

# Artin $L$ -functions

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$L/K$  Galois extension of number fields  
 $G = \text{Gal}(L/K)$  its Galois group

Let  $(\rho, V)$  be a representation of  $G$  and  $\chi$  the associated character.

Let  $\mathfrak{p}$  be a prime ideal in the ring of integers  $\mathcal{O}_K$  of  $K$ , we denote by :

$I_{\mathfrak{p}}$  the inertia group

$\varphi_{\mathfrak{p}}$  the Frobenius automorphism

$V^{I_{\mathfrak{p}}} = \{v \in V : \forall i \in I_{\mathfrak{p}}, \rho(i)(v) = v\}$

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In the particular case  $K = \mathbb{Q}$  :  $L(s, \chi, L/\mathbb{Q}) = \prod_{p \in \mathbb{Z}} \frac{1}{\det(\text{Id} - p^{-s} \varphi_p; V^{I_p})}$

## Proposition

Let  $d$  and  $d'$  be the degrees of the representations  $(\rho, V)$  and  $(\tilde{\rho}, V^{I_p})$ .  
Let  $\alpha_{i,\rho}(p)$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq d$  be the eigenvalues of  $\tilde{\rho}(\varphi_p)$  with  $\alpha_{i,\rho}(p) = 0$  if  $d' < i \leq d$ .

Then :

$$L(s, \chi, L/K) = \prod_{p \in \mathbb{Z}} \prod_{i=1}^d (1 - \alpha_{i,\rho}(p)p^{-s})^{-1} = \sum_{n \geq 1} a_\chi(n)n^{-s}.$$

In particular,  $|\alpha_{i,\rho}(p)| = 1$  for  $1 \leq i \leq d'$ .

## Properties

- ① We have :

$$L(s, 1_G, L/\mathbb{Q}) = \zeta(s),$$

where  $\zeta$  is the Riemann zeta function.

- ② For  $\chi_1, \chi_2$  two characters of  $G$ ,

$$L(s, \chi_1 + \chi_2, L/\mathbb{Q}) = L(s, \chi_1, L/\mathbb{Q})L(s, \chi_2, L/\mathbb{Q}).$$

- ③ We can write :

$$\zeta_L(s) = \zeta(s) \prod_{\chi \neq 1} L(s, \chi, L/\mathbb{Q})^{\chi(1)}$$

where  $\zeta_L$  is the Dedekind zeta function of  $L$ .

# Examples

# Functional equation

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Define :

$$\gamma_\chi(s) = \left( \pi^{-\frac{s}{2}} \Gamma\left(\frac{s}{2}\right) \right)^{\dim V^+} \left( \pi^{-\frac{s+1}{2}} \Gamma\left(\frac{s+1}{2}\right) \right)^{\dim V^-}$$

for every  $w$  of  $L$  above the infinite place of  $\mathbb{Q}$  : the generator  $\sigma_w$  of  $G(w) = \{g \in G \mid \rho(g)(w) = w\}$  induces an eigenspace decomposition  $V = V^+ \oplus V^-$  where  $V^+$  and  $V^-$  correspond to the eigenvalues  $+1$  and  $-1$  of  $\rho(\sigma_w)$ . Actually,

$\dim V^+ = \dim V^{<1,\sigma_w>} = \frac{1}{2}(d + \chi(\sigma_w))$  and so

$\dim V^- = \frac{1}{2}(d - \chi(\sigma_w))$ .

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Let  $G_i$  be the  $i$ -th ramification group of  $\mathfrak{p}$  above  $p \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

Define :

$$f_p(\chi) = \sum_{i=0}^{+\infty} \frac{|G_i|}{|G_0|} \text{codim } V^{G_i}.$$

## Definition (Artin conductor)

The Artin conductor is :

$$f(\chi) = \prod_{p \in \mathbb{Z}} p^{f_p(\chi)}.$$

## Theorem

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## Artin conjecture

For each nontrivial irreducible character,  $L(s, \chi)$  is entire.

# Examples