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# On standard extensions of local fields

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#### Abstract

Let L/K be any separable extension of complete discrete valued fields of degree p. This work, is a study of some "standard over-extensions" of L/K, with the description of their Galois groups. The second target, which is the aim of this work, concerns the Galois closure of L/K. The study of the normal case has been done in some former work.

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## Introduction

Let L/K be a separable extension of degree p of complete discrete valued fields having residue fields of characteristic p > 0. The content of this paper is as follows:

Section 1 is a general view of the standard over-extensions of K. Some specific results and examples on the extension  $M = K((K^*)^{1/p-1})/K$ , in general, are also given.

Section 2 is a description of the Galois groups of the standard extensions, the question of the finitude of the Number of Galois extensions having a given degree is studied and a Method for the determination of some cyclic extensions of a local number field is given.

Section 3 is the study of the Galois closure of L/K (the aim of this work). The existence of the intermediate extension and an explicit determination of it are studied.

#### 1 Standard over-extensions

By "local field" we mean a complete discrete valued field, meanwhile "standard over-extensions" of a local field K are, the maximal abelian extension M of K of exponent p-1, the maximal p-abelian extension of M, and the Galois closure of a p-extension of K.

#### 1.1 Case of finite residue field

Let K a local field with finite residue field,  $k = \mathbb{F}_{p^f}$ . The maximal abelian extension of exponent p-1 of K is  $M = K((K^*)^{1/p-1})$ , regardless of the characteristic of K, that is the compositum of two cyclic Kummer linearly disjoint extensions of K both of degree p-1. The unramified and a totally ramified  $K(\sqrt[p-1]{\pi})$  ( $\pi$  uniformizer of K). M/K is the compositum of all cyclic extensions of K of degree dividing p-1. From Kummer Theory for abelian extensions (see [12] ch:VI),  $\Gamma = gal(M/K)$ 

(the Galois group of M/K) is dual to  $K^{\star}/K^{\star(p-1)}$ , under the pairing:

$$\begin{array}{cccc} \varphi: & \Gamma \times (K^{\star}/K^{\star(p-1)}) & \longmapsto & \mathbb{F}_p^{\star} \\ & (\sigma, \overline{x}) & \longmapsto & \sigma(y)/y \end{array} \text{ with } (y^{p-1} = x);$$

so  $\mathbb{F}_p^{\star} \subset K^{\star}$ , is identified with the group of the p-1-th roots of unity. N the maximal abelian extension of exponent p of M is compositum of all extensions of K of degree p.

 $\underline{First} \ \underline{case} \ char(K) = 0$ 

Here,  $N = M(\sqrt[p]{M^*})$ ; furthermore M/K, and N/M are normal.

- $\Gamma = gal(M/K)$ , is abelian of degree  $(p-1)^2$  isomorphic to  $(\mathbb{Z}/(p-1)\mathbb{Z})^2$ .
- Write  $\Delta = gal(N/M)$  seen as  $\Gamma$  -module (from the action of  $\Gamma$  on it,  $\Gamma$  acts on  $M^*/M^{*p}$  and on  $\mu_p \subset M$ .  $\Delta \simeq Hom(M^*/M^{*p}, <\zeta_p>)$  so it is isomorphic to the filtered  $\Gamma$ -module  $M^*/M^{*p}$  of  $\mathbb{F}_p$ -dimension  $p^{2+[M:\mathbb{Q}_p]}$ . See Remark (1.1).
- $\mathcal{G} = gal(N/K)$ , need not be nilpotent. It is a semidirect product  $\mathcal{G} = \Delta \rtimes \Gamma_0$ , where  $\Gamma_0$  is a subgroup of  $\mathcal{G}$  isomorphic to  $\Gamma$  (Schur-Zassenhaus Theorem, see [14]Chap.7. Th.7.24).

**Remark 1.1.** If the extension  $L/\mathbb{Q}_p$  is finite then the order of the group  $L^*/L^{*p}$  is

- 1. If L contains the p-th roots of unity then the order of the group  $L^*/L^{*p}$  is  $p^{2+[L:\mathbb{Q}_p]}$ .
- 2. If L does not contain the p-th roots of unity  $p^{1+[L:\mathbb{Q}_p]}$

Set  $[L:\mathbb{Q}_p]=ef$ , from  $L^*=\pi^{\mathbb{Z}}\times\mu_{p^f-1}\times\mathbb{U}_1$  for  $\pi$  a uniformizer of L,  $\mu_n$  the group of the n-th roots of unity and  $\mathbb{U}_1$  the group  $U_1=\{a\in L; a-1\in\mathcal{M}_L\}$ , so  $L^*\simeq\mathbb{Z}\times\mu_{p^f-1}\times\mathbb{U}_1$ . From Prop. 10, Ch.XIV §.4 in [17],  $\mathbb{U}_1$  is a direct product of a cyclic p-group and a  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ -module of rank  $[L:\mathbb{Q}_p]$ , so  $\mathbb{U}_1\simeq\mu_{p^h}\times\mathbb{Z}_p^{[L:\mathbb{Q}_p]}$  with  $h\geq 0$ ,  $\mu_{p^h}\subset L$  and  $\mu_{p^{h+1}}$  not in L, so h=0 if and only if L does not contain  $\mu_p$  (see the following Note). So,

$$L^{\star} \simeq \mathbb{Z} \times \mu_{p^f - 1} \times \mu_{p^h} \times \mathbb{Z}_p^{[L:\mathbb{Q}_p]}$$

$$L^{\star}/L^{\star p} \simeq \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z} \times \{1\} \times \mu_{p^h}/\mu_{p^h}^p \times (\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^{[L:\mathbb{Q}_p]}$$

$$(1.1)$$

- If h = 0 then  $\mu_{p^h}/\mu_{p^h}^p$  is of dimension zero.
- If h > 0 then  $\mu_{p^h}/\mu_{p^h}^{p} \simeq \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$  that is of dimension 1.

In consequence  $dim(L^*/L^{*p}) = 1 + 1 + [L:\mathbb{Q}_p]$  if h > 0 meanwhile  $dim(L^*/L^{*p})$ 

 $=1+[L:\mathbb{Q}_p]$  if h=0. See for example Corollary of Proposition 6 §.3 Ch.II in [7].

**Note:** we prove,  $\mathbb{U}_1 \simeq \mu_{p^h} \times \mathbb{Z}_p^{[L:\mathbb{Q}_p]}$ .

For  $L/\mathbb{Q}_p$  finite, the p-adic logarithm is a  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ -module homomorphism  $log: \mathbb{U}_1 \to \mathcal{M}_L$ , and ker(log) is the p-th power roots of unity in L. This kernel is finite, since high p-th power order roots of unity have high degree over  $\mathbb{Q}_p$ , and can't lie in a finite extension of  $\mathbb{Q}_p$  if the order is sufficiently large. The p-adic logarithm is an isomorphism from a sufficiently small closed disc  $\mathcal{D}$  around 1 to a sufficiently small closed disc around 0, with its inverse being the p-adic exponential. A closed disc around 0 in  $\mathcal{M}_L$  is a scalar multiple of  $\mathcal{M}_L$ , and  $\mathcal{M}_L \simeq \mathbb{Z}_p^{[L:\mathbb{Q}_p]}$ , so  $\mathcal{D} \simeq \mathbb{Z}_p^{[L:\mathbb{Q}_p]}$ . Since  $\mathcal{D}$  is a  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ -submodule of  $\mathbb{U}_1$  with finite index,  $\mathbb{U}_1$  is a finitely generated (multiplicative)  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ -module that contains a submodule of finite index which is free of rank  $[L:\mathbb{Q}_p]$ , so by the structure theorem for

finitely generated modules of a PID,  $\mathbb{U}_1$  as a  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ -module is  $\mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{Z}_p^{[L:\mathbb{Q}_p]}$ ,  $\mathbb{T}$  is the torsion submodule of  $\mathbb{U}_1$ . The submodule  $\mathbb{T}$  is  $\mathbb{T} = \mu_{p^h} \subset \mathbb{U}_1$ . Thus  $\mathbb{U}_1 \simeq \mu_{p^h} \times \mathbb{Z}_p^{[L:\mathbb{Q}_p]}$ . A special case is for p = 2, since all 2-adic field contains the 2-th roots of unity nevertheless the result still holds. For example, if  $L = \mathbb{Q}_2$ ,  $\mathbb{Q}_2^* \simeq \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \simeq \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{U}$ , ( $\mathbb{U} = \mathbb{U}_1$ ), and  $\mathbb{U}_1 = \mathbb{Z}_2^* = \{+/-1\} \times (1+4\mathbb{Z}_2) \simeq \{+/-1\} \times \mathbb{Z}_2$  since the 2-adic logarithm is an isomorphism between  $1 + 4\mathbb{Z}_2$  and  $4\mathbb{Z}_2 \simeq \mathbb{Z}_2$ .

**Remark 1.2.** Since N/M a p-elementary abelian,  $gal(N/M) = \Delta \simeq (\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^n$  with  $n = 2 + [M : \mathbb{Q}_p]$  and from classical group theory  $(\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^n$  has exactly

$$\binom{n}{i}_p = \frac{(p^n - 1)(p^{n-1} - 1)\dots(p^{n-i+1} - 1)}{(p^i - 1)(p^{i-1} - 1)\dots(p-1)}$$

subgroups of order  $p^i$ ,  $\binom{n}{i}_p$  the Gaussian p-binomial coefficient  $(n \text{ choose } i)_p$  for  $i \leq n$ ). (The number of i-dimensional subspaces of an n-dimensional vector space over  $\mathbb{F}_p$ ). By the theorem of classical Galois theory, N/M contains  $\binom{n}{i}_p$  extensions of M of degree  $p^{n-i}$ .

<u>Second case</u>: char(K) = p > 0, K = F((T)), with F a finite field. Then  $N = M(\wp^{-1}(M))$ ;  $(\wp : x \to x^p - x)$ (Artin-Schreier).

- $\Gamma = gal(M/K)$ , which is abelian of degree  $(p-1)^2$  isomorphic to  $(\mathbb{Z}/(p-1)\mathbb{Z})^2$ .
- $\Delta = gal(N/M)$  is isomorphic to the filtered  $\Gamma$ -module  $M/(\wp(M))$  of  $\mathbb{F}_p$ -dimension  $+\infty$ , which is abelian too of exponent p, isomorphic to a countably infinite product of copies of  $\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$  in general see Proposition (1.5).
- $\mathcal{G} = gal(N/K)$ ,  $\mathcal{G}$  need not be nilpotent, since  $\mathcal{G} = \Delta \rtimes \Gamma_0$ ,  $\Gamma \simeq \Gamma_0 \subset \mathcal{G}$ , (Generalized Schur-Zassenhaus [13]. §.2.3; page: 41)). Indeed from Krull topology, (see [12] ch:VII),  $\Delta$  is a closed normal subgroup of  $\mathcal{G}$  and the exponents are relatively prime. So, we have a split short exact sequence  $1 \to \Delta \to \mathcal{G} \to \Gamma_0 \to 1$ .

