpha) \subseteq K(\beta)$ .

*Hint: Note that it is enough to show that  $\tau(\alpha) = \alpha$  for all  $\tau \in \text{Hom}_{K(\beta)}(K(\alpha, \beta), \overline{K})$ .*

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### Problem Set 3

Due date: 10/5/2016

**Exercise 1.** Give an example of a field  $K$ , complete with respect to a non-archimedean absolute value and with perfect residue class field, and two totally ramified extensions  $L_1/K$  and  $L_2/K$  such that their compositum  $L_1L_2/K$  is not totally ramified.

### Exercise 2.

- i) Prove that there exists a sequence  $\{a_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subseteq \mathbb{Z}$  satisfying

$$a_n \equiv a_m \pmod{m}$$

whenever  $m|n$ , but such that there is no  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $a_n \equiv a \pmod{n}$  for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

- ii) Now let  $\mathbb{F}_q$  be a finite field,  $q$  some prime power. Deduce from part i) that  $\text{Frob}_q^{\mathbb{Z}} \subsetneq \text{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{F}}_q/\mathbb{F}_q)$ .

**Exercise 3.** Let  $G$  be a profinite group and let  $G'$  be the closure of its commutator group  $[G, G]$ . Show that  $G^{\text{ab}} = G/G'$  is a profinite group and that every continuous homomorphism  $G \rightarrow A$ , where  $A$  is an abelian profinite group, factors through  $G^{\text{ab}}$ .

### Exercise 4.

- i) Let  $K$  be a local field of characteristic 0. Show that every subgroup of  $K^\times$  of finite index is open.
- ii) Let  $K$  be the extension field of  $\mathbb{Q}$  generated by all  $\sqrt{p}$  where  $p$  is a prime number. Show that  $G := \text{Gal}(K/\mathbb{Q}) \cong \prod_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ . Via this identification, let  $H = \bigoplus_{\mathbb{N}} \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \subset G$ . Show that  $H$  is dense in  $G$ . Prove that there exists a subgroup  $H' \subset H \subset G$  such that  $G/H'$  is finite but non-trivial (choose a basis of the  $\mathbb{F}_2$ -vector space  $G/H$  in order to find such a  $H'$ ). Conclude that  $G$  has normal subgroups of finite index which are not open. (*Remark.* It is easy to deduce that also  $\text{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q})$  has normal subgroups of finite index which are not open.)

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**Problem Set 4**

Due date: 17/5/2016

**Exercise 1.** Let  $E/K$  be a finite Galois extension of local fields. Prove that  $\text{Gal}(E/K)$  is solvable.

**Exercise 2.** Let  $L/K$  be an unramified extension of non-archimedean local fields. Let  $f = [L : K]$ , let  $\pi \in K$  be a uniformizer, and let  $\kappa$  and  $\lambda$  be the residue fields of  $K$  and  $L$ .

- i) Let  $n = |\lambda| - 1$  and  $m = |\kappa| - 1$ . The  $m$ th (resp.  $n$ th) roots of unity are contained in  $K$  (resp.  $L$ ). Prove that for every  $m$ th root of unity  $\zeta$  in  $K$  there is an  $n$ th root of unity  $\xi$  in  $L$  such that  $N_{L/K}(\xi) = \zeta$ .

*Hint: It is enough to show that if  $\xi$  is a primitive  $n$ th root of unity, then*

$$N_{L/K}(\xi) = \xi^{1+|\kappa|+|\kappa|^2+\dots+|\kappa|^{f-1}}$$

*is a primitive  $m$ th root of unity.*

- ii) Prove that  $N_{L/K}(L^\times) = \langle \pi^f \rangle \times \mathcal{O}^\times$ , where  $\mathcal{O}$  denotes the ring of integers of  $K$ .

*Hint: The difficulty is showing that  $\mathcal{O}^\times$  is contained in  $N_{L/K}(L^\times)$ . Let  $\bar{\gamma}$  be a generator of  $\lambda^\times$  and let  $\bar{\alpha} = N_{\lambda/\kappa}(\bar{\gamma})$  be a generator of  $\kappa^\times$ . By i), it is enough to show that for every  $\alpha \in \mathcal{O}^\times$  such that  $\alpha \equiv \bar{\alpha} \pmod{\pi}$  there exists  $\gamma \in L^\times$  such that  $N_{L/K}(\gamma) = \alpha$ . Let  $f(T) \in \kappa[T]$  be the minimal polynomial of  $\bar{\gamma}$  over  $\kappa$ . Show that you can obtain such a  $\gamma$  as a root of a lift of  $f(T)$  in  $K[T]$ , whose constant term is  $(-1)^f \alpha$ .*

