

MCS is a statement about the number of field extensions:

Rank Let  $d : G \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{\geq 0} \cup \{\infty\}$ . Denote the restriction to  $H \subseteq G$  by  $d|_H$ .

Always  $a(d|_H) \geq a(d)$ .

But sometimes  $a(d|_H) = a(d)$  and  $b(d|_H, K) > b(d, K)$ .

$\Rightarrow$  By MCS,

$$\#\{\text{field } G\text{-ext. } L|K : \text{inv}(L) \leq T\} \sim C_1 \cdot T^{\frac{1}{a}} (\log T)^{b(d)-1}$$

$$\#\{\text{field } H\text{-ext. } L|K : \text{inv}(L) \leq T\} \sim C_2 \cdot T^{\frac{1}{a}} (\log T)^{b(d|_H)-1}$$

$$\wedge \leftarrow \left( L := \text{2nd}_{H}^{G} L' \right)$$

$$\#\{\text{nondeg. } G\text{-ext. } L|K : \text{inv}(L) \leq T\}$$

grows more slowly

grows more quickly

Ex There are  $\sim C_1 \cdot T$  deg. 4 field ext.  $L|K$  with  $\text{disc}(L) \leq T$ . ( $G = S_4$ )

There are  $\sim C_2 \cdot T (\log T)$  products  $L$  of two degree 2 field ext. of  $K$  with  $\text{disc}(L) \leq T$ . ( $H = S_2 \times S_2 \subseteq S_4$ ).

## Heuristic for MCS

(cf. Malle: On the distribution of Galois groups, II)

Assume there exists a field  $G$ -ext.  $L|K$  with  $\text{inv}(L) < \infty$ ,

Basic assumption: For a finite set of places  $S$  and nondeg.  $G$ -ext.  $L_v$  of  $K_v$  ( $v \in S$ ), the number of field  $G$ -ext.  $L$  of  $K$  that are unramified at all  $v \notin S$  and such that  $L \otimes_{K_v} K_v \cong L_v$  for all  $v \in S$  is "on average"  $C_1 \cdot \prod_v \frac{1}{\# \text{Aut}_{G\text{-ext}}(L_v)}$

for some constant  $C_1 > 0$ .

[ "local-global principle" ]

In terms of Dirichlet series:

$$\text{Let } D(s) = \sum_{\substack{L|K \text{ field} \\ G\text{-ext.}}} \frac{\text{inv}(L)^{-s}}{\# \text{Aut}(L)}$$

$$\text{and } D'_v(s) = \sum_{\substack{L_v|K_v \text{ nondeg.} \\ G\text{-ext.}}} \frac{\text{inv}_v(L_v)^{-s}}{\# \text{Aut}(L_v)}$$

~> Basic assumption (basically by Tschuriant/Wiener-Ichikawa)

$$D(s) \approx \prod_v D'_v(s)$$

both sides have  
rightmost pole  
at the same positions  
and of the same order

$$\Rightarrow D(s) \approx \prod_v D'_v(s)$$

$$\approx \prod_{\substack{y=v \\ \text{not exceptional}}} D'_v(s)$$

[i.e.,  $y \nmid |G|$ , inv. given by  $d$ ]

each  $D'_v(s)$  is a finite sum and therefore entire

$$\approx \prod_{y \nmid |G|} \sum$$

$$(\text{Nm}(y)^{d(\rho)})^{-s}$$

$$y \nmid |G|$$

conj. d.  $\rho$ :  
 $C = C^{\text{Nm}(y)}$

cf. counting tamely ram. ext. of local fields

$$\approx \prod_{\mathfrak{p} \nmid |\mathfrak{G}|} \left( 1 + \sum_{\substack{C: \\ C = C^{N_m(\mathfrak{p})} \\ d(C) = a'}} N_m(\mathfrak{p})^{-as} \right)$$

$\uparrow$   
 $C = \{\text{id}\}$   
 (unram. ext. of  $K_v$ )

$$\approx \prod_{\mathfrak{p} \nmid |\mathfrak{G}|} \prod_{\substack{C: \\ C = C^{N_m(\mathfrak{p})} \\ d(C) = a}} (1 + N_m(\mathfrak{p})^{-as})$$

