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ON  $\mathfrak{p}$ -EQUATIONS AND NORMAL EXTENSIONS  
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(II) THE ANALOGY OF THE RIEMANN'S PROBLEM

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§ 1. Introduction.

1.1 Let  $\mathcal{M}$  be a closed Riemann surface and  $\Sigma$  be the direct system of all the finite subsets in  $\mathcal{M}$ , where the order in  $\Sigma$  is defined by the set theoretical inclusion. If  $S \subset S'$  ( $S, S' \in \Sigma$ ), there exists the canonical homomorphism  $\varphi_{S, S'}$  of the fundamental group  $\pi_1(\mathcal{M} - S')$  onto the fundamental group  $\pi_1(\mathcal{M} - S)$ . We denote by  $G(\mathcal{M})$  the inverse limit of  $\{\pi_1(\mathcal{M} - S) \mid S \in \Sigma\}$  with respect to the homomorphisms  $\{\varphi_{S, S'} \mid S \subset S'\}$  and by  $\varphi_S$  the canonical homomorphism of  $G(\mathcal{M})$  onto  $\pi_1(\mathcal{M} - S)$ . We denote by  $K(\mathcal{M})$  the field of meromorphic functions on  $\mathcal{M}$  and by  $\mathcal{D}(\mathcal{M})$  the set of all the linear homogeneous ordinary differential equations with coefficients in  $K(\mathcal{M})$ . We denote by  $\Omega(\mathcal{M})$  the set of all the solutions of certain non-zero elements in  $\mathcal{D}(\mathcal{M})$ . Then it easily checked that  $\Omega(\mathcal{M})$  is a commutative  $K(\mathcal{M})$ -algebra by the usual sum, the product and the multiplication of the elements of  $K(\mathcal{M})$ . The topological group  $G(\mathcal{M})$  operates continuously on the discrete ring  $\Omega(\mathcal{M})$  as follows: Let  $f$  be any element in  $\Omega(\mathcal{M})$  and  $\sigma$  be any element in  $G(\mathcal{M})$ . Let  $S$  be the set of all the singularities of  $f$  on  $\mathcal{M}$  and  $\gamma(\sigma)$  be the closed path on  $\mathcal{M} - S$  of which homotopy class in  $\pi_1(\mathcal{M} - S)$  is the image  $\varphi_S(\sigma)$  of  $\sigma$  by the canonical homomorphism  $\varphi_S$ . Then the image  $f^\sigma$  of  $f$  by  $\sigma$  is defined by the analytic continuation of  $f$  along the closed path  $\gamma(\sigma)$ . Therefore we can regard  $\Omega(\mathcal{M})$  as a  $C[G(\mathcal{M})]$ -module, where  $\mathbb{C}$  is the field

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of complex numbers and we mean by a  $G(\mathcal{M})$ -module a discrete module on which  $G(\mathcal{M})$  operates continuously.

In these notations and terminologies the classical Riemann problem is formulated as follows <sup>(1)</sup> :

Does there exist a  $\mathbb{C}[G(\mathcal{M})]$ -submodule in  $\Omega(\mathcal{M})$  which is isomorphic to a given  $\mathbb{C}[G(\mathcal{M})]$ -module of finite dimension over  $\mathbb{C}$  ?

1.2 We shall explain the analogy of the Riemann's problem in the ring of Witt vectors. Let  $p$  be a prime number and  $A$  be field of characteristic  $p$ . Let  $\bar{A}'$  be the separable algebraic closure of  $A$  and  $G(A)$  be the Galois group of  $\bar{A}'/A$ , where  $G(A)$  is considered as a discrete group. We mean by a Witt vector with coefficients in  $\bar{A}'$  an infinite ordered set  $(\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots)$  of elements  $\alpha_i (i = 0, 1, 2, \dots)$  in  $\bar{A}'$ . Putting  $\mathbf{0} = (0, 0, 0, \dots)$ ,  $\mathbf{1} = (1, 0, 0, \dots)$ ,  $\mathbf{p} = (0, 1, 0, \dots)$ ,  $\mathbf{p}^n = (0, \overset{n}{\dots}, 0, 1, 0, \dots)$ , we write  $\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \alpha_i p^{-i} \mathbf{p}^i$  instead of  $(\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots)$ . E. Witt introduced the sum, the difference and the product of two Witt vectors by means of systems of infinite polynomials with coefficients in the prime field  $GF(p)$

$$\{\Phi_{+,i}(x_0, \dots, x_{i-1}; y_0, \dots, y_{i-1})\}, \{\Phi_{-,i}(x_0, \dots, x_{i-1}; y_0, \dots, y_{i-1})\},$$

$\{\Phi_{\cdot,i}(x_0, \dots, x_{i-1}, y_0, \dots, y_{i-1})\}$  as follows <sup>(2)</sup> :

$$\left(\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \alpha_i p^{-i} \mathbf{p}^i\right) + \left(\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \beta_i p^{-i} \mathbf{p}^i\right) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \gamma_{+,i} p^{-i} \mathbf{p}^i,$$

$$\left(\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \alpha_i p^{-i} \mathbf{p}^i\right) - \left(\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \beta_i p^{-i} \mathbf{p}^i\right) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \gamma_{-,i} p^{-i} \mathbf{p}^i,$$

$$\left(\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \alpha_i p^{-i} \mathbf{p}^i\right) \cdot \left(\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \beta_i p^{-i} \mathbf{p}^i\right) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \gamma_{\cdot,i} p^{-i} \mathbf{p}^i,$$

(1)  $\gamma_{+,i} = \alpha_i + \beta_i + \Phi_{+,i}(\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_{i-1}; \beta_0, \dots, \beta_{i-1}),$

(2)  $\gamma_{-,i} = \alpha_i - \beta_i + \Phi_{-,i}(\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_{i-1}; \beta_0, \dots, \beta_{i-1}),$

(3)  $\gamma_{\cdot,i} = \alpha_i p^i \beta_i + \alpha_i \beta_0 p^i + \Phi_{\cdot,i}(\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_{i-1}; \beta_0, \dots, \beta_{i-1}).$

<sup>(1)</sup> The Riemann's problem formulated in the classical terminology can be seen [2], II<sub>2</sub>, 365 p. p. 383-384.

<sup>(2)</sup> See [3].

