

Units in a sextic extension

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Consider a cubic extension $\mathbb{K} := \mathbb{Q}(\alpha)$, when the minimal polynomial $f(x)$ of α does not totally split in \mathbb{K} . The normal closure $\mathbb{L} := \overline{\mathbb{K}}$ is a sextic extension of \mathbb{Q} , with $Gal(\mathbb{L}/\mathbb{Q}) = S_3$. Now we fix notation and pick one embedding of \mathbb{K} as \mathbb{K}_1 , say \mathbb{K}_1 is fixed by $(2, 3) \in S_3$. Here $(2, 3)$ has the explicit description that if I choose one root u_1 of $f(x)$, $(2, 3)$ permute the other two conjugate roots of u_1 , since it has to act nontrivially on the three roots.

Notation: say the conjugate field K_2 is fixed by $(1, 2)$, K_3 is fixed by $(1, 3)$. \mathbb{F}/\mathbb{Q} is the unique quadratic subextension inside \mathbb{L} , generated by the radical of the discriminant of $f(x)$. \mathbb{F} is fixed by $(1, 2, 3)$.

Now we have two conditions,

- (1) $f(x)$ has three real roots and \mathbb{L} is totally real. Consider the free Abelian multiplicative group of the units (mod torsion), we have $rk(\mathbb{U}_{\mathbb{L}}) = 5$, $rk(\mathbb{U}_{\mathbb{K}}) = 2$, $rk(\mathbb{U}_{\mathbb{F}}) = 1$.
- or (2) $f(x)$ has only one real root which we pick to be u_1 thus K_1 is thought as embedded in the reals. \mathbb{L} has three pair of conjugate complex embeddings. $rk(\mathbb{U}_{\mathbb{K}}) = 1$, $rk(\mathbb{U}_{\mathbb{L}}) = 2$.

In both cases, the units in the conjugates \mathbb{K}_i and \mathbb{F} will generate a full rank sub lattice under the log map defined on \mathbb{L} , and we will discuss the index of this sub lattice.

1 The totally real case

\mathbb{L} has six different real embeddings, call $\sigma_{1,0}, \sigma_{1,1}, \sigma_{2,0}, \sigma_{2,1}, \sigma_{3,0}, \sigma_{3,1}$. Say $\sigma_{1,i}$ are extended above \mathbb{K}_1 , $\sigma_{2,i}$ above \mathbb{K}_2 , $\sigma_{3,i}$ above \mathbb{K}_3 , $i = 0, 1$. Under our notation, $(1, 2, 3)$ maps $\sigma_{1,i} \rightarrow \sigma_{2,i} \rightarrow \sigma_{3,i} \rightarrow \sigma_{1,i}$. Pick two fundamental units u_1, w_1 from \mathbb{K}_1 . Their corresponding conjugates in K_i will be called u_i and w_i , for $i = 2, 3$. Denote $\tilde{u}_i := \log |u_i|$. $\tilde{u}_1 + \tilde{u}_2 + \tilde{u}_3 = 0$. $(1, 2)$ will map \tilde{u}_1 to \tilde{u}_2 etc.

	Id $\rightarrow \sigma_{1,0}$	$(1, 2) \rightarrow \sigma_{2,1}$	$(1, 3) \rightarrow \sigma_{3,1}$	$(2, 3) \rightarrow \sigma_{1,1}$	$(1, 2, 3) \rightarrow \sigma_{2,0}$	$(1, 3, 2) \rightarrow \sigma_{3,0}$
$h_{\tilde{u}_1}$	\tilde{u}_1	\tilde{u}_2	\tilde{u}_3	\tilde{u}_2	\tilde{u}_3	\tilde{u}_1

Here \rightarrow means the action takes \tilde{u}_1 from the embedding of $\sigma_{1,0}$ and maps it to other embeddings. $h_{\tilde{u}_1}$ is a vector in \mathbb{R}^6 under the log map. If we write $\tilde{u}_3 = -\tilde{u}_1 - \tilde{u}_2$ and look at the 2-dim vector space generated by \tilde{u}_1 and \tilde{u}_2 , we have a representation ρ :

$$\rho(1, 2) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \rho(1, 3) = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \rho(2, 3) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\rho(1, 2, 3) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \rho(1, 3, 2) = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

If we look at the character, this is in fact the unique irreducible 2-dim representation of S_3 .

