

# Math 538, Lecture 18, 15/3/2024

Last time: Discriminants

$$\text{Hom}_k(L, \bar{k}) = \{\mu_j\}_{j=1}^n \quad n = [L:k]$$

$\Omega \subset L$   $k$ -basis

$$\Rightarrow a_{ij} = \mu_j(\omega_i)$$

$$D_{L/k}(\Omega) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (\det A)^2 = \det(AA^t) \in K^\times$$

$$(AA^t)_{ij} = \text{Tr}_k(\omega_i \omega_j)$$

$L = k(\alpha), \Omega = \{\alpha^i\}_{i=0}^{m-1} \Rightarrow D_{L/k}(\Omega) = \prod_{i < j} (\alpha_i - \alpha_j)^2$   
Galois conj  $\{\alpha_i\}_{i=1}^n$   
 $= \text{discr}(f)$

$\alpha \in L$   $\mathcal{O}_k$ -<sup>sub</sup>module,  $D_{L/k}(\alpha) = \left( \{D_{\mathcal{O}_k}(\alpha) \mid \Omega \text{ } k\text{-basis}\} \right)$

$$D_{L/k} = D_{L/k}(\mathcal{O}_L) \subset \mathcal{O}_k$$

Prop: (local-to-global)  $L/k$  # fields,  $v \in |K|_f$   
Then closure of  $D_{L/k}$  in  $\mathcal{O}_v$  is  $\prod_{w|v} D_{L_w/k_w}$

Pf: Saw  $\overline{D_{21k}} \supset \prod_{w|v} D_{L_w/K_v}$ .

(idea: look at  $K_v$ -alg  $L \otimes_{K_v} K_v \cong \bigoplus_{w|v} L_w$ .)

approximate  $K_v$ -bases  $\bigcup_w \mathcal{O}_w$  by basis  $\mathcal{O}_L$ .

For

converse, let  $\mathcal{O} \subset \mathcal{O}_L$  be a  $K$ -basis.

Its image in  $\bigoplus_{w|v} L_w$  is a  $K_v$ -basis.

Fact: Let  $K_v$  be complete w/ discrete valuation,  
 $V$   $K_v$ -vsp (f.d.),  $\mathcal{O}, \mathcal{O}' \subset V$   $K_v$ -bases. Then  
there is  $g \in GL_n(\mathcal{O}_{K_v})$  changes basis from  $\{w'_j\} = \mathcal{O}'$   
to

$$\sum_i g_{ij} w'_j = \omega_v^{d_i} w_i.$$

$\omega_v \in \mathcal{O}_{K_v}$  is a uniformizer.

replacing  $\mathcal{O}$  with  $g \cdot \mathcal{O}$  changes  $D_{K_v}(\mathcal{O})$   
by element of  $\mathcal{O}_{K_v}^\times$ , can ensure  $g \cdot \mathcal{O}$  lies in  
 $\bigcup_w \mathcal{O}_w$ .

Pf of fact: Gaussian elimination, choose  
pivot of max absolute value.

Thm:  $D_{L/K} = N_K^L D_{L/K}$ . (discr = norm of diff)

Pf: Since both discr & diff localize enough to show when  $L/K$  complete wrt discrete valuation

Now  $\mathcal{O}_K$  is a PID so  $\mathcal{O}_L = \bigoplus_{i=1}^n \mathcal{O}_K \omega_i$   
for some  $K$ -basis  $\omega_i$ ?

$$\Rightarrow D_{L/K} = D_{L/K}(\mathcal{O}_L) \Rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{L/K} = \bigoplus_{i=1}^n \mathcal{O}_K \omega_i^*$$

let  $A; A^*$  be the matrices assoc to  $\mathcal{O}_L, \mathcal{O}_L^*$ .

$$(A \cdot A^*)_{ij} = \text{Tr}_K^L(\omega_i \omega_j^*) = (\omega_i, \omega_j^*) = \delta_{ij}$$

$$\Rightarrow A \cdot A^* = \text{Id}, \text{ so } D_{L/K}(\mathcal{O}_L) \cdot D_{L/K}(\mathcal{O}_L^*) = 1$$

On the other hand,  $\mathcal{O}_{L/K} = \beta^{-1} \mathcal{O}_L$  for some  $\beta \in \mathcal{O}_L$   
 $\Rightarrow$

$$D_{L/K}(\mathcal{O}_L^*) = D_{L/K}(\mathcal{O}_{L/K}) = (N_K^L \beta)^{-2} \cdot D_{L/K} \left. \begin{array}{l} \beta \mathcal{O}_L \\ \text{different} \end{array} \right\}$$

$$1 = D_{L/K} \cdot D_{L/K}(\mathcal{O}_L^*) = (N_K^L D_{L/K})^2 \cdot D_{L/K}^2$$

$$\Rightarrow D_{L/K} = N_K^L D_{L/K} \quad \square$$

Cor: (discr in towers) If  $M/L/K$   $\mathbb{A}$  fields

$$D_{M/K} = D_{L/K}^{[M:L]} \cdot N_K^L D_{M/L}$$

Pf: for different,  $D_{M/K} = D_{L/K} \cdot D_{M/L}$ .

