

139. On the Cohomology Groups of p -adic Number Fields

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In the present note we shall study the cohomology groups of the ring of all p -integers of a p -adic field.

Let K be a p -adic number field and let L be a finite separable extension field over K . More generally, let K be a complete field by a discrete valuation and let L be a finite separable extension field over K with separable residue class field. Let R and A be the rings of all p -integers of K and L , respectively. Then A has a minimal basis over R , i.e.

$$A = R + R\theta + \dots + R\theta^{n-1},$$

where $1, \theta, \dots, \theta^{n-1}$ are linearly independent over R [1]. Let $f(x) = 0$ be the equation of θ in R .

We shall consider A as an algebra over R and construct a A^e -projective resolution over A which is suitable for our purpose.

Let

$$f(x) = (x - \theta)g(x), \quad g(x) = x^{n-1} + (\sum_j b_{n-2, j} \theta^j) x^{n-2} + \dots$$

be the decomposition of $f(x)$ in A . We put

$$g_e(\theta) = \sum_{i, j} b_{i, j} \theta^i \otimes \theta^j \quad 1)$$

$$\Delta\theta = \theta \otimes 1 - 1 \otimes \theta$$

in $A^e = A \otimes_R A$.

Lemma

Let $\sum \lambda \otimes \mu$ be any element in A^e . Then

$$(\sum \lambda \otimes \mu)(\theta \otimes 1 - 1 \otimes \theta) = 0 \text{ if and only if } \sum \lambda \otimes \mu \in A^e \cdot g_e(\theta);$$

$$(\sum \lambda \otimes \mu) \cdot g_e(\theta) = 0 \text{ if and only if } \sum \lambda \otimes \mu \in A^e(\theta \otimes 1 - 1 \otimes \theta).$$

Proof. Since we have a ring isomorphism

$$A \otimes_R A \cong A[x]/(f(x)),$$

$$\theta \otimes 1 - 1 \otimes \theta \leftrightarrow x - \theta \pmod{(f(x))},$$

$$g_e(\theta) \leftrightarrow g(x) \pmod{(f(x))},$$

we shall calculate in the right hand side. We take polynomials of degree less than n as the uniquely determined representatives of the classes mod $f(x)$. If $(x - \theta)h(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{f(x)}$, $\deg h(x) \leq n - 1$, then dividing $h(x)$ by $g(x)$ we have $h(x) = \alpha g(x) + s(x)$, $\deg s(x) \leq n - 2$; so $s(x)(x - \theta) \equiv 0 \pmod{f(x)}$. Therefore $s(x) = 0$, $h(x) = \alpha g(x)$. Similarly, if $g(x)h(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{f(x)}$, then $h(x) = (x - \theta)h_0(x)$.

Lemma

1) Since A is commutative, $A^* \cong A$ and we shall drop the sign $*$.

The kernel of the augmentation $\varepsilon: A^e \rightarrow A$, $\varepsilon(\lambda \otimes \mu) = \lambda\mu$ is $A^e(\theta \otimes 1 - 1 \otimes \theta)$.

Proof. Since A is commutative, ε is a ring homomorphism. So that $A^e(\theta \otimes 1 - 1 \otimes \theta)$ is contained in the kernel of ε . Conversely, if $\varepsilon(\sum_{i,j} c_{i,j} \theta^i \otimes \theta^j) = 0$, then from $\sum_{i,j} c_{i,j} \theta^i \otimes \theta^j$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sum c_{i,j}(\theta^i \otimes 1)(1 \otimes \theta^j) = \sum c_{i,j}(\theta^i \otimes 1)\{\theta^j \otimes 1 + (1 \otimes \theta^j - \theta^j \otimes 1)\} \\ &= \sum c_{i,j}(\theta^i \otimes 1)\{\theta^j \otimes 1 + (1 \otimes \theta^{j-1} + \theta \otimes \theta^{j-2} + \dots + \theta^{j-1} \otimes 1)(1 \otimes \theta - \theta \otimes 1)\} \\ &= \sum c_{i,j} \theta^{i+j} \otimes 1 + [\sum c_{i,j}(\theta^i \otimes 1)(1 \otimes \theta^{j-1} + \dots + \theta^{j-1} \otimes 1)](1 \otimes \theta - \theta \otimes 1) \end{aligned}$$

we have $\varepsilon((\sum c_{i,j} \theta^{i+j}) \otimes 1) = \sum c_{i,j} \theta^{i+j} = 0$, which proves the assertion.

