

Note on the Kummer-Hilbert reciprocity law.

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1. Introduction.

Let p be an odd prime number, Q the field of rational p -adic numbers, ζ a fixed primitive p -th root of unity, and $k = Q(\zeta)$.

The classical Kummer-Hilbert reciprocity law was purely locally proved by K. Yamamoto [8] in the following form.¹⁾

Let \mathfrak{p} be the prime ideal, and π an arbitrary prime element in k . By making use of the polynomial

$$\text{Log}(1+x) = \sum_{i=1}^{p-1} \frac{(-1)^{i-1}}{i} x^i,$$

we define differential quotients $l_{\pi}^{(i)}(\nu)$, which are determined modulo p , for a principal unit ν in k as follows:

$$\text{Log } \nu \equiv \sum_{i=1}^{p-1} \frac{1}{i!} l_{\pi}^{(i)}(\nu) \pi^i \pmod{p}.$$

Then it is necessary and sufficient for ν to be a norm of an element of $K = k(\sqrt[p]{\mu})$, where μ is a principal unit in k , that we have

$$\sum_{n=1}^{p-1} (-1)^{n-1} l_{\pi}^{(n)}(\nu) l_{\pi}^{(p-n)}(\mu) \equiv 0 \pmod{p}.$$

Since the Lemmas 5, 5' in [8], which are of importance in the local proof, contain an error, we shall make an attempt to obtain explicit formulas of general forms correcting [8], and therefrom we shall show that we may derive the above reciprocity law naturally. In the last section of this note we also obtain a formal generalization of the classical differential quotients of Kummer.

We exclude the case that μ is primary, i.e., K/k does not ramify, in which case we have $l_{\pi}^{(i)}(\mu) \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ for all i and the above proposition is evidently true.

1) Cf. also Hilbert [4], Takagi [7], Artin and Hasse [1], Šafarevič [6], Kneser [5], Dwork [2].

Let v be the ramification constant of K/k and suppose $\mu = 1 - \beta$, $\text{Ord}_p(\beta) = s$, then we have $p = s + v$ ([3]). Now choose the least non negative integers c, d such that $cs - pd = 1$ and fix a prime element $\Pi = (1 - M)^c \tau^{-d}$ in K for an arbitrary prime element τ in k and a p -th root M of μ . The element Π is indeed a prime element since K/k is totally ramified and so the exponent of $1 - M$ with respect to the prime ideal of K is s . Then our explicit formulas of norms read:

$$N_{K/k}(1 - \Pi^m) \equiv (1 - \gamma^m)(1 - \gamma^v)^{e(m)} \pmod{p^{v+1}},$$

$$e(m) \equiv Am \sum_{m|n} \frac{1}{(p-n)!} l_r^{(p-n)}(\mu) \pmod{p}, \quad m = 1, 2, \dots, v.$$

Herein $N_{K/k}$ denotes of course the norm from K to k , A a certain constant depending only on τ, v and we put $\gamma = N_{K/k}\Pi$.

2. Several lemmas.

The following lemmas are as a matter of fact due to Yamamoto [8].

LEMMA 1. *If we define $\sigma_t = S_{K/k}(\Pi^t)$, $\sigma = \sigma_1$ and make use of the above notations, then*

$$\sigma_t \equiv p\tau^{-dt}\beta \left[\frac{ct}{p} \right] \pmod{p^{v+1}}.$$

Herein t means an arbitrary positive integer, $S_{K/k}$ the trace from K to k , and $[x]$ Gauss' symbol indicating the greatest integer $\leq x$.

As a proof has been given in [8], we shall omit one. This lemma will be used only for $1 \leq t \leq v$.

LEMMA 2.

$$\frac{1}{p} \sigma_{tp} - \gamma^t \equiv \frac{1}{p} \sigma_t^p \equiv 0 \pmod{p^{v+1}},$$

$$\frac{1}{p} \sigma_p^p \equiv \frac{1}{p^2} \sigma^{p^2} \equiv 0 \pmod{p^{v+1}}.$$

The upper congruence is valid for any positive integer t if $v \neq 1$ but for $t \geq 2$ if $v = 1$. The lower one has no restriction.

This lemma will be readily verified by the fact that $S_{K/k}(\mathfrak{P}^j) = \mathfrak{p}^j$, $j = \left[\frac{i+(p-1)(v+1)}{p} \right]$ for the prime ideal \mathfrak{P} in K .

