THE INTERSECTION OF NORM GROUPS(1)

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1. **Introduction.** Let Λ be a *global field* (either a finite extension of **Q** or a field of algebraic functions in one variable over a finite field) or a *local field* (a local completion of a global field). Let $C(\Lambda, n)$ (respectively: $A(\Lambda, n)$, $N(\Lambda, n)$ and $E(\Lambda, n)$) be the set of $\lambda \in \Lambda$ such that λ is the norm of every cyclic (respectively: abelian, normal and arbitrary) extension of Λ of degree n. We show that

$$(*) \qquad C(\Lambda, n) = A(\Lambda, n) = N(\Lambda, n) = E(\Lambda, n) = \Lambda^n$$

is "almost" true for any global or local field and any natural number n. For example, we prove (*) if Λ is a number field and $8 \nmid n$ or if Λ is a function field and n is arbitrary.

In the case when (*) is false we are still able to determine $C(\Lambda, n)$ precisely. It then turns out that there is a specified $\lambda_0 \in \Lambda$ such that

$$C(\Lambda,n) = \lambda_0^{n/2}\Lambda^n \cup \Lambda^n.$$

Since we always have

$$C(\Lambda,n) \supset A(\Lambda,n) \supset N(\Lambda,n) \supset E(\Lambda,n) \supset \Lambda^n,$$

there are thus two possibilities for each of the three middle sets. Determining which is true seems to be a delicate question; our results on this problem, which are incomplete, are presented in §5.

2. **Preliminaries.** We consider an algebraic number field Λ as a subfield of the field of all complex numbers. If p is a nonarchimedean prime of Λ then there is a natural injection $\Lambda \to \Lambda_p$ where Λ_p denotes the completion of Λ at p. We regard Λ as a subfield of Λ_p by means of this injection. For example, "$\sec(2\pi/256) \in \Lambda$" makes sense and if it is true then "$\sec(2\pi/256) \in \Lambda_p$" makes sense and is true.

If Ω is a field we also denote the multiplicative group of the field by Ω; the resulting danger of confusion is trivial. If Λ is a finite extension of Ω then $N_{\Lambda/\Omega}$ is the norm function $N_{\Lambda/\Omega} : \Lambda \to \Omega$, defined by setting $N_{\Lambda/\Omega}(\lambda) =$ determinant

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of the endomorphism of Λ (regarded as a vector space over Ω) induced by multiplication by λ. If n is a natural number Ω^n is the set of ω^n with $\omega \in \Omega$.

$\mathbf{I}$ denotes the ring of all algebraic integers and so $\Omega \cap \mathbf{I}$ is the ring of integers of Ω. $\mathbf{Q}$ denotes the field of the rational numbers, and we set $\mathbf{Z} = \mathbf{Q} \cap \mathbf{I}$. $\mathbf{J}$ denotes the set of the natural numbers. If $a,b \in \mathbf{J}$ then "$a \mid b$" means that there exists $c \in \mathbf{J}$ such that $b = ac$; "$a \nmid b$" means that $a \mid b$ is false. If $a, b \in \mathbf{Z}$ then $\langle a,b \rangle$ denotes the set of $c \in \mathbf{Z}$ such that $a \leqq c \leqq b$.

If Λ is an algebraic number field then an even prime of Λ means a prime ideal of $\Lambda \cap \mathbf{I}$ containing 2.

Lemma 1. *Let Λ be a field. For each $n \in \mathbf{J}$, let X_n be a nonempty class of finite extensions of Λ such that if p is a prime in $\mathbf{J}$ and $p^r \mid n$ but $p^{r+1} \nmid n$ then, for every $\Omega \in X_{p^r}$, there exists $\Sigma \in X_n$ so that $\Omega \subset \Sigma$. Let B_n be the set of $\lambda \in \Lambda$ such that $\lambda \in N_{\Omega/\Lambda}(\Omega)$ for all $\Omega \in X_n$.*

Then if

$$B_n \subset \Lambda^n \tag{*}$$

when n is a power of a prime, (*) is true for all $n \in \mathbf{J}$.

Proof. We assume (*) is true for prime powers and decompose n into the product of powers of distinct primes

$$n = P_1 \cdots P_s.$$

Suppose $\omega \in B_n$. Let $i \in \langle 1,s \rangle$ and let $\Omega \in X_{P_i}$. Then there exists $\Sigma \in X_n$ so that $\Omega \subset \Sigma$. It follows that $\omega \in N_{\Sigma/\Lambda}(\Sigma) = N_{\Omega/\Lambda}(N_{\Sigma/\Omega}(\Sigma)) \subset N_{\Omega/\Lambda}(\Omega)$.

Thus $\omega \in B_{P_i} \subset \Lambda^{P_i}$. Hence, for each $i \in \langle 1,s \rangle$ there exists $\omega_i \in \Lambda$ so that $\omega = \omega_i^{P_i}$. Now for $i \in \langle 1,s \rangle$ there are $a_i \in \mathbf{Z}$ such that

$$a_1(n/P_1) + a_2(n/P_2) + \cdots + a_s(n/P_s) = 1,$$

and we have

$$\omega = (\omega_1^{a_1}\omega_2^{a_2}\cdots \omega_s^{a_s})^n \in \Lambda^n.$$

We have shown $B_n \subset \Lambda^n$ for all $n \in \mathbf{J}$, proving the lemma.

