

MODULE STRUCTURE  
OF INTEGERS IN METACYCLIC EXTENSIONS

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**0. Introduction.** Let  $L/k$  be a finite extension of algebraic number fields. Let  $\mathfrak{D}_L$  and  $\mathfrak{o}$  denote the rings of integers in  $L$  and  $k$ , respectively. As an  $\mathfrak{o}$ -module,  $\mathfrak{D}_L$  is completely determined by  $[L : k]$  and its Steinitz class  $C(L, k)$  (see [FT], Theorem 13). Now let  $G$  be a finite group containing a normal subgroup  $H$ . Then we have an exact sequence of groups

$$\Sigma : 1 \rightarrow H \rightarrow G \rightarrow G/H \rightarrow 1.$$

With  $k$  as above, fix a normal extension  $E/k$  with Galois group  $\text{Gal}(E/k) \simeq G/H$ . Suppose  $L/k$  is a normal extension such that  $E \subseteq L$ , and there exists an isomorphism  $\phi_L : \text{Gal}(L/k) \rightarrow G$ . Furthermore, assume  $E$  is the subfield of  $L$  fixed by  $\phi_L^{-1}(H)$ . An extension  $L/k$  as just described will be called a  $G$ -extension with respect to  $E/k$  and  $\Sigma$ . As  $L$  varies over all such extensions of  $k$ ,  $C(L, k)$  varies over a subset  $R(E/k, \Sigma)$  of the class group  $C(k)$  of  $k$ . If we consider only tamely ramified extensions then we denote this set by  $R_t(E/k, \Sigma)$ .

Now let  $p$  be an odd prime and assume  $k$  contains the multiplicative group  $\mu_p$  of  $p$ th roots of unity. In [C1],  $R_t(E/k, \Sigma)$  is determined when  $L/k$  is a certain type of nonabelian extension of degree  $p^3$  with  $[E : k] = p$ . It is shown that if  $\mathfrak{D}_E$  is free as an  $\mathfrak{o}$ -module, then  $R_t(E/k, \Sigma)$  is a subgroup of  $C(k)$ .

In the present paper we consider the following situation. Let  $p$  and  $q$  be distinct odd prime numbers and assume  $\mu_{pq} \subseteq k$ . Let  $G$  be the metacyclic group of order  $pq$  given in terms of generators and relations by

$$\langle \sigma, \tau \mid \sigma^p = 1, \tau^q = 1, \tau\sigma\tau^{-1} = \sigma^r \rangle$$

where  $r$  is a primitive  $q$ th root of unity mod  $p$  (and hence,  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{q}$ ). Let  $s$  be the unique integer in  $\{2, 3, \dots, p-1\}$  such that  $sr \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ . Then  $s$  is also a primitive  $q$ th root of unity mod  $p$ . Hence,  $s^q = 1 + tp$  for some positive integer  $t$ .

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The cyclic subgroup  $\langle \sigma \rangle$  of  $G$  generated by  $\sigma$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$  and we have an exact sequence of groups

$$\Sigma : 1 \rightarrow \langle \sigma \rangle \rightarrow G \rightarrow G/\langle \sigma \rangle \rightarrow 1.$$

Fix, once and for all, a tamely ramified normal extension  $E/k$  with  $\text{Gal}(E/k) \simeq G/\langle \sigma \rangle$ . Furthermore, assume  $p$  and  $q$  are such that  $t \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ . Then it is possible to apply the method developed in [C1] to determine  $R_t(E/k, \Sigma)$  (Theorem 10). As in [C1], we will see that if  $\mathfrak{D}_E$  is free as an  $\mathfrak{o}$ -module, then  $R_t(E/k, \Sigma)$  is a subgroup of  $C(k)$  (Corollary 11).