Now the polynomial $\text{Log}(1+x)$ and the inverse polynomial $\text{Exp } x = \sum_{i=0}^{p-1} \frac{1}{i!} x^i$ have the following properties.

If $\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2$ denote two principal units and α_1, α_2 non-unit integers in k respectively, then

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Log } \varepsilon_1 + \text{Log } \varepsilon_2 &\equiv \text{Log } \varepsilon_1 \varepsilon_2, & \text{Exp } \alpha_1 \text{Exp } \alpha_2 &\equiv \text{Exp}(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2) \quad (\mathfrak{p}^2), \\ \text{Log Exp } \alpha_1 &\equiv \alpha_1, & \text{Exp Log } \varepsilon_1 &\equiv \varepsilon_1 \quad (\mathfrak{p}^2). \end{aligned}$$

Furthermore we have

LEMMA 3. *If $\mu \equiv 1 + a\lambda \pmod{\mathfrak{p}^2}$, $\lambda = 1 - \zeta$, then*

$$\log \mu \equiv \text{Log } \mu + a \text{Log } \zeta \quad (\mathfrak{p}^2).$$

PROOF. Because $\text{Ord}_p(\nu - 1) > \frac{1}{p-1}$ implies that $\log \nu \equiv \text{Log } \nu \pmod{\mathfrak{p}^2}$, we have $\log \zeta^a \mu \equiv \text{Log } \zeta^a \mu \pmod{\mathfrak{p}^2}$, that is,

$$\log \mu \equiv \text{Log } \mu + a \text{Log } \zeta \quad (\mathfrak{p}^2).$$

The following lemma is of special interest and our proof is slightly different from [8].

LEMMA 4. $\text{Log } \zeta \equiv \frac{1}{p} \lambda^p \pmod{\mathfrak{p}^2}$. *In particular by using $\tilde{\omega} = \sqrt[p-1]{-p}$ such that $\zeta \equiv 1 + \tilde{\omega} \pmod{\mathfrak{p}^2}$, we have $\tilde{\omega} \equiv \text{Log } \zeta$, $\zeta \equiv \text{Exp } \tilde{\omega} \pmod{\mathfrak{p}^2}$.*

PROOF. We make use of the polynomial $F(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{p-1} (1-x)^i = \sum_{j=0}^{p-1} (-1)^j \binom{p}{j} x^j$. The fact $F(\lambda) = 0$ implies that $\frac{1}{p} \lambda^p = \sum_{i=0}^{p-1} (-1)^i \frac{1}{p} \binom{p}{i} \lambda^i$, from which we have $\frac{1}{p} \lambda^p \equiv \text{Log } \zeta \pmod{\mathfrak{p}^2}$. Here we have $\tilde{\omega} \equiv \frac{1}{p} \lambda^p \pmod{\mathfrak{p}^2}$ for the element $\tilde{\omega}$ in the proposition. We have therefore $\tilde{\omega} \equiv \text{Log } \zeta \pmod{\mathfrak{p}^2}$ and $\zeta \equiv \text{Exp } \tilde{\omega} \pmod{\mathfrak{p}^2}$.

3. Computation of norms.

Our problem consists in calculating explicitly the norms in terms of the differential quotients defined in Introduction. We transform σ_t further as follows.

Determine a $(p-1)$ -th root of unity ξ , by $\xi^p \equiv \tau^s \pmod{\mathfrak{p}}$. Then we have for $t = 1, 2, \dots, p-1$,

$$(*) \quad \sigma_t \equiv -\xi^{-a} \frac{t}{s} \frac{1}{(p-t)!} l^{(p-t)}(\mu) r^v \quad (\mathfrak{p}^{v+1}).$$

For, on one hand from Lemma 1 follows

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_t &\equiv 0 \quad (\mathfrak{p}^{v+1}) \quad \text{for } t \equiv p \pmod{s}, \\ \sigma_{p-si} &\equiv -\xi^{(t-1)d} r^v \quad (\mathfrak{p}^{v+1}). \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand we have, by $r^s \equiv \beta \xi^{-a} \pmod{\mathfrak{p}^2}$,

$$\text{Log } \mu \equiv - \sum_{i=1}^{p-1} \frac{1}{i} \xi^{di} r^{si} \quad (\mathfrak{p}^2),$$

so that

$$I_t^{(p)}(\mu) \equiv \begin{cases} 0 & (p) \quad \text{for } s \nmid t, \\ -s(t-1)! \xi^{a \frac{t}{s}} & (p) \quad \text{for } s \mid t. \end{cases}$$

Therefore (*) follows immediately from these two congruences.

