

THE MAXIMAL ABELIAN EXTENSION OF A LOCAL FIELD AS A KUMMERIAN EXTENSION*

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§1. Introduction

We shall consider a local field L of characteristic 0, i.e., a finite extension of a p -adic number field, p being a rational prime; further, we assume that $q \geq 1$ represents the highest power of p for which the q -th roots of 1 are contained in L (they form a finite group). The following notations and results will be used consistently in this paper:

$n = [L; \mathbb{Q}_p]$, where \mathbb{Q}_p denotes the field of p -adic numbers.

$\mathcal{O}_L =$ ring of integers of L ; if $L = \mathbb{Q}_p$ we write Z_p instead of $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{Q}_p}$.

$\mathfrak{P}_L =$ the maximal prime ideal of \mathcal{O}_L .

$\nu_L =$ the associated valuation; any element $\pi \in \mathcal{O}_L$, such that $\nu_L(\pi) = 1$ is called a uniformizing parameter of L .

$U_L = \{\alpha \in \mathcal{O}_L; \nu_L(\alpha) = 0\} =$ the group of units of \mathcal{O}_L

$U_{L,i} = 1 + \mathfrak{P}_L^i, i = 1, 2, \dots$; in particular, $1 + \mathfrak{P}_L = U_{L,1}$ is called the group of principal units of L .

$\mu_q =$ the group of q -th roots of 1 (q defined as above) contained in L .

$\mu'_q =$ the group of roots of 1 contained in L whose orders are prime to p .

It is well-known [6: p. 78] that any element γ of L^\times can be written uniquely as $\gamma = \pi^m \epsilon$, where π is a fixed uniformizing parameter of L , $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $\epsilon \in U_L$. Further, a celebrated theorem of Hensel [6: p. 78] says that

$$(1) \quad U_L \approx \mu'_q \times \mu_q \times (Z_p \times \cdots \times Z_p),$$

n times

where the groups on the right hand side of (1) are written additively. Hence

$$(2) \quad L^\times \approx \mathbb{Z} \times \mu'_q \times \mu_q \times (Z_p \times \cdots \times Z_p)$$

n times

Let us suppose now that $q > 1$, i.e., that the group μ_q is not trivial, and let us denote by L_a/L the maximal abelian extension of L . Its Galois group $\text{Gal}(L_a/L)$ is given by

$$\hat{\mathbb{Z}} \times \mu'_q \times \mu_q \times (Z_p \times \cdots \times Z_p),$$

n times

where $\hat{\mathbb{Z}} = \prod_{\text{all primes}} Z_p$ is the total completion of \mathbb{Z} [6: p. 81]. Denoting by L_q the fixed field of μ_q in L_a/L , it follows that L_a/L_q is a (cyclic) kummerian extension of degree q , and it is natural, in the spirit of class field theory, to ask which elements

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$\beta \in L^\times$ satisfy the condition $L_q({}^q\sqrt{\beta}) = L_a$. It will suffice to determine them mod $L^{\times q}$ (see proposition 1.)

We remark immediately the following proposition:

PROPOSITION 1. *To determine all $\beta \in L^\times \text{ mod } L^{\times q}$ satisfying $L_a = L_q({}^q\sqrt{\beta})$, it is necessary and sufficient to determine all kummerian extensions $L({}^q\sqrt{\beta})/L$, of degree q , which are linearly disjoint from L_q/L .*

The property: $L({}^q\sqrt{\beta})/L$ and L_q/L are linearly disjoint, will be called, from now on *property P*. Sometimes we shall say " β satisfies *P*", and some other times " $L({}^q\sqrt{\beta})/L$ satisfies *P*," hoping no confusion will arise from this.