Remark. Retaining the hypothesis of the lemma, suppose further that Λ is a number field. Let B'_n be the set of $\lambda \in \Lambda \cap \mathbf{I}$ such that $\lambda \in N_{\Omega/\Lambda}(\Omega \cap \mathbf{I})$ for all $\Omega \in X_n$. Then if

$$B'_n \subset (\Lambda^n \cap \mathbf{I}) \tag{**}$$

when n is a power of a prime, (**) is true for all $n \in \mathbf{J}$. The proof is analogous to the proof of the lemma.

3. The local case.

Theorem 1. *If Λ is a local field and $n \in \mathbf{J}$ then*

$$A(\Lambda,n) = \Lambda\ ,$$

i.e.,

(*)
$$\bigcap N_{\Omega/\Lambda}(\Omega) = \Lambda^n,$$

where the intersection is extended over all abelian extension Ω/Λ of degree n. Furthermore, (*) is true if the intersection is taken over all cyclic extensions Ω of degree dividing n.

Proof. Both results are evident when Λ is either the complex numbers or the real numbers. Thus we assume Λ is a nonarchimedean local field. Let P be a power of a rational prime. First, assume that the characteristic of Λ does not divide P.

As is proved in the introductory part of [2] we have

(1)
$$(\Lambda:\Lambda^P) = \frac{P}{|P|} \cdot \int_P$$

where $\int_P$ is the number of Pth roots of unity of Λ and where $|\ \ |$ is the normed absolute value of Λ, determined by the condition that the reciprocal of the absolute value of a generator of the prime of Λ is equal to the order of its residue class field. Since we are assuming that P is not a multiple of the characteristic, $(\Lambda:\Lambda^P) < \infty$ and it follows from the existence theorem, as stated in Theorem 14 of [6], that there exists an abelian extension Ω of Λ such that

$$\Lambda^P = N_{\Omega/\Lambda}(\Omega).$$

By the local reciprocity law, the galois group B of Ω/Λ is isomorphic to

$$\Lambda/N_{\Omega/\Lambda}(\Omega) = \Lambda/\Lambda^P,$$

and hence the exponent P' of B divides P. Since B is abelian, there exist cyclic subgroups C_i of B for $i \in \langle 1,t \rangle$ so that

$$B = C_1 \cdots C_t \text{ (direct).}$$

Thus there exist cyclic extensions Γ_i of Λ such that Ω is the composite of the Γ_i and such that the galois group of Γ_i/Λ is canonically isomorphic with C_i for $i \in \langle 1,t \rangle$.

From the local class field theory, we know that the norm group of the composite of abelian extensions is the intersection of the norm groups:

(2)
$$\bigcap_{i=1}^{t} N_{\Gamma_i/\Lambda}(\Gamma_i) = N_{\Omega/\Lambda}(\Omega) = \Lambda^P.$$

Since the order of C_i divides the exponent P' of B, it divides P. Thus the index of $C_1 \cdots C_{i-1} C_{i+1} \cdots C_t$ in B is a divisor of P. By (1), the order of B is a multiple of P. It follows from these two facts that there is a subgroup B_i of $C_1 \cdots C_{i-1} C_{i+1} \cdots C_t$ whose index in B is P. The fixed field Σ_i of B_i contains Γ_i and $[\Sigma\colon\Lambda] = P$. Thus

$$A(\Lambda,n) \subset \bigcap_{i=1}^{t} N_{\Sigma_{i/\Lambda}}(\Sigma_i) \subset \bigcap_{i=1}^{t} N_{\Gamma_{i/\Lambda}}(\Gamma_i) = \Lambda^P,$$

and so

$$A(\Lambda,n) = \bigcap_{i=1}^{t} N_{\Sigma_{i/\Lambda}}(\Sigma_i) = \bigcap_{i=1}^{t} N_{\Gamma_{i/\Lambda}}(\Gamma_i) = \Lambda^P. \tag{3}$$

Now suppose that P is a power of the characteristic p of Λ. For each $m \in \mathbf{J}$, we let W_m denote the set of $w \in \Lambda$ such that $w - 1 \in Y^m$, where Y denotes the prime ideal of the valuation ring R of Λ. Let y be a generator of the principal ideal Y and let T be the cyclic group of powers of y. Let U be the group of units of R. Then

$$\Lambda = TU \text{ (direct)}$$

and so

$$\Lambda^P = T^P U^P \text{ (direct)}.$$

Thus

$$\Lambda/\Lambda^P W_m = Z_P \cdot U/U^P W_m \text{ (direct)},$$

for all $m \in \mathbf{J}$, where Z_P is a cyclic group of order P.

Now $(U:U^P W_m) \leqq (U:W_m) = q^m - q^{m-1}$. We assert that $(U:U^P W_m)$ becomes arbitrarily large for sufficiently large m. We have $(U:U^P W_m) \geqq (W_1:W_1 \cap U^P W_m)$. But $W_1 \cap U^P W_m = W_1^P W_m$, so that $(U:U^P W_m) \geqq (W_1:W_1^P W_m)$. Now suppose that $(W_1:W_1^P W_{m+1}) = (W_1:W_1^P W_m)$. Then $W_m \subset W_1^P W_{m+1}$. Hence there exist $e \in \mathbf{J}$, $\gamma \in U$ and $\omega \in R$ such that $1 + y^m = (1 + \gamma y^e)^P (1 + \omega y^{m+1})$. This gives $y^m = \gamma^P y^{eP} + \omega y^{m+1} + \gamma^P \omega^{eP+m+1}$, whence $eP = m$. Thus if m is not divisible by P then $(W_1:W_1^P W_{m+1}) > (W_1:W_1^P W_m)$. This establishes our assertion.

