

# Finite conductor models for zeros near the central point of elliptic curve $L$ -functions

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# Introduction

## Riemann Zeta Function

$$\zeta(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^s} = \prod_{p \text{ prime}} \left(1 - \frac{1}{p^s}\right)^{-1}, \quad \text{Re}(s) > 1.$$

### Functional Equation:

$$\xi(s) = \Gamma\left(\frac{s}{2}\right) \pi^{-\frac{s}{2}} \zeta(s) = \xi(1-s).$$

### Riemann Hypothesis (RH):

All non-trivial zeros have  $\text{Re}(s) = \frac{1}{2}$ ; can write zeros as  $\frac{1}{2} + i\gamma$ .

## General $L$ -functions

$$L(s, f) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_f(n)}{n^s} = \prod_{p \text{ prime}} L_p(s, f)^{-1}, \quad \operatorname{Re}(s) > 1.$$

### Functional Equation:

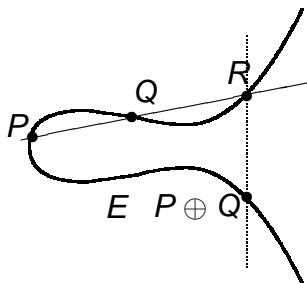
$$\Lambda(s, f) = \Lambda_{\infty}(s, f)L(s, f) = \Lambda(1 - s, f).$$

### Generalized Riemann Hypothesis (GRH):

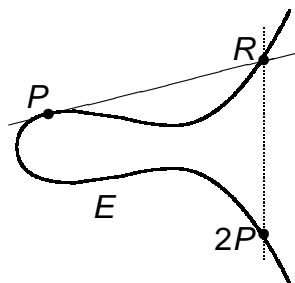
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## Mordell-Weil Group

Elliptic curve  $y^2 = x^3 + ax + b$  with rational solutions  $P = (x_1, y_1)$  and  $Q = (x_2, y_2)$  and connecting line  $y = mx + b$ .



Addition of distinct points  $P$  and  $Q$



Adding a point  $P$  to itself

$$E(\mathbb{Q}) \approx E(\mathbb{Q})_{\text{tors}} \oplus \mathbb{Z}^r$$

## Elliptic curve $L$ -function

$E : y^2 = x^3 + ax + b$ , associate  $L$ -function

$$L(s, E) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_E(n)}{n^s} = \prod_{p \text{ prime}} L_E(p^{-s}),$$

where

$$a_E(p) = p - \#\{(x, y) \in (\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^2 : y^2 \equiv x^3 + ax + b \pmod{p}\}.$$

### Birch and Swinnerton-Dyer Conjecture

Rank of group of rational solutions equals order of vanishing of  $L(s, E)$  at  $s = 1/2$ .

## One parameter family

$$\mathcal{E} : y^2 = x^3 + A(T)x + B(T), A(T), B(T) \in \mathbb{Z}[T].$$

### Silverman's Specialization Theorem

Assume (geometric) rank of  $\mathcal{E}/\mathbb{Q}(T)$  is  $r$ . Then for all  $t \in \mathbb{Z}$  sufficiently large, each  $E_t : y^2 = x^3 + A(t)x + B(t)$  has (geometric) rank at least  $r$ .

### Average rank conjecture

For a generic one-parameter family of rank  $r$  over  $\mathbb{Q}(T)$ , expect in the limit half the specialized curves have rank  $r$  and half have rank  $r + 1$ .

## Measures of Spacings: $n$ -Level Density and Families

Let  $g_j$  be even Schwartz functions whose Fourier Transform is compactly supported,  $L(s, f)$  an  $L$ -function with zeros  $\frac{1}{2} + i\gamma_f$  and conductor  $Q_f$ :

$$D_{n,f}(g) = \sum_{\substack{j_1, \dots, j_n \\ j_j \neq \pm j_k}} g_1 \left( \gamma_{f, j_1} \frac{\log Q_f}{2\pi} \right) \cdots g_n \left( \gamma_{f, j_n} \frac{\log Q_f}{2\pi} \right)$$

- Properties of  $n$ -level density:
  - ◇ Individual zeros contribute in limit
  - ◇ Most of contribution is from low zeros
  - ◇ Average over similar  $L$ -functions (family)



## $n$ -Level Density

**$n$ -level density:**  $\mathcal{F} = \cup \mathcal{F}_N$  a family of  $L$ -functions ordered by conductors,  $g_k$  an even Schwartz function:  $D_{n,\mathcal{F}}(g) =$

