

EXERCISE SHEET 10  
FROBENIUS AND RECIPROCITY LAW

**Exercise 1.** [Basic results]

Let  $L/K$  be a Galois extension of number fields with Galois group  $G$ . We fix  $\mathfrak{p}$  a maximal ideal of  $\mathcal{O}_K$  and  $\mathfrak{q}$  a prime ideal of  $\mathcal{O}_L$  above  $\mathfrak{p}$ .

(a) Recall the definition of the decomposition and inertia groups  $D_{\mathfrak{q}}$  and  $I_{\mathfrak{q}}$ , and give their orders. If  $\mathfrak{q}$  is unramified, what is the Frobenius  $(\mathfrak{q}, L/K)$ ? Describe these groups when  $\mathfrak{p}$  is totally ramified, totally split, or inert.

(b) Consider the tower of extensions  $K \subset L^{D_{\mathfrak{q}}} \subset L^{I_{\mathfrak{q}}} \subset L$  and how the primes  $\mathfrak{p}$ ,  $\mathfrak{q} \cap L^{D_{\mathfrak{q}}}$  and  $\mathfrak{q} \cap L^{I_{\mathfrak{q}}}$  split in it.

(c) Let  $K'$  be a subextension of  $L/K$ . Prove that  $\mathfrak{q}' = \mathfrak{q} \cap K'$  is unramified above  $\mathfrak{p}$  if and only if  $K' \subset L^{I_{\mathfrak{q}}}$  and  $\mathfrak{p}$  is totally split in  $K'$  if and only if  $K' \subset L^{D_{\mathfrak{q}}}$ .

(d) Prove that for every  $g \in G$ ,  $gD_{\mathfrak{q}}g^{-1} = D_{g(\mathfrak{q})}$  and  $gI_{\mathfrak{q}}g^{-1} = I_{g(\mathfrak{q})}$ . Deduce that  $g(\mathfrak{q}, L/K)g^{-1} = (g(\mathfrak{q}), L/K)$ .

**Exercise 2.** [Applications of the theory]

(a) Let  $K/\mathbb{Q}$  be a Galois extension with Galois group isomorphic to  $\mathfrak{A}_n$ ,  $n \geq 5$ . Prove that for every unramified prime  $p$ , the number of primes of  $K$  above  $p$  is at least  $n$ .

(b) For any extension  $L/K$  of number fields and  $\mathfrak{p}$  a maximal ideal of  $\mathcal{O}_K$ , prove that there are subextensions  $K_D$  and  $K_I$  of  $L/K$  such that for a subextension  $K'$  of  $L/K$ ,  $\mathfrak{p}$  is unramified (resp. totally split) in  $K'$  if and only if  $K' \subset K_I$  (resp.  $K' \subset K_D$ ).

(c) Deduce that if  $L$  and  $M$  are finite extensions of a number field  $K$  (in a common algebraic closure  $\overline{K}$ ), then for every maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{p}$  of  $\mathcal{O}_K$ ,  $\mathfrak{p}$  is unramified in  $L$  and  $M$  if and only if it is unramified in  $LM$ . Prove the same equivalence for  $\mathfrak{p}$  totally split.

(d) With the same notations as in Exercise 1, assume that  $\mathfrak{p}$  is totally ramified in every strict subextension  $K'$  of  $L/K$ . Prove that it is totally ramified in  $L$  unless  $G$  is cyclic of prime order.

(e) With the same notations again, assume that  $\mathfrak{p}$  is unramified in every strict subextension  $K'$  of  $L/K$ . Prove that  $\mathfrak{p}$  is unramified in  $L$  unless  $G$  admits a nontrivial minimal subgroup for inclusion. In this case, prove that such a subgroup is cyclic of prime order  $p$  and that  $G$  is a  $p$ -group.

**Exercise 3.** [Application of the reciprocity law for cyclotomic fields]

Let  $n \geq 3$  and  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$  a prime, such that 2 is a  $n$ -th power modulo  $p$ . We fix  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_p)$ .

(a) Prove that there is a unique subfield  $F \subset K$  such that  $[F : \mathbb{Q}] = n$ .

(b) As usual, we identify  $\text{Gal}(K/\mathbb{Q})$  to  $(\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^*$  via the cyclotomic character. How can we see the groups  $\text{Gal}(K/F)$  and  $\text{Gal}(F/\mathbb{Q})$  through this identification?

(c) Using the relationship between the Frobenius  $(2, F/\mathbb{Q})$  and  $(2, K/\mathbb{Q})$ , prove that the prime 2 is totally split in  $F$ .

(d) Assume there exists  $y \in \mathcal{O}_F$  such that  $F = \mathbb{Z}[y]$ . How does the minimal polynomial of  $y$  split modulo 2? Derive a contradiction.

(e) Apply this result for  $p = 31$ .