

§ 2.4. Orthogonal Groups.

A : a quaternion algebra over the field F .

A^* : the group of invertible elements in A .

A_0 : the pure quaternions of A .

$\Rightarrow A_0$ is a regular three dim. quadratic space with a bilinear

form $B(x, y) = -\frac{1}{2}(xy + yx)$ & a quad. form $n(x) = -x^2$.

($x \in A_0 \Rightarrow \bar{x} = -x$)

Def The orthogonal group $O(A_0, n)$ is defined by

$$O(A_0, n) = \{ T: A_0 \rightarrow A_0 \mid T \text{ is linear, } n(Tx) = n(x) \forall x \in A_0 \}.$$

The mapping $c: A^* \rightarrow O(A_0, n)$, $\alpha \mapsto c(\alpha)$, defined by

$$c(\alpha)(x) = \alpha x \alpha^{-1}, \quad \alpha \in A^*, x \in A_0$$

is a group homo. into $O(A_0, n)$, and its kernel is the center of A^* .

Recall (V, B) : a regular quad. space.

$\Rightarrow O(V) :=$ the group of isometries of V . \Rightarrow orthogonal group.

$$= \{ \tau: V \rightarrow V \mid B(\tau(v), \tau(w)) = B(v, w) \forall v, w \}.$$

\Rightarrow A vector $v \neq 0 \in V$ is called isotropic if $q(v) = B(v, v) = 0$.

& " " " " anisotropic if " " $\neq 0$.

For any anisotropic vector $v \in V$, we can define a reflection τ_v in the hyperplane orthogonal to v . This is given by

$$\tau_v(x) = x - \frac{2B(x, v)}{q(v)} v.$$

$\Rightarrow \tau_v \in O(V)$ (we can easily see this from a direct calculation).

fixes all vectors orthogonal to v and $\tau_v(v) = -v$.

$\Rightarrow \tau_v$ has determinant -1 . ($\because \tau_v \Rightarrow \begin{matrix} 1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & 1 \\ & & & -1 \end{matrix} *$)

⇒ These reflections generate $O(V)$.

Theorem 0.9.11 If (V, B) is a regular quad. space of dim. n , then every isometry of $O(V, B)$ is a product of at most n reflections. //

⇒ In this situation, $O(A_0, n)$ is generated by reflections, where, for an anisotropic vector $y \in A_0$, the reflection τ_y is defined by

$$\tau_y(x) = x - \frac{2B(x, y)}{n(y)} y = x - \frac{2y + yx}{y^2} y = -yx y^t.$$

Thus $\tau_y = -c(y)$. Now $\det(\tau_y) = -1$ and so $SO(A_0, n)$ (:= the subgroup of $O(A_0, n)$ consisting of the elements of $O(A_0, n)$ having determinant 1.) is generated by products $\tau_{y_1} \tau_{y_2}$, where y_1, y_2 are anisotropic vectors in A_0 . However, $\tau_{y_1} \tau_{y_2} = c(y_1, y_2)$, with $y_1, y_2 \in A^*$. ⇒ $SO(A_0, n)$ lies in the image of c .

We now show that $SO(A_0, n; F)$ is precisely the image of c .

If not, then every reflection in $O(A_0, n)$ lies in the image of c .

Supp. that $\tau_i = c(\alpha)$ for some $\alpha \in A^*$ and i is one of the standard basis vectors. However, then $-Id$ lies in the image of c ; say

$$c(\beta) = -Id \Rightarrow c(\beta^2) = Id \text{ and } \beta^2 \in Z(A). \text{ Clearly } \beta \notin Z(A).$$

so that $\beta \in A_0$. ⇒ $c(\beta)(x) = \beta x \beta^t = -x$ for $\forall x \in A_0$.

⇒ $\beta x = -x \beta$ for $\forall x \in A_0$. Choosing $x = \beta$ gives a contradiction //

Theorem 2.4.1 $A^*/Z(A^*) \cong SO(A_0, n; F)$ //

§2.5. Quaternion Algebras over the Reals.

Note Lemma 2.1.2: $\left(\frac{a, b}{F}\right) \cong \left(\frac{a_1^2, b_1^2}{F}\right)$ for any $a, b \in F^*$.