**Exercise 3.** Let  $K$  be a non-archimedean local field, and denote by  $\pi$  a uniformizer of  $K$ . Let  $K^{\text{un}}$  and  $K^{\text{tr}}$  be its maximal unramified and maximal tamely ramified extensions. Denote by  $I^{\text{tr}} = \text{Gal}(K^{\text{tr}}/K^{\text{ur}})$  the tame inertia group. Recall from the course that there is a canonical isomorphism

$$t_0: I^{\text{tr}} \xrightarrow{\cong} \varprojlim_{p \nmid e} \mu_e(K^{\text{un}})$$

induced by the isomorphisms  $\text{Gal}(K(\sqrt[e]{\pi})/K) \cong \mu_e(K^{\text{un}})$ ,  $\sigma \mapsto \sigma(\sqrt[e]{\pi})/\sqrt[e]{\pi}$  (where  $\sqrt[e]{\pi}$  denotes a fixed zero of  $X^e - \pi$ ).

1. Let  $\varphi \in \text{Gal}(K^{\text{un}}/K)$  be the Frobenius automorphism. Then  $\varphi$  acts on  $I^{\text{tr}}$  by conjugation (i.e., every lift of  $\varphi$  to an element of  $\text{Gal}(K^{\text{tr}}/K)$  acts on the normal subgroup  $I^{\text{tr}}$  by conjugation, and the action is independent of the lift). Show that

$$t_0(\varphi \sigma \varphi^{-1}) = t_0(\sigma)^q.$$

2. Conclude that the extension  $K^{\text{tr}}/K$  is not abelian.

**Exercise 4.**

- i) Give an example of a group  $G$  and an exact sequence of  $G$ -modules

$$0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \rightarrow 0$$

such that

$$0 \rightarrow A^G \rightarrow B^G \rightarrow C^G \rightarrow 0$$

is not exact.

- ii) Give an example of a group  $G$  and  $G$ -modules  $A$  and  $B$  such that the map

$$A^G \otimes B^G \rightarrow (A \otimes B)^G$$

is neither injective nor surjective.

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**Problem Set 5**

Due date: 24/5/2016

**Exercise 1.** Let

$$\cdots \longrightarrow C_1 \xrightarrow{d_1} C_0 \xrightarrow{d_0} C_{-1} \rightarrow \cdots$$

be a sequence of abelian groups such that for every  $q \in \mathbb{Z}$  there exists a group homomorphism  $h_q: C_q \rightarrow C_{q+1}$  such that  $h_{q-1} \circ d_q + d_{q+1} \circ h_q = \text{id}_{C_q}$ . Show that  $C_\bullet$  is exact if one of the following conditions is satisfied:

1. The sequence  $C_\bullet$  is a complex, i.e.,  $d_q \circ d_{q+1} = 0$  for all  $q$ .
2. We have  $C_q = 0$  for all  $q < -1$  and  $d_0 \circ d_1 = 0$  and that  $h_q$  is surjective for all  $q$ .

**Exercise 2.** Let  $G$  be a group and  $A$  a  $G$ -module. A map  $\varphi: G \rightarrow A$  is called a 1-cocycle if for every  $\sigma, \tau \in G$  one has

$$\varphi(\sigma\tau) = \varphi(\sigma) + \sigma\varphi(\tau).$$

Let  $Z^1(G, A)$  denote the group of 1-cocycles (with addition induced by the addition on  $A$ ). A map  $\varphi: G \rightarrow A$  of the form  $\varphi(\sigma) = \sigma(b) - b$  (for some fixed  $b \in A$ ) is called a 1-coboundary. Let  $B^1(G, A)$  denote the group of 1-coboundaries; check that this is a subgroup of  $Z^1(G, A)$ . The first cohomology group of  $A$  is then defined as the quotient

$$H^1(G, A) = Z^1(G, A)/B^1(G, A).$$

- i) Let  $G = \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} = \{1, -1\}$  act on  $A = \mathbb{Z}$  in the following way: the nontrivial element  $-1$  satisfies  $-1 \cdot a = -a$  for every  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Compute  $H^1(\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Z})$ .
- ii) Let  $G = (\mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z})^\times$  act on  $A = \mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}$  by multiplication. Determine the group  $H^1((\mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z})^\times, \mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z})$ .
- iii) If  $p$  is a prime and the action on  $\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$  is the natural one by multiplication, what is  $H^1((\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^\times, \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})$ ?

**Exercise 3.** Let  $L$  be a finite Galois extension of the field  $K$ , and let  $G = \text{Gal}(L/K)$ .

- i) Prove that  $H^1(G, L^\times) = 1$ .

