

# Using approximate functional equations to build L functions

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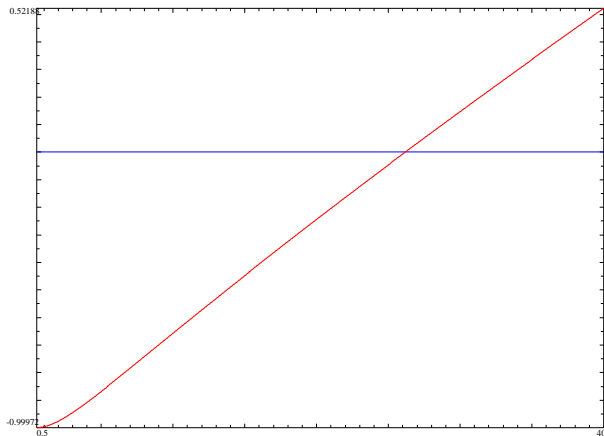
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By Hasse,  $|a_n| \leq [\sigma_0(n)\sqrt{n}] \leq n$ , so the equality is possible only if

$$q \leq \sum_{k \geq 2} nq^n = \frac{q}{(1-q)^2} - q = \frac{q^2(2-q)}{(1-q)^2}. \quad (3)$$

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b(q)=q*(2-q)/(1-q)^2;  
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```
solve(N=.5,40,b(exp(-2*Pi/sqrt(N)))-1)  
26.181852174699964975652391885916899331
```

## Theorem

*If an elliptic curve has rank  $r \geq 1$ , its conductor satisfies  $N \geq 27$ .*

## Least conductor : generalize

Degree 2 L-function  $L(s)$ , one gamma factor  $\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}}(s)$ , conductor  $N$ , weight  $k$  and sign  $\varepsilon$ . The (symmetrized) inverse Mellin transform

$$F(x) = e^{\frac{x}{2}} \sum a_n e^{-\frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{N}} e^x n} \quad (4)$$

satisfies

$$F(x) = \varepsilon \overline{F(-x)}. \quad (5)$$

In particular for all  $0 < y < \frac{\pi}{2}$ ,  $F(iy) - \varepsilon F(-iy) = 0$ .

Let  $t = e^{iy\frac{k}{2}}$ ,  $q = e^{-\frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{N}} e^{iy}}$ , one must have

$$\sum_{n \geq 1} a_n (tq^n - \varepsilon \overline{tq^n}) = 0$$

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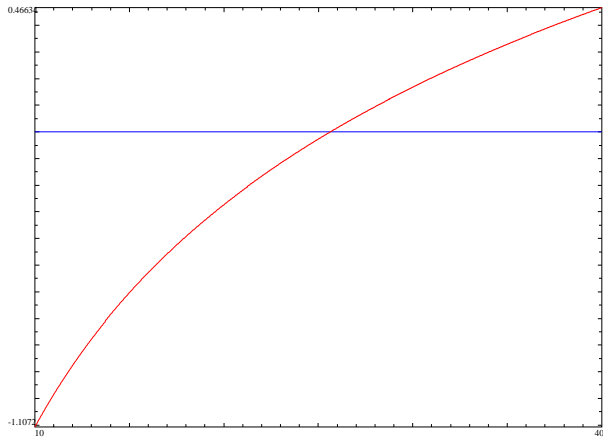
Using

- $|a_n| \leq \lfloor \sigma_0(n) n^{\frac{k-1}{2}} \rfloor \leq \sqrt{3} n^{\frac{k}{2}}$
- $\sum_{n>K} n^{\frac{k}{2}} |q|^n \leq \frac{\sqrt{K+1}^k}{1 - \frac{k}{2\alpha_y(K+1)}} |q|^K = B_K(q)$  if  $2\alpha_y(K+1) > k$

one must have  $(t = e^{iy\frac{k}{2}}, q = e^{-\frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{N}} e^{iy}})$

$$|tq - \epsilon \overline{tq}| \leq \sum_{n=2}^K \lfloor \sigma_0(n) n^{\frac{k-1}{2}} \rfloor |tq^n - \epsilon \overline{tq^n}| + 2\sqrt{3} B_K(q)$$

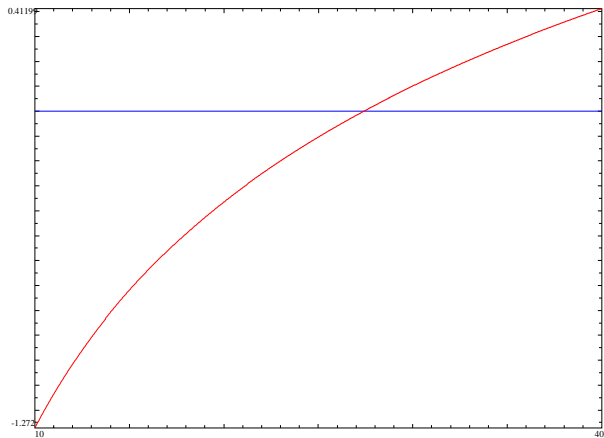
## Odd elliptic curves



$y = 0.1 \Rightarrow N \geq 25.63$  better !

