

**COMPUTATION OF HILBERT SEQUENCE FOR COMPOSITE QUADRATIC  
 EXTENSIONS USING DIFFERENT TYPE OF PRIMES IN  $\mathbb{Q}$**

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**ABSTRACT.** First, we will give all necessary definitions and theorems. Then the definition of a Hilbert sequence by using a Galois group is introduced. Then by using the Hilbert sequence, we will build tower fields for extension  $K/k$ , where  $K = k(\sqrt{d_1}, \sqrt{d_2})$  and  $k = \mathbb{Q}$  for different primes in  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

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**1. INTRODUCTION**

Let  $K/k$  be an extension of degree  $n$ . We consider the tower of fields and a tower of integer rings for this extension

$$\begin{aligned} K &\supseteq \dots \supseteq L \dots \supseteq k \\ O_K &\supseteq \dots \supseteq O_L \dots \supseteq O_k \end{aligned} \tag{1.1}$$

A prime ideal  $P$  in  $K$  determines a prime  $P_L$  in each field of the tower, where each  $P_L$  is divisible by  $P$ . Let  $p$  be a rational prime that is divisible by all these prime ideals  $P_L$ . Then we have:

$$P_L = P_k \cap O_L, \quad p = P_L \cup Z.$$

If the prime ideal  $p$  in  $k$  does not split into  $n$  distinct factors of  $P$  in  $K$ , how far can we go in terms of an intermediate field where splitting occurs? This will be answered later.

First we define what is meant by order and degree

**DEFINITION 1.1.**

- (a) Order  $P/p = e = P^e | p, p^{e+1} \nmid P$
- (b) Degree  $P/p = f = N_{k/k} P = p^f$

**LEMMA 1.2.** Both order and degree are multiplicative

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Order } P/p &= \text{order } P/P_L \cdot \text{order } P_L/p \\ \text{Degree } P/p &= \text{degree } P/P_L \cdot \text{degree } P_L/p \end{aligned}$$

Let us assume here that  $K/k$  for  $[K:k] = n$  is a normal extension. This makes  $K/L$  normal for each  $L$  in the tower but not in  $L/k$ . Let  $p$  have factors  $P_L^{(j)}$  in  $L$  for  $j = 1, 2, 3, \dots, g$ ,

$$p = \prod_{i=1}^g P_L^{(j)e}, \quad N(P_L^{(j)})^f = N(p)^f \tag{1.2a}$$

$$n = e.f.g. \quad (1.2b)$$

Let order  $K/k P = e$  and degree  $K/k P = f$ . Then for  $P = p$ , we have order  $p = \text{degree } p = 1$  from  $k$  to  $k$ .

Thus from  $k$  to  $K$  the order has grown from 1 to  $e$  and the degree has grown from 1 to  $f$  and the number of factors in (1.2a) and (1.2b) has grown from 1 to  $g$ . We arrange the tower fields in 1.1 in such a way that will separate the growths for  $K/k$  normal.

Let  $K_Z$  be a maximal  $L$  in  $\{L : K \supseteq L \supseteq k\}$ .  $K_Z$  is called the "splitting" field of  $P$  in  $K/L$  and is such that.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{degree } P_L/p &= 1 \\ \text{order } P_L/p &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

Let us assume that  $K_T$  is a maximal  $L$  in  $\{L : K \supseteq L \supseteq k\}$ .  $K_T$  is called the "inertial" field of  $P$  in  $K/L$  and is such that

$$\begin{aligned} \text{degree } P_L/p &= f_L \geq 1 \\ \text{order } P_L/p &= 1. \end{aligned}$$

This maximality process can be performed again for all  $L$  such that:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{degree } P_L/p &= f_L \geq 1 \\ \text{order } P_L/p &= e_L \text{ for } (e_L, p) = 1. \end{aligned}$$

The maximal field here is called the "first ramification" field  $K_{v_1}$ .

For this field,  $F_L = f$  and  $e_L$  is a part of  $e$  prime to  $p$ . This part is called "tame ramification". If order  $e$  is divisible by  $p$ , the ramification is called "wild." Thus we have the new tower fields for extension  $K/k$ :

$$K \supseteq \dots \supseteq K_{v_1} \supseteq K_T \supseteq K_Z \supseteq k \quad (1.2c)$$

It is easier to define 1.2c by the Galois group methods.

**DEFINITION 1.2.** Let  $K/k$  be a normal extension. The Hilbert sequence for an ideal  $P$  in  $K$  is given by the subgroups of  $G = \text{Gal}(K/k)$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} K \supseteq \dots \supseteq K_{v_1} \supseteq K_T \supseteq K_Z \supseteq k \\ 1 \subseteq \dots \subseteq G_{v_1} \subseteq G_T \subseteq G_Z \subseteq G \end{aligned} \quad (1.3a)$$

$$k_Z \xleftrightarrow{G} \{u \in G : P^u = P \text{ or } A \equiv 0 = A^u \equiv 0 \pmod{p}\} = G_Z \quad (1.3b)$$

$$k_T \xleftrightarrow{G} \{u \in G : P^u \equiv A \pmod{p}\} = (G_{v_0}) \quad (1.3c)$$

$$k_{v_r} \xleftrightarrow{G} \{u \in G : A^u \equiv A \pmod{p^{r+1}}\} = G_{v_r}, \quad (r \geq 0). \quad (1.3d)$$