Now by solving an inequality $\left[\frac{mi+(p-1)(v+1)}{p} \right] - (p-1) \text{Ord}_p(i) \leq v$ for i , which is equivalent to $\frac{1}{i} \sigma_{mi} \equiv 0 \pmod{p^{v+1}}$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \log N_{K/k}(1-\Pi^m) &= - \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{i} \sigma_{mi} \\ &\equiv - \sum_{i=1}^{p-1} \frac{1}{i} \sigma_{mi} - \sum_{i=1}^{p-1} \frac{1}{pi} \sigma_{m pi} - \delta_{m,1} \frac{1}{p^2} \sigma_p \quad (p^{v+1}) \\ &\equiv - \sum_{i=1}^{p-1} \frac{1}{i} \sigma_{mi} - \sum_{i=1}^{p-1} \frac{1}{i} \left(\frac{1}{p} \sigma_{mi}^p + r^{mi} \right) - \delta_{m,1} \left(\frac{1}{p^2} \sigma_p^2 + \frac{1}{p} r^p \right) \quad (p^{v+1}) \\ &\equiv \begin{cases} - \sum_{i=1}^{p-1} \frac{1}{i} \sigma_{mi} - \sum_{i=1}^{p-1} \frac{1}{i} r^{mi} - \delta_{m,1} \frac{1}{p} r^p & (p^{v+1}), \quad v \neq 1, \\ - \sum_{i=1}^{p-1} \frac{1}{i} \sigma_{mi} - \sum_{i=1}^{p-1} \frac{1}{i} r^{mi} - \delta_{m,1} \left(\frac{1}{p} r^p + \frac{1}{p} \sigma_p \right) & (p^{v+1}), \quad v = 1. \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

We have used Lemma 2 in the above transformation.

Regarding Lemma 3 we have

$$\log N_{K/k}(1-\Pi^m) \equiv \text{Log } N_{K/k}(1-\Pi^m) + \delta_{m,1} a \text{Log } \zeta \quad (p^v).$$

Of course a means a number satisfying $\zeta^a N_{K/k}(1-\Pi^m) \equiv 1 \pmod{p^v}$,

i. e.,
$$a \equiv \begin{cases} -\frac{1}{\lambda} r & (p), \quad v \neq 1, \\ -\frac{1}{\lambda} (r + \sigma) & (p), \quad v = 1. \end{cases}$$

From these congruences and from Lemma 4 follows

$$a \text{Log } \zeta \equiv \begin{cases} -\frac{1}{p} r^p & (p^v), \quad v \neq 1, \\ -\frac{1}{p} (r^p + \sigma^p) & (p^v), \quad v = 1. \end{cases}$$

Consequently in both cases where $v \neq 1$ and $v = 1$,

$$\text{Log } N_{K/k}(1-\Pi^m) \equiv \sum_{i=1}^{p-1} \frac{1}{i} \sigma_{mi} - \sum_{i=1}^{p-1} \frac{1}{i} \gamma^{mi} \quad (\mathfrak{p}^{v+1}),$$

that is,

$$N_{K/k}(1-\Pi^m) \equiv (1-\gamma^m) \prod_{i=1}^{\lfloor \frac{v}{m} \rfloor} (1-\sigma_{mi})^{\frac{1}{i}} \quad (\mathfrak{p}^{v+1}).$$

Here by making use of the formula (*), we have

$$N_{K/k}(1-\Pi^m) \equiv (1-\gamma^m)(1-\gamma^v)^{e(m)} \quad (\mathfrak{p}^{v+1}),$$

$$e(m) \equiv \frac{m}{s} \xi^{-d} \sum_{m|n} \frac{1}{(p-n)!} l_{\gamma}^{(p-n)}(\mu) \quad (\mathfrak{p}^{v+1}) \quad \text{for } m=1, 2, \dots, v.$$

These are the desired explicit formulas of norms.

4. Reciprocity law.

Our explicit formulas mentioned above yield readily a reciprocity law with respect to a base γ .

If we put ν in a form of power products $\nu \equiv \prod_{m=1}^v (1-\gamma^m)^{a_m} \quad (\mathfrak{p}^{v+1})$, then by Möbius' inversion formula we can verify

$$a_m \equiv -\frac{1}{m} \sum_{d|m} \mu\left(\frac{m}{d}\right) \frac{1}{(d-1)!} l_{\gamma}^{(d)}(\nu) \quad (\mathfrak{p}),$$

where $\mu(x)$ denotes Möbius' function.