Digression:  $\Delta(f)$

Let  $f(x) = \prod_i (x - \alpha_i)$  be a polynomial

Then  $\Delta(f) = \prod_{i < j} (\alpha_i - \alpha_j)^2$  is a symmetric poly

in roots, hence a poly in coeff  $\{a_i\}_{i=0}^{n-1}$  of  $f$

Also,  $\Delta$  is homogeneous of deg  $n(n-1)$  in roots  
 $\Rightarrow$  each monomial of  $\Delta = \Delta(a_0, \dots, a_{n-1})$  must be  
of deg  $n(n-1)$ , where deg  $a_i = n-i$ .

Prop: (1) Let  $f(x) = x^n + b$ .  $\Delta(f) = (-1)^{\frac{n(n-1)}{2}} n^n b^{n-1}$ .

(2)  $f(x) = x^n + ax + b$ .

$$\Delta(f) = (-1)^{\frac{n(n-1)}{2}} \left[ n^n b^{n-1} + (-1)^{n-1} (n-1) a^n \right].$$

PF: HW, note  $b^{n-1}, a^n$  only monomials in  $a, b$  of deg  $n(n-1)$ , so  $\Delta(f) = C_1(n) b^{n-1} + C_2(n) a^n$ .

Example,  $D(x^3 + ax + b) = -[4a^3 + 27b^2]$

$$\propto \left(\frac{a}{3}\right)^3 + \left(\frac{b}{2}\right)^2.$$

Example,  $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_n)$

Let  $\zeta_n$  be a primitive root of unity of deg  $n$ , ( $\zeta_n^n = 1, \zeta_n^d \neq 1$  if  $d < n$ ) Then  $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_n) =$  splitting field of  $x^n - 1$ , thus Galois.

Get injection  $\text{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_n) : \mathbb{Q}) \rightarrow (\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z})^\times$

$$\text{by } \sigma \mapsto a$$

$$\text{s.t. } \sigma(\zeta_n) = \zeta_n^a.$$

hom: if  $\sigma(\zeta_n) = \zeta_n^a, \tau(\zeta_n) = \zeta_n^b$

then  $(\sigma\tau)(\zeta_n) = \sigma(\tau(\zeta_n)) = \sigma(\zeta_n^b) = \sigma(\zeta_n)^b = \zeta_n^{ab}$ .

$\Rightarrow \text{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_n) : \mathbb{Q})$  is abelian,  $[\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_n) : \mathbb{Q}] \mid \phi(n)$

Def: The  $n$ 'th **Cyclotomic polynomial** is

$$\Phi_n(x) = \prod_{a \in (\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z})^\times} (x - \zeta_n^a) \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$$

clearly  $x^n - 1 = \prod_{d|n} \Phi_d(x)$ .

Key point:  $\Phi_n$  irred.  $\Rightarrow$  equality,  $\text{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_n) : \mathbb{Q}) \cong (\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z})^\times$

Step 1:  $n = p^r$ ,  $p$  prime

$$K = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_n)$$

Prop:  $[K : \mathbb{Q}] = p^{r-1}(p-1) = \phi(p^r)$ ;  $K/\mathbb{Q}$  is only ramified at  $p$  (and  $\infty$ ), where it is totally ramified and  $\pi = 1 - \zeta_{p^r}$  is a prime element

Pf:  $\Phi_{p^r}(x) = \frac{x^{p^r} - 1}{x^{p^{r-1}} - 1} = \Phi_p(x^{p^{r-1}}) = \sum_{j=0}^{p-1} x^{jp^{r-1}}$ .

$\pi = \zeta_{p^r} - 1$  is a root of  $\Phi_{p^r}(Y+1)$

which is Eisenstein at  $p$ :

$$\text{mod } p, \quad \Phi_{p^r}(x) \equiv \frac{(x-1)^{p^r}}{(x-1)^{p^{r-1}}} = (x-1)^{p^r - p^{r-1}}.$$

$$\Phi_{p^r}(y+1) \equiv y^{p^r - p^{r-1}} \pmod{p}$$

$$\Phi_{p^r}(1) = \sum_{j=0}^{p-1} 1 = p \quad \text{not } \equiv 0 \pmod{p^2}.$$

Also  $\zeta_n$  is a root of  $x^n - 1$ , ~~the~~ derivative  $nx^{n-1}$ , so  $p \nmid \Delta(x^n - 1)$  iff  $p \nmid n$ , so only  $p \mid n$  may ramify in  $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_n)$

Alternative:  $\frac{1 - \zeta_{p^r}^k}{1 - \zeta_{p^r}} = \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} \zeta_{p^r}^j \in \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_n]$ .