**1. Metacyclic groups as Galois groups.** Let  $p, q, G, s$ , and  $t$  be as described in the last three paragraphs of the previous section. For the moment, however, we do not require the condition  $t \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ . Let  $k$  be an arbitrary field such that the characteristic of  $k$  is not equal to  $p$  or  $q$ , and  $\mu_{pq} \subseteq k$ . If  $K$  is any field and  $m$  is a positive integer then  $K^\times$  denotes the multiplicative group of nonzero elements of  $K$ , and  $K^m$  is the multiplicative group of  $m$ th powers of elements of  $K^\times$ . If  $K$  contains the field  $M$ , then  $[K : M]$  is the dimension of  $K$  as a vector space over  $M$ . If  $A$  is a group that acts on  $K$  and  $B$  is a subgroup of  $A$  then we write  $K^B$  for the subfield of  $K$  fixed by  $B$ .

In this section we will give a characterization of Galois extensions  $L/k$  with  $\text{Gal}(L/k) = G$  (Theorems 4 and 6). Our immediate goal is to describe generators for  $L/k$  and the action of  $\sigma$  and  $\tau$  on these generators. To this end let  $E = L^{\langle \sigma \rangle}$  and  $F = L^{\langle \tau \rangle}$ . By Galois theory  $L/E$  is a Galois extension of degree  $p$  with Galois group  $\text{Gal}(L/E) = \langle \sigma \rangle$ , and  $L/F$  is a Galois extension of degree  $q$  with Galois group  $\text{Gal}(L/F) = \langle \tau \rangle$ . As  $[L : k] = pq$  we have  $[E : k] = q$ , and  $[F : k] = p$ . From this it follows easily that  $E \cap F = k$  and  $EF = L$ . Also, by Galois theory,  $E/k$  is a Galois extension. We have  $\text{Gal}(E/k) = \langle \varrho \rangle$  where  $\varrho$  is the restriction  $\tau|_E$  of  $\tau$  to  $E$ . By Kummer theory  $E = k(\alpha)$  and  $L = E(\beta)$  with  $\alpha^q = a$  and  $\beta^p = b$  for some  $a \in k^\times$  and  $b \in E^\times$  such that  $\langle a k^q \rangle$  has order  $q$  in  $k^\times/k^q$ , and  $\langle b E^p \rangle$  has order  $p$  in  $E^\times/E^p$ . Moreover, we may assume  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  chosen so that  $\varrho(\alpha) = \zeta_q \alpha$  and  $\sigma(\beta) = \zeta_p \beta$ .

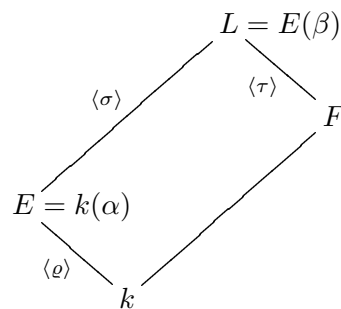


Fig. 1

Since  $L = k(\alpha, \beta)$ , the action of any element of  $\text{Gal}(L/k)$  on  $L$  is completely determined by its action on the elements  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ . Thus far we know  $\sigma$  fixes  $\alpha$  and  $\sigma(\beta) = \zeta_p \beta$ . Also,  $\tau(\alpha) = \zeta_q \alpha$ . It remains to determine  $\tau(\beta)$ . Let  $\mathbb{Z}\langle \varrho \rangle$  be the group ring and denote the action of  $\mathbb{Z}\langle \varrho \rangle$  on  $E$  by exponentiation. Define  $\theta \in \mathbb{Z}\langle \varrho \rangle$  by

$$\theta = \sum_{i=0}^{q-1} s^{q-1-i} \varrho^i.$$

LEMMA 1.  $\varrho\theta = s\theta - tp$ .

PROOF. This follows from the fact that  $(s - \varrho)\theta = s^q - \varrho^q = 1 + tp - 1 = tp$ .

LEMMA 2.  $\sum_{i=0}^{q-1} s^{q-1-i} \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ .

PROOF. We have

$$(s - 1) \sum_{i=0}^{q-1} s^{q-1-i} = s^q - 1 = tp.$$

Since  $p$  does not divide  $s - 1$  the result follows.