Now if we start with \tilde{u}_2 and look at its image under the Galois action, we get another vector $h_{\tilde{u}_2}$:

	Id $\rightarrow \sigma_{1,0}$	(1,2) $\rightarrow \sigma_{2,1}$	(1,3) $\rightarrow \sigma_{3,1}$	(2,3) $\rightarrow \sigma_{1,1}$	(1,2,3) $\rightarrow \sigma_{2,0}$	(1,3,2) $\rightarrow \sigma_{3,0}$
$h_{\tilde{u}_2}$	\tilde{u}_2	\tilde{u}_1	\tilde{u}_2	\tilde{u}_3	\tilde{u}_3	\tilde{u}_1

In the same way we get 7 vectors under the log map: $h_{\tilde{u}_i}, h_{\tilde{w}_i}, i = 1..3$ and $h_{\tilde{v}}$ where v comes from the fundamental unit of \mathbb{F} . In fact, v and its conjugate v' will give two vectors under the log map, but they are linearly dependent. By our assumption:

- u_1 and u_2 are in different subfields, so \tilde{u}_1 and \tilde{u}_2 are linearly independent over \mathbb{Z} , since u_1 is not a power of u_2 and vice versa.
- For each i , \tilde{u}_i and \tilde{w}_i are linearly independent over \mathbb{Z} by assumption.
- $h_{\tilde{u}_1}$ and $h_{\tilde{w}_1}$ are linearly independent over \mathbb{Q} as vectors. The determinant of one of their 2-minor will give us the regulator of \mathbb{K} . $\text{Reg}(\mathbb{K}) = |\tilde{u}_1\tilde{w}_2 - \tilde{u}_2\tilde{w}_1|$.

Now we show the 7 vectors h_i will generate a rank 5 lattice by showing $\tilde{u}_1, \tilde{u}_2, \tilde{w}_1, \tilde{w}_2, \tilde{v}$ are linearly independent over \mathbb{Z} . Suppose

$$a_1\tilde{u}_1 + a_2\tilde{u}_2 + b_1\tilde{w}_1 + b_2\tilde{w}_2 = \tilde{v}, \quad a_1, a_2, b_1, b_2 \in \mathbb{Z} \quad (1.1)$$

Let the group element (1,3) act on it, get

$$-a_1\tilde{u}_1 + (a_2 - a_1)\tilde{u}_2 - b_1\tilde{w}_1 + (b_2 - b_1)\tilde{w}_2 = -\tilde{v} \quad (1.2)$$

Add (1.1) to (1.2), we have:

$$a_2\tilde{u}_2 + b_2\tilde{w}_2 = 0$$

thus $a_2 = b_2 = 0$. Replacing \tilde{v} by 0, we have $a_1 = b_1 = 0$. So $\tilde{u}_1, \tilde{u}_2, \tilde{w}_1, \tilde{w}_2, \tilde{v}$ are independent over \mathbb{Z} . Another way to show their independence is to look at the regulator generated by

$$\text{Mat}_{5 \times 6}(H) := \{h_{\tilde{u}_1}, h_{\tilde{u}_2}, h_{\tilde{w}_1}, h_{\tilde{w}_2}, h_{\tilde{v}}\},$$

denoted by $\text{Reg}(V)$:

$$\text{Reg}(V) := \text{Det}(\text{Minor}_{5 \times 5}(H)) = 9\tilde{v}(\tilde{u}_1\tilde{w}_2 - \tilde{u}_2\tilde{w}_1)^2 = 9\text{Reg}(\mathbb{K})^2\text{Reg}(\mathbb{F}).$$

Note in the expression of $\text{Reg}(V)$ the power of $\text{Reg}(\mathbb{K})$ and $\text{Reg}(\mathbb{F})$ show up exactly in the same way as they do in the Zeta function relation as we will show later. This is also the case when \mathbb{L} is complex, though the constant 9 is replaced by 3. This implies we can compute the index of the subunits in \mathbb{L} without computing any regulator of the sub fields. We will try to generalize this to fields \mathbb{L} whose Galois group is a dihedral group D_{2p} where p is an odd prime. (Shafarevich showed every solvable group is realizable over \mathbb{Q} , which applies to the dihedral case in particular.)

2 The complex case

Now \mathbb{K} has one real embedding, denoted by \mathbb{K}_1 , and a pair of conjugate complex embeddings \mathbb{K}_2 and \mathbb{K}_3 . \mathbb{L} has three pair of complex embeddings. $rk(\mathbb{K}) = 1, rk(\mathbb{F}) = 0, rk(\mathbb{L}) = 2$. The units \tilde{u}_1 and \tilde{u}_2 generate a rank 2 lattice under the log map.

Note u_1 is real, u_2 and $u_3 = \bar{u}_2$ are complex, $\tilde{u}_1 + 2\tilde{u}_2 = \tilde{u}_1 + \tilde{u}_2 + \tilde{u}_3 = 0$, $\text{Reg}(\mathbb{K}) = 2\tilde{u}_2^2$. Note when computing the regulator in \mathbb{L} , for complex embeddings there is a constant 2 in front of \tilde{u}_i :

$$\text{Reg}(V) = \text{Det} \begin{pmatrix} 2\tilde{u}_1 & 2\tilde{u}_2 \\ 2\tilde{u}_2 & 2\tilde{u}_3 \end{pmatrix} = 12\tilde{u}_2^2 = 3\text{Reg}(\mathbb{K})^2$$

where $\tilde{u}_1 = -2\tilde{u}_2$.