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{|\mathcal{F}_N|} \sum_{f \in \mathcal{F}_N} \sum_{\substack{j_1, \dots, j_n \\ j_i \neq \pm j_k}} g_1 \left( \frac{\log Q_f}{2\pi} \gamma_{j_1;f} \right) \cdots g_n \left( \frac{\log Q_f}{2\pi} \gamma_{j_n;f} \right)$$

As  $N \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $n$ -level density converges to

$$\int g(\vec{x}) \rho_{n,g(\mathcal{F})}(\vec{x}) d\vec{x} = \int \hat{g}(\vec{u}) \hat{\rho}_{n,g(\mathcal{F})}(\vec{u}) d\vec{u}.$$

### Conjecture (Katz-Sarnak)

(In the limit) Scaled distribution of zeros near central point agrees with scaled distribution of eigenvalues near 1 of a classical compact group.

## Testing Random Matrix Theory Predictions

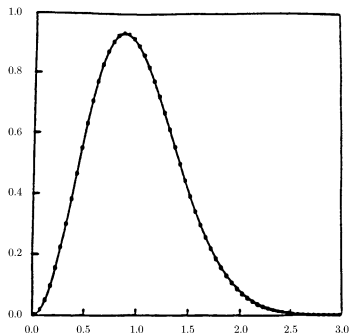
Know the right model for large conductors, searching for the correct model for finite conductors.

In the limit must recover the independent model, and want to explain data on:

- 1 **Excess Rank:** Rank  $r$  one-parameter family over  $\mathbb{Q}(T)$ : observed percentages with rank  $\geq r + 2$ .
- 2 **First (Normalized) Zero above Central Point:** Influence of zeros at the central point on the distribution of zeros near the central point.

## Theory and Models

## Zeros of $\zeta(s)$ vs GUE



70 million spacings b/w adjacent zeros of  $\zeta(s)$ , starting at the  $10^{20}$ th zero (from Odlyzko) versus RMT prediction.

## Orthogonal Random Matrix Models

**RMT:**  $SO(2N)$ :  $2N$  eigenvalues in pairs  $e^{\pm i\theta_j}$ , probability measure on  $[0, \pi]^N$ :

$$d\epsilon_0(\theta) \propto \prod_{j < k} (\cos \theta_k - \cos \theta_j)^2 \prod_j d\theta_j.$$

**Independent Model:**

$$\mathcal{A}_{2N, 2r} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} I_{2r \times 2r} & \\ & g \end{pmatrix} : g \in SO(2N - 2r) \right\}.$$

**Interaction Model:** Sub-ensemble of  $SO(2N)$  with the last  $2r$  of the  $2N$  eigenvalues equal  $+1$ :  $1 \leq j, k \leq N - r$ :

$$d\epsilon_{2r}(\theta) \propto \prod_{j < k} (\cos \theta_k - \cos \theta_j)^2 \prod_j (1 - \cos \theta_j)^{2r} \prod_j d\theta_j,$$

## Random Matrix Models and One-Level Densities

Fourier transform of 1-level density:

$$\hat{\rho}_0(u) = \delta(u) + \frac{1}{2}\eta(u).$$

Fourier transform of 1-level density (Rank 2, Indep):

$$\hat{\rho}_{2,\text{Independent}}(u) = \left[ \delta(u) + \frac{1}{2}\eta(u) + 2 \right].$$

Fourier transform of 1-level density (Rank 2, Interaction):

$$\hat{\rho}_{2,\text{Interaction}}(u) = \left[ \delta(u) + \frac{1}{2}\eta(u) + 2 \right] + 2(|u| - 1)\eta(u).$$

## Comparing the RMT Models

### Theorem: M- '04

For small support, one-param family of rank  $r$  over  $\mathbb{Q}(T)$ :

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{|\mathcal{F}_N|} \sum_{E_t \in \mathcal{F}_N} \sum_j \varphi \left( \frac{\log C_{E_t}}{2\pi} \gamma_{E_t, j} \right)$$

$$= \int \varphi(\mathbf{x}) \rho_{\mathcal{G}}(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} + r\varphi(0)$$

where

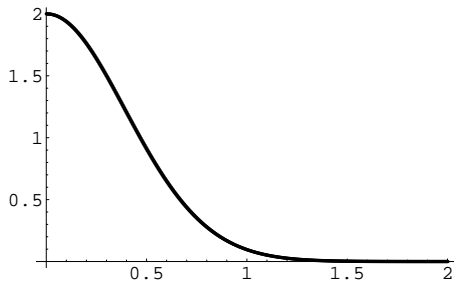
$$\mathcal{G} = \begin{cases} \text{SO} & \text{if half odd} \\ \text{SO}(\text{even}) & \text{if all even} \\ \text{SO}(\text{odd}) & \text{if all odd.} \end{cases}$$