Since every positive real number is a square in the reals, the Hilbert symbol of a quaternion algebra over \mathbb{R} can have one of the forms

$$\left(\frac{1, 1}{\mathbb{R}}\right), \left(\frac{1, -1}{\mathbb{R}}\right) \text{ or } \left(\frac{-1, -1}{\mathbb{R}}\right).$$

\Rightarrow The first two are isomorphic to $M_2(\mathbb{R})$, and the third, which is Hamilton's quaternions \mathcal{H} , is not iso. to $M_2(\mathbb{R})$.

Theorem 2.5.1 A quaternion algebra $\left(\frac{a, b}{\mathbb{R}}\right)$ is iso. to exactly one of \mathcal{H} and $M_2(\mathbb{R})$, according to whether both a and b are negative or not //

Now let k be a number field with $[k : \mathbb{Q}] = n$. Recall that there are n (Galois) field embeddings of k into \mathbb{C} where $n = n_1 + 2n_2$. Here $n_1 = \#$ of embeddings σ s.t. $\sigma(k) \subset \mathbb{R} \subset \mathbb{C}$ ($\#$ of real places).

& $n_2 = \#$ of pairs $(\sigma, \bar{\sigma})$, where $\sigma(k) \not\subset \mathbb{R}$ ($\#$ of complex places). Recall that if $k \subset L$, so that L is a field ext. of k , then

$$\left(\frac{a, b}{k}\right) \otimes_k L \cong \left(\frac{a, b}{L}\right).$$

More generally, let $\sigma : k \rightarrow L$ be a field embedding. Then, w.r.t. that embedding, we obtain an isomorphism

$$\left(\frac{a, b}{k}\right) \otimes_{\sigma} L \cong \left(\frac{\sigma(a), \sigma(b)}{L}\right)$$

Induced by

$$(a_0 + a_1 i_1 + a_2 j_1 + a_3 i_1 j_1) \otimes_{\sigma} \alpha \mapsto \alpha \cdot (\sigma(a_0) + \sigma(a_1) i_2 + \sigma(a_2) j_2 + \sigma(a_3) i_2 j_2)$$

where $\{1, i_1, j_1, i_1 j_1\}$ is the standard basis of $\left(\frac{a, b}{k}\right)$

and $\{1, i_2, j_2, i_2 j_2\}$ " " of $\left(\frac{\sigma(a), \sigma(b)}{L}\right)$.

For any complex embedding σ ,

$$\left(\frac{a+ib}{k}\right) \otimes_{\sigma} \mathbb{C} \cong \left(\frac{\sigma(a), \sigma(b)}{\mathbb{C}}\right) \cong M_2(\mathbb{C}).$$

& for a real embedding $\sigma: k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$,

$$\left(\frac{a+ib}{k}\right) \otimes_{\sigma} \mathbb{R} \cong \left(\frac{\sigma(a), \sigma(b)}{\mathbb{R}}\right) \cong \mathcal{H} \text{ or } M_2(\mathbb{R}).$$

Def. 2.5.2 If $\sigma: k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a real embedding of k , then

$$\left(\frac{a+ib}{k}\right) \text{ is said to be ramified at } \sigma \text{ if } \left(\frac{\sigma(a), \sigma(b)}{\mathbb{R}}\right) \cong \mathcal{H} //$$

Note Recall that $v: k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ defined by $v(x) = |\sigma(x)|$ defines an (Archimedean) valuation on k .

$\Rightarrow k$ embeds naturally in the completion k_v &, if σ is a real embedding, then $k_v \cong \mathbb{R}$.

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{a+ib}{k}\right) \otimes_k k_v \cong \left(\frac{\sigma(a), \sigma(b)}{\mathbb{R}}\right).$$

We thus speak of $\left(\frac{a+ib}{k}\right)$ being ramified at k_v or ramified at the real place corresp. to σ .

