

139. On the Cohomology Groups of p -adic Number Fields

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In the present note we shall study the cohomology groups of the ring of all p -integers of a p -adic field.

Let K be a p -adic number field and let L be a finite separable extension field over K . More generally, let K be a complete field by a discrete valuation and let L be a finite separable extension field over K with separable residue class field. Let R and A be the rings of all p -integers of K and L , respectively. Then A has a minimal basis over R , i.e.

$$A = R + R\theta + \dots + R\theta^{n-1},$$

where $1, \theta, \dots, \theta^{n-1}$ are linearly independent over R [1]. Let $f(x) = 0$ be the equation of θ in R .

We shall consider A as an algebra over R and construct a A^e -projective resolution over A which is suitable for our purpose.

Let

$$f(x) = (x - \theta)g(x), \quad g(x) = x^{n-1} + (\sum_j b_{n-2, j} \theta^j) x^{n-2} + \dots$$

be the decomposition of $f(x)$ in A . We put

$$g_e(\theta) = \sum_{i, j} b_{i, j} \theta^i \otimes \theta^j \quad 1)$$

$$\Delta\theta = \theta \otimes 1 - 1 \otimes \theta$$

in $A^e = A \otimes_R A$.

Lemma

Let $\sum \lambda \otimes \mu$ be any element in A^e . Then

$$(\sum \lambda \otimes \mu)(\theta \otimes 1 - 1 \otimes \theta) = 0 \text{ if and only if } \sum \lambda \otimes \mu \in A^e \cdot g_e(\theta);$$

$$(\sum \lambda \otimes \mu) \cdot g_e(\theta) = 0 \text{ if and only if } \sum \lambda \otimes \mu \in A^e(\theta \otimes 1 - 1 \otimes \theta).$$

Proof. Since we have a ring isomorphism

$$A \otimes_R A \cong A[x]/(f(x)),$$

$$\theta \otimes 1 - 1 \otimes \theta \leftrightarrow x - \theta \pmod{(f(x))},$$

$$g_e(\theta) \leftrightarrow g(x) \pmod{(f(x))},$$

we shall calculate in the right hand side. We take polynomials of degree less than n as the uniquely determined representatives of the classes mod $f(x)$. If $(x - \theta)h(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{f(x)}$, $\deg h(x) \leq n - 1$, then dividing $h(x)$ by $g(x)$ we have $h(x) = \alpha g(x) + s(x)$, $\deg s(x) \leq n - 2$; so $s(x)(x - \theta) \equiv 0 \pmod{f(x)}$. Therefore $s(x) = 0$, $h(x) = \alpha g(x)$. Similarly, if $g(x)h(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{f(x)}$, then $h(x) = (x - \theta)h_0(x)$.

Lemma

1) Since A is commutative, $A^* \cong A$ and we shall drop the sign $*$.