We intend to transform condition *P* into a statement on the reciprocity law; in order to achieve this, it is desirable to have a convenient basis of $L^\times \text{ mod } L^{\times q}$ to simplify the computations with the *local symbols*. Let us recall what they are: If $L({}^q\sqrt{\beta})/L$ is a kummerian extension of degree $q > 1$, the local symbol (α, β) with respect to the q -th powers is defined by the relation

$$(3) \quad (\alpha, L({}^q\sqrt{\beta})/L)({}^q\sqrt{\beta}) = (\alpha, \beta)^q \sqrt{\beta}$$

where $(-, L({}^q\sqrt{\beta})/L): L^\times \rightarrow \text{Gal}(L({}^q\sqrt{\beta})/L)$ is the *reciprocity map*; (α, β) is a q -th root of 1, and it is independent of the choice of ${}^q\sqrt{\beta}$ [4: p. 242]. The following two propositions contain useful information relating (α, β) to $(\alpha, L({}^q\sqrt{\beta})/L)$. Here ζ_q is a fixed primitive q -th root of 1.

PROPOSITION 2. *Let $K = L({}^q\sqrt{\beta})$ be a kummerian extension of L of degree $q > 1$, and let $\tau \in \text{Gal}(K/L)$ be such that $\tau({}^q\sqrt{\beta}) = \zeta_q^a \sqrt{\beta}$. If $(\alpha, L({}^q\sqrt{\beta})/L) = \tau^a$, then $(\alpha, \beta) = \zeta_q^a$.*

$$\text{Proof: } \tau^a({}^q\sqrt{\beta}) = \zeta_q^a \cdot {}^q\sqrt{\beta} = (\alpha, \beta)^q \sqrt{\beta}.$$

PROPOSITION 3. *Same notations as in proposition 1, and let $(\overline{\alpha}, \beta)$ denote the local symbol with respect to the \hat{q} -th powers, $1 < \hat{q} \leq q$. Then $(\overline{\alpha}, \beta) = \zeta_{\hat{q}}^a$, where $\zeta_{\hat{q}} = \zeta_q^{q/\hat{q}}$.*

Proof: If τ_0 denotes the restriction of τ to $L({}^{\hat{q}}\sqrt{\beta})/L$, then τ_0 is a generator of $\text{Gal}(L({}^{\hat{q}}\sqrt{\beta})/L)$, and since $(\alpha, L({}^q\sqrt{\beta})/L) |_{L({}^{\hat{q}}\sqrt{\beta})} = (\alpha, L({}^{\hat{q}}\sqrt{\beta})/L)$, we get $(\alpha, L({}^{\hat{q}}\sqrt{\beta})/L) = \tau_0^a$; taking ${}^{\hat{q}}\sqrt{\beta} = ({}^q\sqrt{\beta})^{q/\hat{q}}$, we have thus $\tau_0({}^{\hat{q}}\sqrt{\beta}) = \zeta_q^{q/\hat{q}} \cdot {}^{\hat{q}}\sqrt{\beta}$, from which $(\overline{\alpha}, \beta) = \zeta_{\hat{q}}^a$ follows.

§2. The arithmetic version of condition *P*

First we recall that for every natural number $m > 0$, there exists a unique unramified extension $L_{(m)}$ of degree m , contained in the maximal unramified extension L_{nr} of L ; also, for any intermediate field $L \subseteq M \subseteq L_{nr}$, the Galois group of M/L is generated by the restriction of the Frobenius automorphism σ of L_{nr}/L to M/L (or, if preferred, $\sigma = \varprojlim \sigma|_M$), and we have, for M/L finite and unramified,

$$\sigma(\alpha) \equiv \alpha^{N(\mathfrak{O}_L)} \pmod{\mathfrak{O}_M}, \quad \text{for all } \alpha \in \mathfrak{O}_M,$$

where $N(\mathcal{O}_L)$ denotes the *absolute norm* of the ideal \mathcal{O}_L . Thus when mentioning the Frobenius automorphism of a particular intermediate field of L_{nr}/L (in particular, of the inertia field of any finite extension of L), we shall always be referring to the restriction of σ to that field. Also we shall always identify $\text{Gal}(L_{nr}/L)$ with \hat{Z} .