Now we prove

PROPOSITION 3.  $\tau(\beta) = \beta^s e$  for some  $e \in E^\times$ . Consequently,  $b^t = e^{-\theta}$ .

PROOF. We will show that  $\tau(\beta)/\beta^s \in L^{\langle \sigma^r \rangle} = E$ . Then the first statement follows from this since  $\tau(\beta)$  is nonzero. From (1) we have  $\sigma^r \tau = \tau \sigma$ . Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma^r(\tau(\beta)/\beta^s) &= (\tau\sigma)(\beta)/\sigma^r(\beta^s) = \tau(\zeta_p \beta)/(\zeta_p^{rs} \beta^s) \\ &= \tau(\zeta_p \beta)/(\zeta_p \beta^s) = \tau(\beta)/\beta^s. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $\tau(\beta) = \beta^s e$  for some  $e \in E^\times$ . By successively applying  $\tau$  to both sides of this equation one obtains

$$\beta = \tau^q(\beta) = \beta^{s^q} \varrho^0(e)^{s^{q-1}} \varrho(e)^{s^{q-2}} \varrho^2(e)^{s^{q-3}} \dots \varrho^{q-1}(e)^{s^0}.$$

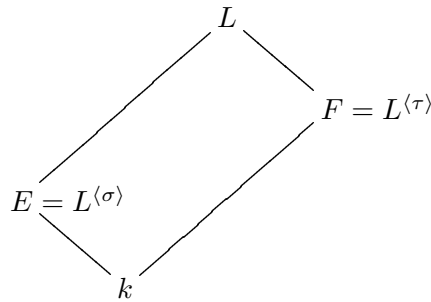
Hence,

$$\beta = \beta^{1+tp} e^\theta = \beta \beta^{tp} e^\theta = \beta b^t e^\theta.$$

Therefore,  $b^t = e^{-\theta}$ .

We summarize the above results in the following

THEOREM 4. Suppose  $L/k$  is a Galois extension such that  $\text{Gal}(L/k) = G$ . If  $E = L^{\langle \sigma \rangle}$  and  $F = L^{\langle \tau \rangle}$  then we have the following diagram of subfields of  $L$ :



where  $E \cap F = k$  and  $L = EF$ , and there exist elements  $\alpha \in E$  and  $\beta \in L$  such that  $E = k(\alpha)$  and  $L = E(\beta)$ , with  $\tau(\alpha) = \zeta_q \alpha$  and  $\sigma(\beta) = \zeta_p \beta$ . Then  $\alpha^q = a$  and  $\beta^p = b$  where  $a \in k^\times$  and  $b \in E^\times$ . Furthermore,  $\langle ak^q \rangle$  is a cyclic subgroup of  $k^\times/k^q$  of order  $q$ , and  $\langle bE^p \rangle$  is a cyclic subgroup of  $E^\times/E^p$  of order  $p$ . Moreover, if  $\varrho = \tau|_E$  then  $\text{Gal}(E/k) = \langle \varrho \rangle$  and we define  $\theta \in \mathbb{Z}\langle \varrho \rangle$  by  $\theta = \sum_{i=0}^{q-1} s^{q-1-i} \varrho^i$ . Then  $\sigma$  and  $\tau$  act as  $k$ -automorphisms of  $L$  according to the following table where  $e \in E^\times$  and  $b^t = e^{-\theta}$ :

	$\alpha$	$\beta$
$\sigma$	$\alpha$	$\zeta_p \beta$
$\tau$	$\zeta_q \alpha$	$\beta^s e$

Now assume that  $p$  and  $q$  are such that  $t \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ . Under this condition we will construct a Galois extension  $L/k$  with  $\text{Gal}(L/k) \simeq G$ .