By means of these operations all the Witt vectors with coefficients in  $\bar{A}'$  form a commutative integral domain  $W(\bar{A}')$ . We call  $W(\bar{A}')$  the ring of Witt vectors with coefficients in  $\bar{A}'$ . For any subring  $A$  in  $\bar{A}'$  the ring  $W(A)$  of Witt vectors with coefficients in  $A$  is naturally considered as a subring of  $W(\bar{A}')$ . Since the ring  $Z_p$  of *p*-adic integers can be regarded as the ring of Witt vectors with coefficients in the prime field  $GF(p)$ ,  $Z_p$  is considered as a subring of  $W(\bar{A}')$ . We denote by  $K(\bar{A}')$  (resp.  $K(A)$ ) the quotient field of  $W(\bar{A}')$  (resp.  $W(A)$ ). More generally for any subfield  $A$  in  $\bar{A}'$  we denote by  $K(A)$  the quotient field of the ring  $W(A)$  of Witt vectors with coefficients in  $A$ . The discrete group  $G(A)$  operates continuously on  $W(\bar{A}')$  as follows:

$$(4) \quad \left( \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \alpha_i p^{-i} p^i \right)^\sigma = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} (\alpha_i p^{-i})^\sigma p^i, \quad (\sigma \in G(A)).$$

Hence  $W(\bar{A}')$  is regarded as a  $Z_p[G(A)]$ -module.

In these notations and terminologies the analogy of Riemann's problem is formulated as follows:

Does there exist a  $Z_p[G(A)]$ -submodule in  $W(\bar{A}')$  which is isomorphic to a given  $Z_p[G(A)]$ -module of finite rank over  $Z_p$ ?

In the present paper we shall solve this problem. Our main theorem is as follows:

**MAIN THEOREM.** If  $K(A)$  is transcendental over  $Q_p$ , there exists a  $Z_p[G(A)]$ -module in  $W(\bar{A}')$  which is isomorphic to a given  $Z_p[G(A)]$ -module of finite rank over  $Z_p$ .

## § 2. Proof of the main theorem.

2.1. We shall begin by the theorem on normal base<sup>(3)</sup>:

Let  $L/K$  be a finite separable normal extension of a field  $K$ . Then there exists a base (called normal base) of  $L/K$  which consists of all the conjugates of an element in  $L$  over  $K$ .

For a finite separable extension of  $L/K$  we denote by  $G(L/K)$  the Galois group of  $L/K$  and by  $Tr_{L/K}$  the trace map of  $L$  into  $K$ , i. e.  $Tr_{L/K}(\alpha) = \sum_{\sigma \in G(L/K)} \alpha^\sigma, (\alpha \in L)$ .

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<sup>(3)</sup> See some standard textbooks on algebra.

LEMMA 1. Let  $L/K$  be a finite separable normal extension. Then the trace map  $\text{Tr}_{L/K}$  is surjective.

PROOF. Let  $\{\omega^\sigma \mid \sigma \in G(L/K)\}$  be a normal base of  $L/K$  and  $a$  be any element in  $K$ . Then there exists a unique system  $\{c_\sigma \mid \sigma \in G(L/K)\}$  of elements in  $K$  such that  $a = \sum c_\sigma \omega^\sigma$ . Since  $a^\tau = a$  for  $\tau$  in  $G(L/K)$ , we have  $c_\sigma = c_{\sigma\tau}$  for  $\sigma, \tau$  in  $G(L/K)$ . This shows that  $c_\sigma = c$  for every  $\sigma$  in  $G(L/K)$  with an element  $c$  in  $K$ . Namely

$$a = \sum_{\sigma} (c\omega)^\sigma = \text{Tr}_{L/K}(c\omega).$$

LEMMA 2. Let  $L/K$  be a finite separable normal extension. Let  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  be normal subfields of  $L$  over  $K$  such that  $L_1 \cap L_2 = K$ . If elements  $\alpha$  in  $L_1$  and  $\beta$  in  $L_2$  satisfy  $\text{Tr}_{L_1/K}(\alpha) = \text{Tr}_{L_2/K}(\beta)$ , then there exists an element  $\gamma$  in  $L$  such that  $\text{Tr}_{L_1/L_1}(\gamma) = \alpha$  and  $\text{Tr}_{L_2/L_2}(\gamma) = \beta$ .

PROOF. In view of Lemma 1 it is enough to prove Lemma 2 for the case  $L = L_1 L_2$ . By the condition in Lemma 2 the Galois group  $G(L_1 L_2/K)$  is the direct product  $G(L_1/K) \times G(L_2/K)$ . We choose normal basis  $\{\omega^\sigma \mid \sigma \in G(L_1/K)\}$  and  $\{\lambda^\tau \mid \tau \in G(L_2/K)\}$  of  $L_1/K$  and  $L_2/K$ , respectively. Then  $\{\omega^\sigma \lambda^\tau \mid \sigma \in G(L_1/K), \tau \in G(L_2/K)\}$  form a normal base of  $L_1 L_2/K$ . Put  $\alpha = \sum_{\sigma} a_{\sigma} \omega^{\sigma}$  and  $\beta = \sum_{\tau} b_{\tau} \lambda^{\tau}$  with coefficients in  $K$ . Let us consider the following system of linear equations in  $\{X_{\sigma, \tau}\}$ :

$$\text{Tr}_{L_1 L_2/L_1}(\sum_{\sigma, \tau} X_{\sigma, \tau} \omega^{\sigma} \lambda^{\tau}) = \sum_{\sigma} a_{\sigma} \omega^{\sigma},$$

$$\text{Tr}_{L_1 L_2/L_2}(\sum_{\sigma, \tau} X_{\sigma, \tau} \omega^{\sigma} \lambda^{\tau}) = \sum_{\tau} b_{\tau} \lambda^{\tau},$$

where  $G(L_1 L_2/K)$  operates on  $\{X_{\sigma, \tau}\}$  trivially. This system is equivalent to

$$\sum_{\tau} X_{\sigma, \tau} = (\text{Tr}_{L_2/K}(\lambda))^{-1} v_{\sigma}, \quad (\sigma \in G(L_1(K)),$$

$$\sum_{\sigma} X_{\sigma, \tau} = (\text{Tr}_{L_1/K}(\omega))^{-1} b_{\tau}, \quad (\tau \in G(L_2/K)).$$

Since  $\text{Tr}_{L_1/K}(\alpha) = \text{Tr}_{L_2/K}(\beta)$ , we have

$$(\sum_{\sigma} a_{\sigma}) \text{Tr}_{L_1/K}(\omega) = (\sum_{\tau} b_{\tau}) \text{Tr}_{L_2/K}(\lambda)$$

and

$$\text{Tr}_{L_2/K}(\lambda)^{-1} a_{\varepsilon} - \text{Tr}_{L_1/K}(\omega)^{-1} (\sum_{\tau \neq \varepsilon} b_{\tau}) = (\text{Tr}_{L_1/K}(\omega))^{-1} b_{\varepsilon} - (\text{Tr}_{L_2/K}(\lambda))^{-1} \sum_{\sigma \neq \varepsilon} a_{\sigma},$$

where  $\varepsilon$  is the unit element in  $G(L_1 L_2/K)$ .