**Note:** Having  $\Gamma \simeq \Gamma_0$ , in the next, we write  $\Gamma$  instead of  $\Gamma_0$  since no confusion can occur.

**Remark 1.3.**  $\Delta$  is the single Sylow p-subgroup of  $\mathcal{G}$ , so the number of subgroups of  $\mathcal{G}$  of order  $p^i$  equals the number of subgroups of  $\Delta$  of order  $p^i$  for all i, namely,

$$\binom{n}{i}_p = \frac{(p^n - 1)(p^{n-1} - 1)\dots(p^{n-i+1} - 1)}{(p^i - 1)(p^{i-1} - 1)\dots(p-1)}$$

# 1.2 On the prime and Equi-characteristic Case

Remain that for a complete discrete valued field K having the same characteristic p as its residue field F we can write K = F(T) with T a transcendental element over F.

## **1.2.1** Infinitude of $K/\wp(K)$

**Proposition 1.4.** K = F((T)), with F a complete discrete valued field of characteristic p then  $K/\wp(K)$ , is countably infinite, ( $\wp: x \to x^p - x$ ).

PROOF. Consider  $\frac{1}{T^n}$ , for n > 0 and p does not divide n. If  $\frac{1}{T^n} - \frac{1}{T^{n'}} \in \wp(K)$ , with  $n \neq n'$  and p does not divide nn', then  $\frac{1}{T^n} - \frac{1}{T^{n'}} = f^p - f$ , for some  $f \in K = F(T)$  but  $f \notin K = F[T]$ ,

necessarily (since n, n' > 0 and distinct ) (which is no more true if F is finite). Thus f has a leading polar term with degree -r < 0, so  $f^p$  has a pole with degree -rp < -r, that is  $f^p - f$  has a pole of order rp that is divisible by p yet the difference  $\frac{1}{T^n} - \frac{1}{T^{n'}}$ , does not have this property since n and n' are distinct and not divisible by p. So, we found infinitely many different elements outside of a subspace.

For the infinity of the codimension.  $(T^n)_n$  with n negative prime to p numbers is free in  $K/\wp(K)$ . Let  $n_1 < \cdots < n_m$  be negative prime to p integers, and  $a_1, \ldots, a_m \in F$  non-zero. We have to prove that  $f = a_1 T^{n_1} + \cdots + a_m T^{n_m}$  does not lie in  $\wp(K)$ . Let v be the canonical valuation of K = F((T)). Then  $v(f) = n_1 < 0$ . By contradiction, suppose that  $f = g^p - g$  for some  $g \in K$ . Then v(g) < 0, so  $v(g^p - g) = pv(g)$ .  $f = g^p - g$  implies that  $n_1 = v(f) = v(g^p - g) = pv(g)$ , thus p divides  $n_1$ . So, we get the contradiction. Now, by Hensel's Lemma  $\wp(K)$  contains an open neighborhood of 0 so  $K/\wp(K)$  is just countably infinite.

<u>Note:</u> Prop.(1.4) can be generalized to any infinite and commutative field K, char(K) = p with  $\wp(K) \subsetneq K$  (strict inclusion). Indeed, the equality can occur, for example if K is algebraically closed, the equation  $T^p - T - t$  is separable, with K separably closed and char(K) = p we get  $\wp(K) = K$ ,  $K/\wp(K)$  is then trivial.

Let K be a commutative and infinite field and L/K finite with [L:K] > 1. The element 1 can be extended to a K-basis  $e_1, ..., e_n$  of L, with  $e_1 = 1$  and n > 1. Then  $L = Ke_1 + Ke_2 + ... + Ke_n = K + Ke_2 + ... + Ke_n$  (the sums are direct sums). Passing to additive quotient groups, L/K is isomorphic to  $Ke_2 + ... + Ke_n$ , which is infinite since K is infinite. So, a similar argument works when L is any field extension of K that is larger than K (not just finite extensions of K) by using a K-basis of L that contains K.

#### 1.2.2 Description of the product $\Delta$

**Proposition 1.5.** For  $L = \mathbb{F}((T))$  a local functional field with  $\mathbb{F}$  a finite field of characteristic p, let N be the maximal exponent-p abelian extension of L. Then gal(N/L) is a product of an countable infinite product of copies of  $\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$ .

PROOF. By Kummer's theory, gal(N/L) embeds into  $Hom(L/\wp(L), \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})$  $\simeq (\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^{(\alpha)}$ , and is a direct product of a non-necessarily countable number of copies of  $\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$ , of

 $\simeq (\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^{(\alpha)}$ , and is a direct product of a non-necessarily countable number of copies of  $\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$ , of course  $L/\wp(L) \simeq gal(N/L)$  and  $L/\wp(L)$  embeds into  $(\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^{(\alpha)}$ . Since  $L/\wp(L)$  is just countably infinite (see Prop.1.4) and thus has only countably infinite dimension then with Pontryagin duality that swaps direct sums for direct products we see that gal(N/L) is thereby obtained as a countably infinite product.

By use of the notations of §.1.2.  $K = \mathbb{F}((T))$  ( $\mathbb{F}$  finite of characteristic p), M/K is Kummerabelian of degree  $(p-1)^2$ , then  $M = K \binom{p-1}{K^*}$  with M = V((X)) too  $(V \text{ finite})V = \mathbb{F}(\binom{p-1}{\sqrt{(\varepsilon)}})$  ( $\varepsilon$  a generator of  $\mathbb{F}^*$ , and  $X = \binom{p-1}{T}$ ). Now, by "continuity of roots" for separable monic polynomials,

there are only countably many finite separable extensions of a local function fields see Example(2.9) (as such fields have a countable dense subset),  $\Delta$  is necessarily a countable infinite product of copies of  $\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$ . Furthermore, Prop. (1.5) gives a direct proof of

Corollary 1.6. From Prop.(1.5). The group  $\Delta = gal(N/M)$  (where  $N = M(\wp^{-1}(M))$  and  $M = K(p^{-1}\sqrt{K^*})$ ), is a product of an countable infinite product of copies of  $\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$ .

# 1.3 Remarks on the extension $M = K((K^*)^{1/p-1})/K$ in general

- In local case with finite residue field of characteristic p we have seen that  $M = K((K^*)^{1/p-1})/K$ , is an abelian extension of degree  $(p-1)^2$  the Galois group of which is isomorphic to  $(\mathbb{Z}/(p-1)\mathbb{Z})^2$ .
- Meanwhile, if K is a complete field with respect to a discrete valuation having a residue field not necessarily finite of characteristic p, then we have  $M = K((K^*)^{1/p-1})/K$  is not necessarily finite, but it is still abelian of exponent p-1, since K contains the p-1-th roots of unity.
- Otherwise, the extension M/K need not be finite; if it is finite it need not be Galois; and if it is finite and Galois it need not have that Galois group. Indeed see the following.

**Example 1.7.** 1). • Let K = k((t)), where  $k = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_3)$  and  $\zeta_3$  is a primitive cube root of unity. So K is a complete discretely valued field.

Let p=3.  $k((k^*)^{1/p-1})/k$  is infinite. Hence so is  $K((K^*)^{1/p-1})/K$ .

2). •  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_3)$  where  $\zeta_3$  is a 3-th root of unity. Therefore,  $M/K = K((K^*)^{1/p-1})/K = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_3)((\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_3)^*)^{1/2})/\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_3)$ , is infinite, since adjoining to K the square roots of different prime elements of  $\mathbb{Z}[\zeta_3]$  will lead to disjoint quadratic extensions whose composite has degree a large power of 2 (the power being the number of primes).

## More generally we have the following result:

3). • "Consider  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_p)$  where  $\zeta_p$  is a p-th root of unity, p being an odd prime number. Then  $K(\sqrt[1/p-1]{K^*})/K = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_p)(\sqrt[1/p-1]{\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_p)^*})/\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_p)$ , is infinite".

Indeed, from the well known result "For relatively prime integers  $a_1, ..., a_n$ , the  $2^n$  algebraic numbers  $\sqrt{a_{i_1}, ..., a_{i_k}}$  with  $i_1 < ... < i_k$  and  $0 \le k \le n$  are linearly independent over  $\mathbb{Q}$ , so are a  $\mathbb{Q}$ -basis for  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{a_{i_1}}, ..., \sqrt{a_{i_k}})$ . In particular, the degree of that field over  $\mathbb{Q}$  is the maximum possible  $2^n$ ", we can deduce that  $\mathbb{Q}((\mathbb{Q}^*)^{1/2})/\mathbb{Q}$  is infinite. Since  $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_p)/\mathbb{Q}$  is finite then  $Q(\zeta_p)((Q(\zeta_p)^*)^{1/2})/\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_p)$  is infinite, therefore  $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_p)((\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_p)^*)^{1/p-1})/\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_p)$  is infinite too. The result is proved.

Note that the degree of  $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_p)(\sqrt{a_{i_1}},...,\sqrt{a_{i_k}})$  over  $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_p)$  is  $2^n$  or  $2^{n-1}$ ; it depends on whether the set the numbers  $a_i$  union +p or -p is still independent or not and  $\sqrt{+p}$  or  $\sqrt{-p}$  belongs to  $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_p)$ , depends on whether  $p \equiv 1 \mod 4$  or  $p \equiv 3 \mod 4$ .

4). • Let k be an algebraically closed field of characteristic 0, and let K = k((t)).

Then  $K((K^*)^{1/p-1})/K$  is Galois with group  $\mathbb{Z}/(p-1)\mathbb{Z}$ , not  $(\mathbb{Z}/(p-1)\mathbb{Z})^2$ .

5). • Let k be the field of 3 elements, and let K = k((t)).

Let p = 11. Then  $K((K^*)^{1/p-1})/K$  is Galois with group  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/10\mathbb{Z}$ .

6). • Let k be the field of 3 elements, and let K = k(t).

Let p = 7 Then  $K((K^*)^{1/p-1})/K$  has degree 12 (not 36), but it is not Galois because it is not separable, since  $t^{1/3}$  is in this field.

7). • " For any fractions field K, with characteristic  $p \neq 2$ , of a Dedkind ring  $\mathfrak{A}$  having infinite many prime ideals, we have  $M = K((K^*)^{1/p-1})/K$ , is infinite".