*Hint: Given a 1-cocycle  $\varphi: G \rightarrow L^\times$ , construct a 1-coboundary from the element*

$$b = \sum_{\sigma \in G} \varphi(\sigma) \cdot \sigma(a)$$

*for  $a \in L^\times$  chosen such that  $b \neq 0$ . To show that there exists  $a \in L^\times$  such that  $b \neq 0$ , use Dedekind's theorem on the independence of characters.*



ii) Suppose that  $G$  is cyclic and that  $\sigma$  is a generator of  $G$ . Show that if  $a \in L^\times$  is such that  $N_{L/K}(a) = 1$ , then there exists  $b \in L^\times$  such that  $a = b/\sigma(b)$ .

*Hint: Show that if  $a \in L^\times$  is such that  $N_{L/K}(a) = 1$ , then there is a 1-cocycle  $\varphi: G \rightarrow L^\times$  uniquely characterized by the condition  $\varphi(\sigma) = a$ .*

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**Problem Set 6**

Due date: 31/5/2016

**Exercise 1.** Let  $G$  be a group and  $A$  an abelian group. (In this exercise and Exercise 2 we write all groups multiplicatively.) A *group extension of  $G$  by  $A$*  is a short exact sequence of groups

$$0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow E \xrightarrow{\pi} G \rightarrow 1.$$

An extension is said to split if there exists a group homomorphism  $\sigma: G \rightarrow E$  such that  $\pi \circ \sigma = \text{id}$ .

- i) Show that in an extension of  $G$  by  $A$ , the abelian group  $A$  has a  $G$ -module structure with action defined by  ${}^g a = g' a g'^{-1}$  for  $a \in A$  and  $g \in G$ , and  $g' \in E$  any lift of  $g$ .
- ii) The semidirect product  $A \rtimes G$  of a group  $G$  and a  $G$ -module  $A$  is a group with underlying set  $A \times G$  and multiplication given by the formula

$$(a, g) \cdot (b, h) = (a \cdot {}^g b, gh).$$

Show that  $A \rtimes G$  is indeed a group.

- iii) Prove that the group extension  $0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow E \rightarrow G \rightarrow 1$  splits if and only if  $E$  is isomorphic to  $A \rtimes G$ , where  $G$  acts on  $A$  as in i).

**Exercise 2.** Let  $G$  be a group and  $A$  a  $G$ -module. We will be interested in extensions  $\xi$  of  $G$  by  $A$  such that the given  $G$ -module structure on  $A$  coincides with that induced by  $\xi$  as in Exercise 1 ii). Say that two such group extensions  $\xi_i: 0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow E_i \rightarrow G \rightarrow 1$  of  $G$  by  $A$  with  $i = 1, 2$  are equivalent if there exists a group isomorphism  $\varphi: E_1 \simeq E_2$  such that the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & A & \longrightarrow & E_1 & \longrightarrow & G & \longrightarrow & 1 \\ & & \parallel & & \downarrow \varphi & & \parallel & & \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & A & \longrightarrow & E_2 & \longrightarrow & G & \longrightarrow & 1 \end{array}$$

is commutative. Let  $\text{EXT}(G, A)$  denote the set of equivalence classes of extensions of  $G$  by  $A$  inducing the given  $G$ -module structure on  $A$ . Given a group extension  $\xi: 0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow E \xrightarrow{\pi} G \rightarrow 1$ , define

$$c_\xi(g, h) = \sigma(g)\sigma(h)\sigma(gh)^{-1} \in A,$$

where  $\sigma: G \rightarrow E$  is a map such that  $\pi \circ \sigma = \text{id}$ .

- i) Prove that  $c_\xi$  lies in  $Z^2(G, A)$ , that its cohomology class  $\gamma_\xi$  only depends on the equivalence class  $[\xi]$  of  $\xi$ , and that the association  $[\xi] \mapsto \gamma_\xi$  gives a bijection between  $\text{EXT}(G, A)$  and  $H^2(G, A)$ .
- ii) Let  $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}_{>1}$ , and let  $\mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z}$  act trivially on  $\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$ . We will see later in the course that

$$H^2(\mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}) = \mathbb{Z}/(n, m)\mathbb{Z}.$$

Prove this for  $(m, n) = (2, 2), (2, 3), (3, 3)$ .

*Hint: Prove that every extension  $E$  of a cyclic group  $G$  by an abelian group  $A$  contained in the center of  $E$  is again an abelian group, and then use i).*

**Exercise 3.** For a cyclic field extension  $L/K$ , show that  $H^1(\text{Gal}(L/K), L) = 0$ .

**Exercise 4.** For a finite group  $G$ , we define the *character group*  $G^\vee := \text{Hom}(G, \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z})$  of  $G$ . Prove that the natural map  $G \rightarrow G^{\vee\vee}$  induces an isomorphism  $G^{\vee\vee} = G^{\text{ab}}$ .

