A TRIPLING ON THE ALGEBRAIC NUMBER FIELD

Dedicated to Professor Nagayoshi Iwahori on his 60th birthday

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Throughout this paper we fix an (even or odd) prime number $l, n=l^{\nu}$ a power of l, and an algebraic number field k which contains $\exp(2\pi i/n)$ and has a finite degree over the rational number field Q. For elements $x, y \in k^{\times}$ and a prime spot \mathfrak{p} in k (abbrev. k-prime), Hilbert's *n*-th power residue symbol $\left(\frac{x, y|k}{\mathfrak{p}}\right)_n$ is defined by $\mathfrak{p}/\overline{y^{\sigma}} = \left(\frac{x, y|k}{\mathfrak{p}}\right)_n \cdot \mathfrak{p}/\overline{y}$ using norm residue symbol $\sigma = \left(\frac{x, k(\mathfrak{p}/\overline{y})/k}{\mathfrak{p}}\right)$, which takes the value in the group of the *n*-th roots of 1 in k, W. We denote the completion of k at \mathfrak{p} by $k_{\mathfrak{p}}$ and the group of the *n*-th roots of 1 in $k_{\mathfrak{p}}$ by $W_{\mathfrak{p}}$. After the canonical inclusions of fields $k \subset k_{\mathfrak{p}}$ and of Galois groups $G(k_{\mathfrak{p}}(\mathfrak{p}/\overline{y})/k_{\mathfrak{p}}) \subset G(k(\mathfrak{p}/\overline{y})/k)$, the (global) Hilbert's power residue symbol is extended to the local symbol $(x, y|k_{\mathfrak{p}})_n$ taking the value in $W_{\mathfrak{p}}$.

$$(x, y)_n = \prod_{\text{all } k \text{-prime } p} (x, y | k_p)_n$$

which is a pairing on k^{\times} taking the value in the group $\prod_{\mathfrak{p}} W_{\mathfrak{p}}$. Then this pairing symbol admits fundamental properties like the multiplicativity about each component, the conjugacy theorem about isomorphism $\tau: k \to k^r$, and the transgression theorem about the lifting of k to some extension k'/k. Moreover it has the norm theorem saying that x is in the norm group $N_{K/k}K^{\times}$; $K = k(x/\overline{y})$, if and only if $(x, y)_n = 1$ and further it has the reciprocity law saying that $(x, y)_n =$ $(y, x)_n^{-1}$.

In this paper we define a tripling symbol $(x, y, z)_n \in W$ on k^{\times} . Not that it is defined for all the elements of $k^{\times} \times k^{\times} \times k^{\times}$, but it is done only for the ones having a property named *strictly orthogonal*. The definition of strict orthogonality is rather complicated but we shall illustrate here some sufficient conditions for it. In case $l \neq 2$, $\{x, y, z\}$ are strictly orthogonal if they are all *n*-th powers in $k_{\rm I}^{\times}$ at any I|(l) under inclusion $k \subset k_{\rm I}$ and any two of them are orthogonal about the symbol $(,)_n$. In case l=2 we need some additional conditions; saying when $\exp(2\pi i/4n) \in k$, $\{x, y, z\}$ are strictly orthogonal if further any two of them are orthogonal about $(,)_{2n}$. Our results of this paper 'are the