The Frobenius automorphism in

$$U = \text{Gal}(K(\zeta_{|\mathfrak{G}|})|K) \subseteq (\mathcal{O}/|\mathfrak{G}|\mathcal{O})^\times$$

of  $\mathfrak{p} \nmid |\mathfrak{G}|$  with residue field  $\mathbb{F}_q$  ( $q = N_m(\mathfrak{p})$ )

is  $(q \bmod |\mathfrak{G}|)$ . Hence,

$$C = C^{N_m(\mathfrak{p})} \Leftrightarrow C = C^q \Leftrightarrow (q \bmod |\mathfrak{G}|) \in \text{Stab}_U(C)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \text{Frob}(\mathfrak{p}) \in \text{Stab}_U(C)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \text{Frob}(\mathfrak{p}) \text{ maps to id in } U / \text{Stab}_U(C)$$

$\cong$   
 $\text{Gal}(K(\zeta)_C | K)$ ,  
 where  $K(\zeta)_C := K(\zeta)^{\text{Stab}_U(C)}$

$\Leftrightarrow \eta$  splits completely in  $K(\zeta)_c$ .

Therefore,

$$D(s) \approx \prod_{C: d(C)=a} \prod_{\eta+|\zeta|} (1 + N_{m(\eta)}^{-as})$$

$\eta+|\zeta|$   
 splitting completely in  $K(\zeta)_c$

$$= \prod_{U\text{-orbit}[C]: d(C)=a} \prod_{\eta+|\zeta|} (1 + N_{m(\eta)}^{-as})^{[U: \text{Stab}_c(C)]}$$

$\eta+|\zeta|$   
 s.r. in  $K(\zeta)_c$

↑  
 U-abelian,  
 so every el. of  
 an orbit has  
 the same stabilizer

$$= \prod_{U\text{-orbit}[C]: d(C)=a} \prod_{\eta+|\zeta|} (1 + N_{m(\eta)}^{-as})^{[K(\zeta)_c : K]}$$

$$= \prod_{U\text{-orbit}[C]: d(C)=a} \zeta_{K(\zeta)_c}(as)$$

↑  
 Dedekind zeta function

rightmost: simple pole at  $s = \frac{1}{a}$   
 order  $b (= \# U\text{-orbits})$  pole at  $s = \frac{1}{a}$

$\Rightarrow$  By Tauberian theorems / Wiener-Itôhara,

$$\sum_{\substack{L \text{ KU field} \\ \mathfrak{G}\text{-ext.} \\ \text{inv}(L) \leq T}} \frac{1}{\# \text{Aut}(L)} \sim C \cdot T^{\frac{1}{a}} (\log T)^{b-1}.$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{\substack{1 \\ \#(\text{center of } \mathfrak{G})}}$

"□"

# Strategies for proving (special cases of) MCS

1. Understand quotients of  $\Gamma_k$ .

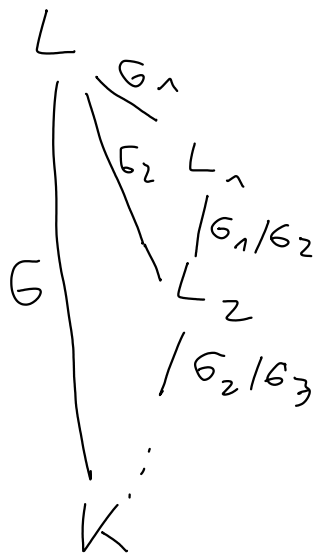
E.g. classfield theory description of the abelianization  $\Gamma_k^{ab}$ , dealing with abelian groups  $G$

(Wright: Distribution of discriminants of abelian extensions,

Wood: On the probabilities of local behaviors in abelian field extensions)

2. Induction along chains of normal

subgroups  $G_1 \subseteq G_2 \subseteq \dots \subseteq G_n = G$ .



Try solving the problem for all  $G_{i+1}/G_i$ , then using induction.