Putting

$$c_{\sigma, \tau} = \begin{cases} (Tr_{L_1/K}(\lambda))^{-1} a_{\sigma}, & \text{for } \sigma \neq \varepsilon \text{ and } \tau = \varepsilon \\ (Tr_{L_1/K}(\omega))^{-1} b_{\tau}, & \text{for } \tau \neq \varepsilon \text{ and } \sigma = \varepsilon \\ 0, & \text{for } \sigma \neq \varepsilon \text{ and } \tau \neq \varepsilon \\ (Tr_{L_1/K}(\lambda))^{-1} a_{\varepsilon} - (Tr_{L_1/K}(\omega))^{-1} \sum_{\varrho \neq \varepsilon} b_{\varrho}, & \text{for } \sigma = \varepsilon \text{ and } \tau = \varepsilon, \end{cases}$$

we have a solution  $(c_{\sigma, \tau})$  of the above equations in  $K$ . Hence the element  $\gamma = \sum_{\sigma, \tau} c_{\sigma, \tau} \omega^{\sigma} \lambda^{\tau}$  satisfies the condition in Lemma 2.

We shall formulate Lemma 2 to the problem in the rings of Witt vectors :

**LEMMA 3.** Let  $\Delta$  be a finite separable normal extension of  $\Delta$ . Let  $\Delta_1$  and  $\Delta_2$  be normal subfields of  $\Delta$  over  $\Delta$  such that  $\Delta_1 \cap \Delta_2 = \Delta$ . If elements  $\alpha$  in  $W(\Delta_1)$  and  $\beta$  in  $W(\Delta_2)$  satisfy  $Tr_{K(\Delta_1)/K(\Delta)}(\alpha) = Tr_{K(\Delta_2)/K(\Delta)}(\beta)$ , then there exists an element  $\gamma$  in  $W(\Delta)$  such that  $Tr_{K(\Delta)/K(\Delta_1)}(\gamma) = \alpha$  and  $Tr_{K(\Delta)/K(\Delta_2)}(\gamma) = \beta$ .

**PROOF.** It is sufficient to show that the coefficients  $\gamma_0, \gamma_1, \dots$  in the expansion  $\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \gamma_i p^{-i} \mathbf{p}^i$  of  $\gamma$  in Lemma 3 are successively constructed. Put  $\alpha = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \alpha_i p^{-i} \mathbf{p}^i$  and  $\beta = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \beta_i p^{-i} \mathbf{p}^i$ . Then, since  $Tr_{K(\Delta_1)/K(\Delta)}(\alpha) = Tr_{K(\Delta_2)/K(\Delta)}(\beta)$ , we have  $Tr_{K(\Delta_1)/K(\Delta)}(\alpha_0 \mathbf{1}) \equiv Tr_{K(\Delta_2)/K(\Delta)}(\beta_0 \mathbf{1}) \pmod{\mathbf{p}}$  and  $Tr_{\Delta_1/\Delta}(\alpha_0) = Tr_{\Delta_2/\Delta}(\beta_0)$ . Hence, by virtue of Lemma 2, we have  $\gamma_0$  in  $\Delta$  such that  $Tr_{\Delta/\Delta_1}(\gamma_0) = \alpha_0$  and  $Tr_{\Delta/\Delta_2}(\gamma_0) = \beta_0$ , namely

$$\begin{aligned} Tr_{K(\Delta)/K(\Delta_1)}(\gamma_0 \mathbf{1}) &\equiv \alpha_0 \mathbf{1} \equiv \alpha \\ &\pmod{\mathbf{p}} \\ Tr_{K(\Delta)/K(\Delta_2)}(\gamma_0 \mathbf{1}) &\equiv \beta_0 \mathbf{1} \equiv \beta \end{aligned}$$

Assume we have already  $\gamma_0, \dots, \gamma_{n-1}$  in  $\Delta$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} Tr_{K(\Delta)/K(\Delta_1)}\left(\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \gamma_i p^{-i} \mathbf{p}^i\right) &\equiv \alpha \\ &\pmod{\mathbf{p}^n} \\ Tr_{K(\Delta)/K(\Delta_2)}\left(\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \gamma_i p^{-i} \mathbf{p}^i\right) &\equiv \beta \end{aligned}$$

Put

$$\alpha - \text{Tr}_{\mathbb{K}(\mathcal{A})/\mathbb{K}(\mathcal{A}_1)} \left( \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \gamma_i^{p^{-i}} \mathbf{p}^i \right) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \alpha_i' p^{-n-i} \mathbf{p}^{n+i}$$

and

$$\beta - \text{Tr}_{\mathbb{K}(\mathcal{A})/\mathbb{K}(\mathcal{A}_2)} \left( \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \gamma_i^{p^{-i}} \mathbf{p}^i \right) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \beta_i' p^{-n-i} \mathbf{p}^{n+i}.$$

Then, since  $\text{Tr}_{\mathbb{K}(\mathcal{A}_1)/\mathbb{K}(\mathcal{A})}(\alpha) = \text{Tr}_{\mathbb{K}(\mathcal{A}_2)/\mathbb{K}(\mathcal{A})}(\beta)$ , we have

$$\text{Tr}_{\mathbb{K}(\mathcal{A}_1)/\mathbb{K}(\mathcal{A})} \left( \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \alpha_i' p^{-n-i} \mathbf{p}^{n+i} \right) = \text{Tr}_{\mathbb{K}(\mathcal{A}_2)/\mathbb{K}(\mathcal{A})} \left( \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \beta_i' p^{-n-i} \mathbf{p}^{n+i} \right),$$

and thus  $\text{Tr}_{\mathcal{A}_1/\mathcal{A}}(\alpha'_0) = \text{Tr}_{\mathcal{A}_2/\mathcal{A}}(\beta'_0)$ . Therefore by virtue of Lemma 2 we have  $\gamma_n$  in  $\mathcal{A}$  such that

$$\alpha - \text{Tr}_{\mathbb{K}(\mathcal{A})/\mathbb{K}(\mathcal{A}_1)} \left( \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \gamma_i^{p^{-i}} \mathbf{p}^i \right) \equiv \text{Tr}_{\mathbb{K}(\mathcal{A})/\mathbb{K}(\mathcal{A}_1)} (\gamma_n^{p^{-n}} \mathbf{p}^n) \pmod{\mathbf{p}^{n+1}},$$

$$\beta - \text{Tr}_{\mathbb{K}(\mathcal{A})/\mathbb{K}(\mathcal{A}_2)} \left( \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \gamma_i^{p^{-i}} \mathbf{p}^i \right) \equiv \text{Tr}_{\mathbb{K}(\mathcal{A})/\mathbb{K}(\mathcal{A}_2)} (\gamma_n^{p^{-n}} \mathbf{p}^n)$$

namely

$$\alpha \equiv \text{Tr}_{\mathbb{K}(\mathcal{A})/\mathbb{K}(\mathcal{A}_1)} \left( \sum_{i=0}^n \gamma_i^{p^{-i}} \mathbf{p}^i \right) \pmod{\mathbf{p}^{n+1}},$$

$$\beta \equiv \text{Tr}_{\mathbb{K}(\mathcal{A})/\mathbb{K}(\mathcal{A}_2)} \left( \sum_{i=0}^n \gamma_i^{p^{-i}} \mathbf{p}^i \right)$$

2.2. We shall first prove the following Lemma and apply it together with Lemma 2 to construct of the matrix solution of  $\mathbf{A}^\sigma = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{M}(\sigma)$ , ( $\sigma \in G(\mathcal{A})$ ) in  $\mathbf{W}(\overline{\mathcal{A}'})$ .

