

# Math 538, Lecture 5 24/1/2024

- (1) PS1, PS2 on website
- (2) Commutative algebra supplement

Last time: Unique factorisation in  $\mathcal{O}_K$

$K = \text{a field}, \mathcal{O}_K = \text{ring of integers}$

Thm: (1) Every ideal of  $\mathcal{O}_K$  has a unique representation in the form

$$\mathfrak{a} = \prod_{\mathfrak{p} \in \mathcal{P}} \mathfrak{p}^{e_p}$$

( $\mathfrak{p}$  primes,  $e_p \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ , almost all 0)

(2) Every fractional ideal has a unique such representation,  $e_p \in \mathbb{Z}$

"Correct" generalization to  $K$  of the fundamental theorem of arithmetic.

Cor: In the monoid of ideals of  $\mathcal{O}_K$ ,  $a \mid b$   
iff  $\mathfrak{a} \supseteq \mathfrak{b}$ .

Today: Extension of primes

Key tool in understanding primes of  $K$   
was studying prime  $p \in \mathbb{Z}$  of  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

Proof of unique factorization transported  
structure from  $\mathbb{Q}$  to  $K$

Next: general extension  $L/K$  of # fields

Lemma: Let  $P$  be a prime of  $L$ . Then  
 $p = P \cap K = P \cap \mathcal{O}_K$  is a prime of  $K$ , the  
unique prime of  $K$  contained in  $P$ .

PF: Same as for  $K/\mathbb{Q}$ . (HW)

Def: In this situation say  $P$  lies **above**  $p$ ,  
write  $P \mid p$ .

(strictly speaking  $P \mid p\mathcal{O}_L$ )

$\Rightarrow$  prime ideals of  $L$  which lie above  $p$  are exactly the prime divisors of  $p\mathcal{O}_L$

Also, the  $\mathcal{O}_L$ -module  $\mathcal{O}_L/P$  is annihilated by  $P$   
 $\Rightarrow k_P \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathcal{O}_L/P$  is a  $k_p = \mathcal{O}_K/p$ -module

Call  $k_p, k_P$  the **residue fields** of  $p, P$ .

Def's  $g_P = \#k_P$  is the size of the residue field.

$f(P/p) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} [k_P : k_p] = \dim_{k_p} k_P$  is called

the **residue index** or **inertial degree**.

Prop:  $P\mathcal{O}_L \neq \mathcal{O}_L$ , i.e. there exist primes of  $L$  above  $p$ .

(Ex.)

Say  $P\mathcal{O}_L = \prod_{i=1}^g P_i^{e_i}$  with  $P_i$  distinct.

Def:  $e(P_i/p) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} e_i$  is called the **ramification index**. If some  $e_i > 1$ , say  $P$  **ramifies** in  $L$

Also write  $b_i$  for  $f(P_i/P)$ .

Lemma: Let  $P \subset O_L$  be prime. Then for all  $e \geq 1$ ,  $O_L/P^e$  is a dvr : a local ring and a PID

Pf: The ideals of  $O_L/P^e$  correspond to the ideals of  $O_L$  containing  $P^e$ , i.e to the ideals

$\{P^j\}_{j=0}^e$ . So  $P/P^e$  is the unique prime.

Choose  $\pi \in P \setminus P^2$ . Then its image in  $O_L/P^e$  generates a proper ideal not contained in  $P^2/P^e$ . So it must be  $P/P^e$ .

Conclusion:  $P^j/P^e = (\bar{\pi})^j$        $\bar{\pi}$  = image of  $\pi$ .

Example:  $F[[x^r : r \in \mathbb{Q}_+]] = \varinjlim F[[x^n]]$

is not of this type.

Thm: Recall  $n = \lceil L : k \rceil$ . Then for any  $p \triangleleft \mathcal{O}_k$

$$n = \sum_{i=1}^g f_i e_i$$

PF: Calculate

$\dim_{k_p} (\mathcal{O}_L/p\mathcal{O}_L)$  in two ways

RHS:  $P_i$  are maximal ideals, so if  $i \neq j$   $P_i \cdot p = (1)$

$\Rightarrow P_i^{e_i} + P_j^{e_j} = (1)$ . Next,  $\bigcap_{i=1}^g P_i^{e_i} = p\mathcal{O}_L$  (both sides have same factorisation: if  $\mathfrak{q}$  is a prime of  $L$ ,  $r$  larger than order of  $\mathfrak{q}$  in both sides, reduce mod  $\mathfrak{q}^r$ )

$$\Rightarrow (\text{CRT}) \quad \mathcal{O}_L/p\mathcal{O}_L \cong \bigoplus_{i=1}^g \mathcal{O}_L/P_i^{e_i}$$

As a  $k_p$ -vsp,  $\mathcal{O}_L/P_i^{e_i}$  is filtered by subspaces  $\mathcal{R}P_i^j/P_i^{e_i}, j \leq e_i$ .

