

NOTE ON 3-FACTOR SETS.

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Recent increasing concern in higher dimensional factor sets, in connection with higher dimensional cohomology theory in rings and groups¹⁾, encourages the writer to offer here a small result which he obtained in succession to Teichmüller's work²⁾, which he, however, did not publish because of its some immaturity. It is to raise dimensions by 1 in his previous study on relationship between usual 2-factor sets and norm class group³⁾.

Let K be a Galois extension over a field F , and $G = \{1, \lambda, \mu, \nu, \dots, \pi\}$ be its Galois group. A system $\{a_{\lambda, \mu, \nu}\}$ of $g^3 = (G^3)$ non-zero elements in K is called a 3-factor set, if

$$(0) \quad a_{\lambda, \mu, \nu} \cdot a_{\lambda, \mu, \nu, \pi} \cdot a_{\lambda, \mu, \nu, \pi}^\lambda = a_{\lambda, \mu, \nu, \pi} a_{\lambda, \mu, \nu, \pi}$$

for every λ, μ, ν, π .

We introduce a simplified notation to denote $\prod_{\lambda \in G} a_{\lambda, \mu, \nu}$, for instance, by $a_{G, \mu, \nu}$, and similarly to denote $\prod_{\lambda \in G} a_{\lambda, \mu, \nu, \pi}^\lambda = N_{K/F}(a_{\lambda, \mu, \nu, \pi})$ by $a_{G, \mu, \nu, \pi}^\lambda$. Then we have, from (0),

$$\begin{aligned} (1) \quad & a_{G, \mu, \nu} a_{G, \mu, \nu, \pi} a_{G, \mu, \nu, \pi}^\lambda = a_{G, \mu, \nu, \pi} a_{G, \mu, \nu, \pi}^\lambda \\ (2) \quad & a_{\lambda, G, \nu} a_{\lambda, G, \pi} a_{\lambda, G, \pi}^\lambda = a_{\lambda, G, \nu, \pi} a_{\lambda, G, \nu, \pi}^\lambda \\ (3) \quad & a_{\lambda, \mu, G} a_{\lambda, \mu, G, \pi} a_{\lambda, \mu, G, \pi}^\lambda = a_{\lambda, \mu, G, \pi} a_{\lambda, \mu, G, \pi}^\lambda \\ (4) \quad & a_{\lambda, \mu, \nu}^\lambda a_{\lambda, \mu, \nu, G} a_{\lambda, \mu, \nu, G}^\lambda = a_{\lambda, \mu, G} a_{\lambda, \mu, \nu, G} \end{aligned}$$

(3) gives

$$(3') \quad a_{\lambda, G, \pi} a_{\lambda, G, \pi}^\lambda = a_{\lambda, \mu, G, \pi}$$

There exists therefore, by virtue of the theorem of so-called transformation elements, an element $b_\pi (\neq 0)$ for each π , such that

$$(5) \quad a_{\lambda, G, \pi} = b_\pi^{1-\lambda}$$

Hence $N_{K/F}(a_{\lambda, G, \pi}) = 1$, which can, of course, be deduced directly from (3')

$$(2') \quad \frac{a_{\lambda, G, \nu} a_{\lambda, G, \pi}}{a_{\lambda, G, \nu, \pi}} = a_{G, \nu, \pi}^{1-\lambda}$$

On combining with (5) we have

$$(6) \quad \left(\frac{b_\nu b_\pi}{b_{\nu\pi}} \right)^{1-\lambda} = a_{G, \nu, \pi}^{1-\lambda}$$

and so the elements

$$\alpha_{\mu, \nu} = \frac{b_\mu b_\nu}{b_{\mu\nu}} a_{G, \mu, \nu}^{-1}$$

are contained in the ground field F . Moreover, the system $\{\alpha_{\mu, \nu}\}$ forms a (usual 2-) factor set mod. the norm group $N_{K/F}^*$; $N_{K/F}^*$ consisting of the totality of the norms of non-zero elements of K with respect to F . For, (1) gives

$$(7) \quad a_{G, \mu, \nu} a_{G, \mu, \nu, \pi} = a_{G, \mu, \nu, \pi} a_{G, \mu, \nu, \pi} \text{ mod. } N_{K/F}^*$$

