

Class formations IV.

(Infinite extension of the ground field)

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Let K_0^* be an infinite algebraic extension of the rational number field (or of the p -adic number field). We may expect that a kind of analogy of class field theory would hold for finite abelian extensions over K_0^* . In 1936-37 M. Moriya has established in his papers [7], [8] such a theory over K_0^* for those finite abelian extensions K^*/K_0^* for which the degrees $[K^*:K_0^*]$ are relatively prime to each one of a certain set of prime numbers determined by K_0^* . Recently M. Mori [9] considered the same problem (in local case) from a different point of view and obtained similar results as in the theory of Moriya without any restriction on the degrees of abelian extensions K^*/K_0^* .

The purpose of the present paper is to consider an analogous problem in the framework of class formation theory. Let $\{A(K); K \in \mathfrak{R}\}$ be a given class formation over a ground field k_0 where \mathfrak{R} is the set of all finite extensions of k_0 contained in a fixed infinite normal algebraic extension \mathcal{Q}/k_0 and $A(K)$ is the abelian group attached to K ($K \in \mathfrak{R}$). Furthermore, we assume that every $A(K)$ is a compact topological group. Now let K_0^* be an arbitrary infinite extension of k_0 contained in \mathcal{Q} . Then let us take $\mathfrak{R}^* = \{K^*; K_0^* \subset K^* \subset \mathcal{Q}, [K^*:K_0^*] < \infty\}$ and let $A^*(K^*)$ be the inverse limit group of $\{A(k_\lambda); k_\lambda \subset K^*\}$. Our main result is that $\{A^*(K^*); K^* \in \mathfrak{R}^*\}$ is a class formation over the ground field K_0^* (Theorem 1). We can apply this result also to the cases of local and global class field theory by taking a suitable class formation in each case (Theorem 5, 7). In particular, our results coincide with that of M. Mori in local case. In a previous paper [4] the author considered the same problem in a class formation after the method of M. Moriya. In § 6 we shall consider the relation between our present method and that used before in [4].

1. Let k_0 be a given ground field, \mathcal{Q} be a fixed infinite normal algebraic extension of k_0 and $\mathfrak{R} = \{K; k_0 \subset K \subset \mathcal{Q}, [K:k_0] < \infty\}$. Let us assume that to each $K \in \mathfrak{R}$ an additive group $A(K)$ is attached so that $\{A(K); K \in \mathfrak{R}\}$ satisfies the axioms (F1-4, C 1,2) of a class formation (see [4], § 1 or [5] § 1,1). We put a further axiom:

T. Each $A(K)$ is a compact topological group such that (i) each $\varphi_{K,k}: A(k) \rightarrow A(K)$ ($k \subset K; k, K \in \mathfrak{R}$) is continuous and (ii) for each normal extension K/k ($k, K \in \mathfrak{R}$) $\sigma \in G = G(K/k)$ operates continuously on $A(K)$.

Then it is easy to see that for each $k \subset l$ ($k, l \in \mathfrak{R}$) $N_{l/k}: A(l) \rightarrow A(k)$ is a continuous homomorphism. (For normal K/k , $N_{K/k}a$ is defined by $\varphi_{K,k}^{-1}(\sum_{\sigma \in G} \sigma a)$).

Now let us take an arbitrary infinite extension K_0^* of k_0 contained in \mathcal{Q} as the ground field and put

$$(1) \quad \mathfrak{R}^* = \{K^*; K_0^* \subset K^* \subset \mathcal{Q}, [K^*: K_0^*] < +\infty\}.$$

Each $K^* \in \mathfrak{R}^*$ is the union of $\{K_\lambda; K_\lambda \in \mathfrak{R}, K_\lambda \subset K^*\}: K^* = \bigcup_\lambda K_\lambda$. To each pair $K_\lambda \subset K_\mu$ the norm-mapping

$$N_{\mu,\lambda} = N_{K_\mu/K_\lambda}: A(K_\mu) \rightarrow A(K_\lambda)$$

is a continuous homomorphism. Hence we can define the inverse limit group of $\{A(K_\lambda), N_{\mu,\lambda}\}$, where we define the partial order $\lambda < \mu$ by $K_\lambda \subset K_\mu$. Then we put

$$(2) \quad A^*(K^*) = \text{inv-lim}_\lambda A(K_\lambda).$$

We denote the projection by $N_\lambda: A^*(K^*) \rightarrow A(K_\lambda)$ so that $N_{\mu,\lambda} \cdot N_\mu = N_\lambda$ for $\lambda < \mu$ holds.

