

MATH 703: HOMEWORK #2

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1. HENSELIZATIONS

This problem completes the proof of the following result discussed in class. Suppose A is a discrete valuation ring with fraction field K and maximal ideal m_A . (In class we took A to be any integral domain which is integrally closed in its fraction field, but the D.V.R. case is simpler.) Don't assume A is complete; for instance, A could be the localization of the ring of integers of a number field at a non-zero prime ideal. Let K^s be a separable closure of K and let B be the integral closure of K^s in K . Let \mathcal{Q} be a prime over m_A in B . Define D to be the decomposition group of \mathcal{Q} inside $G = \text{Gal}(K^s/K)$. Then B^D is the integral closure of A inside the fixed field $(K^s)^D$. Define R to be the localization of B^D at the maximal ideal $B^D \cap \mathcal{Q}$ of B^D under \mathcal{Q} . In class we showed that the natural inclusion $A \rightarrow R$ is a local homomorphism (in the sense that the inverse image in A of the maximal ideal m_R of R is m_A), and that R is a Henselian ring. The object of this exercise is to complete the proof that R is in fact the Henselization of A .

1. Suppose $r \in R$, and let L be the field $K(r)$ generated by r over K . Let O_L be the integral closure of A in L . Show that if $\mathcal{Q}_L = \mathcal{Q} \cap L$ is the prime of O_L under \mathcal{Q} , then m_A decomposes in O_L as

$$m_A \cdot O_L = \mathcal{Q}_L \cdot \mathcal{J}_1^{e_1} \cdots \mathcal{J}_s^{e_s}$$

where $s \geq 0$, $\mathcal{Q}_L, \mathcal{J}_1, \dots, \mathcal{J}_s$ are distinct maximal ideals of O_L , $e_i \geq 1$ and the natural homomorphism $A/m_A \rightarrow O_L/\mathcal{Q}_L$ is an isomorphism.

Hint: One way to do this is to show that the natural homomorphism $\nu : K_{m_A} \rightarrow L_{\mathcal{Q}_L}$ is an isomorphism when K_{m_A} is the completion of K with respect to the powers of m_A and $L_{\mathcal{Q}_L}$ is the completion of L with respect to the powers of \mathcal{Q}_L . To show ν is an isomorphism, you could use the normal closure F of L over K inside K^s . Show that D projects to the decomposition group D_F of $\mathcal{Q}_F = \mathcal{Q} \cap F$ inside $H = \text{Gal}(F/K)$, and $L = F^{D_F}$. You can then use the fact proved in class that the decomposition group of a prime ideal in the Galois group of a finite Galois extension can be identified with the Galois group of a suitable extension of completions.

2. With the notations of part (1), show that r can be written as $\pi^a \alpha / \beta$ where $\pi \in A$ is a uniformizer and $\alpha, \beta \in O_L$ are elements for which neither α nor β are in \mathcal{Q}_L but α and β are in $\mathcal{J}_i^{e_i}$ for $i = 1, \dots, s$.
3. With the notations of part (2), let λ be either α or β . Show that to prove R is the Henselization of A , it will suffice to show that λ is a root of a monic polynomial $f(x) \in A[x]$ such that the reduction $\bar{f}(x) \in (A/m_A)[x]$ of $f(x) \bmod m_A$ factors as $(x - \bar{\lambda})x^m$ for some integer $m \geq 0$, where $\bar{\lambda} \neq 0$ is the image of λ in $R/m_R = A/m_A$. You can use the fact proved in class that the Henselization of A is the intersection of all of the Henselian local subrings of \hat{A} which contain A .
4. Complete the proof that R is the Henselization of A by producing a polynomial $f(x)$ as in problem (3) using the action of λ on O_L together with problem #1.

2. ARTIN'S RECIPROCITY LAW AND QUADRATIC RECIPROCITY.

The quadratic reciprocity law for odd rational primes $p \neq q$ is that

$$\left(\frac{p}{q}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{q}{p}\right) = (-1)^{\left(\frac{p-1}{2}\right)\left(\frac{q-1}{2}\right)}$$

We proved this in class when $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$. Suppose from now on that $p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$. The object of these exercises is to prove the formula for all odd $q \neq p$.

