

Algebraic Number Theory 88-798

Question Sheet 4

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- (1) Let  $d \in \mathbb{Z}$  be a square-free integer, and let  $p \in \mathbb{Z}$  be a prime number such that  $p \nmid 2d$ . Show that  $p$  splits completely (מתפרק לגמרי) in  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})$  if the equation  $x^2 \equiv d \pmod{p}$  has a solution and that  $p$  is inert otherwise.
- (2) Let  $L/K$  be a Galois extension with non-cyclic Galois group  $\text{Gal}(L/K)$ . Prove that no prime ideal of  $\mathcal{O}_K$  is inert in  $L$ .
- (3) Let  $L/K$  be an extension of number fields, and let  $N/K$  be its normal closure. In other words,  $N \supset L \supset K$  is the smallest extension such that  $N/K$  is Galois. Show by means of the following steps that a prime ideal  $\mathfrak{p} \subset \mathcal{O}_K$  splits completely in  $L$  if and only if it splits completely in  $N$ .

(a) Show that if  $\mathfrak{p}$  splits completely in  $N$ , then it splits completely in  $L$ .

(b) Let  $G$  be a group and let  $U, V \subset G$  be two subgroups. If  $g, h \in G$ , we say that  $g \sim h$  if there exist  $u \in U$  and  $v \in V$  such that  $h = ugv$ . Then  $\sim$  is an equivalence relation, and the equivalence classes  $UgV$  are called double cosets. The set of double cosets is written  $U \backslash G / V$ . (Note that if  $U$  is trivial, then the double cosets are just the usual left cosets of  $V$ .)

Set  $G = \text{Gal}(N/K)$  and  $H = \text{Gal}(N/L) \subset G$ . Choose a prime ideal  $\mathcal{P}_N$  of  $N$  dividing  $\mathfrak{p}$ , and let  $G_{\mathcal{P}_N} \subset G$  be its decomposition subgroup (תת-חבורת פירוק). Let  $A_{\mathfrak{p}}$  be the set of prime ideals of  $\mathcal{O}_L$  dividing  $\mathfrak{p}$ . Show that the following map is a bijection:

$$\begin{aligned} H \backslash G / G_{\mathcal{P}_N} &\rightarrow A_{\mathfrak{p}} \\ \sigma \in G &\mapsto \sigma(\mathcal{P}_N) \cap \mathcal{O}_L \end{aligned}$$

- (c) Suppose now that  $\mathfrak{p}$  splits completely in  $L$ . For any  $\sigma \in G$ , show that  $H\sigma G_{\mathcal{P}_N} = H\sigma$ . Conclude that  $\sigma G_{\mathcal{P}_N} \subseteq H\sigma$  for all  $\sigma \in G$ .
  - (d) Let  $\tilde{H} = \bigcap_{\sigma \in G} \sigma^{-1} H \sigma$ . Show that  $G_{\mathcal{P}_N} \subset \tilde{H}$  and that  $\tilde{H} \subset H$  is a normal subgroup. Conclude that either  $\tilde{H} = H$  or  $\tilde{H}$  is trivial, and in both cases show that  $\mathfrak{p}$  splits completely in  $N$ .
- (4) Let  $p \in \mathbb{Z}$  be an odd prime number such that  $p \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ . If  $L = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{2})$ , prove that  $p\mathcal{O}_L = \mathcal{P}_1\mathcal{P}_2$ , where  $f(\mathcal{P}_1|p) = 1$  and  $f(\mathcal{P}_2|p) = 2$ .

*Hint:* Use the previous exercises. You may also use the following facts without proof:

- (a) If  $m$  is a cube-free integer, then  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{m})$  has discriminant  $-27m^2$ .
- (b) Let  $n$  be an integer, and let  $\zeta_n$  be a primitive  $n$ -th root of unity ( $(\zeta_n)^n = 1$  and  $(\zeta_n)^m \neq 1$  for  $1 \leq m < n$ ). An odd prime number  $p$  splits completely in  $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_n)$  if and only if  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$ .