

# 1. GEBHARD BOECKLE'S LECTURES

**1.1. Galois representations and congruences.** We first discuss profinite groups. Let  $G$  be a topological group.

**Theorem 1.** *The following are equivalent:*

- (a)  $G$  is compact, Hausdorff, and totally disconnected.
- (b)  $G$  is compact, and admits a neighborhood basis of the identity by open normal subgroups.
- (c) There is a directed poset  $I$  and an inverse system  $(G_i)$  of finite (discrete) groups such that  $G = \varprojlim_I G_i$ .

We say that  $G$  is *profinite* if the above conditions hold. The topology on  $\varprojlim G_i$  is that obtained by regarding it as a closed subgroup of the product  $\prod G_i$ .

Constructions:

- (a) If  $G$  is discrete, then we equip it with the profinite topology  $G^{\text{pf}} := \varprojlim G/N$ , where  $N$  runs over the finite index subgroups.
- (b) If  $G = \varprojlim G_i$  is profinite, then
  - (i) The abelianization is given by

$$G^{\text{ab}} = G/[G, G] = \varprojlim G_i^{\text{ab}},$$

and in particular, is profinite.

- (ii) For  $H$  finite, write  $H_p$  for its maximal  $p$ -group quotient. Then

$$G_p = \varprojlim (G_i)_p$$

is a pro- $p$ -group (and in particular, profinite).

- (iii) If  $N \leq G$  is closed and normal, then  $G/N$  is profinite.

**Example 2.** (a) Let  $F$  be a field. Set  $G_F := \text{Aut}_F(F^{\text{sep}}) = \text{Gal}(F^{\text{sep}}/F)$  profinite. Define the poset

$$\mathcal{I}_F := \{L \subseteq F^{\text{sep}} : L \supseteq F \text{ finite Galois, } \subseteq\}.$$

Then

$$G_F \xrightarrow{\cong} \varprojlim_{L \in \mathcal{I}_F} \text{Gal}(L/F).$$

- (b) Let  $F' \subseteq F^{\text{sep}}$  be a normal extension of  $F$ . Then  $G_{F'} \leq G_F$  is closed and normal. We may thus write

$$\text{Gal}(F'/F) \cong G_F/G_{F'} = \varprojlim_{\substack{L \in \mathcal{I}_F, \\ L \subseteq F'}} \text{Gal}(L/F).$$

- (c) Let  $\mathbb{N}$  denote the natural numbers, ordered by divisibility. Then

$$\hat{\mathbb{Z}} = \varprojlim \mathbb{Z}/n = \prod_p \mathbb{Z}_p,$$

where the last step is the Chinese remainder theorem. We sometimes need a slight modification:

$$\hat{\mathbb{Z}}^{(p)} = \varprojlim_{p \nmid n} \mathbb{Z}/n = \prod_{\ell \text{ prime}, \ell \neq p} \mathbb{Z}_\ell.$$

Let's fix some notation:

- (a) Let  $K$  be a number field,  $\mathcal{O}_K$  its ring of integers. Let  $\text{Pl}_K = \text{Pl}_K^\infty \sqcup \text{Pl}_K^{\text{fin}}$  denote the set of places  $v$  of  $K$ . Let  $v$  be a finite place. We may then attach to it a maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{q}_v$  of  $\mathcal{O}_K$ , giving a bijection

$$\text{Pl}_K^{\text{fin}} \leftrightarrow \text{Max}(\mathcal{O}_K).$$

We may form the residue field  $k_v := \mathcal{O}_K/\mathfrak{q}_v$ . We denote  $q_v$  for the cardinality of  $k_v$ . We write  $\text{char}(v)$  for the characteristic of  $k_v$ . We denote by  $\mathcal{O}_v = \varprojlim \mathcal{O}/\mathfrak{q}_v^n$ , with fraction field  $K_v$ . Also, we have a short exact sequence

$$1 \rightarrow I_v \rightarrow G_v := \text{Gal}_{K_v} \rightarrow \text{Gal}_{k_v} \rightarrow 1.$$

A topological generator for  $\text{Gal}_{k_v}$  is given by

$$\text{Fr}_v : \alpha \mapsto \alpha^{q_v}.$$

We denote by  $\text{Frob}_v \in G_v$  some lift of  $\text{Fr}_v$ .

