

### Decomposition in Galois extensions

**Exercise 1.** [Cyclotomic extensions]

Let  $n \geq 3$  be an integer,  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_n)$  and  $p$  a prime number. Let  $\chi : \text{Gal}(K/\mathbb{Q}) \rightarrow (\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z})^\times$  be the isomorphism such that for  $\sigma \in \text{Gal}(K/\mathbb{Q})$ ,  $\sigma(\zeta_n) = \zeta_n^{\chi(\sigma)}$ .

1. Show that  $p$  is ramified in  $K$  if and only if  $p \mid n$ . In that case, compute  $e(\mathfrak{p}/p)$  and  $f(\mathfrak{p}/p)$  for any prime  $\mathfrak{p}$  of  $\mathcal{O}_K$  above  $p$ , and also  $g_p$ , the number of prime ideals above  $p$ .
2. Assume that  $p \nmid n$ . Compute  $\chi(\text{Frob}_p)$ ,  $f(\mathfrak{p}/p)$  and  $g_p$  for any prime  $\mathfrak{p}$  of  $\mathcal{O}_K$  above  $p$ .

**Exercise 2.** [A concrete example] Let  $\zeta = \zeta_{15}$  and  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta)$ .

1. Show that  $\mathfrak{p} = (2, \zeta^4 + \zeta + 1)$  is a prime ideal of  $\mathcal{O}_K$  above 2, and give  $e(\mathfrak{p}/2)$  and  $f(\mathfrak{p}/2)$ .
2. What are the decompositions of  $3\mathcal{O}_K$  and  $5\mathcal{O}_K$ ?
3. Compute the decomposition and inertia subgroups  $D(\mathfrak{p}/2)$  and  $I(\mathfrak{p}/2)$ . Do the same for 3 and 5.

**Exercise 3.** [Inertia and decomposition groups]

Let  $L/K$  be a Galois extension of number fields, and  $\mathfrak{p}$  a non-zero prime ideal of  $\mathcal{O}_K$ . Let  $\mathfrak{P}$  be a prime ideal of  $\mathcal{O}_L$  above  $\mathfrak{p}$  and write  $e, f$  and  $g$  the ramification index and the inertial degree of  $\mathfrak{P}/\mathfrak{p}$ , and the number of primes of  $\mathcal{O}_L$  above  $\mathfrak{p}$  respectively.

1. Recall the definitions of the decomposition and inertia subgroups of  $\mathfrak{P}/\mathfrak{p}$ , and give their orders in terms of  $e, f, g$ .
2. Describe these groups for every prime number  $p$  when  $K = \mathbb{Q}$  and  $L = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})$ .
3. Let  $\mathfrak{P}_D = \mathfrak{P} \cap L^{D(\mathfrak{P}/\mathfrak{p})}$  and  $\mathfrak{P}_I = \mathfrak{P} \cap L^{I(\mathfrak{P}/\mathfrak{p})}$ .
  - (a) Write the inclusions between the fields  $K, L, L^{I(\mathfrak{P}/\mathfrak{p})}$  and  $L^{D(\mathfrak{P}/\mathfrak{p})}$ .
  - (b) Show that  $[L^{D(\mathfrak{P}/\mathfrak{p})} : K] = g$  and that  $\mathfrak{p}$  splits completely in  $L^{D(\mathfrak{P}/\mathfrak{p})}$ .
  - (c) Show that  $[L^{I(\mathfrak{P}/\mathfrak{p})} : L^{D(\mathfrak{P}/\mathfrak{p})}] = f$  and that  $\mathfrak{P}_D$  is inert in  $L^{I(\mathfrak{P}/\mathfrak{p})}$ .
  - (d) Show that  $[L : L^{I(\mathfrak{P}/\mathfrak{p})}] = e$  and that  $\mathfrak{P}_I$  is totally ramified in  $L$ .
4. Let  $K'$  be an intermediate extension between  $K$  and  $L$ , and let  $\mathfrak{p}' = \mathfrak{P} \cap K'$ . Show that  $\mathfrak{p}'$  is unramified over  $\mathfrak{p}$  if and only if  $K' \subset L^{I(\mathfrak{P}/\mathfrak{p})}$ , and that  $\mathfrak{p}'$  splits completely over  $\mathfrak{p}$  if and only if  $K' \subset L^{D(\mathfrak{P}/\mathfrak{p})}$ .

**Exercise 4.** [Computing Galois groups with Frobenius]

1. Let  $P$  be a monic irreducible polynomial in  $\mathbb{Z}[X]$ ,  $K$  its splitting field over  $\mathbb{Q}$  and  $p$  a prime number such that  $\overline{P} \in \mathbb{F}_p[X]$  is separable.

Write

$$\overline{P} = \pi_1 \dots \pi_g$$

the decomposition of  $\overline{P}$  in irreducible factors, and let  $n_i = \deg \pi_i$ .

Show that  $\text{Gal}(K/\mathbb{Q})$ , seen as a subgroup of  $\mathfrak{S}_{\deg P}$ , contains a permutation of type  $(n_1, \dots, n_r)$ .

2. Let  $P = X^5 - X - 1$ . Show that  $P$  is irreducible in  $\mathbb{Q}[X]$  and that its Galois group is  $\mathfrak{S}_5$ .

**Exercise 5.** [Biquadratic extensions]

Let  $m, n$  be distinct square-free integers,  $p$  a prime number and let  $L = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{m}, \sqrt{n})$ . Write  $K_1 = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{m})$ ,  $K_2 = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{n})$  and  $K_3 = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{k})$  with  $k = \frac{mn}{\gcd(m,n)^2}$ .

1. Show that  $p$  is totally ramified in  $L$  if and only if it is ramified in  $K_1, K_2$  and  $K_3$ . When does this happen?
2. Show that  $p$  splits completely in  $L$  if and only if it splits completely in  $K_1, K_2$  and  $K_3$ . When does this happen?
3. Can  $p$  be inert in  $L$ ?
4. What are the possible decompositions of  $p\mathcal{O}_L$ ?