

Class Field Theory

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1 Motivation

Let $f(x) \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$ be a monic irreducible polynomial and a p a prime.
Look at $f_p(x) \in \mathbb{F}_p[x]$, in general, f_p is not irreducible so we can study its factorizations.

Definition 1

We say f splits completely mod p if f_p factors into distinct linear factors.

We write $\text{Spl}(f) = \{p \mid f_p = \prod (x - \alpha_i) \alpha_i \neq \alpha_j \forall i \neq j\}$

Problem

Given f , describe the factorisations behaviour of f_p as a function of p .
Or at least give a rule determining $\text{Spl}(f)$.

An answer to this illposed problem is a **Reciprocity Law**.

Example

Let $f(x) = x^2 - q$ $q > 2$ prime.

Observe that

1. $f_p(x) = (x - \alpha_p)^2$, but this happens iff $p = 2, q$
2. $f_p(x) = (x - \alpha_p)(x + \alpha_p)$ iff $p \in \text{Spl}(f)$ iff $\left(\frac{q}{p}\right) = 1$
3. $f_p(x)$ is irreducible iff $\left(\frac{q}{p}\right) = -1$

To get a rule, we need to compute $\left(\frac{q}{p}\right)$, to do so, we use quadratic reciprocity.
For us, quadratic reciprocity translates to

Corollary 2

$$\left(\frac{q}{p}\right) = \begin{cases} \left(\frac{p}{q}\right) & \text{if } p \equiv 1 \pmod{4} \\ -\left(\frac{p}{q}\right) & \text{if } p \equiv 3 \pmod{4} \end{cases}$$

So $\text{Spl}(X^2 - q)$ is determined by congruence conditions modula $4q$.

Example

Let Φ_n be the n th cyclotomic polynomial, then

$$\text{Spl}(\Phi_n) = \{p \mid p \equiv 1 \pmod{n}\}$$

What about general polynomials?

Over \mathbb{C} , we can always factor polynomials and so we write $K_f = \mathbb{Q}(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)$

for the splitting field of K_f over \mathbb{Q} .

$K_f \supset \mathbb{Q}$ is a Galois extension and $\mathcal{O} = \mathcal{O}_{K_f}$ is it's ring of integers.

As \mathcal{O} is a dedekind domain, we have

$$p\mathcal{O} = \prod_{i=1}^n \beta_i^e, \mathcal{O}/\beta_i \supset \mathbb{Z}/(p) \text{ a finite extension of } \mathbb{Z}/p$$

We understand finite extensions of \mathbb{F}_p , there Galois group is generated by the Frobenius automorphism.

If p does not ramify ($e_p = 1 \iff p \nmid D_{K_f}$) then we define the Artin-Symbol $\sigma_{\beta_i} \in \text{Gal}(K_f|\mathbb{Q})$ by

$$\sigma_{\beta_i}(\alpha) \equiv \alpha^p \pmod{\beta_i} \forall \alpha \in \mathcal{O}$$

Fact :

If $\beta_i \neq \beta_j$, then there is $\zeta \in \text{Gal}(K_f|\mathbb{Q})$ such that $\zeta(\beta_i) = \beta_j$, then $\sigma_{\beta_j} = \zeta \sigma_{\beta_i} \zeta^{-1}$.

The Artin symbol of p is $\sigma_p = C_{\text{Gal}}(\sigma_{\beta_i})$.

For now we suppose $\text{Gal}(K_f|\mathbb{Q})$ is an abelian group, in this case, we can turn the Artin Symbols into a map

$$\mathbb{Q}^* \supset \Gamma_{D_{K_f}} = \langle p \nmid D_{K_f} \rangle \rightarrow \text{Gal}(K_f|\mathbb{Q})$$

by sending $p \rightarrow \sigma_p$

Lemma 4

If $\text{Gal}(K_f|\mathbb{Q})$ is abelian, then, up to finitely many extensions,

$$p \in \text{Spl}(f) \iff \sigma_p = 1$$

Theorem 5 (Artin Reciprocity)

For K_f/\mathbb{Q} abelian, the Artin map $\sigma : \Gamma_{D_{K_f}} \rightarrow \text{Gal}(K_f|\mathbb{Q})$ is surjective and it's kernel contains the "ray class group".

Here the ray class group is

$$\Gamma_a^{(ray)} = \left\{ r \in \mathbb{Q}^* \mid r = \frac{c}{d} (ca, d) = 1, c \equiv d \pmod{a} \right\}$$

For a suitable a tant consists of ramified primes.

Define $\tilde{\text{Spl}}(f) = \text{Spl}(f) \setminus \{p|a\} \cup \{p \equiv 1 \pmod{a}\}$.

Theorem 6 (Abelian polynomial theorem)

If f is abelian, then $\tilde{\text{Spl}}(f)$ can be described by congruence conditions wrt a modulus depending only on f .

Conversely, if $\tilde{Spl}(f)$ is described by congruence conditions, then $\text{Gal}(K_f|\mathbb{Q})$ is abelian.

Theorem 7

Let f, g be polynomials (monic irreducible), then

$$K_f \subset K_g \iff Spl(g) \subset^* Spl(f)$$

This enters in the proof of the converse part of the abelian polynomial theorem.

2 Interlude : Inverse Limits

Let I be a directed ordered set ($i, j \in I \implies \exists k$ such that $i \leq k, j \leq k$)

Definition 2 (Inverse System)

A inverse system consists of data

$$\{X_i, f_{i,j} | i, j \in I, i \leq j\}$$

X_i are objects (topological spaces, groups, etc) and the $f_{i,j} : X_j \rightarrow X_i$ such that $f_{i,i} = \text{Id}$ and $f_{j,k} \circ f_{k,i} = f_{j,i}$

Example

Take $X_i = \mathbb{Z}/p^i\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/p^j\mathbb{Z}, i \leq j$.

Then, the inverse limit is defined by

$$X = \varprojlim_{i \in I} X_i = \left\{ (x_i) \in \prod_{i \in I} X_i \mid f_{ij}(x_j) = x_i \forall i \leq j \right\} \subset \prod_{i \in I} X_i$$

Lecture 2: Infinite galois theory

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3 Galois Theory and profinite groups

Example

$$\mathbb{F}_p \subset \mathbb{F}_{p^n} \subset \overline{\mathbb{F}_p}.$$

Though the extension is infinite, we can look at $\text{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{F}_p}|\mathbb{F}_p)$ and it still contains the frobenius $\phi(x) = x^p$.

Let $H = \{\phi^n | n \in \mathbb{Z}\} = \langle \phi \rangle \subset \text{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{F}_p}|\mathbb{F}_p)$.

Note that $\overline{\mathbb{F}_p}^H = \mathbb{F}_p$ BUT $H \subsetneq \text{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{F}_p}|\mathbb{F}_p)$

Lemma 10

Let T be a Hausdorff topological space.

The following are equivalent

- T is an inverse limit of finite discrete spaces
- T is compact and every point in T has a basis of neighborhoods of subsets that are clopen
- T is compact and totally disconnected

Proof (Sketch)

1 \implies 2 follows from construction (exercise)

2 \implies 3 Take $x \in T$ and let C_x be the connected component of x .

Then

$$C_x = \bigcap_{U \text{ clopen}, x \in U} U = \{x\}$$

because X is Hausdorff.

3 \implies 1 Let $I = \left\{ \text{equivalence relation } R \subset T \times T \mid T/R \text{ is finite discrete} \right\}$.

Then, consider $\phi : T \rightarrow \varprojlim T/R$, one then checks this is a homeomorphism. (exercise again) \square

Definition 3 (Profinite space)

A profinite space is a totally disconnected, compact and Hausdorff space.

Lemma 11

Let G be a Hausdorff topological group.

Then the following are equivalent

- G is the inverse limit of discrete finite groups
- G is compact and the identity in G has a basis of neighborhoods consisting of normal clopen subgroups.
- G is compact and totally disconnected.

Proof

1 \implies 3 see course notes

2 \implies 1 We want to show that $\phi : G \rightarrow \varprojlim G/U$ where the limit is taken over all normal clopen subgroups.

3 \implies 2 We take a basis for e as in the lemma above.

We take a basis of clopen neighborhoods U and then define

$$V = \{v \in U \mid Uv \subset U\} \text{ and } H = \{h \in V \mid h^{-1} \in V\}$$

and one can show that H is a normal finite subgroup of finite index. \square

Definition 4 (Profinite group)

A totally disconnected compact Hausdorff topological group is called a profinite group.

Example

- $\mathbb{Z}_p = \varprojlim \mathbb{Z}/p^n\mathbb{Z}$
- $\hat{\mathbb{Z}} = \varprojlim_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z}$ where the inverse system is given by divisibility

Now we try to fix the fundamental theorem of Galois theory.

Let F be a field with algebraic closure \bar{F} .

Write $G_E = \text{Gal}(\bar{F}|E)$ for a field extension $F \subset E \subset \bar{F}$.