Where  $A$  is an arbitrary integer in  $O_k$ . Since  $G_Z$  fixes  $P$ , then  $G_T, G_{v_0}$ , and so on are invariant subgroups of  $G_Z$ . Since  $G_Z$  preserves  $P$ , it is one of  $g$  conjugates,

$$|G/G_Z| = g, \quad (1.3e)$$

also, since  $G_T$  preserves each residue class mod  $P$ ,

$$|G_Z/G_T| = |(O_K/P)/(O_k/P)| = |c(f)| = f, \quad (1.3f)$$

which refer to the cyclic Galois group of an extension of a finite field. Furthermore

$$|G_T| = e. \quad (1.3g)$$

If  $r = e_0 p^w$ , where  $(e_0, p) = 1$ , then there is a cyclic quotient,

$$|G_T/G_{v_0}| = e_0 \tag{1.3h}$$

followed by future quotient groups of type  $C(p) \times C(p) \times \dots \times C(p)$ , with

$$G_{v_r}/G_{v_{r+1}} = p^{w_r} (w_r \geq 0, \Sigma w_r = w). \tag{1.3i}$$

Here there is only a finite number  $w_r > 0$ , indeed  $p^w | n$ . More general details of the above can be found in [1], [2], [3], [4], [5], [6], [7]

**2. COMPUTING HILBERT SEQUENCE FOR  $K = k(\sqrt{d_1}, \sqrt{d_2})$ , FOR  $k = Q$ .**

Computing Hilbert sequence for  $K = k(\sqrt{d})$ ,  $k = Q$ , is contained in [1, p 89]. So we process to  $K \supseteq k_i = Q(\sqrt{d_i})$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3$ . Let  $d_3 = d_1 \cdot d_2 / t^2$  which means  $d_3$  is square factor free, where  $d_i$  is the discriminant of  $k_i$ .

Let  $G = \{1, u_1, u_2, u_3\}$ , where  $u_i : \sqrt{d_i} \rightarrow \sqrt{d_i}, \sqrt{d_j} \rightarrow -\sqrt{d_j}$  for  $i \neq j$ , then we have

$$k_i = Q(\sqrt{d_i}) \stackrel{G}{\leftrightarrow} G_i = \{1, u_i\}.$$

Here we will build a tower of fields  $K \supseteq \dots \supseteq K_{v_1} \supseteq K_T \supseteq K_Z \supseteq Q$  by using the Hilbert sequence in Definition 1.2 for different types of primes  $p$  in  $Q$ .

a Let  $p = P_1 P_2 P_3 P_4$  (unramified) where the  $P_i$ 's are primes in  $K$  for  $(d_1/p) = (d_2/p) = (d_3/p) = 1$  where:

$$(a/p) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x^2 = a \pmod p \text{ solvable for } x \text{ integer, } a|p \\ -1 & \text{if } x^2 \neq a \pmod p \text{ for } x \text{ integer, } a|p \\ 0 & \text{if } a|p. \end{cases}$$

Here  $f = e = 1$  then  $g = 4$  by 1.1. From  $|G/G_Z| = g = 4$  in (1.3e) we get that,  $|K_Z/k| = 4$  and  $K_Z = K$  and from  $|G_Z/G_T| = f = 1$  in (1.3f),  $|K_T/K_Z| = 1$  and so  $K_T = K$ . Since  $|G_T| = e = 1$  in (1.3g), and from  $|G_T/G_{v_0}| = e_0 = 1$  in (1.3h) and (1.3i) for  $r = 0, 1, 2, 3$  then  $|G_{v_r}/G_{v_{r+1}}| = |K_{v_{r+1}}/K_{v_r}| = 1$

$$K_{v_1} = K_{v_2} = K_{v_3} = K_{v_4} = K.$$

Thus, we have the following field tower for  $K/k$  :

$$k = Q \subseteq K_Z \subseteq K_T \subseteq K_{v_1} \subseteq K_{v_2} \subseteq K_{v_3} \subseteq K_{v_4} \subseteq K$$

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b Let  $p = P_1 P_2$  (unramified) for  $-(d_1/p) = -(d_2/p) = (d_3/p) = 1$ . Here  $e_1 = e_2 = 1$ ,  $f_1 = f_2 = 2$  and  $g = 2$ . Again from  $|G/G_Z| = g = 2$ , we have:  $|K_Z/k| = 2$  and by (1.3b)  $K_Z = k_3 = Q(\sqrt{d_3})$ . From  $|G_Z/G_T| = f = 1$  then  $|K_Z/K_T| = 2$  and then  $K_T = K$ . Using the same proof as above:  $K_{v_1} = K_{v_2} = K_{v_3} = K_{v_4} = K$ . This produces the following tower fields for  $K/k$  :