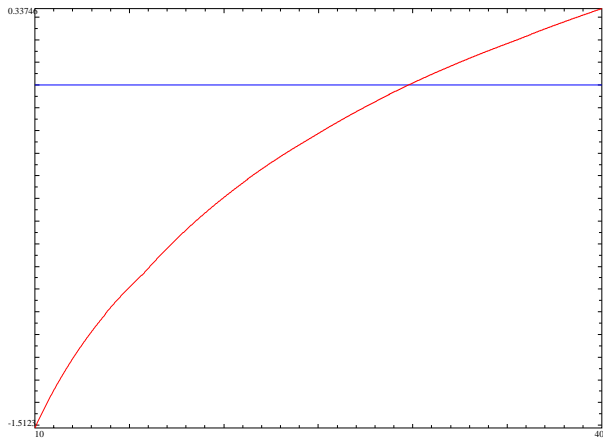


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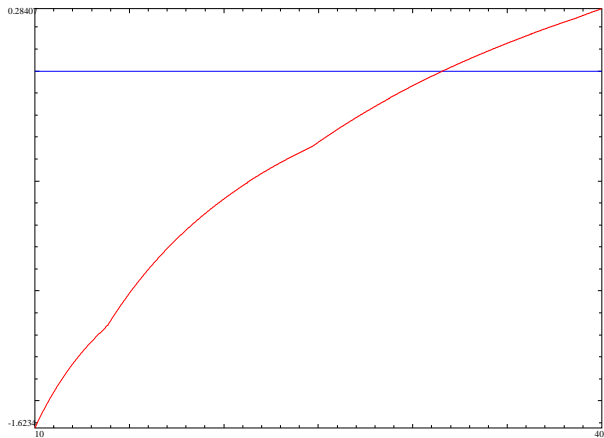
$y = 0.2 \Rightarrow N \geq 27.40$  . better !

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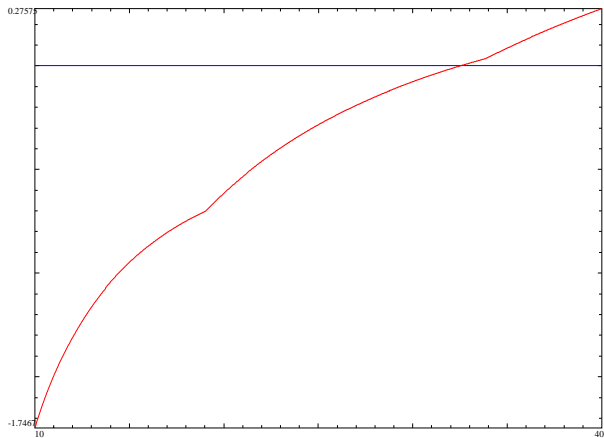
$y = 0.3 \Rightarrow N \geq 29.77$  .. better !

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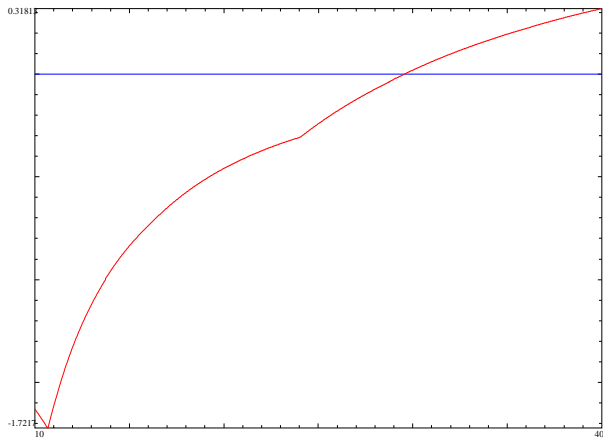
$y = 0.4 \Rightarrow N \geq 31.58 \dots$  better!

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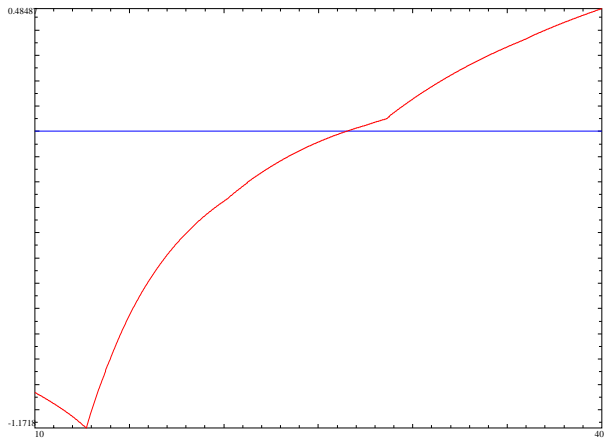
$y = 0.5 \Rightarrow N \geq 32.53$  .... better!

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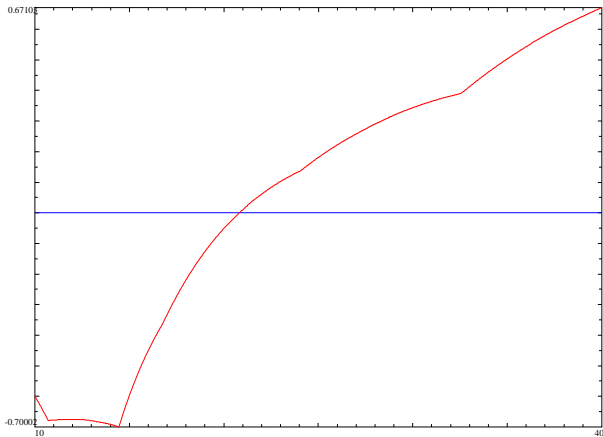
$y = 0.6 \Rightarrow N \geq 29.57 \dots$  too bad!