for any invertible  $a, b \pmod{p^r}$ , write  $b = ac$  for  $c < p^r$  then

$$\frac{1 - \zeta_{p^r}^b}{1 - \zeta_{p^r}^a} = \sum_{j=0}^{c-1} \zeta_{p^r}^{ja}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1 - \zeta_{p^r}^b}{1 - \zeta_{p^r}^a} \in \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_{p^r}]^\times \quad (\text{"cyclotomic units"})$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 - \zeta_{p^r}^a \text{ all associate}$$

$$\Rightarrow \pi^{\phi(p^r)} \sim \prod_{\mathfrak{a}(p^r)} (1 - \zeta_{p^r}^{\mathfrak{a}}) = \Phi_{p^r}(1) = p$$

$\Rightarrow$  If  $\mathbb{Z}$  prime of  $K$  contains  $\pi$ ,  $e(\mathbb{Z}:p) \geq \phi(p^r)$   
 but  $(K:\mathbb{Q}) \leq \phi(p^r) \Rightarrow$  set  $e(\mathbb{Z}:p) = [K:\mathbb{Q}] = \phi(p^r)$

$\pi$  prime

(unique prime ideal containing  $(\pi)$  because  
 sum of ramification indices is at most degree)

lemma:  $\mathcal{O}_K = \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_{p^r}]$ .

PF: let  $\mathcal{O} = \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_{p^r}] \subset \mathcal{O}_K$

Now  $\mathcal{O}_K/\pi\mathcal{O}_K \cong \mathbb{F}_p/\mathbb{F}_p$  (extension totally  
 ramified, or by hand)  $\Rightarrow \mathcal{O}_K = \mathbb{Z} + \pi\mathcal{O}_K$   
 $= \mathcal{O} + \pi\mathcal{O}_K$

recursively  $\mathcal{O}_K = \mathcal{O} + \pi^l \mathcal{O}_K$  for all  $l$

(if true, also  $\pi^l \mathcal{O}_K = \pi^l \mathcal{O} + \pi^{l+1} \mathcal{O}_K$ ).

Approach 1:  $D_{K/\mathbb{Q}}(\mathcal{O}) = \Delta(\Phi_{p^r}) = \text{power of } p$   
 (divide  $\Delta(x^{p^r}-1)$ )



so  $[U_k : \mathbb{Q}]$  is a power of  $p$

so index will remain same in  $\pi$ -adic completion

But closures have  $\overline{U}_k = \overline{U} + \pi^l \overline{U}_k$   
can take  $l \rightarrow \infty$  get  $\overline{U}_k = \overline{U}$  so  $U = U_k$

Approach:  $\pi^{\phi(p^r) \cdot l} \approx p^l$  in  $\mathbb{Q}$

Then

$$U_k = U + p^l U_k$$

But since  $[U_k : \mathbb{Q}] = \text{power of } p$

$$\Rightarrow p^l U_k \subset U \text{ for } l \text{ large}$$

$$\Rightarrow U_k \subset U. \quad \square$$

Cons  $D_{K/\mathbb{Q}} = \text{discr}(\Phi_{p^r}) = \pm p^{r-1}(rp - r - 1)$

(HW)

Step 2:  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_n)$ ,  $b = \prod_{i=1}^s p_i^{r_i}$ .

Recaps  $(X^n - 1)' = nX^{n-1}$ , different  $D_{K/\mathbb{Q}} | n$

so only  $p_i$  may ramify. Also  $K \supset \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{p_i^{r_i}})$   
so all  $p_i$  do ramify.

let  $K_j = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{p_i^{r_i}}^j)$  so  $K_0 = \mathbb{Q}$ .

$K_s = K$  since  $\prod_{i=1}^s \zeta_{p_i^{r_i}}$  is primitive of order  $\prod p_i^{r_i}$ .

For each  $i$ ,  $p_i$  is unram in  $K_{i-1}$ :

if  $p$  unram in  $K_1/\mathbb{F}$ ,  $K_2/\mathbb{F}$ .

It's unram in  $K_1 K_2/\mathbb{F}$  :  $K_2 = \mathbb{F}(\alpha)$

then  $K_1 K_2 = K_3(\alpha)$ .

so ramification index at  $p$  of  $K_i/K_{i-1}$  is at most  $\phi(p_i^{r_i})$ . But this is = index  $K_i/\mathbb{Q}$   
 $\geq$  index  $(\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{p_i^{r_i}}) : \mathbb{Q}) = \phi(p_i^{r_i})$

$\Rightarrow [K_i : K_{i-1}] \geq \phi(p_i^{r_i})$

so  $\phi_{p_i^{r_i}}$  is still irred in  $K_{i-1}$ .

$$\Rightarrow [K_i : K_{i-1}] = \phi(p_i^{r_i})$$

$$\Rightarrow [K_S : K_0] = [Q(\zeta_n) : Q] = \prod_i \phi(p_i^{r_i}) = \phi(n).$$

$\Rightarrow \Phi_n$  is irred in  $\mathbb{Z}[x]$

(in  $\mathbb{Z}[\zeta_m][x]$  if  $(m, n) = 1$ )

Thms  $\mathcal{O}_K = \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_n]$