**Supports Katz-Sarnak, B-SD, and Independent model in limit.**

Data

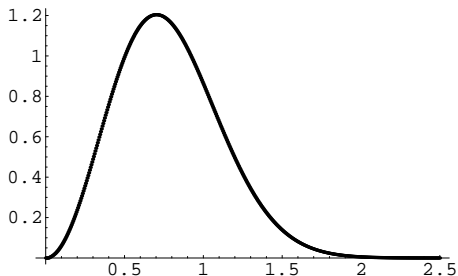


## RMT: Theoretical Results ( $N \rightarrow \infty$ )



1st normalized evalue above 1: SO(even)

## RMT: Theoretical Results ( $N \rightarrow \infty$ )



1st normalized eval above 1: SO(odd)

## Rank 0 Curves: 1st Norm Zero: 14 One-Param of Rank 0

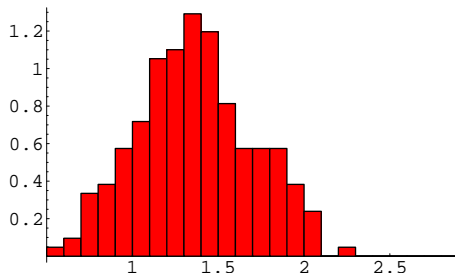


Figure 4a: 209 rank 0 curves from 14 rank 0 families,  $\log(\text{cond}) \in [3.26, 9.98]$ , median = 1.35, mean = 1.36

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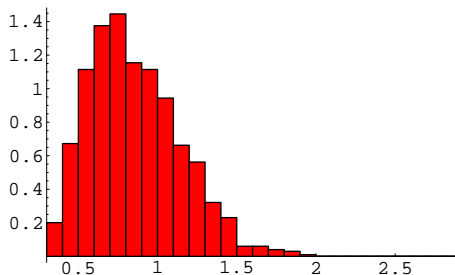


Figure 4b: 996 rank 0 curves from 14 rank 0 families,  $\log(\text{cond}) \in [15.00, 16.00]$ , median = .81, mean = .86.

## Spacings b/w Norm Zeros: Rank 0 One-Param Families over $\mathbb{Q}(T)$

- All curves have  $\log(\text{cond}) \in [15, 16]$ ;
- $z_j =$  imaginary part of  $j^{\text{th}}$  normalized zero above the central point;
- 863 rank 0 curves from the 14 one-param families of rank 0 over  $\mathbb{Q}(T)$ ;
- 701 rank 2 curves from the 21 one-param families of rank 0 over  $\mathbb{Q}(T)$ .

	863 Rank 0 Curves	701 Rank 2 Curves	t-Statistic
<b>Median</b> $z_2 - z_1$	1.28	1.30	
<b>Mean</b> $z_2 - z_1$	1.30	1.34	-1.60
<b>StDev</b> $z_2 - z_1$	0.49	0.51	
<b>Median</b> $z_3 - z_2$	1.22	1.19	
<b>Mean</b> $z_3 - z_2$	1.24	1.22	0.80
<b>StDev</b> $z_3 - z_2$	0.52	0.47	
<b>Median</b> $z_3 - z_1$	2.54	2.56	
<b>Mean</b> $z_3 - z_1$	2.55	2.56	-0.38
<b>StDev</b> $z_3 - z_1$	0.52	0.52	

## Spacings b/w Norm Zeros: Rank 2 one-param families over $\mathbb{Q}(T)$

- All curves have  $\log(\text{cond}) \in [15, 16]$ ;
- $z_j =$  imaginary part of the  $j^{\text{th}}$  norm zero above the central point;
- 64 rank 2 curves from the 21 one-param families of rank 2 over  $\mathbb{Q}(T)$ ;
- 23 rank 4 curves from the 21 one-param families of rank 2 over  $\mathbb{Q}(T)$ .

	64 Rank 2 Curves	23 Rank 4 Curves	t-Statistic
<b>Median</b> $z_2 - z_1$	1.26	1.27	0.59
<b>Mean</b> $z_2 - z_1$	1.36	1.29	
<b>StDev</b> $z_2 - z_1$	0.50	0.42	
<b>Median</b> $z_3 - z_2$	1.22	1.08	1.35
<b>Mean</b> $z_3 - z_2$	1.29	1.14	
<b>StDev</b> $z_3 - z_2$	0.49	0.35	
<b>Median</b> $z_3 - z_1$	2.66	2.46	2.05
<b>Mean</b> $z_3 - z_1$	2.65	2.43	
<b>StDev</b> $z_3 - z_1$	0.44	0.42	