3 Zeta function relations

Denote χ_1 as the trivial representation of S_3 , χ_2 as the sign representation, χ_3 as the 2-dim representation. By working out the induced representations on the subgroups, we have:

$$\begin{aligned}\zeta(s, \mathbb{L}) &= L(s, \chi_1)L(s, \chi_2)L(s, \chi_3)^2 \\ \zeta(s, \mathbb{K}) &= L(s, \chi_1)L(s, \chi_3) \\ \zeta(s, \mathbb{F}) &= L(s, \chi_1)L(s, \chi_2), \quad \zeta(s, \mathbb{Q}) = L(s, \chi_1)\end{aligned}$$

Combining,

$$\zeta(s, \mathbb{Q})^2 \zeta(s, \mathbb{L}) = \zeta(s, \mathbb{F}) \zeta(s, \mathbb{K})^2 \quad (3.1)$$

Now for any global number field \mathbb{K} , we have the functional equation:

$$A^{1-s} \Gamma\left(\frac{1-s}{2}\right)^{r_1} \Gamma^{r_2}(1-s) \zeta(1-s, \mathbb{K}) = A^s \Gamma\left(\frac{s}{2}\right)^{r_1} \Gamma(s)^{r_2} \zeta(s, \mathbb{K}), \quad A := 2^{-r_2} d_{\mathbb{K}}^{\frac{1}{2}} \pi^{-\frac{r_1}{2} - r_2} \text{ is a constant.}$$

Here r_1 is the number of real embeddings, r_2 is number of pair of complex embeddings. $d_{\mathbb{K}}$ is the absolute value of the discriminant over \mathbb{Q} . This equation makes sense when all the function involved are analytic. When there is a pole or zero, we look at the limit, and use the $*$ notation. We will mainly be interested in the limit with $s \rightarrow 0$.

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow 0} s A^{1-s} \Gamma\left(\frac{1-s}{2}\right)^{r_1} \Gamma^{r_2}(1-s) \zeta(1-s, \mathbb{K}) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} s A^s \Gamma\left(\frac{s}{2}\right)^{r_1} \Gamma(s)^{r_2} \zeta(s, \mathbb{K}) \quad (3.2)$$

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow 0} -((1-s) - 1) A^{1-s} \Gamma\left(\frac{1-s}{2}\right)^{r_1} \Gamma^{r_2}(1-s) \zeta(1-s, \mathbb{K}) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} s A^s \Gamma\left(\frac{s}{2}\right)^{r_1} \Gamma(s)^{r_2} \zeta(s, \mathbb{K}) \quad (3.3)$$

$$-A \pi^{\frac{r_1}{2}} \zeta^*(1, \mathbb{K}) = \Gamma^*\left(\frac{0}{2}\right)^{r_1} \Gamma^*(0)^{r_2} \zeta^*(0, \mathbb{K}) \quad (3.4)$$

$$\zeta^*(1, \mathbb{K}) = -A^{-1} 2^{r_1} \pi^{-\frac{r_1}{2}} \zeta^*(0, \mathbb{K}) \quad (3.5)$$

By the analytic class number formula, we have

$$\zeta^*(1, \mathbb{K}) = \frac{2^{r_1+r_2} \pi^{r_2} R_{\mathbb{K}} h_{\mathbb{K}}}{W_{\mathbb{K}} d_{\mathbb{K}}^{\frac{1}{2}}}, \quad (3.6)$$

$R_{\mathbb{K}}$ is the regulator, $W_{\mathbb{K}}$ is the cardinality of roots of unity.

Plugging in the formula, we have:

$$\frac{R_{\mathbb{K}} h_{\mathbb{K}}}{W_{\mathbb{K}}} = -\zeta^*(0, \mathbb{K}). \quad (3.7)$$

When $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{Q}$, we have $\zeta^*(0, \mathbb{Q}) = -\frac{1}{2}$. By (3.1), we have:

$$\frac{R_{\mathbb{K}}^2 R_{\mathbb{F}}}{R_{\mathbb{L}}} = \frac{1}{2^2} \frac{W_{\mathbb{K}}^2 W_{\mathbb{F}}}{W_{\mathbb{L}}} \frac{h_{\mathbb{L}}}{h_{\mathbb{K}}^2 h_{\mathbb{F}}}$$

