

1. Show that the equation $x^3 - 3x + 4 = 0$ has a unique solution in \mathbb{Z}_7 , but no solutions in \mathbb{Z}_5 or in \mathbb{Z}_3 . How many are there in \mathbb{Z}_2 ?
2. Use Hensel's lemma to show that if p is a prime and $(n, p) = 1$, then the homomorphism $1 + p\mathbb{Z}_p \rightarrow 1 + p\mathbb{Z}_p$, $x \mapsto x^n$, is bijective.
3. Use Hensel's lemma to show that if p is an odd prime, then an element $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}_p^\times$ lies in $(\mathbb{Z}_p^\times)^p$ if and only if $\alpha \bmod p^2\mathbb{Z}_p \in ((\mathbb{Z}/p^2\mathbb{Z})^\times)^p$. What happens when $p = 2$?
4. Let K be a number field, and let E/K be a Galois extension. Let \mathfrak{q} be a non-zero prime ideal of \mathcal{O}_E lying above the prime ideal \mathfrak{p} of \mathcal{O}_K . Let $E^D \subset E$ denote the fixed field of $D_{\mathfrak{q}/\mathfrak{p}}$ and E^I the fixed field of $I_{\mathfrak{q}/\mathfrak{p}}$ in E . Let $\mathfrak{q}^D = \mathfrak{q} \cap E^D$ and $\mathfrak{q}^I = \mathfrak{q} \cap E^I$. Thus we have a tower of extensions $E/E^I/E^D/K$ corresponding to the tower of primes $\mathfrak{q}/\mathfrak{q}^I/\mathfrak{q}^D/\mathfrak{p}$.
 - (a) Show that \mathfrak{q}^I is totally ramified in E/E^I (i.e. $e_{\mathfrak{q}/\mathfrak{q}^I} = [E : E^I]$); that \mathfrak{q}^D is totally inert in E^I/E^D (i.e. $f_{\mathfrak{q}^I/\mathfrak{q}^D} = [E^I : E^D]$); and that \mathfrak{q} is the unique prime ideal of E lying above \mathfrak{q}^D .
 - (b) For any intermediate extension $E/L/K$, let $\mathfrak{q}_L = \mathfrak{q} \cap L$. Show that if $e_{\mathfrak{q}_L/\mathfrak{p}} = f_{\mathfrak{q}_L/\mathfrak{p}} = 1$ then $L \subset E^D$; that if $e_{\mathfrak{q}_L/\mathfrak{p}} = 1$ then $L \subset E^I$; and that if \mathfrak{q} is the only prime ideal of \mathcal{O}_E lying above \mathfrak{q}_L , then $E^D \subset L$.
5. Let K be a number field, let E/K be a finite extension, and let $E/L_1/K$ and $E/L_2/K$ be intermediate fields.
 - (a) Let \mathfrak{p} be a non-zero prime ideal of \mathcal{O}_K which is unramified in L_1 and L_2 . Show that \mathfrak{p} is unramified in the compositum $L_1 \cdot L_2$.
 - (b) Let \mathfrak{p} be a non-zero prime ideal of \mathcal{O}_K which splits completely in L_1 and L_2 . Show that \mathfrak{p} splits completely in the compositum $L_1 \cdot L_2$.
6. Find an example of a number field K/\mathbb{Q} with the following property: for each prime number p , $p\mathcal{O}_K$ is divisible by an even number of prime ideals $\mathfrak{p} \subset \mathcal{O}_K$. (Hint: Try a compositum of quadratic fields.)
7. Let $\overline{\mathbb{Q}_p}$ be an algebraic closure of \mathbb{Q}_p . Recall that if K/\mathbb{Q}_p is a finite extension contained inside $\overline{\mathbb{Q}_p}$, then there is a canonical valuation $v_K : K^\times \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ satisfying $v_K|_{\mathbb{Q}_p} = e_{K/\mathbb{Q}_p} v_{\mathbb{Q}_p}$.
 - (a) Show that there is a unique map $v : \overline{\mathbb{Q}_p}^\times \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}$ satisfying $v|_K = e_{K/\mathbb{Q}_p}^{-1} v_K$ for each finite extension K/\mathbb{Q}_p contained inside $\overline{\mathbb{Q}_p}$.

- (b) Show that $v : \overline{\mathbb{Q}_p}^\times \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}$ is surjective and satisfies $v(xy) = v(x) + v(y)$ and $v(x+y) \geq \min(v(x), v(y))$ for all $x, y \in \overline{\mathbb{Q}_p}$ with $xy(x+y) \neq 0$.
- (c) Define a metric on $\overline{\mathbb{Q}_p}$ by the formula $d(x, y) = 2^{-v(x-y)}$ when $x \neq y$. Decide whether $\overline{\mathbb{Q}_p}$ is complete.
8. (Krasner's lemma) Let K be a finite extension of \mathbb{Q}_p , let E/K be a finite Galois extension with valuation $v_E : E^\times \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$, and let $x, y \in E$. Let y_1, \dots, y_n be the Galois conjugates of y over K . Show that if $v_E(x - y) > v_E(x - y_i)$ for each $i = 2, \dots, n$, then $K(x) \supset K(y)$.
9. (a) Let K be a finite extension of \mathbb{Q}_p , and let A denote the integral closure of \mathbb{Z}_p in K . Let $f(X) = X^n + a_1X^{n-1} + \dots + a_n \in A[X]$ be a monic, irreducible polynomial, and let E/K denote the splitting field of $f(X)$. Let $\alpha \in E$ be a root of $f(X)$. Show that there exists $N \geq 1$ such that if $g(X) = X^n + b_1X^{n-1} + \dots + b_n \in A[X]$ satisfies $v_K(a_i - b_i) \geq N$ for each $i = 1, \dots, n$, then $g(X)$ is irreducible and there exists a root $\beta \in E$ of $g(X)$ such that $K(\alpha) = K(\beta)$.
- (b) Deduce that for each $n \geq 1$, there exist only finitely many isomorphism classes of extension K/\mathbb{Q}_p with $[K : \mathbb{Q}_p] = n$. (Hint: A is compact.)
10. Let $f(X) = 5!(1 + X + X^2/2! + \dots + X^5/5!) \in \mathbb{Z}[X]$.
- (a) Draw the Newton polygon of $f(X)$ over \mathbb{Q}_p for each $p = 2, 3, 5$.
- (b) Conclude that $f(X)$ is irreducible over \mathbb{Q} and the Galois group of its splitting field is S_5 .