

Computing L -functions of superelliptic curves

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In this talk we discuss an approach for computing the L -functions of a curve via stable reduction. We focus on superelliptic curves Y defined over a number field, which are given by an equation $y^n = f(x)$. We compute the stable reduction of Y at primes whose residue characteristic is prime to n . We then use this information to compute the local L -factor and the exponent of the conductor at p .