Thus $(\Lambda:\Lambda^P W_m) = P \cdot (U:U^P W_m)$ is finite for each $m \in \mathbf{J}$, but becomes arbitrarily large for sufficiently large m. Since $\Lambda/\Lambda^P W_m$ has exponent dividing P, $(\Lambda:\Lambda^P W_m)$ is a power of p which is a multiple of P for m sufficiently large, say $m > M$.

The existence theorem of the local class field theory, in the case of a subgroup of Λ of index a power of the characteristic, as stated in Theorem 15 of Chapter 6 of [6], applies when the subgroup contains W_m for some $m \in \mathbf{J}$. Hence there exists an abelian extension Ω of Λ such that

$$N_{\Omega/\Lambda}(\Omega) = \Lambda^P W_{m_0},$$

where $m_0 > M$, and

$$P \mid [\Omega : \Lambda].$$

Let B be the galois group of Ω/Λ. As before, there exist cyclic extensions Γ_i of Λ with galois groups canonically isomorphic to C_i for $i \in \langle 1,t \rangle$ where

$$B = C_1 \cdots C_t \text{ (direct)}$$

and $(C_i : 1) \mid P$. Now we have

$$\bigcap_{i=1}^{t} N_{\Gamma_{i/\Lambda}}(\Gamma_i) = \Lambda^P W_{m_0}.$$

Since $[\Gamma_i : \Lambda] \mid P$ and $P \mid [\Omega : \Lambda]$ and Ω/Λ is abelian, there exist abelian extensions Σ_i/Λ such that $\Omega \supset \Sigma_i \supset \Gamma_i \supset \Lambda$ and $[\Sigma_i : \Lambda] = P$ for $i \in \langle 1,t \rangle$. We have

$$N_{\Omega/\Lambda}(\Omega) = \bigcap_{i=t}^{t} N_{\Sigma_{i/\Lambda}}(\Sigma_i) = \bigcap_{i=1}^{t} N_{\Gamma_{i/\Lambda}}(\Gamma_i) = \Lambda^P W_{m_0}.$$

By combining these facts for each $m > M$ and changing notation slightly we see that there exist cyclic extensions $\Gamma_{i/\Lambda}$ and abelian extensions $\Sigma_{i/\Lambda}$ with

$$\Omega \supset \Sigma_i \supset \Gamma_i \supset \Lambda \text{ and } [\Sigma_i : \Lambda] = P,$$

for all $i \in \mathbf{J}$, such that

$$(4) \qquad N_{\Omega/\Lambda}(\Omega) = \bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} N_{\Sigma_{i/\Lambda}}(\Sigma_i) = \bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} N_{\Gamma_{i/\Lambda}}(\Gamma_i) = \bigcap_{m>M} \Lambda^P W_m.$$

Let $\lambda \in \bigcap_{m>M} \Lambda^P W_m$.

There exists an $h \in \mathbf{Z}$ such that $\lambda y^{Ph} \in \bigcap_{m>M} U^P W_m$, because $\lambda y^{Ph} \in U$ for some $h \in \mathbf{Z}$. Thus, for each $m > M$, there exist $u_m \in U$ and $w_m \in W_m$ such that

$$\lambda y^{Ph} = u_m^P w_m.$$

From the definition of W_m, the sequence (w_m) converges to 1 with respect to the valuation of Λ. Hence the sequence (u_m^P) converges (to λy^{Ph}) and therefore is a Cauchy sequence. Since $u_m^P - u_n^P = (u_m - u_n)^P$, it follows that the sequence (u_m) is also a Cauchy sequence. Thus (u_m) converges to a limit $u \in \Lambda^P$. It follows that

$$\bigcap_{m>M} \Lambda^P W_m \subset \Lambda^P.$$

In view of (3), (4) and Lemma 1 of §2 we have established the theorem.

4. The global case.

4.1. *Some lemmas from the literature.* We collect some lemmas which will be used in proving Theorem 2. We either give the proof or give a specific reference (not necessarily the original source). Throughout this section, Λ denotes a fixed global field, and n will always denote a natural number.

We set $\mathbf{E}_n = \exp(2\pi i/2^n)$, $\mathbf{V}_n = 2 + \mathbf{E}_n + 1/\mathbf{E}_n$ and, if $n \geqq 2$,

$$\mathbf{W}_n = \left[\frac{2}{\mathbf{E}_{n+1} + 1/\mathbf{E}_{n+1}} \right]^2 = \frac{4}{\mathbf{V}_n} = \left[\frac{2}{\mathbf{V}_{n+1} - 2} \right]^2.$$

If Λ is a number field we set $s = s(\Lambda) =$ largest $a \in \mathbf{Z}$ such that $\mathbf{V}_a \in \Lambda$. We have $s \geqq 2$ and $\mathbf{V}_a \in \Lambda$ for $a \in \langle 0,s \rangle$ since $\mathbf{V}_a = [\mathbf{V}_{a+1} - 2]^2$. We set $S_0 = S_0(\Lambda)$ = the set of those even primes p of Λ for which -1, $\mathbf{V}_s$, $-\mathbf{V}_s \notin \Lambda_p^2$. We set $t(n) =$ largest $b \in \mathbf{Z}$ such that $2^b \mid n$.

