

Algebraic Number Theory

Example Sheet 1

1. A integral domain:

$$xy = 0 \Rightarrow v(xy) = \infty.$$

But if $x, y \neq 0$, $v(xy) = v(x) + v(y)$

and $v(x), v(y) \in \mathbb{R}$, so $v(xy) \in \mathbb{R} \neq \infty$.

v extends uniquely.

$$K = \text{Frac } A, \quad x = \frac{a}{b}, \quad a, b \in A, \quad b \neq 0.$$

Define $v(x) = v(a) - v(b)$.

Well defined ~~by~~ since $v(cd) =$
 $= v(c) + v(d)$ for $c, d \in A$.

$$v(x) = \infty \Leftrightarrow x = \frac{a}{b} \text{ \& } v(a) = \infty \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x = \frac{a}{b}, \quad a = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = 0.$$

$$v(xy) = v\left(\frac{a}{b} \frac{c}{d}\right) = v(ac) - v(bd) =$$

$$= (v(a) - v(b)) + (v(c) - v(d)) =$$

$$= v(x) + v(y).$$

$$v(x+y) = v\left(\frac{a}{b} + \frac{c}{d}\right) = v\left(\frac{ad+bc}{bd}\right) =$$

$$= v(ad+bc) - v(bd) \geq$$

$$\geq \min(v(ad), v(bc)) - v(bd) =$$

$$= \min(v(ad) - v(bd), v(bc) - v(bd)) =$$

$$= \min(v(x), v(y)).$$

Multiplicativity: Any extension has to satisfy the defining equation of our extension ~~extension~~.

$$2. \quad |x| = 0 \Leftrightarrow e^{-v(x)} = 0 \Leftrightarrow v(x) = \infty \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x = 0.$$

$$|xy| = e^{-v(xy)} = e^{-v(x)-v(y)} = |x||y|$$

$$|x+y| = e^{-v(x+y)} \leq e^{-\min(v(x), v(y))} = \max(|x|, |y|).$$

The converse is similar, reverse the calculations.

3. x is integral over A :

The subring $A[b_1, \dots, b_n] \subseteq B$ is finite over A (i.e. a f.g. A -module) by a result in lectures.

x is integral over $A[b_1, \dots, b_n]$ by assumption, so $A[b_1, \dots, b_n, x]$ is finite over $A[b_1, \dots, b_n] \Rightarrow$

$\Rightarrow A[b_1, \dots, b_n, x]$ is finite over A

$\Rightarrow x$ is integral / A , & again by

the same result in lectures (the converse)

\tilde{A} is a ring

If $x, y \in \tilde{A}$, then $A[x, y]$ is a ~~sub~~ finite over A , so any element of $A[x, y]$ is integral over A .

In particular, ~~the~~ $x+y, xy \in \tilde{A}$.

\tilde{A} is integrally closed in B

If $x \in B$ & $b_1, \dots, b_n \in \tilde{A}$ are such that

$x^n + b_1 x^{n-1} + \dots + b_n = 0$, then $x \in \tilde{A}$ by

the first part of this question.

4. (i) Induction on $n \geq 2$: $\prod_{i=1}^n I_i \subseteq \bigcap_{i=1}^n I_i$

by definition.
Need converse.

$n=2$:

~~pro~~ write $1 = a + b$, $a \in I_1$, $b \in I_2$.

Then if $x \in I_1 \cap I_2$, $x = xa + xb \in I_1 \times I_2$.

$n \geq 3$.

Claim: I_1 & $\bigcap_{i=2}^n I_i$ are coprime.

Pf: If not, \exists maximal ideal m of A s.t.

$I_1 + \bigcap_{i=2}^n I_i \subseteq m$. But then $I_1 \subseteq m$

and $I_i \subseteq m$ for some $i \geq 2$, so I_1 and

I_i are not coprime \neq .

Then, using the induction hypothesis and the

case $n=2$,

$$\begin{aligned} \bigcap_{i=1}^n I_i &= I_1 \cap \bigcap_{i=2}^n I_i = I_1 \cdot \bigcap_{i=2}^n I_i = \\ &= I_1 \cdot \prod_{i=2}^n I_i = \prod_{i=1}^n I_i \end{aligned}$$

(ii) Induction on $n \geq 2$:

$n=2$:

Write $1 = x + y$, $x \in I_1$, $y \in I_2$.

