

Prop A: Let k be a complete discrete valuation field and k' be a finite normal extension of k of prime degree p . Let k (resp. k') be the residue field of k (resp. k'). Then the following diagram commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} k_n^M(k') & \xrightarrow{\partial_{k'/k}} & k_{n-1}^M(k') \\ \downarrow N_{k'/k} & & \downarrow N_{k'/k} \\ k_n^M(k) & \xrightarrow{\partial_k} & k_{n-1}^M(k) \end{array}$$

Proof: We show that the map $\delta_{k'/k} = \partial_k \circ N_{k'/k} - N_{k'/k} \circ \partial_{k'}$ is equal to zero. We show that at first $p \delta_{k'/k} = 0$.

Suppose that k'/k is unramified, i.e. $e_{k'/k} = 1$. If k'/k is separable, then k'/k is normal by [Serre, Chp I, §7, Prop 20]. If, in addition, k'/k is separable, then $\text{Gal}(k'/k) = \text{Gal}(k'/k)$ and we have

$$\begin{aligned} k_*^M(k'/k) \circ \delta_{k'/k} &= k_*^M(k'/k) (\partial_k \circ N_{k'/k} - N_{k'/k} \circ \partial_{k'}) \\ &= \partial_{k'} \circ k_*^M(k'/k) \circ N_{k'/k} - k_*^M(k'/k) \circ N_{k'/k} \circ \partial_{k'} \quad \text{by } e_{k'/k} = 1 \\ &= \sum_{\sigma \in \text{Gal}(k'/k)} \partial_{k'} \circ \sigma - \sum_{\sigma \in \text{Gal}(k'/k)} \sigma \circ \partial_{k'} \quad \text{by Prop 3.11} \\ &= 0 \quad (\sigma \text{ doesn't change valuation}) \end{aligned}$$

If, instead, k'/k is purely inseparable, we find as above that

$$k_*^M(k'/k) \circ \delta_{k'/k} = \sum_{\sigma \in \text{Gal}(k'/k)} \partial_{k'} \circ \sigma - p \partial_{k'} \quad (\text{Prop 3.11})$$

But $\sigma \in \text{Gal}(k'/k)$ induces identity map of k' since k'/k is purely inseparable, so the expression above is zero.

If k'/k is purely inseparable, then k'/k is also purely inseparable ([Serre, Chp I, §6, Prop 6]), so the same arguments as above shows

$$k_*^M(k'/k) \circ \delta_{k'/k} = p \partial_{k'} - p \partial_{k'} = 0.$$

Finally since $N_{k'/k} \circ k_*^M(k'/k) = p \cdot \text{Id}$, we proved that $p \cdot \delta_{k'/k} = 0$.

If k'/k is totally ramified, i.e. $e_{k'/k} = p$. If k'/k is Galois, then

$$\begin{aligned} p \cdot \delta_{k'/k} &= p \partial_k \circ N_{k'/k} - p \partial_{k'} \quad (k' = k) \\ &= \partial_{k'} \circ k_*^M(k'/k) \circ N_{k'/k} - p \cdot \partial_{k'} \quad (\text{by } e_{k'/k} = p) \\ &= \sum_{\sigma \in \text{Gal}(k'/k)} \partial_{k'} \circ \sigma - p \cdot \partial_{k'} \quad (\text{by Prop 3.11}) \\ &= 0 \quad (\text{by } k' = k) \end{aligned}$$

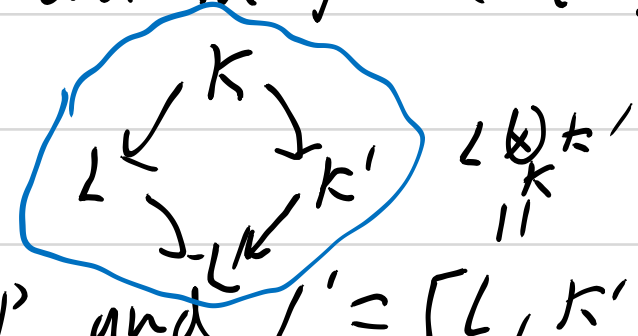
If k'/k is purely inseparable, then

$$\begin{aligned} p \cdot \delta_{k'/k} &= \partial_{k'} \circ k_*^M(k'/k) \circ N_{k'/k} - p \cdot \partial_{k'} \\ &= p \cdot \partial_{k'} - p \partial_{k'} = 0. \quad (\text{by Prop 3.11}) \end{aligned}$$

So we have proved that $p \delta_{k'/k} = 0$.