In particular, G_F is just the absolute Galois group of F

Definition 5 (Krull Topology)

For some element $\sigma \in G_F$, define a basis of (open) neighborhoods to be

$$\{\sigma G_E | F \subset E \text{ finite normal}\}$$

Proposition 13

G_F equipped with the Krull topology is a profinite group. We have

$$G_F = \varprojlim \text{Gal}(E/F)$$

where E runs over finite Galois extensions of F

Corollary 14

$$G_{\mathbb{F}_p} \simeq \varprojlim_n \text{Gal}(\mathbb{F}_{p^n}/\mathbb{F}_p) \simeq \hat{\mathbb{Z}}$$

Theorem 15 (Fundamental Theorem of Galois Theory (Cool version))

The assignment

$$K \rightarrow \text{Gal}(\bar{F}|K)$$

is a one-to-one correspondence between extensions $F \subset K \subset \bar{F}$ and closed subgroups of G_F .

The open subgroups of G_F correspond to finite extensions of F .

Proof

1. First, notice that an open subgroup of G_F is closed.
2. Finite extensions correspond to open subgroup (essentially by definition, one needs to take the normal closure)

3. Now, for an arbitrary field extension

$$\text{Gal}(\overline{F}|K) = \bigcap_i \text{Gal}(\overline{F}|K_i)$$

as K_i varies over all finite subextensions of K

4. This assignment is injective as K is the fixed field of $\text{Gal}(\overline{F}|K)$

5. This assignment is surjective :

Take $H \subset G_F$ a closed subgroup and let $K = \overline{F}^H$, so that $H \subset \text{Gal}(\overline{F}|K)$.

To see that this is in fact an equality, we take $\sigma \in \text{Gal}(\overline{F}|K)$ and we show that $\sigma \in \overline{H} = H$.

Take some finite extension $K \subset L \subset \overline{F}$ so that $\sigma \text{Gal}(\overline{F}|L)$ is a neighborhood of σ .

We need to show that

$$H \cap \sigma \text{Gal}(\overline{F}|L) \neq \emptyset$$

To do this, we have to show $\tau \in H$ such that $\tau|_L = \sigma|_L$.

$$p : G_K \rightarrow \text{Gal}(L/K) \quad \square$$

is surjective and $p(H) \subset \text{Gal}(L/K)$.

Since K is the fixed field of H , $L^{p(H)} = K$, we have $p|_H : H \rightarrow \text{Gal}(L/K)$ is surjective.

4 Local Fields

Example

\mathbb{R} and \mathbb{C} are local fields for us

Definition 6 (Local Field)

A local field is a topological field which is locally compact but not discrete.

Definition 7

Let F be a field. An absolute value on F is a map $|\cdot| : F \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that

$$1. |x| \geq 0 \text{ and } |x| = 0 \text{ and } |x| = 0 \iff x = 0$$

$$2. |xy| = |x||y|$$

$$3. |x + y| \leq |x| + |y|$$

Example

— \mathbb{R} and \mathbb{C} with euclidean norm

- If \mathcal{O} is a DVR, $F = \frac{\mathcal{O}}{\mathfrak{m}}$, then $|x| = c^{-\nu(x)}$ with $c > 1$ defines an absolute value.
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Lecture 3: Local Fields

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Remark

1. On a local field, we get a metric $d(x, y) = |x - y|$ which induces a topology on our field F
2. We could define the discrete metric which induces the discrete topology, but we always exclude it

Definition 8 (Equivalent metrics)

1. We call $|\cdot|_1$ and $|\cdot|_2$ equivalent if they induce the same topology.
2. If $|x + y| \leq \max(|x|, |y|) \leq |x| + |y|$ holds, then we call $|\cdot|$ non-archimedean.

Observe that, if $|\cdot|_1$ and $|\cdot|_2$ are equivalent absolute values, then

$$|x|_1 < 1 \implies x^n \rightarrow 0 \text{ in } |\cdot|_1 \implies x^n \rightarrow 0 \text{ in } |\cdot|_2 \implies |x|_2 < 1.$$

Proposition 19

Two absolute values $|\cdot|_1, |\cdot|_2$ are equivalent iff there is $s > 0$ such that

$$|\cdot|_1 = |\cdot|_2^s$$

Proof

The implication from right to left is easy.

Fix $y \in F^\times$ with $|y|_1 > 1$.

For any $x \in F^\times$ there is $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ such that

$$|x|_1 = |y|_1^\alpha$$

Take a rational approximation from above $\frac{m_i}{n_i} \rightarrow \alpha$, we get $|\frac{x^{n_1}}{y^{m_1}}|_1 < 1 \implies |\frac{x^{n_1}}{y^{m_1}}|_2 < 1$

Thus $|x|_2 \leq |y|_2^{\frac{m_i}{n_i}} \implies |x|_2 \leq |y|_2^\alpha$.

Doing the same with an approximation of α from below we get $|x|_2 = |y|_2^\alpha$.

Then

$$0 < s = \frac{\log |y|_1}{\log |y|_2} = \frac{\log |x|_1}{\log |x|_2}$$

□

Theorem 20 (Approximation Theorem)

Let $|\cdot|_1, \dots, |\cdot|_n$ be pairwise inequivalent absolute values.

For all $a_1, \dots, a_n \in F$ and every $\epsilon > 0$, there is $x \in F$ such that

$$|x - a_i|_i < \epsilon$$

Remark

Taking $F = \mathbb{Q}$ and p, q primes.

There are valuations v_p, v_q which induce absolute values $|\cdot|_p = p^{-v_p(\cdot)}$ which are non-archimedean and inequivalent.

A special case of the theorem above says that for each $a_1, a_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$ and all $\epsilon > 0$ there is $x \in \mathbb{Q}$ such that $|a_1 - x|_p < \epsilon$ and $|a_2 - x|_q < \epsilon$

Proof

We claim : There is $z \in F$ such that $|z|_1 > 1$ and $|z|_j < 1$ for $j = 2, \dots, n$.

First, take $\alpha, \beta \in F$ such that

$$|\alpha|_1 < 1 \leq |\alpha|_n \text{ and } |\beta|_1 \geq 1 > |\beta|_n$$

Put $y = \frac{\beta}{\alpha}$.

The case $n = 2$ follows from this (with $z = y$).

By induction, for $n > 2$ we argue by induction. Say z' satisfies the claim for $n - 1$.

If $|z'|_n \leq 1$, take $z = (z')^m y$ for m large enough.

If $|z'|_n > 1$, look at

$$t_m = \frac{(z')^m}{1 + z'^m}$$

t_m will converge to 1 for $j = 1, n$ and 0 if not.

Take $z = t_m y$ for m large enough.

By the same argument we find $z_i \in F$ such that $|z_i|_i > 1$ and $|z_i|_j < 1$ for $j \neq i$.

Put $x = a_1 z_1^{m_1} + \dots + a_n z_n^{m_n}$ for $m_1, \dots, m_n \in \mathbb{N}$ large enough. Look at script here :

$$|x - a_1|_1 \leq |a_1|_1 \quad \square$$

Proposition 22

An absolute value $|\cdot|$ on a field F is non-archimedean iff $(|n|)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is bounded.

Proof

" \implies " $|n| = |1 + \dots + 1| \leq \max(|1|, \dots) = 1$

" \impliedby " Say $|n| \leq N$, look at $|x + y|^l \leq \sum_{v=0}^l \binom{l}{v} |x|^v |y|^{l-v}$.

$$\leq \max(|x|, |y|)^l$$

Taking l -th roots, we get $|x + y| \leq N^{\frac{1}{l}} (1 + l)^{\frac{N}{l}} \max(|x|, |y|)$ \square

Definition 9 (Complete Field)

We call $(F, |\cdot|)$ complete if every Cauchy sequence has a limit in F .

Any valued field has a completion $(\hat{F}, |\cdot|)$.

Example

$$(\mathbb{Q}, |\cdot|) \xrightarrow{\text{completion}} (\mathbb{R}, |\cdot|_\infty).$$

We can do the same for the p -adic absolute values $(\mathbb{Q}, |\cdot|_p) \xrightarrow{\text{completion}} (\mathbb{Q}_p, |\cdot|_p)$.

Theorem 24 (Ostrowski)

Let F be a complete valued field such that $|\cdot|$ is archimedean.

Then there is an isomorphism $\sigma : F \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ or \mathbb{C} such that $|x| = |\sigma(x)|_\infty^s \forall x \in F$

Proof

As $|\cdot|$ is archimedean, the sequence (n) is unbounded and hence $\text{char}(F) = 0$.

Hence $\mathbb{Q} \rightarrow \hat{\mathbb{Q}} \rightarrow F$ and thus $\mathbb{R} \subset F$.

Take $a \in F$, we want to find a quadratic polynomial in $\mathbb{R}[x]$ that a satisfies.

