

FAMILIES OF POLYNOMIALS

Conference in Number Theory

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I. Moments of a Thue–Morse generating function
(joint with Christian Mauduit & Joël Rivat)

II. An Eulerian curiosity

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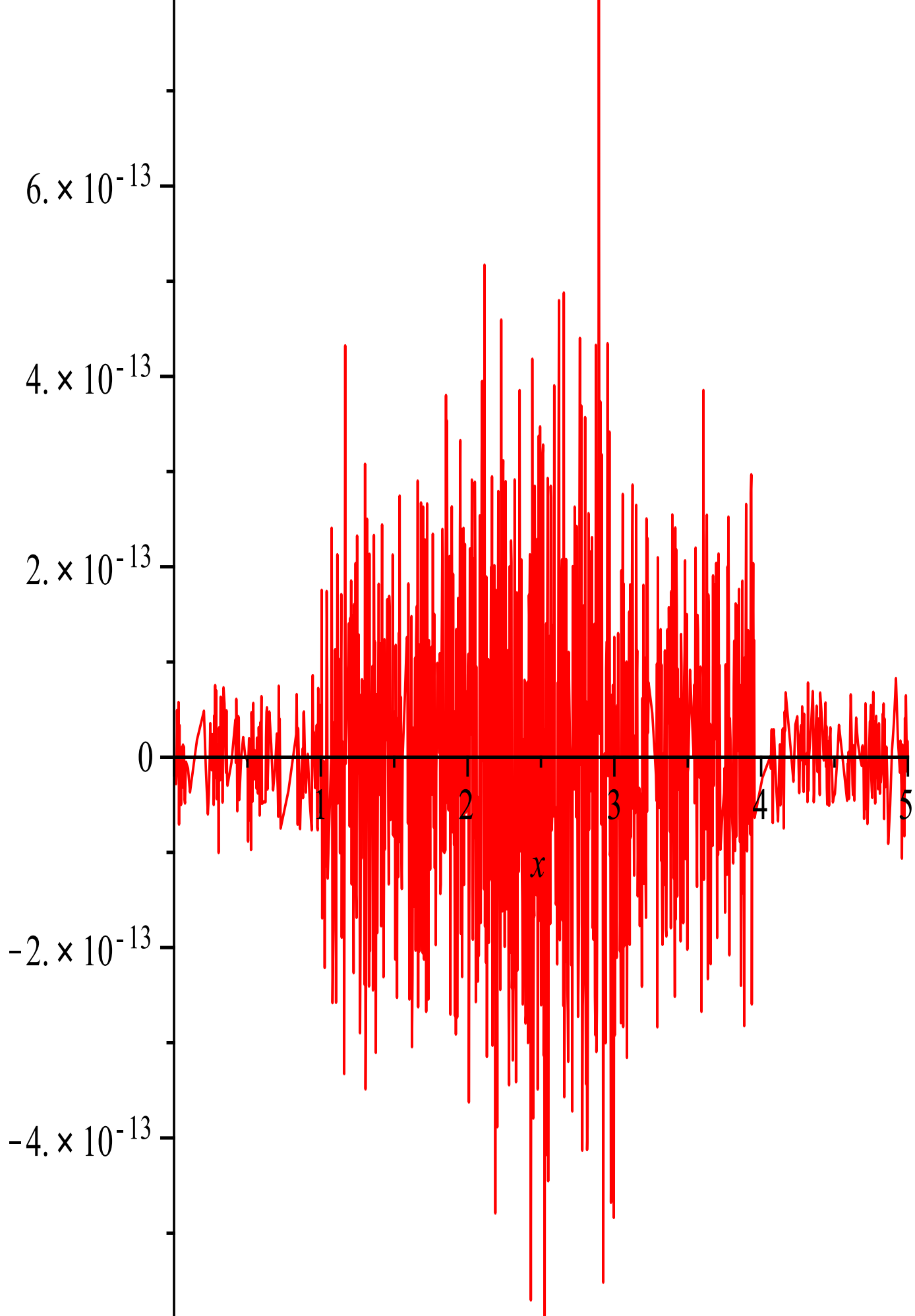
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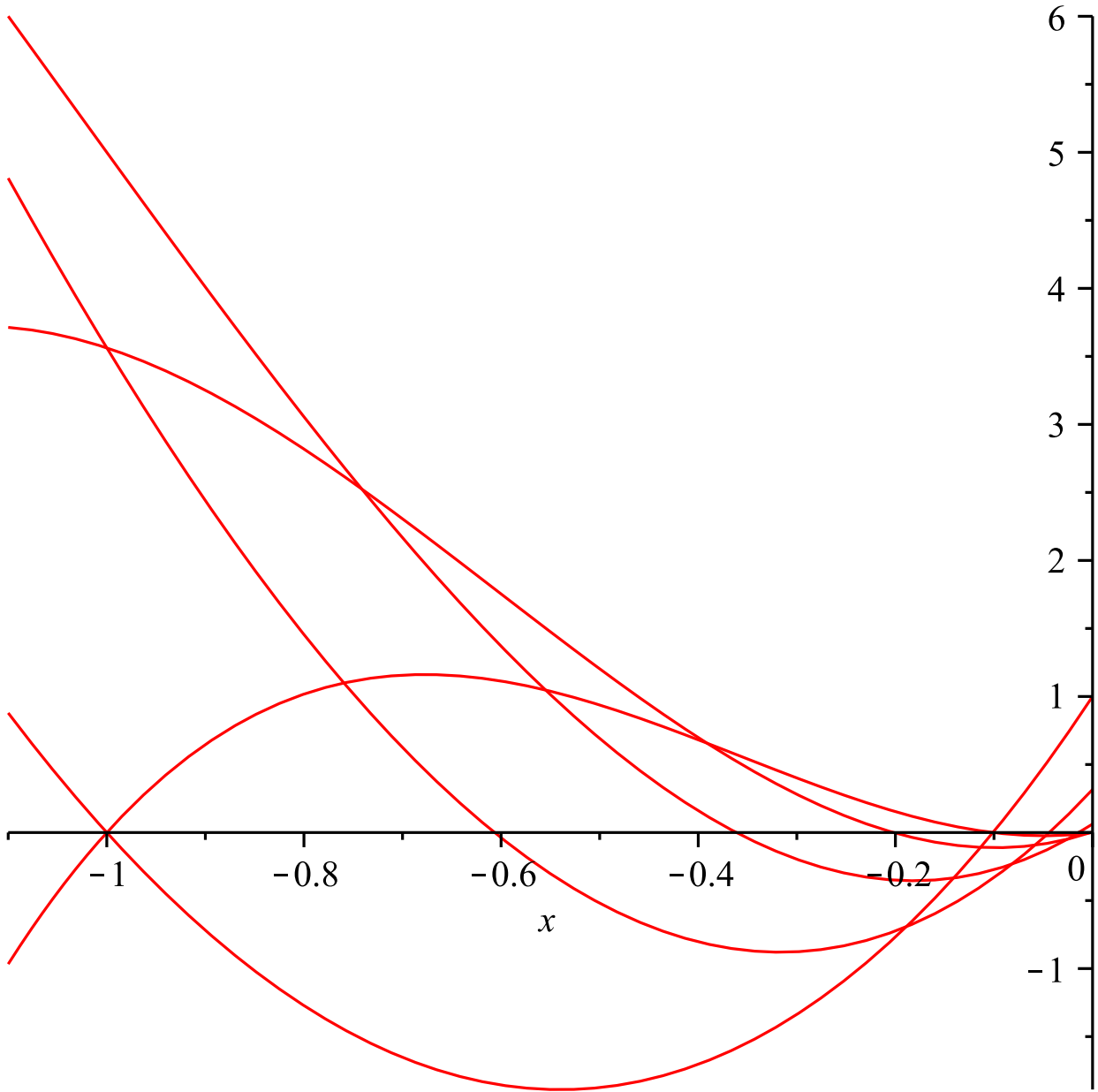
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