Conversely, the quaternion algebra $\left(\frac{a+ib}{k}\right)$ is unramified or split at k_v

$$\text{if } \left(\frac{a+ib}{k}\right) \otimes_k k_v \cong M_2(\mathbb{R}).$$

Example 2.5.3 $k = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{5}) \Rightarrow k$ has one complex place and to real places corresp. to the embeddings given by $\sigma(\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{5}) = \pm\sqrt{2} \pm \sqrt{5}$.

Let $A = \left(\frac{-1, -5 + \sqrt{2}\sqrt{5}}{k}\right)$. Then A is ramified at both the real

embeddings since $-1, -5 \pm \sqrt{2} \pm \sqrt{5}$ are all negative. //

$$\text{since } \begin{cases} -1 \rightarrow -1 < 0 \\ -5 + \sqrt{2}\sqrt{5} \rightarrow -5 \pm \sqrt{2}\sqrt{5} < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} -1 \\ -5 + \sqrt{2}\sqrt{5} \end{cases} \approx \mathcal{H}$$

§ 2.6. Quaternion Algebras over p -adic Fields.

K : a p -adic field. R : the ring of integers of K .

\Rightarrow With a uniformizer π , $P = \pi R$ is the unique maximal ideal

& $\bar{K} = R/P$ is the finite residue field.

If the non-Archimedean valuation $v: K \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ takes its values in $\{c^n \mid n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$, we let $v: K^* \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ denote the logarithmic valuation $v = \log_c \circ v$.

Let A be a quaternion division algebra over K . Let us define

$$w: A^* \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}$$

by $w(x) = v(n(x))$, where n is the norm on A .

Lemma 2.6.1 (a) $w(xy) = w(x) + w(y)$ for all $x, y \in A^*$.

(b) $w(x+y) \geq \min\{w(x), w(y)\}$ with equality when $w(x) \neq w(y)$.

Thus w defines a valuation on A .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Pf (a) } w(xy) &= v(n(xy)) = \log_c \circ v(n(xy)) \\ &= \log_c(v(n(x)n(y))) \\ &= \log_c(v(n(x)) \cdot v(n(y))) \\ &= \log_c(v(n(x))) + \log_c(v(n(y))) \\ &= w(x) + w(y). \end{aligned}$$

(b) Let $x \in A \setminus K$ so that $K(x)$ is a quad. ext. of K and

$n|_{K(x)} = N_{K(x)/K} \Rightarrow K(x)$ is complete w.r.t the valuation $(v \circ N)^{1/2}$

(by Theorem 0.7.9). $\Rightarrow \log_c \circ (v \circ N)^{1/2}$ is a discrete valuation on

$K(x) \Rightarrow \log_c \circ (v \circ N) = v \circ N$ is a discrete valuation on $K(x)$.

$\Rightarrow v \circ N = w|_{K(x)}$ satisfies (b).

Thus for $x, y \in A^*$, we have

$w(x+y) - w(y) = w(xy^{-1} + 1) \geq \text{Min} \{w(xy^{-1}), w(1)\}$
with equality if $w(xy^{-1}) \neq w(1)$ using the quad. ext. $K(xy^{-1})$.

\Rightarrow Using (a) again,

$$\begin{aligned} w(x+y) &\geq \text{Min} \{w(xy^{-1}), w(1)\} + w(y) \\ &= w(y) \cdot \text{Min} \{w(xy^{-1}), w(1)\} \\ &= \text{Min} \{w(x), w(y)\} // \end{aligned}$$

Extending the definition of w so that $w(0) = \infty$, yields this result:

Cor. 2.6.2 The set $\mathcal{O} = \{x \in A \mid w(x) \geq 0\}$ is a ring (the valuation ring of A) and $\mathcal{Q} = \{x \in A \mid w(x) > 0\}$ is a two-sided ideal of \mathcal{O} .

Recall (Theorem 0.1.3) the P -adic field K has a unique unramified quad. ext. $F = K(\sqrt{u})$, where $u \in R^*$, the gp of units of R . And the group $K^*/N(F^*)$ has order 2 with the non-identity element represented by π .

\Rightarrow If we define $A = \left(\frac{u, \pi}{K}\right)$, then by Thm 2.3.1 (f), A is a division algebra.

