

# The Hedgehog and the Fox

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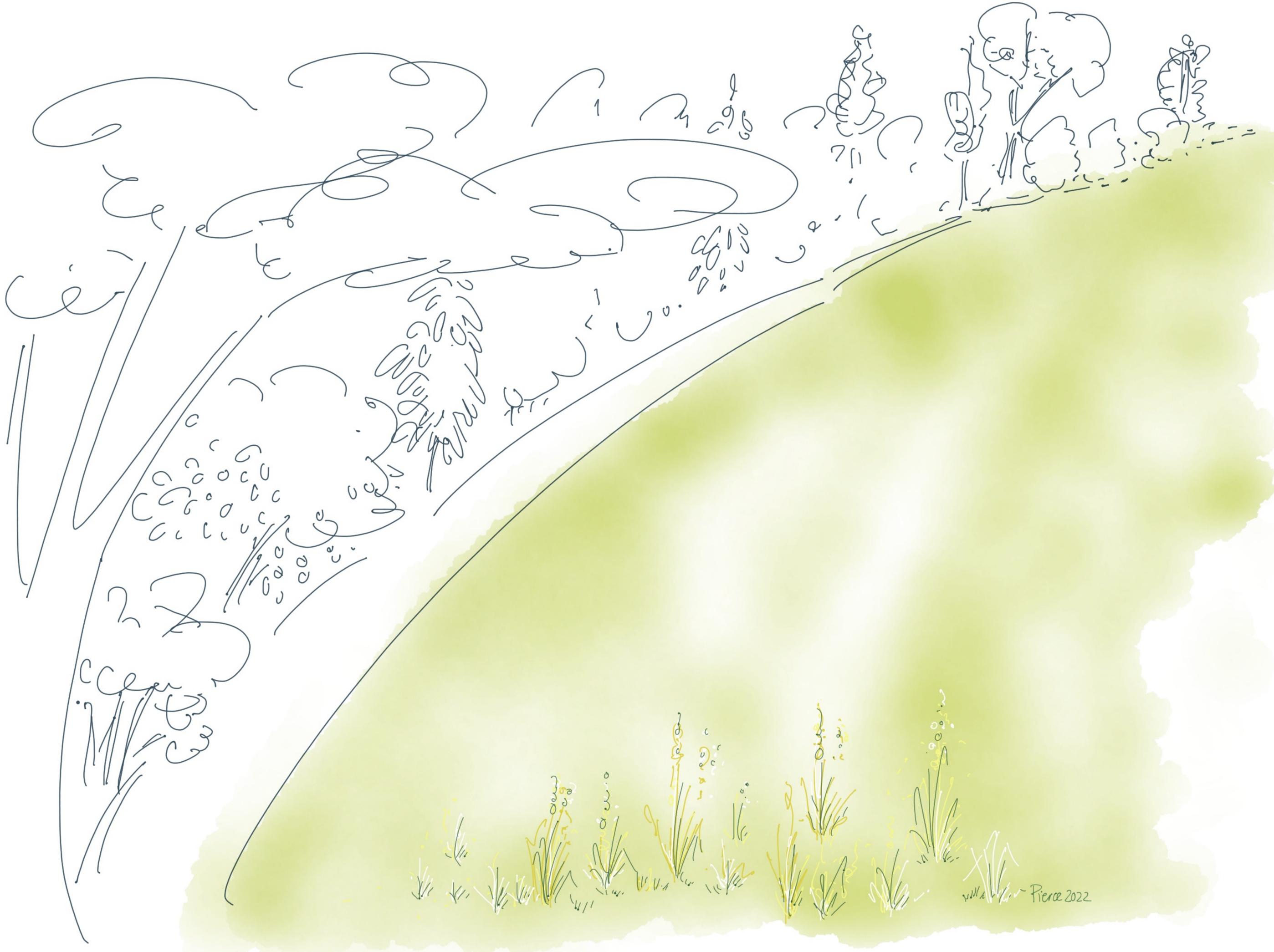
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Number Theory

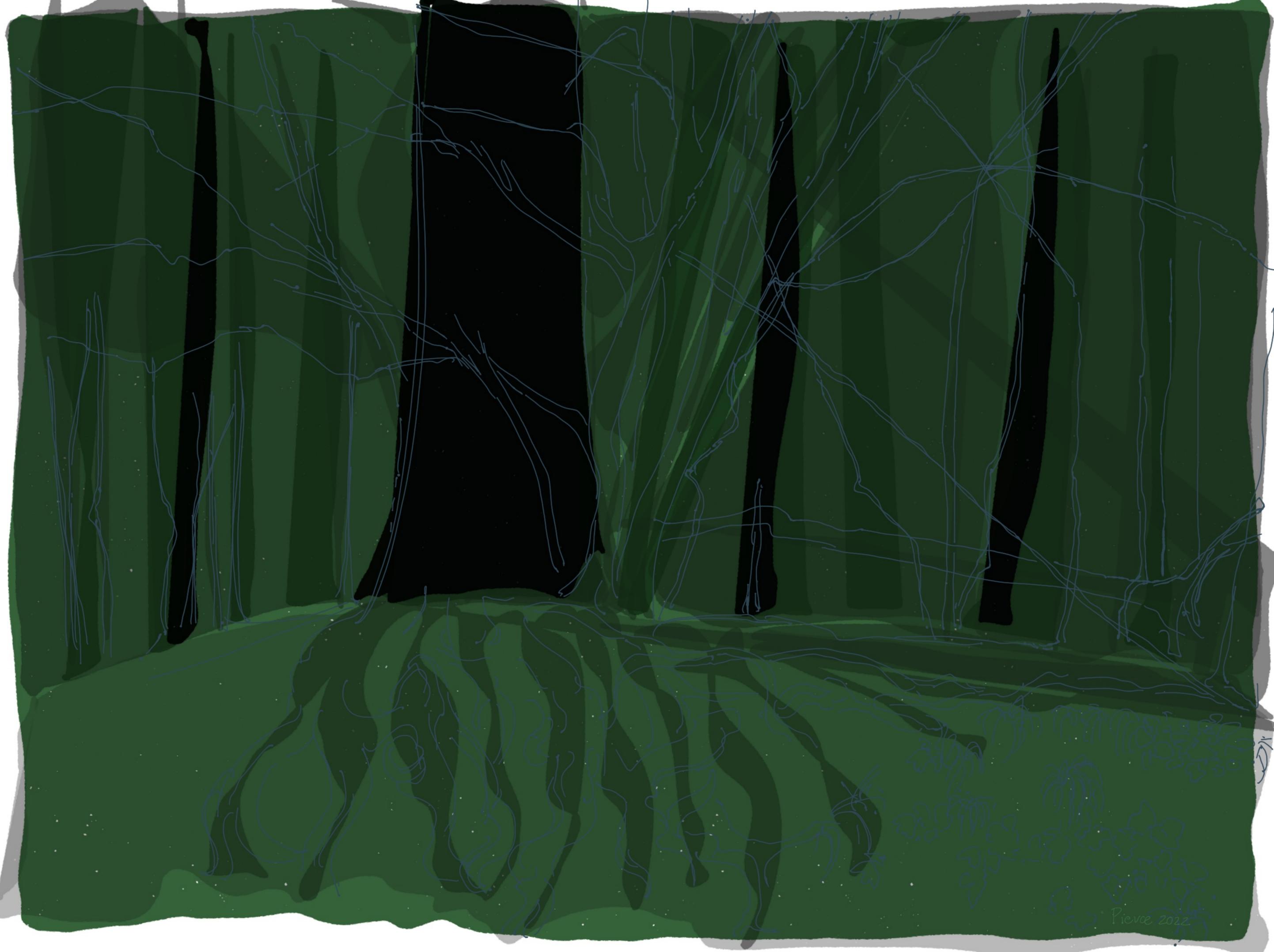
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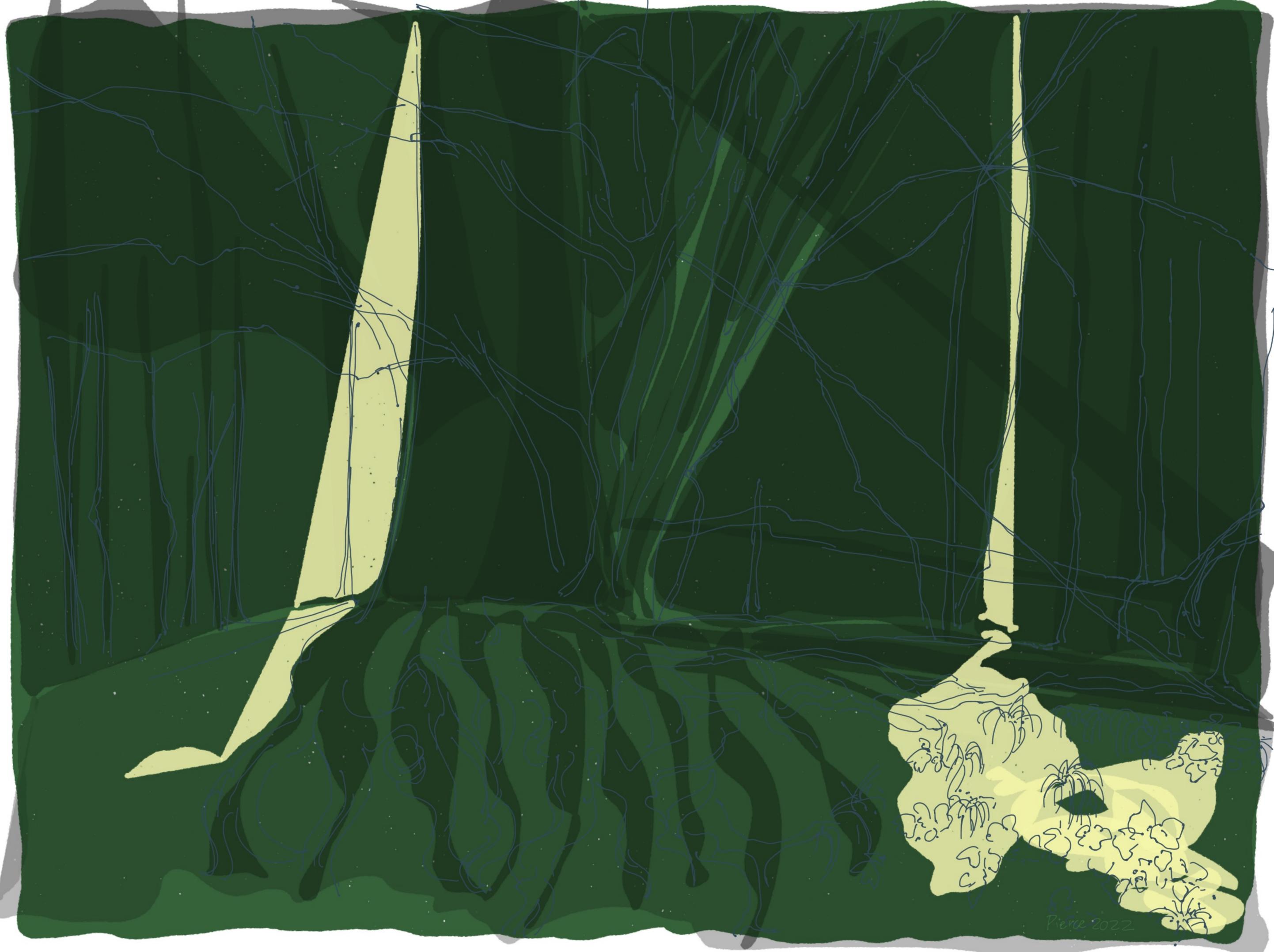
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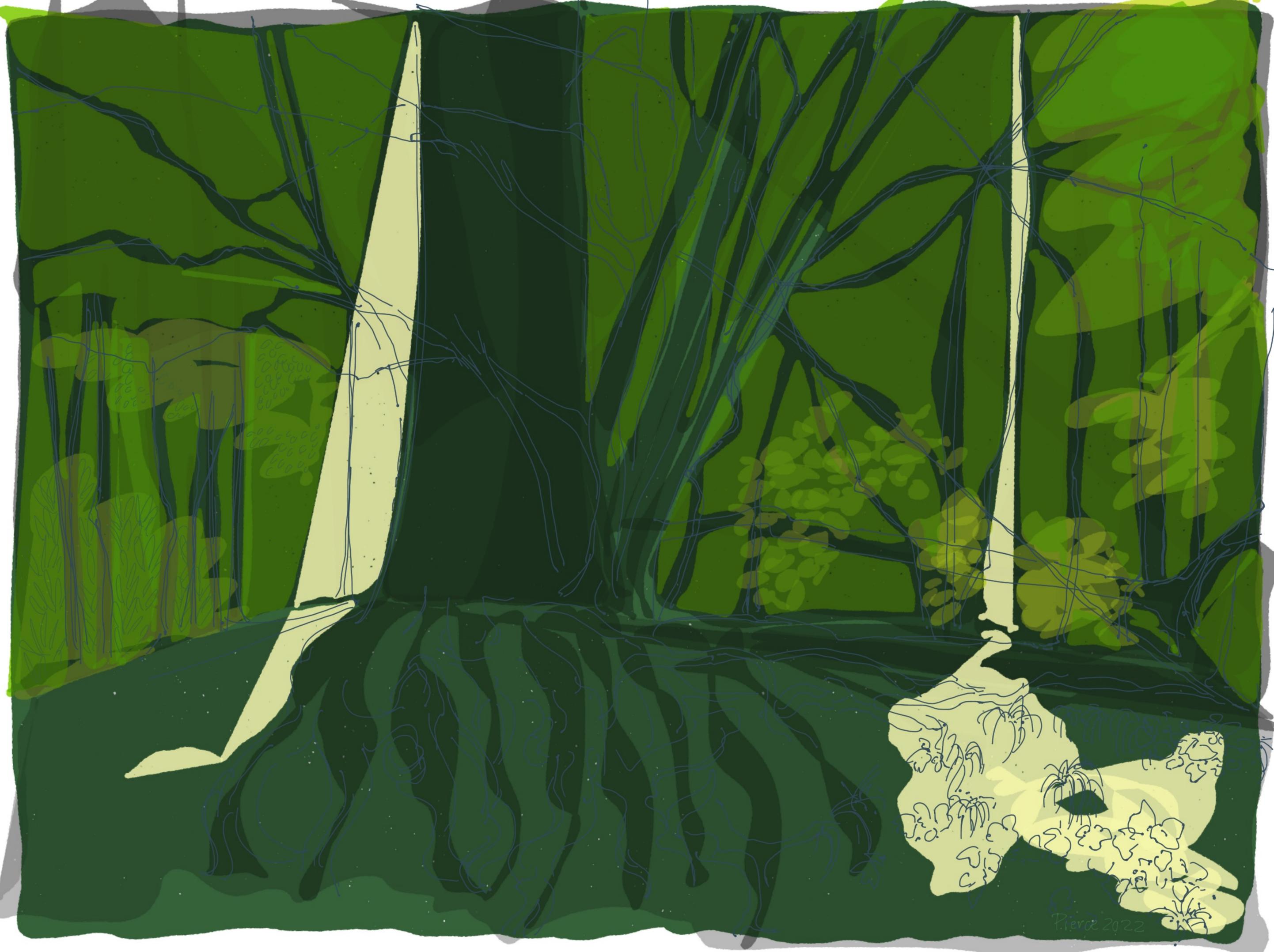
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determinant method