## Rank 2 Curves from Rank 0 & Rank 2 Families over $\mathbb{Q}(T)$

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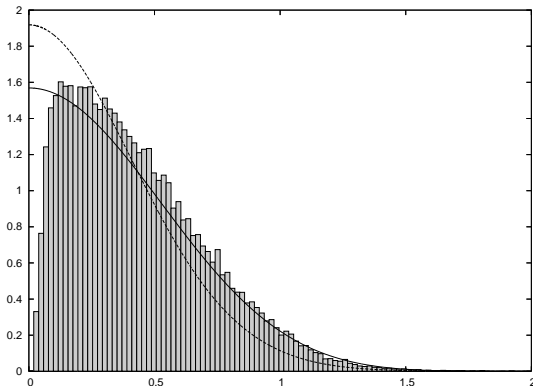
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<b>Median</b> $z_3 - z_2$	1.19	1.22	1.39
<b>Mean</b> $z_3 - z_2$	1.22	1.29	
<b>StDev</b> $z_3 - z_2$	0.47	0.49	
<b>Median</b> $z_3 - z_1$	2.56	2.66	1.93
<b>Mean</b> $z_3 - z_1$	2.56	2.65	
<b>StDev</b> $z_3 - z_1$	0.52	0.44	

## New Model for Finite Conductors

- **Replace conductor  $N$  with  $N_{\text{effective}}$ .**
  - ◇ Arithmetic info, predict with  $L$ -function Ratios Conj.
  - ◇ Do the number theory computation.
- **Discretize Jacobi ensembles.**
  - ◇  $L(1/2, E)$  discretized.
  - ◇ Study matrices in  $SO(2N_{\text{eff}})$  with  $|\Lambda_A(1)| \geq ce^N$ .
- **Painlevé VI differential equation solver.**
  - ◇ Use explicit formulas for densities of Jacobi ensembles.
  - ◇ Key input: Selberg-Aomoto integral for initial conditions.

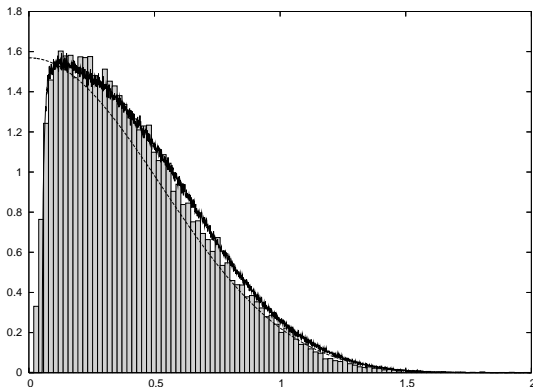


## Modeling lowest zero of $L_{E_{11}}(s, \chi_d)$ with $0 < d < 400,000$



Lowest zero for  $L_{E_{11}}(s, \chi_d)$  (bar chart), lowest eigenvalue of  $SO(2N)$  with  $N_{\text{eff}}$  (solid), standard  $N_0$  (dashed).

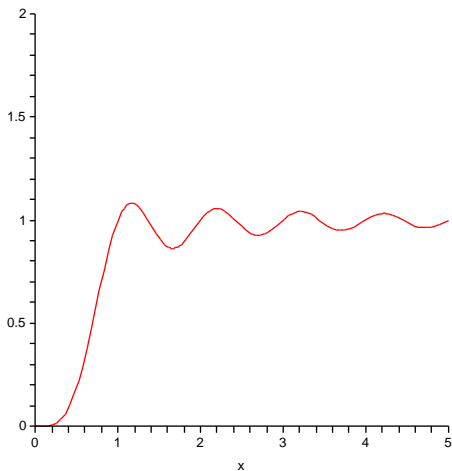
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Lowest zero for  $L_{E_{11}}(s, \chi_d)$  (bar chart); lowest eigenvalue of  $SO(2N)$ :  $N_{\text{eff}} = 2$  (solid) with discretisation, and  $N_{\text{eff}} = 2.32$  (dashed) without discretisation.

