Twisted L-values of elliptic curves

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What can be said about $L(E, \rho, s)$ algebraically and analytically?

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Example (Dokchitser–Evans–Wiersema 2021)

Let E_1 and E_2 be the elliptic curves given by 1356d1 and 1356f1, and let χ be the cubic character of conductor 7 given by $\chi(3) = \zeta_3^2$. Then

$$\operatorname{Reg}(E_i/K) = \operatorname{Tam}(E_i/K) = \operatorname{III}(E_i/K) = \operatorname{tor}(E_i/K) = 1,$$

for
$$K = \mathbb{Q}$$
 and $K = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_7)^+$, but $\mathcal{L}(E_1, \chi) = \zeta_3^2$ and $\mathcal{L}(E_2, \chi) = -\zeta_3^2$.

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Example $(E = 20a1, q = 3)$											
p	7	13	19	31	37	43	61	67	73	7	79
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mod 3	2	1	2	0	0	0	2	1	0		0
p	97	103	109	127	139	1	51	157	163	18	1
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Kisilevsky–Nam 2022 gave heuristic predictions on the asymptotic distribution of $\mathcal{L}(E,\chi)$, and computed data for the six elliptic curves given by 11a1, 14a1, 15a1, 17a1, 19a1, and 37b1.

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If $\overline{\rho_{E,q}}$ is surjective, then

$$\delta_{E,q}(\lambda) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{q-1} & \text{if } L_0(q)L_4(q) = 1 \\ \frac{q}{q^2-1} & \text{if } L_0(q)L_4(q) = 0 \\ \frac{1}{d+1} & \text{if } L_0(q)L_4(q) = -1 \end{cases}, \qquad L_n(q) := \left(\frac{\frac{\lambda}{\mathrm{BSD}(E)} + n}{q}\right).$$

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$\mathrm{GL}_2(\mathbb{F}_3)$	3	3/8	1/4	3/8	11a2	
GL2(±3)	6	3/8	3/8	1/4	11a1	
3B, 3Cs	3	1/2	0	1/2	50b3	
JB, 3Cs	6	1/2	1/2	0	50b1	
3Nn	3	1/8	3/4	1/8	704e1	
Sivii	6	1/8	1/8	3/4	245b1	
3Ns	3	1/4	1/2	1/4	1690d1	
3143	6	1/4	1/4	1/2	338d1	
3.8.0.1	any	5/9	2/9	2/9	20a1	
9.24.0.2,	1, 4, 7	1/3	2/3	0	108a1	
9.72.0.(8,9,10),	1, 4, 7	1/3	2/3	0		
27.648.18.1,	2, 5, 8	1/3	0	2/3	36a1	
27.1944.55.(43,44)	2, 3, 6	1/3		2/3		
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which proves the algebraic result.

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Proof.

- Cancellation of torsion and Tamagawa numbers (Lorenzini 2011)
- ▶ Classification of $im(\rho_{E,3})$ (Rouse–Sutherland–Zureick-Brown 2022)

