

An application of localization to Galois cohomology

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Abstract

We use a localization theorem and a characterization of the first group of cohomology $H^1(G, B)$ to give a new proof that the groups of cohomology $H^i(G, B)$ of finite cyclic extensions of number fields have same order for all integers i . This result was proved by H. Yokoi in [10] by using the theorem on existence of a normal basis.

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1. Introduction

Let K be a number field with integer ring A , L be a finite cyclic extension of K with Galois group G and B the integer closure of A in L . By using a localization technique, we give in this paper a proof of the following theorem of Yokoi:

Theorem 1.1. ([10], Theorem 1) *Let L , K , G and B be as above. Then*

$$o(H^i(G, B)) = o(H^j(G, B))$$

for all integers i, j .

For this, first we treat some facts about automorphism of local fields to give a characterization of $H^1(G, B)$, and then we use a localization theorem to reduce the cohomology at local case.

2. About automorphisms of local fields

By a local field we mean a complete field with respect to a discrete valuation with perfect residue class field. In this section we suppose that L is a local field, B is its ring of integers, $\mathfrak{R}$ is the maximal ideal in B and $\overline{L}=B/\mathfrak{R}$ is the residue class field. Let ν_L be the order function defined on L and let p denote the characteristic of the residual class field $\overline{L}$.

Definition 2.1. We say that σ is a wildly ramified automorphism of L if

$$\nu_L(\sigma - 1)x > 1$$

for all $x \in B$.

Note that if σ is wildly ramified then $(\sigma - 1)B \subset \mathfrak{R}^2$ and σ^n is wildly ramified for all integers n . Therefore, the first ramification group of $\mathfrak{R}$ contains the group $G = \langle \sigma \rangle$. Now we give a result that explores this property.

Theorem 2.1. *Let $\sigma \in \text{Aut}(L)$ be a finite order automorphism and let $K = L^G$. Then σ is wildly ramified if and only if $[L : K] = p^n$, where $p = \text{Char}(\overline{K})$*

Demostración. Since L/K is finite, then L/K contains a unique maximal unramified subfield T (i.e., $e(T/K) = 1$) ([8], 3-2-10) and a unique maximal tamely ramified subfield V (i.e., $p \nmid e(V/K)$) ([8], 3-4-7) such that the extension T/K is unramified; V/T is totally and tamely ramified and, therefore, the extension L/V is totally ramified and $p|e(L/V)$. Moreover if

$$\begin{aligned}\vartheta_0 &= \{\sigma \in G(L/K); (\sigma - 1)B \subset \mathfrak{R}\} \\ \vartheta_1 &= \{\sigma \in G(L/K); (\sigma - 1)B \subset \mathfrak{R}^2\}\end{aligned}$$

then $T = L^{\vartheta_0}$ ([8], 3-5-4) and $V = L^{\vartheta_1}$ ([8], 3-6-8).

Now, σ is wildly ramified if and only if $G = \vartheta_1$, which occurs if and only if $K = T = V$, which in turn is equivalent to $[L : K] = p^n$ for some n . $\square$

Observe that the proof of the Theorem 2.1 gives an interesting property of the extension L/K . More precisely we have:

Corollary 2.1. *Let L , σ and K as in the Theorem 2.1. Then $[L : K] = p^n$ if and only if L/K is totally ramified.*

Definition 2.2. If $\sigma \in \text{Aut}(L)$ is wildly ramified, we define the integer $i(\sigma)$ by

$$i(\sigma) = \nu_L((\sigma - 1)\pi/\pi);$$

where π is a prime element L . For any integer n , $i(\sigma^n)$ is defined exactly as above (i.e. $i(\sigma^n) = \nu_L((\sigma^n - 1)\pi/\pi)$).

Remark 2.1. Since L is complete, then, by [4], §1, $i(\sigma)$ does not depend on the choice of π . Moreover we can show that $i(\sigma^\mu)$ depends only on $0(\mu)$, where $p^{0(\mu)}$ is the highest power of p dividing μ .