while trivially

$$\left(\frac{b_\mu b_\nu}{b_{\mu\nu}} \right) \left(\frac{b_{\mu\nu} b_\pi}{b_{\mu\nu\pi}} \right) = \left(\frac{b_\mu b_{\nu\pi}}{b_{\mu\nu\pi}} \right) \left(\frac{b_\nu b_\pi}{b_{\nu\pi}} \right),$$

and thus

$$(8) \quad \alpha_{\mu, \nu} \alpha_{\mu\nu, \pi} \equiv \alpha_{\mu, \nu, \pi} \alpha_{\nu, \pi} \equiv \alpha_{\mu, \nu, \pi} \alpha_{\nu, \pi} \text{ mod. } N_{K/F}^*$$

The associate class of the system is uniquely determined, up to mod. $N_{K/F}^*$, by the associate class of $\{a_{\lambda, \mu, \nu}\}$. To prove this, we have first to show that the class of $\{\alpha_{\mu, \nu}\}$ mod. $N_{K/F}^*$ is independent of the choice of $\{b_\mu\}$. But a different choice may be given by $\{\beta b_\mu\}$ with $\beta (\neq 0) \in F$. Then $\{\alpha_{\mu, \nu}\}$ is replaced, correspondingly, by $\{\beta \alpha_{\mu, \nu}\}$, which gives certainly a system associate to $\{\alpha_{\mu, \nu}\}$. Consider further a system $\{a'_{\lambda, \mu, \nu}\}$ associate to our $\{a_{\lambda, \mu, \nu}\}$. It is given as

$$a'_{\lambda, \mu, \nu} = a_{\lambda, \mu, \nu} \frac{a_{\lambda, \mu} a_{\lambda, \nu}}{a_{\lambda, \nu} a_{\lambda, \mu}}$$

Hence

$$a'_{\lambda, G, \nu} = a_{\lambda, G, \nu} \frac{a_{\lambda, G} a_{G, \nu}}{a_{G, \mu} a_{\lambda, G}} = a_{\lambda, G, \nu} a_{G, \nu}^{1-\lambda}$$

So we may adopt as b'_ν , corresponding to our $\{a'\}$, $b'_\nu = b_\nu a_{G, \nu}^{1-\lambda}$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha'_{\mu, \nu} &= \frac{b'_\mu b'_\nu}{b'_{\mu\nu}} (a'_{G, \mu, \nu})^{-1} = \frac{b_\mu b_\nu}{b_{\mu\nu}} \frac{a_{G, \mu} a_{G, \nu}}{a_{G, \mu\nu}} a_{G, \mu, \nu}^{-1} \\ &= \frac{a_{G, \mu} a_{G, \nu}}{a_{G, \mu} a_{G, \nu}} \frac{b_\mu b_\nu}{b_{\mu\nu}} a_{G, \mu, \nu}^{-1} a_{G, \mu, \nu} = \alpha_{\mu, \nu} a_{G, \mu, \nu}^{-1} a_{G, \mu, \nu} \\ &\equiv \alpha_{\mu, \nu} \text{ mod. } N_{K/F}^* \end{aligned}$$

The uniqueness assertion of the class of $\{\alpha_{\mu, \nu}\}$ mod. $N_{K/F}^*$ is thus proved. It is further readily seen that a product of two (3-)factor sets corresponds to the

product of the (2-)factor sets (mod. $N_{K/F}^*$) corresponding to them. So we have

Theorem 1. To each associate class of 3-factor sets $\{a_{\lambda, \mu, \nu, \pi}\}$ in K/F corresponds an associate class of 2-factor sets $\{a_{\lambda, \mu, \nu}\}$ in the norm class group $\mathcal{N}_{K/F}^*$ mod. $N_{K/F}^*$

of K/F , given by $a_{\lambda, \mu, \nu} = \frac{b_{\lambda, \mu, \nu}}{b_{\mu, \nu}} a_{\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H}, \nu}^{-1}$ with b satisfying (5). The correspondence is multiplicative.

