

## CYCLOTOMIC UNITS IN FUNCTION FIELDS

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ABSTRACT. Let  $k$  be a global function field over the finite field  $\mathbb{F}_q$  with a fixed place  $\infty$  of degree 1. Let  $K$  be a cyclic extension of degree dividing  $q - 1$ , in which  $\infty$  is totally ramified. For a certain abelian extension  $L$  of  $k$  containing  $K$ , there are two notions of the group of cyclotomic units arising from sign normalized rank 1 Drinfeld modules on  $k$  and on  $K$ . In this article we compare these two groups of cyclotomic units.

### 0. INTRODUCTION

Let  $K$  be an imaginary quadratic number field and  $L$  an abelian extension of  $\mathbb{Q}$  containing  $K$ . There exist two subgroups of the group of units of  $L$ . One is the group of *cyclotomic* units of the extension  $L/\mathbb{Q}$  and the other the group of *elliptic* units of the extension  $L/K$ . Both have finite indices in the full group of units of  $L$ , which are closely related to the class number of  $L$ . The relation between these two groups was studied by Gillard [Gi] and Kersey [Ke]. In fact, it is shown that some power of an elliptic unit is a cyclotomic unit.

In this article we consider the analogous problem in the function field setting. Let  $k$  be a global function field over the finite field  $\mathbb{F}_q$  with a fixed place  $\infty$  of degree 1. Let  $\ell$  be an integer dividing  $q - 1$ . Let  $K$  be a cyclic extension of  $k$  of degree  $\ell$  in which  $\infty$  is totally ramified, and let  $L$  be an abelian extension of both  $k$  and  $K$ , such that  $\infty$  splits completely in  $L/K$ . In  $L$  there exist two notions of the group of cyclotomic units. One group is over  $k$  and the other over  $K$ . The latter can be viewed as an analogue of the group of elliptic units ([ABJ], [Yi1], [Ou]). We will compare these two groups, adopting the method of [Gi].

We note that in [Gi] there are some misprints. In the statement of Theorem 3,  $12fe(f)$  should be changed to  $12eh$ . The reason for this is that the wrong formula was used (5 bis) on p. 187; it should be (see [GR], Proposition 7.19, or [Ou], (3.3))

$$L'(0, \chi, K/k) = -\frac{1}{6eh} \sum_{c \in Cl((1))} \chi(c) \log |\delta(c)|.$$

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**Notation.**  $k$ : a global function field over the finite field  $\mathbb{F}_q$  of  $q$  elements  
 $\infty$ : a fixed place of degree 1 of  $k$   
 $\mathbb{A}$ : the ring of functions in  $k$ , which are regular away from  $\infty$   
 $\ell$ : an integer dividing  $q - 1$   
 $K := k(m^{1/\ell})$ , where  $m \in \mathbb{A}$  has degree prime to  $\ell$   
 $\chi_K :=$  a fixed generator of the character group of  $\text{Gal}(K/k)$   
 It is clear that  $\infty$  is totally ramified in  $K/k$ , so we use the same  $\infty$  to denote the unique place of  $K$  lying over  $\infty$ .  
 $\mathbb{B}$ : the integral closure of  $\mathbb{A}$  in  $K$ , which is the same as the ring of functions in  $K$  regular away from  $\infty$   
 $\mathfrak{a}, \mathfrak{b}, \mathfrak{m}, \mathfrak{n}, \mathfrak{f}, \dots$ : ideals of  $\mathbb{A}$   
 $\mathfrak{A}, \mathfrak{B}, \mathfrak{M}, \mathfrak{N}, \mathfrak{F}, \dots$ : ideals of  $\mathbb{B}$   
 $h_k$  (resp.  $h_K$ ): the class number of  $k$  (resp.  $K$ ), which is the same as the ideal class number of  $\mathbb{A}$  (resp.  $\mathbb{B}$ ) since  $\infty$  has degree 1  
 Fix a sign function  $sgn : k_\infty = K_\infty \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_q$  with  $sgn(0) = 0$ .  
 $k_n$ : the cyclotomic function field over  $k$  of conductor  $\mathfrak{n}$  with respect to  $sgn$   
 $K_{\mathfrak{N}}$ : the cyclotomic function field over  $K$  of conductor  $\mathfrak{N}$  with respect to  $sgn$   
 $G_n := \text{Gal}(k_n/k)$  and  $\Gamma_{\mathfrak{N}} := \text{Gal}(K_{\mathfrak{N}}/K)$   
 $k_{(1)}$  (resp.  $K_{(1)}$ ): the Hilbert class field of  $k$  (resp.  $K$ )  
 We choose the sign of  $m$  so that  $K$  is contained in  $k_{(m)}$ .  
 $\xi(\mathfrak{n})$  (resp.  $\xi(\mathfrak{N})$ ):  $\xi$ -invariant associated to  $\mathfrak{n}$  (resp.  $\mathfrak{N}$ )  
 $e_n$  (resp.  $e_{\mathfrak{N}}$ ): the lattice function associated to the ideal  $\mathfrak{n}$  (resp.  $\mathfrak{N}$ )  
 For  $\mathfrak{n} \neq (1)$  and  $\mathfrak{N} \neq (1)$ ,  $\lambda_n := \xi(\mathfrak{n})e_n(1)$ ,  $\Lambda_{\mathfrak{N}} := \xi(\mathfrak{N})e_{\mathfrak{N}}(1)$ .  
 For details of this notation we refer to [Hal], [Yi1].