Define $f(z) = |a^2 - \text{Tr}_{\mathbb{C}|\mathbb{R}}(z)a + \text{Nr}_{\mathbb{C}|\mathbb{R}}(z)|$ for $z \in \mathbb{C}$.

Note that $f : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ and $f(z) \rightarrow \infty$ as $|z| \rightarrow \infty$.

So $m = \min_{z \in \mathbb{C}} f(z)$ is attained in $S = \{z \in \mathbb{C} | f(z) = m\}$.

We claim $m = 0$.

Take $z_0 \in S$ and suppose $m = f(z_0) > 0$, consider

$$g(x) = x^2 - \text{Tr}_{\mathbb{C}|\mathbb{R}}(z_0)x + \text{Nr}_{\mathbb{C}|\mathbb{R}}(z_0) + \epsilon \in \mathbb{R}[x]$$

Let z_1, z'_1 be complex roots of g , we must have

$$z_1 z'_1 = \text{Nr}_{\mathbb{C}|\mathbb{R}}(z_0) + \epsilon$$

and in particular $|z_1| > |z_0|$.

Consider $G(x) = [g(x) - \epsilon]^n - (-\epsilon)^n = \prod_{i=1}^n (x - \alpha_i)$ and assume $\alpha_1 = z_1$

$$|G(a)|^2 = \prod_{i=1}^{2n} f(\alpha_i) \geq f(z_1) |m|^{2n-1}$$

and

$$|G(a)| \leq f(z_0)^n + \epsilon^n = m^n + \epsilon^n$$

Rearranging

$$\frac{f(z_1)}{m} \leq (1 + (\frac{\epsilon}{m})^n)^2 \rightarrow 1$$

as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

Rearranging $f(z_1) \leq m = f(z_0)$

□

Definition 10

The fields \mathbb{R} and \mathbb{C} are called archimedean local fields.

Let $|\cdot|$ be non-archimedean

Definition 11

Let $\mathcal{O} = \{x \in F \mid |x| \leq 1\}$ be the “ valuation ring ”.

Then

$$\mathfrak{p} = \{x \in F \mid |x| < 1\}$$

is the unique maximal ideal of \mathcal{O} .

Then $\mathcal{O}^\times = \{x \in F \mid |x| = 1\}$ are the units and $k = \mathcal{O}/\mathfrak{p}$ is the residue field.

Definition 12 (Non-archimedean local field)

A non-archimedean local field is a complete valued field such that $|\cdot|$ is non-archimedean and k is finite.

Definition 13

The valuation v defined by $v(x) = -\log(|x|)$ is called discrete if there is a $s > 0$ such that $v(F^\times) \subset s\mathbb{Z}$.

We say v is normalized if $v(F^\times) = \mathbb{Z}$

Proposition 25

Let $(F, |\cdot|)$ be a non-archimedean valued field with completion $(\hat{F}, |\cdot|)$, then

$$\hat{\mathcal{O}}/\hat{\mathfrak{p}} \simeq \mathcal{O}/\mathfrak{p}$$

Further, if $|\cdot|$ has discrete valuation then

$$\hat{\mathcal{O}}/\hat{\mathfrak{p}}^n \simeq \mathcal{O}/\mathfrak{p}^n \text{ and } \hat{\mathcal{O}} = \varprojlim \mathcal{O}/\mathfrak{p}^n$$

Similarly

$$\hat{\mathcal{O}}^\times = \varprojlim \mathcal{O}^\times/U^n$$

for $U^n = 1 + \mathfrak{p}^n$

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Lemma 26 (Hensel)

Let $(F, |\cdot|)$ be a non-archimedean complete valued field.

Let $f \in \mathcal{O}[x]$ and assume $f = \bar{g}\bar{h} \pmod{p}$ with \bar{g} and \bar{h} coprime over $\mathcal{O}/p[x]$, then this factorization lifts to \mathcal{O} and $\exists g, h \in \mathcal{O}[x]$ such that $g \pmod{p} = \bar{g}$, $h \pmod{p} = \bar{h}$ $\deg g = \deg \bar{g}$

Proof

Let $d = \deg f, m = \deg \bar{g}$.

Define g_0 to be a lift of \bar{g} to $\mathcal{O}[x]$ and h_0 a lift of h with same degree.

Look at $f - g_0 h_0$, take $a, b \in \mathcal{O}[x]$ such that $ag - +bh_0 \equiv 1 \pmod{p\mathcal{O}[x]}$ and look at $ag_0 + bh_0 - 1$.

Define ω to be any element of p that divides $f - g_0 h_0, ag_0 + bh_0 - 1$.

We will construct (g_n, h_n) such that $\deg g_n = m$, $\omega^n | g_n - g_{n-1}$ and $\omega^n | h_n - h_{n-1}$ such that $\omega^{n+1} | f - g_n h_n$.

Suppose we've constructed g_{n-1}, h_{n-1} we want to find $g_n = g_{n-1} + \omega^n p_m$ and $h_n = h_{n-1} + \omega^n q_m$. We'll be able to take $\deg p_m < m$.

Write

$$\begin{aligned} f - g_n h_n &\equiv (f - g_{n-1} h_{n-1}) - \omega^n (p_n h_{n-1} + q_n g_{n-1}) \pmod{\omega^{n+1}} \\ &\equiv \omega^n \left(\frac{f - g_{n-1} h_{n-1}}{\omega^n} - p_n h_{n-1} - q_n g_{n-1} \right) \end{aligned}$$

We work with ω now, so we want

$$p_n h_0 + q_n g_0 \equiv \underbrace{\frac{f - g_{n-1} h_{n-1}}{\omega^n}}_{=f_n} \pmod{\omega}$$

We have $bh_0 + ag_0 \equiv 1 \pmod{\omega}$ and thus

$$(bf_n)h_0 + (af_n)g_0 \equiv f_n \pmod{\omega} \quad \square$$

Write $bf_n = qg_0 + p_n$ with $\deg p_n < m$.

Letting $q_n := af_n + ph_0$, all the conditions hold and we get our g_n, h_n .

The factors of the respective sequences converge in $\mathcal{O}[x]$ because the coefficients are Cauchy and \mathcal{O} is complete.

Example

1. If $f \in \mathcal{O}[x]$ and $\bar{a} \in \mathcal{O}/p$ such that $f(a) \equiv 0 \pmod{p}, f'(a) \in \mathcal{O}^\times$ then $\exists a \in \mathcal{O}, a \equiv \bar{a} \pmod{p}$ such that $f(a) = 0$
2. $f \in K[x]$ such that f is irreducible $f(0) \in \mathcal{O}$ then $f \in \mathcal{O}[x]$

Theorem 28 (Classification of non-archimedean local fields)

The non-archimedean local fields are the finite extensions of \mathbb{Q}_p and $\mathbb{F}_p((t))$

Theorem 29

Let $(F, |\cdot|)$ be complete valued, then $|\cdot|$ has a unique extension to \overline{F} .

If $E/F < \infty$, then $|\cdot|$ is given by

$$|\alpha|_E = |N_{E/F}(\alpha)|_F^{\frac{1}{[E:F]}}$$

and E is again complete for $|\cdot|$.

Proof

We can assume that F is non-archimedean.

It suffices to show $\exists!$ extension to E (a finite extension).

1. Does $|N_{E/F}(\alpha)|_F^{\frac{1}{[E:F]}}$ define an absolute value?

Multiplicativity and $\alpha = 0 \iff |\alpha| = 0$ is clear.

We want to show that $|\alpha| \leq 1 \implies |\alpha + 1| \leq 1$.

Fix such an α and look at the minimal polynomial of α , say f .

Then $(f(0))^{\frac{1}{[E:F]}} = N_{E/F}(\alpha)$, thus $|f(0)|_F \leq 1, f(0) \in \mathcal{O}_F \implies f \in \mathcal{O}_F[x]$ thus $f \in \mathcal{O}_F[x]$.

Hence $f(x-1) \in \mathcal{O}_F[x]$ which is just the minimal polynomial of $\alpha+1$, thus $N(\alpha+1) \in \mathcal{O}_F \implies |\alpha+1|_E \leq 1$

2. We show uniqueness.

Suppose $|\cdot|'$ is another absolute value on E extending F .

We'll show that $\mathcal{O}_E := \{\alpha \in E : N_{E/F}(\alpha) \in \mathcal{O}_F\} \subset \mathcal{O}'_E$.

Suppose not, take $\alpha \in \mathcal{O}_E \setminus \mathcal{O}'_E$, thus $\alpha^{-1} \in \mathcal{O}'_E$.

Let f be the minimal polynomial of α , $f = x^d + a_{d-1}x^{d-1} + \dots$, $f(\alpha) = 0 \implies 1 + a_{d-1}\alpha^{-1} + \dots + a_0\alpha^{-d} = 0 \in 1 + \mathcal{O}_F\mathcal{O}'_E = 1 + \mathcal{O}'_E \not\equiv 0$.