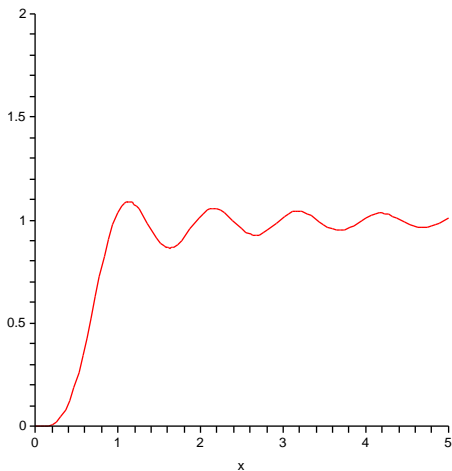
## Example of Decreasing repulsion: $2 \geq r \geq 0$

$r = 2.0000$



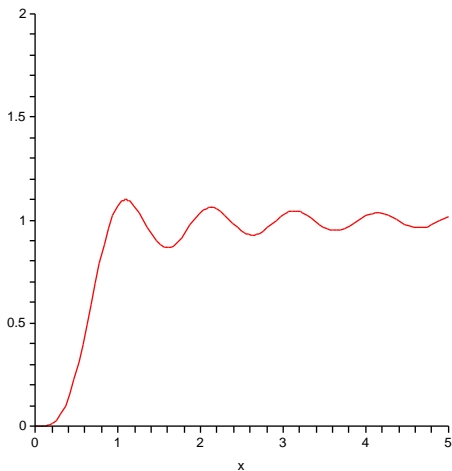
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$r' = 1.9167$



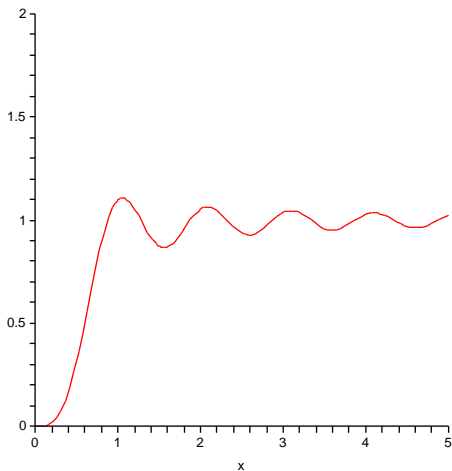
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$r' = 1.8333$



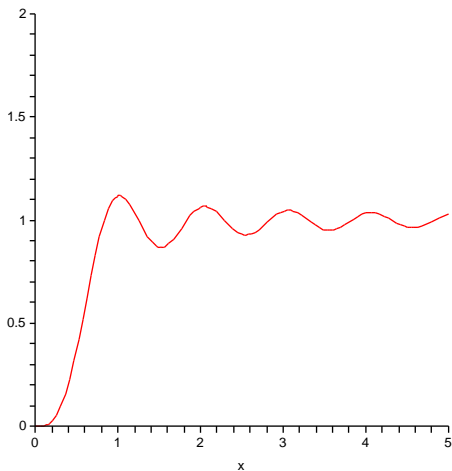
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$r = 1.7500$



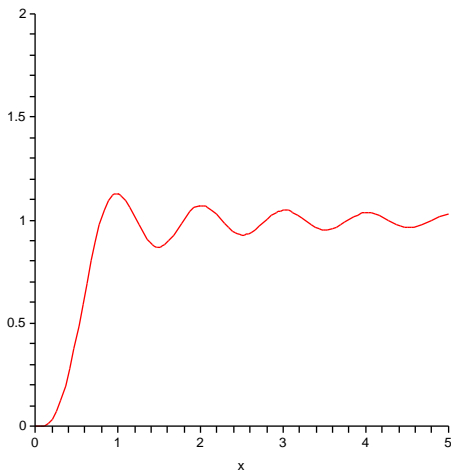
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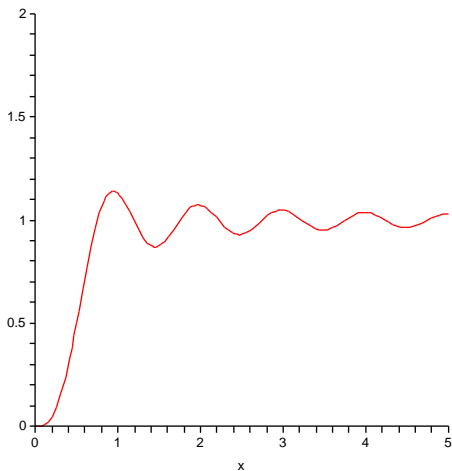
$r' = 1.5833$





