

## Part 1. The $G_p$ -fields over $\mathbf{C}$ .

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§1. Let  $L$  be a discrete field, on which the group  $G_p = PSL_2(k_p)$  acts effectively and continuously as a group of field-automorphisms; namely, each  $g_p \in G_p$  gives a field automorphism  $x \mapsto g_p(x)$  of  $L$ , and the induced map  $G_p \rightarrow \text{Aut } L$  is an injective homomorphism;

$$(1) \quad \begin{aligned} (g_p h_p)(x) &= g_p(h_p(x)) \quad \forall g_p, h_p \in G_p, x \in L; \\ g_p(x) &= x \quad (\forall x \in L) \leftrightarrow g_p = 1. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $L$  is a discrete field, the continuity of the actions of  $G_p$  amounts to saying that, for each  $x \in L$ , its stabilizer in  $G_p$  is open. For each open compact subgroup  $V$  of  $G_p$ , put

$$(2) \quad L_V = \{x \in L \mid v(x) = x, \forall v \in V\}.$$

Since open compact subgroups form a basis of neighborhoods of the identity of  $G_p$ , we get  $L = \bigcup_V L_V$ . Moreover, it follows that for each  $V$ ,  $L/L_V$  is separably algebraic,  $V$  is the group of all automorphisms of  $L/L_V$ , and the topology of  $V$  induced by that of  $G_p$  coincides with the Krull topology of  $V = \text{Aut}(L/L_V)$ . In fact, let  $x \in L$ , and let  $V'$  be its stabilizer in  $G_p$ . Then since  $V'$  is open, we have  $(V : V' \cap V) < \infty$ . Put  $V = \sum_{i=1}^d \sigma_i(V' \cap V)$ . Then  $\sigma_1(x), \dots, \sigma_d(x)$  are mutually distinct, and their elementary symmetric functions are all contained in  $L_V$ ; hence  $L/L_V$  is separably algebraic. Now consider  $\text{Aut}(L/L_V)$  as equipped with the Krull topology. Then the injection  $\varphi : V \rightarrow \text{Aut}(L/L_V)$  is continuous, since the action of  $G_p$  on  $L$  is so; hence  $\varphi(V)$  is also compact. On the other hand,  $\varphi(V)$  is dense in  $\text{Aut}(L/L_V)$ , since for any  $\sigma \in \text{Aut}(L/L_V)$ , we have  $\sigma(x) = \sigma_i(x)$  for some  $i$  ( $\sigma_i$  being as above, for this  $x$ ). Therefore,  $\varphi(V) = \text{Aut}(L/L_V)$ , and  $\varphi$  is bicontinuous (since  $V$  is compact).

Let  $k$  be the fixed field of  $G_p$ ;

$$(3) \quad k = \{x \in L \mid g_p(x) = x \forall g_p \in G_p\}.$$

We shall call  $L$  a *one-dimensional  $G_p$ -field over  $k$* , or simply, a  *$G_p$ -field over  $k$* , if

$$(L1) \quad \dim_k L = 1,$$

and if for every open compact subgroup  $V$  of  $G_p$ , the condition:

$$(L2) \quad L_V \text{ is finitely generated over } k, \text{ and almost all prime divisors of } L_V \text{ over } k \text{ are unramified in } L;$$

is satisfied. We note that since  $L/L_V$  is algebraic, (L1) implies  $\dim_k L_V = 1$ ; hence  $L_V$  is an algebraic function field of one variable over  $k$ , in the sense that  $L_V/k$  is finitely generated and is of dimension one. By a prime divisor of  $L_V$  over  $k$ , we mean an equivalence class