LEMMA 4. Let  $L/K$  be a finite separable normal extension and  $\{N(\sigma) \mid \sigma \in G(L/K)\}$  be a representation of the Galois group by non-singular matrices with coefficients in  $K$ . Let  $\omega$  be an element in  $L$  such that all the conjugates of  $\omega$  over  $K$  form a normal base. Then the matrix  $\sum_{\sigma \in G(L/K)} N(\sigma^{-1}) \omega^\sigma$  is non-singular.

PROOF. It is sufficient to prove Lemma 4 for every irreducible representation in  $K$ . Since every irreducible representation appears in the regular representation  $\{R(\sigma) \mid \sigma \in G(L/K)\}$  as an irreducible component, it is sufficient to prove  $\det \left( \sum_{\sigma} R(\sigma^{-1}) \omega^\sigma \right) \neq 0$ . Giving an order  $\sigma_1 > \dots > \sigma_n$  in

$G(L/K)$ , we shall calculate  $(i \times j)$ -element of  $\sum_{\sigma} R(\sigma^{-1}) \omega^{\sigma}$ :

$$\sum_{\sigma} \delta(\sigma_i \sigma \sigma_j^{-1}) \omega^{\sigma} = \omega^{\sigma_i^{-1} \sigma_j},$$

where  $\delta(\varepsilon) = 1$  for the unit element  $\varepsilon$  and  $\delta(\tau) = 0$  for  $\tau \neq \varepsilon$ . Since  $\{\omega^{\sigma} \mid \sigma \in G(L/K)\}$  form a normal base of  $L/K$ , the matrix of which  $(i \times j)$  element is  $\omega^{\sigma_i^{-1} \sigma_j}$  is not singular. This proves Lemma 4.

Let  $\{\mathbf{M}(\sigma) \mid \sigma \in G(\Delta)\}$  be a representation of  $G(\Delta)$  by non singular  $r \times r$ -matrices with coefficients in  $\mathbf{Z}_p$ . We denote by  $\Gamma(m)$  the subgroup  $\{\sigma \in G(\Delta) \mid \mathbf{M}(\sigma) \equiv \text{identity mod } \mathfrak{p}^m\}$  in  $G(\Delta)$  and  $\Delta(m)$  the subfield of  $\bar{\Delta}'$  consisting of all the elements fixed by every element in  $\Gamma(m)$ , ( $m = 1, 2, \dots$ ). Then  $\Gamma(m)$  are normal subgroups of finite index and  $\Delta(m)/\Delta$  are finite separable normal extensions of  $\Delta$ .

For each  $m$  we choose a system of representatives of  $G(\Delta)/\Gamma(m)$  in  $G(\Delta)$  and we understand by  $\sum_{\sigma \text{ mod } \Gamma(m)}$  that the sum is taken over all  $\sigma$  running through the representatives of  $G(\Delta)/\Gamma(m)$ .

**THEOREM 1.** Let  $\{\mathbf{M}(\sigma) \mid \sigma \in G(\Delta)\}$  be a representation of  $G(\Delta)$  by non-singular  $r \times r$ -matrices with coefficients in  $\mathbf{Z}_p$ . Then there exists a non-singular matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  with coefficients in  $\mathbf{W}(\bar{\Delta}')$  such that  $\mathbf{A}^{\sigma} = \mathbf{M}(\sigma) \mathbf{A}$ , ( $\sigma \in G(\Delta)$ ).

**PROOF.** We use the notations  $\Gamma(m)$ ,  $\Delta(m)$ ,  $\sum_{\sigma \text{ mod } \Gamma(m)}$  in the above. In view of Lemma 1 and the theorem of normal base, there exists a system  $(\omega_1, \omega_2, \dots)$  of elements in  $\mathbf{W}(\bar{\Delta}')$  such that

- 1)  $\omega_m \in \mathbf{W}(\Delta(m))$ , ( $m = 1, 2, \dots$ ),  $\omega_1 = \omega, \mathbf{1}$ .
- 2) all the conjugates of  $\omega_1$  over  $\Delta$  form a normal base of  $\Delta(1)/\Delta$ ,
- 3)  $\text{Tr}_{\mathbf{K}(\Delta(m+1))/\mathbf{K}(\Delta(m))}(\omega_{m+1}) = \omega_m$ , ( $m = 1, 2, \dots$ ).

Put

$$\mathbf{A}_m = \sum_{\sigma \text{ mod } \Gamma(m)} \mathbf{M}(\sigma^{-1}) \omega_m^{\sigma}, \quad (m = 1, 2, \dots),$$

where  $\mathbf{1}$  is the identity in  $\mathbf{W}(\bar{\Delta}')$ . Since  $\omega_m \in \mathbf{K}(\Delta(m))$  and  $\mathbf{M}(\varrho) \equiv \text{identity mod } \mathfrak{p}^m$  for  $\varrho$  in  $\Gamma(m)$ , the class of  $\mathbf{A}_m \text{ mod } \mathfrak{p}^m$  is independent of the choice of the representatives of  $G(\Delta)/\Gamma(m)$ . Moreover we have the following set important relations :

$$\mathbf{A}_{m+1} \equiv \mathbf{A}_m \text{ mod } \mathfrak{p}^m, \quad (m = 1, 2, \dots),$$