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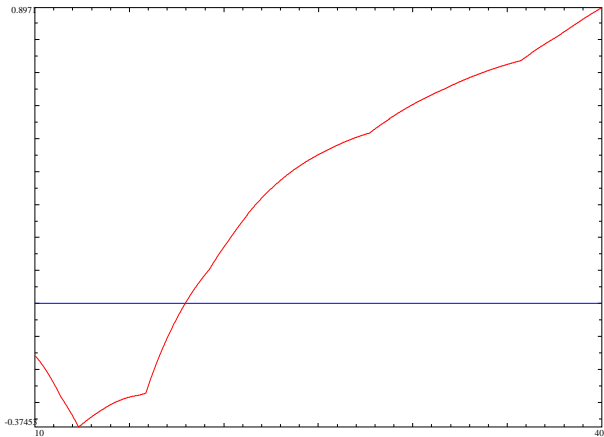
$y = 0.7 \Rightarrow N \geq 26.48 \dots$  and worse

## Odd elliptic curves



$y = 0.8 \Rightarrow N \geq 20.81$  . and worse

## Odd elliptic curves



$y = 0.9 \Rightarrow N \geq 17.95$  and worse



- Equation  $F(0) = 0 \rightsquigarrow N \geq 27$ .
- Equation  $F(iy) + F(-iy) = 0, y = .5 \rightsquigarrow N \geq 33$

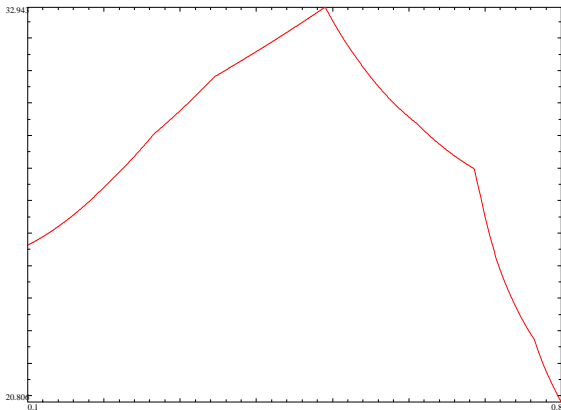
### Theorem

*If an elliptic curve has rank  $r \geq 1$ , its level satisfies  $N \geq 33$ .*

*(was  $N \geq 27$  previously)*

## Automatic results

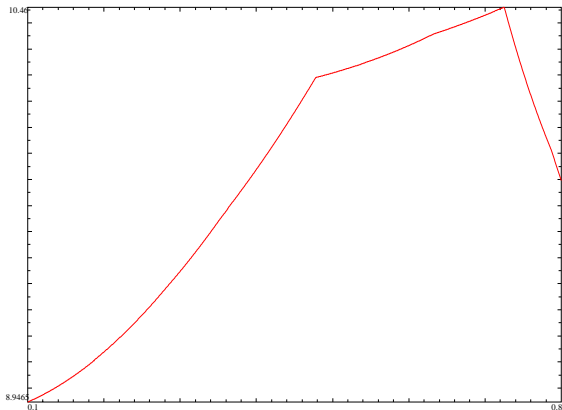
Plot on  $y$  for the least value of  $N$  satisfying inequality.



$$k = 2, \varepsilon = -1 \quad N \geq 33$$

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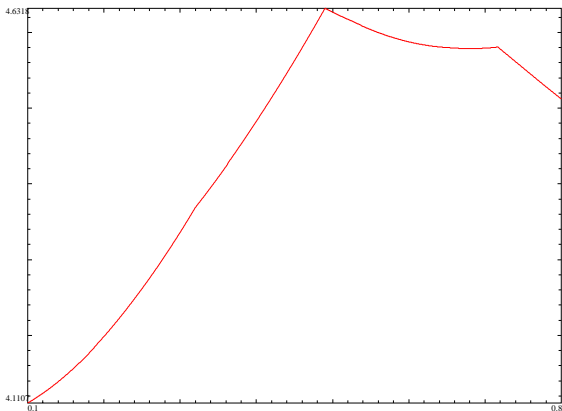
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$$k = 2, \varepsilon = +1 \quad N \geq 11$$

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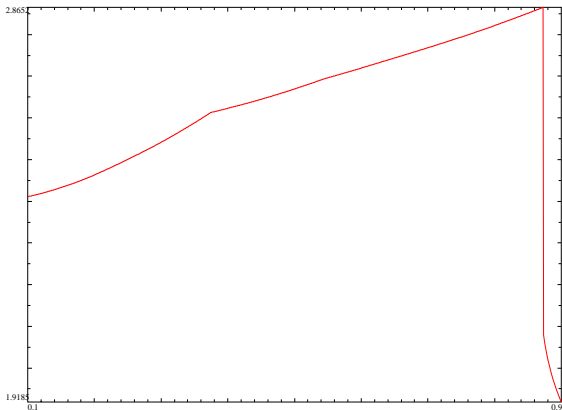
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$$k = 4, \varepsilon = +1 \quad N \geq 5$$

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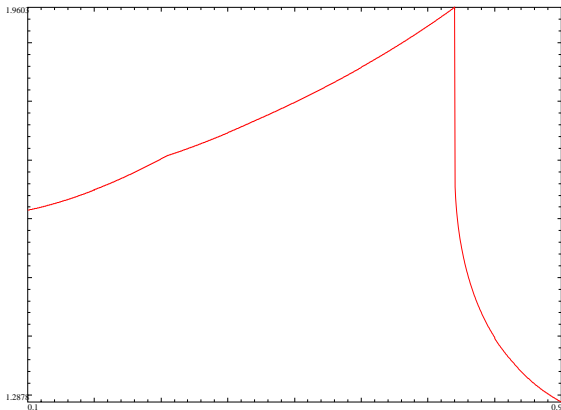
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$$k = 6, \varepsilon = +1 \quad N \geq 3$$

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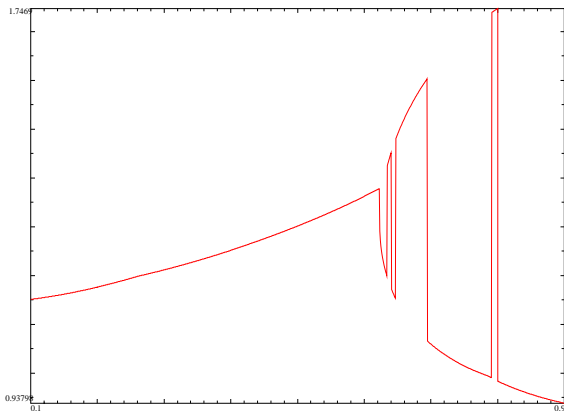
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$$k = 8, \varepsilon = +1 \quad N \geq 2$$

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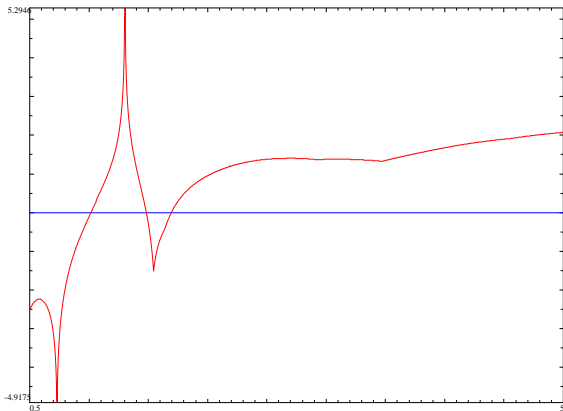
Plot on  $y$  for the least value of  $N$  satisfying inequality.