The system $\{b_{\lambda, \mu, \nu}\}$ is, as was noted above, determined up to a (common) factor β from F . Moreover

$$(9) \quad b_{\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{G}, \nu}^{-1} a_{\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{G}, \nu} \in F$$

For, we deduce either from (2) or (3) (or (3'))

$$(10) \quad a_{\lambda, \mathcal{G}, \mathcal{G}} a_{\lambda, \mathcal{G}, \pi}^{\lambda} a_{\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{G}, \pi}^{\lambda} = a_{\lambda, \mathcal{G}, \mathcal{G}} a_{\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{G}, \pi}$$

or

$$(10') \quad a_{\lambda, \mathcal{G}, \pi}^{\lambda} = a_{\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{G}, \pi}^{1-\lambda}$$

Comparison with (5) gives (9), ν replaced by π . We have also

$$(11) \quad b_{\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{G}, \mathcal{G}}^{-1} a_{\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{G}, \mathcal{G}} \in F$$

For, (2) or (4) gives further

$$(12) \quad a_{\lambda, \mathcal{G}, \mathcal{G}}^{\lambda} a_{\lambda, \mathcal{G}, \mathcal{G}} a_{\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{G}, \mathcal{G}}^{\lambda} = a_{\lambda, \mathcal{G}, \mathcal{G}} a_{\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{G}, \mathcal{G}}$$

$$(12') \quad a_{\lambda, \mathcal{G}, \mathcal{G}}^{\lambda} = a_{\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{G}, \mathcal{G}}^{1-\lambda}$$

Hence

$$(13) \quad a_{\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{G}, \mathcal{G}}^{-1} a_{\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{G}, \mathcal{G}} \in F,$$

and also (11). It is perhaps needless to note that the relation (4), used above, shows that the g -th power $\{a_{\lambda, \mu, \nu}^g\}$ splits.

Theorem 1 is an analogue to our previous construction of a homomorphic mapping of Galois group G into the norm class group (that is, a 1-factor set in the norm class group) belonging to a 2-factor set. Also Akizuki-Witt's Theorem can be transferred easily to our case. Namely, for a subset H of G we have, under similar simplified notations as before,

$$(1^*) \quad a_{\mathcal{H}, \mu, \nu} a_{\mathcal{H}, \mu, \nu, \pi}^{\mathcal{H}} = a_{\mathcal{H}, \mu, \nu, \pi} a_{\mathcal{H}, \mu, \nu, \pi}$$

$$(2^*) \quad a_{\lambda, \mathcal{H}, \nu} a_{\lambda, \mathcal{H}, \nu, \pi} a_{\mathcal{H}, \nu, \pi}^{\lambda} = a_{\lambda, \mathcal{H}, \nu, \pi} a_{\lambda, \mathcal{H}, \nu, \pi}$$

$$(3^*) \quad a_{\lambda, \mu, \mathcal{H}} a_{\lambda, \mu, \mathcal{H}, \pi} a_{\mu, \mathcal{H}, \pi}^{\lambda} = a_{\lambda, \mu, \mathcal{H}, \pi} a_{\lambda, \mu, \mathcal{H}, \pi}$$

$$(4^*) \quad a_{\lambda, \mu, \nu}^{\lambda} a_{\lambda, \mu, \nu, \mathcal{H}} a_{\mu, \nu, \mathcal{H}}^{\lambda} = a_{\lambda, \mu, \nu, \mathcal{H}} a_{\lambda, \mu, \nu, \mathcal{H}}$$

where $\lambda = (H)$ is the number of elements in the set H . From (4*) we deduce

$$\begin{aligned} a_{\lambda, \mu, \nu}^{\lambda} &= \frac{a_{\lambda, \mu, \nu, \mathcal{H}} a_{\lambda, \mu, \nu, \mathcal{H}}}{a_{\lambda, \mu, \nu, \mathcal{H}} a_{\mu, \nu, \mathcal{H}}^{\lambda}} \\ &= \frac{a_{\lambda, \mu, \mathcal{H}} a_{\lambda, \mu, \nu, \mathcal{H}}}{a_{\lambda, \mu, \nu, \mathcal{H}} a_{\mu, \nu, \mathcal{H}}^{\lambda}} \cdot \frac{a_{\lambda, \mu, \nu, \mathcal{H}}}{a_{\lambda, \mu, \mathcal{H}}} \end{aligned}$$