In the second place, we will use the results, due to KOCH, contained in the following two theorems:

THEOREM 1 [6: p. 98]. *Let $n = [L: Q_p] \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$, ζ_q a primitive q -th root of 1 and q' the highest power of P , less than q , for which $L(\sqrt[q']{\zeta_q})/L$ is unramified (i.e., $L(\sqrt[q']{\zeta_q})/L$ is the inertia field of $L(\sqrt[q]{\zeta_q})/L$. Let σ denote the Frobenius automorphism of $L(\sqrt[q]{\zeta_q})/L$, and let g be a rational integer such that $\sigma(\sqrt[q']{\zeta_q}) = (\sqrt[q']{\zeta_q})^g$. Then:*

- a) $g \equiv 1 \pmod{q}$
 b) There is a basis $\{\pi, \alpha_0, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n\}$ of $L^\times \pmod{L^{\times q}}$ with the following properties:
 (I) π is a uniformizing parameter of L ;
 (II) α_0 is q -primary, i.e., $L(\sqrt[q]{\alpha_0})/L$ is unramified;
 (III) $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n \in U_L$;
 (IV) if $(-, -)$ is the local symbol on L with respect to q -th powers, then

$$(\pi, \alpha_0) = \zeta_q;$$

$$(\alpha_{2\nu}, \alpha_{2\nu-1})^{-1} = (\alpha_{2\nu-1}, \alpha_{2\nu}) = \zeta_q \text{ for } \nu = 1, \dots, n/2,$$

and for all remaining pairs of distinct basic elements, the symbol equals 1;

$$(V) \sigma(\sqrt[q]{\alpha_0}) = \zeta_q^g \sqrt[q]{\alpha_0};$$

$$(VI) \zeta_q = \alpha_0^{(g-1)/q} \alpha_1^{g'} \pmod{L^{\times q}}, \text{ and } g - 1/q \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p} \text{ if } q' > 1.$$

Moreover, if $q' = 1$ we may take $\alpha_1 = \zeta_q$ and $g = 1$.

COROLLARY. *Let L/Q_p satisfy the conditions of theorem 1, and let $\{\pi, \alpha_0, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n\}$ be the basis constructed there. Then*

$$(\pi, \zeta_q) = \zeta_q^{(g-1)/q}; (\alpha_2, \zeta_q) = \zeta_q^{-g'};$$

$$(\zeta_q, \zeta_q) = 1; (\alpha_\nu, \zeta_q) = 1 \text{ for } \nu \neq 2.$$

Proof: From

$$\zeta_q = \alpha_0^{(g-1)/q} \alpha_1^{g'} \pmod{L^{\times q}}$$

we obtain $(\pi, \zeta_q) = \zeta_q^{(g-1)/q}$ and $(\alpha_2, \zeta_q) = (\alpha_2, \alpha_1)^{g'} = \zeta_q^{-g'}$. With the exception of $(\zeta_p, \zeta_q) = 1$ and $(\alpha_1, \zeta_q) = 1$, the remaining relations are trivially verified. Let us compute (ζ_q, ζ_q) . If $p \neq 2$, we easily see that $(\zeta_q, \zeta_q) = 1$. If $p = 2$, $q \geq 4$, we have

$$1 = (-\zeta_q, \zeta_q) = (-1, \zeta_q)(\zeta_q, \zeta_q) = (\zeta_q, \zeta_q)^{1+q/2} = \zeta_q^{q(1+q/2)},$$

where we have used $\zeta_q^x = (\zeta_q, \zeta_q)$ and $-1 = \zeta_q^{q/2}$. Therefore

$$x(q/2 + 1) \equiv 0 \pmod{q} \Rightarrow x \equiv 0 \pmod{q} \Rightarrow (\zeta_q, \zeta_q) = 1,$$

since $1 + q/2$ is odd. If $p = q = 2$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} (-1, -1)\sqrt{-1} &= (-1, L(\sqrt{-1})/L)(\sqrt{-1}) \\ &= (N_{L/Q_2}(-1), Q_2(\sqrt{-1})/Q_2)\sqrt{-1} = \sqrt{-1}, \end{aligned}$$

since $N_{L/Q_2}(-1) = (-1)^n = 1$, n being even; therefore $(-1, -1) = 1$. Finally, if $q' = 1$, we obtain $\alpha_1 = \zeta_q$ and

$$(\alpha_1, \zeta_q) = (\zeta_q, \zeta_q) = 1.$$

and if $q' \geq p$,

$$(\alpha_1, \zeta_q) = (\alpha_1, \alpha_1)^{q'} = 1$$

since $(\alpha_1, \alpha_1) = 1$ if $p \neq 2$, and $(\alpha_1, \alpha_1) = 1$ or $\zeta_q^{q/2}$ if $p = 2$.

