# Low discriminants for number fields of degree 8 and signature (2,3)

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#### Corollary

For every number field K of degree  $\geq 2$  there is a prime number  $p \in \mathbb{Z}$  which ramifies in  $\mathcal{O}_{K}$ .

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- If *n* is fixed and  $r_1$  increases, then also  $M(n, r_2) = \frac{n^n}{n!} \left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)^{r_2}$  increases.
- What is the minimum value of  $|d_K|$  for a number field K of degree n and with  $r_1$  real embeddings?

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- What is the minimum value of  $|d_K|$  for a number field K of degree n and with  $r_1$  real embeddings?
- The problem has been solved for  $n \le 7$ , with any signature, and for n = 8, with signature (8,0) or (0,4).
- The minimal case which is not completely known is n = 8 and  $(r_1, r_2) = (2, 3)$ .

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- $a_n = \mathsf{N}(\alpha)$ .
- Symmetric functions: for every  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$  define

$$S_m(\alpha) := \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i^m.$$

(where  $\alpha_i := \sigma_i(\alpha)$ ). We have the congruence relations

• 
$$a_1 = -S_1(\alpha) = -\operatorname{Tr}(\alpha)$$
  
•  $S_m = -ma_m - \sum_{i=1}^{m-1} a_{m-i}S_i$  for  $2 \le m \le n$ .

•  $S_m = -\sum_{i=1}^n a_i S_{m-i}$  for m > n

The goal is to bound the symmetric functions.

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#### Theorem (Hunter-Pohst, 1982)

Let K be a number field of degree n and discriminant  $d_K$ . Then there exists  $\alpha \in \mathcal{O}_K \setminus \mathbb{Z}$  such that

$$0 \leq \operatorname{Tr}(\alpha) \leq \frac{n}{2},$$

$$T_2(\alpha) \leq \frac{(\operatorname{Tr}(\alpha))^2}{n} + \gamma_{n-1} \left| \frac{d_k}{n} \right|^{1/(n-1)} =: U_2$$

where  $\gamma_{n-1}$  is the (n-1)-th Hermite's constant.

**Remark:** Martinet gave a stronger result when K has proper subfields.

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Assume  $T_2(\alpha) \leq T$ . For every integer  $1 \leq t \leq n-1$  we look for the least positive root of

$$t(y^{t-n}N)^{2/t} + (n-t)y^2 - T = 0$$

and we call it  $y_1(t)$ . Then,  $\forall m \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0,2\}$  one has

$$T_m(\alpha) \le U_m := \max_{1 \le t \le n-1} [t(y_1(t)^{t-n}N)^{m/t} + (n-t)y_1(t)^m].$$

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#### Lemma

For K of degree n and signature  $(r_1, r_2)$ , for every y > 0, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{n} \log |d_{\mathcal{K}}| &\geq \gamma + \log(4\pi) + \frac{r_1}{n} \\ &- \int_0^\infty (1 - f(x\sqrt{y})) \left( \frac{1}{\sinh(x)} + \frac{r_1}{n} \frac{1}{2\cosh^2(x/2)} \right) dx \\ &- \frac{4}{n} \int_0^\infty f(x\sqrt{y}) dx + \frac{4}{n} \sum_{\mathcal{P},m} \frac{\log(\mathsf{N}(\mathcal{P}))}{1 + (\mathsf{N}(\mathcal{P})^m)} f(m\log\mathsf{N}(\mathcal{P})\sqrt{y}). \end{aligned}$$

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- Selmane (1999) used this inequality to compute the following lower bounds for |d<sub>K</sub>|, whenever K has n = 8, (r<sub>1</sub>, r<sub>2</sub>) = (2,3) and admits a prime ideal P of norm N(P):

$N(\mathcal{P})$	$ d_{\mathcal{K}}  >$
2	11725962
3	8336752
4	6688609
5	5726300
7	4682934.

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- The procedure may miss the minimum polynomial of a field with proper subfields; but these fields are already classified by Algorithmic Class Field Theory and Martinet's Theorem (in fact, we detect them anyway).

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We set the value for  $U_2$  and then compute the bounds  $U_m$  for the absolute symmetric functions. We have then the intervals  $[-U_m, U_m]$  (with  $m \in \{2, ..., 8\}$  and  $m \in \{-1, -2\}$ ). Select  $a_8 \in \{-1, 1\}$ .

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**Remark:** If p(1) is even, discard this polynomial and create the next by increasing  $a_7$  of 1 (and so decreasing  $S_7$  of 7).