THEOREM 1. Let $\{A(K); K \in \mathfrak{R}\}$ be a class formation over the ground field k_0 which satisfies the axiom T. Let K_0^* be an arbitrary infinite extension of k_0 contained in \mathcal{Q} . Let us define \mathfrak{R}^* and $A^*(K^*)$ ($K^* \in \mathfrak{R}^*$) by (1) and (2). Then $\{A^*(K^*); K^* \in \mathfrak{R}^*\}$ is a class formation over the ground field K_0^* with the axiom T.

(PROOF) (i) F 1. Let $K^* \subset L^*$ ($K^*, L^* \in \mathfrak{R}^*$) and $L^* = K^*(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_r)$. Each θ_i satisfies an irreducible equation $f_i(X) = 0$ ($i = 1, \dots, r$) so that all the coefficients of f_i ($i = 1, \dots, r$) belong to some finite extension K_{λ_0} of k_0 . We denote then $\lambda_0 = \lambda_0(L^*/K^*)$. Let $K^* = \bigcup_\lambda K_\lambda$ ($K_\lambda \in \mathfrak{R}$) and let us put $L_\lambda = K_\lambda(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_r)$. Then we have $L^* = \bigcup_\lambda L_\lambda$ and $[L_\lambda: K_\lambda] = [L: K]$ for $\lambda > \lambda_0$. Since $\varphi_{L_\lambda, K_\lambda} \circ N_{K_\mu/K_\lambda} = N_{L_\mu/L_\lambda} \circ \varphi_{L_\mu, K_\mu}$ holds for $\lambda_0 < \lambda < \mu$, we can define $\varphi_{L^*, K^*}: A^*(K^*) \rightarrow A^*(L^*)$ by the limit of $\varphi_{L_\lambda, K_\lambda}$. Since each $\varphi_{L_\lambda, K_\lambda}$ is a monomorphism, the limit φ_{L^*, K^*} is also a mono-

morphism. F 2. Clearly the transitivity relation $\varphi_{M^*, K^*}^* = \varphi_{M^*, L^*}^* \circ \varphi_{L^*, K^*}^*$ for $K^* \subset L^* \subset M^*$ is satisfied. F 3. Suppose that L^*/K^* is normal with the Galois group $G = G(L^*/K^*)$. Then we may take $\lambda_0 = \lambda_0(L^*/K^*)$ such that L_λ/K_λ is normal for any $\lambda > \lambda_0$ and the Galois group $G(L_\lambda/K_\lambda)$ is canonically isomorphic to G . We have $A^*(L^*)^G = \text{inv-lim } A(L_\lambda)^G = \varphi_{L^*, K^*}^* A^*(K^*)$. F 4. can be proved similarly.

(ii) We shall prove C 1:

$$(3) \quad H^1(G, A^*(L^*)) = 0$$

for normal extension L^*/K^* with the Galois group $G = G(L^*/K^*)$. Let us consider an arbitrary 1-cocycle $f^*(\sigma) \in A(L^*)$ ($\sigma \in G$) of G over $A(L^*)$, so that $\sigma f^*(\tau) - f^*(\sigma\tau) + f^*(\sigma) = 0$ holds. We define $f_\lambda(\sigma) = N_\lambda f^*(\sigma)$ which is a 1-cocycle of G over L_λ ($\lambda > \lambda_0$). Since $H^1(G, A(L_\lambda)) = 0$ we can find $a_\lambda \in A(L_\lambda)$ such that $f_\lambda(\sigma) = (\sigma - 1)a_\lambda$ ($\sigma \in G$) holds. We denote the set of all such a_λ 's by B_λ . Clearly B_λ is a closed set in $A(L_\lambda)$ and satisfies $N_{\mu, \lambda} B_\mu \subset B_\lambda$ (for $\lambda < \mu$). Hence $\text{inv-lim } B_\mu = B^*$ is not empty (see e. g. Lefschetz [6], p. 32, Theorem (39.1)) and any element a^* in B^* satisfies $f^*(\sigma) = (\sigma - 1)a^*$ ($\sigma \in G$). This fact proves (3).

