

Exercise 1 If  $L/K$  is ramified, the

norm  $Nm: U_L \rightarrow U_K$  will not be surjective,  
hence  $H_T^0(G, U_L) \neq 0$ .

For instance, let  $p$  be an odd prime  
and consider  $K = \mathbb{Q}_p$ ,  $L = \mathbb{Q}_p(\sqrt{-p})$ .

Then  $L/K$  is a ramified quadratic  
extension, and we have seen that

$$Nm(L^*) = \langle p \rangle \oplus \langle \zeta_{p-1}^2 \rangle \oplus U_p^1$$

Hence  $\zeta_{p-1} \notin Nm(U_L)$ , so  $Nm(U_L) \neq U_K$ ,

and thus  $H_T^0(G, U_L) = \frac{U_K}{Nm(U_L)} \neq 0$ .

Exercise 2 b) We have that  $Nm_{L/K}(1 - \zeta^d \sqrt{a}) = 1 - \zeta^d a$ ,

hence

$$\begin{aligned} Nm \left( \prod_{i=1}^{n/d} (1 - \zeta_n^i \sqrt{a}) \right) &= \prod_{i=1}^{n/d} Nm (1 - \zeta_n^i \sqrt{a}) \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^{n/d} (1 - \zeta_n^{di} a) \\ &= 1 - a^{n/d} \\ &= 1 - x \end{aligned}$$

2) c)

$$(i) \quad (1, x) = (1 \cdot 1, x) = (1, x)(1, x)$$

$$\Rightarrow (1, x) = 1, \quad \text{and similarly for } (x, 1).$$

$$(ii) \quad 1 = \left(\frac{1}{x}, 1 - \frac{1}{x}\right) = \left(x, 1 - \frac{1}{x}\right)^{-1}$$

$$= \left(x, \frac{1-x}{-x}\right)^{-1}$$

$$= \left(x, 1-x\right)^{-1} (x, -x)$$

$$= (x, -x)$$

using  $(x, y)(x^{-1}, y) = (1, y)$

$$= 1$$

$$\Rightarrow (x^{-1}, y) = (x, y)^{-1}$$

$$(iii) \quad 1 = (xy, -xy)$$

$$= (x, -x)(x, y)(y, x)(y, -y)$$

$$= (x, y)(y, x)$$

$$(iv) \quad 1 = (x, -x) = (x, x)(x, -1)$$

$$d) \quad \text{For } x, y \in \mathbb{R}^*, \quad (x, y)_\infty = \frac{\sigma(\sqrt{x})}{\sqrt{x}} \quad \text{where}$$

$$\sigma = (-, \mathbb{R}(\sqrt{y})/\mathbb{R}) = \begin{cases} \text{id} & \text{if } y > 0 \quad (\text{since then } \mathbb{R}(\sqrt{y}) = \mathbb{R}) \\ c & \text{if } y < 0, \text{ where } c = \text{generator of } \text{Gal}(\mathbb{C}/\mathbb{R}) \end{cases}$$

(since  $\mathbb{R}(\sqrt{y}) = \mathbb{C}$  if  $y < 0$ ).

Hence  $(x, y)_\infty = 1$  if  $y > 0$ , while if  $y < 0$ , we have

$$(x, y)_\infty = \frac{c(\sqrt{x})}{\sqrt{x}} = \begin{cases} \frac{\sqrt{x}}{\sqrt{x}} = 1 & \text{if } x > 0 \\ \frac{-i\sqrt{|x|}}{i\sqrt{|x|}} = -1 & \text{if } x < 0. \end{cases}$$

$$\text{All in all, } (x, y)_\infty = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x > 0 \text{ or } y > 0 \\ -1 & \text{if } x < 0 \text{ and } y < 0 \end{cases}$$

### Exercise 3

a) If  $F = \mathbb{F}_q$  is a finite field,

then  $F^*$  is cyclic, say  $F^* = \langle \zeta \rangle$ .

Since  $\{\zeta^n, \zeta^m\} = \{\zeta, \zeta\}^{nm} \in K_2(F)$ ,  
it suffices to show  $\{\zeta, \zeta\} = 1$ .

