

78. An Alternative Proof of a Generalized Principal Ideal Theorem.

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Recently Mr. Terada¹⁾ has proved the following generalized principal theorem :

Theorem. Let K be the absolute class field over k , and \mathcal{Q} a cyclic intermediate field of K/k , then all the ambiguous ideal classes of \mathcal{Q} will become principal in K .

I also generalized this theorem to the case of ray class field.²⁾

By using Artin's law of reciprocity we can state above theorem in terms of the Galois group, and we have

Theorem. Let G be a metabelian group with commutator subgroup G' , H be an invariant subgroup of G with the cyclic quotient group G/H , and A element of H with $ASA^{-1}S^{-1}\epsilon H'$ (S being a generator of G/H), then the "Verlagerung" $V(A) = \prod TAT\bar{A}^{-1}$ from H to G' is the unit element of G . Thereby T runs over a fixed representative system of G/H , and $\bar{T}A$ means the representative corresponding to the coset $\bar{T}AG'$.

At first we tried to solve this by means of Iyanaga's method depending upon Artin's splitting group,³⁾ which is generated by G' and the symbols $A_\sigma (A_1 = 1, \sigma \in I' = G/G')$, and with I' as operator system by rules

$$(1) \quad U^\sigma = S_\sigma U S_\sigma^{-1} \quad (U \in G'),$$

$$(2) \quad A_\sigma^\tau = A_\sigma^{-1} A_{\sigma\tau} D_{\sigma,\tau}^{-1},$$

S_σ being the representative of G/G' corresponding to $\sigma \in I'$, and

$$(3) \quad D_{\sigma,\tau} = S_\sigma S_\tau S_{\sigma\tau}^{-1}.$$

But it seemed to us as if his method were not so easily applicable to our problem, and Terada at last checked the classical method of Furtwängler,⁴⁾ which brought him to success, after a rather complicated computation.

Here I will give a more simple proof, which depends upon Artin's splitting group.

or

$$(8) \quad \begin{vmatrix} a_{11}, \dots, a_{1n} \\ \dots\dots\dots \\ a_{n1}, \dots, a_{nn} \end{vmatrix} c_n = \begin{vmatrix} a_{11}, \dots, a_{1, n-1}, \beta_1 \\ \dots\dots\dots \\ a_{n1}, \dots, a_{n, n-1}, \beta_n \end{vmatrix} c,$$

if we put

$$(9) \quad \begin{cases} a_{ij} = N_i \delta_{ij} + \sum_r A_r^{(i)} J_r - B_j^{(i)} J, \\ \beta_i = -\sum_j B_j^{(i)} J_j. \end{cases}$$

We put further

$$(10) \quad D = |a_{ij}| - N_1 \dots N_n.$$

In my preceding paper²⁾ I obtained the identity

$$(11) \quad |\sum_r A_r^{(i)} J_r| = 0$$

and as its consequence

$$(12) \quad |N_i \delta_{ij} + \sum_r A_r^{(i)} J_r| = N_1 \dots N_n,$$

so that in the expansion of D , every term has J as a factor.

We now deduce the fundamental relation:

$$(13) \quad N_1 \dots N_n c_i = -\frac{D}{J} \delta_i \quad (i = 1, 2, \dots, n).$$

In Terada's paper this formula is given in the expanded form, consequently it was somewhat complicated. Anyhow (13) was the key point of his success.