THEOREM 2. [6: p. 104]. *Let $n \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$. Then there exists a basis of $L^\times \bmod L^{\times 2}$ satisfying the following properties:*

(I) π is a uniformizing parameter of L ;

(II) α_0 is 2-primary;

(III) $\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n \in U_L$;

(IV) $(\alpha_0, \pi) = -1, (\alpha_1, \alpha_1) = -1$;

$(\alpha_{2\nu+1}, \alpha_{2\nu}) = (\alpha_{2\nu}, \alpha_{2\nu+1}) = -1$ for $\nu = 1, \dots, (n-1)/2$, and for all other pairs of basic elements the local symbol equals 1.

(V) $\alpha_1 = -1$.

Let us remark that, in the situation of theorem 2, the extension $L(\sqrt{-1})/L$ is totally ramified (thus $q' = 1$), since $n \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ and $Q_2(\sqrt{-1})/Q_2$ is totally ramified (the prime 2 ramifies in $Q(\sqrt{-1})/Q$).

PROPOSITION 4. *Let $L/Q_p, q > 1$. Then $(\mu_q, L_a/L) \approx \mu_q$.*

Proof. It suffices to show the existence of a $\beta \in L^\times \bmod L^{\times q}$ such that $(\mu_q, L({}^q\sqrt{\beta})/L) \approx \mu_q$, since this, *a fortiori*, implies that $(\mu_q, L_a/L) \approx \mu_q$. But, for $n \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$, $(-1, -1) = -1$, and for $n \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ we get

$$(\zeta_q, \alpha_2) = \zeta_q^{q'} = \zeta_q \quad \text{if } q' = 1$$

and

$$(\zeta_q, \pi) = \zeta_q^{-(g-1)/q} \quad \text{if } 1 < q' \leq q,$$

where $(g-1)q \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$, which proves the proposition.

Before proving our assertion about condition (P) being equivalent to a statement on the reciprocity, we need some easy lemmata:

LEMMA 1. *If $L \subseteq M \subseteq M \subseteq L_q$, then $(\mu_q, M/L) = 1$.*

Proof. Since $\text{Gal}(L_q/L) \approx (Z/qZ)' \times H$, where H is torsion-free, we have $(\mu_q, L_q/L) \subseteq (Z/qZ)'$, and, *a fortiori*, $(\mu_q, L_q/L) = 1$, since the elements of $(Z/qZ)'$ have orders prime to p . Whence $(\mu_q, M/L) = 1$ if $L \subseteq M \subseteq L_q$.

LEMMA 2. *Let L/Q_p as before, and $1 < \hat{q} \leq q, \hat{q}$ a power of p . Then*

- a) $\beta \notin L^{\times \hat{q}} \Rightarrow \beta \notin L^{\times q}$
 b) If $L(\sqrt[\hat{q}]{\beta})/L$, cyclic of degree \hat{q} , and L_q/L are linearly disjoint, then $L(\sqrt[q]{\beta})/L$ and L_q/L are linearly disjoint.

We now prove

THEOREM 3. Let $L(\sqrt[\hat{q}]{\beta})/L$ be an extension of degree \hat{q} , $1 < \hat{q} \leq q$, \hat{q} a power of p . Let $\tau(\sqrt[\hat{q}]{\beta}) = \zeta_{\hat{q}} \cdot \sqrt[\hat{q}]{\beta}$ (so that τ generates $\text{Gal}(L(\sqrt[\hat{q}]{\beta})/L)$). Then the following statements are equivalent:

- a) $L(\sqrt[\hat{q}]{\beta})/L$ and L_q/L are linearly disjoint.
 b) $(\zeta_q, L(\sqrt[\hat{q}]{\beta})/L) = \tau^a$, $a \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$.