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**Problem Set 7**

Due date: 7/6/2016

**Exercise 1.** Let  $G$  be a finite group and  $A$  a  $G$ -module.

i) Show that  $\text{Ord}(G) \cdot H_T^q(G, A) = 0$  for all  $q \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

*Hint: Use dimension shift.*

ii) Show that if the multiplication map

$$A \rightarrow A, \quad a \mapsto \text{Ord}(G)a$$

is an isomorphism, then  $H_T^q(G, A) = 0$ .

**Exercise 2.** Prove that  $H^2(G, \mathbb{Z}) = G^\vee$ .

*Hint: Consider the exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Q} \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow 0$  and apply the previous exercise.*

**Exercise 3.** Let  $G$  be a finite group and  $A$  a finite abelian group of order coprime to the order of  $G$ . Prove that any extension

$$1 \rightarrow A \rightarrow E \rightarrow G \rightarrow 1$$

is split.

*Hint: Use Exercise 1 and Exercise 2 of PS6.*

*Remark: More generally, the Theorem of Schur and Zassenhaus says that the condition that  $A$  be abelian can be dropped.*

**Exercise 4.** Let  $m \geq 1$  be an integer, and let  $k$  be a field whose characteristic is coprime to  $m$ . Let  $\bar{k}$  be a separable closure of  $k$ , and let  $G = \text{Gal}(\bar{k}/k)$ . Denote by  $\mu_m \subseteq \bar{k}^\times$  the subgroup of  $m$ -th roots of unity.

i) Show that  $k^\times / (k^\times)^m \simeq H^1(G, \mu_m)$ .

ii) Assume that  $\mu_m \subseteq k^\times$ , so that the first part yields an isomorphism

$$\psi: k^\times / (k^\times)^m \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Hom}(G, \mu_m).$$

Prove that the maps

$$k' \mapsto \psi^{-1}(\text{Hom}(\text{Gal}(k'/k), \mu_m)),$$

$$B \mapsto k(\sqrt[m]{b}; b \in B)$$

define a bijection between the finite abelian extensions  $k'/k$  inside  $\bar{k}$  whose Galois group is annihilated by  $m$  and finite subgroups of  $k^\times / (k^\times)^m$ .

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**Problem Set 8**

Due date: 14/6/2016

**Exercise 1.** Let  $G$  be a finite group and let  $A$  be a  $G$ -module. Denote by  $H_T^q(G, A)_p$  the  $p$ -primary part of  $H_T^q(G, A)$ , that is, the group of all elements whose order is a power of  $p$ . Let  $G_p$  denote a  $p$ -Sylow subgroup of  $G$ . Prove that:

- i)  $\text{res}_q: H_T^q(G, A)_p \rightarrow H_T^q(G_p, A)$  is injective.
- ii)  $\text{cor}_q: H_T^q(G_p, A) \rightarrow H_T^q(G, A)_p$  is surjective.

**Exercise 2.** Let  $G$  be a finite group and  $H \subseteq G$  a subgroup. For each coset  $\xi \in H \backslash G$ , choose a representative  $\sigma(\xi)$ , i.e.,

$$G = \bigcup_{\xi \in H \backslash G} H\sigma(\xi) \quad (\text{disjoint union}).$$

For a  $G$ -module  $C$  and  $c \in {}_{N_G}C$ , define

$$N'_{G/H}(c) = \sum_{\xi} \sigma(\xi) \cdot c \in {}_{N_H}C.$$

- i) Let

$$0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \rightarrow 0$$

be an exact sequence of  $G$ -modules. Show that the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} H_T^{-1}(G, C) & \xrightarrow{\delta} & H_T^0(G, A) \\ \downarrow N' & & \downarrow \text{res}_0 \\ H_T^{-1}(H, C) & \xrightarrow{\delta} & H_T^0(H, A) \end{array}$$

is commutative. Here, we define  $N'(c + I_G C) = N'_{G/H}(c) + I_H C$ . Recall that we know from the lecture that  $\text{res}_0(a + N_G A) = a + N_H A$ .