circle method

Pila-Shankar-Tsimerman

Pila-Zannier

Hardy-Littlewood-Ramanujan

Bombieri-Pila

Bhargava

Gauss

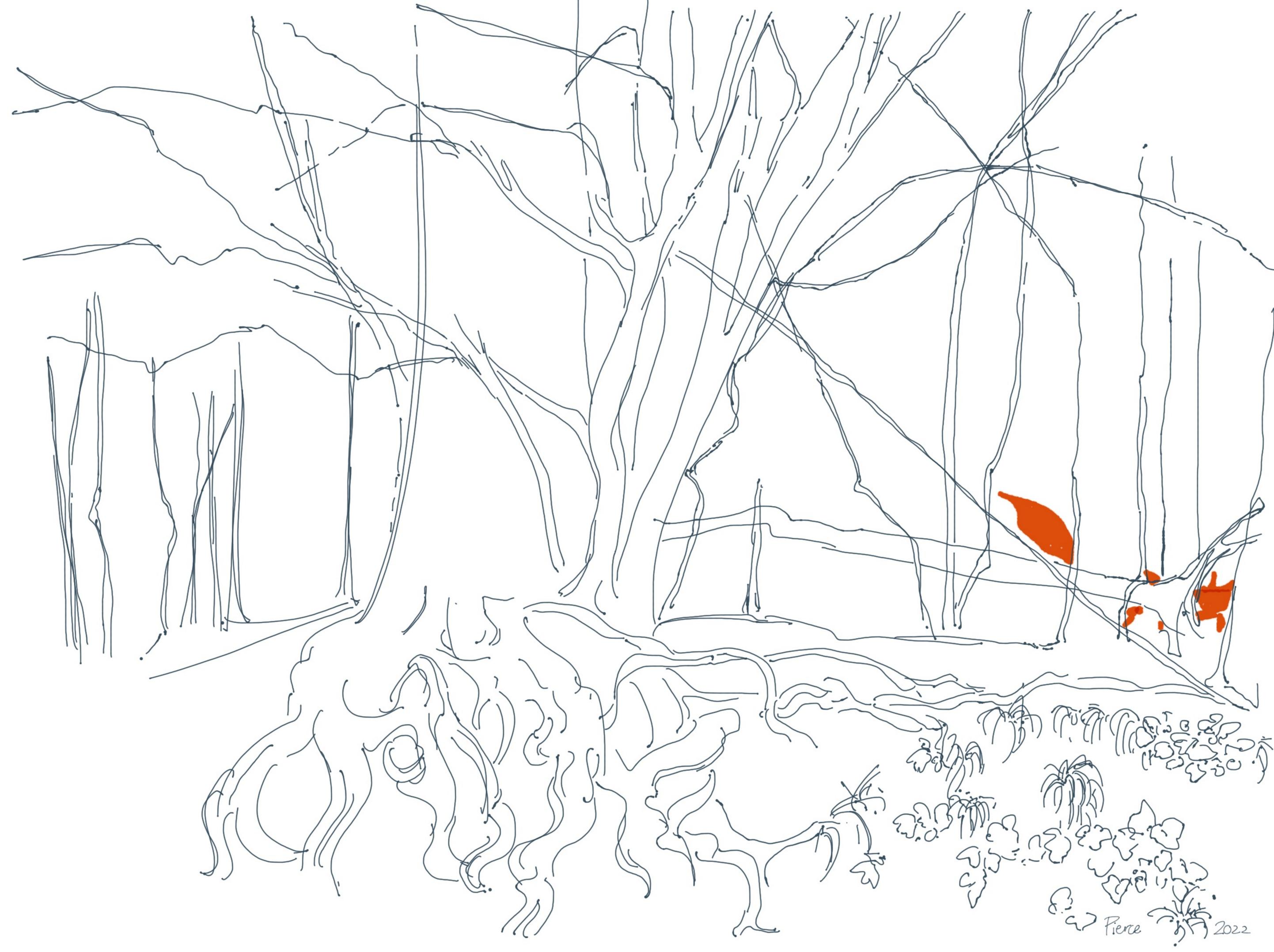
Maynard-Tao

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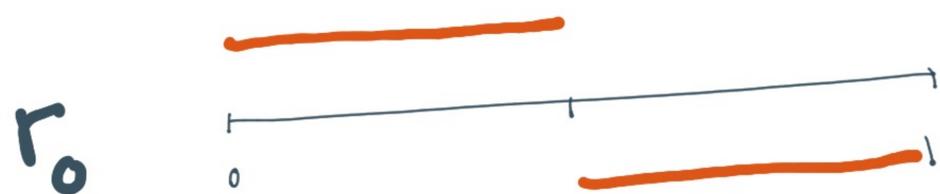
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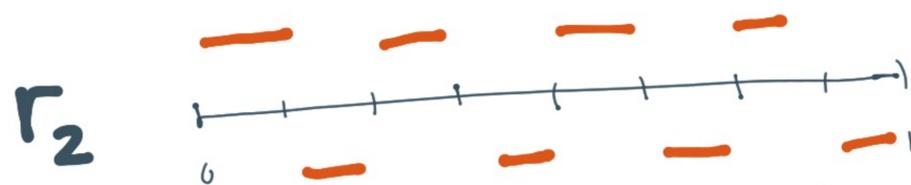
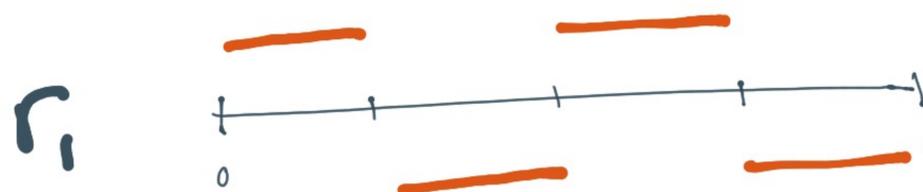


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# Rademacher, Khintchine



values  $\in \{+1, -1\}$



Khintchine inequality:  $a_n \in \mathbb{C}$

$$\left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |a_n|^2 \right)^{1/2} \ll_p \left\| \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n r_n(t) \right\|_{L^p[0,1]} \ll_p \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |a_n|^2 \right)^{1/2}$$

Key observation:  $\int r_{n_1}(t) \cdots r_{n_{2r}}(t) dt = 0$

if in  $(n_1, n_2, \dots, n_{2r})$  some value appears an odd number of times

Walsh, Kaczmarz, Paley

$$f(t) \sim \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} c_m(f) \omega_m(t)$$

$$n = 2^{n_1} + 2^{n_2} + \dots + 2^{n_s}$$

$$\omega_n(t) = r_{n_1}(t) r_{n_2}(t) \dots r_{n_s}(t)$$

Convergence?