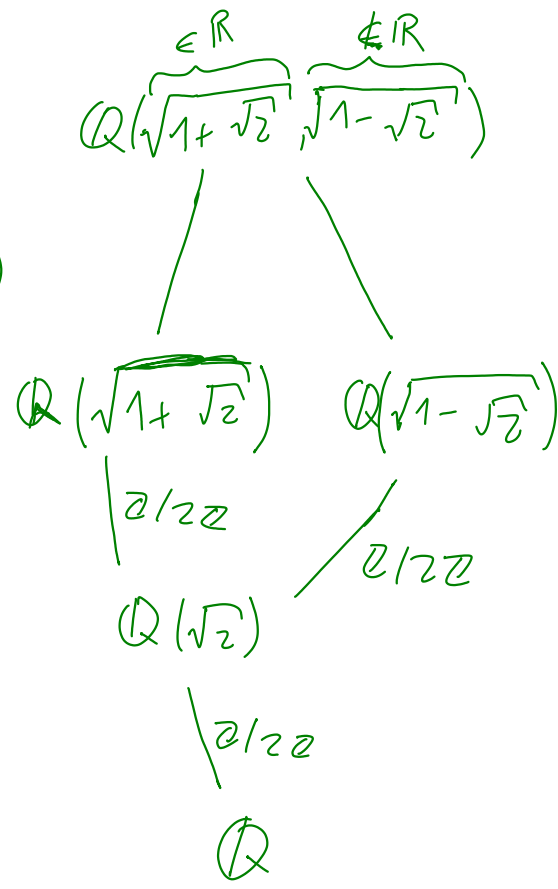
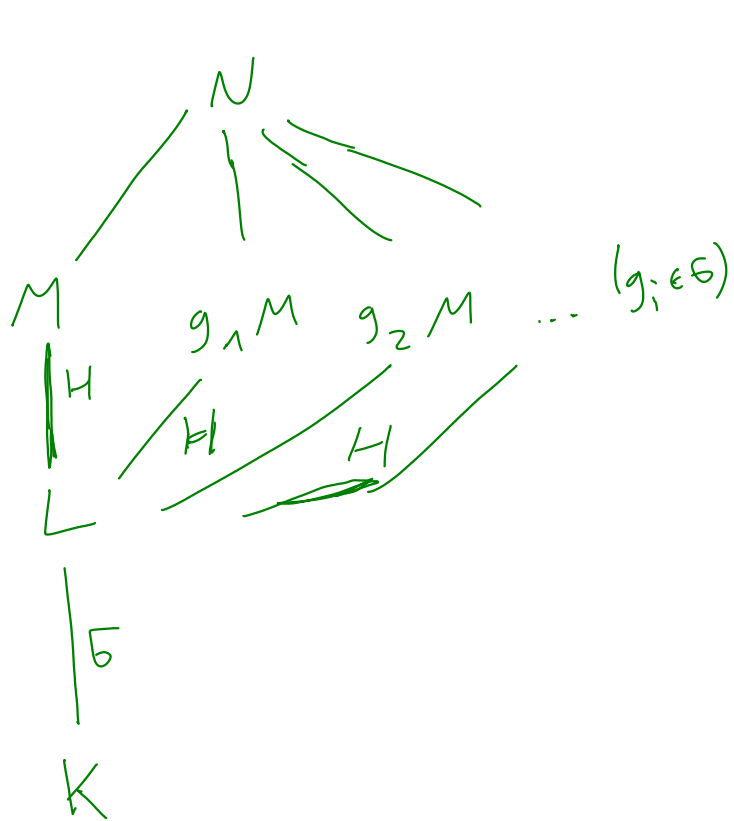
Klüners proved MCS for nilpotent  $G$  when

inw = disc in his habilitation: "Über die Asymptotik von Zahlkörpern mit vorgegebener Galoisgruppe".

side remark:

Let  $L/K$  be a Gal. ext. with Galois group  $G$  and let  $M/L$  be a Gal. ext. with Galois group  $H$ . Let  $N$  be the Galois closure of  $M/K$ . Then,  $\text{Gal}(N/K)$  is a subgroup of the wreath product  $H \wr G = \left( \prod_{g \in G} H \right) \rtimes G$ .

permutation action



$\mathcal{A}$  is in fact a transitive subgroup:

The composition

$$\text{Gal}(N/K) \hookrightarrow H \wr G \twoheadrightarrow G \text{ is surjective.}$$



(This is analogous to the fact that the Galois group of the Galois closure of a degree  $n$  field extension is a transitive subgroup of  $S_n$ ).

3. Analyze the mult. table of a  $G$ -ext. w.r.t. a normal basis (similar to what we did for cubic ext.)

(cf. Bhargava: The density of discriminants of quartic/quintic rings and fields)

4. Generalized Kummer theory

(cf. Wright-Yukie: Prehomogeneous vector spaces and field extensions)