


EXERCISE SHEET #12

Exercises marked with a  are to be handed in before **Tuesday December 17** at noon, in the mailbox at Spiegelgasse 1. Each of these is worth a number of points, as indicated.

Questions marked with a \star are more difficult.

Exercise 1 (Dirichlet density and Bauer's theorem) – Let S be a set of prime numbers. We say that S has a Dirichlet density if the limit

$$\lim_{\sigma \rightarrow 1^+} \left(\sum_{p \in S} p^{-\sigma} \right) \cdot \left(\sum_p p^{-\sigma} \right)^{-1}$$

exists. The sum in the denominator is over the set of all prime numbers. In case the limit exists, we denote it by $\delta(S)$ and call it the Dirichlet density of S .

Let K be a number field. For any prime number p , we let $\omega_K(p)$ be the number of prime ideals \mathfrak{p} of K which lie above p and have residual degree $f_{\mathfrak{p}} = 1$.

1.1. For any $\sigma \in (1, +\infty)$, show that $\log \zeta_K(\sigma) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sum_p \frac{p^{-k\sigma}}{k} \cdot \left(\sum_{\substack{\mathfrak{p}|p \\ f_{\mathfrak{p}}|k}} f_{\mathfrak{p}} \right)$.

1.2. Deduce that there exists a constant $c_0 > 0$ (which does not depend on K) such that, for all $\sigma > 1$, we have $\left| \log \zeta_K(\sigma) - \sum_p \frac{\omega_K(p)}{p^\sigma} \right| \leq c_0 \cdot [K : \mathbb{Q}]$.

1.3. Deduce that, as $\sigma > 1$ tends to 1^+ , we have $\frac{\log \zeta_K(\sigma)}{\log \zeta(\sigma)} \sim \frac{\sum_p p^{-\sigma} \cdot \omega_K(p)}{\sum_p p^{-\sigma}} \xrightarrow{\sigma \rightarrow 1^+} 1$.

Let $y \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1}$ be given. Consider the set $S_{y,K}$ consisting of prime numbers p which have at least y distinct prime (ideal) divisors \mathfrak{p} in K with $f_{\mathfrak{p}} = 1$.

1.4. Assuming that $S_{y,K}$ admits a Dirichlet density $\delta(S_{y,K})$, prove that $\delta(S_{y,K}) \leq 1/y$.

1.5. Prove that K has infinitely many prime ideals with residual degree $f_{\mathfrak{p}} = 1$.

Assume now that the number field K/\mathbb{Q} is Galois. Let \mathcal{S}_K be the set of prime numbers p which split completely in K .

1.6. Let p be a prime. Prove that p splits completely if and only if $\omega_K(p) > 0$, if and only if $\omega_K(p) = n$.

1.7. Show that \mathcal{S}_K has a Dirichlet density and that $\delta(\mathcal{S}_K) = 1/[K : \mathbb{Q}]$. (In particular, \mathcal{S}_K is infinite.)

In the last questions, we prove Bauer's theorem. Let K and L be two Galois number fields. As in the previous questions, we write \mathcal{S}_K and \mathcal{S}_L for the set of prime numbers which are completely split in K and L , respectively. We assume that $\mathcal{S}_K = \mathcal{S}_L$, and we will deduce that $K = L$.

1.8. Using the previous question, prove that $[K : \mathbb{Q}] = [L : \mathbb{Q}]$.

1.9. Consider the compositum $M := K \cdot L$ (i.e. the smallest extension of \mathbb{Q} containing both K and L). Show that $\delta(\mathcal{S}_K) \leq [M : \mathbb{Q}]^{-1}$. *Hint: show that the primes in \mathcal{S}_K split completely in M , use 2.4.*

1.10. Conclude that $M = K = L$.

Exercise 2 (Closed formula for $L(\chi, 1)$) {✎ : 8 points} – Let $q \geq 2$ be an integer, and let X_q denote the set of Dirichlet characters modulo q . Recall that, for each non-trivial $\chi \in X_q$, we have defined a Dirichlet series $L(\chi, s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \chi(n)n^{-s}$ which converges on $\text{Re}(s) > 0$.

The goal of the exercise is to give a closed formula for $L(\chi, 1)$.

2.1. For any $\theta \in (0, 2\pi)$, we put $L(\theta) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\exp(in\theta)}{n}$. Prove that the series converges.

2.2. Prove that $L(\theta) = -\log\left(2 \sin \frac{\theta}{2}\right) + i\frac{\pi-\theta}{2}$. Here, \log denotes the principal branch of the complex logarithm.