In  $L^p$  norm, study

$$f_n = \sum_{2^{n-1} \leq m < 2^n} c_m(f) \omega_m(t)$$

Key observation:  $\int f_{n_1} \overline{f_{n_2}} \dots f_{n_{2r-1}} \overline{f_{n_{2r}}} = 0$

if in  $(n_1, n_2, \dots, n_{2r})$  one value is bigger than all others

Paley "A remarkable series of orthogonal functions (I)" PLMS 1932



Bourgain, Stein, Ionescu, Wainger, ...

MAXIMAL

$$\sup_{r > 0} \frac{1}{r} \left| \sum_{m=1}^r f(n - P(m)) \right|$$

$$f: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$$

$$P: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \text{ poly}$$

SINGULAR

$$\sum_{\substack{m=-\infty \\ m \neq 0}}^{\infty} \frac{f(n - P(m))}{m}$$

Fourier  $\rightarrow$

$$M(\theta) = \sum_{m \neq 0} \frac{e^{2\pi i \theta P(m)}}{m}$$

Bounded on  $L^p$  ?



$\downarrow$   
 $f_{a/q}$

A key observation:

$$\int f_{a_1/q_1} \overline{f_{a_2/q_2}} \cdots \overline{f_{a_{2r}/q_{2r}}} = 0$$

if in  $(\frac{a_1}{q_1}, \frac{a_2}{q_2}, \dots, \frac{a_{2r}}{q_{2r}})$  some  $q_i$  appears once

Ionescu-Wainger "L<sup>p</sup> boundedness of discrete singular Radon transforms" JAMS 2005

Gressman, Guo, Pierce, Roos, Yung

$\gamma(t) = (t, t^2, t^3, \dots, t^n)$  moment curve in  $\mathbb{R}^n$

Extension operator, interval  $I \subset [0, 1]$

$$E_I f(x) = \int_I e^{2\pi i x \cdot \gamma(t)} f(t) dt$$



Setting of: extension, restriction, decoupling

$$\| E_{[0,1]} f \|_{L^{2n}(B_{R^n})} \ll \left\| \left( \sum_{|I|=R^{-1}} |E_I f|^2 \right)^{1/2} \right\|_{L^{2n}(B_{R^n})}$$

A key observation:

$$\int E_{I_1} f \overline{E_{I_2} f} \dots E_{I_{2n-1}} f \overline{E_{I_{2n}} f} = 0$$

if  $(I_1, I_3, \dots)$  is not a permutation  
of  $(I_2, I_4, \dots)$

Gressman - Guo - Pierce - Roos - Yung "Reversing a philosophy: from counting to square functions and decoupling" JGEA 2020

## Orthogonality

$$\int f_{n_1} \overline{f_{n_2}} = 0 \quad \text{if } n_1 \neq n_2$$

What notion generalizes orthogonality?

$$\int f_{n_1} \overline{f_{n_2}} \cdots f_{n_{2r-1}} \overline{f_{n_{2r}}} = 0 \quad \text{when } \dots$$

$n_1, n_3, \dots$   
not a **permutation**  
of  $n_2, n_4, \dots$

one  $n_i$   
appears an  
**odd** number  
of times

one  $n_i$   
appears  
only **once**

one  $n_i$   
is **bigger**  
than  
others

## Superorthogonality

Pierce "On superorthogonality" JGFA 2020



$$\zeta(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^s}$$

Riemann

$$L(s, \chi) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\chi(n)}{n^s}$$

Dirichlet

$$\sum \frac{1}{p} = \infty$$

$$p = a(q)$$

$$L(s, \chi) \ll \zeta(s)$$

$$\sum \chi(n)$$

Gauss

$$\frac{1}{p(q)} \sum_{\chi} \bar{\chi}(a) \chi(n)$$

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$$L(s, \chi) \ll q^\varepsilon (1+|t|)^\varepsilon \quad \forall \varepsilon > 0?$$

$$\sum_{1 \leq n \leq H} \chi(n) = o(H) \quad ?$$

Dirichlet character  $\chi$  modulo  $q$

$$L(s, \chi) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\chi(n)}{n^s} \quad \operatorname{Re}(s) > 1$$

Lindelöf Hypothesis

$$L\left(\frac{1}{2} + it, \chi\right) \ll q^{\varepsilon} (1 + |t|)^{\varepsilon} \quad \forall \varepsilon > 0$$

Vinogradov's Conjecture:  $n_q =$  least quadratic nonresidue modulo  $q$  prime.

Is  $n_q \ll q^{\varepsilon}$ ?

Short character sums

$$\sum_{1 \leq n \leq H} \chi(n)$$

central goal:  $o(H)$  or even  $O(H^{1/2} q^{\varepsilon})$   
for  $H \gg q^{\varepsilon}$ ?

# Burgess

$$\sum_{1 \leq n \leq H} \chi(n) = o(H) \quad \text{for } H \gg q^{1/4 + \varepsilon} \quad (q \text{ prime})$$

## Applications

- $L(\frac{1}{2} + it, \chi) \ll q^{3/16 + \varepsilon} (1 + |t|)^{3/16 + \varepsilon}$
- $n_q \ll q^{\frac{1}{4\sqrt{\varepsilon}} + \varepsilon}$

A key observation:

$$\sum_{1 \leq x \leq q} \overline{\chi(x + n_1)} \overline{\chi(x + n_2)} \cdots \overline{\chi(x + n_{2r})} \ll q^{1/2}$$

if  $(n_1, n_2, \dots, n_{2r})$  has an  $n_i$  appear **once**

Burgess "On character sums and L-series II" PLMS 1963

Heath-Brown "Hybrid bounds for Dirichlet L-functions II" QJM 1980

See also Petrow-Young "The fourth moment of Dirichlet L-functions along a coset and the Weyl bound" DMJ (to appear)

Fouvry-Kowalski-Michel

quasi-Superorthogonality of trace functions

$$\sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_q} F_1(x) \overline{F_2(x)} \cdots F_{2r-1}(x) \overline{F_{2r}(x)} \ll q^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

if one  $F_i$  appears an odd number of times

Kowalski: Trace functions  $F_1, F_2, \dots$  exhibit quasi-superorthogonality of a specific type precisely when

their associated representations  $\rho_1, \rho_2, \dots$

satisfy  $\int \text{tr}(\rho_1) \overline{\text{tr}(\rho_2)} \cdots \overline{\text{tr}(\rho_{2r})} = 0$  for the same type

Fouvry-Kowalski-Michel "A study in sums of products" Phil. Trans. Royal. Soc. 2015

Pierce "On Superorthogonality" JGFA 2020  
Kowalski "Appendix" to ibid. JGFA 2020

# Superorthogonality

Weil Conjectures

trace functions

Subconvexity of Dirichlet L-functions

discrete operators

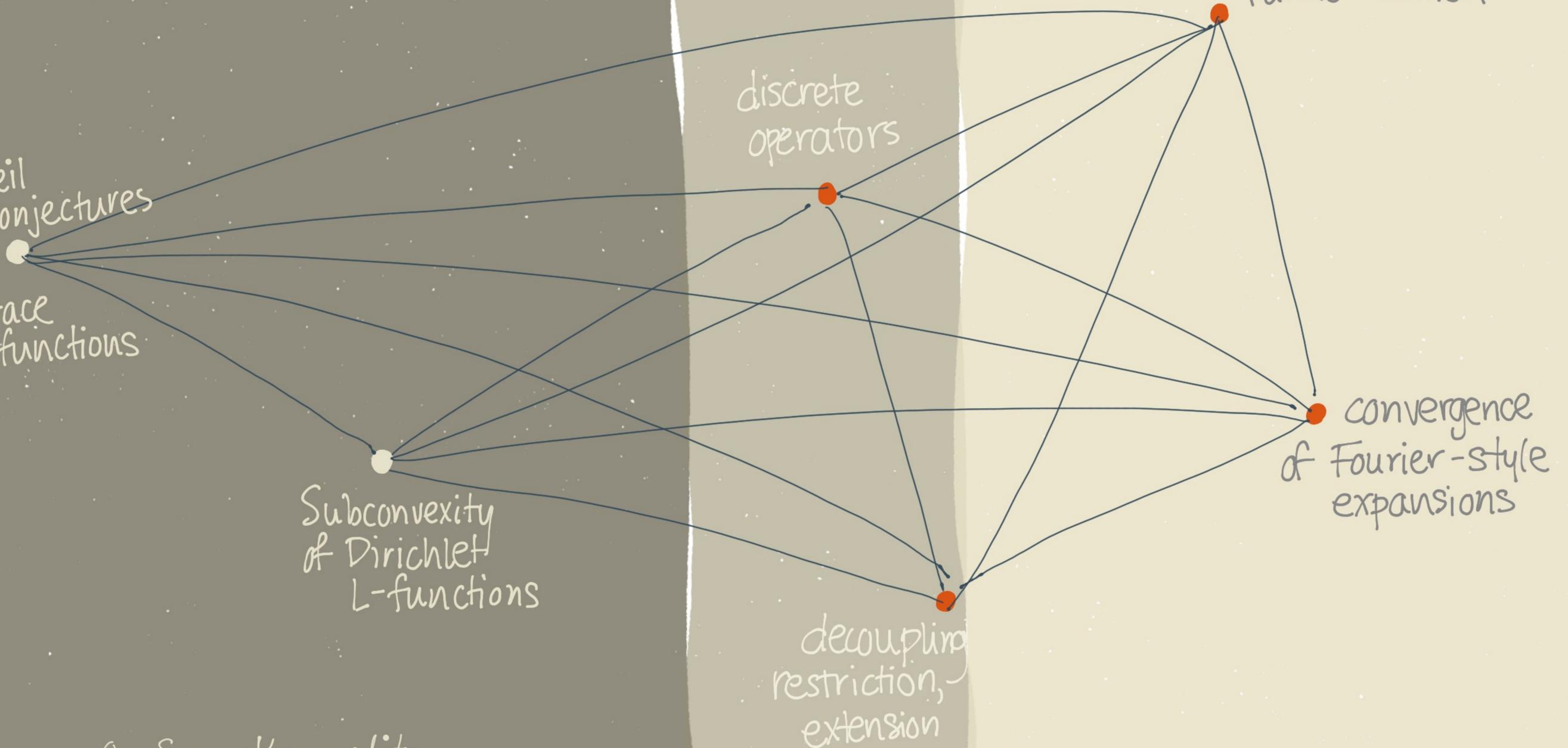
Rademacher functions, randomization

convergence of Fourier-style expansions

decoupling restriction, extension

On Superorthogonality

Pierce, J. Geometric Analysis, 2020  
with an appendix by E. Kowalski



Archilochus —

“The fox knows many things,  
but the hedgehog knows one big thing.”

c. 680 - 645 BCE



Isaiah Berlin

The Hedgehog  
and the Fox

With a foreword by  
Michael Ignatieff

Edited by Henry Hardy



Hedgehogs

- Dante
- Plato
- Lucretius
- Pascal
- Hegel
- Dostoevsky
- Nietzsche
- Ibsen
- Proust

Foxes

- Shakespeare
- Herodotus
- Aristotle
- Montaigne
- Erasmus
- Molière
- Goethe
- Joyce
- Balzac

$K/\mathbb{Q}$  a number field of degree  $n$

$\mathcal{C}_K$  class group

$\mathcal{I}_K/\mathcal{P}_K$ ,  $\mathcal{I}_K$  fractional ideals,  $\mathcal{P}_K$  principal ideals

$|\mathcal{C}_K|$  class number

Example:  $|\mathcal{C}_K|=1$  iff  $\mathcal{O}_K$  has unique factorization

Gauss's study of quadratic fields

✓ Does  $|\mathcal{C}_{\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{D})}| \rightarrow \infty$  as  $D \rightarrow -\infty$ ?