LEMMA 3. *If Λ is a number field, $p \in S_0$ and $t(n) > 0$ then $\mathbf{V}_s^{n/2} \notin \Lambda_p^n$.*

Proof. Suppose $\mathbf{V}_s^{n/2} = \lambda^n$, for some $\lambda \in \Lambda_p$. Setting $t = t(n)$, we have that $n = 2^t m$ where m is odd and

$$[\mathbf{V}_s^{2^{t-1}}]^m = [\lambda^m]^{2^t}.$$

This implies that

$$\mathbf{V}_s^{2^{t-1}} = \omega^{2^t} \text{ for some } \omega \in \Lambda_p;$$

in fact, for $\omega = \mathbf{V}_s^{K2^{t-1}} \lambda^{hm}$, where $hm + K2^t = 1$. Hence $\mathbf{V}_s = \zeta\omega^2$ where ζ is a 2^{t-1}th root of unity. But this relation implies $\zeta \in \Lambda_p$ and hence $\zeta = \pm 1$ since $-1 \notin \Lambda_p^2$ by the first requirement for p to be in S_0. But $\mathbf{V}_s = \pm\omega^2$ means $\pm\mathbf{V}_s \in \Lambda_p^2$, contradicting one of the remaining requirements for p to be in S_0. This completes the proof.

LEMMA 4. *Let S be a finite set of primes of Λ. Then $\Lambda \cap \bigcap_{p \notin S} \Lambda_p^n = \Lambda^n$ except in the special case when*

(1) *Λ is a number field,*

(2) *$t(n) > s$,*

(3) *$-1, \mathbf{V}_s, -\mathbf{V}_s, \notin \Lambda^2$,*

(4) *$S_0 \subset S$.*

In this special case

$$\Lambda \cap \bigcap_{p \notin S} \Lambda_p^n = \mathbf{W}_s^{n/2} \Lambda^n \cup \Lambda^n \neq \Lambda^n.$$

REMARK. Lemma 4 appears as Theorem 1 of Chapter 10 of [2]. We mention that the number $\mathbf{W}_s$ is an integer of Λ which is divisible only by even primes of Λ. First $\mathbf{W}_s = 4/\mathbf{V}_s \in \Lambda$. Second, $\mathbf{W}_s^{2^s} = [2/(1 + \mathbf{B}_s)]^{2^{s+1}}$; but we can show recursively that if ζ_s is any primitive 2^sth root of unity (e.g., $-\mathbf{E}_s$) then $[1 - \zeta_s]^{2^{s-1}} = 2u_s$ where u_s is a unit. In fact,

$$[1 - \zeta_{s+1}]^2 \ [1 + \zeta_{s+1}]^{2^s} = [1 - \zeta_s]^2 = [1 - \zeta_s]^{2^{s-1}} 2u_s,$$

whence

$$[1 - \zeta_{s+1}]^{2^s} = 2u_s \left[\frac{1 - \zeta_s}{[1 + \zeta_{s+1}]^2} \right]^{2^{s-1}} = 2u_s \left[\frac{1 - \zeta_{s+1}}{1 + \zeta_{s+1}} \right]^{2^{s-1}}.$$

Since $-\zeta_{s+1}$ and ζ_{s+1} are powers of each other $(1 - \zeta_{s+1})/(1 + \zeta_{s+1})$ is a unit; the fact we have mentioned follows from this.

We also need Theorem 5 of Chapter 10 of [2] which we state as

LEMMA 5 (GRUNWALD-WANG). *Let S be a finite set of primes of Λ, c_p a character of Λ_p of period n_p for each $p \in S$ and n the least common multiple of the n_p's.*

Then there exists a character c of the idèle class group of Λ whose local restrictions at $p \in S$ are the given c_p. The period of c can be made n provided that if Λ, n and S are as in the special case of Lemma 4 (or in other words, if $\Lambda \cap \bigcap_{p \notin S} \Lambda_p^n \neq \Lambda^n$) then

$$\prod_{p\in S_0} c_p(\mathbf{V}_s^{n/2})=1\,;$$

here, an empty product is understood to represent 1.

COROLLARY. *Under the same conditions, the period of c can be made any multiple m of n.*

Proof. We set $S' = S \cup \{q\}$, where q is any prime of Λ such that $q \notin S \cup S_0$. We further set c_q equal to the character of Λ_q defining the (cyclic) unramified extension of degree m. Applying the lemma to Λ, m and S' yields the corollary.

4.2. *The determination of* $C(\Lambda,n)$. As in the introduction, we denote by $C(\Lambda,n)$ the intersection of the norm groups of all cyclic extensions of degree n over Λ.

LEMMA 6. $C(\Lambda,n) \subset \Lambda \cap \bigcap_{p\notin S_0} \Lambda_p$.

