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# Heuristics on pairing-friendly elliptic curves

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We present a heuristic asymptotic formula as  $x \rightarrow \infty$  for the number of isogeny classes of pairing-friendly elliptic curves with fixed embedding degree  $k \geq 3$ , with fixed discriminant, with  $\rho$ -value bounded by a fixed  $\rho_0$  such that  $1 < \rho_0 < 2$ , and with prime subgroup order at most  $x$ .

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