

A generalization of Kronecker's first limit formula with application to zeta functions of number fields

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Kronecker's first limit formula has many other applications; we mention one such next.

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Was proved for cubic fields by Efrat and for totally real fields by Liu-Masri. All proofs use generalizations of a trick of Hecke.

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