It suffices to show that, for every $z \in k_n^M(k')$, there exists an m prime to p s.t. $m \delta_{k'/k}(z) = 0 \Rightarrow \delta_{k'/k}(z) = 0$.

$$p \delta_{k'/k}(z) = 0$$



Suppose that L is an extension of k of degree prime to p and $L' = [L, k']$ be the field generated by L, k' in $\bar{k}$. So $[L':L] = p$.

By Prop 3.9, the following diagram commutes

$$\begin{array}{ccc} k_n^M(k') & \xrightarrow{\quad} & k_n^M(L') \\ \downarrow N_{k'/k} & & \downarrow N_{L'/L} \\ k_n^M(k) & \xrightarrow{\quad} & k_n^M(L) \end{array}$$

$$\text{Moreover, } \begin{cases} e_{L'/L} \cdot [k(\partial_L) : k(\partial_{L'})] = p \\ e_{k'/k} \cdot [k(\partial_k) : k(\partial_{k'})] = p \\ e_{L'/k} \cdot e_{L/k} = e_{L'/k} = e_{k'/k} \cdot e_{L/k} \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} e_{L'/L} = e_{k'/k} \\ k(\partial_L) \otimes k' = k(\partial_{L'}) \end{cases}$$

Here we have a commutative diagram [Prop 3.9]

$$\begin{array}{ccc} k_n^M(k') & \xrightarrow{\quad} & k_n^M(k(\partial_{L'})) \\ \downarrow N_{k'/k} & & \downarrow N_{k(\partial_L)/k(\partial_{L'})} \\ k_n^M(k) & \xrightarrow{\quad} & k_n^M(k(\partial_L)) \end{array}$$

We now fix an element $z \in k_n^M(k')$. Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} e_{L/k} \cdot k_*^M(k'/k) \circ \delta_{k'/k} &= e_{L/k} \cdot k_*^M(k(\partial_L)/k) \circ (\partial_k \circ N_{k'/k} - N_{k'/k} \circ \partial_{k'}) \\ &= \partial_L \circ k_*^M(L/k) \circ N_{k'/k} - e_{L/k} N_{k(\partial_L)/k(\partial_{L'})} \circ k_*^M(k(\partial_{L'})/k) \\ &= \partial_L \circ k_*^M(L/k) \circ N_{k'/k} - N_{k(\partial_L)/k(\partial_{L'})} \circ \partial_{L'} \circ k_*^M(L'/k) \\ &= \partial_L \circ N_{L'/L} \circ k_*^M(L'/k) - N_{k(\partial_L)/k(\partial_{L'})} \circ \partial_{L'} \circ k_*^M(L'/k) \\ &= \delta_{L'/L} \circ k_*^M(L'/k) \quad (*) \end{aligned}$$

We claim that for a given $z \in k_n^M(k')$, there exist L/k s.t. $(*)(z) = 0$.

Then by applying $N_{k(\partial_L)/k}$, we obtain $[L:k] \cdot \delta_{k'/k}(z) = 0$, hence we are done.

It remains to prove the claim. Suppose $\bar{L}$ is the algebraic extension of k obtained in Prop 3.8 w.r.t. p . Then $k' \otimes \bar{L}$ is also a field. Then $k_*^M(k' \otimes \bar{L})/k$ can be written as $\sum [x][y_1] \cdots [y_n]$ where $x \in k' \otimes \bar{L}$, $y_i \in \bar{L}$, by similar statements in Prop 3.10.

