

Enumerating Cubic Function Fields

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Residue of $\Phi(s)$ at $s = 1$ is $\frac{1}{\zeta(2)} = \frac{6}{\pi^2}$!

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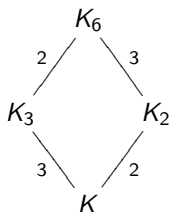
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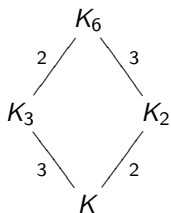
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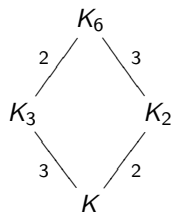
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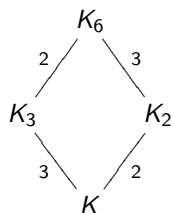


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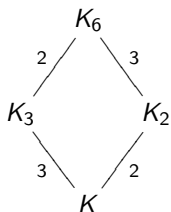


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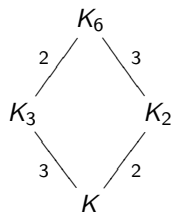


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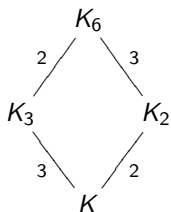


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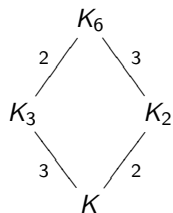


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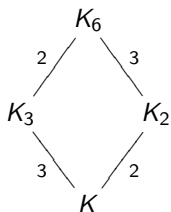
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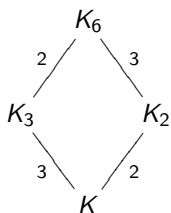


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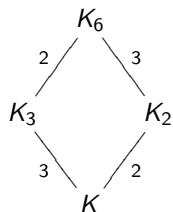


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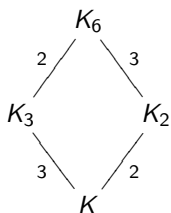


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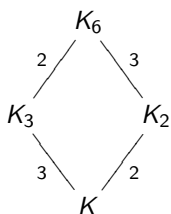
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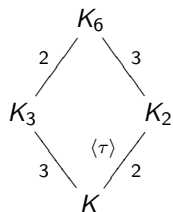
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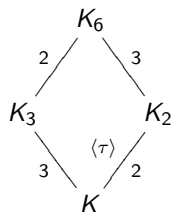


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$$\Phi(s, K_2) = c_1 \prod_{p \in \mathcal{D}} \left(1 + \frac{2}{|\mathbf{N}p|^s} \right) \cdot \frac{\zeta_{K_2}(s)}{\zeta_K(2s) \cdot \frac{\zeta_K(s)}{\zeta_K(2s)} \cdot L(s, \psi)} + O(1)$$

⋮

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Res}_{s=1} \Phi(s, K_2) &= \frac{c_1}{\zeta_K(2)} \cdot \prod_{p \in \mathcal{D}} \left(1 - \frac{2}{|\mathbf{N}p|(|\mathbf{N}p| + 1)} \right) \cdot \\ &\quad \prod_{p \mid \Delta} \left(1 - \frac{1}{|\mathbf{N}p| + 1} \right) \cdot \operatorname{Res}_{s=1} \zeta_{K_2}(s) \end{aligned}$$

Asymptotic

This residue become the constant term in front of the main term.

Let $N(q^{2n}, K_2)$ be the number of cubic function fields with given quadratic resolvent whose discriminant is bounded by q^{2n} in absolute value. Then

$$N(q^{2n}, K_2) = \text{Res}_{s=1} \Phi(s, K_2) \cdot q^{2n} + O(q^{4n/3+\epsilon})$$

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- ▶ Error bounds? Progress for number fields (Bhargava et. al., Tamaguchi & Thorne), less for function fields.