$$\text{so } \dim_{k_p} \mathcal{O}_L/P_i^{e_i} = \sum_{j=0}^{e_i-1} \dim_{k_p} P_i^j/P_i^{j+1}$$

$$P_i^j/P_i^{j+1} = (\bar{\pi})^j/(\bar{\pi})^{j+1} \cong \mathcal{O}_L/P_i \leftarrow \text{dim} = f_i$$

(in  $\mathcal{O}_L/P_i^{e_i}$ , mult by  $\bar{\pi}$  gives isom  $P_i^j/P_i^{j+1}$  onto  $P_i^{j+1}/P_i^{j+2}$ ).

$$\Rightarrow \dim_{k_p} \mathcal{O}_L/P_i^{e_i} = e_i \cdot f_i \Rightarrow \dim_{k_p} \mathcal{O}_L/p\mathcal{O}_L = \sum e_i f_i$$

LHS: If  $K = \mathbb{Q}$ ,  $p = p\mathbb{Z}$  have  $\mathcal{O}_L \cong \mathbb{Z}^n$  as  $\mathbb{Z}$ -mod.  
 so  $\mathcal{O}_L/p\mathcal{O}_L \cong \mathbb{Z}^n/p\mathbb{Z}^n \cong (\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^n \Rightarrow \dim_{\mathbb{F}_p} (\mathcal{O}_L/p\mathcal{O}_L)$

In general,  $\mathcal{O}_L$  need not be a free  $\mathcal{O}_K$ -module  
 solution: localise at  $p$

Pass to  $\mathcal{O}_{K,p}$  has  $p$  as the unique maximal ideal

( $\mathcal{O}_{K,p} = \begin{matrix} \text{subring of } K \\ \text{generated by } 1, \mathcal{O}_K, \{p^{r_i} : r_i \in \mathcal{O}_L \setminus p\} \end{matrix}$ )

$\Rightarrow$  ideals of  $\mathcal{O}_{K,p}$  are powers of  $p$ .

$\Rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{K,p}$  is a PIDs (ideals are generated by  $p^j$  as in lemma)

Now  $\mathcal{O}_{L,p} = \mathcal{O}_L[S^{-1}]$ ,  $S = \mathcal{O}_K \setminus p$   
 is a torsion-free  $\mathcal{O}_{K,p}$ -module (torsion-free as all  $sp$ , all ideals of  $\mathcal{O}_{K,p}$  are cofinite)

so it is free, so

$$\mathcal{O}_L[S^{-1}] \cong \mathcal{O}_{K,p}^m$$

as an  $\mathcal{O}_{K,p}$ -module.

Further localize by inverting every element of  $\mathcal{O}_L[\mathbb{Z}^\times] = L$ ,  $\mathcal{O}_F[\mathbb{Z}^\times] = K$  (because  $\mathfrak{f}_d \in \mathcal{O}_K$ )  
 $\Rightarrow \mathcal{O}_L[\mathbb{Z}^\times] = L, \mathcal{O}_F[\mathbb{Z}^\times] = K$   
 $s.t. d\sigma \in (\mathcal{O}_K)$

$$\Rightarrow L = K^m \text{ as } K\text{-module} \Rightarrow m=n$$

Finally, every  $s \in S$  is invertible in  $\mathcal{O}_K/\mathfrak{p}$ , so

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{O}_L/\mathfrak{p}\mathcal{O}_L &\cong (\mathcal{O}_L/\mathfrak{p}\mathcal{O}_L)[s^{-1}] \cong \mathcal{O}_L[s^{-1}]/\mathfrak{p}\mathcal{O}_L[s^{-1}] \\ &\cong (\mathcal{O}_{K,\mathfrak{p}}/\mathfrak{p}\mathcal{O}_{K,\mathfrak{p}})^n \cong (\mathcal{O}_{K,\mathfrak{p}}/\mathfrak{p})^n = (\mathcal{O}_K/\mathfrak{p})^n. \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \dim_{\mathcal{O}_{K/\mathfrak{p}}} \mathcal{O}_L/\mathfrak{p}\mathcal{O}_L = n. \quad \square$$

Or; have abstract notion of "Dedekind domain".  
Thm: If  $\mathcal{O}$  is a Dedekind domain,  $M$  f.g.  $\mathcal{O}$ -mod  
then have ideals  $a_i, b_j$  s.t.

$$M \cong \bigoplus_i a_i \oplus \bigoplus_j \mathcal{O}/b_j;$$

or: really ideal classes.

Analogy: ① Riemann surfaces       $U_k$   
(1d complex manifolds, holomorphic func  
 $K \leftrightarrow$  meromorphic func)

② Algebraic curves (1d projective varieties)

$U_k$   $\leftrightarrow$  regular function

$K \leftrightarrow$  rational functions

Extension     $\xrightarrow{L}$        $\xrightarrow{\text{non-constant}}$  map of surfaces     $S_1 \downarrow S_2$

primes  $\leftrightarrow$  points