Geometric invariants from counting points

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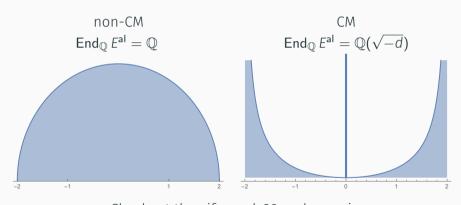
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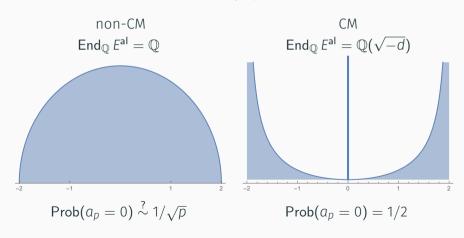
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Checkout the gifs: rank 28 and generic

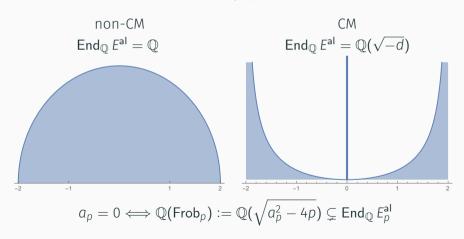
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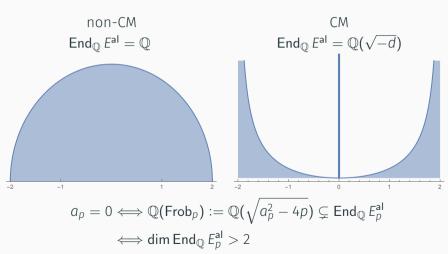


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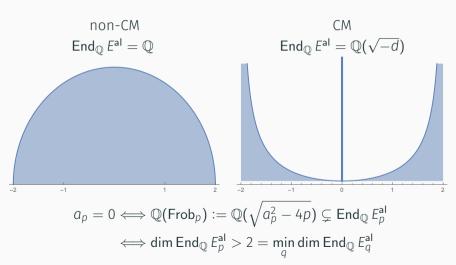
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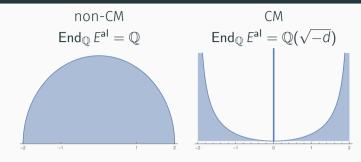
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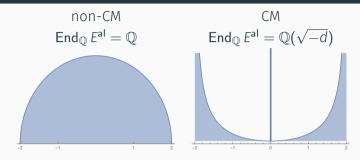


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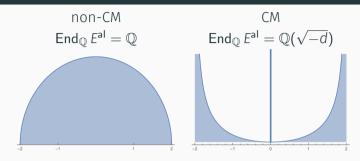
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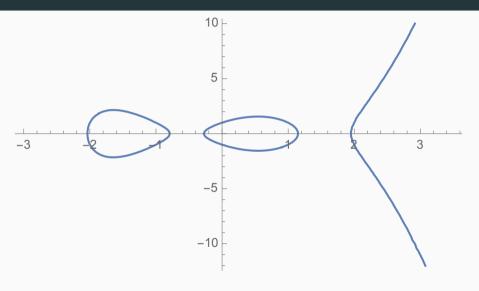
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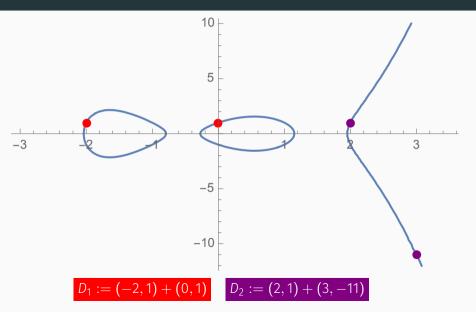
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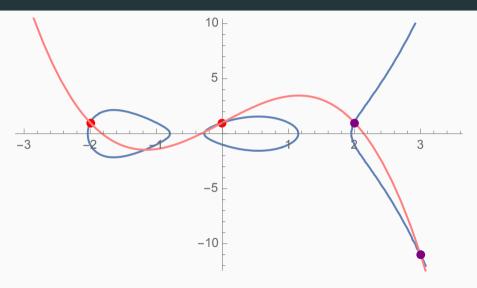
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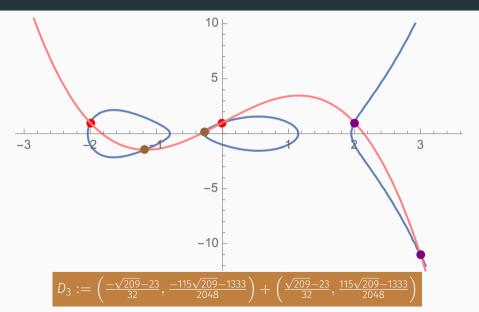
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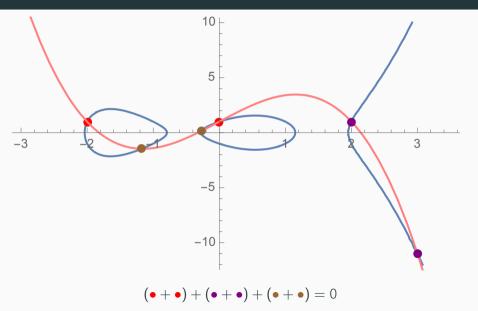
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 $L_p(T)$ gives us a lot of information about $A_p := A \mod p$