Hence $\{b_{\lambda, \mu, \nu} = a_{\lambda, \mu, \nu, \mathcal{H}} / a_{\lambda, \mu, \mathcal{H}}\}$ is a 3-factor set associate to $\{a_{\lambda, \mu, \nu}^{\lambda}\}$. Suppose that H is self-adjoint in G . Then, by virtue of (3*) with ν instead of π ,

$$\begin{aligned} b_{\lambda, \mu, \nu} &= \frac{a_{\lambda, \mu, \nu, \mathcal{H}}}{a_{\lambda, \mu, \mathcal{H}}} = \frac{a_{\lambda, \mu, \mathcal{H}, \nu}}{a_{\lambda, \mu, \mathcal{H}}} \\ &= \frac{a_{\lambda, \mu, \mathcal{H}, \nu} a_{\lambda, \mu, \mathcal{H}, \nu}^{\lambda}}{a_{\lambda, \mu, \mathcal{H}, \nu}} \\ &= \frac{a_{\lambda, \mu, \mathcal{H}} a_{\lambda, \mu, \mathcal{H}, \nu}}{a_{\lambda, \mu, \mathcal{H}, \nu}} \cdot \frac{a_{\lambda, \mu, \mathcal{H}, \nu}}{a_{\lambda, \mu, \mathcal{H}} a_{\lambda, \mu, \mathcal{H}, \nu}} \end{aligned}$$

Hence $\{c_{\lambda, \mu, \nu} = a_{\lambda, \mu, \mathcal{H}} a_{\lambda, \mu, \mathcal{H}, \nu} / a_{\lambda, \mu, \mathcal{H}, \nu}\}$ is a 3-factor set associate to $\{a_{\lambda, \mu, \nu}^{\lambda}\}$. Here further $c_{\lambda, \mu, \nu} = a_{\lambda, \mu, \mathcal{H}} a_{\lambda, \mu, \mathcal{H}, \nu} / a_{\lambda, \mu, \mathcal{H}, \nu}$ by virtue of (2*), with μ, ν instead of ν, π and again by virtue of the self-adjointness of H . Moreover

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{a_{\mathcal{H}, \mu, \nu}^{\lambda} a_{\mathcal{H}, \lambda, \mu, \nu}}{a_{\mathcal{H}, \lambda, \mu} a_{\mathcal{H}, \lambda, \mu, \nu}} \cdot \frac{a_{\mathcal{H}, \lambda, \mu, \nu}}{a_{\mathcal{H}, \lambda, \mu, \nu}^{\lambda}} &= \frac{a_{\mathcal{H}, \lambda, \mu, \nu} a_{\mathcal{H}, \lambda, \mu, \nu}}{a_{\mathcal{H}, \lambda, \mu} a_{\mathcal{H}, \lambda, \mu, \nu}} \\ &= a_{\mathcal{H}, \lambda, \mu, \nu}^{\mathcal{H}}; \end{aligned}$$

the last equality being deduced from (1*) with λ, μ, ν instead of μ, ν, π . So, finally, $\{a_{\lambda, \mu, \nu}^{\lambda}\}$ is a 3-factor set

associate to $\{a_{\lambda, \mu, \nu}^{\lambda}\}$.

Lemma. If H is a self-adjoint subset of G , then $\{a_{\lambda, \mu, \nu}^{\lambda}\}$ is a 3-factor set

associate to $\{a_{\lambda, \mu, \nu}^{\lambda}\}$.

Now, assume that H is a self-adjoint subgroup of G . Take a representative system of G mod. H , and denote the representative of the class of an element λ , say, by $\bar{\lambda}$. The factor set $\{a_{\lambda, \mu, \nu}\}$ is associate to $\{b_{\lambda, \mu, \nu} = a_{\lambda, \mu, \nu, \mathcal{H}} / a_{\lambda, \mu, \mathcal{H}}\}$, as was shown above. $b_{\lambda, \mu, \nu}$ depends only on the class of ν , so far as ν is concerned. Thus we may write $b_{\lambda, \mu, \bar{\nu}}$ for it. But $b_{\lambda, \mu, \bar{\nu}} = a_{\lambda, \mu, \mathcal{H}, \bar{\nu}} a_{\mathcal{H}, \mu, \bar{\nu}}^{\lambda} / a_{\lambda, \mu, \mathcal{H}, \bar{\nu}}$, as was shown above with ν instead of $\bar{\nu}$. Hence $\{b_{\lambda, \mu, \bar{\nu}}\}$ is associate to $\{a_{\lambda, \mu, \bar{\nu}}\}$ with

