

98. On Unit Groups of Algebraic Number Fields

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1. Let K be a Galois extension of an algebraic number field k and U_K the unit group of the idele group K_A^\times . O_K^\times denotes the global unit group of K . $N_{K/k}$ denotes the norm map from K_A^\times to k_A^\times .

In our paper [2], we have proved the following isomorphism

$$(*) \quad \begin{aligned} & (N_{K/k}^{-1}(1) \cap (U_K \cdot K^\times)) / (N_{K/k}^{-1}(1) \cap U_K)(N_{K/k}^{-1}(1) \cap K^\times) \\ & \cong (O_K^\times \cap N_{K/k} K^\times) / N_{K/k} O_K^\times. \end{aligned}$$

In this paper, this result will be generalized by using the cohomological language.

2. First, we consider the following commutative diagram of cochain complexes with exact rows and columns.

$$(1) \quad \begin{array}{ccccccc} & & 0 & & 0 & & \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & A_1 & \xrightarrow{a_1} & A_2 & \xrightarrow{a_2} & A_3 \longrightarrow 0 \\ & & \downarrow \varphi_1 & & \downarrow \varphi_2 & & \parallel \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & B_1 & \xrightarrow{b_1} & B_2 & \xrightarrow{b_2} & A_3 \longrightarrow 0 \\ & & \downarrow \psi_1 & & \downarrow \psi_2 & & \\ & & C_1 & = & C_1 & & \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\ & & 0 & & 0 & & \end{array}$$

Let us denote the connecting homomorphisms derived from (1) by

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_1 &: H^r(A_3) \longrightarrow H^{r+1}(A_1), \\ \delta_2 &: H^r(A_3) \longrightarrow H^{r+1}(B_1), \\ \gamma_1 &: H^r(C_1) \longrightarrow H^{r+1}(A_1), \\ \gamma_2 &: H^r(C_1) \longrightarrow H^{r+1}(A_2) \quad (r \in \mathbb{Z}). \end{aligned}$$

We denote the homomorphism $H^r(A_1) \rightarrow H^r(A_2)$ induced from a_1 by the same symbol a_1 . The homomorphisms $a_2, b_1, b_2, \varphi_1, \varphi_2, \psi_1, \psi_2$ are defined in a similar way. Then, by the elementary diagram chasing, we have the following lemma.

Lemma. *With the notation as above, we have the following isomorphisms*

$$(2) \quad H^r(B_2) / (\text{Im } \varphi_2 + \text{Im } b_1) \cong \text{Ker } a_1 \cap \text{Ker } \varphi_1 \subset H^{r+1}(A_1),$$

$$(3) \quad H^r(A_1) / (\text{Im } \delta_1 + \text{Im } \gamma_1) \cong \text{Ker } b_2 \cap \text{Ker } \psi_2 \subset H^r(B_2).$$

Proof. Proof of (2). Since $\text{Im } b_1 = \text{Ker } b_2$, we have

$$H^r(B_2) / (\text{Im } \varphi_2 + \text{Im } b_1) \cong b_2(H^r(B_2)) / b_2\varphi_2(H^r(A_2)).$$