(??) Does  $|\mathcal{C}_{\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{D})}|=1$   $\infty$ ly often as  $D \rightarrow +\infty$ ?

$\mathcal{C}_K$  finite abelian group

$l$ -torsion subgroup ( $l$  prime)

$$\mathcal{C}_K[l] = \{ [\alpha] \in \mathcal{C}_K : [\alpha]^l = \text{Id} \}$$

Brumer and Silverman

$l$ -torsion Conjecture ( $l$  prime)

For every degree  $n$ , for every  $K/\mathbb{Q}$  of degree  $n$ ,

$$|\mathcal{C}_K[l]| \ll_{n,l,\varepsilon} D_K^\varepsilon \quad \forall \varepsilon > 0$$

where  $D_K = |\text{Disc } K/\mathbb{Q}|$ .

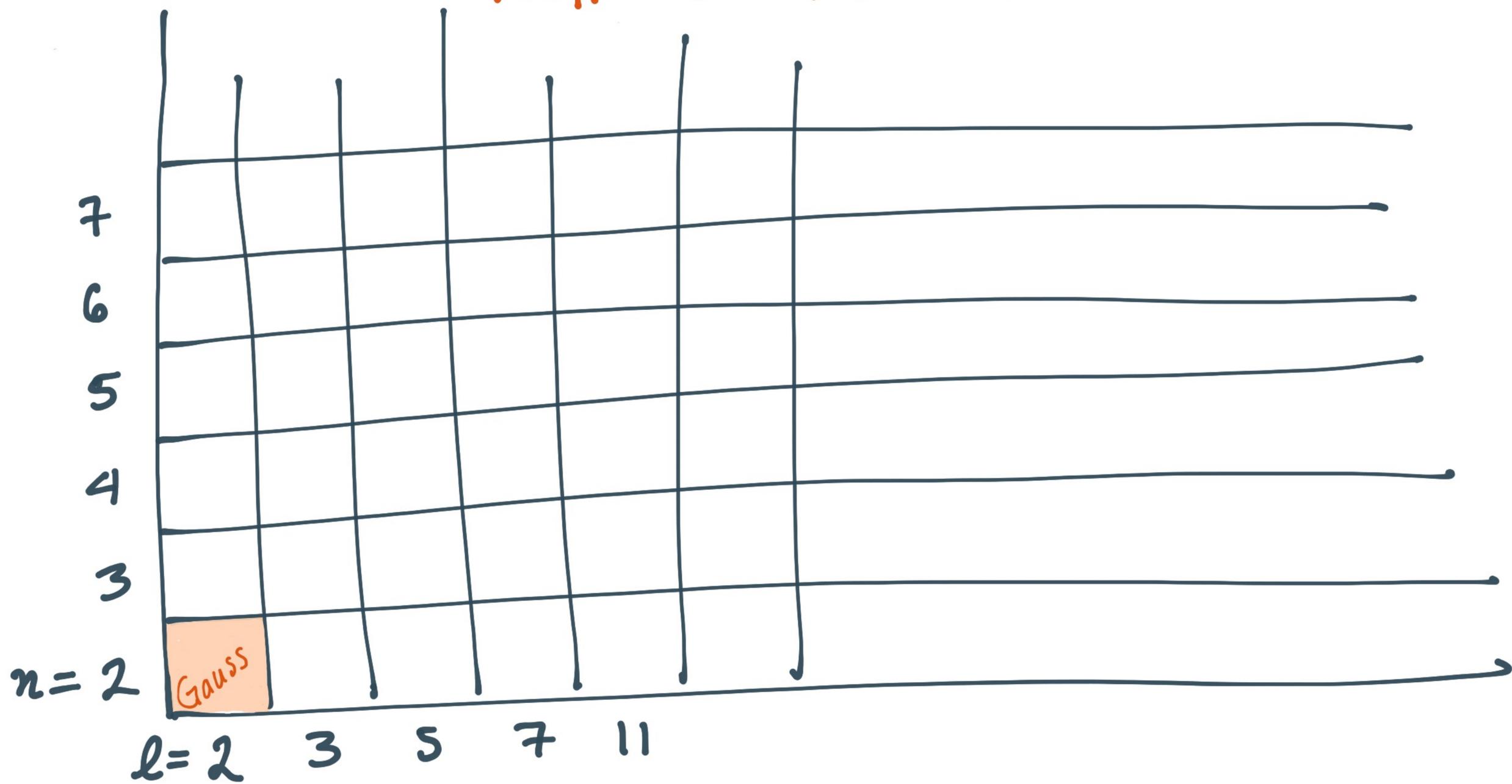
Toward the conjecture:

$$|\mathcal{C}_K[l]| \leq |\mathcal{C}_K| \ll_{n,\varepsilon} D_K^{1/2 + \varepsilon}$$

# l-torsion Conjecture

Fix degree  $n$ , prime  $l$ : for every  $K/\mathbb{Q}$  of degree  $n$ ,

$$|\mathcal{C}_K[l]| \ll_{n,l,\varepsilon} D_K^\varepsilon \quad \forall \varepsilon > 0$$



Gauss "Disquisitiones Arithmeticae" 1801

# Progress on $l$ -torsion Conjecture

Fix degree  $n$ , prime  $l$ : for every  $K/\mathbb{Q}$  of degree  $n$ ,

$$|Cl_K[l]| \ll_{n,l,\varepsilon} D_K^{\Delta + \varepsilon} \quad \forall \varepsilon > 0$$

for some  $\Delta < 1/2$

In imaginary quadratic fields  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-d})$

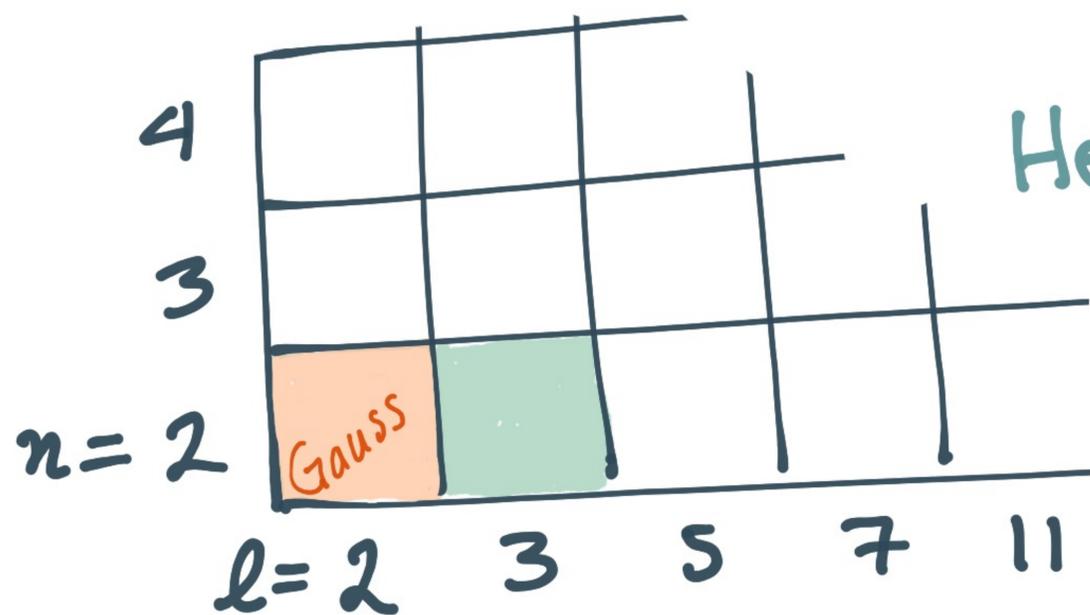
$$|Cl_K[l]| \ll d^\varepsilon \# \left\{ y^2 = 4x^l - dz^2 : \right.$$

$$x \ll d^{1/2}$$

$$y \ll d^{l/4}$$

$$z \ll d^{l/4 - 1/2}$$

$$l=3$$



Helfgott - Venkatesh • integral points on elliptic curve  $y^2 = 4x^3 - D$

Pierce • solutions to congruence  $y^2 \equiv 4x^3 \pmod{d}$

Pierce • sieving, short character sums  $4x^3 - dz^2$

H. Helfgott and A. Venkatesh "Integral points on elliptic curves and 3-torsion in class groups" JAMS 2006

L. Pierce "The 3-part of class numbers of quadratic fields," JLMS 2005

L. Pierce "A bound for the 3-part of class numbers of quadratic fields by means of the square sieve" Forum Math. 2006

# Progress on $l$ -torsion Conjecture

Fix degree  $n$ , prime  $l$ : for every  $K/\mathbb{Q}$  of degree  $n$ ,

$$|\mathcal{C}_{K[l^2]}| \ll_{n,l,\varepsilon} D_K^{\Delta + \varepsilon} \quad \forall \varepsilon > 0$$

