

# Elliptic Curves

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# Chapter 1

## Informal Introduction

Number Theory

—Diophantis equations: Algebraic NT, Arithmetic geometry, Birch-Swinnerton-Dyer Conjecture

—Primes: Analytic NT, Riemann Hypothesis

This course is a an introduction of arithmetic geometry

$$V : \begin{cases} f_1(x_1, \dots, x_m) = 0 \\ \vdots \\ f_n(x_1, \dots, x_m) = 0 \end{cases}$$

System of polynomial equations with  $\mathbb{Z}$ -coefficient (algebraic variety over  $\mathbb{Q}$ )

Main question Describe:

$V(\mathbb{Q})$  =set of rational solutions ( $x_i \in \mathbb{Q}$ )

$V(\mathbb{Z})$  =set of integer solutions ( $x_i \in \mathbb{Z}$ )

Example: Is  $V(\mathbb{Q})$  infinite (or empty)?

Exercise (Fermat's Last Theorem):

$x^n + y^n = z^n$  has no  $\mathbb{Z}$ -solutions with  $xyz \neq 0, x, y, z \in \mathbb{Z}$  for  $n > 2$

$\Leftrightarrow V : x^n + y^n = 1$  has  $V(\mathbb{Q}) \subseteq \{(\pm 1, 0), (0, \pm 1)\}$  for  $n > 2$

Generally, simplest case is 1 equation in 2 variables

$C : f(x, y) = 0 \quad \deg f = d$

Plane curve

If  $C$  is non-singular projective, then  $C(\mathbb{C})$ =compact Riemann surface of genus  $g = \frac{(d-1)(d-2)}{2}$

When can  $C(\mathbb{Q})$  be infinite?

$g = 0$ : Either  $C(\mathbb{Q}) = \emptyset$  or  $C(\mathbb{Q})$  infinite.  $\exists$  algorithm to determine which  
 $g = 1$ : Unsolved problem (BSD conjecture)  
 $g \geq 2$ : Falting's Theorem (= Mordell Conjecture) (very hard)  $C(\mathbb{Q})$  always finite

$\underline{g = 0}$   
 $C$  line,  $ax + by = c$ ,  $C(\mathbb{Q})$  infinite

or  
 $C$  conic,  $f(x, y) = 0$ ,  $\deg f = 2$ , (circle, parabola, hyperbola)

E.g.:  $C : x^2 + y^2 = 1$

What is  $C(\mathbb{Q})$ ?

Take  $Q = (-1, 0)$  and line  $l_t$  through  $Q$  of slope  $t \in \mathbb{Q}$

**Claim:** 2nd point of intersection  $P_t$  is in  $C(\mathbb{Q})$

**Proof**

$$\begin{cases} x^2 + y^2 = 1 \\ y = t(x + 1) \end{cases}$$

$\Leftrightarrow x^2 + t^2(x + 1)^2 - 1 = 0$       quadratic equation on  $x$  with  $\mathbb{Q}$ -coeff., 1st root  $x = -1$  rational  
 $\Rightarrow$  2nd root rational

Explicitly,

$$(t^2 + 1)x^2 + 2t^2x + (t^2 - 1) = 0$$

has roots

$$\begin{aligned} x = -1 & & y = 0 \\ x = \frac{1 - t^2}{1 + t^2} & & y = t\left(\frac{1 - t^2}{1 + t^2} + 1\right) = \frac{2t}{1 + t^2} \end{aligned}$$

i.e.

$$P_t = \left( \frac{1 - t^2}{1 + t^2}, \frac{2t}{1 + t^2} \right)$$

Conversely,  $P \in C(\mathbb{Q}) \Rightarrow$  line  $PQ$  has slope  $\in \mathbb{Q}$

$\Rightarrow P = P_t$  for some  $t \in \mathbb{Q}$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{Q} \cup \{\infty\} & \xleftarrow{1:1} & C(\mathbb{Q}) \\ t & \mapsto & \left( \frac{1 - t^2}{1 + t^2}, \frac{2t}{1 + t^2} \right) \\ \frac{y}{x + 1} & \xleftarrow{\quad} & (x, y) \end{array}$$