Keeping the results of Theorem 4 in mind, let  $a \in k^\times$  such that  $\langle ak^q \rangle$  is a cyclic subgroup of  $k^\times/k^q$  of order  $q$ . Let  $E = k(\alpha)$  where  $\alpha^q = a$ . Then  $E/k$  is a Galois extension of degree  $q$  with  $\text{Gal}(E/k) = \langle \varrho \rangle$ , where  $\varrho(\alpha) = \zeta_q \alpha$ . By assumption we may choose  $r$  such that  $t \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ . Now define  $\theta \in \mathbb{Z}\langle \varrho \rangle$  by  $\theta = \sum_{i=0}^{q-1} s^{q-1-i} \varrho^i$ . Suppose there exists an  $\varepsilon \in E^\times$  such that  $b^t \equiv \varepsilon^{-\theta} \pmod{E^p}$  for some  $b \in E^\times$  of order  $p \pmod{E^p}$ . Since  $t \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$  there exists an integer  $u \in \{1, \dots, p-1\}$  such that  $ut \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ . Hence,  $ut = 1 + mp$  for some nonnegative integer  $m$ . It follows that  $b \equiv \varepsilon^{-u\theta} b^{-mp} \equiv \varepsilon^{-u\theta} \pmod{E^p}$ . Let  $L = E(\beta)$  with  $\beta^p = b$  where we may assume  $b = \varepsilon^{-u\theta}$ . Then  $L/E$  is a Galois extension of degree  $p$  with  $\text{Gal}(L/E) = \langle \sigma \rangle$  where  $\sigma(\beta) = \zeta_p \beta$ .

**PROPOSITION 5.** *Let  $L/k$  be the extension described in the preceding paragraph. Then  $L/k$  is a Galois extension.*

**Proof.** Let  $\langle b \rangle$  be the cyclic subgroup of  $E^\times$  generated by  $b$ . Let  $B = \langle b \rangle E^p$  be the set of all products  $xy$  such that  $x \in \langle b \rangle$  and  $y \in E^p$ . Applying Lemma 1 to obtain the following second equality we have  $\varrho(b) = \varepsilon^{-u\theta} = \varepsilon^{-u(s\theta - tp)} = \varepsilon^{(-u\theta)s} \varepsilon^{utp} \equiv b^s \pmod{E^p}$ . It follows that  $\varrho^i(b) \equiv b^{s^i} \pmod{E^p}$  for each  $i \in \{0, 1, \dots, q-1\}$ . Also, for each such  $i$  we have  $(b^{s^i})^{s^{q-i}} = b^{s^q} = b^{1+tp} \equiv b \pmod{E^p}$ . Therefore,  $\varrho^i(B) = \langle \varrho^i(b) \rangle E^p = \langle b \rangle E^p = B$  for each

$i \in \{0, 1, \dots, q-1\}$ . Hence, by Lemma 5 of [C2],  $L/k$  is a normal extension. Since  $L/k$  is a separable extension, it follows that  $L/k$  is a Galois extension.

In view of Proposition 5, we have the following exact sequence of groups:

$$1 \rightarrow \text{Gal}(L/E) \rightarrow \text{Gal}(L/k) \rightarrow \text{Gal}(E/k) \rightarrow 1$$

where the second arrow from the left is inclusion, and the third is restriction to  $E$ . Hence, there exists  $\tau \in \text{Gal}(L/k)$  such that  $\tau|E = \varrho$ . Let  $F = L^{\langle \tau \rangle}$ . By Galois theory  $L/F$  is a Galois extension and  $\text{Gal}(L/F) = \langle \tau \rangle$ . It is not difficult to show that  $E \cap F = k$  and  $EF = L$ .