$$\begin{aligned} a_{\lambda, \mu, \bar{\nu}} &= b_{\lambda, \mu, \bar{\nu}} \frac{a_{\lambda, \mu, \mathcal{H}, \bar{\nu}} a_{\mathcal{H}, \mu, \bar{\nu}}^{\lambda}}{a_{\lambda, \mu, \mathcal{H}, \bar{\nu}} a_{\mathcal{H}, \mu, \bar{\nu}}^{\lambda}} \\ &= \frac{a_{\lambda, \mu, \mathcal{H}, \bar{\nu}} a_{\mathcal{H}, \mu, \bar{\nu}}^{\lambda}}{a_{\lambda, \mu, \mathcal{H}, \bar{\nu}} a_{\mathcal{H}, \mu, \bar{\nu}}^{\lambda}} \cdot \frac{a_{\lambda, \mu, \mathcal{H}, \bar{\nu}} a_{\mathcal{H}, \mu, \bar{\nu}}^{\lambda}}{a_{\lambda, \mu, \mathcal{H}, \bar{\nu}} a_{\mathcal{H}, \mu, \bar{\nu}}^{\lambda}} \\ &= \frac{a_{\lambda, \mu, \mathcal{H}, \bar{\nu}} a_{\mathcal{H}, \mu, \bar{\nu}}^{\lambda}}{a_{\lambda, \mu, \mathcal{H}, \bar{\nu}} a_{\mathcal{H}, \mu, \bar{\nu}}^{\lambda}} (= c_{\lambda, \mu, \bar{\nu}}) \end{aligned}$$

Thus $d_{\lambda, \mu, \nu}$ depends only on the class of μ , and we may write $d_{\lambda, \bar{\mu}, \bar{\nu}}$ for it. Now

$$d_{\lambda, \bar{\mu}, \bar{\nu}} = \frac{a_{\lambda, \mu, \nu} a_{\lambda, \mu, \bar{\nu}}}{a_{\lambda, \mu, \bar{\mu}}} = \frac{a_{\lambda, \mu, \bar{\nu}} a_{\lambda, \mu, \bar{\mu}}}{a_{\lambda, \mu, \bar{\mu}} a_{\lambda, \mu, \bar{\nu}}} \\ (= c_{\lambda, \bar{\mu}, \bar{\nu}} \frac{a_{\lambda, \mu, \bar{\nu}}}{a_{\lambda, \mu, \bar{\mu}}}) = \frac{a_{\lambda, \mu, \bar{\nu}}}{a_{\lambda, \mu, \bar{\mu}}} \frac{a_{\lambda, \mu, \bar{\nu}}}{a_{\lambda, \mu, \bar{\mu}}}$$

as was shown above by (2*), with μ, ν instead of $\bar{\mu}, \bar{\nu}$. $\{d_{\lambda, \bar{\mu}, \bar{\nu}}\}$ is so associate to $\{e_{\lambda, \bar{\mu}, \bar{\nu}}\}$ with

$$e_{\lambda, \bar{\mu}, \bar{\nu}} = d_{\lambda, \bar{\mu}, \bar{\nu}} \frac{a_{\lambda, \mu, \bar{\nu}} a_{\lambda, \mu, \bar{\mu}}}{a_{\lambda, \mu, \bar{\mu}} a_{\lambda, \mu, \bar{\nu}}} \\ = \frac{a_{\lambda, \mu, \bar{\nu}} a_{\lambda, \mu, \bar{\mu}}}{a_{\lambda, \mu, \bar{\mu}} a_{\lambda, \mu, \bar{\nu}}} \frac{a_{\lambda, \mu, \bar{\nu}} a_{\lambda, \mu, \bar{\mu}}}{a_{\lambda, \mu, \bar{\mu}} a_{\lambda, \mu, \bar{\nu}}} \\ = \frac{a_{\lambda, \mu, \bar{\nu}} a_{\lambda, \mu, \bar{\mu}}}{a_{\lambda, \mu, \bar{\mu}} a_{\lambda, \mu, \bar{\nu}}} \frac{a_{\lambda, \mu, \bar{\nu}}}{a_{\lambda, \mu, \bar{\mu}}} \\ = \frac{a_{\lambda, \mu, \bar{\nu}} a_{\lambda, \mu, \bar{\mu}}}{a_{\lambda, \mu, \bar{\mu}} a_{\lambda, \mu, \bar{\nu}}} \frac{a_{\lambda, \mu, \bar{\nu}} a_{\lambda, \mu, \bar{\mu}}}{a_{\lambda, \mu, \bar{\mu}} a_{\lambda, \mu, \bar{\nu}}} \frac{a_{\lambda, \mu, \bar{\nu}}}{a_{\lambda, \mu, \bar{\mu}}}$$