1. PREPARATION AND STATEMENT OF MAIN THEOREM

Let  $L$  be an abelian extension of  $k$  which is contained in some cyclotomic function field over  $k$  and suppose  $\infty$  splits completely in  $L/K$ . Let  $O_L$  be the integral closure of  $\mathbb{A}$  in  $L$ . For each ideal class  $c$  (resp.  $C$ ) of  $\mathbb{A}$  (resp.  $\mathbb{B}$ ) containing an ideal  $\mathfrak{a}$  (resp.  $\mathfrak{A}$ ), let

$$\delta(c) := a\xi(\mathfrak{a})^{h_k} \quad \text{and} \quad \Delta(C) := A\xi(\mathfrak{A})^{h_K},$$

where  $(a) = \mathfrak{a}^{h_k}$  and  $(A) = \mathfrak{A}^{h_K}$  with  $sgn(a) = sgn(A) = 1$ .

For  $\sigma \in G_n$ , we define the partial zeta function by

$$Z_n(s, \sigma) := \sum_{\sigma_{\mathfrak{b}} = \sigma, (\mathfrak{b}, \mathfrak{n}) = (1)} N(\mathfrak{b})^{-s}.$$

Note that  $Z_n(0, \sigma)$  is a rational number. We return to  $Z_n(s, \sigma)$  in the last section.

Let  $\mathfrak{n}$  be the conductor of  $L$  over  $k$  and  $\mathfrak{N}$  the conductor of  $L$  over  $K$ , that is,  $\mathfrak{n}$  (resp.  $\mathfrak{N}$ ) is the smallest ideal  $\mathfrak{n}$  (resp.  $\mathfrak{N}$ ) such that  $L$  is contained in  $k_n$  (resp.  $K_{\mathfrak{N}}$ ). Let  $\mathfrak{n}_1$  be the ideal  $k \cap \mathfrak{N}$ . Let  $\Gamma := \text{Gal}(L/K)$  and  $G := \text{Gal}(L/k)$ . For  $\mathfrak{n} \neq (1)$  and  $g \in G$  (resp.  $\mathfrak{N} \neq (1)$  and  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ ), let

$$\varphi_L(g) := \prod_{\tau \in G_n, \tau|_L = g} \lambda_n^\tau, \quad \Phi_L(\gamma) = \prod_{\tau \in \Gamma_{\mathfrak{N}}, \tau|_L = \gamma} \Lambda_{\mathfrak{N}}^\tau.$$

For  $\mathfrak{n} = (1)$  (resp.  $\mathfrak{N} = (1)$ ), we let

$$\delta_L(g) := \prod_{\sigma_c|_L = g} \delta(c), \quad \Delta_L(\gamma) := \prod_{\sigma_C|_L = \gamma} \Delta(C),$$

where  $\sigma_c$  and  $\sigma_C$  are the Artin automorphisms associated to  $c$  and  $C$ , respectively.