- ii) Deduce that  $N' = \text{res}_{-1}$ .
- iii) Let  $\tau \in G$ . Show that

$$\sigma(\xi) \cdot \tau \cdot \sigma(\xi\tau)^{-1} \in H \quad \text{for all } \xi \in H \backslash G.$$

Show that the transfer map  $\text{ver}: G^{\text{ab}} \rightarrow H^{\text{ab}}$  is given by the formula

$$\text{ver}(\tau G') = \left( \prod_{\xi \in H \backslash G} \sigma(\xi) \tau \sigma(\xi\tau)^{-1} \right) H'.$$

*Hint: Use the identification  $G^{\text{ab}} = I_G/I_G^2$  (and similarly for  $H$ ), and that by part ii) the restriction map  $I_G/I_G^2 = H_T^{-1}(G, I_G) \rightarrow H_T^{-1}(H, I_G) = I_G/I_H I_G$  is given by  $N'$ .*

**Exercise 3.** Let  $G = \mathbb{Z}/6\mathbb{Z}$  act on  $A = \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$  in the following way: the action of a generator of  $G$  is given by the formula  $a \mapsto -a$ . Show that:

- i)  $H_T^q(G, A) = 0$  for  $q = 0, -1$ . (We will see soon that this implies  $H_T^q(G, A) = 0$  for every  $q \in \mathbb{Z}$  since  $G$  is cyclic.)
- ii) The  $G$ -module  $A$  is, however, not *cohomologically trivial*, that is, there exists  $H \subseteq G$  and  $q \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $H_T^q(H, A) \neq 0$ .

**Exercise 4.** Let  $G = \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$  act on  $A = \mathbb{Z}/8\mathbb{Z}$  in the following way: the action of the non-trivial element of  $G$  is given by the formula  $a \mapsto 3a$ .

- i) Show that  $H_T^q(G, A) = 0$  for  $q = 0, -1$ . (By the remark in Ex. 3 i) this implies that the  $G$ -module  $A$  is cohomologically trivial.)
- ii) Let  $B = \mathbb{Z}/2$  with trivial  $G$ -action. Prove that the  $G$ -module  $A \otimes B$  is not cohomologically trivial.

*Hint: Recall from PS6 Exercise 2 part ii) that  $H^2(\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}) \simeq \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$  when  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$  acts trivially on  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ .*

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**Problem Set 9**

Due date: 21/6/2016

**Exercise 1.** Let  $M$  be an abelian group and  $f, g$  endomorphisms of  $M$  such that  $f \circ g = g \circ f = 0$ . The Herbrand quotient is defined as

$$q_{f,g}(M) = \frac{[\text{Ker}(f) : \text{Im}(g)]}{[\text{Ker}(g) : \text{Im}(f)]} \in \mathbb{Q},$$

provided that  $[\text{Ker}(f) : \text{Im}(g)]$  and  $[\text{Ker}(g) : \text{Im}(f)]$  are finite.

- i) Show that if  $M$  is finite, then  $q_{f,g}(M) = 1$ .
- ii) Suppose that  $G$  is cyclic and that  $M$  is a  $G$ -module such that the cohomology groups  $H^1(G, M), H^2(G, M)$  are finite. If  $\sigma$  is a generator of  $G$ , we write  $h(M) = q_{\sigma-1, N_G}(M)$ . Check that

$$h(M) = \frac{\#H^2(G, M)}{\#H^1(G, M)}.$$

- iii) Compute  $h(\mathbb{Z})$ , where  $G$  acts trivially on  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

**Exercise 2.** Let  $G$  be a finite cyclic group. Show that if

$$0 \rightarrow M' \rightarrow M \rightarrow M'' \rightarrow 0$$

is an exact sequence of  $G$ -modules, then  $h(M) = h(M')h(M'')$ , in the sense that whenever two of the three Herbrand quotients are defined, then so is the third one, and that in this case equality holds.

**Exercise 3.** Let  $L/K$  be a finite unramified extension of local fields with Galois group  $G$ , and let  $U_L = \mathcal{O}_L^\times$ . Show that  $H_T^r(G, U_L) = 0$  for all  $r \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

*Hint: Show that there is an isomorphism  $L^\times \simeq U_L \times \mathbb{Z}$  of  $G$ -modules, where we let  $G$  act trivially on  $\mathbb{Z}$ . Then use Ex. 3 of PS5 and Ex. 2 of PS4.*

**Exercise 4.** Let  $G$  be a topological group and let  $M$  be a  $G$ -module. Show that the following are equivalent:

- i) The map  $G \times M \rightarrow M$  defined by  $(g, m) \mapsto {}^g m$  is continuous, where  $M$  carries the discrete topology and  $G \times M$  is endowed with the product topology.
- ii) The stabilizer in  $G$  of any element  $m \in M$  is open.
- iii)  $M = \bigcup_H M^H$ , where  $H$  runs through all the open subgroups of  $G$ .

