

Lecture 26 (S2)

Let $Q \in \text{Spec } S$ lie above $P \in \text{Spec } R$. We have the residue field extension $\textcircled{1}$

$$k(P) := R/p \subset S/Q =: k(Q).$$

Every $\sigma \in G_Q$ induces an automorphism $\bar{\sigma} : k(Q) \rightarrow k(Q)$ fixing $k(P)$, hence $\bar{\sigma} \in \text{Gal}_{k(P)}(k(Q))$.

Prop 8.54

recall: Galois = normal + separable

The extension $k(P) \subset k(Q)$ is normal and

$$G_Q \longrightarrow \text{Gal}_{k(P)}(k(Q))$$

is a surjective group morphism.

Proof: By Prop 8.53, the inert deg of Q^{G_Q} over P is 1, i.e. $k(P) = k(Q^{G_Q})$

We can thus assume wlog that $L^{G_Q} = K$, i.e. $G_Q = G$. Let $\bar{\theta} \in k(Q)$.

We need to show that the minimal polynomial $p_{\bar{\theta}}$ of $\bar{\theta}$ over $k(P)$ splits into linear factors (normality). Let $\theta \in S$ be a representative of $\bar{\theta}$ and let

p_{θ} be the minimal polynomial of θ over K . Note that $p_{\theta} \in R[X]$ since θ

integral over R . Clearly, $\bar{\theta}$ is a zero of $\bar{p}_{\theta} \in k(P)[X]$, so $p_{\bar{\theta}}$ divides \bar{p}_{θ} .

Since $K \subset L$ is Galois, it is normal, hence p_{θ} splits into linear factors.

Hence, $p_{\bar{\theta}}$ splits into linear factors as well $\Rightarrow k(P) \subset k(Q)$ is normal.

Let $k(P) \subset k^{sep}$ be the maximal separable subextension of $k(P) \subset k(Q)$.

Then $\text{Gal}_{k(P)}(k^{sep}) = \text{Gal}_{k(P)}(k(Q))$ (fact from Galois theory).

Let $\bar{\theta}$ be a primitive element for k^{sep} over $k(P)$ (exists by Thm 2.23)

Fix $\bar{\sigma} \in \text{Gal}_{k(P)}(k(Q))$. Then $\bar{\sigma}\bar{\theta}$ is a root of $p_{\bar{\theta}}$, and thus of \bar{p}_{θ} .

Hence, there is a root θ' of p_{θ} such that $\bar{\theta}' = \bar{\sigma}\bar{\theta}$. Now, θ' is a

conjugate of θ , hence there is $\sigma \in \text{Gal}_K(L)$ with $\theta' = \sigma\theta$

$\Rightarrow \bar{\sigma}\bar{\theta} = \bar{\sigma}\bar{\theta}$. It follows that σ induces automorphism of $k(Q)$, so $\sigma \in G_Q$.

Moreover, σ maps to $\bar{\sigma}$ under $G_Q \rightarrow \text{Gal}_{k(P)}(k(Q))$. \square

Def 8,55

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The kernel I_Q of $G_Q \rightarrow \text{Gal}_{k(P)}(k(Q))$ is called the inertia group of Q over R . The fixed field L^{I_Q} is called inertia field.

Prop 8,56

a) The extension $L^{G_Q} \subset L^{I_Q}$ is normal and

$$\text{Gal}_{L^{G_Q}}(L^{I_Q}) \simeq \text{Gal}_{k(P)}(k(Q)), \quad \text{Gal}_{L^{I_Q}}(L) = I_Q.$$

b) If $k(P) \subset k(Q)$ is separable, then

$$|I_Q| = [L : L^{I_Q}] = e, \quad [G_Q : I_Q] = [L^{I_Q} : L^{G_Q}] = f$$

Moreover:

b1) The ramification index of Q in $S^{I_Q} \subset S$ is e , and the inertia index is 1

b2) The ramification index of Q^{I_Q} in $S^{G_Q} \subset S^{I_Q}$ is 1, and the inertia degree is 1.

$$\begin{array}{c} L \\ e \mid \\ L^{I_Q} \\ f \mid \\ L^{G_Q} \\ r \mid \\ K \end{array}$$

Proof:

a) Since I_Q is a normal subgroup of G_Q (it is a kernel), the extension $K \subset L^{I_Q}$ is normal (by Galois theory). Then clearly also $L^{G_Q} \subset L^{I_Q}$ is normal. Hence (by Galois theory),

$$\text{Gal}_{L^{G_Q}}(L^{I_Q}) \simeq G_Q / I_Q \simeq \text{Gal}_{k(P)}(k(Q)).$$

Moreover, $\text{Gal}_{\mathbb{I}_Q}(L) = \mathbb{I}_Q$ by Galois theory.