We write  $S_\infty := \text{Pl}_K^\infty$  for the set of archimedean places, so that  $K \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}} \mathbb{R} \cong \prod_{v \in S_\infty} K_v$ . For a rational prime  $p$ , we write  $S_p$  for the set of places  $v$  of  $K$  such that  $v \mid p$ .

- (b) We also need some local analogues for  $E \supseteq \mathbb{Q}_p$  a  $p$ -adic field. Let  $\mathcal{O} = \mathcal{O}_E$  denote the ring of integers,  $\pi = \pi_E$  a uniformizer, and  $\mathbb{F} = \mathcal{O}_E/\pi$  the residue field, with  $q = \#\mathbb{F}$ . Then  $E \supseteq \mathbb{Q}_q = \mathbb{Q}_p[\zeta_{q-1}] \supseteq \mathbb{Q}_p$ . We have  $W(\mathbb{F}) = \mathbb{Z}_q = \mathbb{Z}_p[\zeta_{q-1}]$ .

Continuing the examples, which may serve as exercises:

- (d) Let  $\zeta_t$  be a primitive  $t$ th root of 1. For  $k$  a finite field, we have  $G_k \cong \hat{\mathbb{Z}} = \overline{\langle \text{Fr}_k \rangle}$ , where  $\text{Fr}_k : \alpha \mapsto \alpha^{|k|}$ .
- (e) Let  $E \supseteq \mathbb{Q}_p$  (finite extension). Then  $G_E$  (Jannsen–Wingberg for  $p \geq 2$ ). Local class field theory: the Artin map  $E^\times \rightarrow G_E^{\text{ab}}$  is a continuous inclusion with dense image. Writing  $E^\times = \pi_E^{\mathbb{Z}} \times \mathcal{O}_E^\times = \pi_E^{\mathbb{Z}} \times \mathbb{F}^\times \times \mathcal{U}_E$ . Since the units are known to be a finitely generated  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ -module, we get as a corollary that

$$\text{Hom}_{\text{cts}}(G_E, \mathbb{F}_p) = H_{\text{cts}}^1(G_E, \mathbb{F}_p)$$

is finite.

- (f) We turn to the case of a number field  $K$ . We fix an embedding  $K^{\text{sep}} \subseteq K_v^{\text{sep}}$  for each place  $v$ , which gives an embedding of Galois groups  $G_v \rightarrow G_K$ . For  $S \subseteq \text{Pl}_K$  finite, we write

$$K_S := \{\alpha \in K^{\text{sep}} : K(\alpha) \text{ is unramified outside } S\},$$

which is a normal (typically infinite) extension of  $K$ . We write

$$G_{K,S} := \text{Gal}(K_S/K) = G_K/G_{K_S}$$

for its Galois group. We remark that if we take  $v \notin S$ , then since  $v$  does not ramify in  $K_S$ , we know that the map  $G_v \rightarrow G_{K,S}$  factors via the quotient  $G_v/I_v \cong G_{k_v}$ , so that  $\text{Frob}_v \in G_{K,S}$  is independent of the choice of lift. On the other hand, if  $v \in S$ , then we might ask whether the map  $G_v \hookrightarrow G_{K,S}$  (see the work of Chenievr–Clozel). The structure of  $G_{K,S}$  is unknown, but global class field theory describes  $G_{K,S}^{\text{ab}}$ . A corollary is that

$$H_{\text{cts}}^1(G_{K,S}, \mathbb{F}_p) = \text{Hom}_{\text{cts}}(G_{K,S}, \mathbb{F}_p)$$

is finite whenever  $S$  is finite. (One can appeal to Hermite–Minkowski, or class field theory.)

- (g) Consider the tame quotient of  $G_E$ , for  $E \supseteq \mathbb{Q}_p$ . Given  $E \supseteq \mathbb{Q}_p$ , we form the tower of extensions  $E^{\text{tame}}/E^{\text{unr}}/E$ , where

$$E^{\text{unr}} = \cup \{E(\zeta_n) : p \nmid n\},$$

$$E^{\text{tame}} = \cup \{E^{\text{unr}}(\sqrt[p]{\pi_E}) : p \nmid n\}.$$

It's a fact that  $G_E^{\text{tame}}$  may be expressed as the profinite completion of  $\langle st : sts^{-1} = t^q \rangle$ .

We finally come to **Galois representations**. They will typically be called  $\rho : G \rightarrow \text{GL}_n(A)$ , where  $G$  is a topological group,  $A$  is a topological ring, and  $\rho$  is a continuous map.

#### REFERENCES