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**Problem Set 10**

Due date: 28/6/2016

**Exercise 1.** Let  $G$  be a group and  $A$  a (not necessarily commutative) group on which  $G$  operates by group isomorphisms. We write  $A$  multiplicatively, and by abuse of notation call  $A$  a non-commutative  $G$ -module. A map  $\varphi: G \rightarrow A$  is called a 1-cocycle if  $\varphi(\sigma\tau) = \varphi(\sigma) \cdot \sigma(\varphi(\tau))$  for every  $\sigma, \tau \in G$ . We denote by  $Z^1(G, A)$  the set of all 1-cocycles. Say that two 1-cocycles  $\varphi, \psi$  are cohomologous, and write  $\varphi \sim \psi$ , if there exists  $a \in A$  such that  $\psi(\sigma) = a^{-1} \cdot \varphi(\sigma) \cdot \sigma(a)$  for every  $\sigma \in G$ . Show that  $\sim$  is an equivalence relation. The first cohomology group of  $A$  is the set of cohomology classes

$$H^1(G, A) = Z^1(G, A) / \sim .$$

Note that  $H^1(G, A)$  has the structure of a “pointed set”, that is, a set with a distinguished element corresponding to the trivial 1-cocycle satisfying  $\varphi(\sigma) = 1$  for every  $\sigma \in G$ .

*Remark:* Note that if  $A$  is abelian,  $H^1(G, A)$  coincides with the group defined in Ex. 2 of PS5.

**Exercise 2.** Let

$$1 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{i} B \xrightarrow{\pi} C \rightarrow 1$$

be a sequence of non-commutative  $G$ -modules.

i) Given  $c \in C^G$ , define

$$\delta(c): G \rightarrow A, \quad \delta(c)(\sigma) = i^{-1}(b^{-1} \cdot \sigma(b)),$$

where  $b \in B$  is such that  $\pi(b) = c$ . Show that  $\delta(c) \in Z^1(G, A)$  and that its cohomology class is independent of the choice of  $b$ .

ii) Show that the sequence of pointed sets

$$1 \rightarrow A^G \xrightarrow{i_0} B^G \xrightarrow{\pi_0} C^G \xrightarrow{\delta} H^1(G, A) \xrightarrow{i_1} H^1(G, B) \xrightarrow{\pi_1} H^1(G, C)$$

is exact.

*Remark:* By the kernel of a morphism of pointed sets we mean the preimage of the distinguished element of the target set. One can see any group as a pointed set by considering the set underlying the group together with the neutral element. Above,  $i_0, i_1$ , (resp.  $\pi_0, \pi_1$ ) are the maps induced by  $i$  (resp.  $\pi$ ).



**Exercise 3.** Let  $L/K$  be a finite Galois extension of fields with Galois group  $G = \text{Gal}(L/K)$ . Consider the natural action of  $G$  on  $\text{GL}_n(L)$ .

i) Show that  $H^1(G, \text{GL}_n(L)) = 1$ .

*Hint: Imitate the procedure of PS 5, Ex. 3. To show that given a 1-cocycle  $\varphi: G \rightarrow \text{GL}_n(L)$ , there exists  $C \in \text{GL}_n(L)$  such that  $B = \sum_{\sigma \in G} \varphi(\sigma) \cdot \sigma(C)$  is invertible, show first that a linear form  $L^n \rightarrow L$  which vanishes on the image of the map*

$$b: L^n \rightarrow L^n, \quad b(x) := \sum_{\sigma \in G} \varphi(\sigma) \cdot \sigma(x)$$

*must be zero on all of  $L^n$ . In other words, the image of  $b$  generates  $L^n$  over  $L$ . Then, if  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in L^n$  are such that the  $y_i = b(x_i)$  generate  $L^n$ , take  $C$  to be the matrix of the linear map that sends the canonical basis  $e_i$  to  $x_i$ .*

ii) Deduce that  $H^1(G, \text{SL}_n(L)) = 1$ .

**Exercise 4.** Let  $L/K$  be a finite Galois extension with Galois group  $G = \text{Gal}(L/K)$ . For  $n \geq 1$ , let  $G$  act naturally on  $L^n$  and by

$$\sigma(\psi)(x) = \sigma(\psi(\sigma^{-1}(x))) \quad \text{for all } \psi \in \text{Aut}(L^n), x \in L^n$$

on  $\text{Aut}(L^n)$ .

i) Show that giving  $\phi \in Z^1(G, \text{GL}_n(L))$  is equivalent to giving a family of  $K$ -vector space isomorphisms  $\psi_\sigma: L^n \rightarrow L^n$  satisfying

$$\psi_\sigma \psi_\tau = \psi_{\sigma\tau} \quad \text{for all } \sigma, \tau \in G$$

and

$$\psi_\sigma(\alpha x) = \sigma(\alpha) \psi_\sigma(x) \quad \text{for all } \alpha \in L, x \in L^n.$$