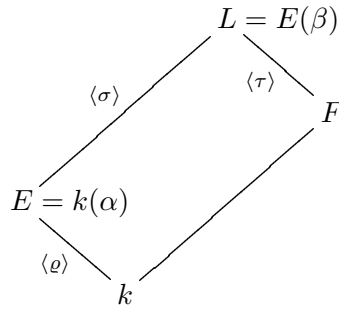


Fig. 2

From the latter fact it follows that the surjective homomorphism

$$\text{Gal}(L/F) \rightarrow \text{Gal}(E/k)$$

defined by restriction to  $E$  is also injective. Therefore, the order  $|\langle \tau \rangle|$  of  $\langle \tau \rangle$  is  $q$ . Hence,  $\langle \sigma \rangle \cap \langle \tau \rangle = \{1\}$ . Since  $\langle \sigma \rangle$  is a normal subgroup of  $\text{Gal}(L/k)$ ,  $\langle \sigma \rangle \langle \tau \rangle$  is a subgroup of  $\text{Gal}(L/k)$ . Furthermore,  $|\langle \sigma \rangle \langle \tau \rangle| = |\langle \sigma \rangle| |\langle \tau \rangle| / |\langle \sigma \rangle \cap \langle \tau \rangle| = pq$ . Therefore,  $\text{Gal}(L/k) = \langle \sigma \rangle \langle \tau \rangle$ .

**THEOREM 6.** *Let  $L/k$  be the extension shown in Figure 2. Then  $L/k$  is a Galois extension with  $\text{Gal}(L/k) \simeq G$ . Moreover, the action of  $\text{Gal}(L/k)$  on  $L$  is given by the following table where  $e \in E^\times$  and  $b^t = e^{-\theta}$ :*

	$\alpha$	$\beta$
$\sigma$	$\alpha$	$\zeta_p \beta$
$\tau$	$\zeta_q \alpha$	$\beta^s e$

**Proof.** It remains to prove that  $\text{Gal}(L/k)$  acts on  $L$  as stated, and  $\text{Gal}(L/k) \simeq G$ .

By definition we have  $\sigma(\alpha) = \alpha$ , and  $\sigma(\beta) = \zeta_p \beta$ . Also, since  $\tau|E = \varrho$ , we get  $\tau(\alpha) = \varrho(\alpha) = \zeta_q \alpha$ . Applying Lemma 1 to obtain the following fifth equality we have  $\tau(\beta)^p = \tau(b) = \varrho(b) = \varrho(\varepsilon^{-u\theta}) = \varepsilon^{-u\varrho\theta} = \varepsilon^{-u(s\theta - tp)} = \varepsilon^{(-u\theta)s} \varepsilon^{utp}$ . Therefore,  $\tau(\beta) = \beta^s \zeta_p^v \varepsilon^{ut}$  for some integer  $v$ . Let  $e = \zeta_p^v \varepsilon^{ut}$ . Then  $e \in E^\times$  and, applying Lemma 2 to obtain the following second equality, we have  $e^{-\theta} = (\zeta_p^v \varepsilon^{ut})^{-\theta} = (\varepsilon^{ut})^{-\theta} = (\varepsilon^{-u\theta})^t = b^t$ .

We have already shown that  $\text{Gal}(L/k) = \langle \sigma, \tau \rangle$  where  $\sigma^p = 1$  and  $\tau^q = 1$ . Hence, to complete the proof we need to show that  $\tau\sigma\tau^{-1} = \sigma^r$ . We have  $(\tau\sigma)(\alpha) = \tau(\alpha) = \zeta_q\alpha$ , and  $(\sigma^r\tau)(\alpha) = \sigma^r(\zeta_q\alpha) = \zeta_q\alpha$ . Also,  $(\tau\sigma)(\beta) = \tau(\zeta_p\beta) = \zeta_p\beta^s e$ , and  $(\sigma^r\tau)(\beta) = \sigma^r(\beta^s e) = (\zeta_p^r\beta)^s e = \zeta_p\beta^s e$ . It follows that  $\tau\sigma = \sigma^r\tau$ . Therefore,  $\tau\sigma\tau^{-1} = \sigma^r$ .

REMARK. For  $p$  and  $q$  such that  $t \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ , Theorem 4 together with Theorem 6 provide a complete characterization of Galois extensions  $L/k$  with  $\text{Gal}(L/k) \simeq G$ , provided such extensions of  $k$  exist.

For the remainder of the paper, we assume the notation and assumptions introduced in the last three paragraphs of Section 0.