Thus $\mathcal{O}_E \subset \mathcal{O}'_E$.

Thus $|\alpha|_E \leq 1 \implies |\alpha|'_E \leq 1$.

Hence, if both norms were inequivalent, there would exist $\alpha \in E$ with $|\alpha| \leq \frac{1}{100}, |\alpha|' \geq 100$, which is impossible.

It now suffices to show that E is a complete valued field.

Fact : If F is a complete valued field, V is a finite dimensional vector space over F , then any two norms on V are equivalent.

We use this with $|\cdot|_E$ and a norm coming from a linear isomorphism with $F^{[E:F]}$ □

We now prove the classification of local fields

Proof

Fact : On \mathbb{Q} , the non-archimedean absolute values are $|\cdot|_p$ (up to equivalence)

Take F a non-archimedean local field and suppose $\mathbb{Q} \subset F$.

We know $|\cdot|_{\mathbb{Q}} = |\cdot|_p$ for some p and thus $\mathbb{Q}_p \subset F$.

Local compactness implies that $F/\mathbb{Q}_p < \infty$.

Assume $\text{char} F = p > 0$, thus $\mathbb{F}_p \subset F$, take $t \in F$ with $|t| < 1$.

We claim that t is transcendental, if not $\exists N$ such that $t^N = 1 \implies |t| = 1$.

Thus $\mathbb{F}_p((t)) \subset F \implies F/\mathbb{F}_p((t)) < \infty$. \square

Theorem 30

Let F be a non-archimedean local field and $\omega \in F^\times$ a uniformizer for \mathcal{O} .

Then $\mathcal{O}^\times \times \omega^\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow F^\times$ is an isomorphism.

Consider $1 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}^\times \rightarrow F^\times \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow 0$, this ses splits with $s : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow F^\times$ sending n to ω^n .

Theorem 31

Let F be a non-archimedean local field, then $\mathcal{O}^\times \subset F^\times$ is compact open and F^\times is locally compact.

Proof

Look at $F^\times \rightarrow \{(a, b) : ab = 1\} \subset F^2$ sending $a \rightarrow (a, \frac{1}{a})$.

We get everything just by topological considerations. \square

Recall $U^n = 0$ if $n = 0$ and $1 + p^n$ if $n \geq 1$.

Then $\mathcal{O}^\times = \bigcup_{a \bmod p \neq 0} a + p$.

All these p are open compact and thus \mathcal{O}^\times is too.

Take $\alpha \in F^\times$, then $\alpha\mathcal{O}^\times$ is a compact open neighborhood of α .

Lemma 32

Let F be a non-archimedean local field.

The maps $x \rightarrow x^m$ with m an integers sends $U^m \rightarrow U^{n+v(m)}$ and induces an isomorphism for m large enough (depending on m)

Proof

Take $a \in U^n$, $a = 1 + \omega^n b$, then $a^m = 1 + m\omega^n b + \omega^{2n} c$ for some $c \in \mathcal{O}$.

$$= 1 + \omega^{v(m)} \omega^n b + \omega^{2n} c \in 1 + \omega^{v(m)+m} \mathcal{O}$$

for $n \geq v(M)$.

We show injectivity.

There exist finitely many n -th roots of unity in F .

For $n \gg 1$, $U^n \ni$ an m -th root of unity $\neq 1$

To show surjectivity, take $a \in \mathcal{O}^\times$, we want to find $x \in \mathcal{O}$ such that

$$(1 + x\omega^n)^m = 1 + a\omega^{n+v(m)}$$

Thus $1 + b\omega^{v(m)}x\omega^n + \omega^{2n}f(x) = 1 + a\omega^{n+v(m)}$ where $m = b\omega^{v(m)}$.
 $x + \omega^{n-v(m)}f(x) = a$ when $n > v(m)$.

Modulo ω , this becomes $x = a$.

By Hensel, this lifts to a solution $x \in \mathcal{O}$ because $(x - a)' = 1 \neq 0$. \square

Corollary 33

Let F be non-archimedean local, then $(F^\times)^m \subset F^\times$ is an open subgroup.

$$\bigcap_m (F^\times)^m = \{1\}$$

Proof

It suffices to show $1 \in (F^\times)^m$ has an open neighborhood, indeed, take U^m a large enough n .

For the second part, take $a \in \bigcap_m (F^\times)^m$, $v(a) \in m\mathbb{Z} \forall m \implies v(a) = 0$ and we know that $a \in U^n$ for all n .

Thus $a - 1 \in \bigcap_i p^i = 0$ \square

Lecture 5: Cohomology a la Tate

Mon 24 Oct

If F is a non-archimedean local field with normalized valuation v_f and E/F is a finite extension of degree n , then E is again a non-archimedean local field with respect to a unique absolute value extending $|\cdot|_F$.

The valuation associated to $|\cdot|_E$ is w_E and

$$|x|_E = |N_{E|F}(x)|_F^{\frac{1}{n}}$$

We have $\mathbb{Z} = v_F(F^\times) \subset w_E(E^\times) \subset \frac{1}{n}\mathbb{Z}$.

We have an extension of residue fields k_E/k_F

Definition 14

We define $e = e(E|F) = [\omega_E(E^\times) : v_F(F^\times)]$ and $f = f(E|F) = [k_E : k_F]$.

Proposition 34

Let $E|F$ be a finite extension of non-archimedean local fields.

Then $[E : F] = n = e \cdot f$

Remark

$n \geq e \cdot f$ holds in great generality (we don't need it to be a local field) but equality needs completeness.

Proof

Let ϖ_E be a generator of $p_E \subset \mathcal{O}_E$.

Choose $\omega_1, \dots, \omega_f \in \mathcal{O}_E^\times$ such that they reduce to a basis of k_E over k_F .

We claim that $\{\omega_j \varpi_E^i | j = 1, \dots, f \text{ and } i = 0, \dots, e-1\}$ is linearly independent.

Take

$$S = \sum_{i=0}^{e-1} \underbrace{\sum_{j=1}^f a_{ij} \omega_j \varpi_E^i}_{=S_i}$$

□

Suppose $S = 0$ with the coefficients not all zero.

Let $\alpha_i = \min_{j \in [f], a_{ij} \neq 0} v_F(a_{ij})$.

Then notice that $\varpi_F^{-\alpha_i} S_i$ has at least one coefficient in \mathcal{O}_F^\times .

Reducing mod p_E gives a linear in k_E $\sum_{j=1}^f \tilde{a}_{ij} \omega_j$ and thus at least one of the $\tilde{a}_{ij} \neq 0$.

Thus $S_i \neq 0$ and even more $w_E(S_i) \in v_F(F^\times)$.

Since $S = 0$ there must be $0 \leq i, j \leq e-1$ with $i \neq j$ such that $w_E(S_i \varpi_E^i) = w_E(S_j \varpi_E^j)$.

Thus $w_E(\varpi_E^i) \in w_E(\varpi_E^j) + \mathbb{Z}$.

But this can only happen if $i = j$.

Now, define $M = \sum_{i=0}^{e-1} \underbrace{\sum_{j=1}^f \mathcal{O}_F \omega_j \varpi_E^i}_{=N}$ an \mathcal{O}_F module.

We claim that $M = \mathcal{O}_E$.

We start with some observations $\mathcal{O}_E = N + \varpi_E \mathcal{O}_E = N + \varpi_E N + \varpi_E^2 N + \dots + \varpi_E^e \mathcal{O}_E = M + p_F \mathcal{O}_E$.

Thus $\mathcal{O}_E = M + p_F^v \mathcal{O}_E$ for $v \geq 1$ and thus M is dense in \mathcal{O}_E .

But M is also closed

Definition 15

If E/F is a finite extension, then it is called unramified if $[k_E : k_F] = n$ (ie. $e = 1$).

A non-finite extension is called unramified if k_E/k_F is separable and E is a union of finite unramified extensions.

Proposition 36

Let E/F and F'/F be two finite extensions of non-archimedean local fields and let $E' = EF'$. Then

- E/F unramified, then E'/F' is unramified
- subextensions of unramified extensions are unramified
- compositions of unramified extensions are unramified.

Proof

The second and third property follow from the first one, so we only show the first one.

k_E/k_F is generated by $\bar{\alpha}$.

We can lift $\bar{\alpha}$ to $\alpha \in \mathcal{O}_E$ and take the minimal polynomial $f \in \mathcal{O}_F[x]$ for α over F .

We compute $[k_E : k_F] \leq \deg(\bar{f}) = \deg f = [F(\alpha) : F] \leq [E : F] = [k_E : k_F]$.

Thus $E = F(\alpha)$ and \bar{f} is the minimal polynomial of $\bar{\alpha}$ and $E = F'(\alpha)$.

Consider the minimal polynomial $g \in \mathcal{O}_{F'}[x]$ of α over F' .