We now fix a non-trivial Dirichlet character $\chi \in X_q$. Let $G(\chi) := \sum_{x=1}^{q-1} \bar{\chi}(x) \cdot \exp\left(\frac{2\pi i \cdot x}{q}\right)$.

2.3. Show that, for all $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ which are coprime to q , we have:

$$(1) \quad \chi(n) = \frac{1}{G(\chi)} \sum_{y \in (\mathbb{Z}/q\mathbb{Z})^\times} \bar{\chi}(y) \cdot \exp\left(\frac{2\pi i \cdot ny}{q}\right).$$

Hint : note that $\chi(y^{-1}) = \bar{\chi}(y)$ for all $y \in (\mathbb{Z}/q\mathbb{Z})^\times$.

For the rest of the exercise, we assume that $\chi \in X_q$ is *primitive* modulo q (i.e. χ is not induced by a Dirichlet character $\chi' \in X_{q'}$ modulo some strict divisor q' of q). Among other things, this implies that equality (1) holds for all $n \in \mathbb{Z}$. *You don't have to prove this.*

2.4. For a primitive character $\chi \in X_q$, prove by using (1) that

$$L(\chi, 1) = \frac{-1}{G(\chi)} \cdot \left(\sum_{y=1}^{q-1} \bar{\chi}(y) \cdot \log \sin \frac{\pi y}{q} + \frac{\pi i}{q} \cdot \sum_{y=1}^{q-1} \bar{\chi}(y) \cdot y \right).$$

2.5. Assume moreover that $\chi(-1) = 1$ (one says that χ is *even*). Prove that $\sum_{y=1}^{q-1} \bar{\chi}(y) \cdot y = 0$ in this case, and deduce that

$$L(\chi, 1) = \frac{-1}{G(\chi)} \cdot \sum_{y=1}^{q-1} \bar{\chi}(y) \cdot \log \sin \frac{\pi y}{q}.$$

2.6. Assume now that $\chi(-1) = -1$ (one says that χ is *odd*). Prove that $\sum_{y=1}^{q-1} \bar{\chi}(y) \cdot \log \sin \frac{\pi y}{q} = 0$ under this assumption, and deduce that

$$L(\chi, 1) = \frac{-\pi i}{qG(\chi)} \cdot \sum_{y=1}^{q-1} \bar{\chi}(y) \cdot y.$$

2.7. As a first application, consider the following situation. Let $q = 4$ and $\chi_4 \in X_4$ denote the Dirichlet character defined by $\chi_4(-1) = -1$. Deduce from the above relations that $L(\chi_4, 1) = \frac{\pi}{4}$.

2.8. As a second application, consider the case where $q = 5$ and $\chi_5 \in X_5$ is the Dirichlet character modulo 5 defined by $\chi_5(-1) = \chi_5(1) = 1$, and $\chi_5(2) = \chi_5(3) = -1$. Deduce from the above that

$$L(\chi_5, 1) = \frac{\log \eta}{\sqrt{5}}, \quad \text{where } \eta = \frac{\sin \frac{2\pi}{5} \cdot \sin \frac{3\pi}{5}}{\sin \frac{\pi}{5} \cdot \sin \frac{4\pi}{5}}.$$

2.9. Consider the number field $K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{5})$. Compute its discriminant, its class number, its fundamental unit and the number of roots of unity in K . Comment on the equality proven in **1.8**.

Exercise 3 (The different) {✎ : 4 points} – Let K be a number field with discriminant d_K . We denote by $\text{Tr}_K : K \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}$ the trace of K/\mathbb{Q} . Recall that the Dedekind dual of a fractional ideal \mathfrak{b} of K is defined by

$$\mathfrak{b}' = \{\alpha \in K : \forall \beta \in \mathfrak{b}, \text{Tr}_K(\alpha\beta) \in \mathbb{Z}\}.$$

3.1. Prove that the Dedekind dual \mathfrak{b}' of a fractional ideal \mathfrak{b} of K is also a fractional ideal of K . Moreover, check that $(\mathfrak{b}')' = \mathfrak{b}$.

We define the different \mathfrak{d}_K of K by the equality $\mathfrak{d}_K^{-1} := (\mathcal{O}_K)'$.

3.2. Prove that \mathfrak{d}_K is an (integral) ideal of K .

3.3. Check that, for any fractional ideal \mathfrak{b} of K , we have $\mathfrak{b}' = \mathfrak{b}^{-1} \cdot \mathfrak{d}_K^{-1}$.

3.4. Prove the equality $N(\mathfrak{d}_K) = |d_K|$.