On the other hand, from [4], Theorem 1 we have that, for all $n > 0$,

$$i(\sigma^{p^{n-1}}) \equiv i(\sigma^{p^n}) \pmod{p^n}, \quad (1)$$

so $i(\sigma^{p^r}) = (\sum_{k=1}^{n-r} p^{r+k} m_{r+k}) + i(\sigma^{p^n})$ for all $0 \leq r \leq n-1$, where $i(\sigma^{p^{r-1}}) = p^r m_r + i(\sigma^{p^r})$ for all $1 \leq r \leq n$. Wherever convenient we abbreviate and write $i(\mu)$ for $i(\sigma^{p^\mu})$.

The following theorem uses the properties mentioned above to give a characterization of $H^1(G, B)$.

Theorem 2.2. ([4], Theorem 2) Suppose $\sigma \in \text{Aut}(L)$ has order p^n . Let $K = L^{\langle \sigma \rangle}$ and let A be its integer ring. Then

$$H^1(G, B) \bigoplus_{\mu=1}^{\mu=p^n-1} A/\pi^{\mu^*} A,$$

where $\mu^* = [(\mu + i(\mu))/p^n]$ ($[x]$ denotes the greatest integer less than x) and π is a prime element in A .

The following result shows an interesting fact about the numbers μ^* , which will be used in the next section to prove the main theorem.

Theorem 2.3. $\left[\sum_{\mu=1}^{\mu=p^n-1} \frac{i(\mu)+1}{p^n} \right] = \sum_{\mu=1}^{\mu=p^n-1} \left[\frac{i(\mu)+\mu}{p^n} \right]$

Demostración. If $A_k = \{\mu \in \mathbb{Z} : 1 \leq \mu \leq p^n-1; \mu = p^k s, \text{ with } (s, p) = 1\}$, then it can be proved that $\text{Card}(A_k) = \varphi(p)p^{n-(k+1)}$. Then we have,

$$\begin{aligned} \left[\sum_{\mu=1}^{\mu=p^n-1} \frac{i(\mu)+1}{p^n} \right] &= \left[\varphi(p) \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{i(\sigma^{p^{j-1}})+1}{p^j} \right] \left[\varphi(p) \left(\sum_{j=1}^n \left(\frac{\sum_{k=j}^n p^k m_k}{p^j} \right) \right) + \right. \\ &\quad \left. \frac{i(\sigma^{p^n})}{p^n} \left(\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} p^k \right) + 1 - \frac{1}{p^n} \right] \\ &= \left[\varphi(p) \left(\sum_{j=1}^n \left(\sum_{k=0}^{j-1} p^k \right) m_j \right) + \frac{i(\sigma^{p^n})}{p^n} \left(\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} p^k \right) + \right. \\ &\quad \left. 1 - \frac{1}{p^n} \right] \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand,

$$\sum_{\mu=1}^{p^n-1} \left[\frac{i(\mu)+\mu}{p^n} \right] = \sum_{j=1}^n \left(\sum_{k=1}^{\varphi(p)p^{n-j}} \left[\frac{i(\sigma^{p^{j-1}})+\mu_k^{(j-1)}}{p^n} \right] \right)$$

where $\mu_k^{(j-1)}$ is the k^{th} element of A_{j-1} .

We now consider two cases:

Case 1. If $p^n | i(\sigma^{p^n})$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\mu=1}^{p^n-1} \frac{i(\mu)+1}{p^n} &= \varphi(p) \left(\sum_{j=1}^n \left(\sum_{k=0}^{j-1} p^k \right) m_j \right) + \frac{i(\sigma^{p^n})}{p^n} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} p^k \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^{\varphi(p)p^{n-j}} \frac{i(\sigma^{p^{j-1}})}{p^n}. \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, since $1 \leq \mu_k^{(j-1)} \leq p^n - 1$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\mu=1}^{p^n-1} \left[\frac{i(\mu) + \mu}{p^n} \right] &= \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^{\varphi(p)p^{n-j}} \left[\frac{i(\sigma^{p^{j-1}}) + \mu_k^{(j-1)}}{p^n} \right] \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^{\varphi(p)p^{n-j}} \left[\frac{i(\sigma^{p^{j-1}})}{p^n} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\left[\sum_{\mu=1}^{p^n-1} \frac{i(\mu) + 1}{p^n} \right] = \sum_{\mu=1}^{p^n-1} \left[\frac{i(\mu) + \mu}{p^n} \right].$$