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During the construction of the  $S_m$ 's one can already check the following:

- If  $a_1 = 0$ , then  $S_3 \ge 0$ .
- $S_2 \ge -U_2 + \frac{2}{n}a_1^2$
- $|S_3| \leq \left(\frac{S_2+T}{2}(S_4+2(T-S_2)^2)\right)^{1/2}$ .
- $S_4 \geq -2(T-S_2)^2$ .

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- 3) If p(x) misses one of the following conditions, then it has to be discarded.
  - $|p(1)| = |N(\alpha 1)| \le ((U_2 2S_1 + 8)/8)^4$  and it must be an admissible norm for a field with  $|d_K| \le 5726300$ .
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- 4) The .mat files are then translated into .gp files and read by PARI/GP. For every polynomial p(x) left, one finally checks if:
  - p(x) is irreducible.
  - The discriminant  $d_K$  of the number field generated by p(x) is negative (remember that  $r_2 = 3$ ).
  - $d_K \geq -5726300.$
- 5) The few polynomials remaining define number fields which are classified via their isomorphism classes (with the command **nfisisom()** in PARI/GP).

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#### Results

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$-d_K$	Factorization	f(x)
4286875	$5^4 \cdot 19$	$x^8 - 3x^7 - x^6 + 7x^5 + 3x^4 - 6x^3 - 4x^2 + x + 1$
4296211	$199 \cdot 21589$	$x^8 - x^7 + 3x^5 - 4x^4 + 2x^3 + 2x^2 - 3x + 1$
4297507	2011 · 2137	$x^8 - 2x^6 - x^5 - x^3 + 2x^2 + x - 1$
4364587	29 · 150503	$x^8 - 3x^6 - 3x^5 + 4x^4 + 7x^3 - 2x^2 - 4x - 1$
4386467	$41\cdot83\cdot1289$	$x^{8} + 4x^{6} - 2x^{5} + 3x^{4} - 5x^{3} + x^{2} - 2x + 1$
4421387	$1321 \cdot 3347$	$x^8 - x^6 - x^5 + 2x^4 - x^3 - 2x^2 + 2x - 1$
4423907	prime	$x^8 - 2x^5 - 5x^4 - 5x^3 - 5x^2 - 2x - 1$
4456891	prime	$x^8 - 3x^6 - 3x^5 + 5x^4 + 6x^3 - 2x^2 - 4x - 1$
4461875	$5^4 \cdot 11^2 \cdot 59$	$x^8 - x^7 + x^6 + 2x^5 - 2x^4 + 2x^2 - x - 1$
4505651	prime	$x^8 - 3x^6 - 3x^5 + 5x^4 + 4x^3 - 3x^2 - x + 1$
4542739	prime	$x^8 - 4x^6 - 3x^5 + 6x^4 + 7x^3 - x^2 - 4x - 1$
4570091	$1249 \cdot 3659$	$x^8 - x^6 - x^5 + x^4 - x^3 - 2x^2 + x + 1$
4570723	prime	$x^{8} - 2x^{7} + x^{6} + 3x^{5} - 5x^{4} - 3x^{3} + 4x^{2} + x - 1$
4584491	$19\cdot 101\cdot 2389$	$x^8 - 3x^6 - x^5 + 3x^4 + 4x^3 - x^2 - 3x - 1$
4596992	2 <sup>8</sup> · 17957	$x^8 - 3x^6 - 2x^5 + 3x^4 - x^2 + 2x - 1$

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4603987	prime	$x^8 - x^7 - 4x^6 - 3x^5 + 3x^4 + 8x^3 + 8x^2 + 4x + 1$
4614499	prime	$x^8 - x^6 - 3x^5 + x^4 + 2x^3 - x^2 + x + 1$
4616192	$2^{12}\cdot7^2\cdot23$	$x^8 - 2x^6 - 2x^5 + 2x^4 + 4x^3 + x^2 - 2x - 1$
4623371	$17\cdot 31^2\cdot 283$	$x^8 + x^6 - x^3 - x^2 - 1$
4648192	$2^8 \cdot 67 \cdot 271$	$x^8 - x^6 - 2x^5 - 2x^4 + 2x^2 + 2x + 1$
4663051	$31\cdot 359\cdot 419$	$x^8 - x^7 + x^6 - 3x^5 + 7x^4 - 6x^3 + x^2 + 2x - 1$
4690927	443 · 10589	$x^8 - 4x^6 - 4x^5 + 3x^4 + 6x^3 - x^2 - 3x + 1$
4711123	$43 \cdot 331^2$	$x^{8} + 2x^{6} - 7x^{5} - 4x^{4} - 9x^{3} + 9x^{2} + 6x + 1$
4725251	$59 \cdot 283^2$	$x^8 - 4x^6 - 2x^5 + 7x^4 + 5x^3 - 3x^2 - 4x - 1$
4761667	23 · 207029	$x^8 - 3x^6 - 2x^5 - 2x^4 + 3x^3 + 9x^2 + 6x + 1$
4775363	$1931 \cdot 2473$	$x^8 - 6x^6 - 2x^5 + 9x^4 + x^3 - 5x^2 + 1$
4785667	$29\cdot 59\cdot 2797$	$x^8 - x^5 - 4x^4 - 3x^3 + 2x^2 + 3x + 1$
4809907	$19 \cdot 253153$	$x^8 - 4x^6 - x^5 + 5x^4 + x^3 - x^2 - x - 1$
4858379	$17^{2} \cdot 16811$	$x^8 + 3x^6 - x^5 + 2x^4 - 3x^3 - 2x + 1$
4931267	$11\cdot 67\cdot 6691$	$x^8 - x^6 - x^5 - 6x^4 - 2x^3 + 17x^2 - 8x + 1$
4960000	$2^8 \cdot 5^4 \cdot 31$	$x^8 - x^6 - 6x^5 + 6x^4 - 2x^3 + 8x^2 - 6x + 1$