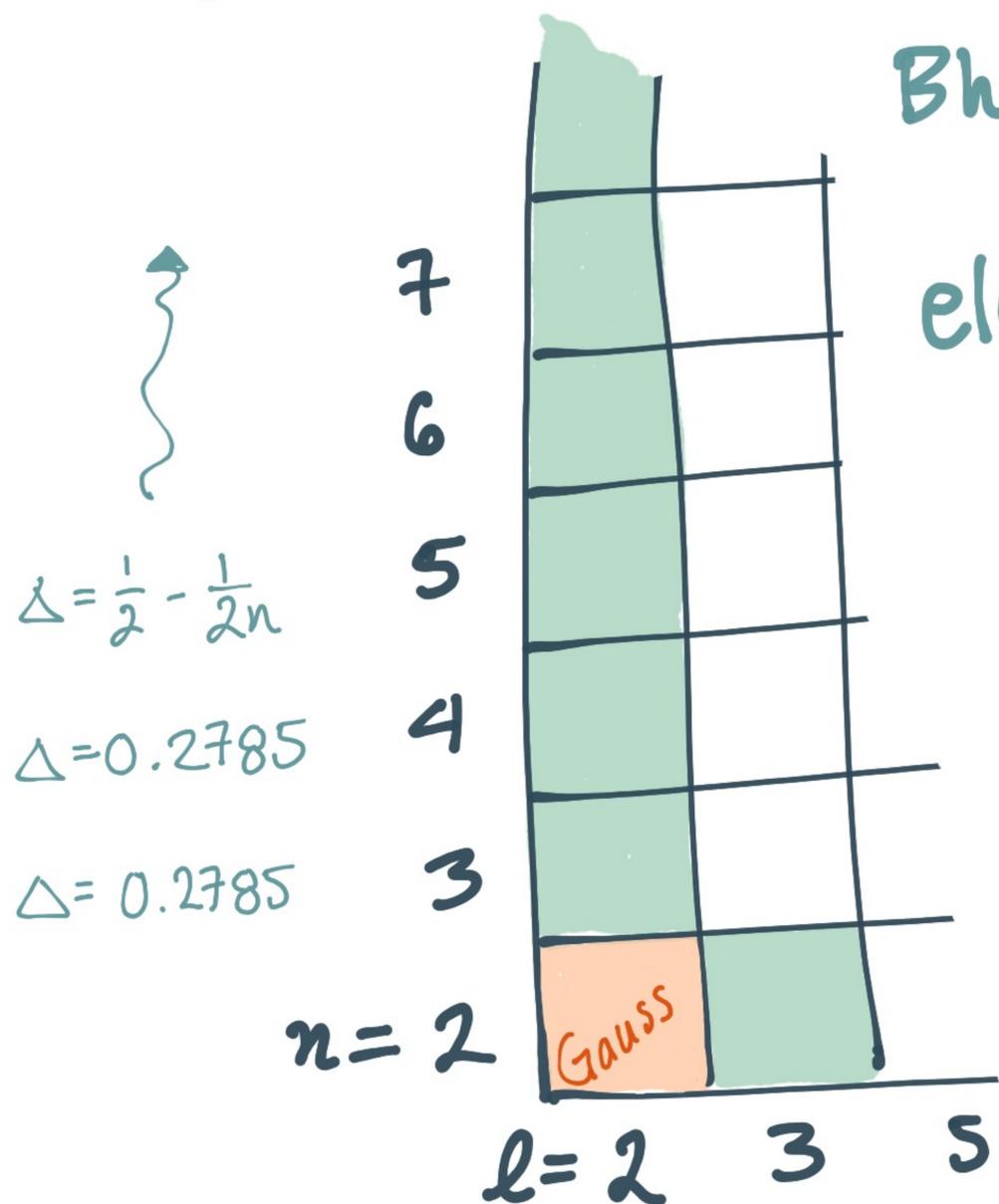
for some  $\Delta < 1/2$

Any  $n$ ,  $l=2$  :

Bhargava et. al.

elements in  $\mathcal{O}_K[2]$  can be enumerated by counting elements in a "box" in  $\mathcal{O}_K$  with square norms

- geometry of numbers
- determinant method



Bhargava, Shankar, Taniguchi, Thorne, Tsimerman, Zhao  
 "Bounds on 2-torsion in class groups of number fields and integral points on elliptic curves." JAMS 2020

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for some  $\Delta < 1/2$

## Ellenberg-Venkatesh Criterion (special case)

$K/\mathbb{Q}$  number field of degree  $n \geq 2$ , prime  $l$ .

Fix  $\eta < \frac{1}{2l(n-1)}$ . If there are  $M$  primes  $< D_K^\eta$

that split completely in  $K$  then

$$|\mathcal{C}_K[l]| \ll_{n,l,\varepsilon} D_K^{1/2+\varepsilon} M^{-1}$$

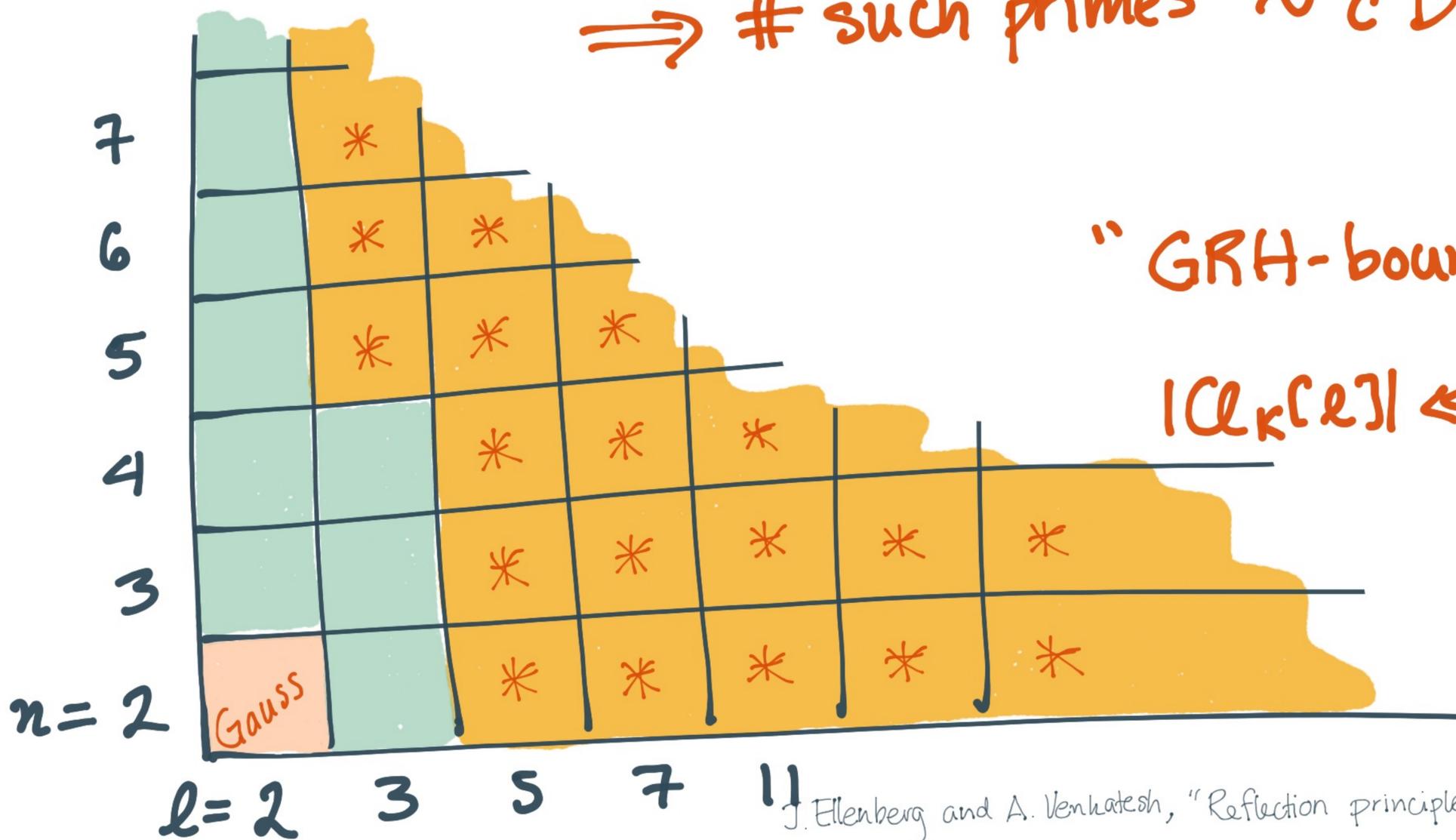
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5		
4		$\Delta < 1/2$
3		$\Delta = 1/3$
$n=2$	Gauss	$\Delta = 1/3$
	$l=2$	$3 \quad 5$

} Ellenberg-Venkatesh

If there are  $M$  primes  $< D_K^\eta$ ,  $\eta < \frac{1}{2\ell(n-1)}$   
 that split completely in  $K$  then  
 $|Cl_K[l]| \ll_{n,\ell,\varepsilon} D_K^{1/2+\varepsilon} M^{-1}$

Generalized Riemann Hypothesis

$\implies \# \text{ such primes} \sim c D_K^\eta / \log D_K^\eta$



"GRH-bound"

$|Cl_K[l]| \ll D_K^{\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2\ell(n-1)} + \varepsilon}$

\* assuming GRH

Hard problem:

Given a number field  $K$ ,

count primes  $p \leq x$  that split completely in  $K$

Dual problem:

Given a prime  $p$ , count fields  $K$  with  $D_K \leq x$   
in which  $p$  splits completely

$$\mathfrak{I}_n(x) := \# \{ K/\mathbb{Q} \text{ deg } n : D_K \leq x \}$$

Conjecture:  $|\mathfrak{I}_n(x)| \sim c_n x$  as  $x \rightarrow \infty$

$n=2$  classical  
 $n=3$  Davenport and Heilbronn 1971  
 $n=4$  Cohen, Diaz y Diaz and Olivier; Bhargava 2002  
 $n=5$  Bhargava 2010  
 $n \geq 6$  ?

local conditions

Belabas, Bhargava,  
Pomerance, Taniguchi,  
Thorne, Shankar,  
Tsimerman,  
and others

So: suppose we know (let's say)

each prime splits completely in  $\frac{1}{2}$  the fields

Then unless the primes conspire,

"almost all" the fields must have a positive proportion of the primes split in them

"Almost all":  $\frac{\text{exceptions}}{\text{family}} = \frac{|E(X)|}{|\mathcal{F}_n(X)|} \rightarrow 0$  as  $X \rightarrow \infty$

Chebyshev sieve: **input**

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \# \left\{ \text{fields in } \mathcal{F}_n(X) \right. \\ \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{in which } p \neq q \\ \text{split completely} \end{array} \right\} \end{array} \right\} = \delta_{pq} |\mathcal{F}_n(X)| + O\left((pq)^\sigma |\mathcal{F}_n(X)|^\tau\right)$$

**Output**

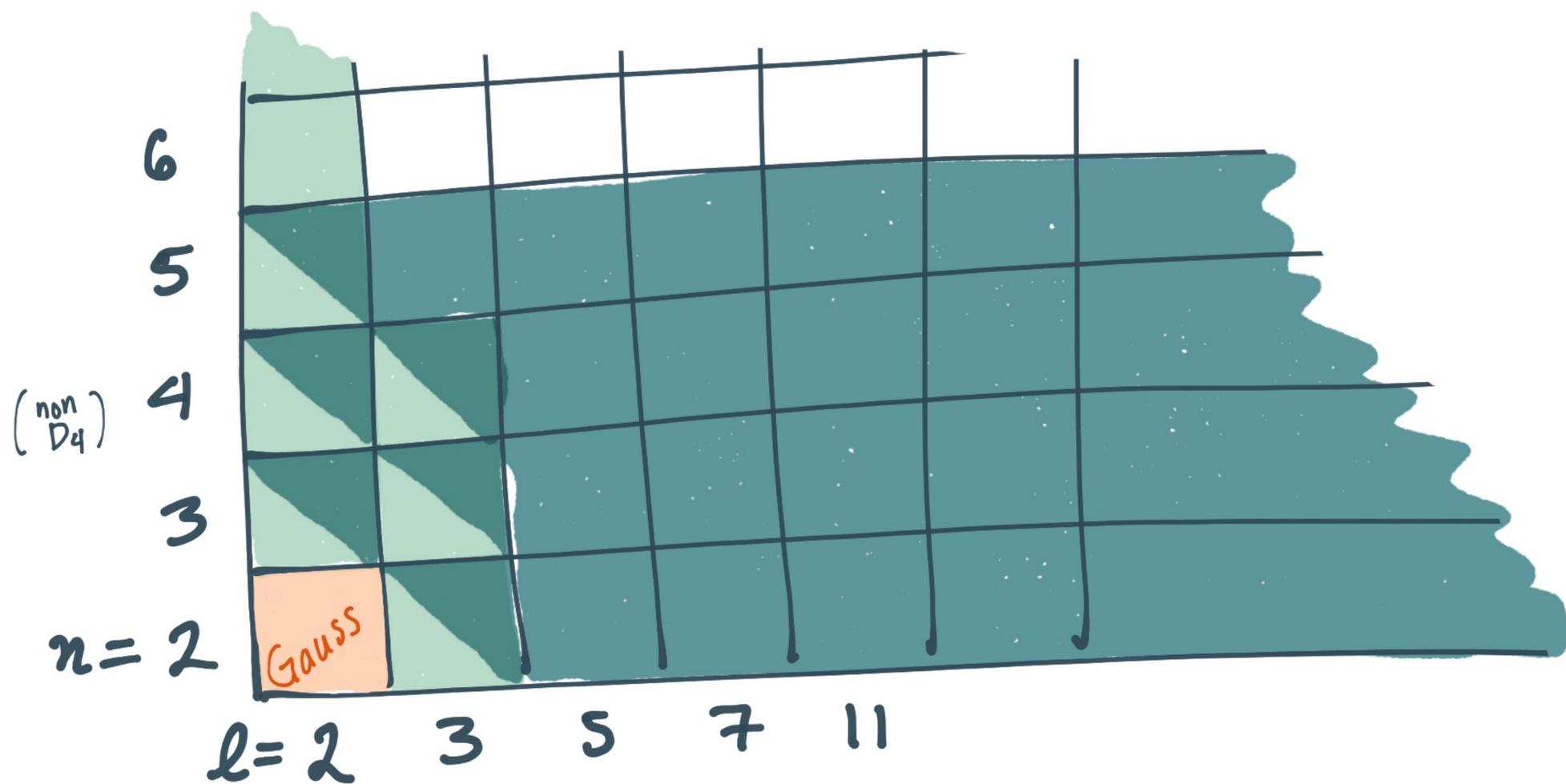
$\exists \Delta(\sigma, \tau) > 0$  such that almost all fields in  $\mathcal{F}_n(X)$  have  $\gg \pi(x^\Delta)$  small primes  $p \leq x^\Delta$  completely split in them