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Fact

By a theorem of Charles, we know that at some point this method will attain a tight upper bound for $rk NS(A^{al})$.

Real endomorphisms algebras and Picard numbers

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Theorem (C-Mascot-Sijsling-Voight, C-Lombardo-Voight)

If Mumford–Tate conjecture holds for A, then we can compute \dot{t}

- $\{(e_i n_i, n_i \operatorname{dim} A_i)\}_{i=1}^t$
- L_i

This is practical and its done by counting points (=computing L_p)

Real endomorphisms algebras, $\{e_i n_i, n_i \dim A_i\}_{i=1}^t$, and dim L_i

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Using Sato-Tate distributions

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Recall that:

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$$E_p^{\mathsf{al}} = 4 \Longleftrightarrow a_p = 0$$

• Prob
$$(a_p = 0) = \begin{cases} ? \frac{1}{\sqrt{p}} & \text{if } E \text{ is non-CM (Lang-Trotter)} \\ 1/2 & \text{if } E \text{ has CM by } \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-d}) \end{cases}$$

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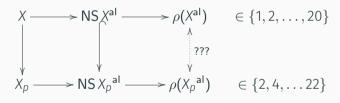
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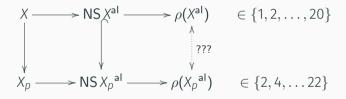
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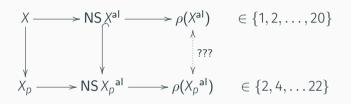
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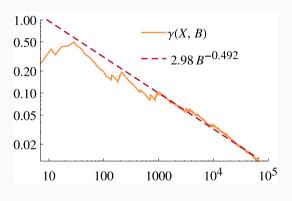
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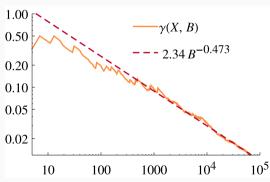
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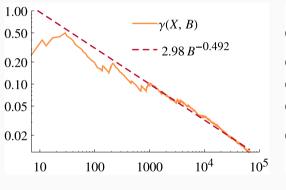
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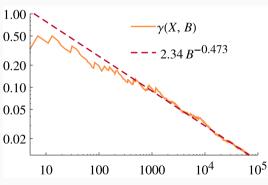
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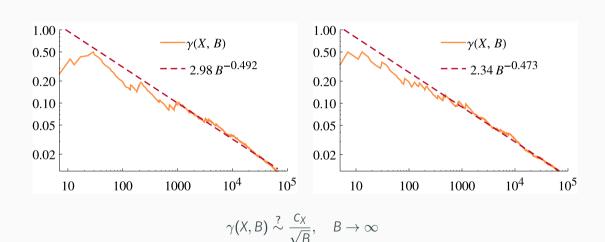
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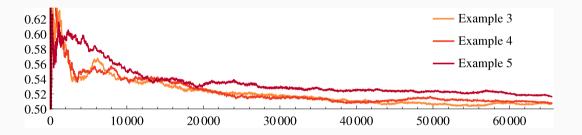
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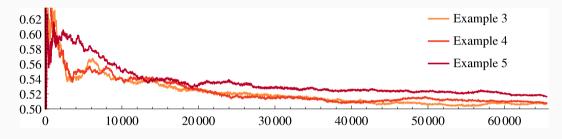


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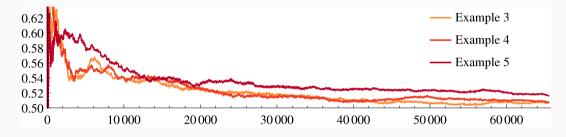


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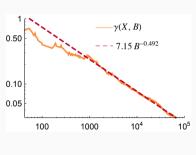
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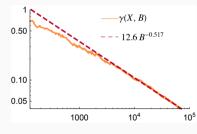
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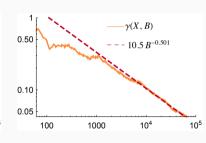
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