To prove C 2. we need the following Lemma:

LEMMA. Let $\{A(K); K \in \mathfrak{R}\}$ be a class formation. Let $k, l, K \in \mathfrak{R}$ be such that K/k is normal with the Galois group G , $k \subset l$ and $l \cap K = k$. Let $L = Kl$ be the compositum. We denote by $\xi_{K/k}$ the fundamental 2-cohomology class of $H^2(G, A(K))$ and similarly for $\xi_{L/l}$. Then the norm-mapping $N_{L/K}: H^2(G, A(L)) \rightarrow H^2(G, A(K))$ is an isomorphism. Moreover, if G is cyclic, we have

$$(4) \quad N_{L/K} \xi_{L/l} = \xi_{K/k} \quad ^1)$$

(PROOF) We shall prove (4) for cyclic group G . In a class formation the norm-residue symbol $(a, L/l) \in G$ is defined for $a \in A(l)$, and we have the formula

$$(5) \quad (a, L/l) = (N_{l/k} a, K/k).$$

Let $f_{L/l}(\sigma, \tau)$ be a 2-cocycle from the class $\xi_{L/l}$ then $\sigma = (a, L/l)$ is characterized by $a + N_{L/l} A(L) = f_{L/l}(G, \sigma) + N_{L/l} A(L)$ (where $f(G, \sigma)$ means $\sum_{\tau \in G} f(\tau, \sigma)$). Similarly $\sigma = (b, K/k)$ is characterized by $b + N_{K/k} A(K) = f_{K/k}(G, \sigma) + N_{K/k} A(K)$. Now let G be cyclic and $N_{L/K} \xi_{L/l} = m \xi_{K/k}$. This implies $N_{L/K} f_{L/l}(G, \sigma) + N_{K/k} A(K) = m f_{K/k}(G, \sigma) + N_{K/k} A(K)$. Let us choose

1) Added in Proof. The formula (4) holds for any group G . See, Algebraic Theory of Numbers (in Japanese), Kyoritu-Syuppan, (1957), Appendix.

a generator of G as σ , then we have $m\sigma = \sigma$ from (5) and hence $m=1$. This proves the relation (4).

For general G let $N_{L/K} \xi_{L/l} = m \xi_{K/k}$. Since $H^2(G, A(L)) \cong H^2(G, A(K)) \cong Z/nZ$ ($n=[G:1]$) it suffices to prove $(m, n)=1$. Suppose that there exists a prime number p such that p divides (m, n) . Then take a subgroup H of G of order p . Let L' and K' be the subfields of L and K respectively which correspond to H in the sense of the Galois theory. Then $L=KL'$ and $K'=K \cap L'$ hold. Since $\text{Res}_{G/H} \xi_{L/l} = \xi_{L/L'}$ and $\text{Res}_{G/H} \xi_{K/k} = \xi_{K/K'}$ we would have $N_{L/K} \xi_{L/L'} = N_{L/K} \circ \text{Res}_{G/H} \xi_{L/l} = \text{Res}_{G/H} \circ N_{L/K} \xi_{L/l} = m \xi_{K/K'} = 0$ by the condition $p|m$. This is a contradiction to (4). Hence we have $(m, n)=1$, q. e. d.

Now let $f^*(\sigma, \tau)$ be a standard 2-cocycle of G over $A^*(L^*)$: $\rho f^*(\sigma, \tau) - f^*(\rho\sigma, \tau) + f^*(\rho, \sigma\tau) - f^*(\rho, \sigma) = 0$. We denote $N_\lambda f^*(\sigma, \tau) = f_\lambda(\sigma, \tau) \in A(L_\lambda)$ which is a 2-cocycle of G over $A(L_\lambda)$ ($\lambda > \lambda_0$).

(α) We shall prove first that if $f_\lambda \sim 0$ in $H^2(G, A(L_\lambda))$ holds for some λ ($> \lambda_0$) then $f^* \sim 0$ holds in $H^2(G, A^*(L^*))$. This can be done quite similarly as in the case of $H^1(G^*, A^*(L^*))$. Namely, from Lemma follows that $f_\mu \sim 0$ for all μ ($> \lambda_0$). Let B_μ be the subset of $A(L_\mu) \times \cdots \times A(L_\mu)$ (n -times) consisting of $g_\mu(\sigma) \in A(L_\mu)$ ($\sigma \in G$); $f_\mu(\sigma, \tau) = \sigma g_\mu(\tau) - g_\mu(\sigma\tau) + g_\mu(\sigma)$. Then $N_{\mu, \lambda} B_\mu \subset B_\lambda$ ($\mu > \lambda$) holds. Since each B_μ is a closed subset and hence compact, the inverse limit of $\{B_\mu\}$ is not empty. Take $\{g^*(\sigma)\}$ arbitrarily in this limit set, then we have $f^*(\sigma, \tau) = \sigma g^*(\tau) - g^*(\sigma\tau) + g^*(\sigma)$ ($\sigma, \tau \in G$), i. e. $f^* \sim 0$.