The norm of element $E \equiv \prod_{m=1}^v (1-\Pi^m)^{a_m} \quad (\mathfrak{p}^{v+1})$ can be expressed in terms of the differential quotients as follows.

$$N_{K/k}E \equiv \prod_{m=1}^v (1-\gamma^m)^{a_m} (1-\gamma^v)^{R(E)} \quad (\mathfrak{p}^{v+1}),$$

$$R(E) \equiv \sum_{m=1}^v a_m \frac{m}{s} \xi^{-d} \sum_{m|n} \frac{1}{(p-n)!} l_{\gamma}^{(p-n)}(\mu) \quad (\mathfrak{p}).$$

It follows from these formulas that we have the relation

$$\sum_{m=1}^v \sum_{d|m} \sum_{m|n} \mu\left(\frac{m}{d}\right) \frac{l_{\gamma}^{(d)}(\nu)}{(d-1)!} \frac{l_{\gamma}^{(p-n)}(\mu)}{(p-n)!} \equiv 0 \quad (\mathfrak{p}),$$

as a necessary and sufficient condition for ν to be a norm from K to k . This condition is equal to

$$\sum_{n=1}^{p-1} \frac{l_{\gamma}^{(n)}(\nu)}{(n-1)!} \frac{l_{\gamma}^{(p-n)}(\mu)}{(p-n)!} \equiv 0 \quad (\mathfrak{p}),$$

i.e.,

$$\sum_{n=1}^{p-1} (-1)^{n-1} l_r^{(n)}(\nu) l_r^{(p-n)}(\mu) \equiv 0 \quad (p),$$

which gives us the reciprocity law desired.

In the next section we verify the so-called invariance to the effect that this conclusion is equivalent to

$$\sum_{n=1}^{p-1} (-1)^{n-1} l_\pi^{(n)}(\nu) l_\pi^{(p-n)}(\mu) \equiv 0 \quad (p),$$

through a formal calculation by making use of Lagrange's inversion formula for power series. Herein π means an arbitrary prime element in k .

5. Proof of the invariance.

We verify the invariance following an idea of Yamamoto [8].

We define differentials of a non-unit integer α and an integer ν ,

$$D_\pi^i \alpha \equiv a_i (p), \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, p-1, \quad D_\pi^0 \alpha \equiv 0 \quad (p),$$

$$D_\pi^i \nu \equiv c_i (p), \quad i = 0, 1, \dots, p-2,$$

by $\alpha \equiv \sum_{i=1}^{p-1} \frac{1}{i!} a_i \pi^i (p^p)$, $a_i \in \mathfrak{D}_Q$, $\nu \equiv \sum_{i=0}^{p-2} \frac{1}{i!} c_i \pi^i (p^{p-1})$, $c_i \in \mathfrak{D}_Q$. Also we define

$$\frac{d\alpha}{d\pi} = \sum_{i=0}^{p-2} \frac{1}{i!} a_{i+1} \pi^i, \quad \frac{d\nu}{d\pi} = \sum_{i=0}^{p-3} \frac{1}{i!} c_{i+1} \pi^i.$$

The following identities are valid for legitimately defined operators D_π^i ($D_\pi^1 = D_\pi$) and are readily proved.

$$(1) \quad D_\pi(\alpha\beta) \equiv \alpha D_\pi \beta + \beta D_\pi \alpha \quad (p),$$

$$(2) \quad D_\pi^m(\alpha\beta) \equiv \sum_{i=0}^m \binom{m}{i} D_\pi^i \alpha D_\pi^{m-i} \beta \quad (p),$$

$$(3) \quad D_\pi^{m+1}(\alpha\pi^i) \equiv (m+i)_i D_\pi^m \alpha \quad (p),$$

$$(4) \quad D_\pi^m \frac{d\alpha}{d\pi} \equiv D_\pi^{m+1} \alpha \quad (p).$$

Now Lagrange's inversion formula for power series is expressed as follows: If θ, π denote arbitrary two prime element in k , then

$$D_\theta^m \alpha \equiv D_\pi^{m-1} \left(\frac{d\alpha}{d\pi} \left(\frac{\pi}{\theta} \right)^m \right) \quad (p).$$

