

# **Quantitative upper bounds related to an isogeny criterion for elliptic curves**

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### A remark of Serre (2005)

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**Murty-Pujahari (2017)** Under GRH (for certain Rankin-Selberg  $L$ -functions of the symmetric powers of  $\pi_1, \pi_2$ ):

$$\mathcal{F}_{\pi_1, \pi_2}(x) \ll_{k_1, k_2, q_1, q_2} \frac{x^{\frac{7}{8}}}{(\log x)^{\frac{1}{2}}}.$$

**Wong (2018)**

- Under GRH (same as above):

$$\mathcal{F}_{\pi_1, \pi_2}(x) \ll_{k_1, k_2, q_1, q_2} \frac{x^{\frac{5}{6}}}{(\log x)^{\frac{1}{3}}}.$$

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# Main Result

## Theorem (Cojocaru-Hinz-W., 2024)

Let  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  be non-CM elliptic curves over a number field  $K$ , and not  $\overline{K}$ -isogenous. Let

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Then for any sufficiently large  $x$ ,

- Unconditionally:

$$\mathcal{F}_{E_1, E_2}(x) \ll_{E_1, E_2, K} \frac{x(\log \log x)^{\frac{1}{9}}}{(\log x)^{\frac{19}{18}}}.$$

- Under GRH for Dedekind zeta functions:

$$\mathcal{F}_{E_1, E_2}(x) \ll_{E_1, E_2, K} \frac{x^{\frac{6}{7}}}{(\log x)^{\frac{5}{7}}}.$$

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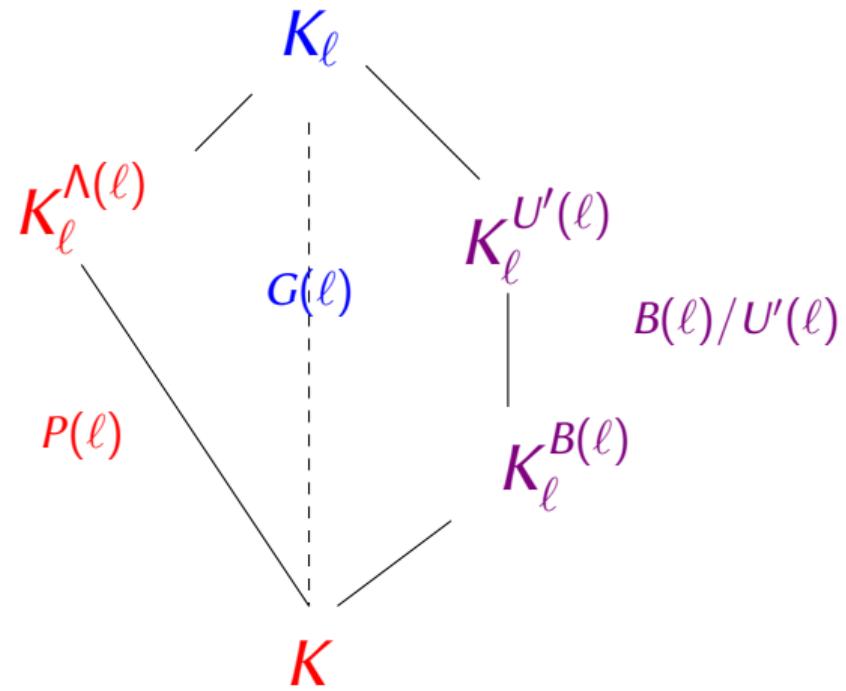
$\widehat{\mathcal{C}}_{\text{Borel}}(\ell)^{\alpha_1, \alpha_2}$  := the image of  $\mathcal{C}(\ell)^{\alpha_1, \alpha_2} \cap B(\ell)$  in  $B(\ell)/U'(\ell)$  (**abelian**).

$\widehat{\mathcal{C}}_{\text{Proj}}(\ell)^{\alpha_1, \alpha_2}$  := the image of  $\mathcal{C}_0(\ell)^{\alpha_1, \alpha_2}$  in  $G(\ell)/\Lambda(\ell)$ .

- Unconditionally:  $\mathcal{T}_{E_1, E_2}^{\alpha_1, \alpha_2}(x) \leftrightarrow \pi_{\widehat{\mathcal{C}}_{\text{Proj}}(\ell)^{\alpha_1, \alpha_2}}(x, K_\ell^{\Lambda(\ell)} / K)$ .

- Under GRH:  $\mathcal{T}_{E_1, E_2}^{\alpha_1, \alpha_2}(x) \leftrightarrow \max_{y(x) \leq \ell \leq y(x) + u(x)} \pi_{\mathcal{C}(\ell)^{\alpha_1, \alpha_2}}(x, K_\ell / K)$   
 $\leftrightarrow \max_{y(x) \leq \ell \leq y(x) + u(x)} \pi_{\widehat{\mathcal{C}}_{\text{Borel}}(\ell)^{\alpha_1, \alpha_2}}(x, K_\ell^{U'(\ell)} / K_\ell^{B(\ell)})$ .

