

The following questions are intended as sample exam questions for the online open book exam.

1. (a) Let  $A$  be a complete DVR, and let  $\pi \in A$  be a uniformizer. Let  $X \subset A$  be a set of representatives for the residue field  $k = A/(\pi)$  with  $0 \in X$ . Show that each element  $x \in A$  admits a unique  $\pi$ -adic expansion  $x = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a_i \pi^i$  with coefficients  $a_i \in X$ .
1. (b) Now let  $A = \mathbb{Z}_p$ ,  $\pi = p$ , and  $X = \{0, 1, \dots, p-1\}$ , where  $p$  is a prime number. Show that if the  $p$ -adic expansion of an element  $x \in \mathbb{Z}_p$  is eventually periodic, then  $x$  is rational.
1. (c) Now let  $A = \mathbb{Z}_p[\sqrt{p}]$ ,  $\pi = \sqrt{p}$ ,  $X = \{0, 1, \dots, p-1\}$ . Show that if the  $\pi$ -adic expansion of an element  $x \in A$  is eventually periodic, then  $x \in \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{p})$ .
2. (a) Let  $K/\mathbb{Q}_p$  be a finite extension, and let  $f(X) \in K[X]$  be a monic polynomial. Define the *Newton polygon*  $N(f)$ . State a theorem relating the slopes of the Newton polygon to the factorisation of  $f(X)$  in  $K[X]$ .
2. (b) Now let  $f(X) \in \mathbb{Q}[X]$  be a monic irreducible polynomial, let  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\alpha)$ , where  $\alpha$  is a root of  $f(X)$ , and let  $p$  be a prime number. State a theorem relating the factorisation of  $f(X)$  in  $\mathbb{Q}_p[X]$  to the factorisation of the ideal  $p\mathcal{O}_K$  as a product of prime ideals of  $\mathcal{O}_K$ .
2. (c) Now let  $f(X) = X^4 + 6X^2 - 48 \in \mathbb{Q}[X]$ , and let  $L/\mathbb{Q}$  denote the splitting field of  $f(X)$ . Show that  $f(X)$  is irreducible and describe  $\text{Gal}(L/\mathbb{Q})$  as a subgroup of  $S_4$ .
3. (a) Define what it means for a positive definite binary quadratic form to be *reduced*. Prove that if  $K$  is an imaginary quadratic field, then there is a bijection between the ideal class group of  $K$  and the set of reduced binary quadratic forms of discriminant  $\text{disc } \mathcal{O}_K$ .
3. (b) Let  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-6})$ . Prove that the Hilbert class field of  $K$  is  $K(\sqrt{2})$ .

The following questions may be harder.

4. Use Hensel's lemma to calculate the number of roots of each polynomial in the corresponding field :  $X^3 + 1$  in  $\mathbb{Q}_7$ ,  $X^2 + 2X + 4$  in  $\mathbb{Q}_2$ ,  $3X^3 + X + 3$  in  $\mathbb{Q}_3$ .
5. Let  $K/\mathbb{Q}_p$  be a finite extension, and let  $L/K$  be a Galois totally ramified extension. Let  $G = \text{Gal}(L/K)$ , and let  $\pi_L$  be a uniformizer.

(a) Recall that we have defined injective maps  $G_0/G_1 \rightarrow k_L^\times$  and for each  $i \geq 1$ ,  $G_i/G_{i+1} \rightarrow k_L$ . Show that the homomorphism  $G_0/G_1 \rightarrow k_L^\times$  may be given by the formula

$$\theta_0(s) = s(\pi_L)/\pi_L \bmod (\pi_L),$$

and is independent of the choice of  $\pi_L$ .

(b) Show that the homomorphism  $G_i/G_{i+1} \rightarrow k_L$  may be given by the formula  $s \mapsto (s(\pi_L)/\pi_L - 1)/\pi_L^i$ , and does depend on the choice of uniformizer  $\pi_L$ . Show however that the homomorphism  $\theta_i : G_i/G_{i+1} \rightarrow (\pi_L^i)/(\pi_L^{i+1})$ ,

$$\theta_i(s) = s(\pi_L)/\pi_L - 1 \bmod (\pi_L^{i+1}),$$

is independent of the choice of  $\pi_L$ .

(c) Show that if  $s \in G_0$  and  $t \in G_i$ , then  $\theta_i(sts^{-1}) = \theta_0(s)^i \theta_i(t)$ .

6. Let  $n \geq 1$  be an integer,  $L = \mathbb{Q}(e^{2\pi i/n})$ ,  $K = L \cap \mathbb{R}$ . Let  $h_L = \#H_L$ ,  $h_K = \#H_K$ . Show that  $h_K|h_L$ . [Hint: Use class field theory.]

7. Let  $K = \mathbb{Q}(i)$ ,  $L = K(\sqrt[4]{2})$ . Then  $L/K$  is an abelian extension of degree 4. Calculate the conductor  $\mathfrak{m}_{L/K}$ , and describe explicitly the kernel of the map  $H(\mathfrak{m}_{L/K}) \rightarrow \text{Gal}(L/K)$ .