Now, the equation  $\zeta x^2 = 1 - \zeta y^2$

has a solution  $(x, y) \in F^* \times F^*$ , since

$$|\{\zeta x^2 \mid x \in F\}| + |\{1 - \zeta y^2 \mid y \in F\}| > 2.$$

(We must have  $x, y \in F^*$  since  $\zeta$  is not a square).

$$\text{Then } 1 = \{\zeta x^2, 1 - \zeta x^2\} = \{\zeta x^2, \zeta y^2\}$$

$$= \{\zeta, \zeta\} \{\zeta, y\}^2 \{\zeta, x\}^2 \{\zeta, y\}^4$$

and this equals  $\{\zeta, \zeta\}$  because the square  $\{a, b\}^2$

of any element  $\{a, b\} \in K_2(F)$  is trivial: indeed,

if  $a = \zeta^n, b = \zeta^m$ , then

$$\{a, b\}^2 = \{\zeta, \zeta\}^{2nm} = 1 \quad \text{since } \{\zeta, \zeta\} = \{\zeta, \zeta\}^{-1} \Rightarrow \{\zeta, \zeta\}^2 = 1$$

(If  $F$  has characteristic 2 then  $\zeta = -\zeta$ , so

$$\{\zeta, \zeta\} = \{\zeta, -\zeta\} = 1).$$

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b) For brevity let's write just  $v(x)$  for  $\text{ord}_v(x)$ .

We see that  $\partial_v$  is bimultiplicative and

that  $\partial_v(x, y) \in k(v)^*$ .

We show that it satisfies the Steinberg relation.

Case 1:  $v(x) > 0$ , then  $x \in \mathfrak{p}_v$ , and  $1-x \equiv 1 \pmod{\mathfrak{p}_v}$ ,

so  $v(1-x) = 0$ . Then

$$\partial_v(x, 1-x) = (-1)^{v(x)v(1-x)} \frac{x^{v(1-x)}}{(1-x)^{v(x)}} \pmod{\mathfrak{p}_v}$$

$$= \frac{1}{(1-x)^{v(x)}} \equiv 1 \pmod{\mathfrak{p}_v}$$

Similarly if  $v(1-x) > 0$ .

Case 2:  $v(x) < 0$ . Then  $\frac{1}{x} \in \mathfrak{p}_v$ ,

$$\text{and } \frac{1-x}{x} = -1 + \frac{1}{x} \equiv -1 \pmod{\mathfrak{p}_v}.$$

$$\text{Hence } v\left(\frac{1-x}{x}\right) = 0 = v(1-x) - v(x),$$

$$\text{so } v(1-x) = v(x).$$

Then we get

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_v(x, 1-x) &= (-1)^{v(x)v(1-x)} \frac{x^{v(1-x)}}{(1-x)^{v(x)}} \pmod{\mathfrak{p}_v} \\ &= (-1)^{v(x)^2} \left(\frac{x}{1-x}\right)^{v(x)} \equiv (-1)^{v(x)} (-1)^{v(x)} \equiv 1 \pmod{\mathfrak{p}_v}. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly if  $v(1-x) < 0$ .

Case 3:  $v(x) = v(1-x) = 0$ , immediate.

c) Since  $\text{ord}_p(-1) = 0 \quad \forall p$ ,

$\{-1, -1\} \in \ker \partial$ . To show that

$\{-1, -1\} \neq 1$  in  $K_2(\mathbb{Q})$ , we must find

a symbol on  $\mathbb{Q}$  which is nontrivial on  $\{-1, -1\}$ .

Consider the Hilbert symbol  $(-1, -1)_\infty$  at  $\infty$ ,

then  $(-1, -1)_\infty = -1$  by 2 d). Hence  $\{-1, -1\} \neq 1$

in  $K_2(\mathbb{Q})$ .

In fact  $\partial$  is surjective with kernel generated by  $\{-1, -1\}$ ; since  $\{-1, -1\}$  has order 2 in  $K_2(\mathbb{Q})$

the kernel is isomorphic to  $\mu_2$ , and

$$K_2(\mathbb{Q}) \cong \mu_2 \oplus \bigoplus_{p \text{ prime}} \mathbb{F}_p^*$$

We will prove this later in the course,

and see that this result is intimately linked with quadratic reciprocity.