Indeed, it suffices to notice that when adjoining to K the square roots of two different prime elements of  $\mathfrak A$  will lead to disjoint quadratic extensions. In fact, let  $L=K(\sqrt{p})$  and  $L'=K(\sqrt{q})$ . They are both quadratic. Necessarily  $L\cap L'=K$  otherwise L=L', this means that  $\sqrt{q}=a+b\sqrt{p}$  for  $a,b\in K$ , thus  $q=a^2+2ab\sqrt{p}+b^2p$ . Clearly b has to be non-zero. If a is also non-zero, then this formula shows  $\sqrt{p}\in K$ , so a has to be zero. Then  $q=b^2p$ , localizing at q, p is a unit and q is a uniformizer so this cannot happen.

8). • In contrary, in characteristic  $2 \mathbb{F}_2(T)(\sqrt{T}) = \mathbb{F}_2(T)(\sqrt{T+1})$  Is a counter-example.

#### Note:

Concerning items 7) and 8), the different result for characteristic 2 is really just an artifact. More generally, if p is any prime and a positive integer n is not a power of p, then  $M = K((K^{*1/n})/K)$  is infinite for rings as in item 7). Of course if p is prime and n = p - 1, then n cannot be a power of a prime q unless q = 2, which leads to the item 8). But if we take a different n (e.g. take n = p - 2), then characteristic 2 need not be the exception.

# 2 Description of the over-extensions

#### 2.1 Case of mixed characteristic

## 2.1.1 Explicit description of the semidirect product

From §.1.1 First case,  $\Gamma \simeq (\mathbb{Z}/(p-1)\mathbb{Z})^2$ , and  $\Delta \simeq (\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^n$ . Write  $\Delta = <\alpha_1, \alpha_2, ...., \alpha_n > .$   $M^*/M^{*p}$  being a  $\mathbb{F}_p[\Gamma]$ -module of dimension n, by local class field theory  $M^*/M^{*p} \simeq \Delta = gal(N/M)$ . Furthermore,  $\Delta \simeq Hom(M^*/M^{*p}, <\zeta>)$  with  $\zeta$  a primitive p-th root of unity. So, N is generated over M by n elements  $b_i$  such that  $b_i^p \in M$  that is  $N = M(b_1, b_2, ..., b_n)$ , so consider  $\Delta = <\alpha_1, \alpha_2, ...., \alpha_n >$  such that  $\alpha_i(b_i) = \zeta_i b_i$  with  $\zeta_i$  a p-th root of unity, and  $\alpha_i(b_j) = b_j$  if  $i \neq j$ . To sum up we have the result:

**Proposition 2.1.** For  $N = M(b_1, b_2, ..., b_n)$ , with  $b_i^p \in M$ . Then  $\Delta = gal(N/M) = \langle \alpha_1, \alpha_2, ..., \alpha_n \rangle$  is defined by  $\alpha_i(b_i) = \zeta_i b_i$  with  $\alpha_i(b_j) = b_j$  if  $i \neq j$ .

Let  $\varphi: (\mathbb{Z}/(p-1)\mathbb{Z})^2 \to Aut((\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^n)$  a non trivial homomorphism.

Set  $\Delta \rtimes_{\varphi} \Gamma = (\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^n \rtimes_{\varphi} (\mathbb{Z}/(p-1)\mathbb{Z})^2 = <\alpha_1, \alpha_2, ...., \alpha_n > \rtimes_{\varphi} < g_1, g_2 >$ , by use of the basic representation theory, every representation of  $\Gamma$  is completely reducible by the theorem of Maschke see [4]. Further  $|Hom(\Gamma, \mathbb{F}_p^{\star})| = |\Gamma|$ , so every irreducible representation of  $\Gamma$  over  $\mathbb{F}_p$  has dimension 1. then, if V is a vector space over  $\mathbb{F}_p$  and  $\varphi : \Gamma \to Aut(V_{\mathbb{F}_p})$  a homomorphism, there exists a basis

B of V and homomorphisms  $\varphi_b:\Gamma\to\mathbb{F}_p^{\star}$ ,  $b\in B$  such that  $\varphi(g)(b)=\varphi_b(g)b$  for every  $g\in\Gamma$  and every  $b\in B$ . So we get:

**Proposition 2.2.** The semi-direct product  $\mathcal{G}$ ,

$$\mathcal{G} = \Delta \rtimes_{\varphi} \Gamma = (\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^n \rtimes_{\varphi} (\mathbb{Z}/(p-1)\mathbb{Z})^2 = <\alpha_1, \alpha_2, ...., \alpha_n > \rtimes_{\varphi} <\sigma, \tau >,$$
 is defined by the  $2n$  relations: 
$$\sigma\alpha_i\sigma^{-1} = \zeta_i\alpha_i, \text{ and } \tau\alpha_i\tau^{-1} = \xi_i\alpha_i, \text{ for } i=1,...,n; \ \zeta_i, \xi_i \text{ being elements of } (\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^*.$$
 That is by terms of characters, for  $\chi_i \in \hat{\Gamma} = Hom(\Gamma, \mathbb{F}_p^*)$  (dual of  $\Gamma$ ); write 
$$M_1 = diag(\chi_1(\sigma), \chi_2(\sigma), ..., \chi_n(\sigma)), \text{ and } M_2 = diag(\chi_1(\tau), \chi_2(\tau), ..., \chi_n(\tau)),$$
 for the diagonal matrices images of  $\sigma$  and  $\tau$ , then the action above becomes: 
$$\sigma\alpha_i\sigma^{-1} = \chi_i(\sigma)\alpha_i, \text{ and } \tau\alpha_i\tau^{-1} = \chi_i(\tau)\alpha_i.$$

## 2.1.2 Noticeable remarks on the group $\mathcal{G}$

#### Remark 2.3.:

• 1. In general such groups are metabelian, but nonnilpotent. Meanwhile, they can be nilpotent, then abelian, if and only if for all i;  $\zeta_i = \xi_i = 1$  ( $\mathcal{G}$  is then a direct product). Concerning the center  $Z(\mathcal{G})$  of  $\mathcal{G}$ . Since  $(\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^n$  and  $(\mathbb{Z}/(p-1)\mathbb{Z})^2$  are abelian, any generator of

the first subgroup that commutes with the generators of the second lies in the center and vis versa. So:

- 2.  $\mathcal{G} = \Delta \rtimes_{\varphi} \Gamma = (\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^n \rtimes_{\varphi} (\mathbb{Z}/(p-1)\mathbb{Z})$  note the action of  $\Gamma$  on  $\Delta$  the homomorphism  $\varphi : \Gamma \to Aut(\Delta)$  then  $ker(\varphi)$  consists of all  $\sigma^a \tau^b$  for which  $\zeta_i^a \xi_i^b = 1$  for all i. Put  $C = C_{\Delta}(\Gamma) = C_{\Delta}(\sigma) \cap C_{\Delta}(\tau)$  it is described in terms of the i such that  $\zeta_i = \xi_i = 1$ . Then  $C = \Delta \cap Z(\mathcal{G})$ . For  $\sigma \tau \in \mathcal{G}$  with  $\sigma \in \Delta$  and  $\tau \in \Gamma$  then  $\sigma \tau \in C_{\mathcal{G}}(\Gamma) \Leftrightarrow \sigma \in C$ . On the other hand  $\sigma \tau \in C_{\mathcal{G}}(\Delta) \Leftrightarrow \tau \in C_{\Gamma}(\Delta) = ker(\varphi)$ . Finally  $Z(\mathcal{G}) = C_{\mathcal{G}}(\Gamma) \cap C_{\mathcal{G}}(\Delta)$ .
- 4. For m < n if there are exactly m indices i with  $\zeta_i = \xi_i = 1$  then  $\#Z(\mathcal{G}) \ge p^m$ .
- 5.  $\#Z(\mathcal{G}) > p^m$  if and only if there exist a,b not both are zero, such that  $0 \le a,b < p-1$ , and  $\zeta_i^a \cdot \xi_i^b = 1$  for all i. Indeed, for  $g \in \mathcal{G}$ , g = nh with  $n \in (\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^n$  and  $h \in (\mathbb{Z}/(p-1)\mathbb{Z})^2$ , g is central if and only if both n and h are central. Since, central elements in  $\mathcal{G}$  contained in  $(\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^n$  are generated by the  $\alpha_i$  for which  $\zeta_i = \xi_i = 1$ . So  $h = \sigma^a \tau^b$  is central if and only if the condition above holds, so there can be more than  $p^m$  elements in the center. Also,  $\#Z(Z(\mathcal{G})) = p^m \cdot c$  with c a proper divisor of  $(p-1)^2$ .
- 6. Particularly if  $\zeta_i = \xi_i$  for all i; then  $\sigma^{-1}\tau$  lies in the center that is  $(p-1)|\#Z(\mathcal{G})$ . Likewise if  $\zeta_i = \xi_i^{-1}$  for all i; then  $\tau\sigma$  lies in the center that is  $(p-1)|\#Z(\mathcal{G})$  too.
- ullet 7. If none of the conditions 4.), 5.) and 6.) hold then  ${\mathcal G}$  is centerless.

**Proposition 2.4.** Let  $G_0$  be a subgroup of  $\mathcal{G} = (\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^n \rtimes_{\varphi} (\mathbb{Z}/(p-1)\mathbb{Z})^2$  of index p, then  $G_0 \cap (\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^n$  is normal in  $\mathcal{G}$ .

PROOF. First note that  $(\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^n$ , is the *p*-Sylow subgroup of  $\mathcal{G}$  and is normal in it. Since  $G_0$  contains a copy of  $(\mathbb{Z}/(p-1)\mathbb{Z})^2$ , then  $(\mathbb{Z}/(p-1)\mathbb{Z})^2$ , normalizes  $G_0$  and therefore normalizes

 $G_0 \cap (\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^n$ . By other hand  $(\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^n$  normalizes  $G_0 \cap (\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^n$ , since  $(\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^n$  is abelian. In consequence  $G_0 \cap (\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^n$  is normal in  $\mathcal{G}$ .

**Remark 2.5.** The result above does not mean that any subgroup of index p of  $(\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^n$ , is normal in  $\mathcal{G} = (\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^n \rtimes_{\varphi} (\mathbb{Z}/(p-1)\mathbb{Z})^2$ . See the following counter-examples.

## Example 2.6. (Counter-example)

In Proposition (2.4) when considering p=3, n=2 take for example for the action defining the semi-direct product  $[\varphi(x,y)](a,b)=(a,yb)$  (here we identified  $\mathbb{Z}/(p-1)\mathbb{Z}$  with  $\mathbb{F}_p^*$ ). The subgroup  $\{(a,a)|a\in\mathbb{Z}_3\}$  is obviously not normal in  $\mathcal{G}$ .