In both the complex and real cases, \mathbb{K} doesnot contain a third nor second roots of unity since it is a

degree 3 extension. \mathbb{L} contain i iff \mathbb{F} does. So

$$\frac{1}{2^2} \frac{W_{\mathbb{K}}^2 W_{\mathbb{F}}}{W_{\mathbb{L}}} = 1 \Rightarrow \quad (3.8)$$

$$\frac{R_{\mathbb{K}}^2 R_{\mathbb{F}}}{R_{\mathbb{L}}} = \frac{h_{\mathbb{L}}}{h_{\mathbb{K}}^2 h_{\mathbb{F}}} \quad (3.9)$$

$$\frac{Reg(V)}{Reg_{\mathbb{L}}} = \frac{9h_{\mathbb{L}}}{h_{\mathbb{K}}^2 h_{\mathbb{F}}} \text{ when } \mathbb{L} \text{ is totally real} \quad (3.10)$$

$$\frac{Reg(V)}{Reg_{\mathbb{L}}} = \frac{3h_{\mathbb{L}}}{h_{\mathbb{K}}^2 h_{\mathbb{F}}} \text{ when } \mathbb{L} \text{ is imaginary} \quad (3.11)$$

$$(3.12)$$

Note

- By comparing with the analytic formula without using the functional equation, we have

$$d_{\mathbb{L}} = d_{\mathbb{K}}^2 d_{\mathbb{F}}.$$

Comparing with the tower relation for differents, this may show \mathbb{K} and \mathbb{F} are not disjoint in some cases, e.g. in the following Ishida cases. I would expect such a relation whenever there is a Bauer relation to exist between the big field and its subfields. Is there a trivial way to get such a relation purely for discriminants without involving Norm operations as in the tower relation for differents?

- Consider the class of polynomial $f(x) = x^3 + lx - 1$ where l is an even positive integer and $4l^3 + 27$ is square free. Such polynomial has a unique real root. One can show the index is 1, thus getting $3h_{\mathbb{L}} = h_{\mathbb{K}}^2 h_{\mathbb{F}}$.

4 Dihedral extensions

Consider a dihedral extension \mathbb{L}/\mathbb{Q} , with $Gal(\mathbb{L}/\mathbb{Q}) = D_{2p}$ where p is an odd prime. (How many such \mathbb{L} can be totally real?) Give D_{2p} a presentation: $\{x, y | x^p = y^n = e, xy = yx^{-1}\}$. D_{2p} has a unique normal subgroup $\mathbf{X} := \{x^n, x = 1, \dots, p-1\}$, whose fixed field we denote by \mathbb{F} . \mathbb{F} is a quadratic extension of \mathbb{Q} . Pick another subgroup $\mathbf{Y} := \{e, y\}$ whose fixed field is denoted \mathbb{K} . All other degree p subfields \mathbb{K}_i are conjugate to \mathbb{K} since all elements $x^n y$ is conjugate to y (p is prime). Since $\mathbf{S}_3 = D_3$, this would include the previous consideration as a special case.

Now we work out the irreducible representations of D_{2p} . We have the trivial representation χ_1 , the 'sign' representation χ_2 with kernel \mathbf{X} , and other $\frac{p-1}{2}$ distinct irreducible 2-dim representations are induced by the cyclic characters on \mathbf{X} : $\rho_{\mathbf{X}}^i(x) = \omega^i$ where ω is a primitive p th root of unity. We abuse notation and denote the induced representation of $\rho_{\mathbf{X}}^i$ to D_{2p} as ρ^i , here i is an index not a power. It is elementary to show the ρ^i are irreducible, and $tr(\rho^i(x)) = 2 \cos(\frac{2i}{p})$. Pick $i = 1, 2, \dots, \frac{p-1}{2}$ their trace are all distinct, and

$$1 + 1 + \sum_{i=1, 2, \dots, \frac{p-1}{2}} dim_{\rho^i}^2 = 1 + 1 + \frac{p-1}{2} \times 4 = 2p.$$

Thus we have all the irreducible representations.

We have decomposition of the zeta function

$$\zeta(s, \mathbb{L}) = L(s, \chi_1) L(s, \chi_2) \prod_i L(s, \rho^i)^2$$

Each ρ^i restrict to \mathbf{Y} has fixed dimension 1, since if we pick $\mathbf{X} \otimes v, y\mathbf{X} \otimes v$ as basis of the induced representation,

$$\rho^i(y) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

χ_2 restricts to Y do not have fixed subspace. So

$$\zeta(s, \mathbb{K}) = L(s, \chi_1) \prod_i L(s, \rho^i)$$

In similar way we get

$$\zeta(s, \mathbb{F}) = L(s, \chi_1) L(s, \chi_2)$$

Combining,

$$\zeta^2(s, \mathbb{Q}) \zeta(s, \mathbb{L}) = \zeta^2(s, \mathbb{K}) \zeta(s, \mathbb{F}).$$