# Field Exrensions



## Uncnditional estimation of $\mathcal{T}_{E_1, E_2}^{\alpha_1, \alpha_2}(x)$

By unconditionally effective Chebotarev Density Theorem:

$$\mathcal{T}_{E_1, E_2}^{\alpha_1, \alpha_2}(x) \ll \pi_{\widehat{\mathcal{C}}_{\text{Proj}}(\ell)^{\alpha_1, \alpha_2}}(x, K_\ell^{\Lambda(\ell)} / K) \ll \frac{|\widehat{\mathcal{C}}_{\text{Proj}}(\ell)^{\alpha_1, \alpha_2}|}{|P(\ell)|} \text{li}(x) \ll \frac{x}{\ell \log x},$$

as long as

$$\log x \gg n_K^3 \ell^{18} (\log(\ell N_{E_1} N_{E_2} d_K))^2 \left( \gg [K_\ell^{\Lambda(\ell)} : K] (\log |d_{K_\ell^{\Lambda(\ell)}}|)^2 \right).$$

## Uncnditional estimation of $\mathcal{T}_{E_1, E_2}^{\alpha_1, \alpha_2}(x)$

By unconditionally effective Chebotarev Density Theorem:

$$\mathcal{T}_{E_1, E_2}^{\alpha_1, \alpha_2}(x) \ll \pi_{\widehat{\mathcal{C}}_{\text{Proj}}(\ell)^{\alpha_1, \alpha_2}}(x, K_\ell^{\Lambda(\ell)} / K) \ll \frac{|\widehat{\mathcal{C}}_{\text{Proj}}(\ell)^{\alpha_1, \alpha_2}|}{|P(\ell)|} \text{li}(x) \ll \frac{x}{\ell \log x},$$

as long as

$$\log x \gg n_K^3 \ell^{18} (\log(\ell N_{E_1} N_{E_2} d_K))^2 \left( \gg [K_\ell^{\Lambda(\ell)} : K] (\log |d_{K_\ell^{\Lambda(\ell)}}|)^2 \right).$$

We take

$$\ell(x) = \left[ a \frac{(\log x)^{\frac{1}{18}}}{(\log \log x)^{\frac{1}{9}}} \right]$$

for some positive constant  $a = a(h_A, n_K, d_K, N_{E_1}, N_{E_2}, \alpha_1, \alpha_2)$ , we get

$$\mathcal{T}_{E_1, E_2}^{\alpha_1, \alpha_2}(x) \ll_{E_1, E_2, K, \alpha_1, \alpha_2} \frac{x (\log \log x)^{\frac{1}{9}}}{(\log x)^{\frac{19}{18}}}.$$

# Estimation of $\mathcal{T}_{E_1, E_2}^{\alpha_1, \alpha_2}(x)$ under GRH

$$\mathcal{T}_{E_1, E_2}^{\alpha_1, \alpha_2}(x) \ll \max_{y(x) \leq \ell \leq y(x) + u(x)} \pi_{\widehat{C}_{\text{Borel}}(\ell)^{\alpha_1, \alpha_2}} \left( x, K_\ell^{U'(\ell)} / K_\ell^{B(\ell)} \right).$$

# Estimation of $\mathcal{T}_{E_1, E_2}^{\alpha_1, \alpha_2}(x)$ under GRH

$$\mathcal{T}_{E_1, E_2}^{\alpha_1, \alpha_2}(x) \ll \max_{y(x) \leq \ell \leq y(x) + u(x)} \pi_{\widehat{\mathcal{C}}_{\text{Borel}}(\ell)^{\alpha_1, \alpha_2}} \left( x, K_\ell^{U'(\ell)} / K_\ell^{B(\ell)} \right).$$

Effective Chebotarev Density Theorem under GRH and AHC:

$$\begin{aligned} \pi_{\mathcal{C}(\ell)^{\alpha_1, \alpha_2}}(x, K_\ell / K) &\ll \frac{\left| \widehat{\mathcal{C}}_{\text{Borel}}(\ell)^{\alpha_1, \alpha_2} \right| \cdot |U'(\ell)|}{|B(\ell)|} \cdot \frac{x}{\log x} \\ &+ \left| \widehat{\mathcal{C}}_{\text{Borel}}(\ell)^{\alpha_1, \alpha_2} \right|^{\frac{1}{2}} [K_\ell^{B(\ell)} : K] \frac{x^{\frac{1}{2}}}{\log x} \log M \left( K_\ell^{U'(\ell)} / K_\ell^{B(\ell)} \right) \\ &\ll \frac{x}{\ell \log x} + \ell^{\frac{5}{2}} \frac{x^{\frac{1}{2}}}{\log x} \cdot \frac{\log(\ell N_1 N_2 d_K)}{n_K}. \end{aligned}$$

$$y(x) = \left[ a' \frac{x^{\frac{1}{7}}}{(\log x)^{\frac{2}{7}}} \right], \quad u(x) = \left[ a'' y(x)^{\frac{1}{2}} (\log y(x))^{2+\varepsilon} \right]$$

for some positive constants  $a' = a'(h_A, n_K, d_K, N_1, N_2, \alpha_1, \alpha_2)$  and  $a'' = a''(h_A, n_K, d_K, N_1, N_2, \alpha_1, \alpha_2)$  and get

$$\mathcal{T}_{E_1, E_2}^{\alpha_1, \alpha_2}(x) \ll_{E_1, E_2, K, \alpha_1, \alpha_2} \frac{x^{\frac{6}{7}}}{(\log x)^{\frac{5}{7}}}.$$

**THANKS FOR YOUR ATTENTION!**