$k = 10, \varepsilon = +1$  ...hum

## Bifurcation

the ratio is not monotonous and crosses the 1-axis several times.



Still the result  $N > 1.7$  is correct, combining several plots.

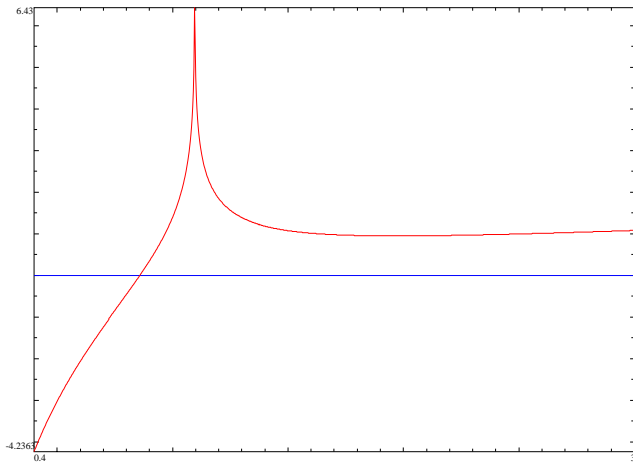


## Results for degree 2

weight  $k$  and level  $N$ , root number  $\epsilon$ .

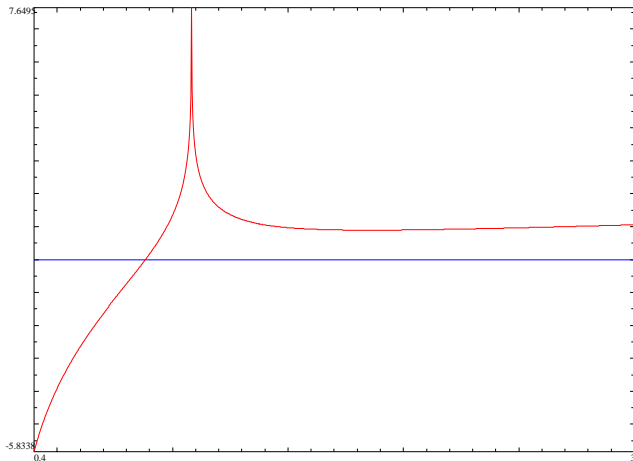
$k$	$\epsilon$	bound	LMFDB object	accurate
2	1	$N > 10.45$	11a	✓
	-1	$N > 32.95$	37a	
4	1	$N > 4.63$	5.4.1a	✓
	-1	$N > 12.24$	13.4.1a	✓
6	1	$N > 2.85$	3.6.1a	✓
	-1	$N > 6.55$	7.6.1b	✓
8	1	$N > 1.95$	2.8.1a	✓
	-1	$N > 4.09$	5.8.1a	✓
10	1	$N > 1.37$	2.10.1a	✓
	-1	$N > 2.75$	3.10.1b	✓
12	1	*	$\Delta$	
	-1	$N > 1.97$	4.12.1a	

## $k=12$ : Ramanujan $\Delta$ function



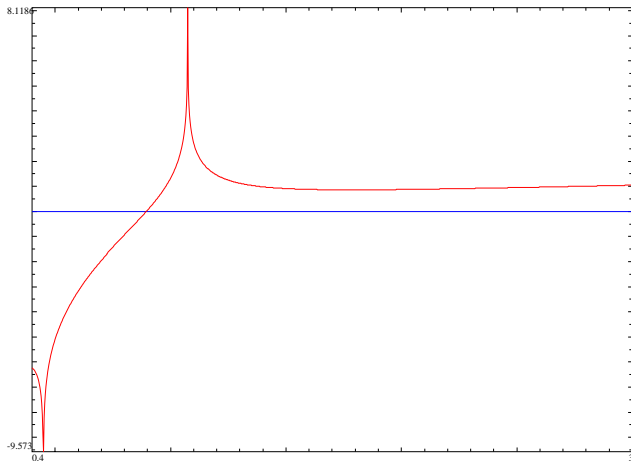
$$x = 0.05i, N \geq 0.86$$

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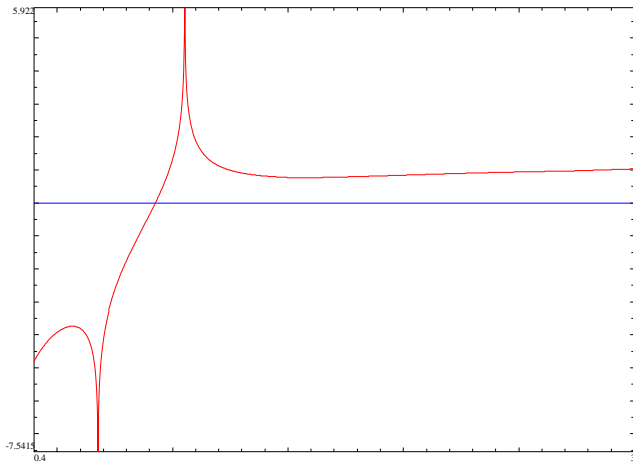
$$x = 0.20i, N \geq 0.88$$

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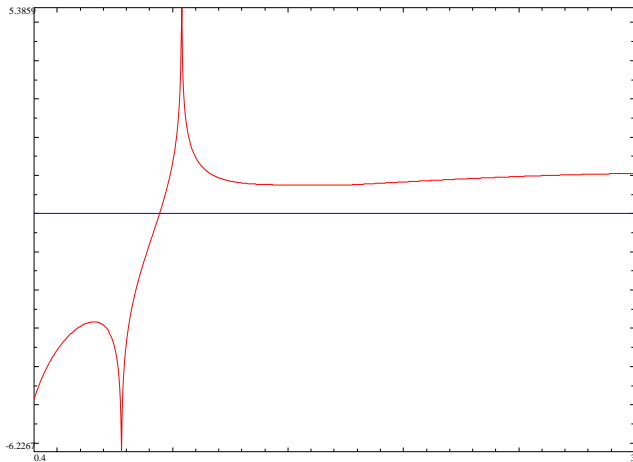