Write Φ for the map $A \rightarrow A/I_1 \times A/I_2$

then $\Phi(x) = (0, 1)$ and $\Phi(y) = (1, 0)$

so if $(a, b) \in A/I_1 \times A/I_2$,

$$\Phi(ax + by) = (a, b)$$

$n \geq 3$: $\Phi: A \rightarrow \prod_{i=2}^n A/I_i$

\mathbb{B} surjective by the induction hypothesis.

By the claim in part (i), I_1 & $\bigcap_{i=2}^n I_i$ are

coprime, so $A \rightarrow A/I_1 \times A/\bigcap_{i=2}^n I_i$ \mathbb{B}

surjective by the case $n=2$ \Rightarrow

$$A \rightarrow A/I_1 \times A/\bigcap_{i=2}^n I_i \rightarrow A/I_1 \times \prod_{i=2}^n A/I_i$$

\mathbb{B} surjective.

To finish (ii), note that the kernel of

$$A \rightarrow \prod_{i=1}^n A/I_i \cong \prod_{i=1}^n I_i \text{ and use (i).}$$

(ii) If $m_i^{e_i} + m_j^{e_j} \neq A$, then \exists

maximal ideal m of A such that

$$m_i^{e_i} + m_j^{e_j} \subseteq m. \quad \text{But then}$$

$$m_i^{e_i} \subseteq m \Rightarrow m_i \subseteq m \Rightarrow m_i = m$$

$$\text{and } m_j^{e_j} \subseteq m \Rightarrow m_j \subseteq m \Rightarrow m_j = m$$

$$\text{so } m_i = m_j \Rightarrow i = j.$$

5. (i) One checks that M is an \mathbb{O}_K -submodule of K . To show that it's a fractional ideal, we need finite generation.

$$\text{Let } a \in \mathfrak{a} \neq 0. \text{ Then } \mathfrak{a}^{-1} \subseteq (aA)^{-1} = a^{-1}A$$

which is a cyclic A -module, so

A Noetherian \Rightarrow and $\mathfrak{a}^{-1} \subseteq a^{-1}A$ submodule

$$\Rightarrow \mathfrak{a}^{-1} \text{ finitely generated.}$$

(ii) Let $\mathfrak{a}_1 \supseteq \mathfrak{a}_2 \supseteq \dots \supseteq \mathfrak{a}_n$ be
a descending chain of ideals in A . Then

$\mathfrak{a}_1^{-1} \subseteq \mathfrak{a}_2^{-1} \subseteq \dots \subseteq \mathfrak{a}_n^{-1}$ is an
ascending chain, so it becomes stationary
since \mathfrak{a}_n^{-1} is a Noetherian A -module by
(i).

To show that the original chain is
descending, it then suffices to prove the
following claim:

Claim: If $I, J \subseteq A$ are ideals
and $I^{-1} = J^{-1}$, then $I = J$.

To show this, we need a lemma:

Lemma: If $I \subseteq A$ ideal, $\mathfrak{p} \subseteq A$ maximal ideal

then $(I^{-1})_{\mathfrak{p}} = (I_{\mathfrak{p}})^{-1}$

Proof: $(I_{\mathcal{R}})^{-1} \supseteq (I^{-1})_{\mathcal{R}}$ is clear.

If $y \in (I_{\mathcal{R}})^{-1}$, then $\forall a \in I, s \in A \setminus \mathcal{R},$

$$y \frac{a}{s} \in A_{\mathcal{R}}.$$

Write $ya/s = b/t, b \in A, t \in A \setminus \mathcal{R}.$

$$\text{then } (yt)a = bs \in A.$$

a was arbitrary, so $yt \in I^{-1} \Rightarrow y \in (I^{-1})_{\mathcal{R}}.$

□

We now return to the claim. Over PID^A 's the

$$\text{claim is clear: } xA = yA \Leftrightarrow x^{-1}A = y^{-1}A.$$

We can now localise to get the claim in

general:

If $I^{-1} = J^{-1}$, then $I_{\mathcal{R}}^{-1} = J_{\mathcal{R}}^{-1}$ by

by the lemma, so $I_{\mathcal{R}} = J_{\mathcal{R}}$ by since $A_{\mathcal{R}}$ is

a PID. But then $I = J$ by Question 6(ii).

we have distinct

(iii) Suppose that $\mathcal{P}_1, \mathcal{P}_2, \dots \supseteq a$.