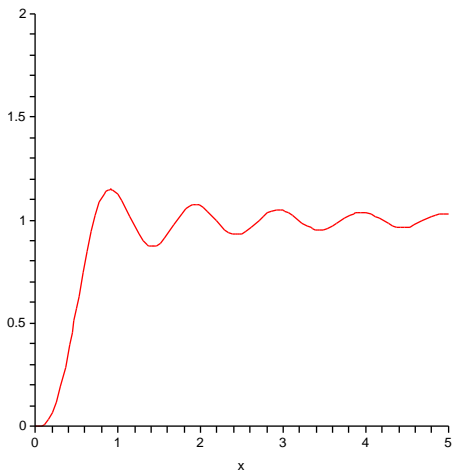
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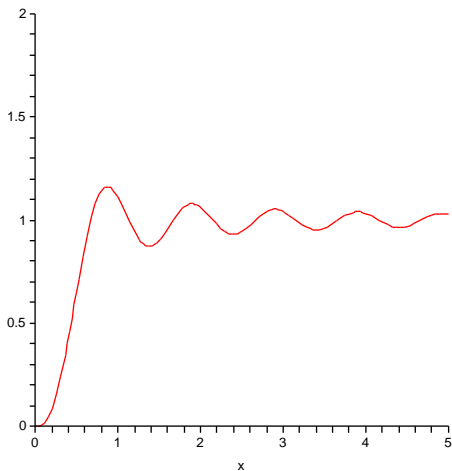
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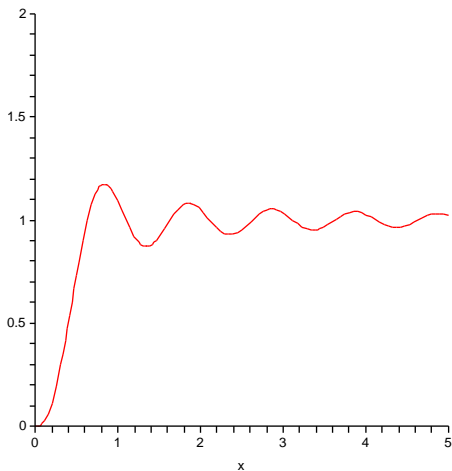
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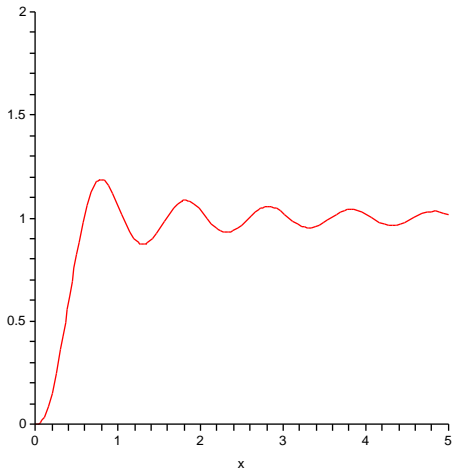
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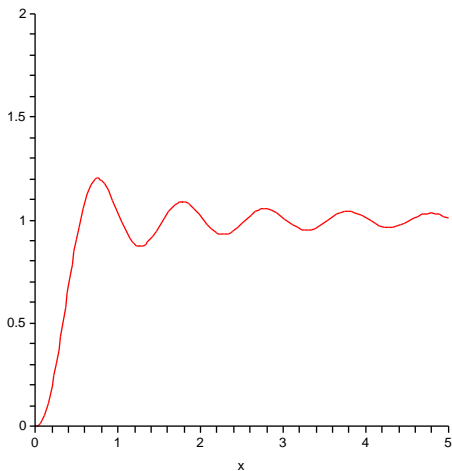
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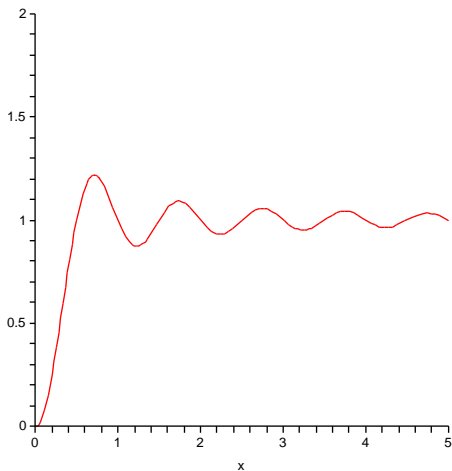
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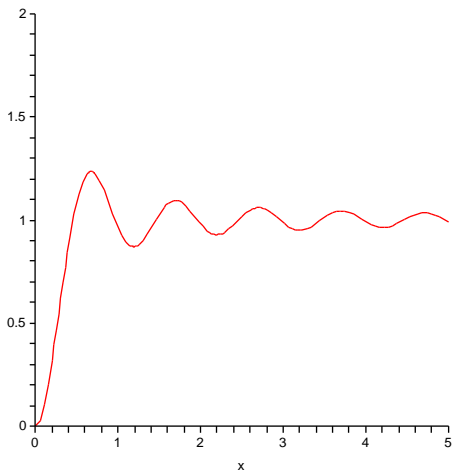
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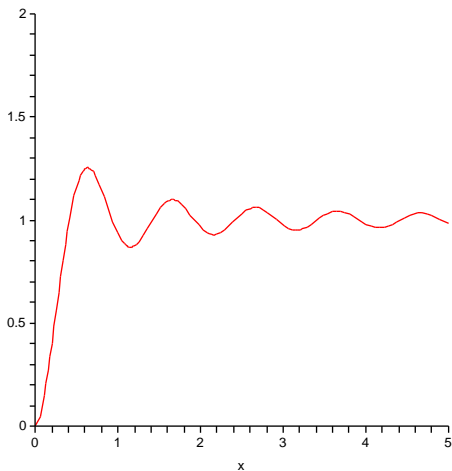
$r' = -.91667$





