

$K \subset L$ : finite abelian extension of global fields  
 $G = \text{Gal}(L/K)$

$S$ : finite non-empty set of places of  $K$ ,  
containing all archimedean ones and ones  
ramified in  $L$

$T$ : finite non-empty set of places of  $K$ , disjoint  
from  $S$ , such that  $U_{S,T} = \{x \in U_S \mid x \equiv 1$   
(mod  $v$ ),  $\forall v \in T\}$  is *torsion-free*

For each complex character  $\chi \in \widehat{G}$ , the  
associated modified  $L$ -function  $L_{S,T}(\chi, s)$  is  
defined as an infinite product

$$\prod_{v \in T} (1 - \chi(\sigma_v) N v^{1-s}) \prod_{v \notin S} (1 - \chi(\sigma_v) N v^{-s})^{-1}$$

There is a unique  $\mathbb{C}[G]$ -valued function  $\theta(s)$   
which satisfies

$$\chi(\theta(s)) = L_{S,T}(\chi, s) \quad \forall \chi \in \widehat{G}, \forall s \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{1\}$$

**Theorem.**  $\theta(1 - n) \in \mathbb{Z}[G]$  for all integers  $n \geq 1$ .

The augmentation ideal  $I_G$  is defined by the short exact sequence

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & I_G & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{Z}[G] & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{Z} \longrightarrow 0 \\ & & & & g & \longmapsto & 1 \end{array}$$

Let  $n = |S| - 1 =$  the order of zero of  $\zeta_{K,S,T}(s)$  at  $s = 0$ , and let

$$h_{S,T} = \# \frac{\{\text{fractional ideals of } O_S, \text{ coprime to } T\}}{\{(x) \mid x \equiv 1 \pmod{v}, \forall v \in T\}}$$

Let  $Y$  be the free  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module generated by the places  $v \in S$  and define  $X$  by

$$\begin{aligned} 0 \longrightarrow X \longrightarrow Y \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z} \longrightarrow 0 \\ v \longmapsto 1 \end{aligned}$$

We define a homomorphism

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_{S,T} : U_{S,T} &\longrightarrow (I_G/I_G^2) \otimes X \\ \varepsilon &\longmapsto \sum_{v \in S} (f_v(\varepsilon) - 1) \cdot v. \end{aligned}$$

where  $f_v$  is the local Artin reciprocity map at  $v$ .

**Conjecture.** (Gross)  $\theta_{S,T} := \theta(0) \in I_G^n$ , and that

$$\theta_{S,T} \equiv h_{S,T} \cdot \det \lambda_{S,T} \pmod{I_G^{n+1}}$$

Let  $G = G_1 \times G_2 \times \cdots \times G_m$ ,  
 $H_i = G_1 \times \cdots \times G_{i-1} \times G_{i+1} \times \cdots \times G_m$ , and  
let  $\phi_i : \mathbb{Z}[G] \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}[H_i]$  be the map induced by  
natural projection.

**Theorem.** *Suppose  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}[G]$  such that  
 $\phi_i(\alpha) \in I_{H_i}^n$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ . Then  $\alpha \in I_G^n$ .  
(We assume  $m \geq n$ .)*

**Corollary.** *Choose a prime number  $l$ . Suppose  
 $K$  is a global function field of characteristic  
 $p \neq l$  such that*

- *its class number is prime to  $l$ .*
- *it does not contain a primitive  $l$ -th root of  
1.*

*Then Gross's conjecture holds for all  $L/K$   
whose Galois group is an abelian  $l$ -group.*