**Proposition 1** ([Ou, Chap. 3, Chap. 4]). *Let  $g_1, g_2, g \in G$ . Then we have*

- 1)  $\delta_L(g_1)/\delta_L(g_2)$  and  $\varphi_L(g_1)/\varphi_L(g_2)$  are units in  $O_L$ .
- 2)  $\left(\frac{\delta_L(g_1)}{\delta_L(g_2)}\right)^g = \frac{\delta_L(gg_1)}{\delta_L(gg_2)}$  and  $\varphi_L(g_1)^g = \varphi_L(gg_1)$ .
- 3) If  $n$  is not a prime power, then  $\varphi_L(g)$  is a unit in  $O_L$ .

The same holds for  $\Delta, \Phi$  and  $\Gamma$ .

Let  $P_{L/k}$  (resp.  $P_{L/K}$ ) be the subgroup of  $L^*$  generated by  $\mathbb{F}_q^*$ ,  $\varphi_L(g)$  and  $\delta_L(g)/\delta_L(id)$  for  $g \in G$  (resp.  $\Phi_L(\gamma)$  and  $\Delta_L(\gamma)/\Delta_L(id)$  for  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ ), which we call the *group of cyclotomic numbers* over  $k$  (resp. over  $K$ ) in  $L$ . Let

$$C_{L/k} := P_{L/k} \cap O_L^*, \quad \text{and} \quad C_{L/K} := P_{L/K} \cap O_L^*,$$

which we call the *group of cyclotomic units* of  $L$  over  $k$  and  $K$ , respectively. These are slightly different from the group of cyclotomic units defined in [ABJ] or [Yi1].

Let  $S$  be the set of all prime ideals of  $\mathbb{A}$ , which are ramified in  $L/k$  but unramified in  $L/K$ . For  $\mathfrak{p} \in S$  denote by  $T_{\mathfrak{p}}$  the inertia group in  $L/k$  at  $\mathfrak{p}$ . Decompose  $S$  into a disjoint union  $S = \bigcup_{i \in I} S_i$ , where two ideals in  $S$  lie in the same  $S_i$  if and only if they have the same inertia groups. Let  $J$  be a subset of  $I$  and  $J_1$  its complementary subset. Let  $L_J^0$  (resp.  $L_{J_1}^1$ ) be the subfield of  $L$  fixed by the subgroup  $T_J \subset G$  (resp.  $T_{J_1}$ ) generated by  $T_{\mathfrak{p}}$  for any  $\mathfrak{p} \in S_i$  with  $i \in J$  (resp.  $i \in J_1$ ). Let  $\mathfrak{f}_J^0$  (resp.  $\mathfrak{f}_{J_1}$ ) be the conductor of  $L_J^0$  (resp.  $L_{J_1}^1$ ) over  $k$ . Let

$$\theta_J := \begin{cases} N_{k_{\mathfrak{f}_J^0}/L_J^0}(\lambda_{\mathfrak{f}_J^0}) & \text{if } \mathfrak{f}_J^0 \neq (1), \\ N_{k_{(1)}/L_J^0} \delta(1) & \text{if } \mathfrak{f}_J^0 = (1), \end{cases}$$

and for  $i = 1, \dots, \ell - 1$ ,

$$\beta_J^{(i)}(\sigma) := \chi_K^i(\sigma) \sum_{\tau \in G_{i_1^1}, \tau|_{L_{J_1}^1} = \sigma} Z_{\mathfrak{f}_J^1}(0, \tau),$$

where  $\sigma \in \text{Gal}(L/k)$  and  $\mathfrak{f}_J^1$  is the least common multiple of  $\mathfrak{n}_1$  and  $\mathfrak{f}_J$ .

Let

$$m_J := \frac{[L : L_J^0]^2}{[L : L_J^0][L : L_{J_1}^1]},$$

$$\beta_J^{(i)} := \sum_{\sigma \in G} \beta_J^{(i)}(\sigma) \sigma^{-1}, \quad \beta_J = \prod_{i=1}^{\ell-1} \beta_J^{(i)}$$

and

$$\gamma_J := \prod_{\mathfrak{p} | \mathfrak{n}_1, \mathfrak{p} \nmid \mathfrak{f}_J^0} (1 - \sigma_{\mathfrak{p}}^{-1}),$$

where  $\sigma_{\mathfrak{p}}$  is the Frobenius automorphism of  $\mathfrak{p}$  in  $L_J^0/k$ . Let  $\alpha_J := \gamma_J \beta_J$ . But  $\beta_J \in \mathbb{Q}(\zeta)[G]$ , where  $\zeta$  is a primitive  $\ell$ -th root of 1. To proceed we need the following lemma.