Note that \bar{g} is irreducible by Hensel's lemma (and \bar{g} has no multiple roots as $\bar{g}|\bar{f}$).

Now $[k_E : k_{F'}] \leq [E' : F'] = \deg g = \deg \bar{g} - [k_{F'}(\bar{\alpha}) : k_{F'}] \leq [k_{E'} : k_{F'}]$ \square

Why are unramified extensions so nice ?

— If $E|F$ is unramified, then there is a morphism of galois groups $\text{Gal}(E/F) \rightarrow \text{Gal}(k_E|k_F)$ sending $\sigma \rightarrow \bar{\sigma}$ by defining $\bar{\sigma}(x + p_E) = \sigma(x) + p_E$ and this is an isomorphism.

As $\text{Gal}(k_E|k_F)$ is generated by the frobenius, sending $\bar{x} \rightarrow \bar{x}^{q_F}$ where $\#k_F = q_F$.

Definition 16

The automorphism $\phi_{E|F} \in \text{Gal}(E|F)$ that induces the frobenius via the isomorphism above is called the frobenius automorphism.

Theorem 37

If $L \supset E \supset F$ are unramified finite extensions of F , we have

$$\phi_{E|F} = \phi_{L|F}|_E$$

and $\phi_{L|F}^{[E:F]} = \phi_{L|E}$

Interlude : Relevance to the classical situation

If $L|K$ is a finite extension of algebraic number fields and $p \in \mathcal{O}_K$.

Then this prime induces a normalized valuation v_p on K .

Let k_p be the completion and write $p\mathcal{O}_L = \beta_1^{e_1} \dots \beta_r^{e_r}$.

Then, we get valuations $\omega_{\beta_i} = \frac{1}{e_i} v_{\beta_i}$ extending v_p .

Completing with respect to these different valuations, we get L_i 's for every i .

Then $f_j = f(L_j/K_p)$, $e_i = e(L_i/K_p)$ and one has $\sum_{i=1}^r e_i f_i = n$.

If $L|K$ is a Galois extension, we obtain maps $L_\beta \rightarrow L_{\sigma\beta}$.

In particular, if $\sigma\beta = \beta$, then $L_\beta \xrightarrow{\sigma} L_\beta$ defines an element in $\text{Gal}(L_\beta/K_p)$.
 And we get a morphism $G(\beta) = \{\sigma \in \text{Gal}(L/K) \mid \sigma\beta = \beta\} \rightarrow \text{Gal}(L_\beta/K_p)$.
 If p is unramified, then this is an isomorphism and we can pull back the Frobenius.

Lecture 6: Cohomology of groups

Thu 27 Oct

5 Cohomology of finite groups

Let G be a finite group.

Definition 17

A G -module A is an abelian group on which G acts

1. $1_G \cdot a = a$
2. $\sigma(a + b) = \sigma a + \sigma b$
3. $(\sigma\zeta)a = \sigma(\zeta a)$

Example

1. $\mathbb{Z}[G]$
2. If $G = \text{Gal}(L/K)$, then G acts on L^\times and on L .

The group ring has additional structure, there is a map.

$$\epsilon : \mathbb{Z}[G] \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$$

sending $\sum_{\sigma \in G} n_\sigma \sigma \rightarrow \sum_{\sigma \in G} n_\sigma$ called augmentation.

We call $I_G = \ker \epsilon$ the augmentation ideal.

There is the norm element $N_G = \sum_{\sigma \in G} \sigma$.

This gives rise to a map $\mu : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}[G]$ sending $n \mapsto n \times N_G$.

As any element acts trivially on the norm, the image of μ is an ideal and we can form $J_G = \mathbb{Z}[G] / \mathbb{Z}N_G$.

We get two short exact sequences

$$0 \rightarrow I_G \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}[G] \xrightarrow{\epsilon} \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow 0$$

and

$$0 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{\mu} \mathbb{Z}[G] \rightarrow J_G \rightarrow 0$$

Lemma 39

- As a group, I_G is the free abelian group generated by $\sigma - 1$ as σ runs over $G \setminus 1$.
- As a group, J_G is the free abelian group generated by $\sigma \pmod{\mathbb{Z}N_G}$

as σ runs over $G \setminus 1$
 — We have $\mathbb{Z}[G] \simeq I_G \oplus \mathbb{Z} \simeq J_G \oplus \mathbb{Z}$.

Proof

$$x = \sum_{\sigma \in G} n_{\sigma} \sigma = \sum_{1 \neq \sigma \in G} n_{\sigma} (\sigma - 1) + \left(\sum_{\sigma \in G} n_{\sigma} \right) 1_G = \sum_{1 \neq \sigma \in G} (n_{\sigma} - n_1) \sigma + n_1 N_G$$

□

Lemma 40

$I_G = \text{Ann}(\mathbb{Z}N_G)$ and $\mathbb{Z}N_G = \text{Ann}(I_G)$

Proof

$x = \sum_{\sigma \in G} n_{\sigma} \sigma \in \mathbb{Z}[G]$, if x is in the annihilator,

$$xN_G = \sum_{\sigma} n_{\sigma} \sigma N_G = \sum_{\sigma} n_{\sigma} N_G \implies \left(\sum_{\sigma \in G} n_{\sigma} \right) = 0$$

□

Definition 18 (Fixed module)

$A^G = \{a \in A \mid \sigma a = a \forall \sigma \in G\}$.

We also write

$${}_{N_G}A = \{a \in A \mid N_G a = 0\}$$

and

$$I_G A = \left\{ \sum n_{\sigma} (\sigma a_{\sigma} - a_{\sigma}) \mid a_{\sigma} \in A, n_{\sigma} \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$$

Definition 19

If A, B are two G -modules, then we can turn $\text{hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(A, B) (= \text{hom}(A, B))$ into a G -module by letting

$$\sigma f = \sigma \circ f \circ \sigma^{-1}$$

In particular,

$$\text{hom}_G(A, B) = \text{hom}(A, B)^G$$

Definition 20

If A, B are as before, then $A \otimes B$ is a G -module by $\sigma(a \otimes b) = \sigma a \otimes \sigma b$

Remark

In general,

$$(A \otimes B)^G \neq A^G \otimes B^G$$

Remark

Given two G -homomorphisms $A \xrightarrow{h} A', B \xrightarrow{g} B'$, we get

$$(h, g) : \text{hom}(A', B) \rightarrow \text{hom}(A, B')$$

by pre/post-composition and

$$h \otimes g : A \otimes B \rightarrow A' \otimes B'$$

Definition 21 (Resolution)

Let G be a finite group. A complete free resolution of the (trivial) G -module \mathbb{Z} is an exact sequence

$$\xleftarrow{d_{-2}} X_{-2} \xleftarrow{d_{-1}} X_{-1} \xleftarrow{d_0} X_0 \xleftarrow{d_1} X_1 \dots$$

of free G -modules X_q such that

$$X_0 \xrightarrow{\epsilon} \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{\mu} X_{-1}$$

is exact and fits into the above exact sequence.

All the maps are G -homomorphisms.

We define the following standard resolution

- $X_0 = X_{-1} = \mathbb{Z}[G]$
- $X_q = \bigoplus_{(\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_q) \in G^q} \mathbb{Z}[G] \cdot (\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_q) = X_{-q-1}$

To define our G -homomorphisms d_q , it suffices to define them on the generators.

We define $d_0(1) = N_G$ and $d_1(\sigma) = \sigma - 1$.

For $q > 1$, define

$$\begin{aligned} d(q)(\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_q) &= \sigma_1(\sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_q) \\ &+ \sum_{i=1}^{q-1} (-1)^i (\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_{i-1}, \sigma_i \sigma_{i+1}, \dots, \sigma_q) \\ &+ (-1)^q (\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_{q-1}) \end{aligned}$$

Furthermore $d_{-1}(1) = \sigma_{\sigma \in G} [\sigma^{-1}(\sigma) - (\sigma)]$ and

$$\begin{aligned} d_{-q-1}(\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_q) &= \sum_{\sigma \in G} \sigma^{-1}(\sigma, \sigma_1) \\ &+ \sum_{\sigma \in G} \sum_{i=1}^q (-1)^i (\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_{i-1}, \sigma_1 \sigma, \sigma^{-1}, \sigma_{i+1}, \dots, \sigma_q) \\ &+ \sum_{\sigma \in G} (-1)^{q+1} (\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_q, \sigma) \end{aligned}$$

Lemma 43

This is a complete free resolution of \mathbb{Z} .

Proof

Nope. □

Now, we are ready to define the (Tate) cohomology groups!

Define $A_q = \text{hom}_G(X_q, A)$ (and call an element $x : X_q \rightarrow A$ in A_q a q -cochain).

We get a complex

$$\dots \xrightarrow{\partial_{-2}} A_{-2} \xrightarrow{\partial_{-1}} A_{-1} \xrightarrow{\partial_0} A_0 \xrightarrow{\partial_1} A_1 \rightarrow \dots$$

which is not necessarily exact but $\partial_{q+1} \circ \partial_q = 0$.