Example 2.7. (Counter-example)

Let  $K = \mathbb{Q}_3$ , consider  $M = K\left(\sqrt{K^*}\right) = \mathbb{Q}_3\left(i,\sqrt{3}\right)$ , and consider  $E = M\left(\sqrt[3]{1+\sqrt{3}}\right)$ , that is a normal 3-extension of M. The Galois closure of E/K is  $N = M\left(\sqrt[3]{M^*}\right)$  i.e.,  $N = M\left(\sqrt[3]{1+\sqrt{3}},\sqrt[3]{1-\sqrt{3}}\right)$  and  $gal\left(N/M\right) = \left(\mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}\right)^2$ . But E/K is not normal otherwise there should be an intermediate subextension E'/K of degree 3 of E/K and an automorphism  $\sigma$  of E that maps  $\sqrt{3}$  to  $-\sqrt{3}$ , which is the identity on E', furthermore  $\sigma(\sqrt[3]{1+\sqrt{3}})$ , must be a cubic root of  $\sigma(1+\sqrt{3})=1-\sqrt{3}$ , but E contains no such root, since E is strictly contains in N. Hence the subgroup  $gal\left(N/E\right)$  is not normal in  $gal\left(N/K\right)$ .

## 2.2 Equi-characteristic Case

For  $\Delta$  a p-profinite group, product of a countable number of copies of  $\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$ , N is generated over M by a countable number of elements  $b_i$  such that  $b_i^p - b_i \in M$ . So,  $\Delta$  is generated by  $\alpha_i$  of order p with  $\alpha_i^j(b_i) = b_i + j$  for  $0 \le j < p$ ,  $i \in N$  and  $\alpha_i(b_k) = b_k$  for  $i \ne k$ . So:

**Proposition 2.8.** With a countable number of relations, we define  $\mathcal{G} = \Delta \rtimes_{\varphi} \Gamma = \langle \alpha_1, \alpha_2, ..., \alpha_n, ... \rangle$   $\rtimes_{\varphi} \langle \sigma, \tau \rangle$ , is  $\sigma \alpha_i \sigma^{-1} = \zeta_i \alpha_i$ , and  $\tau \alpha_i \tau^{-1} = \xi_i \alpha_i$ ; for  $i \in N$ ; and  $\zeta_i, \xi_i \in (\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^*$ . That are,  $\sigma \alpha_i \sigma^{-1} = \chi_i(\sigma)\alpha_i$ , and  $\tau \alpha_i \tau^{-1} = \chi_i(\tau)\alpha_i$  where  $\chi_i \in \hat{\Gamma}$ .

#### 2.3 On the Number of Galois extensions having a given degree

The finitude of the number of all extensions of a local number field having a given degree" was studied and explicitly computed first by I.R.Safarevič in [15], M.Krasner in [6] then by J.P.Serre in [16]. In characteristic p > 0 this result holds no more. See the Example:

# Example 2.9. For instance,

• The field  $\mathbb{F}_p((X))$ , ( $\mathbb{F}_p$  of p elements), has only one inseparable extension of degree p. Indeed for L an inseparable extension of degree p,  $L^p = \mathbb{F}_p((X))$ , of course p-th power in  $K = \mathbb{F}_p((X))$  are Laurent series in  $X^p$  ( $\mathbb{F}_p$  is perfect). So, if  $f \in K$ ,  $f = a_0 + a_1X + a_{p-1}X^{p-1}$  each  $a_i$  is a p-th power.  $K(\sqrt[p]{f})$  lies in  $K(\sqrt[p]{X})$ , and so  $K(\sqrt[p]{X})$  is the only purely inseparable extension of degree p, and  $L = \mathbb{F}_p((X)^{1/p})$ ). Meanwhile, it has infinitely many separable ones (Artin-Schreier) of this

degree. In fact the question reduces to whether ,  $K/\wp(K)$ ,  $(\wp: x \to x^p - x)$ , is infinite? which is true. Prop. (1.4).

• In imperfect residue field case, we have the following beautiful example. K = k(x)((z)) (k is algebraically closed of characteristic p) has infinitely many extensions of degree p. Extensions given by  $y^p - y = x^j$ , ( $j \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $j \nmid p$ ), are all disjoint Galois p-extensions.

Now, let us first state some important results on groups:

**Lemma 2.10.** A finitely generated group G has only finitely many normal subgroups of a given index n, and only finitely many subgroups of G of bounded index.

PROOF. Let  $G = \langle x_1, ..., x_k \rangle$  be a finitely generated group and H a fixed finite group. There are finitely many homomorphisms from G to H (for each tuple  $g_1, ..., g_k$  there is at most one sending  $x_i$  to  $g_i$ ). So there are finitely many normal subgroups N of G such that  $G/N \simeq H$  (for each such N there exists at least one homomorphism from G to H with kernel N). As, up to isomorphism there are finitely many groups of fixed order, then there are finitely many normal subgroup of G having fixed (or even bounded index). Let K be a subgroup of G of finite index m, it has at most m conjugates  $K_1, ..., K_l$  and the intersection of all  $K_i$  is a normal subgroup of index at most  $m^l \leq m^m$ . (The normal core of K). As for a normal subgroup N of index S there are at most S0. Subgroups containing S1, then the number of subgroups of bounded index in S1 is bounded.

**Theorem 2.11.** Let G be a topologically finitely generated profinite group, then:

- For each natural number n the number of open subgroups of G of index n is finite.
- Identity element 1 of G has a fundamental system of neighborhoods consisting of countable chain of open characteristic subgroups of  $G = V_0 \supseteq V_1 \supseteq V_2$ ... See [13] (Prop. 2.5.1)

The Galois group of any infinite extension is a profinite group, the converse is also true. So in case of Theorem (2.11), "the finitude" still holds.

Corollary 2.12. If  $gal(K^s/K)$  is topologically finitely generated, then there are only finitely many Galois extensions of a given degree of K. Particularly if K is quasi-finite.

In "Serre's sense" a field is said to be quasi-finite if it is perfect and  $gal(K^s/K) \simeq \widehat{\mathbb{Z}}$ .

**2.4** Method for the determination of some cyclic extensions of a local number field Let  $K/\mathbb{Q}_p$  be a finite extension,  $[K:\mathbb{Q}_p]=r$ . Set  $K_c$  the compositum of all cyclic extensions of K of degree p.

#### 2.4.1 On the compositum of all cyclic p-extensions

Proposition 2.13. With the hypothesis above,

 $1 \bullet [K_c:K] = p^{r+1}$  and  $gal(K_c/K) \simeq (\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^{r+1}$ , if the p-th roots of unity are in K.  $2 \bullet [K_c:K] = p^{r+2}$  and  $gal(K_c/K) \simeq (\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^{r+2}$ , if K contains the p-th roots of unity.

PROOF. By local class field theory,  $K^*/K^{*p}$  is isomorphic to the Galois group of the maximal elementary abelian p-extension of K ie.  $K_c$ . Remark.(1.1) gives the result.

# **2.4.2** Explicitness for the case $K = \mathbb{Q}_p$

# Application: The Maximal *p*-abelian extension of $\mathbb{Q}_p$

For  $p \neq 2$ ,  $\mathbb{Q}_p$  has exactly p+1 cyclic extensions of degree p, all are totally ramified except one is unramified. For p=2 a detailed classification of the quadratic and the quartic extensions is given in [10]. Put r=1 in Prop.(2.13) to determine the compositum of all cyclic extensions of  $\mathbb{Q}_p$  of degree p. Exhibit two cyclic linearly disjoint extensions of degree p of  $\mathbb{Q}_p$  ( the unramified  $\mathbb{Q}_p(\lambda)$ , and the subextension  $\mathbb{Q}_p(\eta)$  (totally ramified) of degree p of  $\mathbb{Q}_p(\zeta_{p^2})$ ;  $\zeta_{p^2}$  is a primitive  $p^2$ -th root of unity). The p+1 cyclic extensions of degree p of  $\mathbb{Q}_p$  are the subextensions of  $\mathbb{Q}_p(\lambda, \eta)$ . Respectively write,  $G_{\lambda} = gal(\mathbb{Q}_p(\lambda))/\mathbb{Q}_p$  and  $G_{\eta} = gal(\mathbb{Q}_p(\eta))/\mathbb{Q}_p$ . There are natural isomorphisms from  $G_{\lambda}$  and  $G_{\eta}$  into  $\mathbb{F}_p$ .

To determine the primitive elements, set  $\eta = 1 + \sum_{0 < i < p^2; i^{p-1} \equiv 1 \mod p} \zeta_{p^2}^{i}$  an uniformizer (the trace), their conjugates  $\eta_k = 1 + \sum_{0 < i < p^2; i^{p-1} \equiv 1 \mod p} \zeta_{p^2}^{i+kp}$ , with  $0 \le k \le p-1$  (action of  $\mathbb{F}_p$  on the conjugates of  $\eta$ ). For a prime  $q, q \equiv 1 \mod p$ ; and  $p^{(q-1)/p}$  not congruent to 1 mod q and  $p^{(q-1)/p}$  not congruent to 1 mod q, write  $\lambda = \sum_{j \mod q; j^{(q-1)/p} \equiv 1 \mod q} \zeta_q^j$  the conjugates are  $\lambda_k = \sum_{j \mod q; j^{(q-1)/p} \equiv 1 \mod q} \zeta_q^j \zeta_p^k$ , with  $0 \le k \le p-1$ . The expression  $\lambda_{r_1} \eta_{s_1} + \ldots + \lambda_{r_p} \eta_{s_p}$  gives the primitive elements for the p-cyclic extensions of  $\mathbb{Q}_p$ .

## **Example 2.14.** For a numerical example, consider the case p = 7 we have

 $[\mathbb{Q}_{7}(\zeta_{49}):\mathbb{Q}_{7}] = 42$ , so we can take  $\eta = 1 + \zeta_{49} + \zeta_{49}^{-1} + \zeta_{49}^{18} + \zeta_{49}^{-18} + \zeta_{49}^{19} + \zeta_{49}^{-19}$  thus we get  $[\mathbb{Q}_{7}(\eta):\mathbb{Q}_{7}] = 7$  with  $\mathbb{Q}_{7}(\eta)/\mathbb{Q}_{7}$  cyclic totally ramified. Then by taking q = 29 we get  $[\mathbb{Q}_{7}(\zeta_{29}):\mathbb{Q}_{7}] = 28$  therefore, we can take  $\lambda = \zeta_{29} + \zeta_{29}^{-1} + \zeta_{29}^{12} + \zeta_{29}^{-12}$  and thus  $[\mathbb{Q}_{7}(\lambda):\mathbb{Q}_{7}] = 7$  with  $\mathbb{Q}_{7}(\lambda)/\mathbb{Q}_{7}$  cyclic unramified.