because

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{A}_{m+1} &\equiv \sum_{\sigma \bmod \Gamma(m+1)} \mathbf{M}(\sigma^{-1}) \omega_m^\sigma \\ &\equiv \sum_{\tau \bmod \Gamma(m)} \mathbf{M}(\tau^{-1}) \sum_{\substack{\varrho \bmod \Gamma(m+1) \\ \varrho \in \Gamma(m)}} \mathbf{M}(\varrho^{-1}) \omega_{m+1}^{e\tau} \\ &\equiv \sum_{\tau \bmod \Gamma(m)} \mathbf{M}(\tau^{-1}) \sum_{\substack{\varrho \bmod \Gamma(m+1) \\ \varrho \in \Gamma(m)}} \omega_{m+1}^{e\tau} \bmod \mathfrak{p}^m \\ &\equiv \sum_{\tau \bmod \Gamma(m)} \mathbf{M}(\tau^{-1}) \text{Tr}_{\mathcal{K}(\mathcal{A}(m+1))/\mathcal{K}(\mathcal{A}(m))} (\omega_{m+1})^\tau \\ &\equiv \sum_{\tau \bmod \Gamma(m)} \mathbf{M}(\tau^{-1}) \omega_m \equiv \mathbf{A}_m \bmod \mathfrak{p}^m. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore there exists the limit  $\mathbf{A} = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \mathbf{A}_m$  such that  $\mathbf{A} \equiv \mathbf{A}_m \bmod \mathfrak{p}^m$ . ( $m = 1, 2, \dots$ ). On the other hand  $\mathbf{A}_m^\sigma = \sum_{\tau \bmod \Gamma(m)} \mathbf{M}(\tau^{-1}) \omega_m^{\tau\sigma} \equiv \mathbf{M}(\sigma) \sum_{\tau \bmod \Gamma(m)} \mathbf{M}(\tau^{-1}) \omega_m^\tau \equiv \mathbf{M}(\sigma) \mathbf{A}_m \bmod \mathfrak{p}^m$ , ( $\sigma \in G(\mathcal{A})$ ;  $m = 1, 2, \dots$ ), hence we have  $\mathbf{A}^\sigma = \mathbf{M}(\sigma) \mathbf{A}$ , ( $\sigma \in G(\mathcal{A})$ ). By virtue of Lemma 4  $\mathbf{A}_1$  is non-singular, so  $\mathbf{A}$  is also non-singular. This completes the proof of Theorem 1.

By an argument based on the same ideas as in the proof of Theorem 1 we have the following theorem :

**THEOREM 2.** Let  $\{\mathbf{M}(\sigma) \mid \sigma \in G(\mathcal{A})\}$  be a representation of  $G(\mathcal{A})$  by non-singular  $r \times r$ -matrices with coefficients in  $\mathbf{Z}_p$  and  $B_1$  be a  $r \times r$ -matrix with coefficients in  $\mathcal{A}(1)$  such that  $B_1^\sigma = \mathbf{M}(\sigma) B_1$ , ( $\sigma \in G(\mathcal{A})$ ), where  $\overline{\mathbf{M}}(\sigma)$  is the reduction of  $\mathbf{M}(\sigma)$  modulo  $\mathfrak{p}$  and  $\mathcal{A}(1)$  the subfield of  $\overline{\mathcal{A}'}$  consisting of all the elements in  $\overline{\mathcal{A}'}$  fixed by the element  $\sigma$  such that  $\overline{\mathbf{M}}(\sigma) \equiv \text{identity} \bmod \mathfrak{p}$ . Then there exists a matrix  $\mathbf{B}$  with coefficients in  $\mathbf{W}(\overline{\mathcal{A}'})$  such that

- 1)  $B_1$  is the reduction of  $\mathbf{B}$  modulo  $\mathfrak{p}$ ,
- 2)  $\mathbf{B}^\sigma = \mathbf{M}(\sigma) \mathbf{B}$ , ( $\sigma \in G(\mathcal{A})$ ).

**PROOF.** On this proof  $\omega_1 = \omega_1 \mathbf{1}, \omega_2 \dots$  denote the same elements of  $(\overline{\mathcal{A}'})$  as in the proof of Theorem 1. Since  $\sum_{\tau \bmod \Gamma(1)} \overline{\mathbf{M}}(\tau^{-1}) \omega_1^\tau$  is non-singular (Lemma 4), we can put

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{O} &= \left( \sum_{\tau \bmod \Gamma(1)} \overline{\mathbf{M}}(\tau^{-1}) \omega_1^\tau \right)^{-1} B_1, \\ B_m &= \left( \sum_{\sigma \bmod \Gamma(m)} \mathbf{M}(\sigma^{-1}) \omega_m^\sigma \right) (C \mathbf{1}), \quad (m = 1, 2, \dots). \end{aligned}$$

Then  $C$  is a matrix with coefficients in  $\Delta$  and  $C \cdot 1$  is a matrix with coefficients in  $W(\Delta)$ . Moreover  $B_m \equiv A_m(C \cdot 1) \pmod{\mathfrak{p}^m}$  and  $B_1$  is the reduction of  $B_m$  modulo  $\mathfrak{p}$ , where  $A_m$  is the same as in the proof of Theorem 1. Hence putting  $B = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} B_m$ , we have a  $B$  satisfying the conditions in Theorem 2.

2.3 In order to solve the problem affirmatively, we need to prove the existence of a vector  $\mathfrak{a} = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_r)$  with coefficients in  $W(\overline{\Delta})$  such that 1)  $\mathfrak{a}^\sigma = M(\sigma)\mathfrak{a}$ , ( $\sigma \in G_\Delta$ ) and 2)  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_r$  are linearly independent over  $\mathbb{Q}_p$ . The existence of non-zero vector satisfying 1) is guaranteed by Theorem 1. We shall first notice the existence of vectors satisfying 1) and 2) for the irreducible representations  $\{M(\sigma) \mid \sigma \in G(\Delta)\}$  of  $G(\Delta)$  and, then under the assumption that  $K(\Delta)/\mathbb{Q}_p$  is transcendental, we shall prove the existence of vectors satisfying 1) and 2) by the induction on the number of irreducible components in the representations.

**THEOREM 3.** Let  $\{M(\sigma) \mid \sigma \in G(\Delta)\}$  be an irreducible representation of  $G(\Delta)$  by  $r \times r$ -matrices with coefficients in  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ . Then there exists a system of elements  $\xi_1, \dots, \xi_r$  in  $W(\overline{\Delta})$  such that 1)

$$\begin{pmatrix} \xi_1 \\ \vdots \\ \xi_r \end{pmatrix}^\sigma = M(\sigma) \begin{pmatrix} \xi_1 \\ \vdots \\ \xi_r \end{pmatrix}, \quad (\sigma \in G(\Delta)),$$

2)  $\xi_1, \dots, \xi_r$  are linearly independent over  $\mathbb{Q}_p$ .

**PROOF.** In view of Theorem 1 there exists a non-zero vector  $\mathfrak{a} = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_r)$  with coefficients in  $W(\overline{\Delta})$  such that

$$\begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_r \end{pmatrix}^\sigma = M(\sigma) \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_r \end{pmatrix}, \quad (\sigma \in G(\Delta)).$$

Let  $V$  be  $\mathbb{Z}_p[G(\Delta)]$ -module spanned by  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_r$  over  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  in  $W(\overline{\Delta})$ . If the rank of  $V$  is less than  $r$ , the representation  $\{M(\sigma) \mid \sigma \in G(\Delta)\}$  is not irreducible. This shows the linearly independentness of  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_r$  over  $\mathbb{Q}_p$ .