Here $a_{\lambda, \mu, \bar{\nu}} a_{\lambda, \mu, \bar{\mu}} / (a_{\lambda, \mu, \bar{\mu}} a_{\lambda, \mu, \bar{\nu}}) = a_{\lambda, \mu, \bar{\nu}}^2$, as was again observed above by virtue of (1*), with λ, μ, ν instead of $\bar{\lambda}, \bar{\mu}, \bar{\nu}$. So we have

Theorem 2. Let H be a normal subgroup of Galois group G, and L be the subfield of K belonging to H. If $\bar{H} = (H)$, then $\{a_{\lambda, \mu, \nu}^{\bar{H}}\}$ is associate to $\{f_{\lambda, \mu, \nu}\}$ with

$$f_{\lambda, \mu, \nu} = f_{\bar{\lambda}, \bar{\mu}, \bar{\nu}} = N_{K/L}(a_{\bar{\lambda}, \bar{\mu}, \bar{\nu}}).$$

$$\frac{a_{\bar{\lambda}, \bar{\mu}, \bar{\nu}}}{a_{\bar{\lambda}, \bar{\mu}, \bar{\nu}}} \frac{a_{\bar{\lambda}, \bar{\mu}, \bar{\nu}}}{a_{\bar{\lambda}, \bar{\mu}, \bar{\nu}}} \frac{a_{\bar{\lambda}, \bar{\mu}, \bar{\nu}}}{a_{\bar{\lambda}, \bar{\mu}, \bar{\nu}}}$$

where $\bar{\lambda}, \bar{\mu}, \bar{\nu}, \bar{\mu}\bar{\nu}$ denote the representatives of the classes of $\lambda, \mu, \nu, \mu\nu$ in an arbitrarily taken representative system of G mod. H. (We have $f_{\lambda, \mu, \nu} = f_{\bar{\lambda}, \bar{\mu}, \bar{\nu}} \in L$ under the assumption that $\{a_{\lambda, \mu, \nu}\}$ is normalized. 6) 7)

Coming back to Theorem 1, we want to emphasize that we have obtained in the theorem a 2-factor set mod. $N_{K/F}^*$ in the ground field F. It is in fact a mere triviality that $\{a_{\lambda, \mu, \nu}\}$ is a factor set without automorphisms in K mod. $N_{K/F}^*$ ((7)), and similarly for higher dimensional factor sets. To transfer Theorem 1 further to higher dimensional case is hindered, as it seems to the writer, by the lack of analogue to the theorem of transformation elements; if certain factor sets which appear in correspondence to our (3') split then we would be able to proceed similarly. The situation is explained in the following in case of 4-factor sets: Let $\{a_{\lambda, \mu, \nu, \pi}\}$ be a 4-factor set:

$$(14) a_{\lambda, \mu, \nu, \pi} a_{\lambda, \mu, \nu, \pi} a_{\lambda, \mu, \nu, \pi} a_{\lambda, \mu, \nu, \pi}$$

$$= a_{\lambda, \mu, \nu, \pi} a_{\lambda, \mu, \nu, \pi} a_{\lambda, \mu, \nu, \pi} a_{\lambda, \mu, \nu, \pi}$$

