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Let K be a number field and let ν be a discrete valuation on K (this might be, for example, the valuation attached to a prime ideal \mathfrak{P} of K).

Let K_ν be the completion of K at ν , and let \mathcal{O}_ν be the ring of integers of K_ν , i.e.

$$\mathcal{O}_\nu = \{k \in K_\nu \mid \nu(k) \geq 0\}$$

The maximal ideal of \mathcal{O}_ν will be denoted by

$$\mathcal{M} = \{k \in K_\nu \mid \nu(k) > 0\}$$

and we denote by k_ν the residue field of K_ν , which is

$$k_\nu = \mathcal{O}_\nu / \mathcal{M}$$

We will consider three different global Galois groups, namely

$$G_{\overline{K}/K} = \text{Gal}(\overline{K}/K)$$

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where $\overline{K}, \overline{K}_\nu, \overline{k}_\nu$ are algebraic closures of the corresponding field. We also define notation for the inertia group of $G_{\overline{K}_\nu/K_\nu}$

$$I_\nu \subseteq G_{\overline{K}_\nu/K_\nu}$$

Definition 1. Let \mathcal{S} be a set and suppose there is a group action of $\text{Gal}(\overline{K}_\nu/K_\nu)$ on \mathcal{S} . We say that \mathcal{S} is unramified at ν , or the action of $G_{\overline{K}_\nu/K_\nu}$ on \mathcal{S} is unramified at ν , if the action of I_ν on \mathcal{S} is trivial, i.e.

$$\sigma(s) = s \quad \forall \sigma \in I_\nu, \quad \forall s \in \mathcal{S}$$

Remark: By Galois theory we know that, K_ν^{nr} , the fixed field of I_ν , the inertia subgroup, is the maximal unramified extension of K_ν , so

$$I_\nu \cong \text{Gal}(\overline{K}_\nu/K_\nu^{\text{nr}})$$