**Lemma 2.**  $\beta_J \in \mathbb{Q}[G]$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\eta \in \text{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}(\zeta)/\mathbb{Q})$ . We extend the action of  $\eta$  to  $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta)[G]$  in an obvious way. Then it is not hard to see that  $\eta$  fixes  $\beta_J$ , which implies that  $\beta_J \in \mathbb{Q}[G]$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.** *If  $L/K$  is ramified, then*

$$\Phi_L^{[L:L_I^0]^2} = \epsilon \prod_{J \subset I} \theta_J^{-\ell^2 \alpha_J m_J}$$

with  $\epsilon \in \mathbb{F}_q^*$ . *If  $L/K$  is unramified and  $\sum_{\sigma \in G} n(\sigma)\sigma \in \mathbb{Z}[G]$  satisfies  $\sum n(\sigma) = 0$ , then*

$$\prod_{\sigma \in G} \Delta_L(\sigma)^{n(\sigma)[L:L_I^0]^2} = \epsilon \left( \prod_{J \subset I} \theta_J^{-\ell^2 r_J \alpha_J m_J} \right)^{\sum n(\sigma)\sigma},$$

with  $\epsilon \in \mathbb{F}_q^*$ , where

$$r_J = \begin{cases} \frac{h_K}{h_k} & \text{if } f_J^0 = (1) \\ h_K & \text{if } f_J^0 \neq (1). \end{cases}$$

Note that  $h_K$  is divisible by  $h_k$ .

2. PROOF OF THE MAIN THEOREM

Let  $v_k$  be the normalized valuation of  $k$  at  $\infty$ , and  $v_K$  be the normalized valuation of  $K$  at  $\infty$ . Then  $v_K(a) = \ell v_k(a)$  for  $a \in k$ . We choose an extension  $v_1$  (resp.  $v_2$ ) of  $v_k$  (resp.  $v_K$ ) to  $\bar{k} = \bar{K}$  so that  $v_2(\alpha) = \ell v_1(\alpha)$ , which we also denote by  $v_k$  (resp.  $v_K$ ). Let  $\chi$  be a character of  $\Gamma$ . Let  $\chi_0, \dots, \chi_{\ell-1}$  be the characters of  $G$  extending  $\chi$ . Assume that  $\chi_0$  is real, that is,  $\chi_0$  is trivial on the inertia group at  $\infty$ , and  $\chi_i = \chi_K^i \chi_0$ .

Let

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma_J^0(\chi) &:= \begin{cases} \frac{1}{[L:L_J^0]} \sum_{\sigma \in G} \chi_0(\sigma) v_k(\sigma(\theta_J^{\gamma_J})) & \text{if } f_J^0 \neq (1) \\ \frac{1}{h_k [L:L_J^0]} \sum_{\sigma \in G} \chi_0(\sigma) v_k(\sigma(\theta_J^{\gamma_J})) & \text{if } f_J^0 = (1) \end{cases} \\ \Sigma_J^i(\chi) &:= \frac{1}{[L:L_J^1]} \sum_{\sigma \in G} \chi_0(\sigma) \beta_J^{(i)}(\sigma) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma(\chi) &:= \sum_{\sigma \in \Gamma} \chi(\sigma) v_K(\Phi_L(\sigma)) \quad \text{if } \mathfrak{N} \neq (1) \\ \Sigma(\chi) &:= \frac{1}{h_K} \sum_{\sigma \in \Gamma} \chi(\sigma) v_K(\Delta_L(\sigma)) \quad \text{if } \mathfrak{N} = (1). \end{aligned}$$