**2. Arithmetic considerations.** Suppose  $L/k$  is a tamely ramified  $G$ -extension with respect to  $E/k$  and  $\Sigma$ . In this section we will determine the discriminant ideal  $d_{L/E}$  of  $L/E$ . Standard facts from algebraic number theory used in this and the remaining sections can be found in [FT], [J], or [L].

Let  $\text{Gal}(E/k) = \langle \varrho \rangle$ . Let  $\mathbb{Z}\langle \varrho \rangle$  be the group ring and define  $\theta \in \mathbb{Z}\langle \varrho \rangle$  by  $\theta = \sum_{i=0}^{q-1} s^{q-1-i} \varrho^i$ . Denote the action of  $\mathbb{Z}\langle \varrho \rangle$  on  $E$  by exponentiation. By Theorem 4 there exist elements  $b$  and  $e$  in  $E^\times$  such that  $L = E(\beta)$  where  $\beta^p = b$  with  $b^t = e^{-\theta}$ . Since  $t \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$  there is an integer  $u \in \{1, \dots, p-1\}$  such that  $ut = 1 + np$  for some nonnegative integer  $n$ . Then  $b = e^{-u\theta} b^{-np}$ . By Kummer theory  $E(\beta) = E(\beta_1)$  where  $\beta_1^p = e^{-u\theta}$ . Hence, for the purpose of determining  $d_{L/E}$ , we may assume  $b = e^{-u\theta}$ . Furthermore, we have the following lemma.

LEMMA 7. *We may assume  $e \in \mathfrak{D}_E$  and  $b = e^{u\theta}$ .*

PROOF. If  $e_1$  is any element of  $\mathfrak{D}_E$  then  $(ee_1^p)^{-u\theta} = e^{-u\theta}(e_1^{-u\theta})^p$ . Also,  $(e^{p-1})^{u\theta} = e^{-u\theta}(e^{u\theta})^p$ . The lemma follows from these facts and Kummer theory.

If  $\mathfrak{D}$  is an arbitrary ring of algebraic integers containing the element  $x$  let  $\langle x \rangle$  denote the principal ideal in  $\mathfrak{D}$  generated by  $x$ . In view of Lemma 7 above and Theorem 117 of [H] we have

$$\langle e \rangle = \left( \prod_{i=1}^n \mathfrak{P}_i^{A_i} \right) \mathfrak{A}$$

where the  $\mathfrak{P}_i$  are distinct prime ideals in  $E$  which split completely in  $E/k$ , and such that  $\mathfrak{P}_i \cap \mathfrak{o} \neq \mathfrak{P}_j \cap \mathfrak{o}$  whenever  $i \neq j$ ;  $\mathfrak{A}$  is an ideal in  $E$  which is divisible only by prime ideals in  $E$  which either remain prime or totally ramify in  $E/k$ ; and the  $A_i$  are elements of  $\mathbb{Z}\langle \varrho \rangle$  with nonnegative coefficients.

Let  $\mathfrak{L}$  be a prime factor of  $\mathfrak{A}$ . Then  $\mathfrak{L}^{u\theta} = \mathfrak{L}^{uS}$  where  $S = \sum_{i=0}^{q-1} s^{q-1-i}$ . Since  $(s-1)S = s^q - 1 = tp$  and  $p$  does not divide  $s-1$ , it follows that

$S \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ . Hence,

$$(1) \quad \langle e^{u\theta} \rangle = \left( \prod_{i=1}^n \mathfrak{P}_i^{uA_i\theta} \right) \mathfrak{B}^p$$

where  $\mathfrak{B}$  is an ideal in  $E$ .

Let  $N = \sum_{j=0}^{q-1} \varrho^j$ . Also, for  $A = \sum_{j=0}^{q-1} a_j \varrho^j \in \mathbb{Z}\langle \varrho \rangle$ , let  $\bar{A} = \sum_{j=0}^{q-1} a_j s^j$ .