(in fact,  $C \cong \mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{Q}}^1$ ) □

**Corollary**

Every Pythagorean triples  $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$ ,  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{N}$ , are of the form

$$(m^2 - n^2)^2 + (2mn)^2 = (m^2 + n^2)^2$$

(Put  $t = m/n$ )

**Remark:**

$C : f(x, y)$  any conic

Either  $C(\mathbb{Q}) \neq \emptyset \Rightarrow C(\mathbb{Q})$  infinite,  $C \cong \mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{Q}}^1$  (same proof)

or  $C(\mathbb{Q}) = \emptyset$  can happen

E.g.  $x^2 + y^2 = -1$ ,  $C(\mathbb{R}) = \emptyset$

E.g.2  $x^2 + y^2 = 3$  no solution mod 3 ( $C(\mathbb{Q}_3) = \emptyset$ )

**Theorem 1.0.1 (Hasse-Minkowski)**

$C$  conic, then

$$C(\mathbb{Q}) \neq \emptyset \Leftrightarrow C(\mathbb{R}) \neq \emptyset, C(\mathbb{Q}_p) \neq \emptyset \forall p$$

In fact, write  $C : ax^2 + by^2 = c$  (easy),  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$  Then enough to check  $\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{Q}_p$  for  $p|2abc$   
Solves  $g = 0$  completely

$g = 1$ : Elliptic curves - can be represented as a plane cubic

$$E : y^2 = x^3 + Ax + B \quad (A, B \in \mathbb{Q})$$

use Riemann-Roch Theorem:

If  $P, Q \in E(\mathbb{Q})$ , then line  $PQ$  intersect  $E$  in third point  $R \in E(\mathbb{Q})$

**Theorem 1.0.2**

Define operation  $+$  as follows:

$P + Q = R' = R$  reflected in  $x$ -axis

This makes  $E(\mathbb{Q})$  into an abelian group

This gives elliptic curves a very rich structure

**Theorem 1.0.3 (Mordell-Weil)**

$E(\mathbb{Q})$  is a finitely generated abelian group

Our course:

- Geometry of ECs, group law
- Structure of  $E(\mathbb{C})$ ,  $E(\mathbb{F}_q)$ ,  $E(\mathbb{Q}_p)$
- Mordell-Weil Theorem
- State Birch-Swinnerton-Dyer Conjecture and related bits

# Chapter 2

## Curves

### 2.1 Background

$k$  algebraically closed (e.g.  $k = \mathbb{C}$ )

#### Definition 2.1.1

Affine space  $\mathbb{A}^n = \mathbb{A}_k^n = \{(a_1, \dots, a_n) \mid a_i \in k\}$

Projective space  $\mathbb{P}^n = \mathbb{P}_k^n = \{(a_0 : a_1 : \dots : a_n) \mid a_i \in k, \text{ not all } 0\} / \sim$

where  $(a_0 : \dots : a_n) \sim (\alpha a_0 : \dots : \alpha a_n) \forall \alpha \in k^\times$

$\mathbb{P}^n$  covered by  $\mathbb{A}^n$ 's:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{A}^n &\hookrightarrow \mathbb{P}^n \\ (a_1, \dots, a_n) &\mapsto [1 : a_1 : \dots : a_n] \end{aligned}$$

This gives a copy of  $\mathbb{A}^n$  in  $\mathbb{P}^n$ , say  $\mathbb{A}_0^n$ .

Similarly, get  $\mathbb{A}_0^n, \mathbb{A}_1^n, \dots, \mathbb{A}_n^n \hookrightarrow \mathbb{P}^n$

by  $(a_1, \dots, a_n) \mapsto [a_0 : \dots : 1 : \dots : a_n]$  (1 at  $j$ -th place)

If  $P \in \mathbb{P}^n$ , say  $P = (a_0 : \dots : a_j : \dots : a_n)$  with not all  $a_n = 0$ , say  $a_j \neq 0$ , then