Now we consider the following A^e -resolution over A :

$$\dots \xrightarrow{d_4} A^e \xrightarrow{d_3} A^e \xrightarrow{d_2} A^e \xrightarrow{d_1} A^e \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} A \longrightarrow 0$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon: A^e &\rightarrow A, \quad \varepsilon(\sum \lambda \otimes \mu) = \sum \lambda\mu \\ d_{2r+1}(\sum \mu \otimes \lambda) &= (\sum \mu \otimes \lambda)(\theta \otimes 1 - 1 \otimes \theta) \\ d_{2r}(\sum \mu \otimes \lambda) &= (\sum \mu \otimes \lambda)g_e(\theta). \end{aligned}$$

This is A^e -free and, by the above lemma, acyclic.

To calculate $H^n(A, A)$ and $H_n(A, A)$ for any A^e module A , we consider the complex

$$\begin{aligned} \dots \xleftarrow{\delta_3} \text{Hom}_{A^e}(A^e, A) &\xleftarrow{\delta_2} \text{Hom}_{A^e}(A^e, A) \xleftarrow{\delta_1} \text{Hom}_{A^e}(A^e, A) \\ \dots \xrightarrow{\partial_3} A \otimes_{A^e} A^e &\xrightarrow{\partial_2} A \otimes_{A^e} A^e \xrightarrow{\partial_1} A \otimes_{A^e} A^e \end{aligned}$$

where δ_i and ∂_i are induced homomorphisms of d_i . Considering the isomorphisms

$$\text{Hom}_{A^e}(A^e, A) \cong A, \quad A \otimes_{A^e} A^e \cong A,$$

we may translate δ_i and ∂_i into the endomorphisms of A

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_{2r+1}(a) &= a\theta - \theta a (= A^* \theta \cdot a), \quad \delta_{2r+1}(a) = \theta a - a\theta, \\ \partial_{2r}(a) &= \sum b_{i,j} \theta^j a \theta^i (= g_e^*(\theta) \cdot a), \quad \delta_{2r}(a) = \sum b_{i,j} \theta^i a \theta^j \end{aligned}$$

for $a \in A$. Thus we have

Theorem

$$\begin{aligned} H^{2r+1}(A, A) &\cong A g_{g_e(\theta)} / A^{A^\theta}, \quad H^{2r+2}(A, A) \cong A_{A^\theta} / A^{g_e(\theta)}, \\ H_{2r+2}(A, A) &\cong A_{g_e^*(\theta)} / A^{A^{*\theta}}, \quad H_{2r+1}(A, A) \cong A_{A^{*\theta}} / A^{g_e^*(\theta)} \end{aligned}$$

for $r \geq 0$, where

$$A_\square = \{a \in A \mid \square a = 0\}, \quad A^\square = \{\square a \mid a \in A\}$$

for any two sided A module A (considered as left A^e module).

Corollary

$$\begin{aligned} H^{n+2}(A, A) &\cong H^n(A, A) \\ H_{n+2}(A, A) &\cong H_n(A, A) \end{aligned}$$

for $n \geq 1$.

Theorem

If $\theta a = a\theta$ for any a in A , then

$$\begin{aligned} H^{2r+1}(A, A) &\cong H_{2r+2}(A, A) \cong A_{f'(\theta)}, \\ H^{2r+2}(A, A) &\cong H_{2r+1}(A, A) \cong A / A^{f'(\theta)}. \quad r \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

Proof. In this case $g_e(\theta) \cdot a = g(\theta)a$ and

$$g(\theta) = (\theta - \theta') \cdots (\theta - \theta^{(n-1)}) = f'(\theta).$$

The corollary of this note may be extended to the global case. Let K and L be the algebraic number fields, R and A the rings of all integers of K and L respectively. Then for any A^e -finitely generated module A we have

$$H_{n+2}(A, A) \cong H_n(A, A)$$

$$H^{n+2}(A, A) \cong H^n(A, A)$$

for $n \geq 1$. We may prove it by reducing it to the p -component and by using the above corollary.

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