Without loss of generality we can restrict ourselves to the case $i = n$ in (13), so that we have only to prove

$$(13') \quad N_1 \dots N_n c_n = -\frac{D}{J} \delta_n.$$

From (8) and $\delta_n = Jc_n - J_n c$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} N_1 \dots N_n c_n + Dc_n &= N_1 \dots N_n c_n + \frac{D}{J} \delta_n + \frac{D}{J} J_n c \\ &= \begin{vmatrix} a_{11}, \dots, a_{1, n-1}, \beta_1 \\ \dots\dots\dots \\ a_{n1}, \dots, a_{n, n-1}, \beta_n \end{vmatrix} c, \end{aligned}$$

so that (13') may be reduced to

$$(14) \quad \frac{D}{J} J_n = \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} \dots a_{1, n-1} \beta_1 \\ \dots\dots\dots \\ a_{n1} \dots a_{n, n-1} \beta_n \end{vmatrix}.$$

First we define D by

$$(15) \quad D_n = \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & a_{1, n-1} & a'_1 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ a_{n1} & \dots & a_{n, n-1} & a''_n \end{vmatrix} \quad (a'_i = \sum_r A_r^{(i)} \mathcal{A}_r)$$

and prove

$$(16) \quad \frac{D_n}{J} \mathcal{J}_n = \frac{D}{J} \mathcal{J}_n.$$

We have indeed

$$\frac{D}{J} \mathcal{J}_n - \frac{D_n}{J} \mathcal{J}_n = \left\{ \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & a_{1, n-1} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots \\ a_{n-1, 1} & \dots & a_{n-1, n-1} \end{vmatrix} N_n - N_1 \dots N_n \right\} \frac{\mathcal{J}_n}{J}$$

and as we have $\mathcal{J}_n N_n = 0$ and

$$\begin{aligned} & |N_i \delta_{ij} + \sum_r A_r^{(i)} \mathcal{A}_r|_{i, j \leq n-1} N_n \\ &= |N_i \delta_{ij} + \sum_{r \leq n-1} A_r^{(i)} \mathcal{A}_r|_{i, j \leq n-1} N_n = (N_1 \dots N_{n-1}) N_n \end{aligned}$$

by (12). above expression reduces to 0.

Now we prove the equality

$$(17) \quad \frac{D_n}{J} \mathcal{J}_n = \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & a_{1, n-1} & \beta_1 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ a_{n1} & \dots & a_{n, n-1} & \beta_n \end{vmatrix}$$

by induction on n .

If we expand both members of (17) in terms of N_i , and calling the relations $N_i \mathcal{J}_i = 0$ in mind, we see that the terms with N_i as factor cancel out each other, for instance the terms with N_1 as coefficient in the first member is

$$\begin{aligned} & N_1 |N_j \delta_{ij} + \sum_r A_r^{(j)} \mathcal{A}_r|_{i, j \geq 2} \frac{\mathcal{J}_n}{J} \\ &= N_1 |N_j \delta_{ij} + \sum_{r \geq 2} A_r^{(j)} \mathcal{A}_r|_{i, j \geq 2} \frac{\mathcal{J}_n}{J} \end{aligned}$$

(under the convention that in the last column of $|N_j \delta_{ij} + \sum_{r \geq 2} A_r^{(j)} \mathcal{A}_r|_{i, j \geq 2}$, $N_j \delta_{ij} + \sum_{r \geq 2} A_r^{(j)} \mathcal{A}_r$ should be replaced by $\sum_{r \geq 2} A_r^{(j)} \mathcal{A}_r$), so that the coefficient of N_1 is of the same form as that of the first member of (17), except for the degree of determinant. So we have to prove only

$$(18) \quad \begin{vmatrix} a'_{11} & \dots & a'_{1n} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots \\ a'_{n1} & \dots & a'_{nn} \end{vmatrix} \frac{\Delta_n}{J} = \begin{vmatrix} a'_{11} & \dots & a'_{1n-1} & \beta_1 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ a'_{n1} & \dots & a'_{n,n-1} & \beta_n \end{vmatrix},$$

$$(a'_{ij} = \sum_r A_r^{(i)} J_r - B_j^{(i)} J, \beta_i = -\sum_r B_r^{(i)} J_r).$$

