

# The Mordell-Faltings theorem

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## ■ Some basics of algebraic number theory

### Proposition 1.4

**quotation.** Let  $\{\beta_1, \dots, \beta_n\}$  be the dual basis of  $\{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n\}$  with respect to  $(\ , \ )_{\text{Tr}_{K/\mathbb{Q}}}$ . Then, for any  $x \in O_K$ , we have  $x = (x, \alpha_1)_{\text{Tr}_{K/\mathbb{Q}}} \beta_1 + \dots + (x, \alpha_n)_{\text{Tr}_{K/\mathbb{Q}}} \beta_n$ .

*Proof.* Since the trace form  $(\ , \ )_{\text{Tr}_{K/\mathbb{Q}}}$  is degenerate,  $(\ , \alpha_i)_{\text{Tr}_{K/\mathbb{Q}}}$  are linearly independent in  $\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Q}}(K, \mathbb{Q}) = K^*$  and form  $\mathbb{Q}$ -basis of  $K^*$ . Let  $p_i: K \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}$  be a projection map such that  $p_i(x_1 \alpha_1 + \dots + x_n \alpha_n) = x_i$ . There are  $\beta_{ij} \in \mathbb{Q}$  such that

$$p_i = \sum_{j=1}^n (\ , \alpha_j)_{\text{Tr}_{K/\mathbb{Q}}} \beta_{ij}.$$

This means  $id_K = \sum_i \alpha_i p_i = \sum_j (\ , \alpha_j)_{\text{Tr}_{K/\mathbb{Q}}} \sum_i \alpha_i \beta_{ij}$ , then we get  $O_K \subset \mathbb{Z}\beta_1 + \dots + \mathbb{Z}\beta_n$  for  $\beta_j = \sum_i \alpha_i \beta_{ij}$ . Since  $id_K = \sum_j (\ , \alpha_j)_{\text{Tr}_{K/\mathbb{Q}}} \beta_j$ ,  $\beta_j$  are basis of  $K$  and  $\mathbb{Z}\beta_1 + \dots + \mathbb{Z}\beta_n$  is a free  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module.  $\square$

### Lemma 1.16

**quotation.** Because  $(O_K)_P$  is a principal ideal domain,  $(O_{K'})_P$  is a free  $(O_K)_P$ -module of rank  $[K' : K]$ .

*Proof.* It remain to be answered.  $\square$

### Lemma 1.16

**quotation.** Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \dim_{O_K/P} O_{K'}/PO_{K'} &= \dim_{O_K/P} (O_{K'})_P / P(O_{K'})_P \\ &= \dim_{O_K/P} ((O_K)_P / P(O_K)_P) \otimes_{(O_K)_P} (O_{K'})_P \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* We set  $A = O_K, A' = O_{K'}$ . Then we get

$$\begin{aligned}
A'/PA' &\cong A' \otimes_A A/P \\
&\cong A' \otimes_A \text{Frac } A/P \\
&\cong A' \otimes_A \text{Coker}(PA_P \rightarrow A_P) \\
&\cong \text{Coker}(A' \otimes_A PA_P \rightarrow A' \otimes_A A_P) \\
&\cong (A')_P/P(A')_P \\
(A')_P/P(A')_P &\cong A' \otimes_A \text{Coker}(PA_P \rightarrow A_P) \\
&\cong A' \otimes_A A_P/PA_P \\
&\cong (A' \otimes_A A_P) \otimes_{A_P} A_P/PA_P \\
&\cong (A')_P \otimes_{A_P} A_P/PA_P.
\end{aligned}$$

□

### Adjacent to Lemma 1.17

**quotation.** We take a integral basis  $\{\omega_1, \dots, \omega_n\}$  of  $O_K$ , we denote by  $\{\beta_1, \dots, \beta_n\}$  the dual basis with respect to  $(\ , \ )_{\text{Tr}_{K/\mathbb{Q}}}$ . Then we have  $\mathcal{M} = \mathbb{Z}\beta_1 + \dots + \mathbb{Z}\beta_n$ .

*Proof.* It remain to be answered.

□

### Adjacent to Lemma 1.17

**quotation.** The difference of  $K$  is defined by  $\mathcal{D}_K = \mathcal{M}^{-1}$ . Because  $O_K \subset \mathcal{M}$ , we have  $\mathcal{D}_K \subset O_K$ , so  $\mathcal{D}_K$  is an ideal of  $O_K$ .

*Proof.*  $O_K = \mathcal{M}\mathcal{M}^{-1} = \mathcal{D}_K\mathcal{M} \supset \mathcal{D}_KO_K \supset \mathcal{D}_K$ .

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