Effective Chebotarev density theorems for families of number fields without GRH

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"Effective": error term and lower bound on X

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Our main result

Theorem (Pierce, Turnage-Butterbaugh, W. '17)

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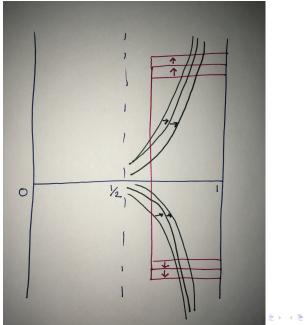
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Zero-free regions



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- main tool: pointwise upper bounds on #{K : |D_K| = X} and control ramification

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Upper bounds with fixed discriminant, for dihedral D_p :

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Theorem (Vaaler and Widmer, '13)

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