Expanding the both members, there remain only the terms with some $B_j^{(i)}$ as factor, for in the first member $|\sum_r A_r^{(i)} J_r| = 0$ is the total contribution of such term. Hence we compare for instance the terms with $B_1^{(i)}$ as factor, and prove

$$\begin{aligned} & -B_1^{(i)} J_n |a'_{ij}|_{i,j \geq 2} \\ &= -B_1^{(i)} J \begin{vmatrix} a'_{22} & \dots & a'_{2,n-1} & \beta_2 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ a'_{n2} & \dots & a'_{n,n-1} & \beta_n \end{vmatrix} + (-1)^i B_1^{(i)} J_1 \begin{vmatrix} a'_{21} & \dots & a'_{2,n-1} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots \\ a'_{n1} & \dots & a'_{n,n-1} \end{vmatrix} \\ &\equiv -B_1^{(i)} J \begin{vmatrix} a'_{22} & \dots & a'_{2,n-1} & \beta_2 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ a'_{n2} & \dots & a'_{n,n-1} & \beta_n \end{vmatrix} - B_1^{(i)} J_1 \begin{vmatrix} a'_{22} & \dots & a'_{2,n-1} & a'_{21} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ a'_{n2} & \dots & a'_{n,n-1} & a'_{n1} \end{vmatrix}, \end{aligned}$$

or

$$(19) \quad \begin{vmatrix} a'_{22} & \dots & a'_{2,n-1} & \gamma_2 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ a'_{n2} & \dots & a'_{n,n-1} & \gamma_n \end{vmatrix} = 0,$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_i &= a'_{in} J_n - J \beta_i + a'_{i1} J_1 \\ &= (\sum_r A_r^{(i)} J_r - B_n^{(i)} J) J_n + J \sum_r B_r^{(i)} J_r + (\sum_r A_r^{(i)} J_r - B_1^{(i)} J) J_1 \\ &= \sum_{r=1,2} \sum_r A_r^{(i)} J_r J_r + J \sum_{1 < r < n} B_r^{(i)} J_r. \end{aligned}$$

But as

$$a'_{22} + \dots + a'_{i,n-1} + \gamma_i = \sum_r A_r^{(i)} J_r J_r = 0$$

we have established (19), and the proof of (16) is completed.

We now proceed to the second part of our proof, that is, the proof of (6).

As it holds $N_1 \dots N_n \sum_i \Gamma_i c_i = \sum_i \Gamma_i N_1 \dots N_n c_i = -\sum_i \Gamma_i \frac{D}{J} \delta_i$ by

(13) and

$$= -\frac{D}{J} \sum_r F_{r,n} J_r c_i$$

by (5), it suffices to prove for instance the equality

$$(20) \quad \frac{D}{J} \epsilon_{12} = \frac{D}{J} (J_2 c_1 - J_1 c_2) = 0.$$

But it follows from (16) and (17)

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{D}{J} \epsilon_{12} &= \frac{D_2}{J} J_2 c_1 - \frac{D_1}{J} J_1 c_2 \\ &= \begin{vmatrix} a_{11}\beta_1 a_{13} \dots a_{1n} & & \beta_1 a_{12} \dots a_{1n} \\ \dots & c_1 - & \dots \\ a_{n1}\beta_{n,2} \dots a_{nn} & & \beta_{n,2} \dots a_{nn} \end{vmatrix} c_2 \\ &= \begin{vmatrix} a_{11}c_1 + a_{12}c_2, \beta_1, a_{13}, \dots, a_{1n} \\ \dots \\ a_{n1}c_1 + a_{n2}c_2, \beta_n, a_{n3}, \dots, a_{nn} \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \begin{vmatrix} \sum a_{1r}c_r + \beta_1 c, \beta_1, a_{12}, \dots, a_{1n} \\ \dots \\ \sum a_{nr}c_r + \beta_n c, \beta_n, a_{n2}, \dots, a_{nn} \end{vmatrix}, \end{aligned}$$

and as $\sum_r a_{ir}c_r + \beta_i c = 0$ by (14), we have $\frac{D}{J} \epsilon_{12} = 0$ as desired, q.e.d.

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