Then $\mathcal{P}_1 \supseteq \mathcal{P}_1 \cap \mathcal{P}_2 \supseteq \mathcal{P}_1 \cap \mathcal{P}_2 \cap \mathcal{P}_3 \supseteq \dots$

becomes stationary by (ii), so $\exists k$:

$$\mathcal{P}_1 \cap \dots \cap \mathcal{P}_k = \mathcal{P}_1 \cap \dots \cap \mathcal{P}_k \cap \mathcal{P}_{k+1}.$$

Then $\mathcal{P}_1 \cap \dots \cap \mathcal{P}_k \subseteq \mathcal{P}_{k+1} \Rightarrow$

$\Rightarrow \exists i \leq k : \mathcal{P}_i \subseteq \mathcal{P}_{k+1} \Rightarrow \mathcal{P}_i = \mathcal{P}_{k+1} \quad \#$

6. (i) If $a \in \mathcal{P}$, then $a\mathcal{P} \subseteq \mathcal{P}A\mathcal{P}$, so

$$v_{\mathcal{P}}(a) > 0.$$

If $v_{\mathcal{P}}(a) > 0$, then $a\mathcal{P} \subseteq \mathcal{P}A\mathcal{P}$.

If $a \in \mathcal{A} \setminus \mathcal{P}$, then $\frac{a}{1} \in \mathcal{P}A\mathcal{P}$ so

$a = \frac{b}{s}$ for some $b \in \mathcal{P}, s \in \mathcal{A} \setminus \mathcal{P} \Rightarrow$

$\Rightarrow as = b \in \mathcal{P} \Rightarrow a \in \mathcal{P}$ since

$$s \notin \mathcal{P}.$$

The last part follows from Q5 (ii).

(ii) $a \in \bigcap_{\mathfrak{p}} a_{\mathfrak{p}}$ is clear.

If $x \in \bigcap_{\mathfrak{p}} a_{\mathfrak{p}}$, then write $x = \frac{a_{\mathfrak{p}}}{s_{\mathfrak{p}}}$,
 $a_{\mathfrak{p}} \in a$, $s_{\mathfrak{p}} \in A \setminus \mathfrak{p}$ for every \mathfrak{p} .

Let I be the ideal generated by the $s_{\mathfrak{p}}$.

Then $I \not\subseteq \mathfrak{p} \forall \mathfrak{p} \Rightarrow I = A$, so

$\exists b_1, \dots, b_r \in A$ and $\mathfrak{p}_1, \dots, \mathfrak{p}_r$ s.t.
$$\sum_{i=1}^r b_i s_{\mathfrak{p}_i} = 1.$$

Then $x = \sum_{i=1}^r b_i x s_{\mathfrak{p}_i} = \sum_{i=1}^r b_i a_{\mathfrak{p}_i} \in a$.

(iii) Lemma: If $I, J \subseteq A$ ideals, $\mathfrak{p} \subseteq A$
max ideal, then $(IJ)_{\mathfrak{p}} = I_{\mathfrak{p}} J_{\mathfrak{p}}$.

Proof: $(IJ)_{\mathfrak{p}} \subseteq I_{\mathfrak{p}} J_{\mathfrak{p}}$ is clear.