In the induction process we shall need the following lemma:

**LEMMA 5.** Let  $\xi$  be a transcendental element in a field  $L$  over a subfield  $K$  and  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_s, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_{r-s}, \gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_s$  be elements in  $L$  such that  $\{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_s\}$  and  $\{\beta_1, \dots, \beta_{r-s}\}$  are sets of linearly independent elements over

$K$ . Then there exists a positive integer  $n_0$  such that for every  $n \geq n_0$  the elements  $\alpha_1 \xi^n + \gamma_1, \dots, \alpha_s \xi^n + \gamma_s, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_{r-s}$  are linearly independent over  $K$ .

PROOF. We shall give a proof from algebraic geometry. Put  $M = \overline{K}(\xi, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_s, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_{r-s}, \gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_s)$ , where  $\overline{K}$  denotes the algebraic closure of  $K$ . We choose a normal projective variety  $V$  defined over  $\overline{K}$  as a model of the function field  $M/\overline{K}$ . We denote by  $\Sigma$  the  $\overline{K}$ -module spanned by  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_s, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_{r-s}, \gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_s$  in  $M$  over  $\overline{K}$  and denote by  $d$  the maximal of the degrees of the polar divisors of elements in  $\Sigma$ . For a prime divisor  $Y$  on  $V$  we mean by  $v_Y$  the valuation defined as follows: If the multiplicity of  $Y$  in the principal divisor  $(f)$  is  $n_Y$ , the value  $v_Y(f)$  is given by  $n_Y \deg Y$ . We choose a prime divisor  $X$  on  $V$  such that  $v_X(\xi) \geq 1$ . Since the degree of polar divisors of elements in  $\Sigma$  is at most  $d$ , we have  $-d \leq v_X(g) \leq d$  ( $g \neq 0$  in  $\Sigma$ ). We put  $n_0 = 2d + 1$ . Let  $n$  be a positive integer not less than  $n_0$  and assume that there exist  $a_1, \dots, a_s, b_1, \dots, b_{r-s}$  in  $K$  such that  $\sum_i a_i (\alpha_i \xi^n + \gamma_i) + \sum_j b_j \beta_j = 0$ . Then, since  $\sum_i a_i \gamma_i + \sum_j b_j \beta_j \in \Sigma$ , we have the two cases:

1)  $\sum_i a_i \gamma_i + \sum_j b_j \beta_j = 0$ , 2)  $-d \leq v_X(\sum_i a_i \gamma_i + \sum_j b_j \beta_j) \leq d$ . If  $\sum_i a_i \gamma_i + \sum_j b_j \beta_j = 0$ , it follows that  $(\sum_i a_i \alpha_i) \xi^n = 0$  and  $\sum_i a_i \alpha_i = 0$ . Since  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_r$  are linearly independent over  $K$ , we have  $a_1 = \dots = a_s = 0$ . By the linear independence of  $\beta_1, \dots, \beta_{r-s}$  over  $K$  we have  $b_1 = \dots = b_{r-s} = 0$ , because  $\sum_j b_j \beta_j = 0$ . Let us assume  $-d \leq v_X(\sum_i a_i \gamma_i + \sum_j b_j \beta_j) \leq d$ . Then  $v_X((\sum_i a_i \alpha_i) \xi^n) = v_X(\sum_i a_i \gamma_i + \sum_j b_j \beta_j) \leq d$ . On the other hand, since  $\sum_i a_i \alpha_i \in \Sigma$  and  $\sum_i a_i \alpha_i \neq 0$ , we have  $v_X((\sum_i a_i \alpha_i) \xi^n) = n v_X(\xi) + v_X(\sum_i a_i \alpha_i) \geq n - d \geq 2d + 1 - d = d + 1$ . This is a contradiction. Therefore  $\alpha_1 \xi^n + \gamma_1, \dots, \alpha_r \xi^n + \gamma_s, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_{r-s}$  are linearly independent over  $K$ .

The next lemma is the reduction of the problem.

LEMMA 6. Let  $\{\mathbf{M}(\sigma) \mid \sigma \in G(\Delta)\}$  be a representation of  $G(\Delta)$  by non-singular  $r \times r$ -matrices with coefficients in  $\mathbf{Z}_p$  such that

$$\mathbf{M}(\sigma) \left( \begin{array}{c|c} \overbrace{\mathbf{N}_1(\sigma)}^s & \overbrace{\mathbf{A}(\sigma)}^{r-s} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{N}_2(\sigma) \end{array} \right) \begin{array}{l} s \\ r-s \end{array}, \quad (\sigma \in G(\Delta)).$$

Let  $\Delta(m)$  be the subfield of  $\overline{\Delta}$  consisting of all the elements fixed by the subgroup  $\Gamma(m) = \{\sigma \in G(\Delta) \mid \mathbf{M}(\sigma) \equiv \text{identity mod } \mathfrak{p}^m\}$  ( $m = 1, 2, \dots$ ). Assume

two systems  $(\mathfrak{a}_1, \mathfrak{a}_2, \dots)$  and  $(\mathfrak{b}_1, \mathfrak{b}_2, \dots)$  of vectors with coefficients in  $W(\bar{\Delta}')$  satisfy

- 1) the coefficients of  $\mathfrak{a}_m$  and  $\mathfrak{b}_m$  belong to  $W(\Delta(m))$ ,
- 2)  $\text{Tr}_{K(\Delta(m+1))/K(\Delta(m))}(\mathfrak{a}_{m+1}) = \mathfrak{a}_m$ ,  $\text{Tr}_{K(\Delta(m+1))/K(\Delta(m))}(\mathfrak{b}_{m+1}) = \mathfrak{b}_m$ ,
- 3) putting <sup>(4)</sup>

$$\begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_s \end{pmatrix} = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{\sigma \text{ mod } \Gamma(m)} N_1(\sigma^{-1}) \mathfrak{a}_m^\sigma, \quad \begin{pmatrix} \beta_1 \\ \vdots \\ \beta_{r-s} \end{pmatrix} = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{\sigma \text{ mod } \Gamma(m)} N_2(\sigma^{-1}) \mathfrak{b}_m^\sigma,$$

the sets  $\{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_s\}$  and  $\{\beta_1, \dots, \beta_{r-s}\}$  are sets of linearly independent elements over  $\mathbb{Q}_p$ . Then, if  $K(\Delta)$  is transcendental over  $\mathbb{Q}_p$ , there exists a system of vectors  $(\mathfrak{x}_1, \mathfrak{x}_2, \dots)$  such that 1) the coefficients of  $\mathfrak{x}_m$  belong to  $W(\Delta(m))$ , 2)  $\text{Tr}_{K(\Delta(m+1))/K(\Delta(m))}(\mathfrak{x}_{m+1}) = \mathfrak{x}_m$ , 3) putting

$$\begin{pmatrix} \xi_1 \\ \vdots \\ \xi_r \end{pmatrix} = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{\sigma \text{ mod } \Gamma(m)} \mathbf{M}(\sigma^{-1}) \mathfrak{x}_m^\sigma,$$

the elements  $\xi_1, \dots, \xi_r$  are linearly independent over  $\mathbb{Q}_p$ .

