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The Euler system of Heegner points ¹

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¹Victor Kolyvagin, 1989. **Euler Systems**, in *Grothendieck Festschrift* 

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