$$x = 0.25i, N \geq 0.90$$

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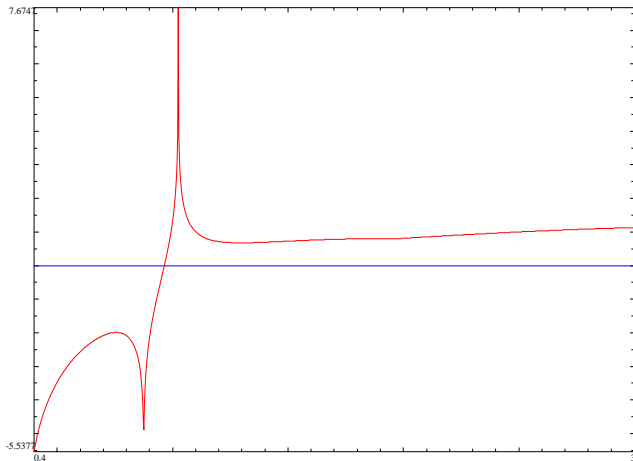
$$x = 0.35i, N \geq 0.93$$

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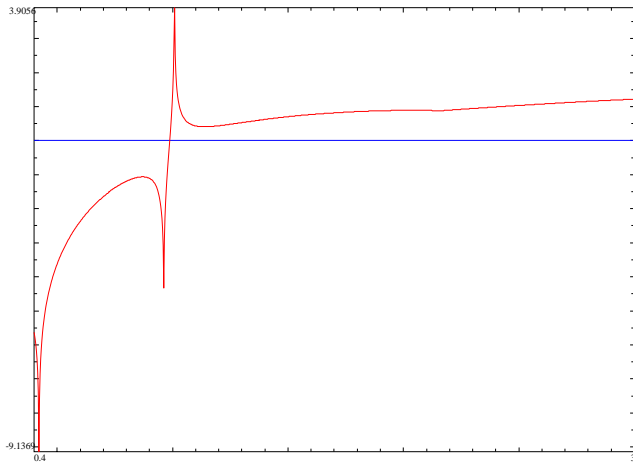
$$x = 0.40i, N \geq 0.94$$

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$$x = 0.45i, N \geq 0.96$$

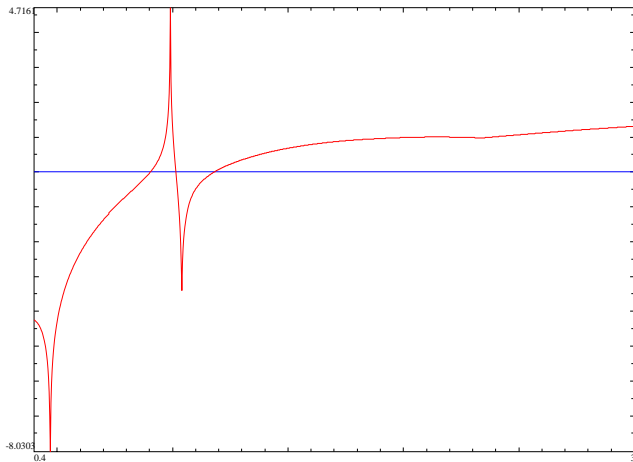
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$$x = 0.50i, N \geq 0.99$$

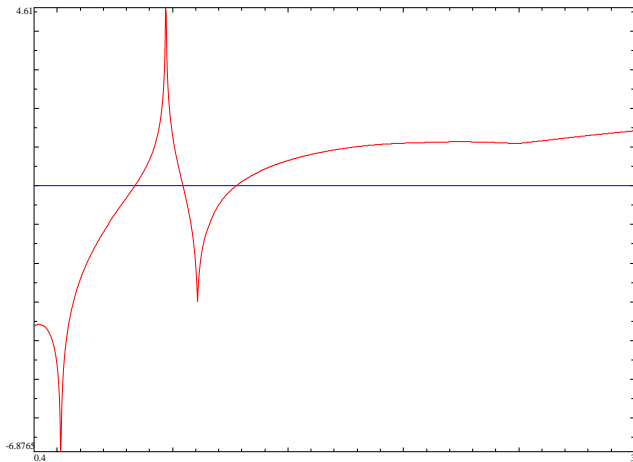


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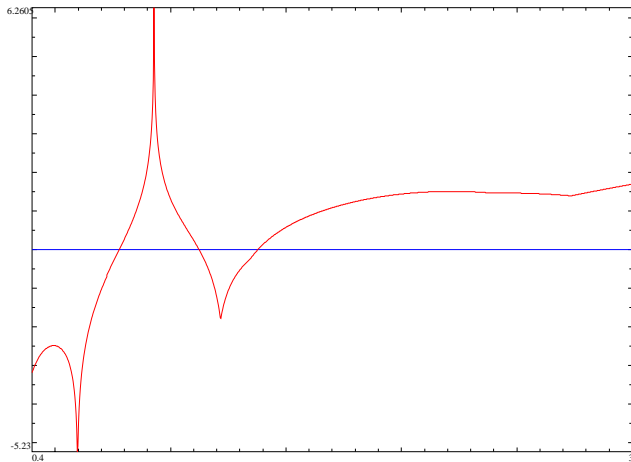
$x = 0.55i, 0.90 \leq N \leq 1.01$  or  $N \geq 1.18$

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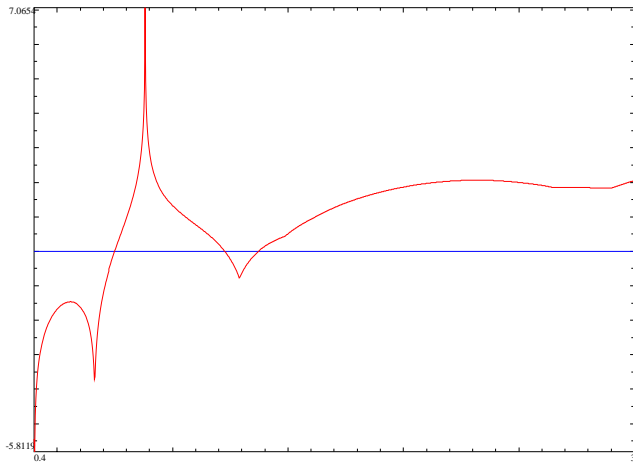
$$x = 0.60i, 0.84 \leq N \leq 1.04 \text{ or } N \geq 1.27$$

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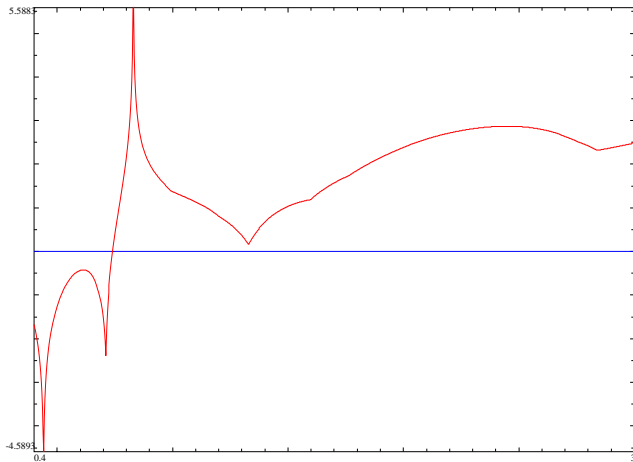