For a detailed study (see [8] §.3 page 139). With software Pari, for several values of p, the Eisenstein polynomials corresponding to the p cyclic extensions are determined, as well as their reduites (in Krasner's sense).

# **2.4.3** Determination of the cyclic extensions of degree d of $\mathbb{Q}_p$ , with d|p-1)

p an odd prime, and  $d=q_1^{r_1}.q_2^{r_2}...q_s^{r_s}$  ( $q_i$  prime) for d|p-1. By Kummer theory, the cyclic extensions of degree d of  $\mathbb{Q}_p$  are in bijection with the cyclic subgroups of order d of  $\mathbb{Q}_p^*/\mathbb{Q}_p^{*d}$ . Since  $\mathbb{Q}_p^*=p^Z\times Z_p=p^Z\times \mu_{p-1}\times U_1$  ( $\mu_n$  n-th roots of unity), and  $U_1^d=U_1$ , so  $\mathbb{Q}_p^*/\mathbb{Q}_p^{*d}\simeq p^Z/p^{dZ}\times \mu_{p-1}/\mu_{(p-1)/d}\simeq \times < \zeta>$  a product of two cyclic groups of order d. These extensions come from taking a d-th root of  $\xi p^i$ , (i integer determined mod d,  $\xi$  is a p-1-th root of unity (determined up to multiplication by a ((p-1)/d)-th root of unity). This gives the product of two cyclic groups of order d. Now The number of cyclic non-isomorphic extensions of degree d of  $\mathbb{Q}_p$  is equal to the number of cyclic subgroups of order d of  $(\mathbb{Z}/d\mathbb{Z})\times(\mathbb{Z}/d\mathbb{Z})$ . Since, a cyclic group of order d contains  $\varphi(d)$  elements of order d, (Euler's totient). For g(d) the number of elements

of order d in a group, the number of cyclic subgroups is  $g(d)/\varphi(d)$ . The order of any element of G (direct product of two cyclic groups of order d) divides d. If m divides d, then the set of elements whose orders divide m is the subgroup of G which is the direct product of two cyclic groups of order m, whose order is  $m^2$ . So, if g(m) is the number of elements of order exactly m,  $m^2 = \sum_{k|m} g(k)$ , and by möbius inversion  $(\mu)$   $g(m) = \sum_{k|m} k^2 \mu(m/k)$ . For m = d gives the number of elements of order d in G. The number of cyclic subgroups of order d in the group G is  $g(d)/\varphi(d) = (\sum_{k|d} k^2 \mu(d/k))/\varphi(d)$ .

For d = 60,  $\varphi(d) = 16$  and then the number of elements of order 60 is  $60^2 - 30^2 - 20^2 - 12^2 + 10^2 + 6^2 + 4^2 - 2^2 = 2304$ , so the number of cyclic subgroups of order 60 is 144.

For d a prime, it is  $(d^2-1)/(d-1)=d+1$  see Huppert in [3] (Hilfssatz 8.5). The number of cyclic groups of order d in an elementary abelian d-group of rank n, is  $(d^n-1)/(d-1)$ .

Description of Galois groups of cyclic extensions of degree d of  $\mathbb{Q}_p$  with d|p-1. For r=1 and s=1 then d is prime, these are in bijection with the pairs  $(i,j) \in (\mathbb{Z}/d\mathbb{Z})^2$  with either i=1 or (i,j)=(0,1), corresponding to the  $\mathbb{F}_d$  points on the projective line.

A similar description for prime-powers, say  $q^r$ , the subgroups generated by pairs (1, j) for all j and those generated by pairs (i, 1) for all i divisible by the prime q.

For the general case use the canonic splitting into the direct product of the Sylow subgroups and combine for each Sylow subgroup.

# **Example 2.15.** Description of cyclic extensions of degree 3 of $\mathbb{Q}_7$ ?

By local class field theory, this is the same as the number of one-dimensional subspaces of the  $\mathbb{F}_3$ -vector space  $\mathbb{Q}_7^{\star}/(\mathbb{Q}_7^{\star})^3$ . As 3 divides 6 = 7 - 1, this is 2-dimensional: the cubes in  $\mathbb{Q}_7^{\star}$  are  $7^{3n}\varepsilon$  where  $\varepsilon = + - 1 \pmod{7}$ . So there are 4 such extensions.

 $\mathbb{Q}_7$  contains the cube roots of unity. So, the degree 3 cyclic extensions are Kummer extensions, they are generated by the cube roots of 2, 7, 14 and 28.

# 3 Embedding of an extension of prime degree in its Galois closure

#### 3.1 Existence of the intermediate extension

**Proposition 3.1.** Let K be a commutative field, for every separable extension L/K of degree p, p an odd prime,  $G = gal(L_C)/K$  the Galois group of the Galois closure of L/K is solvable. Then there exists a cyclic extension F/K of degree m dividing p-1 such that LF/F is cyclic of degree p and LF/K is Galois (ie.  $L_C = LF$ ). Furthermore if L/K is not cyclic (LF/K is hence not abelian), then L has exactly p conjugates over K in LF.

PROOF. G is solvable, its order is divisible by p but not by  $p^2$ . Seen as a transitive subgroup of the symmetric group  $\mathfrak{S}_p$ , then according to ([1], ch.3, th.7) G contains a unique subgroup P of order p so it is normal in G. P is contained in its normalizer N(P) in  $\mathfrak{S}_p$ . Also N(P) seen as the affine linear group  $GA_1(\mathbb{F}_p)$ , we have the isomorphism  $\mathbb{F}_p^* \to Aut(P)$ , and a split short exact

sequence :  $1 \to P \to N(P) \to \mathbb{F}_p^{\star} \to 1$ 

Furthermore, N(P) is isomorphic to the group of all  $2 \times 2$  matrices over GF(p) of the form  $\begin{pmatrix} x & 0 \\ y & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ 

In consequence G/P is cyclic of order m dividing p-1. Therefore, and since  $G \subset N(P)$  it is also a semidirect product  $G = P \times M$  with M cyclic of order m.

If the semidirect product is a direct product then it is cyclic since m and p are co-prime.

Otherwise G is not abelian. In such case M being cyclic then all its conjugates are cyclic too. Write m in the form  $m = \prod_{i=1}^r m_i^{\alpha_i}$ ,  $m_i$  being different prime numbers, and N for the number of the conjugates of M (note that according to Hall's theorem(see [14]Chap5. Th5.23. page 85) all the subgroups of G of order m are conjugate). Since M is cyclic it contains one and only one subgroup  $M_i$  of order  $m_i^{\alpha_i}$  (Sylow  $m_i$ -subgroup of G) which is cyclic too. Conversely every Sylow  $m_i$ -subgroup of G can be embedded in some conjugate of M. So the number N must divide mp, being  $N \equiv 1$  modulo  $m_i$  for all i, thus (N, m) = 1. So the number of conjugates of M is exactly p if G is not cyclic. Set F the field fixed by P, then the Galois closure of L/K is  $L_C = LF$ . The proof is ended.

**Remark 3.2.** F is unique. Now, L/K being of prime degree, from now on we can suppose that L/K is totally ramified (so LF/F is too) and write  $LF = F(\pi)$ .

#### 3.2 Intermediate extension, explicit determination

From now on, assume that K has a finite residue field of characteristic p.

## 3.2.1 Description of the Galois closure

Recall that the compact group  $\Gamma \simeq Hom(K^{\star}/K^{\star p-1}, \mu_{p-1})$  then by duality  $\Gamma \simeq K^{\star}/K^{\star p-1}$ . Hence  $\Gamma$  is of the exponent p-1, and M/K is Kummer abelian relatively to p-1. The subextension F of  $L_C/K$  (Prop. 3.1), and of M/K, is cyclic Kummer of degree m dividing p-1 then,  $F=K\left(\sqrt[m]{b}\right)$ , with  $b \in K^{\star}$ . So,  $K\left(\sqrt[m]{b}\right) = K\left(\sqrt[m]{d}\right)$  if and only if there exists an integer  $k \geq 1$ ; with (k,m) = 1 such that  $d \in b^k K^{\star m}$ .

By considering the quotient group  $K^*/K^{*m}$  the order of the class  $bK^{*m}$ ; in it is m. Since m is dividing (p-1),  $K^*/K^{*m} \simeq (\mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z}) \times (\mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z})$ ; therefore  $K^*/K^{*m}$  is of order  $m^2$ . The number of the distinct Kummer cyclic extensions of K of degree m is exactly the number of cyclic subgroups of order m in  $(K^*/K^{*m})$ . So, the number of the cyclic distinct Kummer extensions of K of degree m equals the number of the cyclic subgroups of order m included in  $(\mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z}) \times (\mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z})$ , so by writing  $m = p_1^{\alpha_1} \dots p_r^{\alpha_r}$ , we get this number equals to  $(p_1^{\alpha_1} + p_1^{\alpha_1-1}) \dots (p_r^{\alpha_r} + p_r^{\alpha_r-1})$ . Furthermore  $gal(F/K) \simeq H$ ; H being a subgroup of  $gal(L_C/K)$  and  $L_C$  the Galois closure of L/K; is a cyclic group of order m dividing (p-1) that can be embedded in  $\mu_{p-1}$  the group of the p-1-th roots of unity. So, Schur-Zassenhaus theorem ( [14]Chap.7. Th.7.24., page:151 ) ensures the semi direct product  $gal(L_C/K) \simeq gal(L_C/F) \rtimes H$ . From local class field theory see [2] the

isomorphism between the three groups  $gal(F/K) \simeq H \simeq K^{\star}/N_{F/K}(F^{\star})$  of order m, and the surjective homomorphism  $s: K^{\star}/K^{\star m} \simeq (\mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z}) \times (\mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z}) \mapsto K^{\star}/N_{F/K}(F^{\star})$ .