$P = (a_0 : \dots : a_n) = (\frac{a_0}{a_j} : \dots : \frac{a_j}{a_j} : \dots : \frac{a_n}{a_j}) \in \mathbb{A}_j^n$

So  $\mathbb{P}^n = \mathbb{A}_0^n \cup \dots \cup \mathbb{A}_n^n$  (this is called affine charts)

#### Example 2.1.2

Projective line  $\mathbb{P}^1$

$\mathbb{P}^1 = \{(x : 1)\} \cup \{(1 : 0)\} = \mathbb{A}_1^1 \cup \{\infty \text{ point at infinity}\}$

$= \{(0 : 1)\} \cup \{(1 : y)\} = \{0\} \cup \mathbb{A}_0^1$

Algebraic subsets are  $\emptyset, \mathbb{P}^1$ , finite subsets  $\{b_1, \dots, b_k\}$  zero set of  $f(x, y) = \prod (x - b_i y)$

#### Definition 2.1.3

An (affine) algebraic set  $V \subseteq \mathbb{A}^n$  is the set of all solutions to a system of polynomial equations in  $x_1, \dots, x_n$

$$V : \begin{cases} f_1(x_1, \dots, x_n) = 0 \\ \vdots \\ f_m(x_1, \dots, x_n) = 0 \end{cases}$$

A (projective) algebraic set  $V \subseteq \mathbb{P}^n$  is the set of all solutions to a system of homogeneous polynomial equations in  $x_0, \dots, x_n$

Exercise: Equivalent to  $V \cap \mathbb{A}_j^n$  affine algebraic set  $\forall j$

**Definition 2.1.4**

A (projective) curve is an infinite algebraic set  $C \subseteq \mathbb{P}^n$  s.t.  $Y \subsetneq C$  algebraic  $\Rightarrow Y$  finite (irreducible projective variety of dimension 1)

E.g.  $\mathbb{P}^1$  is a curve

A curve  $C \subseteq \mathbb{P}^2$  is plane curve. These are given by  $C : f(x, y, z) = 0, f \in k[x, y, z]$  homog. irred.

E.g.  $xy - z^2 = 0$   
 $xy = 1$  in  $z = 1$  chart  
 $x = z^2$  in  $y = 1$  chart  
 $y = z^2$  in  $x = 1$  chart

We often write e.g.  $C : xy = 1 \subseteq \mathbb{P}^2$  meaning associated projective curve  $xy = z^2$

Algebraic sets in  $\mathbb{P}^2$  are  $\emptyset, \mathbb{P}^2$  finite unions of points and plane curves

**2.1.1 Rational functions****Definition 2.1.5**

A rational function on  $\mathbb{A}^n$  is  $f \in k(x_1, \dots, x_n) =: k(\mathbb{A}^n)$   
 A rational function on  $\mathbb{P}^n$  is  $f = 0$  or

$$f = \frac{g(x_0, \dots, x_n)}{h(x_0, \dots, x_n)}$$

where  $g, h$  homog. polynomials of the same degree.

They form a field  $k(\mathbb{P}^n)$ ; and in fact,  $k(\mathbb{P}^n) = k(\mathbb{A}_j^n) \forall$  chart

Example  $k(\mathbb{P}^1) \ni \frac{y}{x+y} \leftrightarrow \frac{1}{x+1} \in k(\mathbb{A}^1)$  via,  
 from left to right,  $y \mapsto 1$ , and from right to left, homogenize.

**Definition 2.1.6**

$C \subseteq \mathbb{P}^n$  curve,  $f = g/h \in k(\mathbb{P}^n), h \neq 0$  on  $C$   
 The restriction of  $f$  to  $C$

$$f : C \setminus \{\text{finite set}\} \rightarrow k$$

(not defined where  $h = 0$ ) is a rational function on  $C$ . They form a field  $k(C)$

**Example 2.1.7**

- $C \subseteq \mathbb{P}^2$  plane curve  $f(x, y) = 0$  Then  $k(C) = k[x, y]/(f)$
- $C = \mathbb{P}^1 \hookrightarrow \mathbb{P}^2$   
 Then  $k(C) = k[x, y]/(y) = k[x] = k(x)$
- $C : y^2 = x^3 + 1. k(C) = k[x, y]/(y^2 - x^3 - 1) \cong k(x, \sqrt{x^3 + 1})$