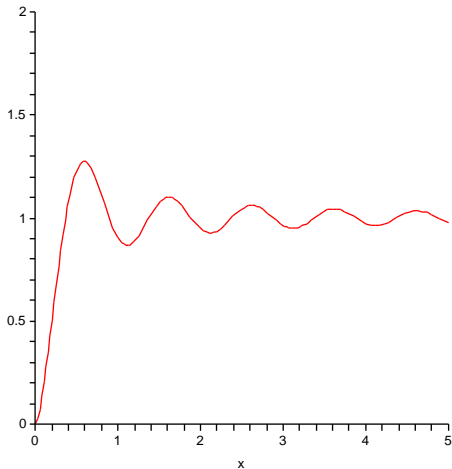
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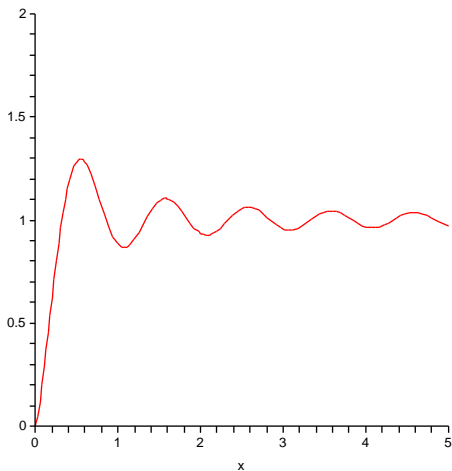
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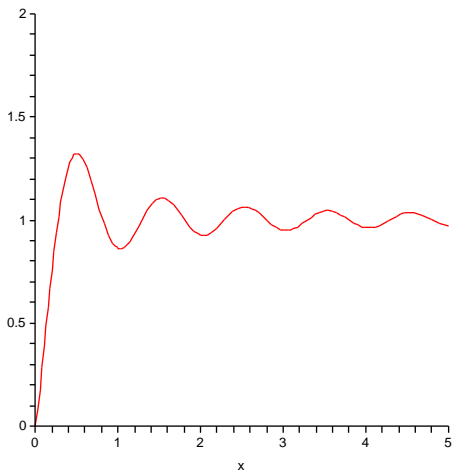
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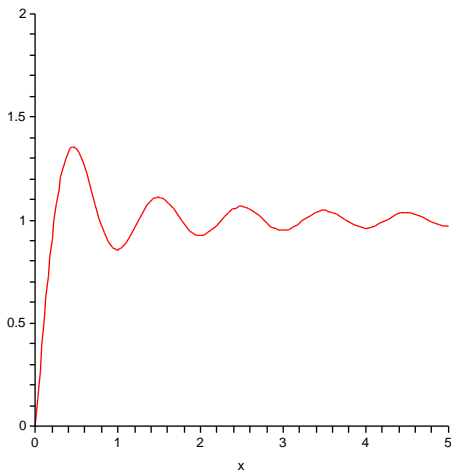
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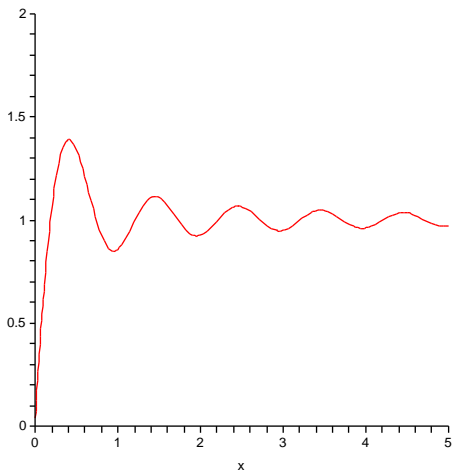
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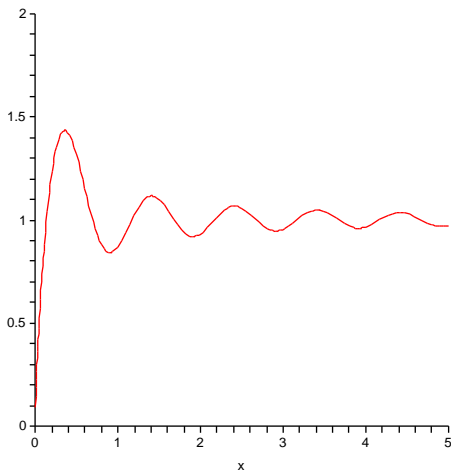
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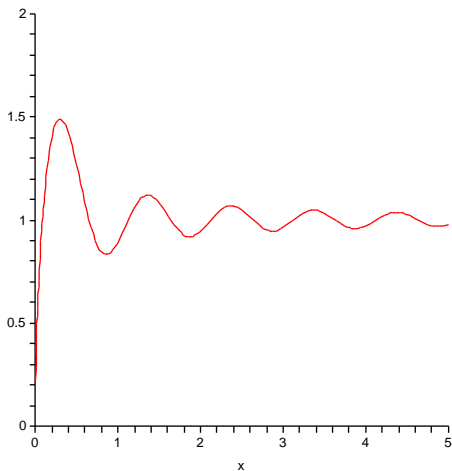
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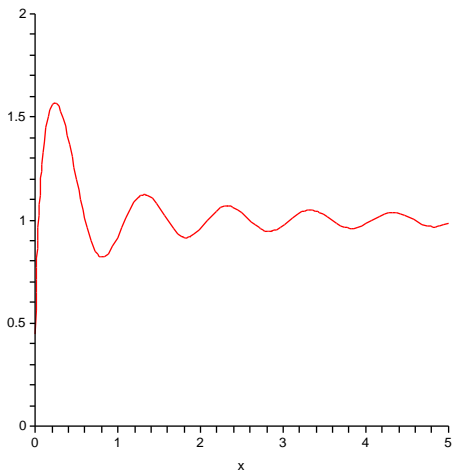
$r = .25000$