For a proof of this formula one is referred to [8]. By making use of these notations we can simply express our norm condition as follows:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{p-1} (-1)^{n-1} l_i^{(n)}(\nu) l_i^{(p-n)}(\mu) \equiv D_i^{p-1} \left(\text{Log } \nu \frac{d}{d\tau} \text{Log } \mu \right) \quad (p).$$

Consequently we have only to verify the invariance

$$D_\pi^{p-1} \left(\text{Log } \nu \frac{d}{d\pi} \text{Log } \mu \right) \equiv D_{\theta'}^{p-1} \left(\text{Log } \nu \frac{d}{d\theta'} \text{Log } \mu \right) \quad (p).$$

Since $D_{\theta'}^{p-1} \omega \equiv D_\theta^{p-1} \omega$ (p) holds for two primes θ, θ' such that $\theta = a\theta'$ with $a \in \mathfrak{O}_\theta$, and also $D_\pi^{p-1} \left(\omega \frac{d}{d\pi} \alpha \right)$ is linear with respect to an integer ω and a non-unit α , it suffices to show that

$$D_\pi^{p-1} \left(\pi^i \frac{d\pi^j}{d\pi} \right) \equiv D_{\theta'}^{p-1} \left(\pi^i \frac{d\pi^j}{d\theta'} \right) \quad (p)$$

for $0 \leq i \leq p-1, 1 \leq j \leq p-1$ under the assumption $D_\pi^0 \left(\frac{\pi}{\theta} \right) \equiv 1$ (p).

Now by Lagrange's inversion formula indicated above we have

$$\pi \equiv \sum_{t=1}^{p-1} \frac{1}{t!} D_\pi^{t-1} \left(\left(\frac{\pi}{\theta} \right)^t \right) \theta^t \quad (p^p).$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} & \pi^{i+j-1} \\ \equiv & \sum_{t=i+j-1}^{p-1} \sum_S \frac{(i+j-1)!}{n_1! \cdots n_{p-1}!} \frac{1}{1!^{n_1} \cdots (p-1)!^{n_{p-1}}} D_\pi^0 \left(\left(\frac{\pi}{\theta} \right) \right)^{n_1} \cdots D_\pi^{p-2} \left(\left(\frac{\pi}{\theta} \right)^{p-1} \right)^{n_{p-1}} \theta^t \quad (p^p), \end{aligned}$$

where the second summation extends over all partitions $S: n_1 + \cdots + n_{p-1} = i+j-1, n_1 + \cdots + (p-1)n_{p-1} = t$.

On one hand this equality and $\frac{d\pi}{d\theta} \equiv \sum_{t=0}^{p-2} \frac{1}{t!} D_\pi^t \left(\left(\frac{\pi}{\theta} \right)^{t+1} \right) \theta^t$ (p^{p+1}) yield

$$\begin{aligned} & D_\theta^{p-1} \left(\pi^i \frac{d\pi^j}{d\theta} \right) \equiv D_\theta^{p-1} \left(\pi^{i+j-1} j \frac{d\pi}{d\theta} \right) \quad (p) \\ \equiv & j \sum p \frac{1}{1!^{n_1} \cdots (p-1)!^{n_{p-1}}} \frac{(i+j-1)!}{n_1! \cdots n_{p-1}!} D_\pi^0 \left(\left(\frac{\pi}{\theta} \right) \right)^{n_1} \cdots D_\pi^{p-2} \left(\left(\frac{\pi}{\theta} \right)^{p-1} \right)^{n_{p-1}} \quad (p) \\ \equiv & -j \delta_{p, i+j} D_\pi^0 \left(\left(\frac{\pi}{\theta} \right) \right)^p \equiv -j \delta_{p, i+j} \quad (p). \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand

$$D_\pi^{p-1} \left(\pi^i \frac{d\pi^j}{d\pi} \right) \equiv D_\pi^{p-1} (j \pi^{i+j-1}) \equiv -j \delta_{p, i+j} \quad (p).$$

This completes a proof of our assertion.

6. Kummer's differential quotients.

We can interpret classical Kummer's differential quotients as follows.

A principal unit ν has a unique expression with regard to a prime element π .

$$\nu = \sum_{i=0}^{p-2} c_i(1-\pi)^i,$$

where c_i are rational integers.

After Kummer and Hilbert we define for ν an adjoint polynomial of degree $p-1$,

$$\nu(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{p-2} c_i x^i - \frac{1}{p} \left(\sum_{i=0}^{p-2} c_i - 1 \right) \left(\sum_{i=0}^{p-1} x^i \right),$$

so that $\nu(1) = 1$, $\nu(1-\pi) \equiv \nu(p)$.