# **3.2.2** The group gal(LF/K)

Since gal(F/K) is cyclic of order m dividing p-1, write  $gal(F/K) = \langle \varepsilon \rangle$  with  $\varepsilon(\sqrt[m]{b}) = \xi_m(\sqrt[m]{b})$ , where  $\xi_m$  a primitive m-th root of unity and name the extension of  $\varepsilon$  to  $F(\pi)$ ,  $\varepsilon$  too. Since  $gal(F(\pi)/F)$  is cyclic of order p write  $gal(F(\pi)/F) = \langle \sigma \rangle$ . LF/K being Galois, consider  $\tau$  any element of gal(LF/K), thus  $\tau = \sigma^i \varepsilon^j$ , with  $1 \le i \le p$  and  $1 \le j \le m$ , then from the normality of  $\langle \sigma \rangle$  in gal(LF/K), we have the identity

$$\tau \sigma \tau^{-1} = \sigma^t \text{ with } 1 \le t \le p - 1. \tag{1.2}$$

Consider the affine group AGL(1,p), of all maps from  $\mathbb{F}_p$  to itself in the form  $x\mapsto ux+v$  where  $u\neq 0$  in  $\mathbb{F}_p$ . gal(LF/K) has order mp and is isomorphic to a subgroup of AGL(1,p), which is isomorphic to the subgroup  $GL_2(\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})$ , of the matrices in form  $\begin{pmatrix} u & v \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  an automorphism  $\delta$  corresponds to  $\begin{pmatrix} u & v \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ ;  $\delta(\xi_p) = \xi_p^u$ , and  $\delta(x) = \xi_p^v x$ ;  $\xi_p$ , is a primitive p-th root of unity. Pick a generator g of  $(\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^*$ , for a generator of gal(F/K) take,  $\varepsilon: x\mapsto gx$  that corresponds to  $\begin{pmatrix} g & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  and for a generator  $\sigma$  of gal(LF/F),  $\sigma: x\mapsto x+1$  that corresponds to  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  then  $\varepsilon\sigma\varepsilon^{-1} = \sigma^g$ . For any  $\tau$  of gal(LF/K);  $\tau = \sigma^i\varepsilon^j$ , with  $1 \leq i \leq p$  and  $1 \leq j \leq m$ ,  $\tau\sigma\tau^{-1} = \sigma^{g^j}$ , also g must verify  $g^m = 1$  in  $\mathbb{F}_p$ .  $(\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^*$ , has  $\varphi(m)$  elements of order m,  $\varphi(.)$  (Euler's totient). Meanwhile the equation  $x^m = 1$  mod p has exactly m solutions in  $(\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^*$ , (m divides p-1 which is the order of  $(\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^*$ , these solutions are the elements of the cyclic subgroup of order m of the cyclic group  $(\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^*$ , and is isomorphic to the group of the m-th roots of unity.

#### 3.3 Generation of the intermediate extension

## **3.3.1** Ramification elements of LF/K:

 $LF = F(\pi)$ ,  $\pi$  uniformizer of L and of LF too.  $d_{(.)}$ ,  $e_{(.)}$  and  $f_{(.)}$  the respective discriminant, ramification index and residual degree. So  $e_{LF/F} = e_{L/K} = p$ ;  $f_{LF/F} = f_{L/K} = 1$ .

Write  $e_{F/K} = e_{LF/L} = t = \#|G_0/G_1|$  and  $f_{F/K} = f_{LF/L} = r$  that is the order of  $G/G_1$  (with respectively G the Galois  $G_0$  the inertia and  $G_1$  the ramification groups).

For any K-homomorphism  $\sigma$  of L, define the break relative to  $\sigma$  as  $v = v_L(\frac{\sigma(\pi)}{\pi} - 1)$ . v is independent of  $\pi$  and  $\sigma$  and depends of L/K only, see [5]. With a prime degree it is unique with  $v \leq \frac{ep}{p-1}$ . Its integrity is a necessary condition for the normality of L/K.

By computing  $v_K(d_{LF/K})$  in two different ways, along the towers LF/F/K and LF/L/K we get  $v_F(d_{LF/F}) = (p-1)(1+v)$ ; furthermore we have  $v_K(d_{F/K}) = v_L(d_{LF/L}) = (t-1)r = m-r$ .

In conclusion we get  $v_K\left(d_{L/K}\right) = (p-1)\left(1 + \frac{v}{t}\right)$ . So,

$$\gcd(v,t) = 1. \tag{1.3}$$

#### 3.3.2 Explicit computation of the break

Let  $f(X) = \sum_{i=0}^{p} a_i X^i$ , be an Eisenstein polynomial of degree p  $a_i \in K$   $(f(\pi) = 0)$ , write  $\pi = \pi_1, \pi_2, \ldots, \pi_p$ , for the roots of f(X) = 0. Set  $f_0(X) = X^{-1} f(\pi(X+1)) = X^{-1} \sum_{i=0}^{p} a_i \pi^i (X+1)^i = X^{-1} \sum_{j=0}^{p} \sum_{t=0}^{i} a_i \pi^i \binom{i}{t} X^t = \sum_{j=0}^{p-1} \sum_{j=0}^{p} \sum_{t=j+1}^{i} \binom{i}{j+1} a_i \pi^i X^j = \sum_{j=0}^{p-1} d_j X^j$ , with  $d_j = \sum_{i=j+1}^{p} \binom{i}{j+1} a_i \pi^i$ ,  $d_{p-1} = \pi^p$ , and  $d_0 = \sum_{i=1}^{p} \binom{i}{1} a_i \pi^i = \sum_{i=1}^{p} i a_i \pi^i$ . Then  $w = \frac{v_L(d_0) - v_L(d_{p-1})}{p-1}$ , so  $v_L(d_0) = (p-1) w + p(v_L(.))$  normalized valuation of L). Since  $v_L(d_0) = \inf_{1 \le t \le p} (v_L(ta_t) + t)$ , there exists  $a_k$  the principal coefficient of f, such that  $w = \frac{v_L(k) + v_L(a_k) + k - p}{p-1}$ . Having  $d_0 \equiv k a_k \pi^k$ , modulo  $\pi^{v_L(ka_k) + k + 1}$ , two cases can be distinguished. First case,  $k \ne p$ , and then  $w = \frac{v_L(ka_k) + k - p}{p-1}$ , with  $k = (p-1) w - v_L(a_k) + p$ , in the Second k = p (necessarily char(K) = 0) so  $w = \frac{pe}{p-1}$ . With  $w = \frac{v}{t}$  we have:

$$d_0 \equiv (ka_k \pi^{-v_L(a_k)}) (\pi^{(p-1)w+p}) \text{ modulo} \pi^{(p-1)w+p+1}.$$
 (1.4)

 $(ka_k\pi^{-v_L(a_k)})$  being an unit of L).

#### 3.3.3 Explicit computation of the primitive element

Consider  $g(X) = X^{-1}f(\pi + X) = \sum_{t=0}^{p-1}b_tX^t$ , its roots are  $\theta_i = \sigma^i(\pi) - \pi$ , for  $1 \leq i \leq p-1$ .  $(\sigma^i(\theta) \equiv \theta \mod \pi, \text{ so, } N_{LF/F}(\theta) \equiv \theta^p \equiv \theta \mod \pi)$ , then  $L(\theta_2, \dots, \theta_p)$  is the splitting field of f over K.  $g(X) = \sum_{t=0}^{p-1}\sum_{i=t+1}^{p}\binom{i}{t+1}a_i\pi^{i-t-1}X^t$ ;  $b_t = \sum_{i=t+1}^{p}\binom{i}{t+1}a_i\pi^{i-t-1}$ ,  $b_{p-1} = 1$  and  $\prod_{i=1}^{p-1}\theta_i = b_0 = \sum_{i=1}^{p}\binom{i}{1}a_i\pi^{i-1} = \sum_{i=1}^{p}ia_i\pi^{i-1}$ , so  $d_0 = b_0\pi$ .  $v_L(b_0) = \inf_{1 \leq t \leq p} (v(ta_t) + t - 1) = v(d_0) - 1 = (p-1)(w+1)$ . So,  $v_L(a_k) = (p-1)w - k + p$ . Then  $\prod_{i=1}^{p-1}\theta_i = b_0 \equiv ka_k\pi^{k-1} = (ka_k\pi^{-v_L(a_k)})(\pi^{(p-1)(w+1)})$  modulo  $\pi^{(p-1)w+p}$ . Write  $\gamma = -b_0 = -ka_k\pi^{k-1}$ , and extend the normalized valuation  $v_L(\cdot)$  of L to LF in a nonnormalized way  $(v_{LF}(\pi) = 1)$ . Denote by  $g_1(X) = X^{p-1} - \gamma$  (its roots are the  $\zeta_{p-1}^i \stackrel{p-1}{\sqrt{\gamma}}$ , where  $\zeta_{p-1}$  is a (p-1)-th root of unity), and by  $\theta'$  any root of  $g_1(X) = 0$ . Compute the expression  $g(\theta') - g_1(\theta') = g(\theta')$  in two different ways:

$$g(\theta') - g_1(\theta') = \theta'^{p-1} - \theta'^{p-1} + \sum_{i=1}^{p-2} b_i \theta'^i + \sum_{i=1}^{p} i a_i \pi^{i-1} + \gamma$$
  
=  $\sum_{i=1}^{p-2} b_i \theta'^i + \sum_{i=1, i \neq k}^{p} i a_i \pi^{i-1}$ . (1.5)

All valuations in the sums are  $\geq (p-1)\,w+p$ . Since  $g\left(\theta'\right) = \prod_{i=1}^{p-1}\left(\theta'-\theta_i\right)$  then  $v_{LF}\left(\prod_{i=1}^{p-1}\left(\theta'-\theta_i\right)\right) = \sum_{i=1}^{p-1}v_{LF}\left(\theta'-\theta_i\right) \geq (p-1)\,w+p = (p-1)\left(w+1\right)+1$ , so there exists  $i_0$  with  $v_{LF}\left(\theta'-\theta_{i_0}\right) \geq (w+1)+\frac{1}{p-1}$ , that is  $v_{LF}\left(\theta'-\theta_{i_0}\right) > (w+1)$ , by Krasner's Lemma (see [9])  $L\left(\theta'\right) = L\left(\theta_{i_0}\right) = L\left(\frac{p-1}{2}\sqrt{\gamma}\right) = L\left(\theta_{2},\ldots,\theta_{p}\right) = K\left(\pi,\frac{p-1}{2}\sqrt{\gamma}\right) = LF$ . Then:

**Theorem 3.3.** With the current notations, let L/K be a separable extension of degree p. If there exist an index k,  $1 \le k \le p-1$ , such that  $v_L(a_k) + k = \inf_{1 \le i \le p} (v_L(a_i) + i)$ , then

 $K\left(\sqrt[p-1]{-ka_k\pi^{k-1}}\right)/K$  is cyclic Kummer extension of degree m, m dividing p-1. Furthermore, the splitting field of f over K is  $K\left(\pi, \sqrt[p-1]{-ka_k\pi^{k-1}}\right)$ .