Consequence: Ellenberg - Pierce - Wood

For almost all fields of degree 2, 3, 4 (non- $D_4$ ), 5

$$|\mathcal{C}_K[l]| \ll D_K^{1/2 - 1/2l(n-1) + \varepsilon}$$

for all  $l$



GRH quality,  
no assumption  
of GRH

Ellenberg-Pierce-Wood "On  $l$ -torsion in class groups of number fields" ANT 2017  
Generalized in: Frei-Widmer "Average bounds for the  $l$ -torsion in class groups of cyclic extensions" 2018

Counting primes directly:  $p \leq x$

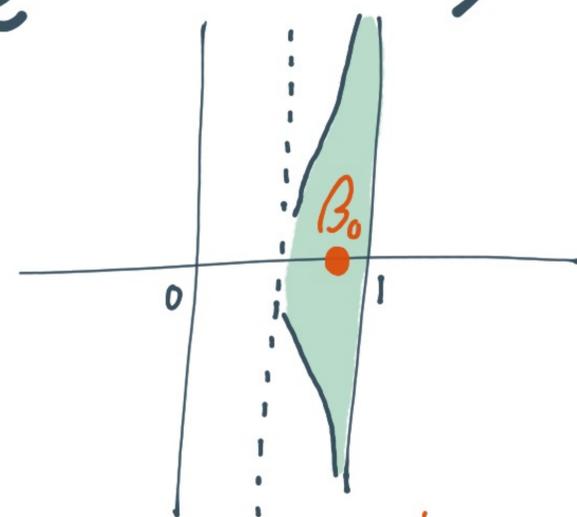
$$\pi(x) = \text{Li}(x) + O(x^{\Delta + \epsilon}) \iff \zeta(s) \neq 0, \text{Re}(s) > \Delta$$

$\frac{1}{2} \leq \Delta \leq 1$

Counting primes splitting completely in  $L$   $\begin{cases} \text{Gal}(L/\mathbb{Q}) = G \\ \text{deg } L = n_L \end{cases}$

$$\pi^*(x, L) = \frac{1}{|G|} \text{Li}(x) + \frac{1}{|G|} \text{Li}(x^{\beta_0}) + O(x e^{-c n_L (\log x)^{1/2}})$$

if  $x \geq e^{10 n_L (\log D_L)^2} \geq D_L^{30}$



possible exceptional zero of Dedekind zeta function  $\zeta_L(s)$

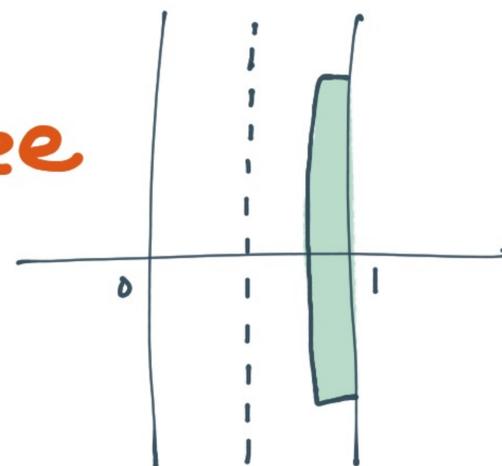
To apply Ellenberg-Venkatesh criterion:

(i) cannot have  $\beta_0$  term

(ii) need small  $x \geq D_L^\eta$  for  $\eta \rightarrow 0$

Can be accomplished if  $\zeta_L(s)/\zeta(s)$  is zero-free

in a box  $1 - \delta \leq \sigma \leq 1, |t| \leq \log D_L^{2/\delta}$



## Working in families

Zero density result for L-functions  $\{L(s, f)\}$

If there are fewer possible zeros in a region than L-functions in the family

→ some of the L-functions must be zero-free in that region

Kowalski and Michel

For suitable families of cuspidal automorphic L-functions, almost all are zero free in an appropriate "box"

Study  $l$ -torsion conjecture in families

$$\mathcal{F}_n(G, X) = \left\{ K/\mathbb{Q} \text{ deg } n : D_K \leq X, \text{ Galois closure } \tilde{K} \text{ has } \text{Gal}(\tilde{K}/\mathbb{Q}) \simeq G \right\}$$

$\mathcal{S}_{\tilde{K}_1}, \mathcal{S}_{\tilde{K}_2}, \mathcal{S}_{\tilde{K}_3}, \dots$  zero free in box?

$$\mathcal{F}_n(G, X) = \left\{ K/\mathbb{Q} \text{ deg } n : D_K \subseteq X, \right. \\ \left. \text{Galois closure } \tilde{K} \text{ has } \text{Gal}(\tilde{K}/\mathbb{Q}) \simeq G \right\}$$

$$\frac{\zeta_{\tilde{K}}(s)}{\zeta(s)} = L(s, \rho_1, \tilde{K}/\mathbb{Q})^{\dim \rho_1} \cdots L(s, \rho_r, \tilde{K}/\mathbb{Q})^{\dim \rho_r} *$$

Strong Artin conjecture

$K_1$   
 $K_2$   
 $K_3$   
 $\vdots$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} L(s, \pi_1, \tilde{K}_1) \\ L(s, \pi_1, \tilde{K}_2) \\ L(s, \pi_1, \tilde{K}_3) \\ \vdots \end{array} \right\}$$

Kowalski-Michel: among distinct members, almost all are zero-free in box

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} L(s, \pi_r, \tilde{K}_1) \\ L(s, \pi_r, \tilde{K}_2) \\ L(s, \pi_r, \tilde{K}_3) \\ \vdots \end{array} \right\}$$

But could even one "bad" element contaminate many products \* ?

Pierce-Turnage-Butterbaugh-Wood

Construct families  $\mathfrak{F}_n(G, X)$  in which (every  $n \geq 2$ )

$$\# \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{fields } K \in \text{family} \\ \text{that could share} \\ \text{a "bad" factor} \\ \text{in } \zeta_{\tilde{K}}(s) / \zeta(s) \end{array} \right\} \ll X^\varepsilon \cdot \# \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{fields } K \in \text{family} \\ \text{with the same} \\ \text{discriminant} \end{array} \right\}$$

Consequence: in these families

GRH-quality bound for  $\text{Cl}_K[l]$  holds  
for every prime  $l$   
for almost every field

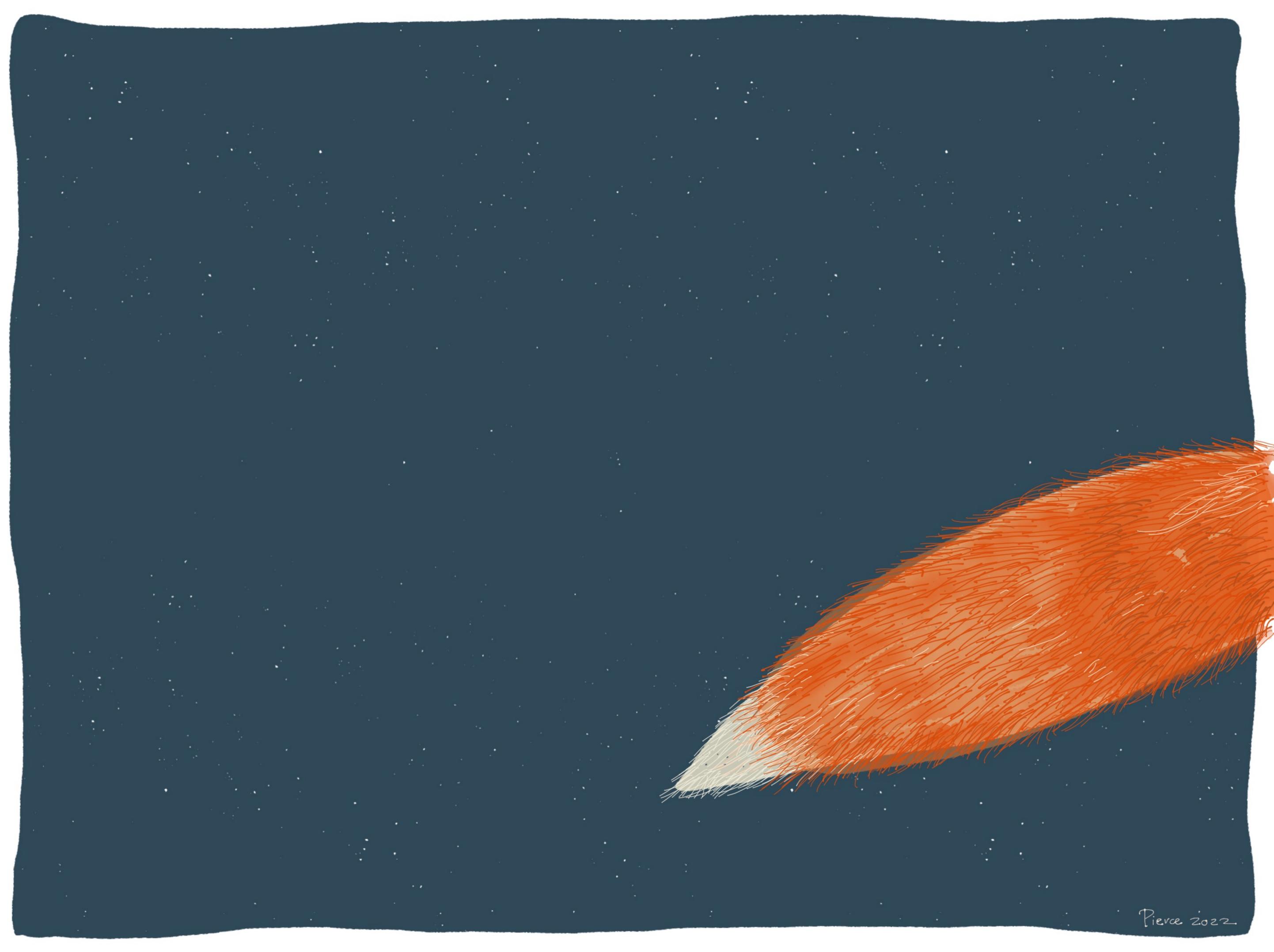
IF

we can count both

fields in  $\mathfrak{F}$  with same disc  
say  $\ll X^\alpha$   
fields in  $\mathfrak{F}$  with bounded  
disc  
say  $\gg X^\beta$