Proof. a) \Rightarrow b). By lemma 2, $L(\sqrt[q]{\beta})/L$ and L_q/L are linearly disjoint, so $\text{Gal}(L_q(\sqrt[q]{\beta})/L) \approx \text{Gal}(L_q/L) \times \text{Gal}(L(\sqrt[q]{\beta})/L) \approx [\varprojlim \text{Gal}(K/L)] \times \text{Gal}(L(\sqrt[q]{\beta})/L$, where K runs over all intermediate fields $L \subseteq K \subseteq L_q$, K/L finite. Hence

$$(\zeta_q, L_q(\sqrt[q]{\beta})/L) = [\varprojlim (\zeta_q, K/L)] \times (\zeta_q, L(\sqrt[q]{\beta})/L) = (\zeta_q, L(\sqrt[q]{\beta})/L)$$

(lemma 1)

$$= \tau_1^a, \text{ where } a \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p},$$

by proposition 2, where $\tau_1(\sqrt[q]{\beta}) = \zeta_q \sqrt[q]{\beta}$, and τ_1 generates $\text{Gal}(L(\sqrt[q]{\beta})/L)$.

But then $(\zeta_q, L_q(\sqrt[\hat{q}]{\beta})/L) = (\zeta_q, L(\sqrt[\hat{q}]{\beta})/L) = \tau^a$, with $\tau = \tau_1|_{L(\sqrt[\hat{q}]{\beta})}$, since $\tau(\sqrt[\hat{q}]{\beta}) = \zeta_{\hat{q}} \sqrt[\hat{q}]{\beta}$ (proposition 3).

b) \Rightarrow a) By lemma 2, a), $\beta \notin L^{\times q}$. Also, since $a \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$, we have $(\zeta_q, L(\sqrt[q]{\beta})/L) = \tau_1^a \neq 1$, where $\tau_0 = \tau|_{L(\sqrt[q]{\beta})}$. Now $L(\sqrt[q]{\beta}) \cap L_q = L$, since otherwise $L(\sqrt[q]{\beta}) \subset L_q$ would imply $(\zeta_q, L(\sqrt[q]{\beta})/L) = 1$, by lemma 1. But then, for any subextension M/L , $M \subseteq L_q$, we have

$$\text{Gal}(M(\sqrt[q]{\beta})/L) \approx \text{Gal}(M/L) \times \text{Gal}(L(\sqrt[q]{\beta})/L);$$

hence M/L and $L(\sqrt[q]{\beta})/L$ are linearly disjoint. Since M/L was arbitrary, the result follows from lemma 2, b) and proposition 6, chap. V, §2[3].

PROPOSITION 5. The extensions $L(\sqrt[\hat{q}]{\beta})/L$ which are linearly disjoint from L_q/L are totally ramified.

Proof: Since $\text{Gal}(L_{nr}/L) \approx \hat{Z}$, we have $\mu_q = \text{Gal}(L_q/L_q) \subseteq \text{Gal}(L_q/L_{nr})$, and therefore $L_q \subseteq L_{nr}$, by the Galois correspondence. Consequently, L_{nr}/L and $L(\sqrt[\hat{q}]{\beta})/L$ are linearly disjoint [3: prop. 6, chap. V, §2], whence $L(\sqrt[\hat{q}]{\beta})/L$ is totally ramified.

§3. Determination of the extensions $L(\sqrt[q]{\beta})/L$ satisfying property P

In this section we are going to use the results in the previous ones to determine all $\beta \in L^{\times} \text{ mod } L^{\times q}$ for which condition P is satisfied. The following result in total ramification (especially condition c)) will play a crucial role.