(β) Let us fix λ ($> \lambda_0$) arbitrarily and consider the homomorphism $N_\lambda: H^2(G, A^*(L^*)) \rightarrow H^2(G, A(L_\lambda))$. Firstly, N_λ is a monomorphism by (α). Secondly, let $\alpha_\lambda \in H^2(G, A(L_\lambda))$, then from Lemma follows that there exists $\alpha_\mu \in H^2(G, A(L_\mu))$ ($\lambda < \mu$) such that $N_{\mu, \lambda} \alpha_\mu = \alpha_\lambda$ holds. Let B_μ be the subset of $A(L_\mu) \times \cdots \times A(L_\mu)$ (n^2 -times) consisting of standard 2-cocycles $\{f_\mu(\sigma, \tau)\}$ of G over $A(L_\mu)$ which belong to α_μ . Then we have $N_{\mu, \lambda} B_\mu \subset B_\lambda$ and we can prove the existence of a class α^* in $H^2(G, A^*(L^*))$ such that $N_\lambda \alpha^* = \alpha_\lambda$ holds. This proves that N_λ is an epimorphism. Therefore, N_λ gives the isomorphism $H^2(G, A^*(L^*)) \cong H^2(G, A(L_\lambda)) \cong Z/nZ$, which proves C 2. for $\{A^*(L^*); L^* \in \mathfrak{R}^*\}$.

(iii) T. Since each $A(K)$ is compact the inverse limit group $A^*(L^*)$ is also compact. The continuity of φ_{L^*, K^*}^* and of the automorphism $\sigma \in G = G(L^*/K^*)$ for normal L^*/K^* follows easily from the general properties on inverse limit groups, q. e. d.

2. Let $\{A(K); K \in \mathfrak{R}\}$ be a class formation with axiom T. Let (a, K) ($K \in \mathfrak{R}, a \in A(K)$) be the generalized norm-residue symbol (see [4], (15)) which takes value in the Galois group $\Gamma(K)$ of the maximal abelian extension A_K of K (in \mathfrak{Q}). We denote by $\mathfrak{S}(K)$ ($\subset \Gamma(K)$) the image, and by $\mathfrak{K}(K)$ ($\subset A(K)$) the kernel of the generalized norm-residue mapping:

$$(6) \quad \psi_K: a (\in A(K)) \rightarrow (a, K) (\in \Gamma(K)).$$

THEOREM 2. *Let us assume the axiom T. Then the generalized norm-residue mapping $\psi_K: A(K) \rightarrow \Gamma(K)$ is continuous. Moreover, we have $\mathfrak{S}(K) = \Gamma(K)$ and*

$$(7) \quad A(K)/\mathfrak{K}(K) \cong \Gamma(K)$$

algebraically and topologically.

(PROOF) Let $U(L)$ be the subgroup of $\Gamma(K)$ corresponding to a finite abelian extension L/K in the sense of (infinite) Galois theory. Then to prove the continuity of ψ_K it is sufficient to see that $\psi_K^{-1}(U(L))$ is open for every L with $K \subset L \subset A_K, [L:K] < +\infty$. By definition $\psi_K^{-1}(U(L)) = N_{L/K}A(L)$ which is a subgroup of $A(K)$ of finite index. Since $N_{L/K}$ is continuous and $A(L)$ is compact, $\psi_K^{-1}(U(L))$ is compact and open.

Since $\mathfrak{S}(K)$ is dense in $\Gamma(K)$, $\mathfrak{S}(K) = \Gamma(K)$ follows from the continuity of ψ_K and the compactness of $A(L)$. Finally (7) follows easily from these properties, q. e. d.

3. We come back to the case of the infinite extension of the ground field, and we use the same notations as in § 1. Let L^*/K^* be normal and $K^* = \bigcup_{\lambda} K_{\lambda}$, $L^* = \bigcup_{\lambda} L_{\lambda}$ such that L_{λ}/K_{λ} ($\lambda > \lambda_0$) is normal whose Galois group is canonically isomorphic to $G = G(L^*/K^*)$. Since $A^*(K^*) = \text{inv-lim}_{\lambda} A(K_{\lambda})$ by means of the mappings $N_{\mu, \lambda}: A(K_{\mu}) \rightarrow A(K_{\lambda})$ ($\lambda < \mu$), $a^* \in A^*(K^*)$ can be represented by $a^* = \text{inv-lim}_{\lambda} a_{\lambda}$ ($a_{\lambda} \in A(K_{\lambda})$) such that $N_{\mu, \lambda} a_{\mu} = a_{\lambda}$ holds. By the translation theorem we have $(a_{\lambda}, L_{\lambda}/K_{\lambda}) = (a_{\mu}, L_{\mu}/K_{\mu})$. Then we define the norm-residue symbol by

$$(8) \quad (a^*, L^*/K^*) = (a_{\lambda}, L_{\lambda}/K_{\lambda}) \quad (\lambda > \lambda_0).$$

THEOREM 3. *In case of Theorem 1 we can define the norm-residue symbol $(a^*, L^*/K^*)$ for normal extension L^*/K^* ($K^*, L^* \in \mathfrak{R}^*$, $a^* \in A^*(K^*)$) by (8) which takes value in the Galois group G of L^*/K^* . The mapping $\psi_{K^*}: a^* \rightarrow (a^*, K^*)$ induces the (algebraic and topological) isomorphism*

$$(9) \quad A^*(K^*)/\mathfrak{R}^*(K^*) \cong \Gamma(K^*)$$

where $\mathfrak{R}^*(K^*) = \text{inv-lim}_\lambda \mathfrak{R}(K_\lambda)$.

