

**Math 204A (Number Theory), UC San Diego, fall 2022**  
**Problem Set 5 – due Thursday, November 3, 2022**

Submit *at most five* of the listed problems.

1. For  $p$  a prime number, a number field  $K$  is *monogenic at  $p$*  if there exists some  $\theta \in \mathfrak{o}_K$  such that the ring homomorphism  $\mathbb{Z}[x] \rightarrow \mathfrak{o}_K/p\mathfrak{o}_K$  taking  $x$  to the class of  $\theta$  is surjective. Prove that if there exists a single prime of  $\mathfrak{o}_K$  above  $p$  (ramified or not), then  $K$  is monogenic at  $p$ .
2. Produce (e.g., by looking in LMFDB) an example of a number field  $K$  for which

$$\mathfrak{o}_K/2\mathfrak{o}_K \cong \mathbb{F}_2 \times \mathbb{F}_2 \times \mathbb{F}_2,$$

then use this to show that  $K$  is not monogenic at 2.

3. Let  $K$  be a number field and let  $R$  be a subring of  $\mathfrak{o}_K$  which spans  $K$  as a  $\mathbb{Q}$ -vector space (i.e., an *order* of  $K$ ). Let  $p$  be a prime number such that for every prime  $\mathfrak{p}$  of  $\mathfrak{o}_K$  above  $p$ ,
  - (i) the inertia degree is 1, and
  - (ii) there exist some  $\lambda \in R$  such that  $v_{\mathfrak{p}}(\lambda) = 1$  and  $v_{\mathfrak{q}}(\lambda) = 0$  for all primes  $\mathfrak{q} \neq \mathfrak{p}$  of  $\mathfrak{o}_K$  above  $p$ .

Prove that the index  $[\mathfrak{o}_K : R]$  is not divisible by  $p$ . (This generalizes the argument used for cyclotomic fields.)

4. Neukirch, exercise I.9.1: Let  $L/K$  be a Galois extension of number fields such that  $\text{Gal}(L/K)$  is not cyclic. Prove that there are only finitely many primes of  $K$  that remain inert in  $L$ .
5. Neukirch, exercise I.9.3: Let  $L/K$  be a (not necessarily Galois) extension of prime degree  $p$  with solvable Galois group. Suppose that  $\mathfrak{p}$  is a prime ideal of  $K$  which does not ramify in  $L$ . Prove that if there are at least two primes of  $L$  above  $\mathfrak{p}$  of inertia degree 1, then  $\mathfrak{p}$  splits completely in  $L$ .
6. For each of the following statements, find an example of a prime  $p$  and two quadratic extensions  $K$  and  $L$  of  $\mathbb{Q}$  exhibiting this particular behavior. Your four examples should be distinct. (You may use SageMath to verify the asserted properties.)
  - (a) The prime  $p$  can be totally ramified in  $K$  and  $L$  without being totally ramified in  $KL$ .
  - (b) The fields  $K$  and  $L$  can both contain unique primes over  $p$ , while  $KL$  does not.
  - (c) The prime  $p$  can be (unramified and) inert in both  $K$  and  $L$  without being inert in  $KL$ .

- (d) There can be (unramified) primes over  $p$  of inertia degree 1 in both  $K$  and  $L$ , but not in  $KL$ .
7. Let  $L/K$  be a finite separable extension of fields with Galois closure  $M$  and Galois group  $G$ . Put  $H := \text{Gal}(M/L)$ . Prove that  $\bigcap_{x \in G} x^{-1}Hx = \{e\}$ .
8. Let  $L/K$  be an extension of number fields with Galois closure  $M$  and Galois group  $G$ . Put  $H := \text{Gal}(M/L)$ .
- (a) Let  $\mathfrak{p}$  be a prime ideal of  $K$ . Let  $\mathfrak{q}$  be a prime ideal of  $M$  above  $\mathfrak{p}$ . Show that the action of  $G$  on the prime ideals of  $M$  above  $\mathfrak{p}$  induces a bijection between the double coset space  $H \backslash G / G_{\mathfrak{q}}$  and the set of primes of  $L$  above  $\mathfrak{p}$ .
- (b) Suppose that  $\mathfrak{p}$  does not ramify in  $M$ . Show that the inertia degree of the prime of  $L$  above  $\mathfrak{p}$  corresponding to the double coset  $HxG_{\mathfrak{q}}$  equals the index  $[G_{\mathfrak{q}} : G_{\mathfrak{q}} \cap x^{-1}Hx]$ .
- (c) Optional: extend (b) to the case where  $\mathfrak{p}$  may ramify in  $M$ .