Then $a_{\lambda, \mu, \nu, \pi} a_{\lambda, \mu, \nu, \pi} a_{\lambda, \mu, \nu, \pi} a_{\lambda, \mu, \nu, \pi} = a_{\lambda, \mu, \nu, \pi} a_{\lambda, \mu, \nu, \pi} a_{\lambda, \mu, \nu, \pi} a_{\lambda, \mu, \nu, \pi}$, and for each ω $\{a_{\lambda, \mu, \nu, \pi, \omega}\}$ forms a 2-factor set. If these factor sets split: $a_{\lambda, \mu, \nu, \pi, \omega} = c_{\lambda}(\omega) c_{\mu}^{\lambda}(\omega) / c_{\lambda \mu}(\omega)$, then, by the relation Π_V (14),

$$(c_{\lambda}(\pi) c_{\mu}^{\lambda}(\pi) / c_{\lambda \mu}(\pi)) a_{\lambda, \mu, \nu, \pi, \omega} (c_{\lambda}(\omega) c_{\mu}^{\lambda}(\omega) / c_{\lambda \mu}(\omega)) \\ = a_{\lambda, \mu, \nu, \pi, \omega} (c_{\lambda}(\pi \omega) c_{\mu}^{\lambda}(\pi \omega) / c_{\lambda \mu}(\pi \omega)) a_{\lambda, \mu, \nu, \pi, \omega} \text{ or} \\ (c_{\lambda}(\pi) c_{\mu}^{\lambda}(\pi) / c_{\lambda \mu}(\pi)) (c_{\mu}^{\lambda}(\pi) c_{\lambda}(\pi) / c_{\lambda \mu}(\pi)) / (c_{\lambda}(\pi) c_{\mu}^{\lambda}(\pi) / c_{\lambda \mu}(\pi))$$

$$= a_{\lambda, \mu, \nu, \pi, \omega} a_{\lambda, \mu, \nu, \pi, \omega} / a_{\lambda, \mu, \nu, \pi, \omega}$$

By the theorem of transformation elements there exist $c(\pi, \omega)$ with $a_{\lambda, \mu, \nu, \pi, \omega} = (c_{\lambda}(\pi) c_{\mu}^{\lambda}(\pi) / c_{\lambda \mu}(\pi)) c(\pi, \omega)^{\lambda-1}$. Putting this into Π_V (14) we have

$$(c_{\lambda}(\nu) c_{\mu}^{\lambda}(\nu) / c_{\lambda \mu}(\nu)) c(\nu, \pi)^{\lambda-1} a_{\lambda, \mu, \nu, \pi, \omega} (c_{\lambda}(\nu \pi) c_{\mu}^{\lambda}(\nu \pi) / c_{\lambda \mu}(\nu \pi)) c(\nu, \pi, \omega)^{\lambda-1} \\ = (c_{\lambda}(\pi) c_{\mu}^{\lambda}(\pi) / c_{\lambda \mu}(\pi)) c(\pi, \omega)^{\lambda-1} \\ \cdot (c_{\lambda}(\nu) c_{\mu}^{\lambda}(\nu) / c_{\lambda \mu}(\nu)) c(\nu, \pi, \omega)^{\lambda-1} a_{\lambda, \mu, \nu, \pi, \omega} \text{ or} \\ a_{\lambda, \mu, \nu, \pi, \omega}^{\lambda-1} = (c_{\lambda}(\pi) c_{\mu}^{\lambda}(\pi) / c_{\lambda \mu}(\pi)) c(\pi, \omega)^{\lambda-1}$$

Therefore $a_{\lambda, \mu, \nu, \pi, \omega} = \frac{c(\nu, \pi) c(\nu, \pi, \omega)}{c(\nu, \pi, \omega) c(\pi, \omega)} a_{\lambda, \mu, \nu, \pi, \omega}^{-1}$

\in the ground field F.

(And this $\{a_{\lambda, \mu, \nu, \pi, \omega}\}$ forms a 3-factor set in F^* mod. $N_{K/F}^*$, since its first factor is a 3-factor set without automorphisms and its second factor is a such mod. $N_{K/F}^*$, by Π_{λ} (14).)

