

Central values of additive twists of L functions via continued fractions

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Mazur-Rubin, Stein: fix E/\mathbb{Q} . How large does $\text{rank}(E/K)$ get as K varies among abelian extensions of \mathbb{Q} ?

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$$\log \zeta(1/2 + it) \approx \sum_{p \ll t^{O(1)}} \frac{p^{-it}}{\sqrt{p}} + [\text{zeroes}].$$

Sum of terms behaving independently.

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Conjecture (Mazur-Rubin, Stein 2015)

The values $L_f(1/2, x)$ become Gaussian distributed: for some $\sigma_{f,q} > 0$, as $q \rightarrow \infty$, when x is picked at random among rationals in $(0, 1]$ with denominator = q ,

$$\mathbb{P}\left(\frac{L_f(1/2, x)}{\sigma_{f,q} \sqrt{\log q}} \in R\right) \rightarrow \mathbb{P}(\mathcal{N}_{\mathbb{C}}(0, 1) \in R)$$

where $R \subset \mathbb{C}$ is any fixed rectangle.

First and second moment is known

(Blomer-Fouvry-Kowalski-Michel-Milićević-Sawin)

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All moments are known by Bettin '18 (with single average!), but don't tell about the limit law, because of few bad terms, e.g.

$$D(1/2, 1/q) \asymp q^{1/2} \log q.$$

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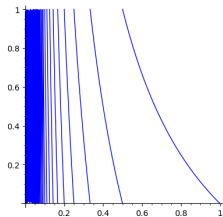
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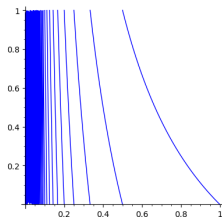
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Previous work by Vallée '02 and Baladi-Vallée '05

($\phi(x) = f(\lfloor 1/x \rfloor) \ll |\log 1/x|$, Gaussian).

In the continuous case: many works (... , Aaronson-Denker).

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Thanks for your attention!