and

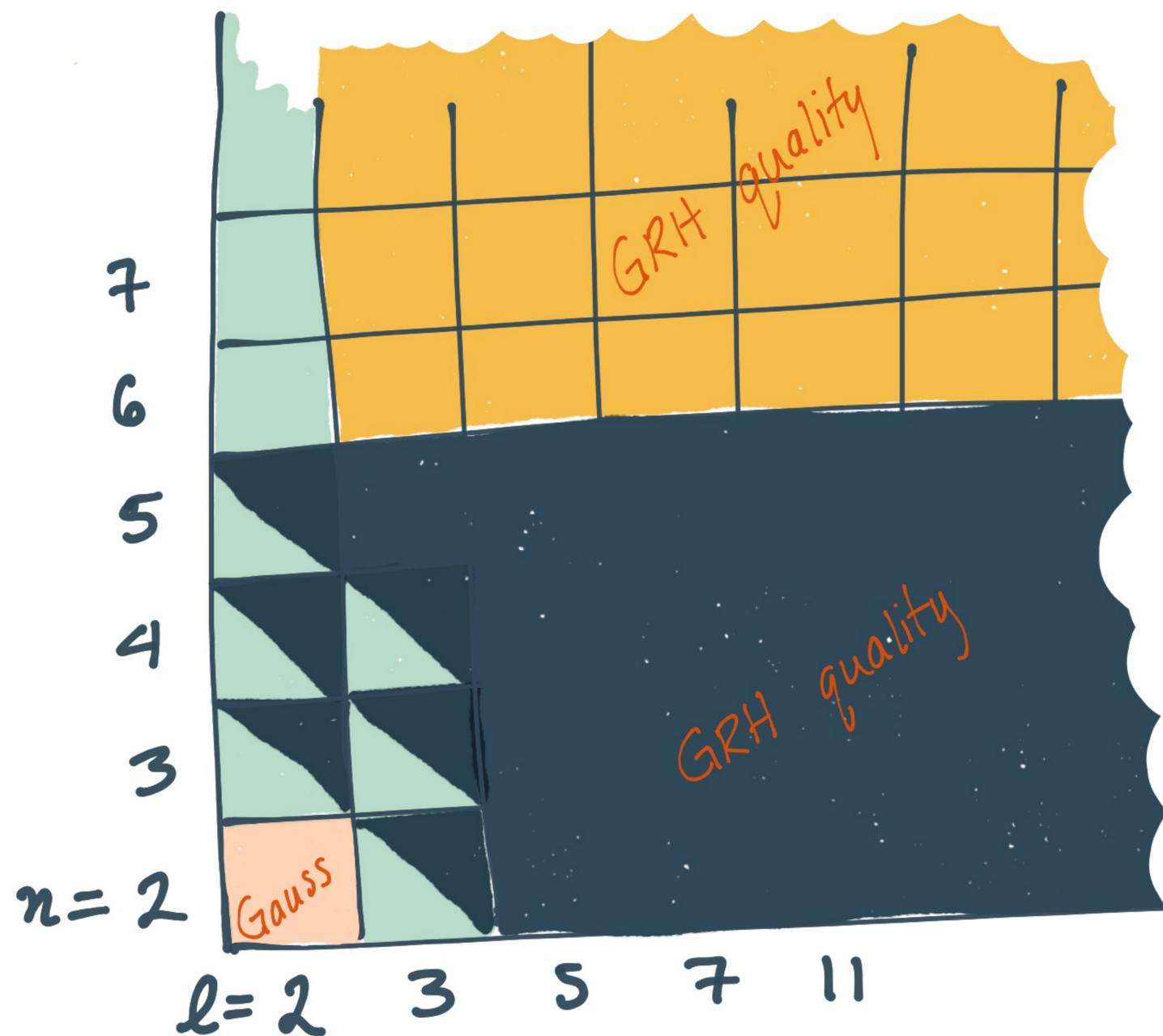
$\beta > \alpha$



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# Pierce - Turnage-Butterbaugh - Wood

Unconditional : construct such families for all deg  $n \geq 2$



Pierce - Turnage-Butterbaugh - Wood "An effective Chebotarev density theorem for families of number fields..."  
Invent. Math. 2020

Unconditional families include:

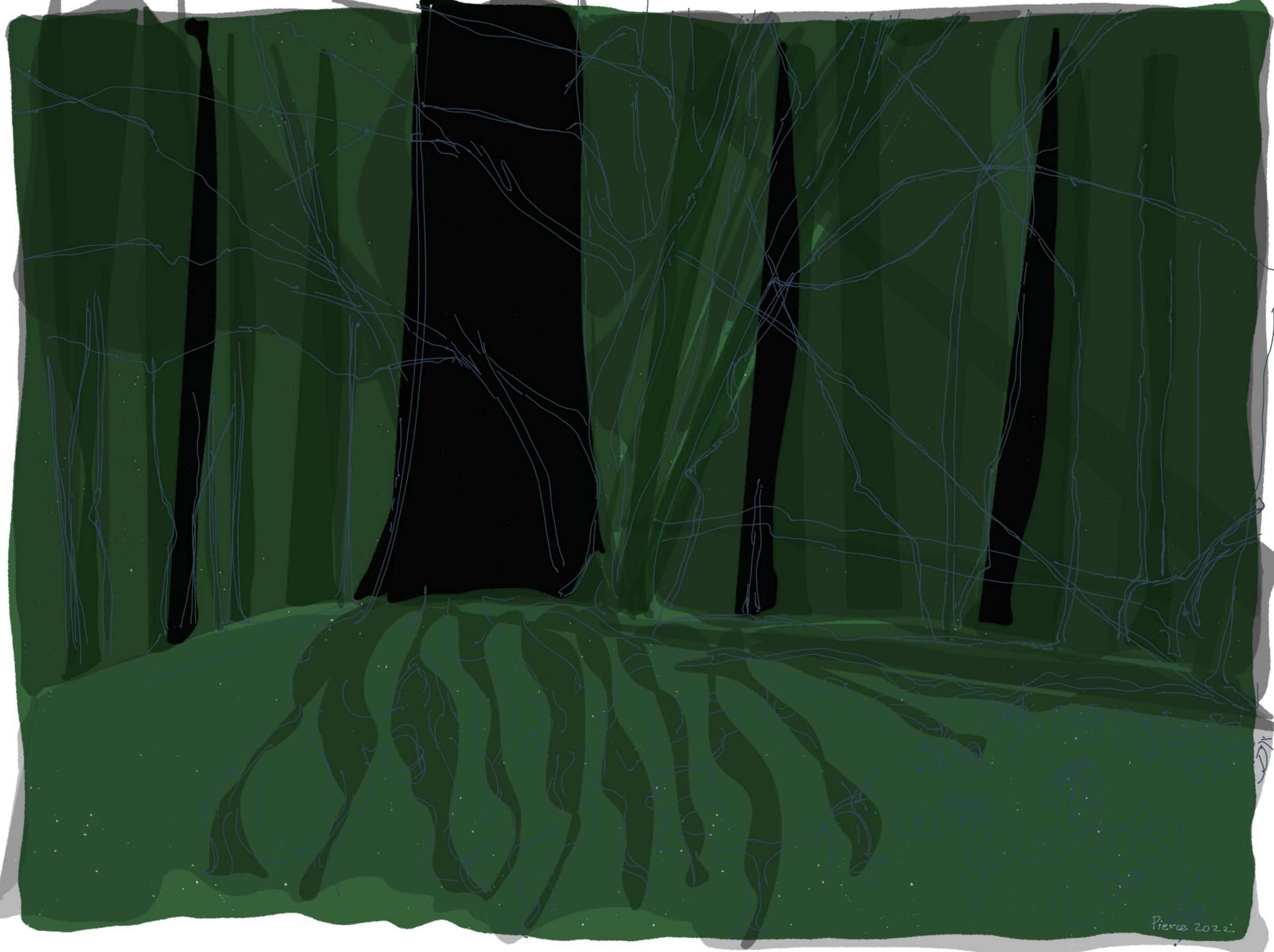
- all  $n \geq 2$ , totally ramified cyclic extensions
- all  $p \geq 3$  prime, cyclic extensions
- all  $p \geq 3$  prime, family of certain deg  $p$  dihedral extensions
- $n=3,4$   $S_n$  fields, square-free disc

Conditional on Strong Artin Conjecture

- $S_5$  fields, square-free disc
- $n \geq 5$ ,  $A_n$  fields

no assumption of GRH

Further innovations following this:  
 $A_n$ , Klüners and Wang, Wang,  
Lenke Oliver, Thorner, Zaman

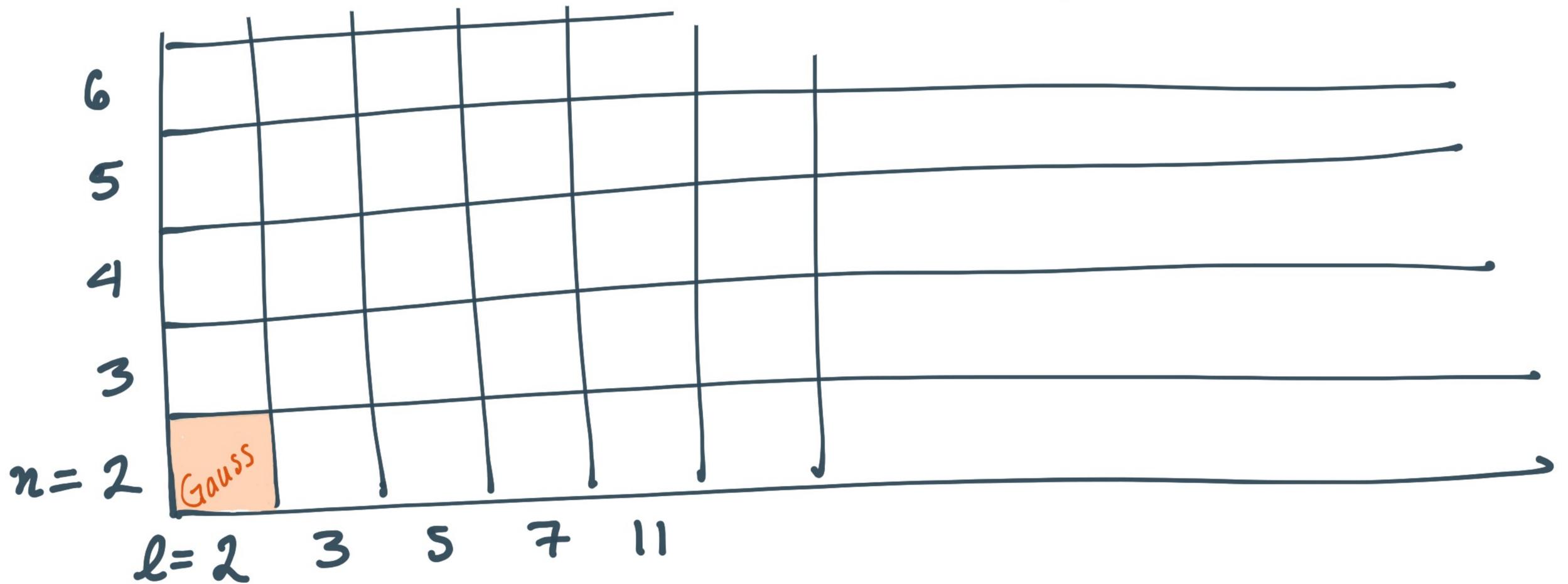


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$$|\mathcal{C}_K[l]| \ll_{n,l,\varepsilon} D_K^\varepsilon$$

for every field  
every degree  $n$   
every prime  $l$

?