The proof is easy and we omit it here.

4. We shall give here two simple applications of Theorem 1.

(I) Kummer extensions. Let $\{A(K); K \in \mathfrak{R}\}$ be the class formation for Kummer extensions (see [4], § 3). Namely, we assume K 1: the characteristic of the ground field k_0 is 0. K 2: k_0 contains all the roots of unity, K 3: for every K, k such that $k, K \in \mathfrak{R}$ and K/k is normal, $N_{K/k} K = k$ holds. Then we can take $A(K) = (K^\times \otimes (Q/Z))^\wedge$, where K^\times means the multiplicative group of K and $^\wedge$ means the compact character group. Let $\psi_{\lambda, \mu}$ for $\lambda < \mu$ be the injection: $K_\lambda^\times \otimes (Q/Z) \rightarrow K_\mu^\times \otimes (Q/Z)$, then as in the proof of Theorem 3.2 in [4], we have

$$N_{\mu, \lambda} \chi = \chi \circ \psi_{\lambda, \mu}$$

for $\chi \in A(K_\mu)$. Hence we have

$$(10) \quad A^*(K^*) = \text{inv-lim}_\lambda A(K_\lambda) \cong ((K^*)^\times \otimes (Q/Z))^\wedge$$

canonically. On the other hand, it is easy to see that if \mathfrak{R} satisfies the conditions K 1, 2, 3 then \mathfrak{R}^* over the ground field K_0^* (which is an infinite algebraic extension of k_0) also satisfies the conditions K 1, 2, 3. Hence the class formation over K_0^* which is constructed by Theorem 1 is nothing new and is only a special case of the general class formation theory for Kummer extensions.

(II) p -extensions over a field of characteristic p . Let k_0 be a field of characteristic p and \mathcal{Q} be the maximal p -extension of k_0 . Let

$$A(K) = ((V_K / \wp V_K) \otimes (Q^{(p)} / Z))^\wedge$$

where V_K means the additive group of all Witt's vectors over K . Then $\{A(K); K \in \mathfrak{R}\}$ is a class formation with the Axiom T (see [4], § 5). In case $K_\lambda \subset K_\mu$ we have for $\chi \in A(K_\mu)$

$$N_{\mu, \nu}(\chi) = \chi \circ \psi_{\lambda, \mu}$$

by the natural injection $\psi_{\lambda, \mu}: (V_{K_\lambda} / \wp V_{K_\lambda}) \otimes (Q^{(p)} / Z) \rightarrow (V_{K_\mu} / \wp V_{K_\mu}) \otimes (Q^{(p)} / Z)$. It follows then for an infinite extension $K^* = \bigcup_\lambda K_\lambda$

$$A^*(K^*) = \text{inv-lim}_\lambda A(K_\lambda) \cong ((V_{K^*} / \wp V_{K^*}) \otimes (Q^{(p)} / Z))^\wedge.$$

Therefore, the class formation over the ground field K_0^* which is

an infinite extension of k_0 gives us nothing new other than the general theory of p -extensions.

5. We shall apply Theorem 1 to local and global class field theory.

(III) Let k_0 be a p -adic number field, \mathcal{Q} be its algebraic closure and \mathfrak{K} be the set of all finite extensions of k_0 contained in \mathcal{Q} . If we put $A(K) = K^\times$ (the multiplicative group of K) and $\varphi_{K,k}: k \rightarrow K$ as the injection, then by the local class field theory $\{A(K); K \in \mathfrak{K}\}$ is a class formation. Here $A(K)$ is locally compact and is not compact with respect to the natural topology.

