

# Math 162b

## Problem Set 2

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**Exercise 1.** Let  $K/F = \mathbb{Q}_p$  be a finite extension and let  $K_n = K(\zeta_{p^n})$  and  $F_n = F(\zeta_{p^n})$ . Recall that we showed in class that  $p^n v_p(\mathcal{D}_{K_n/F_n})$  is bounded. Show that there exists a constant  $c$  and a bounded sequence  $a_n$  such that

$$v_p(\mathcal{D}_{K_n/F}) = n + c + \frac{a_n}{p^n}$$

[Hint: recall that  $G_{F_n/F}^u = G_{F_n/F_{[u]}}$ .]

**Exercise 2.** In this exercise you will show that  $\overline{\mathbb{Q}_p}$  is not complete, i.e., that  $\mathbb{C}_p \neq \overline{\mathbb{Q}_p}$ .

1. Show that one may find roots of unity  $a_n$  such that

(a)  $a_n \in \mathbb{Q}_p^{\text{ur}}$ ,

(b)  $a_{n-1} \in \mathbb{Q}_p(a_n)$  and

(c)  $[\mathbb{Q}_p(a_n) : \mathbb{Q}_p(a_{n-1})] > n$ .

2. Show that  $\alpha = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n p^n \in \mathbb{C}_p$ .

3. If  $\alpha \in \overline{\mathbb{Q}_p}$  let  $m = [\mathbb{Q}_p(\alpha) : \mathbb{Q}_p]$ ,  $\alpha_m = \sum_{n=1}^m a_n p^n$ . Show that there exists a Galois extension  $M/\mathbb{Q}_p$  such that  $\alpha, \alpha_m, a_m \in M$  and that there exist  $\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_{m+1} \in \text{Gal}(M/\mathbb{Q}_p(a_{n-1}))$  such that  $\sigma_1(a_m), \dots, \sigma_{m+1}(a_m)$  are all distinct.

4. Show that  $\sigma_i(a_m)$  and  $\sigma_j(a_m)$  for  $i \neq j$  are distinct modulo  $p$  and deduce that  $v_p(\sigma_i(a_m) - \sigma_j(a_m)) = 0$ .

5. Deduce that  $v_p(\sigma_i(\alpha_m) - \sigma_j(\alpha_m)) = m$ .

6. Show that  $v_p(\sigma_i(\alpha) - \sigma_i(\alpha_m)) \geq m + 1$ .

7. Deduce that  $v_p(\sigma_i(\alpha) - \sigma_j(\alpha)) = m$ .

8. Conclude that the  $\sigma_i(\alpha)$  are distinct and derive a contradiction.

**Exercise 3.** Let  $K/\mathbb{Q}_p$  be a finite extension.

1. Let  $L/K$  be an algebraic extension. We've seen that  $\widehat{L} \neq L$  in the previous exercise. Show that  $\widehat{L} \cap \overline{K} = L$ .

2. Let  $M/K_{\infty}$  be a finite extension. Show that there exists a finite extension  $L/K$  such that  $M = L_{\infty}$ .

**Exercise 4.** Let  $p$  be a prime.

1. Show that  $\exp(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^k}{k!}$  converges in the range  $|x| < |p|^{\frac{1}{p-1}}$ .
2. Show that  $\log(1+x) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{k-1} \frac{x^k}{k}$  converges in the range  $|x| < 1$ .
3. Show that one gets a  $G_K$ -equivariant homomorphism  $\log_{\overline{\mathbb{Z}}_p^\times} : \overline{\mathbb{Z}}_p^\times \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{Z}}_p$ .
4. Show that for every  $c \in \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_p$  there exists a unique  $G_K$ -equivariant homomorphism  $\log_{\overline{\mathbb{Q}}_p^\times} : \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_p^\times \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_p$  such that  $\log_{\overline{\mathbb{Q}}_p^\times} |_{\overline{\mathbb{Z}}_p^\times} = \log_{\overline{\mathbb{Z}}_p^\times}$  and  $\log_{\overline{\mathbb{Q}}_p^\times}(p) = c$ .