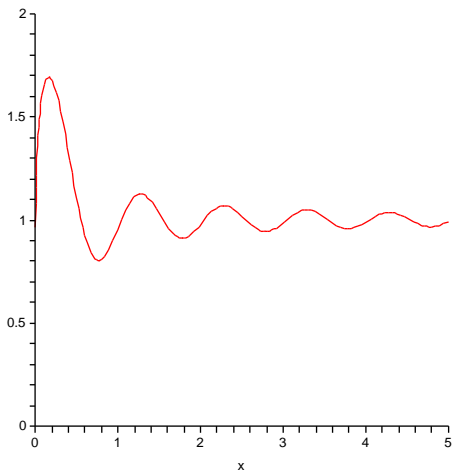
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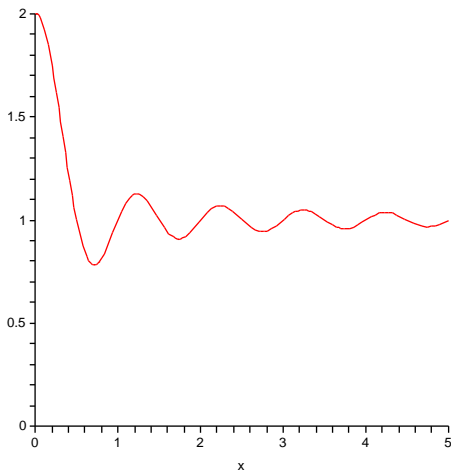
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$r^2 = .83333e-1$

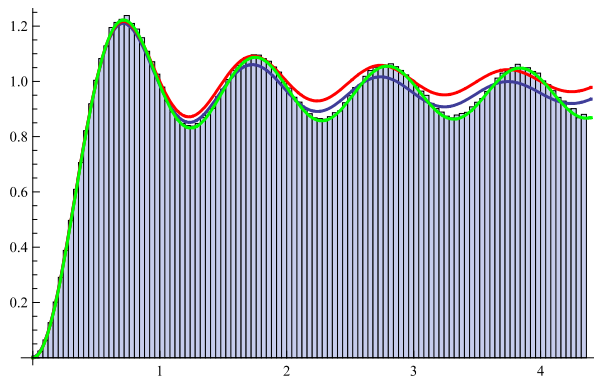


## Example of Decreasing repulsion: $2 \geq r \geq 0$

$r^* = 0$ .



# Numerics (J. Stopple): 1,003,083 negative fundamental discriminants $-d \in [10^{12}, 10^{12} + 3.3 \cdot 10^6]$



Histogram of normalized zeros ( $\gamma \leq 1$ , about 4 million).

- ◇ Red: main term. ◇ Blue: includes  $O(1/\log X)$  terms.
- ◇ Green: all lower order terms.