$$x = 0.70i, 0.78 \leq N \leq 1.12 \text{ or } N \geq 1.37$$

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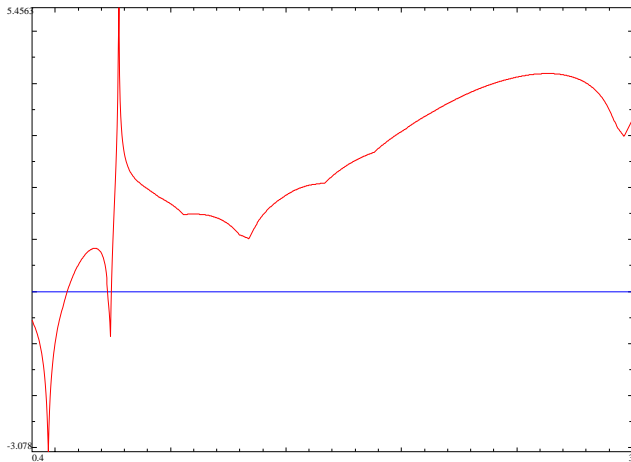
$$x = 0.80i, N \geq 0.75$$

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$$x = 0.90i, N \geq 0.74$$

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$$x = 1.00i, N \geq 0.55$$

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From an analytic point of view, it's a miracle that  $\Delta$  exists.  
It could not for  $N < .9999$ , nor  $1.00001 < N < 1.37$ .

## General L functions

- Dirichlet series  $L(s) = \sum_{n \geq 1} a_n n^{-s}$
- gamma factor of level  $N$  and degree  $d$

$$\gamma(s) = N^{\frac{s}{2}} \prod_{j=1}^d \Gamma_{\mathbb{R}}(s + \lambda_j)$$

- functional equation of weight  $k$

$$\Lambda(s) = L(s)\gamma(s) = \epsilon \overline{\Lambda}(k - s)$$

- Ramanujan bound  $a_n \leq \sigma_0(n)^{d-1} n^{\frac{k-1}{2}}$
- $\Lambda$  meromorphic. Here assume holomorphic.