We shall introduce another topology (see Artin [1], Chapter 9). Namely, let \mathfrak{U} be the set of all (closed) subgroups of finite indices and we take \mathfrak{U} as the fundamental system of neighborhoods of the unity in K^\times . This new topology is weaker than the natural one, and K^\times is totally bounded. Let $K^\#$ be the completion of K^\times , then $K^\#$ is a compact group. Let $Z^\# = \prod_p Z_p$ be the direct product of all p -adic integers which is a compact additive group. The additive group Z of integers can be naturally imbedded in $Z^\#$ so that $Z^\#$ is the completion of Z . It is easy to see that $Z^\#/Z$ has the property of unique divisibility by any integer n . Now let U be the unit group of K^\times , then $K^\times/U \cong Z$ (additive group) and $K^\#/U \cong Z^\#$ (additive group). Hence we have

$$(11) \quad K^\#/K^\times \cong Z^\#/Z \quad (\text{additive group}).$$

Let us take for each $K \in \mathfrak{K}$

$$(12) \quad A^\#(K) = K^\#.$$

THEOREM 4. *Let k_0 be a p -adic number field. Then $\{A^\#(K); K \in \mathfrak{K}\}$ defined by (12) is a class formation with the axiom T. Moreover, $A^\#(K)$ is isomorphic (both algebraically and topologically) to the compact Galois group $\Gamma(K)$.*

(PROOF) It is easy to see that F 1-4 are satisfied in this case. Next, let K/k be a normal extension with the Galois group G . Let us consider the exact sequence of G -homomorphisms:

$$1 \rightarrow K^\times \rightarrow K^\# \rightarrow K^\#/K^\times \rightarrow 1.$$

By (11) the group $K^\#/K^\times$ has the property of unique divisibility and hence $H^r(G, K^\#/K^\times) = 1$ for all $r \in \mathbb{Z}$. Therefore, from the fundamental exact sequence of cohomology groups we have $H^r(G, K^\#) \cong H^r(G, K^\times)$

($r \in \mathbb{Z}$). Hence $A^\#(K) = K^\#$ satisfies the axioms C 1, 2. It is easy to verify T, q. e. d.

Hence we can apply Theorem 1 and we get

THEOREM 5. Let K_0^* be an infinite algebraic extension of a p -adic number field and let \mathfrak{R}^* be defined by (1). Let $K^* \in \mathfrak{R}^*$ and $K^* = \bigcup_\lambda K_\lambda$ ($K_\lambda \in \mathfrak{R}$), and

$$(13) \quad A^\#(K^*) = \text{inv-lim}_\lambda K_\lambda^\#$$

with respect to $N_{\mu, \lambda}: K_\mu^\# \rightarrow K_\lambda^\#$ for $\lambda < \mu$. Then $\{A^\#(K^*); K^* \in \mathfrak{R}^*\}$ is a class formation with the axiom T. Moreover, $A^\#(K^*)$ is isomorphic to the compact Galois group $\Gamma(K^*)$.

REMARK. (i) If we take simply $A^*(K^*) = \text{inv-lim}_\lambda K_\lambda^*$ instead of $A^\#(K^*)$, then $\{A^*(K^*); K^* \in \mathfrak{R}^*\}$ does not satisfy the axioms C 1, 2.

(ii) If we apply the general results in class formation theory we obtain the theorems in M. Mori [9].

(IV) Let k_0 be an algebraic number field of a finite degree, \mathcal{Q} its algebraic closure and \mathfrak{R} be the set of all finite extensions of k_0 contained in \mathcal{Q} . If we put $A(K) = C(K)$ (the idèle class group of K) and $\varphi_{K, k}: C(k) \rightarrow C(K)$ be the natural injection, then by class field theory $\{A(K); K \in \mathfrak{R}\}$ is a class formation. In this case $C(K)$ is locally compact and we cannot apply Theorem 1 directly.

Let the volume of an idèle $\alpha = \{\alpha_p\}$ of K be defined by $V_k(\alpha) = \prod_p w_p(\alpha_p)$ where w_p means the normal valuation. By the product formula $V_k((\alpha)) = 1$ for a principal idèle $(\alpha) \in P(K)$, so that the volume of an idèle class $\tilde{\alpha}$ can be defined. Let $C^0(K)$ be the subgroup of all idèle classes of K with volume 1. Then it is known that $C^0(K)$ is a compact group.

Let K/k be a normal extension with the Galois group G . Consider the exact sequence of G -homomorphisms

$$1 \longrightarrow C^0(K) \xrightarrow{\iota} C(K) \xrightarrow{V} R^+ \longrightarrow 1.$$

Here V means the mapping $\tilde{\alpha} \rightarrow V_K(\tilde{\alpha})$ and R^+ means the multiplicative group of positive real numbers. Since R^+ has the property of unique divisibility by any integer n we have $H^r(G, C^0(K)) \cong H^r(G, C(K))$ ($r \in \mathbb{Z}$).