*Hint: To construct the family of  $\psi_\sigma$  from the 1-cocycle  $\phi$ , set  $\psi_\sigma := \phi(\sigma) \circ \sigma(\cdot)$ .*

ii) Note that we can endow  $L^n$  with a new action of  $G$  by letting  $\sigma \in G$  send  $x \in L^n$  to  $\psi_\sigma(x) \in L^n$ . Write  $V$  to denote  $L^n$  with this new  $G$ -module structure. Show that

$$V^G = \{v \in V \mid \psi_\sigma(v) = v \text{ for all } \sigma \in G\}$$

satisfies  $\dim_K(V^G) = n$  (and hence the natural map  $V^G \otimes_K L \rightarrow V$  is an isomorphism).

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**Problem Set 11**

Due date: 5/7/2016

**Exercise 1.** *Algebraic independence of characters*

Let  $K$  be an infinite field,  $L/K$  be a finite Galois extension, and  $\sigma_1 = \text{id}, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_n$  the Galois automorphisms of  $L/K$ . Let  $f \in K[X_1, \dots, X_n]$  be such that

$$f(\sigma_1(\alpha), \dots, \sigma_n(\alpha)) = 0$$

for all  $\alpha \in L$ . Prove that  $f = 0$ .

*Hint: Fix a basis of  $L$  as a  $K$ -vector space, and do a suitable change of coordinates so that you can use the following fact (which you may use without proof): Let  $E$  be an infinite field, and let  $g \in E[X_1, \dots, X_r]$  with  $g(x_1, \dots, x_r) = 0$  for all  $x_i \in E$ . Then  $g = 0$ .*

**Exercise 2.** Apply algebraic independence of characters to give another proof of PS 10, Ex. 3 i) in the case that  $K$  is infinite.

*Hint: With the notation introduced in the hint of that exercise, let  $C = cE_n$ ,  $c \in L^\times$ , be a scalar matrix and consider  $\det(B)$ .*

**Exercise 3.** *Normal basis theorem*

Prove that if  $L/K$  is a finite Galois extension with  $K$  an infinite field (and notation as in Exercise 1), there exists  $\alpha \in L^\times$  such that  $\sigma_i(\alpha)$  is a basis of  $L$  as a  $K$ -vector space.

*Hint: Consider the matrix  $A = (a_{i,j}) \in M_n(K[X_1, \dots, X_n])$ , where  $a_{i,j} = X_k$  if  $\sigma_i \circ \sigma_j = \sigma_k$ . Show that  $\det(A) \neq 0$  and use algebraic independence of characters to prove the existence of  $\alpha \in L^\times$  such that  $\det(B) \neq 0$ , where  $B = (\sigma_i \circ \sigma_j(\alpha)) \in M_n(L)$ .*

*Remark: The statement is also true for finite fields.*

**Exercise 4.**

- i) Let  $A$  be a discrete  $\widehat{\mathbb{Z}}$ -module. Show that  $H^2(\widehat{\mathbb{Z}}, A) = 0$ , if  $A$  is torsion (i.e., for all  $a \in A$ , there exists  $n \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}$  with  $na = 0$ ).

*Hint: Writing  $A$  as an inductive limit of finite  $\widehat{\mathbb{Z}}$ -modules reduces to the case that  $A$  is finite. Denote by  $N_n$  the norm of  $\widehat{\mathbb{Z}}/n\widehat{\mathbb{Z}} (\cong \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z})$ . Now apply the fact below to identify  $\varinjlim H^2(\widehat{\mathbb{Z}}/n\widehat{\mathbb{Z}}, A^{n\widehat{\mathbb{Z}}}) = \varinjlim A^{\widehat{\mathbb{Z}}}/N_n A$ , with transition maps  $A^{\widehat{\mathbb{Z}}}/N_m A \rightarrow A^{\widehat{\mathbb{Z}}}/N_{mn} A$  given by multiplication by  $n$ .*

**Fact.** Let  $G$  be a cyclic group of order  $n$ , let  $\sigma \in G$  be a generator, and let  $\chi \in \text{Hom}(G, \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z})$  be defined by  $\chi(\sigma) = 1/n$ . Let  $\theta = \delta(\chi) \in H^2(G, \mathbb{Z})$ ,

where  $\delta$  is the connecting homomorphism for the short exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Q} \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow 0$ . Let  $A$  be a  $G$ -module. Show that

$$H_T^0(G, A) \longrightarrow H_T^2(G, A), \quad a \mapsto a \cup \theta,$$

is an isomorphism.

