

**GDT “GALOIS THEORY FOR SCHEMES”**  
**CHAPTER 1**  
**GALOIS THEORY OF FIELDS**

**Exercise 1** [Ex. 1.9, [L]] Let  $S = \varprojlim S_i$ , an inverse limit of sets.

- a) Suppose that all sets  $S_i$  are endowed with a compact Hausdorff topology, that all  $S_i$  are non-empty, and that all maps  $f_{ij}$  are continuous. Prove that  $S$  is non-empty and compact.
- b) Suppose that all sets  $S_i$  are finite and non-empty. Prove that  $S \neq \emptyset$ .
- c) Suppose that  $I$  is countable, that all  $S_i$  are non-empty, and that all maps  $f_{ij}$  are surjective. Prove that  $S \neq \emptyset$ .
- d) Let  $I$  be a collection of all finite subsets of  $\mathbb{R}$ , and let  $I$  be partially ordered by inclusion. For each  $i \in I$ , let  $S_i$  be the set of injective maps  $\psi : i \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ , and let  $f_{ij} : S_i \rightarrow S_j$  (for  $j \subset i$ ) map  $\psi$  to its restriction  $\psi|_j$ . Prove that this defines a projective system in which all  $S_i$  are non-empty and all  $f_{ij}$  are surjective, but that the projective limit  $S$  is empty.

**Exercise 2** [Ex. 1.2, [T]] Let  $G$  be a profinite group,  $p$  a prime number. A pro- $p$ -Sylow subgroup of  $G$  is a pro- $p$ -group whose image in each finite quotient of  $G$  is of index prime to  $p$ . Show that pro- $p$ -Sylow subgroups exist and they are conjugate in  $G$ . [Hint: Apply the previous exercise to the inverse system formed by the sets of  $p$ -Sylow subgroups in each finite quotient of  $G$ .]

**Exercise 3** [Ex. 1.14, [L]] Prove that there is an isomorphism  $\widehat{\mathbb{Z}} = \prod_p \text{prime } \mathbb{Z}_p$  of topological rings, where  $\widehat{\mathbb{Z}} = \varprojlim \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$  and  $\mathbb{Z}_p = \varprojlim \mathbb{Z}/p^n\mathbb{Z}$ .

**Exercise 4** [Ex. 1.5, [T]] Let  $G$  be a profinite group acting via field automorphisms on a field  $K$ . Assume that the action is continuous when  $K$  carries the discrete topology and that each non-trivial element in  $G$  acts non-trivially on  $K$ . Show that  $G = \text{Gal}(K|k)$ , where  $k = K^G$ .

**Exercise 5** [Ex. 1.7, [T]] Let  $k$  be a field, and  $A$  a finite étale  $k$ -algebra equipped with an action of a finite group  $G$  via  $k$ -algebra automorphisms; we call such algebras  $G$ -algebras. We moreover say that  $A$  is Galois with group  $G$  if  $\dim_k(A)$  equals the order of  $G$  and  $A^G = k$ .

- a) Consider the  $G$ -algebra structure on  $A \otimes_k \bar{k}$  given by  $g(a \otimes \alpha) = g(a) \otimes \alpha$ . Prove that  $A$  is Galois with group  $G$  if and only if  $A \otimes_k \bar{k}$  is isomorphic to the group algebra  $\bar{k}[G]$  as a  $G$ -algebra.
- b) Making  $G$  act on  $\text{Hom}_k(A, k_s)$  via  $\psi \rightarrow \psi \circ g$ , show that in the correspondence of Theorem 1.5.4 Galois algebras with group  $G$  correspond to finite continuous  $\text{Gal}(k)$ -sets with simply transitive  $G$ -action.