For any extension $k \subset l$ we see immediately $V_k(N_{l/k} \tilde{\alpha}) = V_l(\tilde{\alpha})$ for $\tilde{\alpha} \in C(l)$ and $V_l(\varphi_{l, k} \tilde{\alpha}) = V_k(\tilde{\alpha})^{[l:k]}$ for $\tilde{\alpha} \in C(k)$. Using these properties it is easy to prove the following theorem.

THEOREM 6. *Let k_0 be an algebraic number field of a finite degree. Let us take*

$$(14) \quad A^\#(K) = C^0(K)$$

then $\{A^\#(K); K \in \mathfrak{R}\}$ is a class formation with the axiom T.

Since $A^\#(K)$ is compact we can apply Theorem 1 to our class formation. Let K_0^* be an infinite algebraic extension of k_0 , and \mathfrak{R}^* be defined by (1). Let $K^* \in \mathfrak{R}$ and $K^* = \bigcup_\lambda K_\lambda$ ($K_\lambda \in \mathfrak{R}$). Let us put

$$(15) \quad A^\#(K^*) = \text{inv-lim}_\lambda C^0(K)$$

with respect to $N_{\mu,\lambda}: C^0(K_\mu) \rightarrow C^0(K_\lambda)$ ($\lambda < \mu$). Then from Theorem 1 follows that $\{A^\#(K^*); K^* \in \mathfrak{R}^*\}$ is a class formation with the axiom T. Let us put

$$(16) \quad A^*(K^*) = \text{inv-lim}_\lambda C(K_\lambda)$$

with respect to $N_{\mu,\lambda}: C(K_\mu) \rightarrow C(K_\lambda)$ ($\lambda < \mu$).

THEOREM 7. *Let K_0^* be an infinite algebraic number field. Let \mathfrak{R}^* be defined by (1) and $A^*(K^*)$ by (16). Then $\{A^*(K^*); K^* \in \mathfrak{R}^*\}$ is a class formation.*

(PROOF) It is easy to prove F 1-4. To prove C 1, 2 it suffices to see that for a normal extension L^*/K^* with the Galois group G the sequence

$$1 \longrightarrow A^\#(L^*) \xrightarrow{\iota} A^*(L^*) \xrightarrow{V} R^+ \longrightarrow 1$$

is exact. Here ι means the injection and V is defined as follows. Let $\tilde{\alpha}^* \in A^*(L^*)$, $\tilde{\alpha}^* = \text{inv-lim}_\lambda \tilde{\alpha}_\lambda$, $\tilde{\alpha}_\lambda \in C(L_\lambda)$ such that $N_{\mu,\lambda} \tilde{\alpha}_\mu = \tilde{\alpha}_\lambda$ for $\lambda < \mu$. Since $V_{L_\lambda}(\tilde{\alpha}_\lambda) = V_{L_\mu}(\tilde{\alpha}_\mu)$ we can define $V(\tilde{\alpha}^*) = V_{L_\lambda}(\tilde{\alpha}_\lambda)$. Then $\tilde{\alpha}^* \in C^0(L^*)$ is equivalent to $V(\tilde{\alpha}^*) = 1$, so that $A^\#(K^*)$ is the kernel of the homomorphism V .

It remains to prove that the image of V is R^+ . Let us choose a cofinal increasing sequence $\{L_n; n=1, 2, \dots\}$ such that $L^* = \bigcup_n L_n$ holds. Let \mathfrak{p}_n be an infinite prime divisor of L_n such that \mathfrak{p}_{n+1} is an extension of \mathfrak{p}_n . Let E_n be the set of all idèles $\alpha = \{\alpha_p\}$ of L_n such that $\alpha_p = 1$ except \mathfrak{p}_n and $\alpha_{\mathfrak{p}_n} \in R^+$, and let D_n be the set of all idèle classes of L_n containing some $\alpha \in E_n$. Then D_n is a group isomorphic to R^+ and we have a decomposition $C(L_n) = C^0(L_n) \times D_n$. Moreover, $N_{n+1,n} C^0(L_{n+1}) \subset C^0(L_n)$, $N_{n+1,n}(D_{n+1}) = D_n$ hold. Hence for any given number $\lambda \in R^+$ we can take $\alpha_n \in C(L_n)$ successively such that

$V_{L_n}(\mathfrak{a}_n) = \lambda$ and $N_{n+1,n}(\mathfrak{a}_{n+1}) = \mathfrak{a}_n$ hold. This shows the existence of $\mathfrak{a}^* = \text{inv-lim } \mathfrak{a}_n \in A^*(K^*)$ such that $V(\mathfrak{a}^*) = \lambda$. Hence the mapping V is onto, q. e. d.