Proof. Let $\lambda \in C(\Lambda,n)$. Let p be an arbitrary prime of Λ such that $p \notin S_0$ and let Σ be an arbitrary cyclic extension of Λ_p of degree dividing n. Let c_p be the character of Λ_p corresponding to the cyclic extension Σ/Λ_p. Then, by the Corollary to Lemma 5, there exists a global character c on the idèle class group of Λ whose local restriction at p is c_p and whose period is n. This c defines a cyclic extension Γ/Λ of degree n such that $\Gamma_{\bar{p}} = \Sigma$ where $\bar{p}$ is a prime of Γ above p. Now

$$\lambda \in C(\Lambda,n) \subset N_{\Gamma/\Lambda}(\Gamma) \subset N_{\Gamma_{\bar{p}}/\Lambda_p}(\Gamma_{\bar{p}} = N_{\Sigma/\Lambda_p}(\Sigma).$$

Since Σ is an arbitrary cyclic extension of Λ_p of degree dividing n, we have from Theorem 1 of §3 that $\lambda \in \Lambda_p^n$. Thus we have $\lambda \in \Lambda \cap \bigcap_{p\notin S_0}\Lambda_p^n$, and we have proved the lemma.

REMARK. Lemmas 4 and 6 together give an estimate of $C(\Lambda,n)$. Namely,

$$\Lambda^n \subset C(\Lambda,n) \subset \mathbf{W}_s^{n/2}\Lambda^n \cup \Lambda^n$$

always, and $C(\Lambda,n) = \Lambda^n$ except, perhaps, when Λ and n satisfy 1, 2 and 3 of Lemma 4. We sharpen this estimate to determine $C(\Lambda,n)$ exactly.

THEOREM 2. $C(\Lambda,n) = \Lambda^n$ *except in the special case when*

(1) Λ *is a number field,*

(2) $t(n) > s$,

(3) S_0 *has precisely one member or* S_0 *is empty but* -1, $\mathbf{V}(s)$, $-\mathbf{V}(s) \notin \Lambda^2$.

In this special case,

$$C(\Lambda,n) = \mathbf{W}_s^{n/2}\,\Lambda^n \cup \Lambda^n \neq \Lambda^n.$$

Proof. The last inequality follows from the last inequality of Lemma 4, since, if $S_0 = \{p\}$, -1, $\mathbf{V}_s$, $-\mathbf{V}_s \notin \Lambda_p^2$ and so, a fortiori, -1, $\mathbf{V}_s$, $-\mathbf{V}_s \in \Lambda^2$.

For the proof of the rest of the result, it suffices, by the remark preceding the theorem, to assume Λ is a number field, $t(n) > s$ and then to prove that

$$\mathbf{W}^{n/2} \in C(\Lambda,n)$$

if, and only if, S_0 has at most one member.

Suppose that S_0 has at least 2 members, say

$$S_0 = \{p_1, p_2, \cdots, p_k\}, \text{ where } k \geqq 2.$$

For $i \in \langle 1,k \rangle$ let Λ_i denote the completion of Λ at p_i. For $i \in \langle 1,2 \rangle$ (in particular) we have $\mathbf{V}_s^{n/2} \notin \Lambda_i^n$ by Lemma 3. By Theorem 1 of §3 there exists a cyclic extension Γ_i of Λ_i of degree dividing n such that $\mathbf{V}_s^{n/2} \notin N_{\Gamma_{i/\Lambda_i}}(\Gamma_i)$, for $i \in \langle 1,2 \rangle$. Let $\Gamma_i = \Lambda_i$ for $i \in \langle 3,k \rangle$. Letting c_i be the character of Λ_i defining Γ_i, for each $i \in \langle 1,k \rangle$, we may apply the Corollary to Lemma 5 and obtain a global character c whose local restriction at p_i is c_i. The period of c can be taken to be any multiple of all the periods of the c_i, provided that

$$\prod_{i=1}^{k} c_i(\mathbf{V}_s^{n/2}) = 1.$$

This proviso is satisfied, because, for $i \in \langle 3,k \rangle$, c_i is identically 1, while, for $i \in \langle 1,2 \rangle$, we have $c_i(\mathbf{V}_s^{n/2}) = -1$, since $\mathbf{V}_s^{n/2} \notin N_{\Gamma_{i/\Lambda_i}}(\Gamma_i)$, by the choice of Γ_i, while

$$[\mathbf{V}_s^{n/2}]^2 = \mathbf{V}_s^n \in \Lambda_i^n \subset N_{\Gamma_{i/\Lambda_i}}(\Gamma_i).$$

Since $[\Gamma_i : \Lambda_i] \mid n$, for $i \in \langle 1,k \rangle$, we may take the period of c to be n. Thus c defines a cyclic extension Γ/Λ of degree n such that (in particular) the completion of Γ at a prime above p_1 is Γ_1. Now

$$\mathbf{W}_s^{n/2} = \frac{2^n}{\mathbf{V}_s^{n/2}} \notin N_{\Gamma_{1/\Lambda}}(\Gamma_1);$$

a fortiori,

$$\mathbf{W}_s^{n/2} \notin M_{\Gamma/\Lambda}(\Gamma).$$

We have shown that if $\mathbf{W}_s^{n/2} \in C(\Lambda,n)$ then S_0 has at most one member.