If ~~$a \in I$~~ $a \in I$, $b \in J$, $s, t \in A \setminus \mathfrak{p}$,

then $\frac{a}{s} \cdot \frac{b}{t} = \frac{ab}{st} \in (IJ)_{\mathfrak{p}}$, so

$$(IJ)_{\mathfrak{p}} \supseteq I_{\mathfrak{p}} J_{\mathfrak{p}}.$$

□

Now if \mathfrak{p}_i are max ideals,

$$\mathfrak{p}_{\mathfrak{p}_i} = \begin{cases} A_{\mathfrak{p}_i}, & \mathfrak{p}_i \neq \mathfrak{p} \\ \bigcap_{\mathfrak{p}_j \neq \mathfrak{p}_i} A_{\mathfrak{p}_j}, & \mathfrak{p}_i = \mathfrak{p} \end{cases}.$$

$v_{\mathfrak{p}_i} \left(\prod_{\mathfrak{p}} \mathfrak{p}^{e_{\mathfrak{p}}} \right) = e_{\mathfrak{p}_i}$ follows from this and the lemma.

Last part: let $\mathfrak{a} \subseteq A$ be an ideal and

consider $\mathfrak{v}_{\mathfrak{p}} = \prod_{\mathfrak{p}} \mathfrak{p}^{v_{\mathfrak{p}}(\mathfrak{a})}$, this is

well defined by part (i).

We then have $v_{\mathfrak{p}}(\mathfrak{v}_{\mathfrak{p}}) = v_{\mathfrak{p}}(\mathfrak{a})$ by

the earlier part of (iii), so $\mathfrak{a}_{\mathfrak{p}} = \mathfrak{v}_{\mathfrak{p}}$.

then $a = b$ by part (ii).

7. 1, 2 but not 3

$\mathbb{Z}[X, Y]$ is Noetherian (Hilbert basis theorem) and a UFD \Rightarrow integrally closed.

But (X) is a prime ideal which isn't maximal.

1, 3 but not 2

$\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-3}] \subseteq \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-3})$ is an order but not the ring of integers ($\frac{1+\sqrt{-3}}{2}$ is an algebraic integer).

2, 3 but not 1

Let $\overline{\mathbb{Z}}$ be the ring of algebraic integers inside \mathbb{C} ; the field of

fractions $\frac{a}{b} \in \overline{\mathbb{Q}}$, the field of algebraic numbers.

$\overline{\mathbb{Q}}$ is integrally closed (it's the integral closure of \mathbb{Z} in $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}$).

If $P \subseteq \overline{\mathbb{Z}}$ is a prime ideal and $0 \neq a \in P$, then $\mathbb{Q}(a)$ is a number field and $P \cap \mathbb{Q}(a) \ni a$, so $P \cap \mathbb{Q}(a)$ is a maximal ideal (it's always prime).

Hence $P \cap \mathbb{Z} = (P \cap \mathbb{Q}(a)) \cap \mathbb{Z} = p\mathbb{Z}$ for some prime p .

The ring $\overline{\mathbb{Z}}/p$ is then integral over $\mathbb{F}_p = \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$ (as $\overline{\mathbb{Z}}$ is integral over \mathbb{Z}), so it must be a field and P is maximal.

It is not Noetherian: the sequence of

ideals $(2) \subseteq (2^{1/2}) \subseteq (2^{1/4}) \subseteq \dots$

doesn't become stationary.

If it did, $(2^{1/n}) = (2^{1/2n})$ for some n

so $\exists u \in \overline{\mathbb{Z}}$ s.t. $2^{1/2n} = 2^{1/n} u \Rightarrow$

$\Rightarrow 2^{-1/n} \in \overline{\mathbb{Z}}$, but this is a contradiction.

8. ~~$v_5(4) = 0$~~

\mathbb{Z}_p is complete under the ~~metric~~ absolute value $|x|_p = p^{-v_p(x)}$ with correspondingly

metric $d(x, y) = |x - y|_p$.

So $v_p(c) > 0 \Leftrightarrow |c|_p < 1$ and

hence $\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} (-1)^i c^i$ converges and is an

inverse to $1+c$.

2nd part: $v_5(4) = 0$, so

~~$v_5(4a-1) = v_5(a-1/4)$~~

$$\frac{1}{4} = -\frac{1}{1-5} = -(1+5+5^2+\dots)$$

so we can take $a = -(1+5+5^2+\dots+5^9)$.

9. $x \in \mathbb{Q} \Rightarrow (a_n)_n$ periodic

We can assume $x \neq 0$. Multiplying by powers of p ~~and~~, WLOG $v_p(x) = 0$.

Then, adding integers, we may assume

that $-1 \leq x < 0$.