Notice that  $\theta' \equiv \theta_{i_0} \equiv \theta \mod \pi$  and take  $\theta' = p-1/\gamma$ , then

$$\theta' = \sqrt[p-1]{\gamma} \equiv \theta \mod \pi$$
 (1.6)

Furthermore, from the equality  $k-1=(p-1)(w+1)-v_L(a_k)$ , and since  $w=\frac{v}{t}$ :

$$\theta' = \sqrt[p-1]{\gamma} = \zeta_{p-1} \sqrt[p-1]{-ka_k \pi^{-v_L(a_k)}} \pi^{\frac{v}{t}+1}, \tag{1.7}$$

(p-1) being prime to p then  $L^{\star}/L^{\star(p-1)} \simeq K^{\star}/K^{\star(p-1)} \simeq \mathbb{Z}/(p-1)\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/(p-1)\mathbb{Z}$ , so

$$L^{\star}/L^{\star(p-1)} \rightarrow K^{\star}/K^{\star(p-1)}$$

$$\delta L^{\star(p-1)} \rightarrow N_{L/K}(\delta)K^{\star(p-1)},$$

$$(1.8)$$

is an isomorphism. Since  $N_{L/K}(\frac{\gamma}{N_{L/K}(\gamma)}) \in K^{\star(p-1)}$ , thus the pre-image  $\frac{\gamma}{N_{L/K}(\gamma)} \in L^{\star(p-1)}$ , that is  $\frac{\gamma}{N_{L/K}(\gamma)} \in L^{\star}$ . So  $L\left(\frac{\gamma}{N_{L/K}(\gamma)}\right) = K\left(\pi, \frac{\gamma}{N_{L/K}(\gamma)}\right) = K\left(\pi, \frac{\gamma}{N_{L/K}(\gamma)}\right)$ , and then  $F = K\left(\frac{\gamma}{N_{L/K}(\gamma)}\right)$ , and  $LF = K\left(\pi, \frac{\gamma}{N_{L/K}(\gamma)}\right)$ . By other words we can take

$$\sqrt[p-1]{N_{L/K}(\gamma)}$$
 as primitive element of  $F/K$  (1.9)

If the principal coefficient is  $a_p = 1$  (char(K) = 0),  $LF = L(\sqrt[p-1]{-p\pi}) = L(\sqrt[p-1]{-p}) = K(\pi, \sqrt[p-1]{-p}) = K(\pi, \zeta_p)$  is the splitting field of f over K. (where  $\zeta_p$  is a primitive p-th root of unity). Furthermore, since  $X^{p-1} + p$  is Eisenstein,  $K(\pi, \zeta_p)/K$  is totally ramified of degree p(p-1) (K with no the p-th roots of unity), otherwise L/K is normal. then:

**Theorem 3.4.** With the current notations, let L/K be a separable extension of degree p. If  $v_L\left(a_i\right) \geq v_L\left(p\right) + p = p\left(e+1\right)$  for i,  $1 \leq i \leq p-1$  then the splitting field of f over K is  $K\left(\pi, \sqrt[p-1]{-p}\right) = K\left(\pi, \zeta_p\right)$ . Furthermore  $K\left(\pi, \zeta_p\right)/K$  is totally ramified of degree  $p\left(p-1\right)$ , K with no p-th roots of unity). Otherwise  $K\left(\pi\right)/K$  is normal of degree p.

Now let us generate the intermediate extension another way:

**Theorem 3.5.** With the current notations, let L/K be a separable extension of degree p. Then there exists  $c \in K^*$ , unique up to  $K^{*(p-1)}$ , such that the following hold:

- $L\left(\sqrt[p-1]{c}\right)$  is the Galois closure of L/K
- For every  $\tau \in Gal\left(L\left(\begin{smallmatrix} p-\sqrt[4]{c} \end{smallmatrix}\right)/K\right)$ , and  $\sigma \in Gal\left(L\left(\begin{smallmatrix} p-\sqrt[4]{c} \end{smallmatrix}\right)/K\left(\begin{smallmatrix} p-\sqrt[4]{c} \end{smallmatrix}\right)\right)$ , we have  $\tau\sigma\tau^{-1} = \sigma^a$ , with  $a = \frac{\tau\left(\begin{smallmatrix} p-\sqrt[4]{c} \end{smallmatrix}\right)}{p-\sqrt[4]{c}}$  modulo p.

PROOF. K contains the p-1-th roots of unity, F/K is Kummer cyclic of degree m, so  $F=K\left(\sqrt[m]{b}\right)$ ,  $b\in K^{\star}$ .  $K\left(\sqrt[m]{b}\right)=K\left(\sqrt[m]{d}\right)$ ; if and only if there exists an integer  $k\geq 1$ ; with (k,m)=1

such that  $d \in b^k K^{\star m}$ . Up to take  $c = b^{(p-1)/m}$ ,  $LF = L(p^{-1}\sqrt{c})$ .

Now  $\tau(\sqrt[p-1]{c}) = \sigma^i(\varepsilon^j(\sqrt[p-1]{c})) = \sigma^i(\zeta_{p-1}^j/\sqrt[p-1]{c}) = \zeta_{p-1}^j/\sqrt[p-1]{c}$ , for every  $\tau \in gal(L(\sqrt[p-1]{c})) = LF/K)$ . So  $\frac{\tau(\sqrt[p-1]{c})}{\sqrt[p-1]{c}}$  is a unit of L/F.  $\zeta_{p-1}^j$  does not depend on c but on the coclass  $cK^{\star p-1}$  only. Indeed  $\frac{\tau(\sqrt[p-1]{c})}{\sqrt[p-1]{c}} = \frac{\tau(\sqrt[p-1]{d})}{\sqrt[p-1]{d}}$ , if and only if  $\tau(\sqrt[p-1]{c}) = \sqrt[p-1]{c}$ , that is  $\frac{c}{d} \in K^{\star p-1}$ . Set  $\theta = \sigma(\pi) - \pi$  so  $\theta \equiv 0 \mod \pi^{v+1}$  and  $\pi_1 = \tau(\pi)$  it is uniformizer too. So  $\sigma(\pi_1) - \pi_1 = 0$ 

Set  $\theta = \sigma(\pi) - \pi$  so  $\theta \equiv 0 \mod \pi^{v+1}$  and  $\pi_1 = \tau(\pi)$  it is uniformizer too. So  $\sigma(\pi_1) - \pi_1 = u(\sigma(\pi) - \pi) = u\theta$  with u unit of LF.  $u \equiv 1 \mod \pi$ , as  $\sigma(\tau(\pi) - \pi) \equiv \tau(\pi) - \pi \mod \pi$ , so the class of  $\frac{\tau(\theta)}{\theta} \mod \pi$  is independent of  $\pi$  and depends on  $\tau$  and  $\sigma$  only. Then write

 $\theta = \sigma \tau^{-1}(\pi_1) - \tau^{-1}(\pi_1)$ , that is  $\tau(\theta) = \tau \sigma \tau^{-1}(\pi_1) - \pi_1$ . Now, since  $gal(LF/F) = \langle \sigma \rangle$  is a normal subgroup of gal(LF/K) which is not abelian we have  $\tau \sigma \tau^{-1} = \sigma^a$ , with  $1 \le a \le p-1$ , therefore  $\tau(\theta) = (\sigma^a(\pi_1) - \pi_1)$ . Since the equality between ideals  $\sigma((\pi^t)) = (\pi^t)$  holds, by successive substitutions we get  $\sigma^a(\pi_1) - \pi_1 \equiv a(\sigma(\pi_1) - \pi_1) \equiv a(\sigma(\pi) - \pi)$ 

modulo  $\pi^{v+2}$ , that is  $\tau(\theta) \equiv a\theta$  modulo  $\pi^{v+2}$  for  $1 \leq a \leq p-1$ , finally we get

$$\frac{\tau(\theta)}{\theta} \equiv a \mod n \quad \pi^{v+1} \quad \text{that is modulo } p \quad \text{for} \quad 1 \le a \le p-1 \tag{1.10}$$

From (1.9);  $c = N_{L/K}(\gamma) = N_{LF/F}(\gamma)$ ;  $\gamma = -ka_k\pi^{k-1}$ ,  $a_k$  is the principal coefficient of f. By (1.6)  $p - \sqrt[4]{\gamma} \equiv \theta \mod \pi \Rightarrow N_{LF/F}(p - \sqrt[4]{\gamma}) \equiv N_{LF/F}(\theta) \equiv \theta^p \equiv \theta \mod \pi$ , then finally

$$\frac{\tau\left(N_{LF/F}\left(\stackrel{p-1}{\sqrt{\gamma}}\right)\right)}{N_{LF/F}\left(\stackrel{p-1}{\sqrt{\gamma}}\right)} \equiv a \mod n \quad \pi^{v+1} \quad \text{that is modulo } p \quad \text{for } 1 \le a \le p-1$$
 (1.11)

Q.E.D.

#### 3.4 Explicit construction of the splitting field

## 3.4.1 Interpretation in case the principal coefficient is not $a_p$ :

By a simple calculation we get the following Theorem (3.6) through the equality:

$$\sqrt[p-1]{N_{L/K}\left(\gamma\right)} = \xi_{p-1}ka_k\left(-a_0\right)^{\left(\frac{v}{t}+1\right)} \sqrt[p-1]{-ka_k\left(-a_0\right)^{-pv_K\left(a_k\right)}}.$$

$$(1.12)$$

**Theorem 3.6.** With the current notations, let L/K be a separable extension of degree p. If there exists an index k,  $1 \le k \le p-1$  such that  $v_L(a_k) + k = \inf_{1 \le i \le p} \left( pv_K(a_i) + i \right)$  (hence necessarily  $v_L(a_k) + k < v_L(p) + p$ ) then the splitting field of f over K is  $K\left(\pi, (-a_0)^{\frac{v}{t}} \ ^{p-1}\sqrt{-ka_k(-a_0)^{-pv_K(a_k)}}\right)$ .

**Remark 3.7.** It is clear that if the condition (1.13) is satisfied then  $K(\pi)/K$  is normal.

$$\sqrt[p-1]{-ka_k(-a_0)^{-v_K(a_k)}} \in K(\pi). \tag{1.13}$$

Particular case k = 1.

Corollary 3.8. With the hypothesis and notations of theorem (3.3), if:

1.  $v_L\left(a_1\right) \leq v_K\left(a_i\right)$  for every i,  $2 \leq i \leq p-1$  and

2.  $v_L(a_1) \leq v_L(p)$ ,

then the splitting field of f over K is  $K(\pi, \sqrt[p-1]{-a_1})$ .

If  $a_1 = p\alpha_1$ ;  $\alpha_1 \equiv 1 \mod \mathfrak{P}_K$ , (K a local number field) the splitting field of f over K is  $K(\pi, \sqrt[p-1]{-a_1}) = K(\pi, \sqrt[p-1]{-p}) = K(\pi, \xi_p)$ , where  $\xi_p$  is a primitive p-th root of unity.