Let $K = \mathbb{Q}$ and $L = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{p})$. The set S of places of K over which L ramifies consists of the non-archimedean places determined by 2 and p . The Artin map

$$\Psi_{L/K} : I_S \rightarrow \text{Gal}(L/K)$$

is defined on the group I_S of fractional ideals of K which are prime to all prime ideals associated to non-archimedean places in S . Here $\mathbb{Z}q \in I_S$. One has $\Psi_{L/K}(q\mathbb{Z}) = \Phi(\mathcal{Q}/q\mathbb{Z})$ for any prime \mathcal{Q} of \mathcal{O}_L over $q\mathbb{Z}$, where $\Phi(\mathcal{Q}/p\mathbb{Z})$ is the Frobenius automorphism of \mathcal{Q} . As shown in class,

$$\Psi_{L/K}(q\mathbb{Z}) = \left(\frac{p}{q}\right) = \pm 1$$

when we identify $\text{Gal}(L/K)$ with $\{\pm 1\}$. This is because $q\mathbb{Z}$ splits in $L = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{p})$ if and only if p is a square mod q , and $\Phi(\mathcal{Q}/q\mathbb{Z})$ is a generator of the decomposition group of \mathcal{Q} in $\text{Gal}(L/K)$.

Artin's reciprocity law says that there is a minimal conductor $\mathcal{M} = (\mathcal{M}_f; w_1, \dots, w_i)$ in K such that \mathcal{M}_f is a product of positive powers of prime ideals associated to places in S and w_1, \dots, w_s is the set of real places in S such that $\Psi_{L/K}$ factors through the ray class group $\text{Cl}_{\mathcal{M}}(K)$. Thus $\mathcal{M}_f = 2^a p^b$ for some integers $a, b > 0$, and $s = 0$ since the real place of \mathbb{Q} does not ramify in L . The Artin map then defines a surjective homomorphism

$$\Psi_{L/K} : \text{Cl}_{\mathcal{M}}(K) = (\mathbb{Z}/2^a p^b)^* / \{\pm 1\} \rightarrow \text{Gal}(L/K) = \{\pm 1\}.$$

5. Show that the squares in $(\mathbb{Z}/2^a)^*$ are the residue classes which can be represented by integers which are congruent to 1 mod 8, while the squares in $(\mathbb{Z}/p^b)^*$ contain the residue classes congruent to 1 mod p . Use this to show that because \mathcal{M}_f is minimal, one must have $1 \leq a \leq 3$ and $b = 1$. Then show that $a = 1$ is impossible because if $a = 1$ then the Artin map would factor through the natural homomorphism $\text{Cl}_{\mathcal{M}}(K) \rightarrow \text{Cl}_{\mathbb{Z}p^b}(K)$, so that there would be a conductor that did not involve the ramifying prime 2.
6. Show that the statement that $a = 2$ is equivalent to the law of quadratic reciprocity for the prime p and all primes $q \notin \{2, p\}$. (Hint: If $a = 2$, deduce quadratic reciprocity using the fact that one can compute $\Psi_{L/K}(q\mathbb{Z}) = \left(\frac{p}{q}\right)$ using Artin's theorem together with the fact that $\Psi_{L/K}$ which does not factor through a ray class group of smaller conductor. Conversely, show that if quadratic reciprocity holds, then one must have $a = 2$ by considering the formula for $\Psi_{L/K}$ which results.)
7. To deduce that $a = 2$ for all $p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$, first show that $a = 2$ when $p = 3$. This can be done by using a small prime q and the connection with the Artin map above. Conclude that to prove quadratic reciprocity for all $p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ and odd $q \neq p$, it will be enough to consider the case in which neither p or q equals 3.
8. To finish the argument, suppose now that neither p nor q equal 3. Then $3p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$, so the quadratic extension $L' = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{3p})$ does not ramify over 2. Use the Artin map for L'/\mathbb{Q} to show that

$$\left(\frac{3p}{q}\right) = \left(\frac{q}{3}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{q}{p}\right)$$

where $\left(\frac{3p}{q}\right)$ is 1 if $3p$ is a square mod q and -1 otherwise. Using that $(\mathbb{Z}/q)^*$ is cyclic show that

$$\left(\frac{3p}{q}\right) = \left(\frac{3}{q}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{p}{q}\right).$$

Use these formulas together with the fact that you have checked quadratic reciprocity when one of the (odd) primes is 3 to complete the proof.