Regulators and Mahler measure

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Abstract

After Deninger's guess concerning the explicit logarithmic Mahler measure of the Laurent polynomial $x+\frac{1}{x}+y+\frac{1}{y}+1$, Boyd formulated a lot of conjectures. These conjectures enlighten the link between the logarithmic Mahler measure of a certain class of polynomials in 2 variables defining elliptic curves and their L-series. We shall explain the role of Regulators in the proof of two of these conjectures.