Conversely, assume S_0 has at most one member and let Γ/Λ be a cyclic extension of degree n with galois group C. We must show $\mathbf{W}_s^{n/2} \in N_{\Gamma/\Lambda}(\Gamma)$. Using the formulation of Artin's reciprocity theorem as given in [5],

$$\psi_{\Gamma/\Lambda} : J_\Lambda \to C$$

be the reciprocity map, where J_Λ is the idèle group of Λ, and we let $\psi_{\Gamma/\Lambda,q}$ be the local reciprocity map for each prime q of Λ. Identifying Λ with a subgroup of J_Λ in the natural way, we have

$$(*) \qquad 1 = \psi_{\Gamma/\Lambda}(\mathbf{W}_s^{n/2}) = \prod_q \psi_{\Gamma/\Lambda,q}(\mathbf{W}_s^{n/2}),$$

where the product is extended over all primes q of Λ. Since

$$\ker(\psi_{\Gamma/\Lambda,q}) = N_{\Gamma_{\bar{q}}/\Lambda_q}(\Gamma_q) \supset \Lambda_q^n$$

where $\bar{q}$ is a prime of Γ above q, we have (using Lemma 4)

$$(**) \qquad \psi_{\Gamma/\Lambda,q}(\mathbf{W}_s^{n/2}) = 1,$$

except for at most one q. But then (*) shows (**) must hold for this q also. It follows that $\mathbf{W}_s^{n/2}$ is a norm of every local completion of Γ. Since Γ/Λ is cyclic $\mathbf{W}_s^{n/2}$ must be a norm of Γ by the Hasse Norm Theorem. This completes the proof.

EXAMPLES. 1. $S_0(\mathbf{Q})$ has one member, (2). This follows from the fact that (2) is the unique even prime of $\mathbf{Q}$, while $\Gamma(\sqrt{-1})$, $\mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{\mathbf{V}_2}) = \mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{2})$ and $\mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{-\mathbf{V}_2}) = \mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{-2})$ are ramified of degree 2 at (2), so that $-1, \mathbf{V}_2, -\mathbf{V}_2 \notin \mathbf{Q}_{(2)}^2$. Since $\mathbf{V}_3 = 2/\sqrt{2} + 2 \notin \mathbf{Q}$, $s(\mathbf{Q}) = 2$. Thus $\Lambda = \mathbf{Q}$ and $n = 8$ provide an example where the special conditions of Theorem 2 are satisfied with S_0 having precisely one member.

2. $S_0(\mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{7}))$ is empty. Since $7 \equiv 3 \mod 4$, $\mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{7})$ is ramified of degree 2 above (2), and so $\mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{7})$ has a unique even prime, say p. But since $-7 \equiv 1 \mod 8$, $-7 \in \mathbf{Q}_{(2)}^2 \subset \mathbf{Q}_p(\sqrt{7})^2$. Since $7 \in \mathbf{Q}_p(\sqrt{7})^2$, we have $-1 \in \mathbf{Q}_p(\sqrt{7})^2$, proving the assertion. Thus $\Lambda = \mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{7})$, $n = 8$ is an example where the special conditions of Theorem 2 are satisfied with $S_0(\mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{7}))$ empty but -1, $\mathbf{V}_2 = 2$, $-\mathbf{V}_2 = -2 \notin \mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{7})^2$.

3. For $\Lambda = \mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{-1})$ and n arbitrary, the special conditions of Theorem 2 are not satisfied; yet $S_0(\mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{-1}))$ is empty.

4. For Λ arbitrary and $8 \nmid n$, the special conditions of Theorem 2 are not satisfied, and yet $S_0(k)$ may have precisely one member; for example, if $\Lambda = \mathbf{Q}$.

5. $S_0(\mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{-7}))$ has 2 members. In fact, $-7 \in \mathbf{Q}_{(2)}$, and so (2) splits into 2 distinct primes, say p_1 and p_2. Since $\mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{-1})$, $\mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{2})$, $\mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{-2})$ are ramified of degree 2 over (2), we have $-1, 2, -2 \notin \mathbf{Q}_{(2)}^2 = \mathbf{Q}_{p_i}(\sqrt{-7})^2$, for $i \in \langle 1,2 \rangle$. Thus $\Lambda = \mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{-7})$ and n arbitrary is an example where the special conditions of Theorem 2 are not satisfied, because $S_0(\mathbf{Q}\sqrt{-7})$ has more than one member.

REMARK. By these examples, it follows that, for number fields, the conditions 2 and 3 of Theorem 2 are independent and irredundant.

5. **Further results and unsolved problems in the number field case.** Throughout this section, Λ denotes a fixed number field. We define $s = s(\Lambda)$, $S_0 = S_0(\Lambda)$, $C(\Lambda,n)$ and $t(n)$ as in Chapter 4. We let $E(\Lambda,n)$ be the intersection of the norm groups of all extensions of Λ of degree n. We always have

$$\Lambda^n \subset E(\Lambda,n) \subset C(\Lambda,n);$$

we can strengthen this, but we need a well-known auxiliary result.

LEMMA 7. *If L is an algebraic number field, π a prime of L and G/L_π an extension of degree n, there exists an extension S/L of degree n and a prime $\bar{\pi}$ of S above π so that $S_{\bar{\pi}} = G$.*

Proof. Let $G = L_\pi(\alpha)$ and let f be the monic irreducible polynomial for α over L_π. Then it follows from Theorems 9 and 10 of Chapter 2 of [1] that if g

is a monic polynomial of degree n in $L_\pi[X]$ such that the coefficients of equal powers of X in f and g are sufficiently near in the valuation of L_π, then $L_\pi(\alpha) = L_\pi(\beta)$ for some root β of g. We may find such a g in $L[X] \subset L_\pi[X]$. For this g we have, for some prime $\bar{\pi}$ of $L(\beta)$ above π, $(L(\beta))_{\bar{\pi}} = L_\pi(\beta) = G$ and so $S = L(\beta)$ satisfies the requirements of the lemma.

