

**ALGEBRAIC NUMBER THEORY**  
**LECTURE 33**

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**Recall 0**

Let  $X$  be a projective variety. Let  $I \subset K[x_0, \dots, x_n]$  be a prime ideal generated by a homogeneous ideal. Then  $K[X] = k[x_0, \dots, x_n]/I$  is an integral domain, with  $K(X)$  its fraction field, and  $\dim(X) = \text{trdeg} K(X)/K$ , and recall that  $X$  is smooth at  $P$  if the Jacobian has rank equal to  $\dim X$ . Think of a point of  $X$  over an algebraic extension as a  $\text{Gal}(\bar{K}/L)$  orbit of points over  $\bar{K}$ . Last time we saw that for a curve  $C$ , if  $P$  is smooth then  $K(C)_P = \{\frac{f}{g} \in K(C), g(P) \neq 0\}$  is a division ring.  $\mathfrak{m}_P = \{\frac{f}{g} \in K(C)_P \mid f(P) = 0\}$  is its unique maximal ideal, and all ideal are of the form  $\mathfrak{m}_P^n$  for  $n > 0$ . For  $f \in K(C)_P$   $\text{ord}_P(f)$  is the largest  $n$  such that  $f \in \mathfrak{m}_P^n$ .  $f$  is a *uniformizer* if  $\text{ord}_P(f) = 1$ . Think of  $\text{ord}_P(f)$  as the order of the zero at  $P$  if  $n$  is positive, and the order of the pole is if  $n$  is negative.

**Ramification**

Let  $\psi : C_1 \rightarrow C_2$  be a morphism between twp smooth projective curves  $C_1, C_2$ . Recall this induces a map  $\psi^* : K(C_2) \rightarrow K(C_1)$  and  $\text{deg} \psi = [K(C_1) : \psi^* K(C_2)]$ .

**Definition 1** Let  $Q = \psi(P)$  and define  $e_{P/Q, \psi} = \text{ord}_P(\psi^* t_Q)$ , where  $t_Q$  is the uniformizer.

**Example 2** Let

$$\begin{aligned} \psi : \mathbb{P}^1 &\rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1 \\ (x : y) &\rightarrow (x^3(x - y)^2 : y^5) \end{aligned}$$

Here  $\text{deg} \psi = 5$ . Let little  $x = \frac{x}{y}, y \neq 0$ . Then  $\psi(x) = x^3(x - 1)^2$ , and with  $\infty = (1 : 0), \psi(\infty) = \infty$ . The uniformizer at  $Q = \lambda$  is  $x - \lambda = t_Q$ .  $\psi^*(t_Q) = \psi(x) - \lambda = x^3(x - 1)^2 - \lambda$ , with order of vanishing 2. We have that  $P_\lambda(x) = x^3(x - 1)^2 - \lambda$ .  $P'_\lambda(x) = x^2(x - 1)(5x - 3)$ . They are both zero if either i.  $x = 0$  and  $\lambda = 0$ , and  $e_{0|0, \psi} = 3$ , ii.  $x = 1$   $\lambda = 0$ ,  $e_{1|0, \psi} = 2$ , iii.  $x = 3/5, \lambda = \frac{3^2 2^2}{5^5}, e_{3|5, \psi} = 2$ .  $e_{\infty|\infty} = 5$ . These are all  $P/Q$  where  $e_{P/Q, \psi} > 1$ , i.e.  $P/Q$  ramifies.

**Proposition 3**

- a.  $\sum_{P \in \psi^{-1}(Q)} e_{P/Q, \psi} = \text{deg} \psi$ .
- b. Almost all  $P/Q$  are unramified.
- c.  $e_{P/R} = e_{P/Q} e_{Q/R}$ .

Suppose a field  $K$  of characteristic  $p$  is perfect, i.e.  $\phi(x) = x^p$  is surjective onto  $K$ . This gives a map of curves:  $\phi : C \rightarrow C^{(p)}$ , where  $C = \text{vanishing of } I = (f_1(x_i), \dots, f_n(x_i))$ . and  $C^{(p)} = \text{vanishing of } I^{(p)} = (f_i^{(p)})$ ,  $f = \sum a_I x^I$ ,  $f^{(p)} =$

$\sum a_I \phi(x^I)$ . (eg  $C =$  the line  $x + 26 = 3z$  in  $\mathbb{P}^2$ . Then  $C^{(p)} =$  the line  $x^p + 2y^p = 3z^p \subset \mathbb{P}^2$  and  $\phi(x_0 : \dots : x_n) = (x_0^p, \dots, x_n^p)$ . If  $f(x) = 0$ , then it is easy to check that  $f^{(p)}(\phi(x)) = 0$ .  $f^p(\phi(x)) = \sum a_I^p x^{pI} = (\sum a_I x^I)^p = 0$ . so  $\phi : C \rightarrow C^{(p)}$  is a morphism.

**Proposition 4**

- (a.)  $\phi$  has deg  $p$
- (b.)  $\phi$  is purely inseparable, ie.  $K(C)/K(C^{(p)})$  is purely inseparable of deg  $p$ .

**Proposition 5**

- (1) If  $a \in K(C) - K$ , then  $K(C)/K(a)$  is finite.
- (2) If  $a \notin K(C^{(p)})$ , then  $K(C)/K(a)$  is separable.
- (3) If  $\mathfrak{t} =$  uniformizer at a smooth point  $K(C)/K(\mathfrak{t})$  is finite separable.

**Proof** (1) Use what we learned from last time for  $K(C)/K(\mathfrak{t})$ ,  $\mathfrak{t}$  uniformizer.

a. Since it is a finite extension,  $K(a, \mathfrak{t})/K(\mathfrak{t})$  is finite. There exists a  $A_k(t) \in K(\mathfrak{t})$  such that  $\sum A_k(t)a^k = 0$ . Reshuffle, and get that  $\mathfrak{t}$  satisfies a polynomial  $K(a)$ . so  $k(t, a)/k(a)$  is finite.

**Theorem 6**

- (1)  $\text{Frac}(\mathcal{O}_{K(C), S}) = K(C)$
  - (2)  $\mathcal{O}_{K(C), S} =$  Dedekind Domain
- $\mathcal{O}_{K(C), S}$  may just be  $K$ . e.g.  $\mathcal{O}_{K(\mathbb{P}^1), \phi} = K$  finite field.

**Application 7**

$P(x), Q(x) \in \mathbb{F}_q[x]$  co-prime polynomial irreducible  $f \cong P \text{ mod } Q$ .

$$\delta(f(x) \in \mathbb{F}_q[x]) = \frac{1}{\#(\mathbb{F}_q[x]/Q(x))^x}$$