To prove Theorem 3, it suffices to show that

$$[L:L_I^0]^2 \Sigma(\chi) = \ell^2 \sum_{J \subset I} \sum_{\sigma \in \Gamma} \chi(\sigma) v_K(\sigma(\theta_J^{\alpha_J})) = \sum_{J \subset I} \sum_{\sigma \in G} \chi_0(\sigma) v_k(\sigma(\theta_J^{\alpha_J}));$$

that is, it suffices to show that

$$\Sigma(\chi) = \sum_{J \subset I} \left( \prod_{i=0}^{\ell-1} \Sigma_J^i(\chi) \right).$$

Considering  $\chi$  as a character of  $G(L_J^0/k)$  or  $G(L_J^1/k)$  if possible, we have

$$\Sigma_J^0(\chi) = \begin{cases} \prod_{\mathfrak{p} | n_1} \prod_{\mathfrak{p} \nmid f_J^0} (1 - \chi_0(\mathfrak{p})) \sum_{\sigma \in G_{f_J^0}} \chi_0(\sigma) v_k(\sigma(\lambda_{f_J^0})) & \text{if } f_J^0 \neq (1) \\ \prod_{\mathfrak{p} | n_1} (1 - \chi_0(\mathfrak{p})) \sum_{\sigma \in G_{(1)}} \chi_0(\sigma) v_k(\sigma(\delta(1))) & \text{if } f_J^0 = (1) \end{cases}$$

if  $\chi_0$  is trivial on  $G(L/L_J^0)$  and 0 otherwise, and

$$\Sigma_J^i(\chi) = \sum_{\sigma \in G_{f_J^1}} \chi_i(\sigma) Z_{f_J^1}(0, \sigma)$$

if  $\chi_i$  is trivial on  $G(L/L_J^1)$  and 0 otherwise.

*Remark.* For  $\mathfrak{p} \in S$  let  $t_{\mathfrak{p}}$  be a generator of  $T_{\mathfrak{p}}$ . Then

$$\chi_i(t_{\mathfrak{p}}) = \chi_0(t_{\mathfrak{p}}) \chi_K^i(t_{\mathfrak{p}}) = \zeta^i \chi_0(t_{\mathfrak{p}}),$$

since  $\mathfrak{p}$  is ramified in  $K/k$ , where  $\zeta \neq 1$  is an  $\ell$ th root of 1. Thus  $\chi_i$  is trivial on  $T_{\mathfrak{p}}$  for some  $i > 0$  if and only if  $\chi_0$  is not. Thus  $\prod_{i=0}^{\ell-1} \Sigma_J^i(\chi) \neq 0$  if and only if the union of  $S_i$ , for  $i \in J$  is exactly the set of  $\mathfrak{p} \in S$  such that  $\chi_0(t_{\mathfrak{p}}) = 1$ . For each  $\chi$  this can happen for a unique  $J$ .

Thus Theorem 3 is equivalent to

**Proposition 4.** *Let  $\chi$  be a character of  $\Gamma$ , nontrivial if  $\mathfrak{N} = (1)$ . For the subset  $J$  of  $I$  as above, we have*

$$\Sigma(\chi) = \prod_{i=0}^{\ell-1} \Sigma_J^i(\chi).$$

Let  $f_i$  be the conductor of  $\chi_i$  for  $i = 0, 1, \dots, \ell - 1$ , and let  $\mathfrak{F}$  be the conductor of  $\chi$  as a character over  $K$ . We have the following properties of  $L$ -series (cf. [Yi1], [Yi2], [Ou]):

$$(1) \quad L_K(s, \chi) = \prod_{i=0}^{\ell-1} L_k(s, \chi_i).$$

For a nontrivial character  $\chi$ , we have

$$(2) \quad L_k(0, \chi_0) = \frac{1}{q-1} \sum_{\sigma \in G(k_{f_0}/k)} \chi_0(\sigma) v_k(\lambda_{f_0}^\sigma) \quad \text{if } f_0 \neq (1),$$

$$(2') \quad L_k(0, \chi_0) = \frac{1}{h_k(q-1)} \sum_{\sigma \in G(k_{(1)}/k)} \chi_0(\sigma) v_k(\delta(\sigma)) \quad \text{if } f_0 = (1),$$

$$(3) \quad L_K(0, \chi) = \frac{1}{q-1} \sum_{\sigma \in G(K_{\mathfrak{F}}/K)} \chi(\sigma) v_K(\lambda_{\mathfrak{F}}^\sigma) \quad \text{if } \mathfrak{F} \neq (1),$$