$$k = Q \subseteq K_Z \subseteq K_T \subseteq K_{v_1} \subseteq K_{v_2} \subseteq K_{v_3} \subseteq K_{v_4} \subseteq K$$

$$Q \subseteq k_3 \subseteq K = K = K = K = K = K = K.$$

c  $p = P_1^2 \cdot P_2^2$ , where  $p$  is odd and  $p|d_1, p|d_2, p|d_3$  and  $(d_3/p) = 1$ . Here  $e_1 = e_2 = 2$  and  $f_1 = f_2 = 1$  and so  $g = 2$ . Since again  $|G/G_Z| = g = 2$  then  $|K_Z/k| = 2$  and by (1.3b)  $K_Z = k_3 = Q(\sqrt{d_3})$ . From  $|G_Z/G_T| = f = 1$  then  $K_T = K_Z = k_3 = Q(\sqrt{d_3})$ . From  $|G_T| = e = 2 = e_0 \cdot p^w = 1 \cdot 2^1$  then by (1.3i)  $|G_{v_r}/G_{v_{r+1}}| = p^{w_r} = 2^1$  and from here for  $r = 0$ :

$|G_{r_0}/G_{v_1}| = |K_{v_1}/K_T| = 2$  and thus  $K_{v_1} = K$  and also  $K_{v_2} = K_{v_3} = K_{v_4} = K$ , because  $|G_{v_r}/G_{v_{r+1}}| = |K_{v_{r+1}}/k_{v_r}| = 2^0 = 1$  which produces the following tower fields for  $K/k$

$$k = Q \subseteq k_Z \subseteq k_T \subseteq k_{v_1} \subseteq k_{v_2} \subseteq k_{v_3} \subseteq k_{v_4} \subseteq K$$

$$Q \subseteq K_3 = k_3 \subseteq K = K = K = K = K.$$

d.  $p = P_1^2$  for  $p$  odd,  $p|d_1, p|d_2, p|d_3, (d_3/p) = -1$  with the same proof as above, the following tower fields are produced.

$$K_Z = Q, K_T = k_3, \text{ and } K_{v_1} = K_{v_2} = K_{v_3} = K_{v_4} = K.$$

e.  $P = p_1^2 p_2^2$ , and  $d_1 \equiv d_2 \equiv 1^2 \pmod{16}, d_3 \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$  produces the tower

$$k = Q \subseteq k_Z \subseteq k_T \subseteq K_{v_1} \subseteq K_{v_2} \subseteq K_{v_3} \subseteq K_{v_4} \subseteq K$$

$$Q = Q \subseteq k_3 \subseteq K = K = K = K = K.$$

f.  $p = p_1^2$  for  $d_1 \equiv d_2 \equiv 12 \pmod{16}, d_3 \equiv 5 \pmod{8}$ . Here  $e = 2$  and  $g = 1$  then  $f = 2$ . From  $|G/G_Z| = g = |K_Z/Q| = 1, K_Z = Q$  and by  $|G_Z/G_T| = f = |K_T/K_Z| = 2, K_T$  is a quadratic extension over  $Q$ , then by (1.3c)  $K_T = k_3, e = 2 = e^0 \cdot p^w = 1 \cdot 2^w$  and  $|G_{v_r}/G_{v_{r+1}}| = 2^{w_r}$  where  $\Sigma w_r = w$  and  $w_r \geq 0$ . From  $|G_{v_0}/G_{v_1}| = |K_{v_1}/K_T| = 2^0 = 1, K_{v_1} = k_3. |G_{v_2}/G_{v_1}| = 2^1 = |K_{v_2}/G_{v_1}| = 2$ , then  $K_{v_2} = K$ , and with some proof  $K_{v_2} = K_{v_3} = K_{v_4} = K$  producing

$$k = Q \subseteq K_Z \subseteq K_T \subseteq K_{v_1} \subseteq K_{v_2} \subseteq K_{v_3} \subseteq K_{v_4} \subseteq K$$

$$Q = Q \subseteq k_3 = k_3 \subseteq K = K = K = K = K.$$

g.  $p = p_1^2 p_2^2$  for  $d_1 \equiv d_2 \equiv 8 \pmod{16}, d_3 \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$  has the same tower fields as e.

h.  $p = p_1^2$ , for  $d_1 \equiv d_2 \equiv 8 \pmod{16}, d_3 \equiv 5 \pmod{8}$  also has the same Hilbert sequence as f.

i.  $p = p_1^4$  for  $d_1 \equiv d_2 \equiv 8 \pmod{16}, d_3 \equiv 12 \pmod{8}$  has the following tower fields

$$k = Q \subseteq k_Z \subseteq K_T \subseteq K_{v_1} \subseteq K_{v_2} \subseteq K_{v_3} \subseteq K_{v_4} \subseteq K$$

$$Q = Q = Q = Q \subseteq k_3 = k_3 \subseteq K = K.$$

We showed in the above cases, if the prime ideal  $p$  of  $k$  does not split into  $n$  distinct prime factors of  $K$ , how we can build intermediate fields  $K_Z, K_T, K_{v_0}, \dots$  where splitting of prime  $p$  occurs.

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