(V) Let k_0 be a formal power series field of one variable over a finite field, or an algebraic function field of one variable with a finite constant field. In these cases the situation is quite similar to the case (III). However we shall not treat these cases here in detail.

6. Finally we shall consider the relation between our present method (projective method) and the former method (inductive method) used in [4]. Let us use the same notations as in § 1, namely, let $K_0^* = \bigcup_{\lambda} k_{\lambda}$ ($k_{\lambda} \in \mathfrak{R}$) and let

$$A_0^* = \text{inv-lim } A(k_{\lambda}) \quad (= A^*(K_0^*))$$

be the inverse limit group with respect to the homomorphisms $N_{\mu,\lambda}: A(k_{\mu}) \rightarrow A(k_{\lambda})$ ($\lambda < \mu$). Let

$$B_0^* = \text{dir-lim } A(k_{\lambda})$$

be the direct limit group with respect to the homomorphisms $\varphi_{\mu,\lambda} (= \varphi_{k_{\mu},k_{\lambda}}): A(k_{\lambda}) \rightarrow A(k_{\mu})$ ($\lambda < \mu$). We denote by $\varphi_{\lambda}: A(k_{\lambda}) \rightarrow B_0^*$ the canonical injection such that $\varphi_{\mu} \circ \varphi_{\mu,\lambda} = \varphi_{\lambda}$ ($\lambda < \mu$) holds.

Now let $[k_{\lambda}: k_0] = N_{\lambda}$, $N_{\lambda} = p^{r(\lambda)} M_{\lambda}$, $(p, M_{\lambda}) = 1$ and we put $N(K_0/k_0) = \prod_p p^r$ ($r = \sup r(\lambda) \leq \infty$). We decompose $N(K_0^*/k_0) = N^* N_0$ where $N^* = \prod' p^{\infty}$ and $N_0 = \prod'' p^r$ ($r < \infty$). Then we call N^* and N_0 the infinite and finite part of $N(K_0^*/k_0)$ respectively. Let m be any positive integer. Then we can decompose $m = m^* m_0$ such that $(m_0, N^*) = 1$ and every prime factor of m^* divides N^* . We call then m_0 the F -part of m .

Next, we remind the definition of a characteristic subgroup H of B_0^* in [4]. A subgroup H of B_0^* is called a characteristic subgroup if (i) $[B_0^*: H] = n < \infty$, (ii) $(n, N^*) = 1$, (iii) $H_{\mu} = N_{\mu,\lambda}^{-1}(H_{\lambda})$ ($\mu > \lambda > \nu$ for a suitable $\nu = \nu(H)$) where $H_{\lambda} (\subset A(k_{\lambda}))$ is defined by $\varphi_{\lambda}(H_{\lambda}) = \varphi_{\lambda}(A(k_{\lambda})) \cap H$ and (iv) H_{λ} corresponds to an abelian extension of k_{λ} .

Now let $\mathfrak{A}(K_0^*)$ be the lattice consisting of all closed subgroups of A_0^* of finite indices which contain $\mathfrak{R}(K)$ and let $\mathfrak{B}(K_0^*)$ be the lattice consisting of all characteristic subgroups of B_0^* . To each $H \in \mathfrak{A}(K_0^*)$ we assign

$$\Psi(H) = \bigcup_{\lambda > \nu} \varphi_\lambda \circ N_\lambda(H)$$

where $\nu = \nu(H)$ is taken sufficiently large as in (i) of the proof of Theorem 1.

THEOREM 8. *Let $H \in \mathfrak{A}(K_0^*)$ then $\Psi(H) \in \mathfrak{B}(K_0^*)$. The mapping $\Psi: \mathfrak{A}(K_0^*) \rightarrow \mathfrak{B}(K_0^*)$ is a lattice-homomorphism of $\mathfrak{A}(K_0^*)$ onto $\mathfrak{B}(K_0^*)$ such that $[B_0^*: \Psi(H)]$ is the F -part of $[A_0^*: H]$.*

(PROOF) (i) Let $H \in \mathfrak{A}(K_0^*)$. Then there exists an abelian extension K^* of K_0^* such that the Galois group $G(K^*/K_0^*)$ is isomorphic to A_0^*/H . The group $\Psi(H)$ is then just the subgroup corresponding to K^* in our former paper [3] (see, p. 109, (34)). Hence $[B_0^*: \Psi(H)]$ is the F -part of $[K^*: K_0^*] = [A_0^*: H]$.

(ii) That Ψ is a lattice-homomorphism of $\mathfrak{A}(K_0^*)$ onto $\mathfrak{B}(K_0^*)$ follows from the known results both in projective and inductive theory (see [3], p. 111, (4.5) and [4], p. 168), q. e. d.

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