$$(3') \quad L_K(0, \chi) = \frac{1}{h_K(q-1)} \sum_{\sigma \in G(K_{(1)}/K)} \chi(\sigma) v_K(\Delta(\sigma)) \quad \text{if } \mathfrak{F} = (1),$$

$$(4) \quad L_k(0, \chi_i) = B_{\chi_i} := \sum_{\sigma \in G(k_{f_i}/k)} \bar{\chi}_i(\sigma) Z_{f_i}(0, \sigma), \quad i = 1, \dots, \ell - 1.$$

Suppose that  $\chi$  is nontrivial. Then

$$(5) \quad \Sigma(\chi) = (q-1) \prod_{\mathfrak{P}|\mathfrak{N}} (1 - (\chi(\mathfrak{P})) L_K(0, \chi)).$$

Here  $\chi(\mathfrak{P})$  is 0 if  $\mathfrak{p}$  divides the conductor of  $\chi$  and  $\chi(\sigma_{\mathfrak{P}})$  otherwise.

Note that, for  $\mathfrak{g} \neq (1)$  and  $f_0 = (1)$ ,

$$\sum_{\sigma \in G_{\mathfrak{g}}} \chi_0(\sigma) v_{\infty}(\lambda_{\mathfrak{g}}^\sigma) = \prod_{\mathfrak{p}|\mathfrak{g}} (1 - \chi_0(\mathfrak{p})) L_k(0, \chi_0).$$

Then

$$(6) \quad \Sigma_J^0(\chi) = (q - 1) \prod_{\mathfrak{p}|\mathfrak{n}_1} (1 - \chi_0(\mathfrak{p})) L_k(0, \chi)$$

and

$$(7) \quad \Sigma_J^i = \prod_{\mathfrak{p}|\mathfrak{n}_1} (1 - \chi_i(\mathfrak{p})) L_k(0, \chi_i), \quad i = 1, \dots, \ell - 1.$$

Using the fact that

$$\prod_{\mathfrak{P}|\mathfrak{N}} (1 - \chi(\mathfrak{P})) = \prod_{\mathfrak{p}|\mathfrak{n}_1} \prod_{i=0}^{\ell-1} (1 - \chi_i(\mathfrak{p})),$$

we get

$$\Sigma(\chi) = \prod_{i=0}^{\ell-1} \Sigma_J^i(\chi).$$

Now assume that  $\chi$  is trivial and  $\mathfrak{N} \neq (1)$ . Then  $J = I$  in this case.

Case 1:  $\mathfrak{n}_1$  contains at least two prime divisors.

Then so does  $\mathfrak{N}$ . Hence  $\Phi_K$  and  $\theta_I$  are units. Thus  $\Sigma(\chi) = 0 = \Sigma_I^0(\chi)$ .

Suppose that  $\mathfrak{n}_1$  is a power of a prime  $\mathfrak{p}$ . Let  $e, f, r$  be the ramification index, inertia degree and the number of primes over  $\mathfrak{p}$  in  $K$ , respectively.

Case 2.  $\mathfrak{n}_1$  is a power of a prime  $\mathfrak{p}$  and  $r > 1$ .

Then  $\mathfrak{N}$  is not a prime power. So  $\Sigma(\chi) = 0$ . On the other hand,  $\Sigma_I^i(\chi)$  contains the factor  $(1 - \chi_K^i(\mathfrak{p}))$ , which is 0 if  $f \mid i$  and  $e = 1$ .

Case 3.  $\mathfrak{n}_1$  is a power of  $\mathfrak{p}$  and  $r = 1$ .

Let  $\mathfrak{P}$  be the prime ideal of  $K$  lying over  $\mathfrak{p}$ . Then one can show that (cf. [Ha2], (2.3))

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma(\chi) &= h_K \deg \mathfrak{P} = f h_K \deg \mathfrak{p}, \\ \Sigma_I^0(\chi) &= h_k \deg \mathfrak{p} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\prod_{i=1}^{\ell-1} \Sigma_I^i(\chi) = \left( \prod_{i=1}^{\ell-1} (1 - \chi_K^i(\mathfrak{p})) \right) \frac{h_K}{h_k} = f \frac{h_K}{h_k},$$

since

$$\chi_K^i(\mathfrak{p}) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } e > 1 \\ \zeta_f^i & \text{if } e = 1, \end{cases}$$

where  $\zeta_f$  is a primitive  $f$ -th root of 1. Hence we get the result in this case too.

