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**Title:** On positive real zeros of theta and *L*-functions associated with real, even and primitive characters

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Let D range over the positive fundamental discriminants. Let  $\theta(t, \chi_D)$ , t > 0, denote the theta function associated with the real, even and primitive Dirichlet character of conductor D. On the one hand, we prove that there are infinitely many positive discriminants D for which  $\theta(t, \chi_D)$  has at least one positive real zero. On the other hand, we prove that for a given positive real number  $t_0$ , there are at least  $\gg X/\log^{13/2} X$  positive fundamental discriminants  $D \leq X$  for which  $\theta(t_0, \chi_D) \neq 0$ .

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