**Lemma 3.9.** Let (m, p) = 1 and  $x \in K^*$ , then  $K(\sqrt[p]{x})/K$  is an unramified extension precisely if  $x \in U_K K^{*n}$ . (See [11]Lemma 5.3.)

From Lemma (3.9) with 
$$F = K\left(\left(-a_0\right)^{\frac{v}{t}} \sqrt[p-1]{-ka_k\left(-a_0\right)^{-pv_K\left(a_k\right)}}\right)$$
, we have:

**Lemma 3.10.** With the conditions of Theorem (3.3)

(p-1) divides  $(v_K(a_k)+k-1)$  (ie. the break is integer), if and only if F/K is unramified.

# Generation by discriminant:

We have 
$$\Delta\left(f\right)=(-1)^{\frac{p(p-1)}{2}}N_{K(\pi)/K}\left(f'\left(\pi\right)\right).$$
  $f'\left(\pi\right)=\sum_{i=1}^{p}ia_{i}\pi^{i-1}$   $=ka_{k}\pi^{k-1}\left(1+\sum_{i\neq k}r_{i}\pi^{i-1}\right),$  with  $r_{i}$  suitable choosen integers. Then it is clear that  $v_{L}\left(r_{i}\pi^{i-1}\right)>0$ , for every  $i,\ 1\leq i\leq p$  and  $i\neq k$  and therefore,  $(1+\sum_{i\neq k}r_{i}\pi^{i-1})\in U_{L}^{1},$  thus  $N_{0}=N_{L/K}\left(1+\sum_{i\neq k}r_{i}\pi^{i-1}\right)\in U_{L}^{1},$  and then  $p-\sqrt[4]{N_{0}}=N'\in K.$  Indeed, since  $U_{K}^{1}\supseteq N_{L/K}(U_{L}^{1})$  and if  $L/K$  is normal and totally ramified  $N_{L/K}(U_{L}^{1})$  is a subgroup of index  $p$  of  $U_{K}^{1}$ . Now  $N_{L/K}(-f'(\pi))=N_{L/K}(-ka_{k}\pi^{k-1}).N_{0},$  therefore  $p-\sqrt[4]{-N_{L/K}\left(f'\left(\pi\right)\right)}=\sum_{k=1}^{p-1}\sqrt[4]{N_{L/K}\left(-ka_{k}\pi^{k-1}\right).N',$  then  $L\left(p-\sqrt[4]{-ka_{k}\pi^{k-1}}\right)=K\left(\pi,p-\sqrt[4]{-N_{L/K}\left(f'\left(\pi\right)\right)}\right)=K\left(\pi,p-\sqrt[4]{-N_{L/K}\left(f'\left(\pi\right)\right)}\right)$ .

**Theorem 3.11.** With the conditions of Theorem (3.3). If there exists an index k,  $1 \le k \le p-1$  such that  $v_L\left(a_k\right) + k = \inf_{1 \le i \le p}\left(v_L\left(a_i\right) + i\right)$ . Then  $K\left(\sqrt[p-1]{\left(-1\right)^{\frac{p(p-1)}{2}+1}\Delta\left(f\right)}\right)/K$  is a cyclic Kummer extension of degree m, m dividing p-1. Furthermore, the splitting field of f over K is  $K\left(\pi,\sqrt[p-1]{\left(-1\right)^{\frac{p(p-1)}{2}+1}\Delta\left(f\right)}\right)$ .

# 3.4.2 Interpretation in case the principal coefficient is $a_p$ :

#### Generation by discriminant:

$$f'(\pi) = \sum_{i=1}^{p} i a_i \pi^{i-1} = p \pi^{p-1} \left( 1 + \sum_{i=1}^{p-1} r_i \pi^{i-1} \right) \text{ with } v_L \left( r_i \pi^{i-1} \right) > 0, \text{ for every } i,$$

$$1 \le i \le p-1, \text{ so } N_{L/K} \left( -f'(\pi) \right) = N_{L/K} \left( -p \pi^{p-1} \right) . N_0 = \left( -p \right)^p \left( -a_0 \right)^{p-1} . N_0; \text{ that is }$$

$${}^{p-1}\sqrt{-N_{L/K} \left( f'(\pi) \right)} = p \zeta_{p-1} {}^{p-1}\sqrt{-p} a_0 N, \text{ with } N \in K \text{ thus the splitting field is }$$

$$K\left( \pi, {}^{p-1}\sqrt{-p} \right) = K\left( \pi, \zeta_p \right) = K\left( \pi, {}^{p-1}\sqrt{\left( -1 \right)^{\frac{p(p-1)}{2}+1} \Delta\left( f \right)} \right). \text{ With the current notations: }$$

**Theorem 3.12.** K being a finite extension of  $\mathbb{Q}_p$ . if  $v_L(a_i) + i \geq v_L(p) + p = p(e+1)$  for every i,  $1 \leq i \leq p-1$  then  $K(\pi)/K$  is normal if and only if the p-th roots of unity lay in K, otherwise the splitting field of f over K is  $K(\pi, \zeta_p) = K\left(\pi, \sqrt[p-1]{(-1)^{\frac{p(p-1)}{2}+1} \Delta(f)}\right)$ .

#### 3.5 Completeness and generation

The generation above by a (p-1)-th root of the discriminant in Propositions (3.11) and (3.12), was done in a local case with finite residue field, so the completeness is a necessary. Here, a counter-example of an Eisenstein polynomial defined on  $\mathbb{Q}$  its splitting field can not be generated by a (p-1)-th root of the discriminant, even by adjoining the (p-1)-th roots of unity to  $\mathbb{Q}$ , and the splitting field has a solvable Galois group.

# Example 3.13. (Counter-Example):

Consider the number  $\alpha = \sqrt[5]{\sqrt{26} + 5} - \sqrt[5]{\sqrt{26} - 5}$ .

By calculation of successive powers of  $\alpha$  we get the minimal polynomial of  $\alpha$ ,  $Irr(\alpha, \mathbb{Q})(X) = X^5 + 5X^3 + 5X - 10$  (Eisenstein),  $\alpha$  the single real root,  $(\mathbb{Q}(\alpha) \subset \mathbb{R})$ . Set  $r = \sqrt[5]{\sqrt{26} + 5}$ , so we have  $\alpha = r - 1/r$ , and  $\alpha_j = r\zeta_j^j - 1/r\zeta_j^j$ , ( $\zeta_5$  is a primitive 5-th root of unity). By a similar calculation of successive powers of  $\alpha_j$  we get that  $\alpha_j$  and  $\alpha$  are conjugate (same minimal polynomial). So  $Irr(\alpha, \mathbb{Q})(X) = \prod_{j=0}^4 (X - \alpha_j) = \prod_{j=0}^4 (X - (r\zeta_5^j - 1/r\zeta_5^j))$ .

#### 1-st case:

Consider  $K = \mathbb{Q}_5$ .  $Irr(\alpha, \mathbb{Q}_5)(X) = Irr(\alpha, \mathbb{Q})(X)$  and is still Eisenstein, then with respect to (Theorem 4.1. page 336 in [9]),  $\mathbb{Q}_5(\alpha)/\mathbb{Q}_5$  is not normal. According thz study above the splitting field E of  $Irr(\alpha, \mathbb{Q}_5)$  over  $\mathbb{Q}_5$  is of degree dividing 20.

Now since none of the nonzero coefficients of f is divisible by 25 the principal coefficient of f is  $a_1 = 5$  then thanks to corollary (3.8) and Theorem (3.11) the splitting field of f over  $\mathbb{Q}_5$  is  $\mathbb{Q}_5(\alpha, \sqrt[4]{-a_1}) = \mathbb{Q}_5(\alpha, \sqrt[4]{(-1)^{\frac{5(4)}{2}+1}\Delta(f)})$ . Furthermore, the discriminant of  $Irr(\alpha, \mathbb{Q}_5)$  is  $\Delta(f) = 338000000 = 5^5.10816 = 5^5.16.26^2$ . As  $10816 \equiv 1$  modulo 5 it is then a 4-power in  $\mathbb{Q}_5$ ,  $\mathbb{Q}_5(\sqrt[4]{(-1)^{\frac{5(4)}{2}+1}\Delta(f)}) = \mathbb{Q}_5(\sqrt[4]{-5}) = \mathbb{Q}_5(\xi_5)$ . That is  $E = \mathbb{Q}_5(\alpha, \xi_5)$ 

#### 2-nd case:

 $K = \mathbb{Q}(i)$  (with  $i^2 = -1$ ). The discriminant of  $\mathbb{Q}(i)$  is -4, it is not divisible by 5, it does not ramify in  $\mathbb{Q}(i)$ ,  $Irr(\alpha, \mathbb{Q})$  is still Eisenstein in K. The splitting field M of  $Irr(\alpha, \mathbb{Q})$ , over  $\mathbb{Q}$  has a solvable group of degree 20 (Software Pari), explicitly  $< \sigma^5 = \tau^4 = 1, \tau^{-1}\sigma\tau = \sigma^2 > M$  is included in  $\mathbb{Q}(r, \zeta_5)/\mathbb{Q}$  which is of degree at most 40 (r is a root of the polynomial  $X^{10} - 10X^5 - 1$ ). Since,  $r^5 = 5 + \sqrt{26}$  then  $\mathbb{Q}(r^5) = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{26})$ .  $\mathbb{Q}(\alpha, \zeta_5, \sqrt{26}) = \mathbb{Q}(\alpha, \zeta_5, r^5)$  is included in  $\mathbb{Q}(r, \zeta_5)$ . Since  $\mathbb{Q}(\alpha, \zeta_5, \sqrt{26})/\mathbb{Q}$  is of degree 40 then  $\mathbb{Q}(\alpha, \zeta_5, \sqrt{26}) = \mathbb{Q}(r, \zeta_5)$ , and the splitting field M is then included in it.

By degrees consideration  $K(\sqrt[4]{-5}) \subset K(\sqrt{26}, \zeta_5)$ . Ad absurdum assume that  $\sqrt[4]{-5} \in K(\sqrt{26}, \zeta_5) = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{26}, \zeta_{20})$ .  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{26}, \zeta_{20})/\mathbb{Q}$  being abelian cannot contain the non-normal extension  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[4]{-5})/\mathbb{Q}$ , so  $\sqrt[4]{-5}\sqrt{26}$  does not lay in  $K(\alpha, \sqrt{26}, \zeta_5)$  neither to the splitting field of  $Irr(\alpha, K) = Irr(\alpha, \mathbb{Q})$  over K that is included in it. Then the counter example.

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