Now $Z_q = \ker \partial_{q+1}$ are the q -cocycles, $R_q = \text{Im } \partial_q$ are q -coboundaries.

The q th cohomology group of the G -module A is the quotient $H^q(G, A) = Z_q / R_q$

Lecture 7: group cohomology

Mon 31 Oct

We'll write $A_q = \text{hom}_G(X_q, A)$.

Recall $A_q = A_{-q-1} \simeq \{x : G \times \dots \times G \rightarrow A\}$.

The maps ∂_q are given by

- $\partial_0 x = N_G x$ for $x \in A_{-1} = A$
- $[\partial_1 x](\sigma) = \sigma x - x$
- $\partial_{-1} x = \sum_{\sigma \in G} (\sigma^{-1} x(\sigma) - x(\sigma)) \in A$
- For $q \geq 1$,

$$\partial_q x(\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_q) = \sigma_1 x(\sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_q) + \sum_{i=1}^{q-1} (-1)^i x(\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_i \sigma_{i+1}, \dots, \sigma_q) + (-1)^q x(\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_{q-1})$$

— And

$$\partial_{-q-1} x(\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_q) = \sum_{\sigma \in G} [\sigma^{-1} x(\sigma, \sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_q) + \sum_{i=1}^q (-1)^i x(\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_{i-1}, \sigma_i \sigma, \dots) + \dots]$$

In low degree, we can compute these groups

1.

$$H^{-1}(G, A) = \ker \partial_0 / \text{Im } \partial_{-1} = N_G A / I_G A$$

2.

$$H^0(G, A) = \frac{\ker \partial_1}{\text{Im } \partial_0} = A^G / N_G A$$

3. Looking at 1-cocycles, we see that they are maps $x : G \rightarrow A$ with

$$\partial_2 x = 0 \iff x(\sigma\tau) = \sigma x(\tau) + x(\sigma)$$

If G operates trivially on A , then these are just $\text{hom}(G, A) = H^1(G, A)$.

In particular, if $A = \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z} = \text{hom}(G, \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}) = \chi(G)$ is the "character group".

In general, given an exact sequence $0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \rightarrow 0$, then $0 \rightarrow A^G \rightarrow B^G \rightarrow C^G \xrightarrow{\delta} H^1(G, A)$ is exact.

The group $H^2(G, A)$ has the following interpretation, extensions \hat{G} of a G module A by G are uniquely determined by a G -module structure on A and a class $x(\sigma, \tau)$ of "factor systems".

These factor systems are uniquely determined by elements in $H^2(G, A)$.

We have interpretations of $q = -1, 0, 1, 2$, later we will see what $q = -2$ does (under some mild assumptions).

5.1 The exact sequence of Cohomology

Given A, B two G -modules and $f : A \rightarrow B$ some G -hom, then this induces a map $\overline{f}_q : H^q(G, A) \rightarrow H^q(G, B)$ sending $[c] \rightarrow [f_q c]$.

We observe that f_\bullet is indeed a chain-map.

Theorem 44

Let $0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \rightarrow 0$ be exact.

Then there is a canonical homomorphism $\delta_q : H^q(G, C) \rightarrow H^{q+1}(G, A)$

Lecture 8: maps in cohomology

Mon 07 Nov

Theorem 45

Let A be a G -module, $H \subset G$ normal, then

$$0 \rightarrow H^1(G/H, A^H) \xrightarrow{\text{inf}} H^1(G, A) \xrightarrow{\text{res}} H^1(H, A)$$

Proof

If $x : G/H \rightarrow A^H$ is a 1-cocycle, assume $\text{inf}(x) = \sigma a - a$ is a coboundary.

But then $(\sigma \tau a - a = \sigma a - a \forall \tau \in H)$ thus $a \in A^H$.

We check exactness at $H^1(G, A)$.

It is clear that $\text{res} \circ \text{inf} = 0$.

For the other inclusion, if $x : G \rightarrow A$ is a 1-cocycle such that $x(\tau) = \tau a - a$ with $a \in A$ for all $\tau \in H$.

Let $p : G \rightarrow A$ be defined by sending $\sigma \mapsto \sigma a - a$.

Put $x' = x - p$ and observe $x'(\tau) = 0$ for $\tau \in H, [x] = [x'] \in H^1(G, A)$.

Compute $x'(\sigma \tau) = x'(\sigma) + \sigma x'(\tau) = x'(\sigma)$ and $x'(\tau \sigma) = x'(\tau) + \tau x'(\sigma)$.

So we define $y : G/H \rightarrow A$ by $y(\sigma H) = x'(\sigma)$ □

Theorem 46

Let A be a G -module and $H \subset G$ normal.

Suppose $H^1(H, A) = 0$ for $i = 1, \dots, q-1$, then

$$0 \rightarrow H^q(G/H, A^H) \xrightarrow{\text{inf}} H^q(G, A) \xrightarrow{\text{res}} H^q(H, A)$$

is exact.

Proof

By induction on q , the case $q = 1$ follows from the above.

Consider

$$0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}[G] \otimes A \rightarrow J_G \otimes A \rightarrow 0$$

We have that $0 \rightarrow A^H \rightarrow B^H \rightarrow C^H \rightarrow 0$ is exact because $H^1(H, A) = 0$.

We get a map of diagrams induced by connecting homomorphisms from

$$0 \rightarrow H^{q-1}(G/H, C^H) \rightarrow H^{q-1}(G, C) \rightarrow H^{q-1}(H, C)$$

to

$$0 \rightarrow H^q(G/H, A^H) \rightarrow$$

□

Lecture 9: stuff

Thu 10 Nov

Recall $H^q(G, A)$ are torsion groups, so there is a decomposition $\bigoplus_p H^q(G, A)_p$.

Theorem 47

Let A be a G -module and G_p a p -Sylow subgroup of G , then

$$\text{Res}_q H^q(G, A)_p \rightarrow H^q(G_p, A)$$

is injective and $\text{Cores}_q : H^q(G_p, A) \rightarrow H^q(G, A)_p$ is surjective.

Proof

$[G : G_p]$ is coprime to p , so

$$H^q(G, A)_p \xrightarrow{\text{cores} \circ \text{Res}} H^q(G, A)_p$$

is an automorphism as $\text{coRes} \circ \text{Res}$ is just multiplication by $[G : G_p]$.

So restriction is injective.

Orders of elements in $H^q(G_p, A)$ are powers of p so $\text{cores}(H^q(G_p, A)) \subset H^q(G, A)_p$.

Surjectivity follows as above.

□

Corollary 48

Let G_p be a p -Sylow group for G .

Suppose that $H^q(G_p, A) = 0$, then $H^q(G, A) = 0$.

Proof

Because $\text{Res} : H^q(G, A) \rightarrow H^q(G_p, A)$ is injective. □

Definition 22

Let G be a finite group, $H \subset G$ a subgroup. Then a G -module A is called G/H -induced if it has a representation

$$A = \bigoplus_{\sigma \in G/H} \sigma D$$

where $D \subset A$ is an H -module.

Theorem 49 (Shapiro's lemma)

Suppose $A = \bigoplus_{\sigma \in G/H} \sigma D$ is G/H -induced, then

$$H^q(G, A) = H^q(H, D)$$

Proof

Write $G/H = \{[\sigma_1], \dots, [\sigma_m]\}$.

For $q = 0$, we consider the map

$$A^G / N_G A \xrightarrow{\text{Res}} A^H / N_H A \xrightarrow{\pi} D^H / N_H D$$

where π is induced by the projection onto $[e]D$.

This is an isomorphism with inverse sending $\nu : d + N_H D \mapsto \sum_{i=1}^m \sigma_i d + N_G A$.

One verifies that $\pi \circ \text{Res} \circ \nu = \text{Id} = \nu \circ \pi \circ \text{Res}$.

For the general case, we want to shift dimensions

$$A^q = \begin{cases} J_G \otimes \dots \otimes J_G \otimes A & \text{if } q \geq 0 \\ I_G \otimes \dots \otimes I_G \otimes A & \text{if } q < 0 \end{cases}$$

,

$$D_*^q = \begin{cases} J_G \otimes \dots \otimes J_G \otimes D & \text{if } q \geq 0 \\ I_G \otimes \dots \otimes I_G \otimes D & \text{if } q < 0 \end{cases}$$

and

$$D^q = \begin{cases} J_H \otimes \dots \otimes J_H \otimes D & \text{if } q \geq 0 \\ I_H \otimes \dots \otimes I_H \otimes D & \text{if } q < 0 \end{cases}$$

Note $A[q] = \bigoplus_{i=1}^m \sigma_i D_*^q$.

