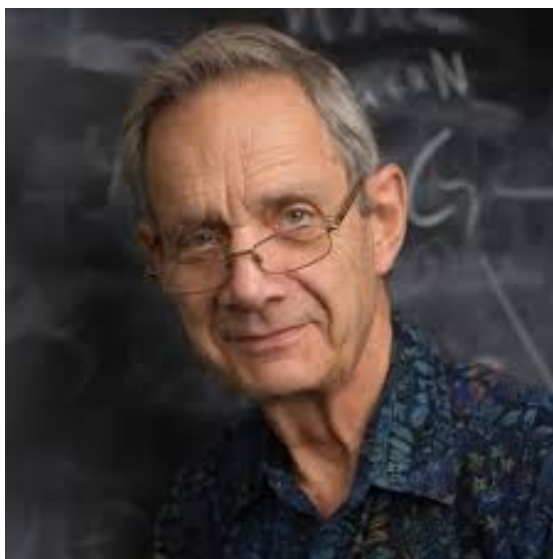


MATH621 - Algebraic Number Theory



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1 Overview

Class field theory (CFT)

Study of abelian extensions of global and local fields

Definition 1.1. A global field is a finite extension of \mathbb{Q} or function field of a smooth geometrically curve over F_q . A local field is a finite extension of \mathbb{Q}_p or function field of $F_q(t)$

Can understand abelian extensions of K in terms of an invariant of K

$C_K = \left\{ \mathbb{A}_K^\times / K^\times (\text{idele class group, some generalization of } Cl(O_K)), K \text{ global } K^\times, K \text{ local} \right\}$

Why do we care?

1. Quadratic reciprocity p, q distinct odd primes, $(p/q) = 1$ if p is a square mod q , -1 otherwise $(p/q)(q/p) = 1$ if one of $p, q \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$, -1 if $p \equiv q \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$

Class field theory is a vast and conceptual generalization of this, it put quadratic reciprocity into context

CFT \Rightarrow higher power reciprocity, e.g. cubic reciprocity

cubic reciprocity: 2, 7 are not cubic powers mod 61

A classical problem: $p = x^2 + ny^2$, when a prime p can be written as above

If $n = 1$, this holds iff $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ or $p = 2$ iff p splits in $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-1})$ CFT gives a complete solution to this for all n . See D. Cox "Primes of the form $x^2 + ny^2$ "

If $n = 14$, then this holds iff $(-14/p) = 1$ and $(x^2 + 1)^2 - 8$ has root mod p

$K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-14})$, then this holds iff $p = P * \bar{P}$ splits in K and P is principle iff (by CFT) $p = P * \bar{P}$ splits in K and P splits in the Hilbert class field of K (H/K some specific finite abelian extension) iff p splits in H

"Reciprocity": whether a prime is principal is related to whether it splits in certain abelian extensions

"Class field": K is a number field, a modulus of K is a formal symbol m = a formal product of powers of places of K . e.g. $K = \mathbb{Q}$

"ray class group": Cl_m = fractional ideals coprime to m / principal ideals generated by $f \in K^\times, f \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$

i.e. if $m = v_1 \dots v_k p^{e_1} \dots p^{e_k}$

Fact: Cl_m is always finite abelian

CFT: there is a finite abelian ext K_m/K called ray class field of m

whether prim p of K splits in K_m iff whether p has trivial image in Cl_m , for all p coprime to m

ex: $m = 1, K_m$ is the Hilbert class field

K_m is uniquely characterized among finite ab ext over K by this

Generalized Kronecker-Weber theorem: Every finite ab ext E/K is contained in K_m/K for sufficiently large m one can choose m such that its members are precisely the places of K that ramify in E

e.g. If v_1, \dots, v_k are the archimedean places of K that ramify in E , and p_1, \dots, p_k are unramified places, then $m = v_1 \dots v_k p_1^{e_1} \dots p_k^{e_k}$ for suff large $e_1, \dots, e_k, E \subseteq K_m$

Artin isomorphism $\Psi : Cl_m \rightarrow Gal(K_m/K)$ is iso has a concrete formula, $p \mapsto (p, K_m/K)$ (well-definedness is nontrivial, called the Artin reciprocity). for every p coprime to m , know p is unramified in K_m , recall in general, say E/K is a finite Galois ext of global fields, suppose p is a prime of K that is unramified in E , then $\forall B|p$, the Frobenius $\sigma = (B, E/K)$ Artin symbol in $Gal(E/K)$ characterized by σ stabilizes B , the action of σ on $k(B)$ as $x \mapsto x^q, q = |k(p)|$

$(B, E/K)|B$ runs through the primes of $|p|$ is a conjugacy class in $Gal(E/K)$ called $(p, E/K)$

If $Gal(E/K)$ is abelian, then $(p, E/K)$ is an element

Fact: For p of K unramified in E , $(p, E/K) = 1$ iff p splits in E

The theory of ray CFT + Artin iso Ψ + K-W theorem gives the ideal theoretic formulation of global CFT

Adelic formulation in terms of $\mathbb{A}_K^\times / K^\times$ is cleaner. Easier to see functoriality in K

2 Class field theory over \mathbb{Q}

Application: Chebotarev density theorem

E/K is a finite Galois extension of number fields, $G = \text{Gal}(E/K)$

for all p prim in K , unramified in E

$(P, E/K)$ is the Frobenius element, the unique element σ that fix P if $P|p$, and acts on $k(P)$ as $x \mapsto x^q, q = |k(p)|$ ($p, E/K$) is the conjugacy class

Theorem 2.1. for all conjugacy classes C in G the set of p of K such that $(p, E/K) = C$ has density $|C|/|G|$ among all primes of K . In particular, there are infinitely many such primes p

applications in global Galois representation by density

consequence: p splits iff $(p, E/K) = \{1\}$, such primes constitute $1/|G|$ of all primes, thus infinitely

Theorem 2.2 (Dirichlet theorem: primes in arithmetic progression). if $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$, $(a, b) = 1$, exists inf many primes p in the arithmetic progression $a + b\mathbb{Z}$ e.g. $a=1, b=4$, inf primes $\equiv 1 \pmod{4}$

More application of CFT

Artin L functions: E/K fin Gal ext of fields, $\rho: \text{Gal}(E/K) \rightarrow \text{GL}_n(\mathbb{C})$, S fin primes including all ramified primes of K
 $0, \text{CFT} \Rightarrow \text{isomorphism to } C$

Conjecture (Artin):...