# Averages

$$\frac{1}{|\mathfrak{F}(X)|} \sum_{\substack{\deg(K)=n \\ 0 < D_K \leq X \\ K \in \mathfrak{F}}} |\mathcal{C}_K[l]| \sim C_{n,l,\mathfrak{F}}$$

$n=2, l=3$  Davenport - Heilbronn

$n=3, l=2$  Bhargava

$n=2^m, l=3$

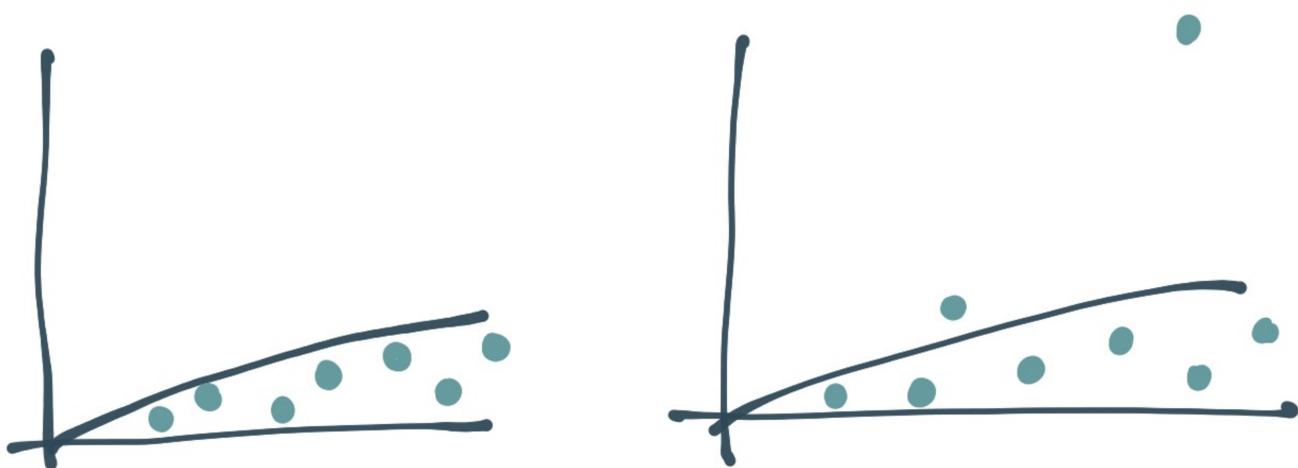
Lemke Oliver - Wang - Wood

$\mathfrak{F}_{2^m}(G, X), G \subset S_{2^m}$  transitive,  $G \ni$  transposition

Heath-Brown - Pierce,  $l \geq 5$

$$\frac{1}{X} \sum_{\substack{K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-D}) \\ D < X}} |\mathcal{C}_K[l]| \ll X^{\frac{1}{2} - \frac{3}{2l+2} + \epsilon}$$

below GRH



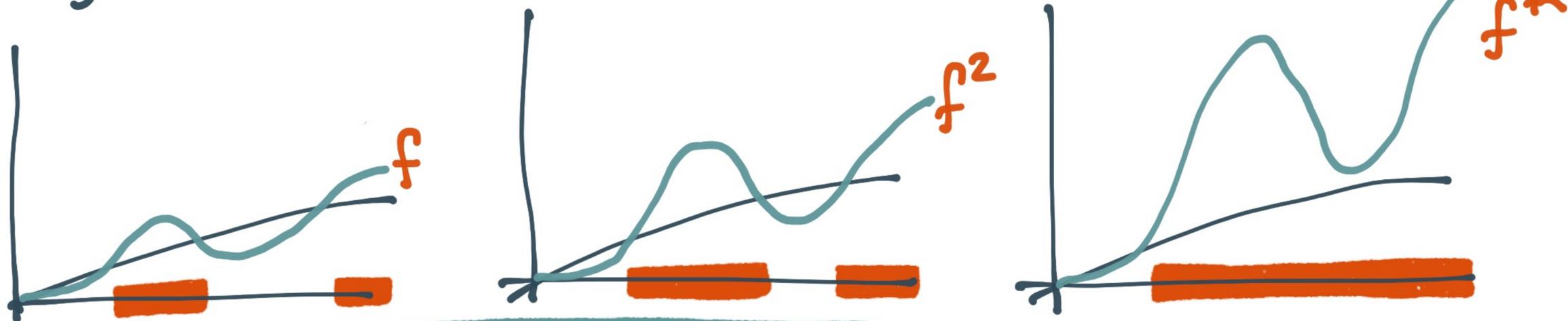
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Heath-Brown - Pierce "Averages and moments associated to class numbers of imaginary quadratic fields" Comp. Math. 2017

# Higher moments



Arbitrarily high moments

Pierce-Turnage-Butterbaugh-Wood

$l$ -torsion Conjecture

$$\sum_{\substack{K \in \mathfrak{F} \\ D_K \leq X}} |\mathcal{C}_K[l]|^k \ll |\mathfrak{F}(X)|^\alpha$$

uniformly  
in  $k \rightarrow \infty$

$$|\mathcal{C}_K[l]| \ll D_K^\varepsilon$$

$\forall \varepsilon > 0$

Pierce-Turnage-Butterbaugh-Wood "On a conjecture for  $l$ -torsion in class groups of number fields: from the perspective of moments" MRL 2021

Cohen-Lenstra-Martinet heuristics

Wang-Wood

Arbitrarily high moments

Pierce-Turnage-Butterbaugh-Wood

$l$ -torsion Conjecture

Work on moments

- Fouvry-Klüners
- Heath-Brown-Pierce
- Frei-Widmer
- Klys, and others

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## Discriminant Multiplicity Conjecture

For every  $n$ , for every  $D$ , at most

$\ll D^\varepsilon$  degree  $n$  fields  $K$

have  $D_K = D$

familiar?  
but now for  
different  
reasons!

$l$ -torsion Conjecture

Cohen-Lenstra-Martinet heuristics

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Malle's Conjecture  
(weak form)

fields of bounded discriminant

fields of fixed discriminant

Discriminant Multiplicity Conj.

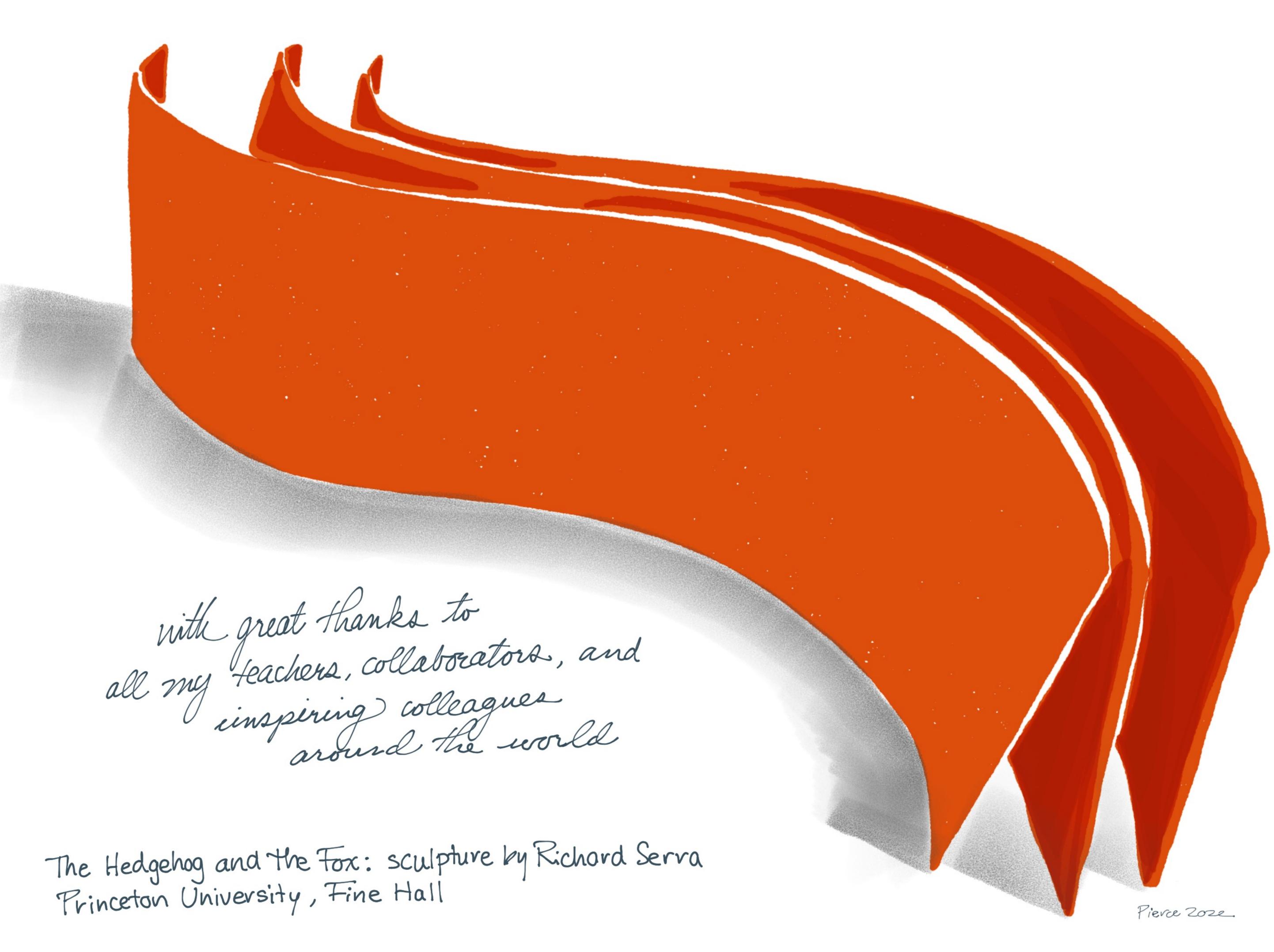
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