THEOREM 3. *$E(\Lambda,n) = \Lambda^n$, unless*

(1) $t(n) > s$,

(2) *S_0 is empty.*

Proof. By Theorem 2 of §4, all we must show is that

$$\mathbf{W}_s^{n/2} \notin N_{\Gamma/\Lambda}(\Omega),$$

for some extensions Ω/Λ of degree n, assuming that $t(n) > s$ and S_0 has precisely one member p.

By Lemma 3 of §4,

$$\mathbf{W}_s^{n/2} = 2^n/\mathbf{V}_s^{n/2} \notin \Lambda_p^n.$$

By Theorem 1 of §3, there is a cyclic extension Γ/Λ_p of degree m such that $m \mid n$ and

$$(*) \qquad \mathbf{W}_s^{n/2} \notin N_{\Gamma/\Lambda_p}(\Gamma).$$

By Lemma 7, there exists an extension Σ'/Λ of degree m and a prime p' of Σ' above p so that $\Sigma'_{p'} = \Gamma$. By the Corollary to Lemma 5 of §4, there exists an (cyclic) extension Σ/Σ' of degree n/m and a prime $\bar{p}$ of Σ above p' so that $\Sigma_{\bar{p}} = \Gamma$. Using (*) and the fact that

$$N_{\Sigma/\Lambda}(\Sigma) \subset N_{\Sigma_{\bar{p}}/\Lambda_p}(\Sigma_{\bar{p}}) = N_{\Gamma/\Lambda_p}(\Gamma),$$

we have

$$\mathbf{W}_s^{n/2} \notin N_{\Sigma/\Lambda}(\Sigma).$$

Since

$$[\Sigma : \Lambda] = [\Sigma : \Sigma'] \, [\Sigma' : \Lambda] = n/m \cdot m = n,$$

the theorem is established.

REMARK. Theorem 3 gives new information in the case when $S_0(\Lambda)$ has precisely one member, e.g., if $\Lambda = \mathbf{Q}$. Thus we *now* know that while 16 is the norm of every cyclic extension of $\mathbf{Q}$ of degree 8, there is some extension of $\mathbf{Q}$ of degree 8 for which 16 is not a norm.

After Theorems 2 and 3 it is natural to attempt to determine $A(\Lambda,n)$, the intersection of the norm groups of all abelian extensions of degree n over Λ. By Theorem 2, we may restrict our attention to fields Λ and numbers n which satisfy the conditions 1, 2 and 3 of that theorem. The question hinges on whether or not $\mathbf{W}_s^{n/2}$ is the norm of every abelian extension of degree n over Λ. For example, is 16 a norm of every abelian extension of degree 8 over $\mathbf{Q}$? We do not know the answer to this question. However, we can show that 16 is not the norm of an *integer* of every abelian extension of degree 8 over **Q**. More generally, we have the following result.

THEOREM 4. *Let* Λ *be a number field such that the principal (integral) ideal* $(\mathbf{W}_s)$ *is not the square of a principal (integral) ideal of* Λ. *Then we have, for all* $n \in \mathbf{J}$,

$$(*) \qquad \bigcap N_{\Omega/\Lambda}(\mathbf{I} \cap \Omega) = (\mathbf{I} \cap \Lambda)^n = \mathbf{I} \cap \Lambda^n,$$

where the intersection is over all abelian extensions Ω/Λ *of degree* n.

Proof. By the remark following Lemma 2 of §2, we may assume n is a power of a prime and thence, by Theorem 2 of §4, we may assume n is a power of 2, $n = 2^t$. For the purpose of proving the result by induction, we must use a stronger induction hypothesis than the statement of the theorem requires; let H_t be the proposition: There exists an abelian extension Γ of degree 2^t over Λ such that the principal ideal $(\mathbf{W}_s^{2^t})$ of Λ is not the norm of the square of a principal integral ideal of Γ.

If H_t is true for all $t \in \mathbf{J}$ then $(\mathbf{W}_s)^{2^{t-1}}$ is not the norm of a principal integral ideal of Γ, where Γ satisfies H_t. Hence $\mathbf{W}^{2^{t-1}}$ is not the norm of an integer of Γ. As we know, this imples that (*) is true for $n = 2^t$.

Now H_0 is true by our assumption about Λ. We assume $t \in \mathbf{J}$ and Γ satisfies H_{t-1}.

Let $\gamma_1, \cdots, \gamma_N$ be integers of Γ such that $(\gamma_1), \cdots, (\gamma_N)$ are all the distinct principal integral ideals having norm $(\mathbf{W}_s^{2^{t-1}})$ over Λ. That there exists such an $N \in \mathbf{J}$ and γ_i for $i \in \langle 1, N \rangle$ follows from the fact that there are only a finite number of integral ideals with a given norm and from $N_{\Gamma/\Lambda}((\mathbf{W}_s)) = (\mathbf{W}^{2^{t-1}})$, which shows $N \geqq 1$.

Let U be the group of units of Γ. Since U is finitely generated, U/U^2 is finite with exponent 2 and so has a basis $u_1, \cdots, u_M$. This means that, for all $u \in U$, there exist $m_j \in \mathbf{Z}$ and $v \in U$ such that

$$u = v^2 \prod_{j=1}^{M} u_j^{m_j},$$

and if

$$u = v'^2 \prod_{j=1}^{M} u_j^{m'_j},$$

with $v' \in U$ and $m'_j \in \mathbf{Z}$, then $m_j \equiv m'_j \bmod 2$, for each j.