THEOREM 4. *Let L/\mathbb{Q}_p be a local field and q the highest power of p for which the q -th roots of 1 are contained in L . Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- a) $L(^q\sqrt{\zeta_q})/L$ is totally ramified.
- b) $(-, L(^q\sqrt{\zeta_q})/L): U_L \rightarrow \text{Gal}(L(^q\sqrt{\zeta_q})/L)$ is onto.
- c) There is a uniformizing parameter π of L such that $(\pi, \zeta_q) = 1$.
- d) $X^p \equiv \zeta_q \pmod{\mathfrak{O}_L^{p^e/(p-1)}}$, has no solutions in L , where $e = e(L/\mathbb{Q}_p)$ is the ramification index of L/\mathbb{Q}_p .

Remark. If $[L:\mathbb{Q}_p] \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$, this is always the case as remarked before.

Proof: The equivalence of a) and b) follows trivially from the fact that $(U_L, L(^q\sqrt{\zeta_q})/L) = 1$, the inertia group of $L(^q\sqrt{\zeta_q})/L$, whose order is precisely $e(L(^q\sqrt{\zeta_q})/L)$ [4: p. 224]. That of a) and b) follows from Satz 119 in [5] for $p = q$, and the fact that $L(^q\sqrt{\alpha})/L$ is totally ramified if, and only if, $L(^p\sqrt{\alpha})/L$ is totally ramified. Let us show that c) \Rightarrow b) and that a) \Rightarrow c) to complete the proof.

c) \Rightarrow b) We know that $(-, L(^q\sqrt{\zeta_q})/L): L^\times \rightarrow \text{Gal}(L(^q\sqrt{\zeta_q})/L)$ is onto; hence, using the fact that any $\gamma \in L^\times$ can be written uniquely as $\pi^m \epsilon$, $m \in \mathbb{Z}$, $\epsilon \in U_L$, and also that $(\pi, L(^q\sqrt{\zeta_q})/L) = 1$, by hypothesis, we obtain $\text{Gal}(L(^q\sqrt{\zeta_q})/L) = (L^\times, L(^q\sqrt{\zeta_q})/L) = (U_L, L(^q\sqrt{\zeta_q})/L)$; consequently, $(-, L(^q\sqrt{\zeta_q})/L): U_L \rightarrow \text{Gal}(L(^q\sqrt{\zeta_q})/L)$ is onto.

a) \Rightarrow c) Since $L(^q\sqrt{\zeta_q})/L$ is totally ramified, we may take $g = q' = 1$ and $\zeta_q = \alpha_1$. Hence $(\pi, \zeta_q) = 1$ if $n \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ (corollary to theorem 1) and $(\pi, -1) = 1$ if $n \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ ((IV), theorem 2).

We are now ready to determine the extensions $L(^q\sqrt{\beta})/L$, $\beta \in L^\times \pmod{L^{\times q}}$, satisfying condition P. This determination will depend on the way $L(^q\sqrt{\zeta_q})/L$ ramifies, that is on theorem 4.

THEOREM 5. *If $L(^q\sqrt{\zeta_q})/L$ is not totally ramified, then $L(^q\sqrt{\beta})/L$ satisfies condition P if, and only if, $L(^q\sqrt{\beta}) = L(^q\sqrt{\pi^i})$, where π^i is a uniformizing parameter. Moreover, there are exactly q^{n+1} such extensions.*

Proof: (\Rightarrow) Suppose that $L(^q\sqrt{\beta})/L$ satisfies condition P, and let

$$\beta = \pi^m \alpha_0^{a_0} \alpha_1^{b_1} \alpha_2^{b_2} \dots \alpha_n^{b_n} \pmod{L^{\times q}}$$

in the basis described in theorem 1 (recall that necessarily $n \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$). Then $m \not\equiv 0 \pmod{q}$, for otherwise we contradict b) in theorem 3, since

$$(\beta, \zeta_q) = \zeta_q^{-q'b_2} \text{ and } q'b_2 \equiv 0 \pmod{p},$$

because $q' \geq p$ (same notations as in theorem 1). Furthermore,

$$(\beta, \zeta_q) = \zeta_q^{m(g-1)/q - q'b_2}$$

and

$$m(g-1)/q - q'b_2 \equiv m(g-1)/q \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p};$$

thus $m \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ since $(g-1)/q \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ (theorem 1). Taking $\pi^i =$

$\beta^x(\pi^y)^q$, with $mx + qy = 1$, it follows that $L({}^q\sqrt{\pi'}) = L({}^q\sqrt{\beta})$, since x and q are relatively prime and clearly $\nu(\pi') = mx + qy = 1$ [5: p. 151].