- ii) Deduce that  $H^2(\widehat{\mathbb{Z}}, A) = 0$  if  $A$  is divisible (i.e., multiplication by  $n$  is a surjection  $A \rightarrow A$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}$ ).
- iii) Let  $K$  be a perfect field with absolute Galois group  $\text{Gal}(\overline{K}/K) \cong \widehat{\mathbb{Z}}$ . Show that the Brauer group  $H^2(\text{Gal}(\overline{K}/K), \overline{K}^\times)$  is trivial.
- iv) Let  $K$  be a perfect field with absolute Galois group  $\text{Gal}(\overline{K}/K) \cong \widehat{\mathbb{Z}}$ . Show that for each finite extension  $L/K$ , the norm map  $N_{L/K}$  is surjective.

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### Problem Set 12

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**Exercise 1.** Let  $\zeta_1, \zeta_2 \in \overline{\mathbb{Q}_p}$  be roots of unity such that  $\mathbb{Q}_p(\zeta_1)/\mathbb{Q}_p$  is unramified of degree  $f$  and  $\zeta_2$  has order  $p^m$ . Show that

$$N_{\mathbb{Q}_p(\zeta_1\zeta_2)/\mathbb{Q}_p}(\mathbb{Q}_p(\zeta_1\zeta_2)^\times) = \langle p^f \rangle \times U^{(m)}.$$

**Exercise 2. Local Kronecker-Weber**

Show that every finite abelian extension  $K/\mathbb{Q}_p$  is contained in a field of the form  $\mathbb{Q}_p(\zeta)$ , where  $\zeta \in \overline{\mathbb{Q}_p}$  is a root of unity.

**Exercise 3. Artin-Schreier theory**

Let  $k$  be a field of characteristic  $p > 0$ ,  $\bar{k}$  a separable closure of  $k$ , and  $G = \text{Gal}(\bar{k}/k)$ . Prove that there is an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow k \xrightarrow{\varphi} k \rightarrow H^1(G, \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow 0,$$

where  $\varphi(x) = x^p - x$  and  $G$  acts trivially on  $\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$ .

**Exercise 4.** Let  $K/\mathbb{Q}_p$  be a finite extension containing all  $m$ th roots of unity ( $m \geq 1$ ). For  $a \in K^\times$ , set  $L_a = K(\sqrt[m]{a})$ , and let  $L = K(\sqrt[m]{a}; a \in K)$  be the compositum of all  $L_a$ . Prove that

$$(K^\times)^m = \bigcap_{a \in K^\times} N_{L_a/K}(L_a^\times) = N_{L/K}L^\times.$$

*Hint: Use Kummer theory (PS 7, Ex. 4).*

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**Problem Set 13**

Due date: 19/7/2016

**Exercise 1.** Let  $L/K$  be a finite abelian extension of  $p$ -adic number fields. Show that the norm residue symbol

$$(\cdot, L/K): K^\times \rightarrow \text{Gal}(L/K)$$

maps the group of units  $U_K$  onto the inertia group  $I_{L/K}$  and the the group of principal units  $U_K^{(1)}$  onto the wild ramification group  $P_{L/K}$ .

*Hint: Recall that  $U_K^{(1)}/U_K^{(n)}$  (resp.  $P_{L/K}$ ) are the unique  $p$ -Sylow subgroups of  $U_K/U_K^{(n)}$  (resp.  $I_{L/K}$ ).*

**Exercise 2.** Let  $K$  be a number field, and let  $\mathbb{I}_K$  be its group of ideles. Consider the content map  $c: \mathbb{I}_K \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{>0}$ ,  $(\alpha_v)_v \mapsto \prod_v |\alpha_v|_v$ .

- i) Show that  $c$  is a continuous and surjective group homomorphism.
- ii) Let  $\mathbb{I}^1$  be the kernel of  $c$ . Show that the image of  $K^\times$  in  $\mathbb{I}_K$  under the diagonal embedding is contained in  $\mathbb{I}^1$ .
- iii) Using, without proof, the fact that the quotient  $\mathbb{I}^1/K^\times$  is compact, show that the ideal class group of  $K$  is finite.

**Exercise 3.** Let  $K/\mathbb{Q}$  be a number field. Show that  $K \subseteq \mathbb{A}_K$  is discrete, that  $\mathbb{A}_K/K$  is compact, and that  $K^\times \subseteq \mathbb{I}_K$  is discrete.

*Hint: Reduce when necessary to the case  $K = \mathbb{Q}$ .*

**Exercise 4.** Let  $K$  be a number field, and let  $S$  be a finite set of places of  $K$ . Show that  $\mathbb{I}_K^S K^\times$  is dense in  $\mathbb{I}_K$ .

*Hint: Use the weak approximation theorem.*