Case 2. If $p^n \nmid i(\sigma^{p^n})$, then $i(\sigma^{p^n}) = p^n s + t$ with $0 \leq t \leq p^n - 1$. Therefore,

$$\left[\frac{i(\sigma^{p^n})}{p^n} (p^n - 1) + \frac{p^n - 1}{p^n} \right] = s(p^n - 1) + (t + 1) + \left[-\frac{(t+1)}{p^n} \right].$$

If $t = p^n - 1$, then

$$\left[\frac{i(\sigma^{p^n})}{p^n} (p^n - 1) + \frac{p^n - 1}{p^n} \right] = i(\sigma^{p^n}) - s.$$

If $t < p^n - 1$, then

$$\left[\frac{i(\sigma^{p^n})}{p^n} (p^n - 1) + \frac{p^n - 1}{p^n} \right] = sp^n - s + t + 1 - 1 - \left[\frac{t+1}{p^n} \right] = i(\sigma^{p^n}) - s.$$

Therefore

$$\left[\sum_{\mu=1}^{p^n-1} \frac{i(\mu) + 1}{p^n} \right] = \sum_{\mu=1}^{p^n-1} \varphi(p) \left(\sum_{j=1}^n \left(\sum_{k=0}^{j-1} p^k \right) m_j \right) + i(\sigma^{p^n}) - s.$$

On the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{\mu=1}^{p^n-1} \left[\frac{i(\mu) + \mu}{p^n} \right] &= \sum_{\mu=1}^{p^n-1} \left[\frac{\sum_{k=1}^{n-0(\mu)} p^{0(\mu)+k} m_{0(\mu)+k}}{p^n} + \frac{i(\sigma^{p^n}) + \mu}{p^n} \right] \\
&= \sum_{\mu=1}^{p^n-(t+1)} \left[\frac{\sum_{k=1}^{n-0(\mu)} p^{0(\mu)+k} m_{0(\mu)+k}}{p^n} + s + \frac{(t+\mu)}{p^n} \right] \\
&\quad + \sum_{\mu=p^n-t}^{p^n-1} \left[\frac{\sum_{k=1}^{n-0(\mu)} p^{0(\mu)+k} m_{0(\mu)+k}}{p^n} + s + \frac{(t+\mu)}{p^n} \right] \\
&= \sum_{\mu=1}^{p^n-(t+1)} \left[\frac{\sum_{k=1}^{n-0(\mu)} p^{0(\mu)+k} m_{0(\mu)+k}}{p^n} \right] + (p^n - (t+1))s \\
&\quad + \sum_{\mu=p^n-t}^{p^n-1} \left[\frac{\sum_{k=1}^{n-0(\mu)} p^{0(\mu)+k} m_{0(\mu)+k}}{p^n} \right] + t(s+1) \\
&= \sum_{\mu=1}^{p^n-1} \left(\left[\frac{\sum_{k=1}^{n-0(\mu)} p^{0(\mu)+k} m_{0(\mu)+k}}{p^n} \right] \right) + i(\sigma^{p^n}) - s \\
&= \sum_{\mu=1}^{p^n-1} \varphi(p) \left(\sum_{j=1}^n \left(\sum_{k=0}^{j-1} p^k \right) m_j \right) + i(\sigma^{p^n}) - s.
\end{aligned}$$

□

3. Main theorem.

To prove the main result we use the following theorem of localization which reduces the proof to the local case.