This might make $v_p(x) > 0$, if so

divide by $p^{v_p(x)}$; we then have

$-1 \leq x < 0$ and $v_p(x) = 0$.

Write $x = \frac{a}{b}$, $a < 0$, $b \geq 1$,

$(b, p) = 1$. Then $\exists k$ s.t

$p^k \equiv 1 \pmod{b}$ so $\exists c > 0$: ~~$p^k - 1 = bc$~~

$$p^k - 1 = bc$$

$$\text{Then } x = \frac{a}{b} = \frac{ac}{bc} = \frac{-ac}{1-p^k}$$

Set $N = -ac > 0$. Then $N \leq p^k - 1$ since

since $x \geq -1$. Write $N = n_0 + n_1 p + \dots + n_{k-1} p^{k-1}$

$$\text{Then } x = \frac{N}{1-p^k} = n_0 + n_1 p + \dots + n_{k-1} p^{k-1} + n_0 p^k + n_1 p^{k+1} + \dots + n_{k-1} p^{2k-1} + \dots$$

is periodic.

Converse:

WLOG $x \in \mathbb{Z}_p$. Have

$$x = x_0 + x_1 p + \dots + x_{\ell-1} p^{\ell-1} + y_0 p^\ell + y_1 p^{\ell+1} + \dots + y_{m-1} p^{\ell+m-1} + y_0 p^{\ell+m} + \dots$$

Then set $b = x_0 + x_1 p + \dots + x_{e-1} p^{e-1}$,

$$e = y_0 + y_1 p + \dots + y_{m-1} p^{m-1},$$

we have $x = b + e \frac{p^e}{1-p^m} \in \mathbb{Q}$.

10. \mathbb{Z}_7 : Put $x = -3$:

$$(-3)^3 - 3(-4) + 4 = -14 \equiv 0 \pmod{7}$$

\leadsto factorization

$$x^3 - 3x + 4 = (x+3) \underbrace{(x^2 - 3x - 1)}_{\text{irreducible in } \mathbb{F}_7[x]} \pmod{7}$$

So \exists at most one root in \mathbb{Z}_7 , and

Hensel's lemma lifts -3 to a root.

\mathbb{Z}_3 : No roots mod 9.

\mathbb{Z}_5 : No roots mod 5.

$$\underline{\mathbb{Z}_2}: \quad x^3 - 3x + 4 \equiv x(x-1)^2 \pmod{2}.$$

Hensel's Lemma $\Rightarrow \exists!$ root^x in \mathbb{Z}_2 with $x \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$.

Are there any roots $\equiv 1 \pmod{2}$?

$x^3 - 3x + 4$ has no roots mod 4 which are congruent to 1 or 3, so there

can't be any such roots.

We conclude that

~~there is~~ $\exists!$ solution in \mathbb{Z}_2 .

$$\begin{aligned}
 11. \quad \binom{1/2}{n} &= \frac{1/2(1/2-1)\dots(1/2-n+1)}{n!} = \\
 &= 2^{-n} \frac{1(1-2)(1-4)\dots(1-2n+2)}{n!} = \\
 &= 2^{-n} (-1)^{n-1} \frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \dots (2n-3)}{n!} = \\
 &= 2^{-n} (-1)^{n-1} \frac{(2n-3)!}{n! \cdot 2 \cdot 4 \dots (2n-4)} =
 \end{aligned}$$

$$= 2^{-n} (-1)^{n-1} 2^{2-n} \frac{(2n-3)!}{n!(n-2)!} =$$

$$= 2^{2-2n} (-1)^{n-1} \frac{1}{2n-2} \binom{2n-2}{n}$$

It follows that

$$v_p \left(\frac{1/2}{n} \right) = v_p \left(\frac{1}{2n-2} \right) + v_p \left(\binom{2n-2}{n} \right) \geq$$

$$\geq -v_p(n-1) \quad \text{for } p \neq 2.$$

Hence $v_p \left(\frac{1/2}{n} \right) \geq -v_p(n-1) \geq -\log_p(n-1)$.

Claim: $v_p \left(\binom{1/2}{n} \right) \rightarrow \infty$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.
for $p \neq 2$.