PROOF. Put

$$\begin{pmatrix} \gamma_1 \\ \vdots \\ \gamma_s \end{pmatrix} = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{\sigma \text{ mod } \Gamma(m)} \mathbf{A}(\sigma^{-1}) \mathfrak{b}_m^\sigma$$

and apply Lemma 5 to  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_s, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_{r-s}, \gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_s$ ,  $L = K(\bar{\Delta}')$  and  $K = \mathbb{Q}_p$ . Then there exists a non-zero element  $\eta$  in  $W(\Delta)$  such that  $\alpha_1 \eta + \gamma_1, \dots, \alpha_s \eta + \gamma_s, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_{r-s}$  are linearly independent over  $\mathbb{Q}_p$ . Therefore, putting

$$\mathfrak{x}_m = \begin{pmatrix} \mathfrak{a}_m \eta \\ \mathfrak{b}_m \end{pmatrix}, \quad (m = 1, 2, \dots),$$

we get a system of vectors  $(\mathfrak{x}_1, \mathfrak{x}_2, \dots)$  satisfying the conditions in Lemma 6.

Applying Lemma 6 successively we have our main theorem:

**THEOREM 4** (the main theorem). If  $K(\Delta)$  is transcendental over  $\mathbb{Q}_p$ , there exists a  $\mathbb{Z}_p[G(\Delta)]$ -submodule in  $W(\Delta')$  which is isomorphic to a given  $\mathbb{Z}_p[G(\Delta)]$ -submodule of finite rank over  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ .

PROOF. We shall prove the next assertion:

(A) Let  $\{\mathbf{M}(\sigma) \mid \sigma \in G(\Delta)\}$  be any representation of  $G(\Delta)$  by non-singular  $r \times r$ -matrices with coefficients in  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ . Let  $\Gamma(m)$  be the subgroup

(4) The conditions 1) and 2) imply the existence of limits in 3).

$\{\sigma \in G(\Delta) \mid \mathbf{M}(\sigma) \equiv \text{identity mod } \mathfrak{p}^m\}$  and  $\Delta(m)$  the subfield in  $\Delta'$  consisting of all the elements fixed by every element in  $\Gamma(m)$ . Then, if  $\mathbf{K}(\Delta)/\mathbf{Q}_p$  is transcendental, there exists a system of vectors  $(\mathfrak{x}_1, \mathfrak{x}_2, \dots)$  such that

- 1) the coefficients of  $\mathfrak{x}_m$  belong to  $\mathbf{W}(\Delta(m))$ ,
- 2)  $\text{Tr}_{\mathbf{K}(\Delta(m+1))/\mathbf{K}(\Delta(m))}(\mathfrak{x}_{m+1}) = \mathfrak{x}_m$ ,
- 3) putting <sup>(5)</sup>

$$\begin{pmatrix} \xi_1 \\ \vdots \\ \xi_r \end{pmatrix} = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{\sigma \in \Gamma(m)} \mathbf{M}(\sigma^{-1}) \mathfrak{x}_m^\sigma,$$

the elements  $\xi_1, \dots, \xi_r$  are linearly independent over  $\mathbf{Q}_p$ .

The vector  $(\xi_1, \dots, \xi_r)$  in (A) satisfies the condition in Theorem 4, hence it is enough to prove (A) by the induction on the number of irreducible components. First we assume  $\{\mathbf{M}(\sigma) \mid \sigma \in G(\Delta)\}$  is irreducible. Then, if we denote by  $\mathbf{A}_1, \mathbf{A}_2, \dots$  the same matrices as in the proof of Theorem 1 and denote by  $\mathfrak{a}_1, \mathfrak{a}_2, \dots$  the first column vectors of  $\mathbf{A}_1, \mathbf{A}_2, \dots$ , respectively, then by the argument in the proof of Theorem 3 the system  $(\mathfrak{a}_1, \mathfrak{a}_2, \dots)$  satisfies the condition in (A). We assume (A) for the case in which the number of irreducible components is less than  $n$ .

Let  $\{\mathbf{M}(\sigma) \mid \sigma \in G(\Delta)\}$  be a representation of  $G(\Delta)$  by non-singular  $r \times r$ -matrices with coefficients in  $\mathbf{Z}_p$  such that i)

$$\mathbf{M}(\sigma) = \begin{pmatrix} \overbrace{\mathbf{N}_1(\sigma)}^s & \overbrace{\mathbf{A}(\sigma)}^{r-s} \\ 0 & \mathbf{N}_2(\sigma) \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} s \\ r-s \end{matrix}, \quad (\sigma \in G(\Delta))$$

ii)  $\{\mathbf{N}_1(\sigma) \mid \sigma \in G(\Delta)\}$  is irreducible, iii) the number of irreducible components in  $\{\mathbf{N}_2(\sigma) \mid \sigma \in G(\Delta)\}$  is  $n - 1$ . We denote by  $\Delta(i, m)$  the subfield of  $\overline{\Delta'}$  consisting of all the elements fixed by every element in  $\Gamma(i, m) = \{\sigma \in G(\Delta) \mid \mathbf{N}_i(\sigma) \equiv \text{identity mod } \mathfrak{p}^m\}$ , ( $i = 1, 2; m = 1, 2, \dots$ ). By the induction assumption there exist systems of vectors  $(\mathfrak{a}_1, \mathfrak{a}_2, \dots)$  and  $(\mathfrak{b}_1, \mathfrak{b}_2, \dots)$  such that

- 1) the coefficients of  $\mathfrak{a}_m$  (resp.  $\mathfrak{b}_m$ ) belong to  $\mathbf{W}(\Delta(1, m))$ . (resp.  $\mathbf{W}(\Delta(2, m))$ ),
- 2)  $\text{Tr}_{\mathbf{K}(\Delta(1, m+1))/\mathbf{K}(\Delta(1, m))}(\mathfrak{a}_{m+1}) = \mathfrak{a}_m$ ,
- $\text{Tr}_{\mathbf{K}(\Delta(2, m+1))/\mathbf{K}(\Delta(2, m))}(\mathfrak{b}_{m+1}) = \mathfrak{b}_m$ ,
- 3) putting <sup>(6)</sup>

$$\begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_s \end{pmatrix} = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{\sigma \in \Gamma(1, m)} \mathbf{N}_1(\sigma^{-1}) \mathfrak{a}_m^\sigma$$

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<sup>(5)</sup>, <sup>(6)</sup> see <sup>(4)</sup>.

and

$$\begin{pmatrix} \beta_1 \\ \vdots \\ \beta_{r-s} \end{pmatrix} = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{\sigma \bmod \Gamma(2, m)} N_2(\sigma^{-1}) \mathfrak{b}_m^\sigma,$$

the sets  $\{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_s\}$  and  $\{\beta_1, \dots, \beta_{r-s}\}$  are sets of linearly independent elements over  $\mathbb{Q}_p$ .