Finally, Theorem 1 seems, as was alluded to at the beginning too, to wait for a substantial analysis and significance as we did previously rather fully for the connection of 2-factor sets and norm class group. 8)

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$$\bar{\xi}_{\lambda, \mu, \nu} \bar{\xi}_{\lambda, \mu, \nu, \pi} \bar{\xi}_{\lambda, \mu, \nu, \pi} = \bar{\xi}_{\lambda, \mu, \nu, \pi} \bar{\xi}_{\lambda, \mu, \nu, \pi} \bar{\xi}_{\lambda, \mu, \nu, \pi}$$

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- 6) Under (strongly) normalized 3-factor set we mean a factor set $\{a_{\lambda, \mu, \nu}\}$ such that $a_{\lambda, \mu, \nu} = a_{\lambda, \nu, \mu} = a_{\lambda, \mu, 1} = 1$ for every λ, μ, ν . For this either $a_{\lambda, \mu, \nu} = a_{\lambda, \nu, \mu} = 1$, for every λ, μ, ν , or $a_{\lambda, \mu, \nu} = a_{\lambda, \nu, \mu} = 1$, for every λ, μ, ν , is sufficient, as we see readily from the fundamental relation (O). Every (3-)factor set may be normalized. For, we have firstly

$$a_{\lambda, \mu, \nu} a_{\lambda, \mu, \nu, \pi} = a_{\lambda, \mu, \nu \pi},$$

and in particular

$$(*) \quad a_{\lambda, \nu, \mu} a_{\lambda, \nu, \mu, \pi} = a_{\lambda, \nu, \mu \pi}, \quad a_{\lambda, \nu, 1} = 1$$

for any factor set. Pass to an associate set $\{a'_{\lambda, \mu, \nu} = a_{\lambda, \mu, \nu} \cdot$

$$\cdot (b_{\lambda, \mu} b_{\lambda, \mu, \nu} / b_{\lambda, \mu, \nu} b_{\lambda, \mu})\}. \quad a'_{\lambda, \nu, \mu} = a_{\lambda, \nu, \mu} (b_{\lambda, \nu} / b_{\lambda, \mu})$$

Take here $\{b_{\lambda, \mu}\}$ so as $b_{\lambda, \nu} = a_{\lambda, \nu, \mu}$. Then $a'_{\lambda, \nu, \mu} = 1$ for every ν ; observe that $a_{\lambda, \nu, 1} = 1$ (as was noted above). So $a'_{\lambda, \mu, \nu} = 1$ for every μ, ν , as may be seen from the above relation (*), applied for a' . Then

$$a'_{\lambda, \nu, \mu} a'_{\lambda, \nu, \mu, \pi} = a'_{\lambda, \nu, \mu \pi} a'_{\lambda, \nu, \mu}$$

and thus $a'_{\lambda, \nu, \mu} = a'_{\lambda, \nu, \mu \pi}$ for every λ, ν, μ, π . In particular $a'_{\lambda, \nu, 1} = a'_{\lambda, \nu, 1}$. Pass further to an associate set

$$\{a''_{\lambda, \mu, \nu} = a'_{\lambda, \mu, \nu} (c_{\lambda, \mu} c_{\lambda, \mu, \nu} / c_{\lambda, \mu, \nu} c_{\lambda, \mu})\}$$

If we take $c_{\lambda, \mu} = 1$ for every μ , then $\{a''\}$ retains the property $a''_{\lambda, \mu, \nu} = 1$, and so $a''_{\lambda, \nu, \mu} = a''_{\lambda, \nu, \mu}$. Moreover $a''_{\lambda, \nu, 1} = a'_{\lambda, \nu, 1}$. On taking $c_{\lambda} = (a'_{\lambda, \nu, 1})^{-1}$ we have $a''_{\lambda, \nu, 1} = 1$ and $a''_{\lambda, \nu, \mu} = 1$. Then $\{a''\}$ is normalized, by the above remark.

- 7) In fact, if $\{g_{\lambda, \mu, \nu}\}$ is any factor set such that $g_{\lambda, \mu, \nu} = 1$ and $g_{\lambda, \mu, \nu} = g_{\lambda, \mu, \bar{\nu}}$ for every λ, μ, ν , then the relation $g_{\lambda, \mu, \nu} g_{\lambda, \mu, \nu, \pi} g_{\lambda, \nu, \pi} = g_{\lambda, \mu, \nu \pi} g_{\lambda, \nu, \pi}$ ($\lambda \in H$) gives
- $$g_{\lambda, \mu, \nu, \pi}^{-1} = 1, \quad g_{\lambda, \mu, \nu, \pi} \in L.$$

8) See 2).

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