Use: ~~$\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1} = \{0, 1, \dots, p-1\}$~~

If $m = \sum_{i=0}^k a_i p^i \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1}$, $a_i \in \{0, \dots, p-1\}$,

then $v_p(m!) = \frac{m - \sum_{i=0}^k a_i}{p-1}$

Proof: Induction on m .

$m=1$ clear.

~~$m=2$~~ . ~~Induction~~: $m \Rightarrow m+1$:

Assume that $a_0, \dots, a_\ell = p-1$ but $a_{\ell+1} \neq p-1$

(possibly $\ell = -1$, i.e. $a_0 \neq p-1$, and possibly $\ell = k$), for $m = \sum a_i p^i$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } m+1 &= \left(\sum_{i=0}^{\ell} (p-1)p^i + \sum_{i=\ell+1}^k a_i p^i \right) + 1 = \\ &= \cancel{\sum_{i=0}^{\ell} (p-1)p^i} (a_{\ell+1} + 1) p^{\ell+1} + \sum_{i=\ell+2}^k a_i p^i \end{aligned}$$

so

$$\begin{aligned} v_p((m+1)!) &= \cancel{m} v_p(m+1) + v_p(m!) = \\ &= \frac{m - \left[(\ell+1)(p-1) + \sum_{i=\ell+1}^k a_i \right]}{p-1} \\ &= \frac{m+1 - \left[a_{\ell+1} + 1 + \sum_{i=\ell+2}^k a_i \right]}{p-1} \end{aligned}$$

using the induction hypothesis

Proof of claim:

~~Set~~ For $n-2 = p^k$, $n = p^k + 2$, $2n-3 = 2p^k + 1$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } v_p\left(\binom{2n-3}{n}\right) &= v_p\left(\frac{(2n-3)!}{n!(n-2)!}\right) = \\ &= v_p((2n-3)!) - v_p(n!) - v_p((n-2)!) = \\ &= \frac{2p^k + 1 - 3}{p-1} - \frac{p^k + 2 - 3}{p-1} - \frac{p^k - 1}{p-1} = \\ &= 0 \rightarrow \infty \text{ as } k \rightarrow \infty. \end{aligned}$$

So, all in all, if $p \neq 2, 3, 5$, the terms of $1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \binom{1/2}{n} 15^n$ do not tend to 0 p-adically, so the series diverges.

If $p = 3, 5$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} v_p\left(\binom{1/2}{n} 15^n\right) &= n - v_p\left(\binom{1/2}{n}\right) \geq \\ &\geq n - \log_p(n-1) \rightarrow \infty \\ &\text{as } n \rightarrow \infty \quad (\text{and are } \geq 0) \\ &\quad \text{th} \end{aligned}$$

so the series converges.

$$\text{Set } \alpha = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \binom{1/2}{n} 15^{-n}$$

to be the limit.

Then one computes $\alpha^2 = 16$ (the relevant identities for binomial coefficients hold:

$$\sum_{k=0}^m \binom{x}{k} \binom{y}{m-k} = \binom{x+y}{m}$$

since they hold for all $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1}$ and $\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1} \subseteq \mathbb{Z}_p$ is dense, and both sides are polynomials in x and y , hence etc.)

But $\alpha \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ in \mathbb{Z}_3 , so $\alpha = 4$ in \mathbb{Z}_3 , and $\alpha \equiv 1 \pmod{5}$ in \mathbb{Z}_5 , so $\alpha = -4$ in \mathbb{Z}_5 .

12 (i) $x = y^2$ in $\mathbb{Z}_p \Rightarrow x = y^2 \pmod{p}$,
giving one implication.

Converse: Consider $T^2 - x \in \mathbb{Z}_p[T]$.

$x \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$, so $T^2 - x$ has distinct roots
 \pmod{p} ($p \neq 2$), and has a root by assumption.

Hensel's Lemma $\Rightarrow T^2 - x$ has a root in
 \mathbb{Z}_p .

Last part: If $x \in \mathbb{Q}_p^\times$, write $x = p^n u$,
 $n \in \mathbb{Z}$, $u \in \mathbb{Z}_p^\times$.