(\Leftarrow) Let $L({}^q\sqrt{\beta}) = L({}^q\sqrt{\pi'})$, π' being a uniformizing parameter of L , say
 (4) $\pi' = \pi\alpha_0^{p_0}\alpha_1^{p_1}\alpha_2^{p_2}\cdots\alpha_n^{p_n} \bmod L^{\times q}$.

Then

$$(\beta, \zeta_q) = (\pi', \zeta_q)^r = \zeta_q^{r[(g-1)/q - p_2q']}$$

where $\beta = \pi'^r\gamma^q, \gamma \in L^\times, r$ and q being relatively prime. Since $(g - 1)/q - p_2q' \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$, where $\beta = \pi'^r\gamma^q, \gamma \in L^\times, r$ and q being relatively prime. Since $(g - 1)/q - p_2q' \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$, it follows, by virtue of theorem 3, that $L({}^q\sqrt{\beta})/L$ satisfies P .

Finally, from (4) it follows that there are exactly q^{n+1} such extensions.

In order to elaborate in this case a complete list of such extensions, we may use the basis, if available; otherwise, starting from a given uniformizing parameter we should be able to exhaust all the possibilities in a finite number of steps.

We now turn to the remaining case: $L({}^q\sqrt{\zeta_q})/L$ is totally ramified.

THEOREM 6. *Let us suppose that $L({}^q\sqrt{\zeta_q})/L$ is totally ramified. Then:*

a) *There are exactly $\varphi(q)q^{n+1}$ distinct extensions $L({}^q\sqrt{\beta})/L, \beta \in L^\times \bmod L^{\times q}$ satisfying property P .*

b) *If $n \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ and $\{\pi, \alpha_0, \alpha_r, \dots, \alpha_n\}$ is the basis in theorem 2, then $L({}^q\sqrt{\beta})/L$, with*

$$\beta = \pi^m \alpha_0^{b_0} \alpha_1^{b_1} \alpha_2^{b_2} \cdots \alpha_n^{b_n} \bmod L^{\times 2},$$

satisfies property P if, and only if, $b_1 \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$.

c) *If $n \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ and $\{\pi, \alpha_0, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n\}$ is the basis in theorem 1, then $L({}^q\sqrt{\beta})/L$, with*

$$\beta = \pi^m \alpha_0^{b_0} \alpha_1^{b_1} \alpha_2^{b_2} \cdots \alpha_n^{b_n} \bmod L^{\times q},$$

satisfies property P if, and only if, $b_2 \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$.

Proof: Since in both cases we may take $g = q' = 1$ and $\alpha_1 = \zeta_q$, we get

$$(\beta, \zeta_q) = (\beta, -1) = (-1, -1)^{b_1} = (-1)^{b_1} \quad \text{if } n \equiv 1 \pmod{2},$$

and

$$(\beta, \zeta_q) = (\alpha_2, \zeta_q)^{b_2} = \zeta_q^{-b_2} \quad \text{if } n \equiv 0 \pmod{2}.$$

a), b), c) follow now and easily.

In order to use theorem 6 to elaborate a list of the extensions satisfying P , in the case there considered, we shall need always an explicit basis of $L^\times \bmod L^{\times q}$. Since $K = Q_p(\zeta_q) \subseteq L$ and we have $(\beta, \zeta_q) = (N_{L/K}(\beta), \zeta_q)$, for all $\beta \in L^\times$, we conclude that $L({}^q\sqrt{\beta})/L$ satisfies P if, and only if, $K({}^q\sqrt{\beta'})/K, \beta' = N_{L/K}(\beta)$, satisfies P , because $K({}^q\sqrt{\zeta_q})/K$ is always totally ramified [2: p. 277, exc. 4]. Explicit bases for the case contemplated in theorem 6 are computed in [1].

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