Put  $\Delta^{(1)} = \bigcup_m \Delta(1, m)$  and  $\Delta^{(2)} = \bigcup_m \Delta(2, m)$ . Then there exists a non-decreasing arithmetic function  $\Phi$  such that  $\Delta(1, \Phi(m)) \supset \Delta^{(1)} \cap \Delta(m)$  and  $\Delta(2, \Phi(m)) \supset \Delta^{(2)} \cap \Delta(m)$ , ( $m = 1, 2, \dots$ ), because  $\Delta(m)$  ( $m = 1, 2, \dots$ ) are finite extensions over  $\Delta$ . We shall inductively show that we can choose vectors  $\mathfrak{c}_m$  and  $\mathfrak{d}_m$  with coefficients in  $\mathbf{W}(\Delta(m))$  such that

$$(B_m) \quad \begin{cases} \text{Tr}_{\mathbb{K}(\Delta(1, \Phi(m))/\mathbb{K}(\Delta^{(1)} \cap \Delta(m))}(\mathfrak{a}_{\Phi(m)}) = \text{Tr}_{\mathbb{K}(\Delta(m))/\mathbb{K}(\Delta^{(1)} \cap \Delta(m))}(\mathfrak{c}_m), \\ \text{Tr}_{\mathbb{K}(\Delta(2, \Phi(m))/\mathbb{K}(\Delta^{(2)} \cap \Delta(m))}(\mathfrak{b}_{\Phi(m)}) = \text{Tr}_{\mathbb{K}(\Delta(m))/\mathbb{K}(\Delta^{(1)} \cap \Delta(m))}(\mathfrak{d}_m), \\ \text{Tr}_{\mathbb{K}(\Delta(m+1))/\mathbb{K}(\Delta(m))}(\mathfrak{c}_{m+1}) = \mathfrak{c}_m, \quad \text{Tr}_{\mathbb{K}(\Delta(m+1))/\mathbb{K}(\Delta)}(\mathfrak{d}_{m+1}) = \mathfrak{d}_m. \end{cases}$$

Since  $\text{Tr}_{\mathbb{K}(\Delta(1, \Phi(1))/\mathbb{K}(\Delta^{(1)} \cap \Delta(1))}(\mathfrak{a}_{\Phi(1)})$  is a known element in  $\mathbb{K}(\Delta^{(1)} \cap \Delta(1))$  applying Lemma 3 to  $\Delta_1 = \Delta_2 = \Delta^{(1)} \cap \Delta(1)$ ,  $\Delta = \Delta(1)$  and  $\alpha = \beta = \text{Tr}_{\mathbb{K}(\Delta(1, \Phi(1))/\mathbb{K}(\Delta^{(1)} \cap \Delta(1))}(\mathfrak{a}_{\Phi(1)})$ , we have an element  $\mathfrak{c}_1$  with coefficients in  $\mathbf{W}(\Delta(1))$  satisfying  $(B_1)$ . Assume we have already  $\mathfrak{c}_1, \mathfrak{c}_2, \dots, \mathfrak{c}_{m-1}$  such that the coefficients of  $\mathfrak{c}_l$  belong to  $\mathbf{W}(\Delta(l))$  and  $\mathfrak{c}_l$  satisfy  $(B_l)$ , ( $l = 1, 2, \dots, m-1$ ). Then, since  $(\Delta^{(1)} \cap \Delta(m)) \cap \Delta(m-1) = \Delta^{(1)} \cap \Delta(m-1)$  and

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Tr}_{\mathbb{K}(\Delta^{(1)} \cap \Delta(m))/\mathbb{K}(\Delta^{(1)} \cap \Delta(m-1))}(\text{Tr}_{\mathbb{K}(\Delta(1, \Phi(m))/\mathbb{K}(\Delta^{(1)} \cap \Delta(m))}(\mathfrak{a}_{\Phi(m)})) \\ &= \text{Tr}_{\mathbb{K}(\Delta(m-1))/\mathbb{K}(\Delta^{(1)} \cap \Delta(m+1))}(\mathfrak{c}_{m-1}), \end{aligned}$$

we can use Lemma 3 and get a vector  $\mathfrak{c}_m$  with coefficients in  $\mathbf{W}(\Delta(m))$  such that

$$\text{Tr}_{\mathbb{K}(\Delta(m))/\mathbb{K}(\Delta^{(1)} \cap \Delta(m))}(\mathfrak{c}_m) = \text{Tr}_{\mathbb{K}(\Delta(1, \Phi(m))/\mathbb{K}(\Delta^{(1)} \cap \Delta(m))}(\mathfrak{a}_{\Phi(m)})$$

and

$$\text{Tr}_{\mathbb{K}(\Delta(m+1))/\mathbb{K}(\Delta(m))}(\mathfrak{c}_{m+1}) = \mathfrak{c}_m.$$

By the same method we have  $\mathfrak{d}_1, \mathfrak{d}_2, \dots$  satisfying the conditions. By virtue of the last condition in  $(B_m)$  the limits

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{\sigma \bmod \Gamma(m)} N_1(\sigma^{-1}) \mathfrak{c}_m^\sigma \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{\sigma \bmod \Gamma(m)} N_2(\sigma^{-1}) \mathfrak{d}_m^\sigma$$

exist and by the first two conditions in  $(B_m)$  we have

$$\begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_s \end{pmatrix} = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{\sigma \bmod \Gamma(m)} N_1(\sigma^{-1}) \mathbf{c}_m^\sigma, \quad \begin{pmatrix} \beta_1 \\ \vdots \\ \beta_{r-s} \end{pmatrix} = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{\sigma \bmod \Gamma(m)} N_2(\sigma^{-1}) \mathbf{d}_m^\sigma.$$

Therefore, applying Lemma 6 to  $(\mathbf{c}_1, \mathbf{c}_2, \dots)$  and  $(\mathbf{d}_1, \mathbf{d}_2, \dots)$ , we have a system of vectors  $(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \dots)$  satisfying the conditions in (A). This completes the proof of the main theorem.

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