

**First exercise sheet “Class field theory” summer term 2025.**

Throughout the following let  $G$  be any group.

**Problem 1** (5 points). Let  $(M_\lambda)_{\lambda \in \Lambda}$  be a family of  $G$ -modules. Let  $\prod_{\lambda \in \Lambda} M_\lambda$  be the set of all families  $(m_\lambda)_{\lambda \in \Lambda}$  such that  $m_\lambda \in M_\lambda$  for all  $\lambda \in \Lambda$ , with group operation

$$(m + \mu)_\lambda = m_\lambda + \mu_\lambda,$$

$G$ -action

$$(gm)_\lambda = g(m_\lambda)$$

and projection  $\pi_\lambda(m) = m_\lambda$  to  $M_\lambda$ . Show that the universal property of a product in the category of  $G$ -modules holds!

**Problem 2** (6 points). Let  $(M_\lambda)_{\lambda \in \Lambda}$  be a family of  $G$ -modules. Let  $C = \prod_{\lambda \in \Lambda} M_\lambda$  be the set of all families  $(m_\lambda)_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \in \prod_{\lambda \in \Lambda} M_\lambda$  for which  $\{\lambda \in \Lambda \mid m_\lambda \neq 0\}$  is finite. Let  $M_\lambda \xrightarrow{i_\lambda} C$  send  $m \in M_\lambda$  to the family  $(\mu_\vartheta)_{\vartheta \in \Lambda}$  where  $\mu_\lambda = m$  and  $\mu_\vartheta = 0$  when  $\vartheta \neq \lambda$ . Show that the universal property of a coproduct in the category of  $G$ -modules holds.

**Problem 3** (5 points). Let  $L/K$  be a Galois extension of degree  $p$  of fields of characteristic  $p > 0$ . Let  $\sigma$  be a generator of  $\text{Gal}(L/K)$ .

- Show that

$$0 \rightarrow K \rightarrow L \xrightarrow{x \rightarrow \sigma(x) - x} L \xrightarrow{\text{Tr}_{L/K}} K \rightarrow 0$$

is exact!

- Show that there is  $x \in L$  with  $\sigma(x) = x + 1$ !
- Show that  $\xi = x^p - x \in K$  and that  $L$  is a field of decomposition of the polynomial  $T^p - T - \xi$ !

**Problem 4** (2 point). Let  $K$  be a field of characteristic  $p > 0$  and  $\xi \in K$  such that  $x^p - x = \xi$  has no solution  $x \in K$ . Let  $L$  be the extension of  $K$  obtained by adjoining a solution  $x$  to this equation. Show that  $L/K$  is a Galois extension!

An extension of this type is called an *Artin-Schreier extension*.

**Problem 5** (3 points). Let  $L/K$  be an algebraic field extension and  $\overline{K}$  an algebraic closure of  $K$ . Show that the following conditions are equivalent:

- If an irreducible  $P \in K[T]$  has a zero in  $L$  then it splits into linear factors in  $L[T]$ .
- $L$  is a union of splitting fields of polynomials in  $K[T]$ .
- Two arbitrary extensions  $L \xrightarrow{\lambda, \vartheta} \overline{K}$  of the embedding  $K \rightarrow \overline{K}$  have the same image.

One of the 21 points from this sheet is a bonus point which does not count in the calculation of the 50%-limit for passing the exercises module. Solutions should be submitted to the tutor by e-mail before Tuesday April 15 24:00.