LEMMA 8. *Suppose  $A = \sum_{j=0}^{q-1} a_j \varrho^j \in \mathbb{Z}\langle \varrho \rangle$ . Then  $A\theta \equiv \bar{A}\theta \pmod{p}$ .*

PROOF. Since  $(s - \varrho)\theta = s^q - \varrho^q = 1 + tp - 1 = tp$  we have  $\varrho\theta = s\theta - tp$ . Suppose  $2 \leq j \leq q$ . By successively applying  $\varrho$  to both sides of the last equation  $j - 1$  times we obtain  $\varrho^j\theta = s^j\theta - tp \sum_{k=0}^{j-1} s^{j-1-k} \varrho^k$ . It follows that  $\varrho^j\theta \equiv s^j\theta \pmod{p}$  for  $0 \leq j \leq q-1$ . Hence,  $\sum_{j=0}^{q-1} a_j \varrho^j\theta \equiv \sum_{j=0}^{q-1} a_j s^j\theta \pmod{p}$ .

If  $\mathfrak{I}$  is any ideal in  $E$  and  $\mathfrak{P}$  is a prime ideal in  $E$ , let  $v_{\mathfrak{P}}(\mathfrak{I})$  denote the exact power to which  $\mathfrak{P}$  divides  $\mathfrak{I}$ .

PROPOSITION 9. *Suppose  $L/k$  is a tamely ramified  $G$ -extension with respect to  $E/k$  and  $\Sigma$ . Then*

$$\langle e \rangle = \left( \prod_{i=1}^n \mathfrak{P}_i^{A_i} \right) \mathfrak{A}$$

as described in the paragraph following the proof of Lemma 7 and we have

$$d_{L/E} = \left( \prod_{i=1}^n \mathfrak{P}_i^{n_i N} \right)^{p-1}$$

where  $n_i \in \{0, 1\}$ . Moreover,  $n_i = 1$  if and only if  $\bar{A}_i \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ .

PROOF. Suppose  $\mathfrak{P}$  is a prime ideal in  $E$  which ramifies in  $L/E$ . Then the ramification index of  $\mathfrak{P}$  in  $L/E$  is  $p$ . Since  $L/E$  is tamely ramified  $\mathfrak{P}$  is not a divisor of  $\langle p \rangle$  and

$$(2) \quad v_{\mathfrak{P}}(d_{L/E}) = p - 1.$$

Since  $L = E(\beta)$  where  $\beta^p = e^{u\theta}$ , the proposition follows easily from (1), Lemma 8, the proof of Theorem 118 of [H], and (2).

**3. Realizable classes.** If  $l$  is an odd prime let  $d(l) = (l - 1)/2$ . Then by Section 2 of [Lo] we have  $C(E, k) = \mathfrak{c}^{d(l)}$  for some  $\mathfrak{c} \in C(k)$ . Let  $W_{E/k}$  be the subgroup of  $C(k)$  generated by the classes in  $C(k)$  which contain at least one prime ideal in  $k$  which splits completely in  $E/k$ . If  $H$  is a multiplicative group and  $m$  is a positive integer, let  $H^m$  denote the subgroup of  $H$  consisting of  $m$ th powers of elements of  $H$ . In this section we will prove the following theorem.

THEOREM 10.  $R_t(E/k, \Sigma) = \mathfrak{c}^{pd(q)} W_{E/k}^{qd(p)}$ .

As an immediate consequence we obtain

COROLLARY 11. *If  $C(E, k) = 1$  then  $R_t(E/k, \Sigma) = W_{E/k}^{qd(p)}$ .*

Theorem 10 follows from the following two propositions.

PROPOSITION 12.  $R_t(E/k, \Sigma) \subseteq \mathfrak{c}^{pd(q)} W_{E/k}^{qd(p)}$ .

PROOF. Let  $L/k$  be a  $G$ -extension with respect to  $E/k$  and  $\Sigma$ . By Proposition 9,

$$d_{L/E} = \left( \prod_{i=1}^m \mathfrak{P}_i^N \right)^{p-1}$$

where  $m \leq n$ , with  $n$  and the  $\mathfrak{P}_i$  as indicated in the statement of Proposition 9 (the latter after a possible relabelling of subscripts). Now, by an argument similar to that which produced (6) of [C1], we obtain the stated result.

