

**COHOMOLOGY GROUPS OF MAXIMAL ORDERS
OF p -ADIC SIMPLE ALGEBRAS**

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1. The cohomology groups of principal orders of p -adic number fields have period 2 [5]. This is also true for maximal orders of central simple algebras over p -adic fields.

Let k be a p -adic number field, let R be the ring of all p -integers in k , and let \mathfrak{A} be a central simple algebra over k . A maximal order Λ in \mathfrak{A} over R may be considered as an algebra over R . Therefore, for any two sided Λ -module M , we may consider cohomology groups $H^r(\Lambda, M)$ and homology groups $H_r(\Lambda, M)$ of Λ in M [1]. Then we have

$$H^{r+2}(\Lambda, M) \cong H^r(\Lambda, M) \quad H_{r+2}(\Lambda, M) \cong H_r(\Lambda, M)$$

for $r \geq 1$. We shall prove it in the following sections. Mr. H. Ogawa has also proved it for cohomology groups with coefficients in $\Lambda/\pi^s\Lambda$ by using relative cohomology theory [6].

2. We shall begin with division algebras. Let k and R be as above and let \mathfrak{K} be a central division algebra over k of degree n^2 . Then there exists a unique maximal order Λ of \mathfrak{K} over R . Furthermore there exist a prime element π and a root ζ of unity such that

$$(1) \quad \Lambda = \sum R\pi^i\zeta^j \quad (\text{direct}), \quad i, j, = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1, \\ \pi^n = p, \quad \pi\zeta\pi^{-1} = \zeta^{q^r}, \quad (r, n) = 1,$$

where p is a prime element in k and $q = \#(R/(p))$ [2]. In other words, $k(\zeta)/k$ is unramified cyclic, and the automorphism

$$(2) \quad \rho : \zeta \rightarrow \pi^{-1}\zeta\pi$$

is a generating automorphism of $k(\zeta)$ over k . We denote the Galois group of $k(\zeta)/k$ by G .

Now, we consider the structure of $R[\zeta] \otimes_R R[\zeta]$. Any $\sigma \times \tau \in G \times G$ induces an automorphism $a(\zeta) \otimes b(\zeta) \rightarrow a(\zeta)^\sigma \otimes b(\zeta)^\tau$ of $R[\zeta] \otimes_R R[\zeta]$. We shall denote images of this automorphism by $(a(\zeta) \otimes b(\zeta))^{\sigma \times \tau}$.

PROPOSITION 1. *The unit element $1 \otimes 1$ of $R[\zeta] \otimes_R R[\zeta]$ has a decomposition*

$$(3) \quad 1 \otimes 1 = e_1 + e_\sigma + \dots + e_\tau, \quad 1, \sigma, \dots, \tau \in G,$$

into orthogonal minimal idempotents $e_1, e_\sigma, \dots, e_\tau$ which satisfy

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