Then x square in $\mathbb{Q}_p^\times \Leftrightarrow$

$\Leftrightarrow n$ even and u is a square in \mathbb{Z}_p^\times

$\Leftrightarrow n$ even and $n \pmod{p}$ is

a square in \mathbb{F}_p^\times .

(ii) Let $a, b \in \mathbb{Q}_p^x \setminus (\mathbb{Q}_p^x)^2$

Claim: $\mathbb{Q}_p(\sqrt{a}) = \mathbb{Q}_p(\sqrt{b}) \Leftrightarrow$

$\Leftrightarrow a \equiv b \pmod{(\mathbb{Q}_p^x)^2}$.

Pf: (\Rightarrow) : $\mathbb{Q}_p(\sqrt{a}) = \mathbb{Q}_p(\sqrt{b}) \Rightarrow$

$\Rightarrow \sqrt{a} = x + y\sqrt{b}$ for some $x, y \in \mathbb{Q}$.

Looking at traces ~~from~~ $\Rightarrow x = 0$, so

$$a = (\sqrt{a})^2 = y^2 b.$$

(\Leftarrow) : If $a = y^2 b$, then $(y\sqrt{b})^2 = a$

$$\text{so } \mathbb{Q}_p(\sqrt{a}) = \mathbb{Q}_p(\sqrt{b}). \quad \square$$

So $\#\{\text{distinct quadratic ext's of } \mathbb{Q}_p\} = \# \left(\frac{\mathbb{Q}_p^x}{(\mathbb{Q}_p^x)^2} \right) - 1$

(number of
non-zero elements in $\frac{\mathbb{Q}_p^x}{(\mathbb{Q}_p^x)^2}$)

Have $\mathbb{Q}_p^x \cong \langle p \rangle \times \mathbb{Z}_p^x$ so

$$p^n u \longleftarrow (p^n, u)$$

$$(\mathbb{Q}_p^x)^2 \cong \langle p^2 \rangle \times (\mathbb{Z}_p^x)^2 \Rightarrow$$

$$\mathbb{Q}_p^x / (\mathbb{Q}_p^x)^2 \cong \underbrace{\frac{\langle p \rangle}{\langle p^2 \rangle}}_{\cong \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}} \times \frac{\mathbb{Z}_p^x}{(\mathbb{Z}_p^x)^2}$$

Now $\frac{\mathbb{Z}_p^x}{(\mathbb{Z}_p^x)^2} \xrightarrow[\text{reduction mod } p]{\sim} \frac{\mathbb{F}_p^x}{(\mathbb{F}_p^x)^2}$

by part (i), and $\# \frac{\mathbb{F}_p^x}{(\mathbb{F}_p^x)^2} = 2$

since \mathbb{F}_p^x is cyclic, so

$$\# \left(\mathbb{Q}_p^x / (\mathbb{Q}_p^x)^2 \right) = 4 \Rightarrow$$

$\Rightarrow \exists 3$ distinct quadratic extⁿs of \mathbb{Q}_p .

$p=2$: Claim holds for $p=2$ with

the same proof, so need to

compute $\# \left(\mathbb{Q}_2^x / (\mathbb{Q}_2^x)^2 \right)$.

Again $\mathbb{Q}_2^x \cong \langle 2 \rangle \times \mathbb{Z}_2^x$, so

$$\# \left(\mathbb{Q}_2^{\times} / (\mathbb{Q}_2^{\times})^2 \right) = 2, \# \left(\mathbb{Z}_2^{\times} / (\mathbb{Z}_2^{\times})^2 \right).$$

Claim: $x \in \mathbb{Z}_2^{\times}$ is a square \Leftrightarrow it is a square mod 8.

Pf: \Rightarrow is clear

\Leftarrow : We use Newton-Raphson as in the proof of Hensel's lemma. Set $a_1 = 1$,

$$a_{n+1} = a_n - \frac{f(a_n)}{f'(a_n)}$$

for $n \geq 1$ where $f(T) = T^2 - x$

We claim that

$$1) \quad a_n \in \mathbb{Z}_2,$$

$$2) \quad v_2(f'(a_n)) = v_2(f'(a_1))$$

$$3) \quad v(f(a_n)) \geq 2v(f'(a_n)) + 2^{n-1}$$

for all $n \geq 1$. For $n=1$ this is clear.