(Thm 2.3.1 (b)) $A = \left(\frac{a, b}{F}\right)$ is not a division algebra

\Leftrightarrow (f) If $E = F(\sqrt{b})$, then $a \in N_{E|F}(E)$.

$\Rightarrow \pi \notin N_{F|K}(F) \Rightarrow A = \left(\frac{u, \pi}{K}\right)$ is a division algebra.

Theorem 2.6.3 There is a unique quaternion division algebra over K and it is isomorphic to $\left(\frac{u, \pi}{K}\right)$, where $F = K(\sqrt{u})$ is the unique unramified quad. ext. of K .

Proof) It remains to show that if A is any quaternion division algebra over K , then A is isomorphic to $\left(\frac{u, \pi}{K}\right)$.

The first step is to show that an unramified quad. ext. of K embeds in A . Recall that for any $\alpha \in A \setminus Z(A)$, $K(\alpha)/K$ is a quad. ext. Thus we need to choose α s.t. the max. prime ideal \mathcal{P} of R is inert in the quad. ext.

To do this, we show that \mathcal{O}/\mathcal{Q} is a non-trivial finite field ext. of R/\mathcal{P} .

For any $x \in A$, $n(\pi^m x) = \pi^{2m} n(x)$ lies in R for m large enough so that $\pi^m x \in \mathcal{O}$. ($v(\pi^m x) = v(\pi^{2m} \cdot n(x)) = 2m \cdot v(\pi) + v(n(x))$)

It follows that $A = K \cdot \mathcal{O}$ and we choose a basis $\{x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4\}$ of A with $x_i \in \mathcal{O}$. If we define B' by $B'(x, y) = n(x+y) - n(x) - n(y)$, then (A, B') is a regular quad. space.

\Rightarrow There is a dual basis $\{x_1^*, x_2^*, x_3^*, x_4^*\}$ of $\{x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4\}$ w.r.t. B' . ($B'(x_i, x_j^*) = \delta_{ij}$)

Let $x \in \mathcal{O}$ and write $x = \sum a_i x_i^*$.

Then since $n(\mathcal{O}) \subset R$, $a_i = B'(x, x_i) =$

$$= n(x + x_i) - n(x) - n(x_i) \in R.$$

Thus $R[x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4] \subset \mathcal{O} \subset R[x_1^*, x_2^*, x_3^*, x_4^*]$

and \mathcal{O} is a (necessarily free) R -module of rank 4.

$\Rightarrow \mathcal{O}/\pi\mathcal{O}$ is a \bar{K} -space of $\dim. = 4$, where $R/\mathcal{P} = \bar{K}$.

Note $\mathcal{Q}^2 \subset \pi\mathcal{O} \subset \mathcal{Q}$ & \mathcal{O}/\mathcal{Q} and $\mathcal{Q}/\mathcal{Q}^2$ are \bar{K} -spaces.

Indeed, \mathcal{O}/\mathcal{Q} , $\mathcal{Q}/\mathcal{Q}^2$ have the same dimension, for if we let $f \in \mathcal{Q}$ be such that $w(f)$ is minimal, then for $y_i \in \mathcal{O}$ chosen such that

$\{y_i + \mathcal{Q}\}$ is a \bar{K} -basis of \mathcal{O}/\mathcal{Q} , then $\{fy_i + \mathcal{Q}^2\}$ is a \bar{K} -basis of $\mathcal{Q}/\mathcal{Q}^2$. $\Rightarrow \dim_{\bar{K}}(\mathcal{O}/\mathcal{Q}) = \dim_{\bar{K}}(\mathcal{Q}/\mathcal{Q}^2) > 1$.

However, \mathcal{O}/\mathcal{Q} is a field, for if $x \in \mathcal{O} \setminus \mathcal{Q}$, then $w(x) \neq 0$. Hence $0 = w(1) = w(x \cdot x^{-1}) = w(x) + w(x^{-1}) \Rightarrow w(x^{-1}) = 0 \Rightarrow x^{-1} \in \mathcal{O} \setminus \mathcal{Q}$. Thus \mathcal{O}/\mathcal{Q} is a division ring. However, as it is finite-dim. over the finite field \bar{K} , it is a finite division ring and so is a field, by a theorem of Wedderburn.