Theorem 3.1. ([6], Theorem 1.16) *Let ϕ be a set of prime ideals of B containing exactly one divisor $\mathfrak{R}$ of each prime ideal $\wp$ of A . Then*

$$H^i(G, B) \cong \bigoplus_{\mathfrak{R} \in \phi} H^i(G_{\mathfrak{R}}, \widehat{B_{\mathfrak{R}}}),$$

where $G_{\mathfrak{R}}$ is the decomposition group of $\mathfrak{R}$ in L/K and $\widehat{B_{\mathfrak{R}}}$ is the integer ring of the $\mathfrak{R}$ -adic completion $\widehat{L_{\mathfrak{R}}}$ of L .

Proof of Theorem 1.1. In [1] we proved that, with the same hypothesis of Theorem 3.1, we have an isomorphism of groups of cohomology

$$H^i(G_{\mathfrak{R}}, \widehat{B_{\mathfrak{R}}}) \cong H^i(G_p, R_p),$$

where G_p is a p -Sylow subgroup of $G_{\mathfrak{R}}$ and $R_p = \widehat{B_{\mathfrak{R}}}^{H_p}$, with $H_p \cong G_{\mathfrak{R}}/G_p$ and by [9], Proposition 3-2-1 we have

$$H^0(G_p, R_p) \cong \widehat{A_{\wp}}/SR_p.$$

On the other hand, if $\mathcal{A} = \pi \widehat{A_{\wp}}$ denotes the maximal ideal of $\widehat{A_{\wp}}$, then $SR_p = \mathcal{A}^{(D)}$, where (D) is the order of SR_p in $\widehat{K_{\wp}}$. Therefore, by ([5], Chap I, §5) and ([3], Chap I, § 7) we have:

$$o(H^0(G_p, R_p)) = o(\widehat{A_{\wp}}/\mathcal{A}^{(D)}) = N_{\widehat{K_{\wp}}/\mathbb{Q}_p}(\mathcal{A}^{(D)}) = (N_{\widehat{K_{\wp}}/\mathbb{Q}_p}(\mathcal{A}))^{(D)} = p^{f \cdot (D)},$$

where f is the residual degree of $\widehat{K_{\wp}}/B_p$. On the other hand, by Theorem 2.2,

$$\begin{aligned} o(H^1(G_p, R_p)) &= \prod_{j=1}^{p^n-1} o(\widehat{A_{\wp}}/\pi^{j^*} \widehat{A_{\wp}}) = \prod_{j=1}^{p^n-1} o(\widehat{A_{\wp}}/\mathcal{A}^{j^*}) \\ &= \prod_{j=1}^{p^n-1} p^{f \cdot j^*} \\ &= p^{f \cdot \sum_{j=1}^{p^n-1} j^*}. \end{aligned}$$

Now, by Corollary 2.1, $F/\widehat{K_{\wp}}$, (where $F = \widehat{L_{\mathfrak{R}}}^{H_p}$) is totally ramified, and by ([7], Lema 2.)

$$(D) = \nu_{\widehat{K_{\wp}}}(SR_p) = \left\lfloor \frac{\nu_F(\mathcal{D}_{F/\widehat{K_{\wp}}})}{p^n} \right\rfloor.$$

Moreover, from ([5], Chap II, Proposition 4.)

$$\nu_F(\mathcal{D}_{F/\widehat{K_{\wp}}}) = \sum_{j=1}^{p^n-1} i(j) + 1,$$

and thus

$$(D) = \left\lfloor \sum_{j=1}^{p^n-1} \frac{i(j)+1}{p^n} \right\rfloor.$$

Now, by Theorem 2.3 we have $(D) = \sum_{j=1}^{p^n-1} (j)$ ((j) as in Theorem 2.2) and then,

$$o(H^1(G_p, R_p)) = o(H^0(G_p, R_p)).$$

Now, using Theorem 3.1 and the fact that L/K is cyclic, we finally conclude that the cohomology groups have the same order.

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