So there is a $k \leq L \leq \bar{L}$, $p \nmid [L:k]$, s.t. $k_*^M(L'/k)(z) = \sum [x][y_1] \cdots [y_n]$.

Hence we may assume that $L' = k' \otimes L$ $x \in L', y_i \in L$

$$z = \sum [x][y_1] \cdots [y_n], x \in k' \text{ and } y_i \in k.$$

One discusses the cases when k'/k is $\begin{cases} \text{totally ramified} \\ \text{unramified} \end{cases}$. Details are left as HW.

($\delta_{k'/k}(z) = 0$). $\square$

Prop B: Let k be a field and let k' be a finite normal extension of k of prime degree p . Let $F = k(a)$ be a finite extension and suppose that $F' = k'(a)$ is a field. The following diagram commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} k_n^M(F') & \xrightarrow{N_{k'/k}} & k_n^M(k') \\ \downarrow N_{F'/F} & & \downarrow N_{k'/k} \\ k_n^M(F) & \xrightarrow{N_{a/k}} & k_n^M(k) \end{array}$$

Proof: Let v be a discrete valuation on $k(t)/k$ and let $k(t)_v$ be the completion of $k(t)$ at v . Since $k(t)_v/k(t)$ is separable, the minimal polynomial $\pi(k(t)/x)$ of a generator α of $k'(t)/k(t)$ decomposes as a product

$$\pi = \prod_{w|v} \pi_{w/v}$$

where $\pi_{w/v} \in k(t)_v[x]$ are distinct monic irr. polynomials and w is any valuation on $k'(t)/k'$ extending v . We have following diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} k_{n+1}^M(k'(t)) & \xrightarrow{\oplus_{w|v}} & k_{n+1}^M(k'(t)_w) & \xrightarrow{\oplus_{w|v}} & k_{n+1}^M(k(\partial_w)) \\ \downarrow N_{k'(t)/k(t)} & \searrow \text{Prop 3.9} & \downarrow \sum N_{k'(t)_w/k(t)_v} & \searrow \text{Prop A} & \downarrow \sum N_{k(\partial_w)/k(\partial_v)} \\ k_{n+1}^M(k(t)) & \xrightarrow{\quad} & k_{n+1}^M(k(t)_v) & \xrightarrow{\partial_v} & k_n^M(k(\partial_v)) \end{array}$$

Now let $\pi(k(t))$ and $\pi'(k'(t))$ be minimal polynomials of α over k' and k , respectively. Given $x' \in k_n^M(F')$, Thm 3.4 shows that there exists $y' \in k_{n+1}^M(k'(t))$

$$\begin{aligned} k'(a) &= k(\partial_{x'}) \\ k' &\leq k'(t) \end{aligned}$$

s.t. $\partial_{w_{x'}}(y') = x'$ and $\partial_w(y') = 0$ if $w \neq w_{x'}, w_{\infty}$. Then by definition of $N_{a/k}$,

$$N_{a/k}(x') = -\partial_{w_{\infty}}(y').$$

We define $x = N_{F'/F}(x')$ and $y = N_{k'(t)/k(t)}(y')$. The diagram above then shows that $\partial_{v_x}(y) = x$, $\partial_v(y) = 0$ if $v \neq v_x, v_{\infty}$, so

$$N_{a/k}(x) = -\partial_{v_{\infty}}(y).$$

Applying the diagram again for $v = v_{\infty}$ give

$$\begin{aligned} N_{a/k}(N_{F'/F}(x')) &= N_{a/k}(x) = -\partial_{v_{\infty}}(y) = -\partial_{v_{\infty}}(N_{k'(t)/k(t)}(y')) \\ &= -N_{k'/k}(N_{k'(t)/k(t)}(y')) \quad \text{by Prop A.} \\ &= N_{k'/k}(N_{a/k}(x')). \quad \square \end{aligned}$$