Compute that

$$J_G = J_H \oplus K_1 \text{ for } K_1 = \bigoplus_{\tau \in H} \tau \left(\sum_{i=2}^m \mathbb{Z} \sigma_i \right)$$

$$I_G = I_H \oplus K_{-1} \text{ for } K_{-1} = \bigoplus_{\tau \in H} \tau \left(\sum_{i=2}^m \mathbb{Z} (\sigma_i - 1) \right)$$

So $D_*^q = D^q \oplus C^q$ where C^q is H -induced.

We get the diagram

$$H^0(G, A^q) \xrightarrow{Res_0} H^0(H, A^q) \xrightarrow{\pi} H^0(H, D_*^q) \xrightarrow{p} H^0(H, D^q)$$

and then something happens...

□

5.2 The cup-product

Let A, B be G -modules, there is a map

$$A^G \times B^G \rightarrow (A \otimes B)^G$$

and $N_G A \times N_G B \rightarrow N_G (A \otimes B)$.

We get an induced map

$$H^0(G, A) \times H^0(G, B) \xrightarrow{\cup} H^0(G, A \otimes B)$$

We call this the cup product.

Definition 23

There is a unique family of bilinear maps

$$\cup : H^p(G, A) \times H^q(G, B) \rightarrow H^{p+q}(G, A \otimes B)$$

called the cup product, satisfying

1. For $p = q = 0$ it is the cup product defined above
2. $H^p(G, A'') \times H^q(G, B) \rightarrow H^{p+q}(G, A'' \otimes B) \xrightarrow{\delta} H^{p+q+1}(G, A \otimes B)$
and

$$H^p(G, A^H) \times H^q(G, B) \xrightarrow{(\delta, 1)} H^{p+1}(G, A) \times H^q(G, B) \xrightarrow{\cup} H^{p+q+1}(G, A \otimes B)$$

where

$$0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow A' \rightarrow A'' \rightarrow 0$$

is exact and

$$0 \rightarrow A \otimes B \rightarrow A' \otimes B \rightarrow A'' \otimes B \rightarrow 0$$

is too

3. If $0 \rightarrow B \rightarrow B' \rightarrow B'' \rightarrow 0$ and $0 \rightarrow A \otimes B \rightarrow A \otimes B' \rightarrow A \otimes B'' \rightarrow 0$ is exact, then

$$H^p(G, A) \times H^q(G, B'') \xrightarrow{\cup} H^{p+q}(G, A \otimes B'') \xrightarrow{(-1)^p \delta} H^{p+q+1}(G, A \otimes B)$$

and

$$H^p(G, A) \times H^q(G, B'') \xrightarrow{(1, \delta)} H^p(G, A) \times H^{q+1}(G, B) \xrightarrow{\cup} H^{p+q+1}(G, A \otimes B)$$

Proof (Existence of the cup product)

Nope. □

Theorem 50

Let $f : A \rightarrow A', g : B \rightarrow B'$, we have

$$\overline{f}[a] \cup \overline{g}[b] = \overline{f \otimes g}([a] \cup [b])$$

Theorem 51

Let A, B be G -modules, $H \subset G$ a subgroup.

If $[a] \in H^p(G, A), [b] \in H^q(G, B), [c] \in H^q(H, B)$, then

$$\text{Res}([a] \cup [b]) = (\text{Res}[a]) \cup (\text{Res}[b])$$

and

$$\text{Cores}(\text{Res}[a] \cup [c]) = [a] \cup \text{cores}[c]$$

Theorem 52

Take $[a] \in H^p(G, A), [b] \in H^q(G, B), [c] \in H^r(G, C)$.

Then

- $([a] \cup [b]) \cup [c] = [a] \cup ([b] \cup [c])$
- $[a] \cup [b] = (-1)^{pq} [b] \cup [a]$

Lemma 53

$[a_1] \cup [b_{-1}] \in H^0(G, A \otimes B)$ is given by

$$\sum_{\tau \in G} a_1(\tau) \otimes \tau b_{-1}$$

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Proof

Consider

$$0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{i} A \otimes \mathbb{Z}[G] \rightarrow A'' \rightarrow 0$$

and

$$0 \rightarrow A \otimes B \xrightarrow{i'} A' \otimes B \rightarrow A'' \otimes B \rightarrow 0$$

two exact sequences.

Note $H^1(G, A') = 0$, so $i(a_1) = \partial a'_0$.

Put $a''_0 = j(a'_0)$.

By definition of δ we have $[a_1] = \delta(a''_0)$.

Now we can compute

$$\begin{aligned} [a_1] \cup [b_{-1}] &= \delta[a''_0] \cup [b_{-1}] \\ &= \delta([a''_0] \cup b_{-1}) \\ &= \delta([a''_0 \otimes b_{-1}]) \\ &= [\partial_0(a'_0 \otimes b_{-1})] \\ &= [N_G(a'_0 \otimes b_{-1})] \\ &= \left[\sum_{\tau \in G} a_1(\tau) \otimes \tau b_{-1} \right] + [a'_0 \otimes N_G b_{-1}] \end{aligned} \quad \square$$

Lemma 54

$$[a_1] \cup [\sigma] = [z_{-1}] \in H^{-1}(G, A)$$

We can take $z_{-1} = a_1(\sigma)$

Proof

There is an isomorphism $H^{-1}(G, A) \simeq H^0(G, A \otimes I_G)$.

It suffices to show that $\delta([a_1] \cup [\sigma]) = \delta([a_1(\sigma)])$.

First, note that $\delta[a_1(\sigma)] = [x_0]$ for $x_0 = \sum_{\tau \in G} \tau a_1(\sigma) \otimes \tau$.

Recall that we have $\delta[\sigma] = [\sigma - 1] \in H^{-1}(G, I_G)$, so

$$\delta([a_1] \cup [\sigma]) = ([a_1] \cup \delta[\sigma]) = -[a_1] \cup [\sigma - 1] = [y_0]$$

We will use that a_1 is a crossed homomorphism, we get

$$\begin{aligned} y_0 &= - \sum_{\tau \in G} a_1(\tau) \otimes \tau(\sigma - 1) \\ &= \sum_{\tau \in G} a_1(\tau) \otimes \tau - \sum_{\tau \in G} a_1(\tau) \otimes \tau\sigma \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \sum_{\tau \in G} a_1(\tau) \otimes \tau - \sum_{\tau \in G} a_1(\tau\sigma) \otimes \tau\sigma + \sum_{\tau \in G} \tau a_1(\sigma) \otimes \tau\sigma \\
&= \sum_{\tau \in G} \tau a_1(\sigma) \otimes \tau\sigma
\end{aligned}$$

where we used that $a_1(\tau) = a_1(\tau\sigma) - \tau a_1(\sigma)$.

Finally, we can look at

$$y_0 - x_0 = \sum_{\tau \in G} (\tau a_1(\sigma) \otimes \tau(\sigma - 1)) = N_G(a_1(\sigma) \otimes (\sigma - 1))$$

hence $[x_1] = [y_0]$ □

Theorem 55

$$[a_2] \cup [\sigma] = \left[\sum_{\tau \in G} a_2(\tau, \sigma) \right] \in H^0(G, A)$$

Proof

As before, $A' = \mathbb{Z}[G] \otimes A$ and $0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow A' \rightarrow A'' \rightarrow 0$ exact.

Then $a_2 = \partial a'_1$, $a_2(\tau, \sigma) = \tau a'_1(\sigma) - a'_1(\tau\sigma) + a'_1(\tau)$.

Then $[a_2] \cup [\sigma] = \delta([a'_1] \cup [\sigma]) = [\sum_{\tau} \tau a'_1(\sigma)] = [\sum_{\tau \in G} a_2(\tau, \sigma)] + [\sum_{\tau \in G} a'_1(\tau, \sigma) - \sum_{\tau \in G} a'_1(\tau)]$ □

5.3 Cohomology of (finite) cyclic groups

Let G be a cyclic group of order n with generator σ .

Now $\mathbb{Z}[G] = \bigoplus_{i=0}^{n-1} \mathbb{Z}\sigma^i$, $N_G = 1 + \sigma + \dots + \sigma^{n-1}$ and

$$\sigma^k - 1 = (\sigma - 1)(\sigma^{k-1} + \dots + \sigma + 1)$$

In particular $I_G = \mathbb{Z}[G](\sigma - 1) = (\sigma - 1)\mathbb{Z}[G]$ is a principal ideal.

Theorem 56 (Cohomology of cyclic groups)

In the situation before, $H^q(G, A) \simeq H^{q+2}(G, A)$.

Proof

It suffices to prove the result for $q = -1$ and then it follows by dimension shifting as

$$H^q(G, A) \simeq H^{-1}(G, A^{q+1}) \simeq H^1(G, A^{q+1}) \simeq H^{q+2}(G, A)$$

Let Z_1 be the set of 1-cocycles. These are crossed homomorphisms

$$x(\sigma^k) = \sigma x(\sigma^{k-1}) + x(\sigma) = \dots = \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \sigma^i x(\sigma)$$

Observe that x is fully determined by its value on σ .

