

The behaviour of the Artin conductor

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Abstract: The Artin conductor is an interesting invariant related to the ramification properties of representations of Galois groups. The first non-trivial lower bounds were obtained by Odlyzko using analytical methods on the Artin L -functions:

$$f_{\chi} > (3.70)^{a_{\chi}} (2.38)^{b_{\chi}},$$

where a_{χ} and b_{χ} are integers depending on the character χ .

In this talk, we will discuss some properties of this invariant and present some results regarding its behaviour.