## Theta equations

### Fourier form

$$\Lambda(s) = \epsilon \bar{\Lambda}(k - s)$$

if and only if for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}_+ ] - \frac{d\pi}{4}, \frac{d\pi}{4} [$ ,

$$F(x) = \epsilon \bar{F}(-x)$$

where

$$F(x) = e^{\frac{k}{2}x} \sum_n a_n \mathcal{M}^{-1} [\gamma(s); e^x n] \quad (6)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \Lambda\left(\frac{k}{2} + it\right) e^{ixt} dt \quad (7)$$

## Inverse Mellin transforms

$$\mathcal{M}^{-1}[\gamma; x] \left| \begin{array}{l} \gamma(s) \\ N^{\frac{s}{2}} \Gamma_{\mathbb{R}}(s) \\ e^{-\frac{\pi}{N}x^2} \end{array} \right| \left| \begin{array}{l} N^{\frac{s}{2}} \Gamma_{\mathbb{C}}(s) \\ e^{-\frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{N}}x} \end{array} \right| \left| \begin{array}{l} N^{\frac{s}{2}} \Gamma_{\mathbb{C}}(s) \Gamma_{\mathbb{C}}(s + \nu) \\ \text{Bessel } K_{\nu} \end{array} \right|$$

More gamma factors (real shifts) now available in Pari/gp

```
g=gammamellininvinit([0,0,1,1,1])  
gammamellininv(g,x)
```

**Conclusion** For any L function, easy to produce equations  $\sum_n a_n x_n$  satisfied by the Dirichlet series, with  $x_n \rightarrow 0$  exponentially.

## Results for weight $k=1$

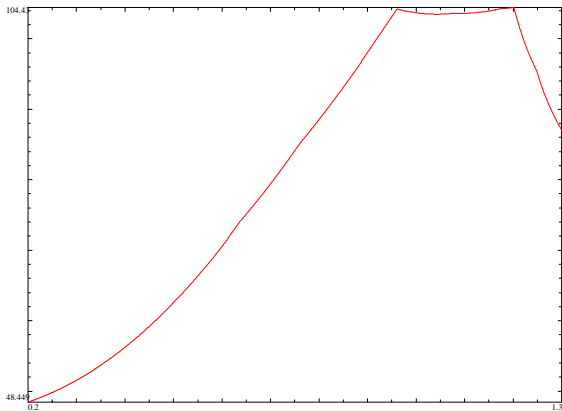
### Theorem (Smallest discriminants of number fields)

Let  $K/\mathbb{Q}$  be a number field of signature  $r, s$ .

- if  $r, s = 3, 0$ , then  $|\Delta| \geq 25$  ;
- if  $r, s = 1, 1$ , then  $|\Delta| \geq 15$  ;
- if  $r, s = 4, 0$ , then  $|\Delta| \geq 105$  ;
- if  $r, s = 2, 1$ , then  $|\Delta| \geq 64$  ;
- if  $r, s = 0, 2$ , then  $|\Delta| \geq 40$  ;
- if  $r, s = 5, 0$ , then  $|\Delta| \geq 356$ .

## "Proof" (case 4,0)

$\zeta_K^*(s) = \zeta_K(s)/\zeta(s)$  is degree 4, weight 1, holomorphic L function, with  $\gamma(s) = N^{\frac{s}{2}}\Gamma_{\mathbb{R}}(s)^4$ .



## Example : weight k=1

### First weight 1 L functions

gamma	N	formulas
[0]	5, 8, 12, ...	$\left(\frac{5}{\cdot}\right), \left(\frac{8}{\cdot}\right), \left(\frac{12}{\cdot}\right), \dots$
[1]	3, 4, 7, ...	$\left(\frac{-3}{\cdot}\right), \left(\frac{-4}{\cdot}\right), \left(\frac{-7}{\cdot}\right), \dots$
[0, 0]	25, 40, 49, ...	$\left(\frac{5^2}{\cdot}\right), \left(\frac{5 \times 8}{\cdot}\right), \zeta_{x^3-x^2-2*x+1}^*$ , ...
[0, 1]	15, 20, 23, ...	$\left(\frac{-3 \times 5}{\cdot}\right), \left(\frac{-4 \times 5}{\cdot}\right), \zeta_{x^3-x^2+1}^*$ , ...
[1, 1]	9, 12, 16, ...	$\left(\frac{(-3)^2}{\cdot}\right), \left(\frac{-3 \times -4}{\cdot}\right), \left(\frac{-4 \times -4}{\cdot}\right), \dots$
[0, 0, 0]	125, 200, 245, ...	$\left(\frac{5^3}{\cdot}\right), \left(\frac{5^2 \times 8}{\cdot}\right), \left(\frac{5}{\cdot}\right) \zeta_{x^3-x^2-2*x+1}^*$ , ...
[0, 0, 1]	75, 100, 115, ...	$\left(\frac{-3 \times 5^2}{\cdot}\right), \left(\frac{-4 \times 5^2}{\cdot}\right), \left(\frac{5}{\cdot}\right) \zeta_{x^3-x^2+1}^*$ , ...
[0, 1, 1]	45, 60, 69, ...	$\left(\frac{(-3)^2 \times 5}{\cdot}\right), \left(\frac{-3 \times -4 \times 5}{\cdot}\right), \left(\frac{-3}{\cdot}\right) \zeta_{x^3-x^2+1}^*$ , ...
[1, 1, 1]	27, 36, 48, ...	$\left(\frac{(-3)^3}{\cdot}\right), \left(\frac{(-3)^2 \times -4}{\cdot}\right), \left(\frac{-3 \times (-4)^2}{\cdot}\right), \dots$

## Enumerate Dirichlet series

Recall : from the beginning we use

$$|q| \leq \sum_{k \geq 2} b_k |q^k|, \text{ where } |a_k| \leq b_k. \quad (8)$$

Could push the game further trying values of  $a_2$  in the left-hand side...