Compute $N_G x(\sigma) = x(\sigma^n) = x(1) = 0$, hence $x(\sigma) \in {}_{N_G} A$.

We can define $Z_1 \rightarrow Z_{-1} = {}_{N_G} A$ sending $x \rightarrow x(\sigma)$, this is an isomorphism.

Since it respects coboundaries, it descends to an isomorphism of cohomology groups.

If $x \in R_1$, $x(\sigma^k) = \sigma^k a - a$ for some $a \in A$, $\iff x(\sigma) \in I_G A = R_{-1}$. \square

Given an exact sequence $0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \rightarrow 0$ of G -modules

$$H^{-1}(G, A) \rightarrow H^{-1}(G, B) \rightarrow H^{-1}(G, C) \xrightarrow{\delta} H^0(G, A) \rightarrow H^0(G, B) \rightarrow H^0(G, C) \rightarrow H^1(G, A) \simeq H^{-1}(G, A)$$

Definition 24 (Herbrand quotient)

Let A be an abelian group and f, g two endomorphisms of A such that $f \circ g = g \circ f = 0$.

Then the Herbrand quotient is defined by

$$q_{f,g}(A) = \frac{[\ker f : \operatorname{Im} g]}{[\ker g : \operatorname{Im} f]}$$

An important special case of this is $f = D = \sigma - 1, g = N = 1 + \sigma + \dots + \sigma^{n-1}$ with A a G -module.

Clearly, $D \circ N = N \circ D = 0$, then $q_{D,N}(A) = \frac{\#H^0(G, A)}{\#H^{-1}(G, A)}$.

If the context is clear, we write $q_{D,N}(A) = h(A)$.

Theorem 57

Let G be a cyclic group and $0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \rightarrow 0$ be an exact sequence of G -modules, then $h(B) = h(A)h(C)$.

Proof

Look at the exact hexagon and call the maps $f_1, f_2, f_3, f_4, f_5, f_6$.

Define $F_i = \# \operatorname{Im} f_i$.

And now, “combinatorics”... \square

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Theorem 58

If G is cyclic of order n .

If A is finite, then $q_{f,g}(A) = 1$.

If A is a submodule of B with finite index, then $h(B) = h(A)$.

Proof

If $f : A \rightarrow A$, then

$$\#A = \# \ker f \# \operatorname{Im} f = \# \ker g \# \operatorname{Im} g$$

for finite A . □

Lemma 59

Let f, g be commuting endomorphisms of A , then

$$q_{0,g \circ f} = q_{0,g}(A) q_{0,f}(A)$$

Theorem 60

Let G be a cyclic group of order p and let A be a G -module.

Suppose that $q_{0,p}(A)$ is defined, then $q_{0,p}(A^G)$ and $h(A)$ are defined and

$$h(A)^{p-1} = \frac{q_{0,p}(A^G)^p}{q_{0,p}(A)}$$

Proof

Let σ be a generator of G and $D = \sigma - 1$, then $0 \rightarrow A^G \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{D} I_G A \rightarrow 0$ is exact.

We have $q_{0,p}(A) = q_{0,p}(A^G) q_{0,p}(I_G A)$.

We have to compute $q_{0,p}(I_G A)$.

Recall that $\mathbb{Z}N_G = \mathbb{Z} \sum_{i=0}^{p-1} \sigma^i$ annihilates $I_G A$.

Thus, we can view $I_G A$ as a $\mathbb{Z}[G]/\mathbb{Z}N_G$ -module.

But we have ring isomorphisms

$$\mathbb{Z}[G]/\mathbb{Z}N_G \simeq \mathbb{Z}[x]/(1 + x + \dots + x^{p-1}) \simeq \mathbb{Z}[\zeta]$$

In $\mathbb{Z}[\zeta]$, we know that $p = (\zeta - 1)^{p-1} \cdot e$ for a unit $e \in \mathbb{Z}[\zeta]^\times$ and $p = (\sigma - 1)^{p-1} \cdot \epsilon$ for a unit $\epsilon \in \mathbb{Z}[G]/\mathbb{Z}N_G$.

In particular multiplication by ϵ is an automorphism of $I_G A$ and $q_{0,\epsilon}(I_G A) = 1$.

We have

$$q_{0,p}(I_G A) = q_{0,D^{p-1}}(I_G A) q_{0,\epsilon}(I_G A) = q_{0,D}(I_G A)^{p-1}$$

Theorem 61 (Chevalley)

Let G be a cyclic group of order p and let A be a G -module, then

$$h(A) = p^{\frac{p\beta - \alpha}{p-1}}$$

where α is the rank of A and β is the rank of A^G .

Proof

Write $A = A_0 \oplus A_1$ where A_1 is torsion free.

Then $\text{rank} A = \text{rank} A_1 = \alpha$ and $A^G = A_0^G \oplus A_1^G$, thus $\text{rank} A^G = \text{rank} A_1^G = \beta$.

We get

$$h(A)^{p-1} = h(A_1)^{p-1} = \frac{q_{0,p}(A_1^G)^p}{q_{0,p}(A_1)} = p^{p\beta - \alpha} \quad \square$$

5.4 A theorem of Tate

G no longer is necessarily cyclic.

Theorem 62

Let A be a G -module.

Suppose there is $q_0 \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that

$$H^{q_0}(H, A) = H^{q_0+1}(H, A) = 0$$

for all subgroups $H \subset G$.

Then A has trivial cohomology.

Remark

This is clear for G cyclic.

Proof

We can assume $q_0 = 1$ by dimension shifting.

We need to show that if $H_1(H, A) = H^2(H, A) = 0$ then $H^0(H, A) = H^3(H, A) = 0$.

We prove this by induction on $\#G$.

If $\#G = 1$ there is nothing to prove.

By induction hypothesis, we can assume $H^0(H, A) = H^3(H, A) = 0$ for all proper subgroups $H \subsetneq G$.

We can assume that G is a p -group.

There is a normal subgroup $H \subset G$ such that G/H is cyclic of power p .

By induction hypothesis, we have $H^i(H, A) = 0$ for $i = 0, 1, 2, 3$.

Now, we know that

$$0 \rightarrow H^q(G/H, A^H) \xrightarrow{\text{inf}} H^q(G, A) \xrightarrow{\text{res}} H^q(H, A)$$

In our case, $H^q(H, A) = 0$ hence inflation is an isomorphism.

Now, $H^1(G, A) = 0 \implies H^1(G/H, A^H) = 0 \implies H^3(G/H, A^H) = 0 \implies H^3(G, A) = 0$ because G/H is cyclic.

Similarly, $H^2(G, A) = 0 \implies H^2(G/H, A^H) \implies H^0(G/H, A^H) = 0$.

We conclude by observing that

$$A^G = N_{G|H}A^H = N_{G|H}N_HA = N_GA \quad \square$$

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Theorem 64

Let A be a G -module and assume that for each subgroup $H \subset G$, we have

1. $H^{-1}(H, A) = 0$
2. $H^0(H, A)$ is cyclic of order $\#H$

Let $[a_0]$ be a generator of $H^0(G, A)$, then $[a_0] \cup \cdot$ is an isomorphism for all $q \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Proof

The inclusion $i : A \rightarrow A \oplus \mathbb{Z}[G]$ induces an isomorphism $\bar{i} : H^q(H, A) \rightarrow H^q(H, B)$ because $0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow A \oplus \mathbb{Z}[G] \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}[G] \rightarrow 0$ is exact and the last term has trivial cohomology.

Consider $f : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow B$ sending $n \rightarrow a_0 \cdot n + N_GN$.

This map induces a homomorphism $\bar{f} : H^q(H, \mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow H^q(H, B)$ which fits into the diagram $H^q(G, \mathbb{Z}) \xrightarrow{[a_0] \cup} H^q(G, A) \rightarrow H^q(G, B)$ which is equal to the map \bar{f} .

To see that the compositions do agree, notice that for $q = 0$, we have that $z_q \in \mathbb{Z}$ gets sent to $[a_0 \otimes z_q] = [z_q a_0]$ which gets sent to $bq a_0 + N_GA$.

It now suffices to show that \bar{f} is an isomorphism.

Look at

$$0 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{f} B \rightarrow C \rightarrow 0$$

The corresponding long exact sequence of cohomology groupsthen is

$$H^{-1}(H, B) \rightarrow H^{-1}(H, C) \xrightarrow{\delta} H^0(H, \mathbb{Z}) \xrightarrow{\bar{f}} H^0(H, B) \rightarrow H^0(H, C) \rightarrow H^1(H, \mathbb{Z})$$

We know that $H^{-1}(H, B) = H^1(H, \mathbb{Z}) = 0$ and we want to show that $H^{-1}(H, C) = H^0(H, C) = 0$.

We want to show that $H^q(H, C) = 0 \forall q$, as this will show that \bar{f} is an isomorphism. \square