If $w \in U$ then $\gamma_i w \notin \Gamma^2$, for otherwise $(\gamma_i) = (\gamma_i w)$ would be the square of a principal integral ideal of Γ, so that $(\mathbf{W}_s^{2^{t-1}})$ would be the norm of the square of a principal integral ideal of Γ, contradicting our inductive hypothesis. Given an $i \in \langle 1, N \rangle$, it follows from these considerations that if

$$\gamma_i^{m_0} \prod_{j=1}^{M} u_j^{m_j} \in \Gamma^2$$

then $m_k \equiv 0 \bmod 2$, for $k \in \langle 0,M \rangle$. By Satz 169 of [4], it follows that there exists an infinite set S_i of primes of Γ such that

$$\left(\frac{\gamma_i}{P}\right) = -1$$

and

$$\left(\frac{u_j}{P}\right) = 1$$

for all $j \in \langle 1,M \rangle$ and for all $P \in S_i$ where, for $x \in \Gamma$ such that x is integral at P

$$\left(\frac{x}{P}\right) = \begin{cases} 1 \text{ if } x \equiv y^2 \bmod P \text{ for some } y \in \Gamma \cap \mathbf{I}, \\ -1 \text{ otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

For each prime P of Γ, we set $\bar{P}$ equal to the positive generator of the prime ideal of $\mathbf{Z}$ below P. Since the S_i are infinite we can recursively determine a $P \in S$ for each $i \in \langle 1,N \rangle$ such that

(i) no $(\bar{P}_i)$ ramifies in $\Gamma/\mathbf{Q}$,

(ii) $P_i \neq P_j$ if $i \neq j$.

Setting

$$d = \prod_{i=1}^{N} \bar{P}_i$$

we claim that $\Gamma(\sqrt{d})$ satisfies H_t.

$\sqrt{d} \notin \Gamma$ since $\bar{P}_i$ ramifies in $\mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{d})$. Thus $\Gamma(\sqrt{d})$ is an abelian extension of degree 2^t over Λ. Now suppose that contrary to our claim

$$(\mathbf{W}_s^{2^t}) = N_{\Gamma(\sqrt{d})/\Gamma}((\int)^2)$$

for some integral

$$\int \in \Gamma(\sqrt{d}).$$

Then

$$(\mathbf{W}^{2^{t-1}}) = N_{\Gamma(\sqrt{d})/\Lambda}((\int)) = N_{\Gamma/\Lambda}(N_{\Gamma(\sqrt{d})\Gamma}((\int))).$$

Since $N_{\Gamma(\sqrt{d})/\Gamma}((\int))$ is a principal integral ideal, there exists an $i \in \langle 1,N \rangle$ so that

$$(\gamma_i) = N_{\Gamma(\sqrt{d})/\Gamma}((\int)) = (N_{\Gamma(\sqrt{d})/\Gamma}(\int)).$$

Setting $\int = \gamma + \sqrt{d}\,\omega$ with λ, $\omega \in \Gamma$, we have

$$(\gamma_i) = (\lambda^2 - d\omega^2).$$

Thus there exists $u \in U$ such that

$$\gamma_i u = \lambda^2 - d\omega^2.$$

Hence there exist $m_j \in \mathbf{Z}$ and $w \in U$ such that

$$\gamma_i w^2 \prod_{j=1}^{M} u_j^{m_j} = \lambda^2 - d\omega^2.$$

For $\eta \in \Gamma$, let $v(\eta)$ be the order of η at P_i. Then $v(\lambda^2)$ is even and from (i) and (ii) $v(d) = 1$. Hence $v(-d\omega^2)$ is odd. Hence

$$v(\lambda^2) \neq v(-d\omega^2)$$

which implies

$$v(\lambda^2 - d\omega^2) = \min(v(\lambda^2), v(d\omega^2)).$$

Since

$$v\left(\gamma_i w^2 \prod_{j=1}^{M} u_j^{m_j}\right) \geqq 0,$$

it follows that

$$v(\lambda^2), \ v(d\omega^2) \geqq 0.$$

Thus $v(\omega^2) \geqq 0$. Hence we have

$$1 = \left[\frac{\gamma_i w^2 \prod_{j=1}^{M} u_j^{m_j}}{P_i}\right] = \left(\frac{\gamma_i}{P_i}\right)\left(\frac{w}{P_i}\right)^2 \prod_{j=1}^{M}\left(\frac{u_j}{P_i}\right)^{m_j} = \left(\frac{\gamma_i}{P_i}\right) = -1,$$

a contradiction.

Thus $\Gamma(\sqrt{d})$ does satisfy H_t, and Theorem 4 is proved.

REMARK. For the field $\mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{7})$, for example, the indeterminateness of $A(\mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{7}), n)$ and $E(\mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{7}), n)$ when $8 \mid n$ persists. For we have seen (Example 2 of Chapter 4) that $S_0(\mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{7}))$ is empty, so that Theorem 3 does not apply. Also we have noted that $\mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{7})$ ramifies above (2), so that $(2) = p^2$. Since $\mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{7}) \cap \mathbf{I}$ is a unique factorization domain, p is principal, and so Theorem 4 does not apply.

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