### 3. INTEGRALITY OF EXPONENTS

Now the question is to know whether  $\ell^2 m_J \alpha_J$  is an element of  $\mathbb{Z}[G]$ . We want to determine  $\beta_J^{(i)}(\sigma)$ . For this we need more information about  $Z_{\mathfrak{m}}(0, \sigma)$  for an ideal  $\mathfrak{m}$  and  $\sigma \in G$ . It is well-known that  $(\mathbb{A}/\mathfrak{m})^* \simeq \text{Gal}(k_{\mathfrak{m}}/k_{\mathfrak{e}}) \subset \text{Gal}(k_{\mathfrak{m}}/k)$ . Let  $X$  be the image of  $\mathbb{F}_q^*$  under this isomorphism.  $X$  is called the *sign group* of  $G(k_{\mathfrak{m}}/k)$ . Shu [Sh] constructed a set  $G'_{\mathfrak{m}}$  of coset representatives of  $G_{\mathfrak{m}}/X$  and called the elements of  $G'_{\mathfrak{m}}$  *monic*. The following is due to Shu [Sh].

**Proposition 5.** *Let  $\mathfrak{m}$  be an ideal of  $\mathbb{A}$  and  $\sigma \in G_{\mathfrak{m}}$ .*

- a) The partial zeta function  $Z_m(s, \sigma)$  is a rational function in  $q^{-s}$  and  $(1 - q^{1-s})Z_m(s, \sigma)$  is a polynomial in  $q^{-s}$  with integer coefficients.
- b) For any  $a \neq id \in X$  and any  $\sigma \in G'_m$ , we have

$$Z_m(s, \sigma) - Z_m(s, a\sigma) = q^{n(\sigma)}q^{-sj(\sigma)},$$

for some appropriate nonnegative integers  $n(\sigma)$  and  $j(\sigma)$ .

Let

$$Y = \{a \in X : \chi_K(a) = 1\}.$$

**Corollary 6.** For any  $\sigma \in G_m$ ,  $\sum_{a \in Y} Z_m(0, a\sigma)$  is either  $q^{n(\sigma)} + \frac{D}{\ell}$  or  $\frac{D}{\ell}$  for some integer  $D$ .

*Proof.* There exist integers  $C$  and  $D$  such that  $Z_m(0, \sigma)$  equals  $\frac{C}{q-1}$  if  $\sigma \in G'_m$  and  $\frac{D}{q-1}$  otherwise. From Proposition 5 b),  $\frac{C}{q-1} - \frac{D}{q-1} = q^{n(\sigma)}$ . Then the sum will be either

$$\frac{C}{q-1} + \left(\frac{q-1}{\ell} - 1\right)\frac{D}{q-1} = q^{n(\sigma)} + \frac{D}{\ell}$$

or

$$\frac{D}{q-1} \frac{q-1}{\ell} = \frac{D}{\ell}. \quad \square$$

Write a set of representatives of the quotient group  $G_{f_J^1}/Y$  by  $W$ . Then

$$\sum_{\tau \in G_{f_J^1}, \tau|_{L_J^1} = \sigma} Z_{f_J^1}(0, \tau) = \sum_{\tau \in W, \tau|_{L_J^1} = \sigma} \left( \sum_{a \in Y} Z_{f_J^1}(0, a\tau) \right).$$

Now letting  $m = f_J^1$  in Corollary 6, we see that the sum in the parentheses is either  $q^{n(\tau)} + \frac{D}{\ell}$  or  $\frac{D}{\ell}$  for some integer  $D$ . Thus  $\ell\beta_J^{(i)} \in \mathbb{Z}[\zeta][G]$  and  $\ell^{\ell-1}\beta_J \in \mathbb{Z}[G]$ . Therefore  $\Phi_L^{\ell^{\ell-3}[L:L_I]^2}$  is a cyclotomic number over  $k$ .

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