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5040467	prime	$x^8 - 5x^6 - 3x^5 + 6x^4 + 4x^3 - 3x^2 - 2x + 1$
5040547	$37\cdot 59\cdot 2309$	$x^8 - 2x^6 + 3x^4 - 3x^3 - 3x^2 + 4x + 1$
5103467	prime	$x^8 - 5x^6 - x^5 + 8x^4 + 2x^3 - 4x^2 - x + 1$
5107019	prime	$x^8 - 3x^6 - 3x^5 + 3x^4 + 9x^3 + 6x^2 + x - 1$
5118587	29 · 176503	$x^8 - 2x^6 - 5x^5 - 6x^4 + 11x^3 + 20x^2 + 9x + 1$
5149367	$47 \cdot 331^2$	$x^8 - 2x^6 - 2x^5 + 8x^4 - 2x^3 - 5x^2 + 4x - 1$
5155867	449 · 11483	$x^8 - 3x^6 - x^5 + 3x^4 + x^3 - 2x^2 - x + 1$
5165819	641 · 8059	$x^8 - 6x^6 - 5x^5 + 5x^4 + 9x^3 + 6x^2 + 2x + 1$
5204491	prime	$x^8 - 6x^6 - 7x^5 + 8x^4 + 19x^3 + 15x^2 + 6x + 1$
5233147	prime	$x^{8} + 2x^{6} - x^{5} - 11x^{4} - 9x^{3} + 2x^{2} + 4x + 1$
5272027	$317 \cdot 16631$	$x^8 + x^6 - 7x^5 + 6x^4 - 4x^3 + 5x^2 - 4x + 1$
5286727	prime	$x^8 - 4x^6 + 5x^4 - 3x^2 - x + 1$
5293867	227 · 23321	$x^8 - 4x^6 - x^5 + 8x^4 + 5x^3 - 6x^2 - 5x + 1$
5344939	$521 \cdot 10259$	$x^8 - 5x^6 - 4x^5 + 5x^4 + 16x^3 + 5x^2 - 6x + 1$
5346947	839 · 6373	$x^8 - 6x^6 - 3x^5 + 9x^4 + 7x^3 + x^2 + x + 1$
5359051	prime	$x^8 - 4x^6 - 3x^5 + 3x^4 + 11x^3 + 10x^2 + 4x + 1$
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5369375	$5^4 \cdot 11^2 \cdot 71$	$x^8 + 4x^6 - 6x^5 + 6x^4 - 12x^3 - 7x^2 - 6x + 1$
5371171	$13 \cdot 413167$	$x^8 - x^6 - 5x^5 + 2x^4 + 9x^2 - 6x + 1$
5420747	prime	$x^8 - 5x^6 - 4x^5 + 5x^4 + 8x^3 + 5x^2 + 2x + 1$
5525731	$17 \cdot 325043$	$x^8 - 5x^6 - 3x^5 + 3x^4 - 2x^3 - 8x^2 - 4x + 1$
5635607	$61 \cdot 92387$	$x^8 + 2x^6 - 5x^5 - 6x^4 + 8x^3 + 2x^2 - 4x + 1$
5671691	$193 \cdot 29387$	$x^8 - 3x^6 - 3x^5 + 4x^4 + 3x^3 - 2x^2 + 1$
5697179	prime	$x^8 + x^6 - 8x^4 - 3x^3 + 5x^2 + 2x + 1$

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