Grünwald-Wang theorem: local-global behavior of fields. local-global principle for quadratic forms: A nondeg quadratic form over $K = \text{field}$ rep 0 over K (it=0 has sol over K) iff it rep 0 over K_v for all places v of K

CFT is the GL_1 case of the Langlands program

CFT for \mathbb{Q} (given by cyclo ext of \mathbb{Q})

Review of cyclotomic extensions of \mathbb{Q}

$K = \text{general field}, m \neq 0$ in K is positive, the m th cyclo ext of K
 $K(\mu_m), \mu_m$ is the roots of unity in K , all roots would be simple, and is a cyclic group \cong

$(\mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z})^\times$ under multiplication, generator is primitive m th root of 1, denoted ζ_m . $K(\mu_m) = K(\zeta_m)$, by def also the splitting field of $x^m - 1$ over K , thus Galois. Observation: $\text{Gal}(K(\zeta_m))$ embeds into $(\mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z})^\times, \sigma \mapsto a, \sigma(\zeta_m) = \zeta_m^a$, so the ext is abelian

cyclo poly: $\Phi_m(x) = \prod_{\zeta} (x - \zeta) \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$ runs primitive m th roots of unity in \mathbb{C}

$\Phi_1 = x - 1, \Phi_2 = x + 1, \dots, \Phi_m = \frac{x^m - 1}{\prod_{d|m, d < m} \Phi_d(x)}$ $K(\zeta_m)/K$ is the splitting field of Φ_m $\deg(\zeta_m) = \phi(m)$

$\phi(m) = |(\mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z})^\times|$ $\alpha: \text{Gal}(K/K) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z}^\times$ is iso iff Φ_m is irreducible

Theorem 2.3 (Gauss). Φ_m is irr in $\mathbb{Q}[x]$

Proof. Gauss's lemma reduce to factorization mod p □

Fact 2.4 (L Washington sec 2). 1. $O_{\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_m)} = \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_m] \cong \mathbb{Z}[x]/\Phi_m(x)$ assume $m \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ (if $m \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$, then $\phi(m) = \phi(m/2) \Rightarrow \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_m) = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{m/2})$) prime p of \mathbb{Q} is unramified in $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_m)$ iff $p \nmid m$

2. formula for disc $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_m)$

Lemma 2.5. for all $p \nmid m$, p in $\text{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_m)/\mathbb{Q})$ is $(p, \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_m)/\mathbb{Q})$ the Frobenius element

Proof. Only need to prove $\sigma|_P$ for $P|p$ Recall: Suppose E/K is fin separable ext of fields, there is a way to explicitly factorize a prime p of K inside E (for almost all p), write $E = K(\alpha)$

such that $\alpha \in O_E, O_K[\alpha] \subseteq O_E$ and $O_K[\alpha] \otimes_{O_K} E = O_E$ ($O_K[\alpha]$ is an order in O_E). Conductor:

$f = \{x \in O_E | x O_E \subseteq O_K[\alpha]\}$, largest ideal of O_E that lies inside $O_K[\alpha]$ Fact:

for prime p of K , coprime to f , $p O_E = \prod_{i=1}^g P_i^{e_i}$, $f(x)$ is the minimal poly of α in $O_K[x]$, factorize over $k(p) = O_K/p$, $\prod_{i=1}^g f_i^{e_i}$, f_i irr in $k(p)[x]$, $P_i = \text{lift of } f_i(\alpha) O_E + p O_E$

$O_E = \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_m]$, $\min(\zeta_m/\mathbb{Q}) = \Phi_m$, $p O_E = \prod P_i^{e_i}$, Φ_m in $F_p[x]$ factor as $\prod f_i^{e_i}$, $P_i =$

lift of $f_i(\zeta_m)$. Suppose p sends P_i to P_j , $i \neq j$, but p send P_i to lift of $f_i(\zeta_m)$ =

$h(\zeta_m)$, $h(\zeta_p) = \tilde{f}(\zeta_m)^p$ in F_p implies $B_j \subseteq B_i$, contradiction! □

Theorem 2.6. Recall: For \mathbb{Q} , a modulus is a symbol $m = \infty \cdots m \text{ or } m = m$ for some $m \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$, Cl_m is the group of fractional ideals of \mathbb{Q} coprime to m / principle ideals generated by $x \in \mathbb{Q}^\times$ such that mx coprime to m , $x \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$, $x > 0$ if $m = \infty \cdot m$

Exercise 2.7. When $m = \infty \cdot m$, then we have an iso $(\mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z})^\times \rightarrow Cl_m$, for all $p \nmid m$, $p \mapsto$ the class of the prime ideal (p) iso $(\mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z})^\times / \{$

$pm \rightarrow Cl_m, m = m$, for all $p \nmid m$, $p \mapsto$ the class of the prime ideal (p)

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