Induction step:

$$1) \quad a_{n+1} = a_n - \frac{f(a_n)}{f'(a_n)} \in \mathbb{Z}_2$$

using 1) + 3) for n .

$$2) \quad f'(a_{n+1}) - f'(a_n) = 2(a_{n+1} - a_n) =$$

$$= -2 \frac{f(a_n)}{f'(a_n)} \quad \text{so}$$

$$v_2(f'(a_{n+1}) - f'(a_n)) \geq v_2(f'(a_n)) -$$

$$- v_2(f'(a_n)) \geq$$

$$\geq v_2(f'(a_n)) + 1$$

by 3) for n , so

$$v_2(f'(a_{n+1})) = v_2(f'(a_n)) = v_2(f'(a_1))$$

using 2) for n .

$$3) \quad f(a_{n+1}) = f(a_n) + (a_{n+1} - a_n)f'(a_n) +$$

$$+ (a_{n+1} - a_n)^2 =$$

$$= \frac{f(a_n)^2}{f'(a_n)^2} \quad \text{so}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 v_2(f(a_{n+1})) &= 2v_2(f(a_n)) - 2v_2(f'(a_n)) \geq \\
 &\geq 2v_2(f'(a_n)) + 2^n = \\
 &= 2v_2(f'(a_{n+1})) + 2^n
 \end{aligned}$$

using 3) for n to get the inequality and
 2) for $n+1$ to get the last equality.

This implies that a_n converges to a
 root of f , i.e. a square root of x .

Therefore $\mathbb{Z}_2^x / (\mathbb{Z}_2^x)^2 \cong (\mathbb{Z}/8)^2 \cong$
 $\cong \mathbb{Z}/2 \times \mathbb{Z}/2$

\Rightarrow we have 7 distinct quadratic extⁿs
 of \mathbb{Q}_2 .

13. Valuations on \mathbb{Q} :

v normalised valuation on \mathbb{Q} .

Then $\{x \in \mathbb{Q} \mid v(x) \geq 0\} \supseteq \mathbb{Z}$,

since $v(1) = 0 \Rightarrow v(n) \geq 0 \forall n$.

Therefore $I = \{x \in \mathbb{Z} \mid v(x) > 0\}$ is a

prime ideal of \mathbb{Z} . (~~\mathbb{Z}~~ $I \neq 0$ since

v is non-trivial) $\Rightarrow I = p\mathbb{Z}$ for some

prime p . v normalised \Rightarrow must have

$v(p) = 1$ and $v(p^n x) = n$ if $v(x) = 0$,

so $v = v_p$.

Note: The argument shows the following:

If A is a PID, v a normalised valuation

on $K = \text{Frac } A$ such that $v(x) \geq 0 \forall x \in A$,

then $v = v_\pi$ for some prime $\pi \in A$.

Valuations on $\mathbb{F}_p(T)$

Let v be a normalised valuation on $\mathbb{F}_p(T)$.

Two cases:

1) $v(T) \geq 0$:

then $v(f(T)) \geq 0 \quad \forall f \in \mathbb{F}_p[T]$.

By the note, we must have $v = v_g$

for some irreducible $g \in \mathbb{F}_p[T]$.

2) $v(T) < 0$:

then $v\left(\frac{1}{T}\right) > 0 \Rightarrow$

$\Rightarrow v(f) \geq 0 \quad \forall f \in \mathbb{F}_p\left[\frac{1}{T}\right] \subseteq \mathbb{F}_p(T)$

By the note, $v = v_g$ for some irreducible

$g \in \mathbb{F}_p\left[\frac{1}{T}\right]$. But $v\left(\frac{1}{T}\right) > 0$ and

$\frac{1}{T}$ is irreducible in $\mathbb{F}_p\left[\frac{1}{T}\right]$, so

$$v = v_{1/T}$$

We can describe this valuation on $\mathbb{F}_p[T]$ by

$$v_{1/T}(h(T)) = -\deg h, \quad \text{for } h \in \mathbb{F}_p[T].$$