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b) Since $k(P) \subset k(Q)$ is normal by Prop 8.54 and separable by assumption, it is Galois. Hence

$$f = [S/Q : R/P] = |\text{Gal}_{k(P)}(k(Q))| = [G_Q : \mathbb{I}_Q]$$

We have

$$|G| = [L:K] = e \cdot f \cdot [G : G_Q] = e [G_Q : \mathbb{I}_Q] [G : G_Q] = e [G : \mathbb{I}_Q]$$

$$\Rightarrow |\mathbb{I}_Q| = e.$$

6) Consider $L^{\mathbb{I}_Q} \subset L$. By Prop 8.54 we have

$$\text{Gal}_{L^{\mathbb{I}_Q}}(L)_Q \longrightarrow \text{Gal}_{k(Q^{\mathbb{I}_Q})}(k(Q))$$

By above, $\text{Gal}_{L^{\mathbb{I}_Q}}(L) = \mathbb{I}_Q$. But this is the kernel of

$G_Q \rightarrow \text{Gal}_{k(P)}(k(Q))$. Hence, the above map sends everything to 1.

As it is surjective, we conclude $\text{Gal}_{k(Q^{\mathbb{I}_Q})}(k(Q)) = 1$

$$\Rightarrow k(Q^{\mathbb{I}_Q}) = k(Q).$$

\Rightarrow inertial degree of Q in $S^{\mathbb{I}_Q} \subset S$ is 1.

The claims now follow from the fundamental equation and Prop 8.53. \square

8.9 Ramification in quadratic extensions

Let $d \neq 0, 1$ be square-free and let $L = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})$. Using Dedekind's Theorem 8.42

we can completely describe how prime numbers behave in G_L .

Since $n = [L:\mathbb{Q}] = 2$, only three cases can occur by the fundamental equation:

- a) p is (totally) split: $r=2, e=f=1$
- b) p is inert: $r=1, e=1, f=2$
- c) p is (totally) ramified: $r=1, e=2, f=1$

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Let's see when which case happens. Let $\Theta := \sqrt{d}$.

Recall from Exercise 2.4 that $G_L = \mathbb{Z}[\alpha]$, where

$$\alpha = \begin{cases} \alpha & \text{if } d \equiv 2, 3 \pmod{4} \\ \frac{1+\Theta}{2} & \text{if } d \equiv 1 \pmod{4} \end{cases}$$

Hence,

$$d_{G_L} = \begin{cases} 4d & \text{if } d \equiv 2, 3 \pmod{4} \\ d & \text{if } d \equiv 1 \pmod{4} \end{cases}$$

Def 8.57

The Legendre symbol for $a \in \mathbb{N}$ and an odd prime is

$$\left(\frac{a}{p}\right) := \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if there is } x \text{ with } x^2 \equiv a \pmod{p} \text{ and } p \nmid a \\ -1 & \text{if there is no such } x \\ 0 & \text{if } p \mid a \end{cases}$$

Thm 8.57

If p is odd then

$$p \text{ is } \begin{cases} \text{split} \\ \text{inert} \\ \text{ramified} \end{cases} \quad \text{iff} \quad \left(\frac{d}{p}\right) = \begin{cases} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{cases}$$

If p is even then

$$p \text{ is } \begin{cases} \text{ramified} \\ \text{inert} \\ \text{split} \end{cases} \quad \text{iff} \quad \begin{cases} d \equiv 2, 3 \pmod{4} \\ d \equiv 5 \pmod{8} \\ d \equiv 1 \pmod{8} \end{cases}$$

Proof:

Let p be odd. Note that $[G_L : d_{\mathbb{Z}[\Theta]}] = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } d \equiv 2, 3 \pmod{4} \\ 2 & \text{if } d \equiv 1 \pmod{4} \end{cases}$.

Since p odd, we thus have $p \nmid [G_L : d_{\mathbb{R}[\theta_3]}]$ and we can apply Thm 8.42 ⑤. The minimal poly of θ is $p = X^2 - d$ and the claim follows immediately.

Now let $p=2$.

Suppose $d \equiv 2, 3 \pmod{4}$. Then $[G_L : \mathbb{Z}[\theta_3]] = 1$, so we can apply Thm 8.42 .

We have $d \equiv 0, 1 \pmod{2}$, so

$$p \equiv X^2 \pmod{2} \text{ or } p \equiv X^2 + 1 \equiv (X+1)^2 \pmod{2}$$

Hence, 2 is ramified.

Suppose $d \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$. Since $[G_L : d_{\mathbb{Z}[\theta_3]}] = 2$, cannot apply Thm 8.42 with θ . Use α instead. The minimal polynomial of α is

$$p = X^2 - X + \frac{1-d}{4}.$$

If $d \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$, this factors as $X^2 + X \equiv X(X+1) \pmod{2}$, so

2 is split. If $d \equiv 5 \pmod{8}$ then $p \equiv X^2 + X + 1 \pmod{2}$, which is irreducible, hence 2 is inert. \square