6) Exercise 4

a) We know that  $\mathbb{Q}_p^* \cong p^{\mathbb{Z}} \oplus U_p$ , and

$\mathbb{Q}_p(\mu_{p^n})/\mathbb{Q}_p$  is totally ramified of degree

$$p^{n-1}(p-1) = \varphi(p^n) = |(\mathbb{Z}/p^n)^*|.$$

Let  $\zeta_n$  be a primitive  $n$ -th root of unity,

then  $Nm(1 - \zeta_n) = \Phi_{p^n}(1) = p$ , hence

$p \in N = Nm(\mathbb{Q}_p(\mu_{p^n})^*)$ , and thus  $p^{\mathbb{Z}} \subseteq N$ .

On the other hand,  $U_p/U_p^n \cong (\mathbb{Z}/p^n)^*$ ,

Since the map  $U_p \rightarrow (\mathbb{Z}/p^n)^*$  has kernel  $U_p^n$ .

$$u \mapsto u \pmod{p^n}$$

Hence  $p^{\mathbb{Z}} \oplus U_p^n$  has index  $|(\mathbb{Z}/p^n)^*| = p^{n-1}(p-1)$

in  $\mathbb{Q}_p^*$ , so  $N = p^{\mathbb{Z}} \oplus U_p^n$ .

b) Let  $L/\mathbb{Q}_p$  be a finite abelian extension.

For big enough  $f, n$  we have

$$\langle p^f \rangle \oplus U_p^n \subseteq \text{Nm}_{L/\mathbb{Q}_p}^{-1}(L^*)$$

Now  $\langle p^f \rangle \oplus U_p^n$  has finite index in  $\mathbb{Q}_p^*$ ,

hence corresponds to an extension  $E/\mathbb{Q}_p$ .

Since the local class field theory correspondence is inclusion reversing, we have  $L \subseteq E$ .

Claim:  $E$  is cyclotomic.

Indeed,  $\langle p^f \rangle \oplus U_p^n = (\langle p^f \rangle \oplus U_p) \cap (\langle p \rangle \oplus U_p^n)$

So  $E = E_1 \cdot E_2$  where  $E_1 \leftrightarrow \langle p^f \rangle \oplus U_p$   
 $E_2 \leftrightarrow \langle p \rangle \oplus U_p^n$

$E_1$  is the unique unramified extension of  $\mathbb{Q}_p$  of degree  $f$  (since its norm group contains  $U_p$ ),

hence  $E_1 = \mathbb{Q}_p(\zeta_{p^f-1})$ . By (a),  $E_2 = \mathbb{Q}_p(\zeta_{p^f})$ .

Hence  $E = \mathbb{Q}_p(\zeta_{(p^f-1)p^n})$ .

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Exercise 5

a) We have  $M_w = L_w(\mu_n)$

$$= \mathbb{Q}_p(\mu_{p^e p^f m}) = \mathbb{Q}_p(\mu_{p^e p^f}) \mathbb{Q}_p(\mu_m)$$

b)  $\mathbb{Q}_p(\mu_m)$  is the maximal unramified

subextension of  $M_w/\mathbb{Q}_p$ , hence

$$I_p \cong \text{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}_p(\mu_{p^e p^f})/\mathbb{Q}_p)$$

c) The fixed field of  $I$  is an unramified extension of  $\mathbb{Q}$ , hence equals  $\mathbb{Q}$ .  
Therefore  $I = \text{Gal}(M/\mathbb{Q})$ .

d) We have that

$$\begin{aligned} |I| &\leq \prod_{p \in S} |I_p| = \prod_p \varphi(p^{e_f}) \\ &= \varphi(n) = [\mathbb{Q}(\mu_n) : \mathbb{Q}] \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $[M : \mathbb{Q}] = [\mathbb{Q}(\mu_n) : \mathbb{Q}]$ , hence  $M = \mathbb{Q}(\mu_n)$ .

By definition  $L \subseteq M = L(\mu_n)$ , so  $L \subseteq \mathbb{Q}(\mu_n)$ .