\Rightarrow We choose $\alpha \in \mathcal{O}$ s.t. $\alpha + \mathcal{Q} = \bar{\alpha}$ generates \mathcal{O}/\mathcal{Q} over \bar{K} .

$\Rightarrow F = K(\alpha)$ is a quad. ext. of K and by construction, it is

unramified since $\bar{K}(\bar{\alpha})/\bar{K}$ is nontrivial. Thus by the uniqueness of such extensions (see Theorem 0.1.3), we can take $F = K(\alpha)$, where $\alpha^2 = u$ with $u \in R^*$.

\Rightarrow The two roots $\pm \alpha$ of $x^2 - u$ give two embeddings of F in A and so by the Skolem Noether Thm. (Thm 2.9.8), $\exists \beta \in A^*$

s.t. $\beta \alpha \beta^{-1} = -\alpha \Rightarrow \{1, \alpha, \beta, \alpha \beta\}$ is a basis of A . Since β^2 commutes with α , ($\because \beta \alpha \beta^{-1} = -\alpha \Rightarrow \beta (\beta \alpha \beta^{-1}) \beta^{-1} = -(-\alpha) \Rightarrow \beta^2 \alpha \beta^{-2} = \alpha \Rightarrow \beta^2 \alpha = \alpha \beta^2$.)

β^2 lies in the center of $A = K$ ($\because \beta^2$ commutes with all of basis elts) $\Rightarrow \{1, \alpha, \beta, \alpha \beta\}$ is a standard basis of A .

Let $\beta^2 = \pi^m u'$, where $u' \in J$ (unit group of K). Since we can remove squares $A = \left(\frac{u, \pi^m u'}{K} \right)$ with $\varepsilon = 0$ or 1 .

Now every unit $u' \in J$ is a norm of an elt in F .

(In Thm 0.1.3, $R^* \subset \text{NFlk}(R_F^*)$, R_F : ring of ints of F .)

$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{u, u'}{K} \right)$ splits over F . i.e. $\left(\frac{u, u'}{K} \right) \cong M_2(K)$ by Thm 2.3.1.

Thus $\varepsilon = 1$ and $\exists a, b \in K$ s.t. $au + bu' = 1$ by Thm 2.3.1 (e).

$\Rightarrow b \neq 0$ (\because If not, $au = 1 \Rightarrow \left(\frac{u, \pi^m u'}{K} \right) \cong \left(\frac{1, \pi^m u'}{K} \right)$

$\Rightarrow \text{split.} \parallel$)

We let

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & b^{-1} & uab^{-1} \\ 0 & ab^{-1} & b^{-1} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Under M , the forms $ux^2 + \pi y^2 - u\pi z^2$ and $ux^2 + \pi u^2 y^2 - u\pi u z^2$ are equivalent.

\Rightarrow By Cor. 2.3.5, $A \cong \left(\frac{u\pi}{K}\right)$ ▣

Corollary 2.6.4 A : a quaternion algebra over \mathbb{P} -adic K .

$\Rightarrow A$ is iso. to exactly one of $M_2(K)$ or the unique division algebra $\left(\frac{\pi, u}{K}\right)$.

Theorem 2.6.5 $A = \left(\frac{\pi, u}{K}\right)$ & L/K : a quad. ext.

Then A splits over L .

Recall (Definition) a \mathbb{P} -adic field $\mathbb{K}_{\mathbb{P}}$ is called dyadic if

$N(\mathbb{P}) = |\mathbb{R}_{\mathbb{P}}/\mathbb{P}|$ is a power of 2, and otherwise non-dyadic. //

Theorem 2.6.6 Let K be a non-dyadic \mathbb{P} -adic field with integers \mathbb{R} and maximal ideal \mathbb{P} . Let $A = \left(\frac{a, b}{K}\right)$, where $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$.

1. If $a, b \notin \mathbb{P}$, then A is splits.
2. If $a \notin \mathbb{P}, b \in \mathbb{P}^2$, then A splits iff a is a square mod \mathbb{P} .
3. If $a, b \in \mathbb{P}^2$, then A splits iff $-a^{-1}b$ is a square mod \mathbb{P} . //