Suppose $L_{\pi}^{(i)}(\nu) \equiv \frac{d^i}{d\nu^i} \log \nu(e^{\nu}) \Big|_{\nu=0} (p)$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, p-1$, then we maintain the relations

$$L_{\text{Log}(1-\pi)}^{(i)}(\nu) \equiv L_{\pi}^{(i)}(\nu) (p) \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, p-1.$$

For, by making use of Stirling numbers of the second kind $\mathfrak{S}(i, j) = \frac{1}{j!} \sum_{\nu} (-1)^{j-\nu} \binom{j}{\nu} \nu^i$, we have first

$$L_{\pi}^{(i)}(\nu) \equiv \sum_{j=1}^i \mathfrak{S}(i, j) \frac{d^j}{dx^j} \log \nu(x) \Big|_{x=1} (p).$$

Noticing that $\nu \equiv \sum_{i=0}^{p-1} b_i \pi^i (p^p)$, $b_i = (-1)^i \frac{\nu^{(i)}(x)}{i!} \Big|_{x=1}$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Log } \nu &\equiv \sum_{n=1}^{p-1} (-1)^{n-1} \frac{1}{n} \left(\sum_{i=1}^{p-1} b_i \pi^i \right)^n \\ &\equiv \sum_{i=1}^{p-1} L_{\pi}^{(i)}(\nu) \sum_{t=i}^{p-1} \frac{(-1)^t}{t!} S(t, i) \pi^t (p^p). \end{aligned}$$

This modification has been carried out by means of the orthogonality relation of Stirling numbers

$$\sum_t \mathfrak{S}(i, t) S(t, j) = \delta_{i, j}, \quad \sum_t S(i, t) \mathfrak{S}(t, j) = \delta_{i, j}.$$

Herein $S(i, j)$ denotes the Stirling number of the first kind defined by $(x)_i = \sum S(i, j) x^j$.

Because we also have

$$\frac{(\text{Log}(1-\pi))^i}{i!} \equiv \sum_{t=i}^{p-1} \frac{(-1)^t}{t!} S(t, i) \pi^t \quad (p^2),$$

we finally conclude

$$\text{Log } \nu \equiv \sum_{i=1}^{p-1} \frac{1}{i!} L_{\pi}^{(i)}(\nu) (\text{Log}(1-\pi))^i \quad (p^2),$$

that is,

$$l_{\text{Log}(1-\pi)}^{(i)}(\nu) \equiv L_{\pi}^{(i)}(\nu) \quad (p) \quad \text{for } i=1, 2, \dots, p-1.$$

Especially if we take λ in place of π , $L_{\pi}^{(i)}(\nu)$ coincides just with Kummer's differential quotient, and then by Lemma 4 we have $\text{Log}(1-\pi) \equiv \tilde{\omega} \quad (p^2)$, as was pointed out in [8].

Finally we should like to note such a reciprocity law that is expressed in terms of exponents of power products.

The relations

$$l_{\pi}^{(i)}(\mu) \equiv (i-1)! \sum_{d|i} a_d(\mu) \quad (p) \quad \text{for } i=1, 2, \dots, p-1,$$

immediately yield

$$\sum_{i=1}^{p-1} (-1)^{i-1} l_{\pi}^{(i)}(\nu) l_{\pi}^{(p-i)}(\mu) \equiv \sum_{i=1}^{p-1} \frac{1}{i} \sum_{d|i} \sum_{d'|p-i} a_d(\nu) a_{d'}(\mu) \quad (p).$$

It is necessary and sufficient for ν to be a norm from K to k that we have

$$\sum_{d=1}^{p-1} a_d(\nu) \sum_{d'=1}^{p-d} a_{d'}(\mu) f(d, d') \equiv 0 \quad (p).$$

Herein

$$f(d, d') = \sum_{\substack{t=0(d), t=0(d'), \\ 1 \leq t \leq p-1}} \frac{1}{t} \quad \text{and } \nu \equiv \prod_{m=1}^{p-1} (1-\pi^m)^{a_m(\nu)} \quad (p^2), \quad \mu \equiv \prod_{m=1}^{p-1} (1-\pi^m)^{a_m(\mu)} \quad (p^2).$$

This formula as a matter of fact does not depend on the choice of prime element π .

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