$$|q + a_2 q^2| \leq \sum_{k \geq 3} b_k |q^k|, \text{ where } |a_k| \leq b_k. \quad (9)$$

for all values  $a_2 \in [-b_2, b_2]$ .

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**goal** find all L-functions having specified invariants

**input** an approximate functional equation  $\sum_n a_n x_n = 0$

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①  $a_1 = 1$

②  $a_2 \in [-b_2, b_2]$  s.t.

$$|(a_1 x_1) + a_2 x_2| \leq B_2 = b_3 |x_3| + b_4 |x_4| + b_5 |x_5| + b_6 |x_6| + b_7 |x_7| + \dots$$

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## More structure on Dirichlet series

- Euler product  $L(s) = \prod F_p(p^{-s})^{-1}$
- Euler factor  $F_p(T) = 1 + c_{p,1}T + \dots T^d$
- local functional equation

$$c_{p,d-j} = \chi(p) p^{\frac{w}{2}(d-2j)} c_{p,j}$$

with  $\chi$  Dirichlet character modulo  $N$

- Ramanujan bounds : using  $|\text{roots}| \leq p^{\frac{w}{2}}$

$$c_{p,j} \leq \binom{d}{j} p^{j \frac{w}{2}}$$

$$a_k \leq k^{\frac{w}{2}} \prod_{p^e \parallel k} \binom{e+d-1}{d-1}$$

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- Search on Euler coefficients  $c_{p,e}$  for  $e \leq \frac{d}{2}$  (or  $e \leq d - 1$  if  $p \mid N$ ).
- Depth-first search (constant in memory)

## Examples

```
gp > lfunbuild([[[]],1,[0,1],2,11,1],45,[2])
time = 11 ms.
%1 = [1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1]
gp > lfunbuild([[[]],1,[0,1],2,12,1],45,[2])
time = 11 ms.
%2 = [1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0]
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## Examples

```
gp> lfunbuild([[[]],1,[0,1],2,26,1],59,[1])
```

```
time = 7 ms.
```

```
%3 = [1, 3, 3, 3, 2, 26, 4, 15, 5, 2, 2, 2, 2, 12, 2, 2, 2]
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## Idea

- Explore a tree of Dirichlet series (or local Euler factors)
- Search on Euler coefficients  $c_{p,e}$  for  $e \leq \frac{d}{2}$  (or  $e \leq d - 1$  if  $p \mid N$ ).
- Depth-first search (constant in memory)

## Examples

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gp> lfunbuild([[1],[0,1],2,26,1],59,[1])  
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the choice of equation is still important !

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# Program lfunbuild

## Two independant functions

- prepare seach tree
  - compute a family of equations
  - identify search variables, ranges, search levels in the tree
  - craft nice equation for each level
  - compute tails  $B_p$
- prune tree using depth first search (constant memory)
  - start at  $p = 2$
  - solve  $|\text{polynomial}(a_p)| \leq B_p$
  - for each possible value  $a_p$ 
    - propagate value in Dirichlet series
    - recursively descend next level

```
gp > for(N=10,100,print(N," : ",Vec(lfunbuild([[[]],1,[0,1],2,N,1],31,[2])))
```

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If  $e \geq \frac{d}{2}$ , by reciprocity of  $F_p(T)$  all  $a_{p^\ell}$  in terms of  $a_{p^j}$ ,  $j \leq e$

$$\left( \sum_{n \prec p^e} a_n x_n \right) + \sum_{\ell \geq e} a_{p^\ell} \left( \sum_{m \prec p} a_m x_{p^\ell m} \right) = \sum_{n \succ p^\infty} a_n x_n$$

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## Good and bad tails

Case of polynomial equation of degree 1 :

$$|S_0 + a_p S_1| \leq B_p = b_{p+} |x_{p+}| + b_{p++} |x_{p++}| + \dots$$

- $|S_1| \geq B_p \Rightarrow$  at most one solution  $a_p$ .
- the ratio  $\frac{B_p}{x_p}$  can be studied a priori
- usually nice at big prime gaps
- can be horrible for twin primes



## Combine equations

Combine approximate functional equations :

$$X_n = (x_{n,1}, \dots, x_{n,r})$$

define  $S = \sum_{n \prec p^e} a_n X_n$ ,  $T = \sum_{m \prec p} a_m X_{p^e m}$ , and  $R = (b_n X_n)_{n \succ p}$ .  
For all  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,

$$|S \cdot \lambda + a_p T \cdot \lambda| \leq \|R \cdot \lambda\|_1$$

Choose  $\lambda$  to minimize  $\frac{\|R \cdot \lambda\|}{|W \cdot \lambda|}$  : "least absolute deviations".  
Can be solved with iterated + weighted least squares.



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gp > mfcoefs(mfsearch([1,20])[1][2],30)
```

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%5 = [0, 1, 456, 50652, -316352, -2377410, 23097312, -16917544, -383331840, 140
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- Modular forms expansions 805b and 805c start to differ at primes 11 and 13, with values exchanged

# Conclusion

## ToDo

- work still in progress... [bugs, precision]
- optimize equations
- try other sources of equations
- write tree search in ball arithmetic (Arb)

## Goals

- compute interesting examples.  
Challenges :  $\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}}(s - 6)\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}}(s)$ ,  $k = 20$ ,  $N = 1$ ,  $a_2 = 0...$
- prove nothing exists outside what is expected
- fill missing bad Euler factors rigorously (e.g. symmetric powers)