For a modulus  $\mathfrak{m}$  of an algebraic number field  $F$ , let  $C_F(\mathfrak{m})$  denote the ray class group modulo  $\mathfrak{m}$  (see [J]).

PROPOSITION 13.  $R_t(E/k, \Sigma) \supseteq \mathfrak{c}^{pd(q)} W_{E/k}^{qd(p)}$ .

PROOF. Let  $\mathfrak{c}_1 \in W_{E/k}$  and choose an odd integer  $v > 3$  such that  $\mathfrak{c}_1^v = \mathfrak{c}_1$ . As in the proof of Proposition 5 of [C1], choose positive integers  $b_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq v$ , such that  $(b_i, p) = 1$  for each  $i$  and  $\sum_{i=1}^v b_i = pv$ . Let  $\mathfrak{m}$  be the modulus  $\langle 1 - \zeta_p \rangle^{p^2}$  of  $k$ . By Lemma 4 of [C1],  $\mathfrak{c}_1$  contains infinitely many prime ideals which split completely in  $E$ . Since  $C_E(\mathfrak{m})$  is finite, there exists a class  $\mathfrak{c}_\mathfrak{m} \in C_E(\mathfrak{m})$  containing infinitely many prime ideals  $\mathfrak{P}$  which split completely in  $E/k$ , and such that  $\mathfrak{P} \cap k$  is a prime ideal in  $\mathfrak{c}_1$ . Choose prime ideals  $\mathfrak{P}_1, \dots, \mathfrak{P}_v \in \mathfrak{c}_\mathfrak{m}$  such that

- (i) each  $\mathfrak{P}_i$  splits completely in  $E/k$ ;
- (ii) for each  $i$ ,  $\mathfrak{P}_i \cap k \in \mathfrak{c}_1$ ;
- (iii)  $i \neq j$  implies  $\mathfrak{P}_i$  is not conjugate to  $\mathfrak{P}_j$ .

Let  $\mathfrak{Q}$  be a prime ideal in  $\mathfrak{c}_\mathfrak{m}^{-1}$ . Then

$$\langle \varepsilon \rangle = \left( \prod_{i=1}^v \mathfrak{P}_i^{b_i} \right) \mathfrak{Q}^{pv}$$

where  $\varepsilon \in E^\times$  and  $\varepsilon \equiv 1 \pmod{\mathfrak{m}}$ . Since  $\mathfrak{m}$  is a modulus of  $k$ , it follows that  $\varepsilon^{-u\theta} \equiv 1 \pmod{\mathfrak{m}}$ . Let  $b = \varepsilon^{-u\theta}$ . It is easily verified that  $b$  is not a  $p$ th power in  $E$ . Let  $L = E(\beta)$  where  $\beta^p = b$ . Then by Theorem 6,  $L/k$  is a Galois extension with  $\text{Gal}(L/k) \simeq G$ . Furthermore, by Theorem 119 of [H], it follows that  $L/E$  is tamely ramified. Hence,  $L/k$  is a tamely ramified  $G$ -extension with respect to  $E/k$  and  $\Sigma$ .



We now show that  $C(L, k) = \mathfrak{c}^{pd(q)} \mathfrak{c}_1^{qd(p)}$ . By the proof of Lemma 7 we may replace the element  $\varepsilon$  with  $\varepsilon_1 = \varepsilon^{p-1}$ . Then

$$\langle \varepsilon_1 \rangle = \left( \prod_{i=1}^v \mathfrak{P}_i^{c_i} \right) \Omega^{p(p-1)v}$$

where  $c_i = b_i(p-1)$ . Therefore, by Proposition 9,

$$d_{L/E} = \left( \prod_{i=1}^v \mathfrak{P}_i^N \right)^{p-1}.$$

Now, computing  $C(L, k)$  as in the proof of Proposition 12 gives the result.

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