Fact:  $k(C)$  is a finitely generated field of transcendence degree 1 over  $k$ ; so  $\forall f \in k(C) \setminus k$

$$k \xrightarrow{\text{transc.}} k(f) \cong k(t) \xrightarrow{\text{finite}} k(C)$$

Fact: (Not hard) Conversely,  $K$  f.g. field of tr.deg. 1 over  $k \Rightarrow \exists C$  s.t.  $k(C) \cong K$

**Definition 2.1.8**

$C \subseteq \mathbb{P}^n, D \subseteq \mathbb{P}^m$  curves. A rational map  $\phi : C \dashrightarrow D$  is one given by rational functions

$$\phi(P) = (f_0(P) : \cdots : f_m(P))$$

where  $f_i \in k(C)$ , not all 0.

Note: This may not be defined on finitely many points.

**Definition 2.1.9**

We say  $\phi$  is defined at  $P \in C$  if  $f_0g, \dots, f_mg$  defined at  $P$  for some  $g \in k(C)^\times$

If  $\phi$  is defined everywhere,  $\phi$  is a morphism

A non-constant  $\phi : C \rightarrow D$  induces

$$\begin{aligned} \phi^* : k(D) &\hookrightarrow k(C) \\ f &\mapsto \phi^*(f) := f \circ \phi \end{aligned}$$

injective (since fields) of finite index (tr.deg 1)

**Definition 2.1.10**

Degree of morphism is  $\deg \phi = [k(C) : \phi^*k(D)]$

Conversely, any injection  $k(D) \hookrightarrow k(C)$  comes from a unique rational map  $C \rightarrow D$

**Example 2.1.11**

$C : x^2 + y^2 = 1, D : y = 0, \phi(x, y) := (x, 0)$

$k(C) \cong k(x, \sqrt{1-x^2}), k(D) \cong k(x)$

So induces  $\phi^*x = x$

$\deg \phi = [k(x, \sqrt{1-x^2}) : k(x)] = 2$

Exercise:  $\{ \text{Rational maps } C \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1 \} = k(C)$

**2.1.2 Smoothness****Definition 2.1.12**

Affine curve  $C$  (defined by  $f_1, \dots, f_m$ ) is non-singular at  $P = (a_1, \dots, a_n) \in C$  if the matrix  $A = \left( \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial x_j}(P) \right)_{i,j}$  has rank  $n-1$  (note the rank is always  $\leq n-1$ )

Formal derivative

$$\frac{\partial(cx^i y^j \cdots)}{\partial x} := cix^{i-1}y^j \cdots + \text{linearity}$$

with usual rules, product rule, chain rule, etc.

**Definition 2.1.13**

Projective curve  $C \subseteq \mathbb{P}^n$  is non-singular at  $P$  if  $C \cap \mathbb{A}_j^n$  non-singular at  $P$  for some (equivalently, for any) chart containing  $P$

**Example 2.1.14**

Plane curve  $C : f(x, y) = 0, f$  irreducible, singular at  $P = (a, b) \Leftrightarrow \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(P) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(P) = 0$

We can think in terms of picture:

**Example 2.1.15**

$$f = y^2 - x^3 = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = -3x^2$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 2y$$

Both 0 at (0, 0) and not both 0 otherwise, so  $f$  has unique singular point (0, 0)

**Definition 2.1.16**

$C$  non-singular (or smooth) if it is non-singular at every point

Exercise: (char  $k \neq 2$ ) Affine plane curve  $y^2 = f(x)$  is non-singular  $\Leftrightarrow f(x)$  has non multiple roots

Fact: Non-singular  $P \in C$  defines a discrete valuation ("order of vanishing at  $P$ ")

$$v_P : k(C)^\times \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$$

$$f \mapsto v_P(f) = \begin{cases} n > 0 & f \text{ has } \underline{\text{zero}} \text{ of order } n \text{ at } P \\ -n < 0 & f \text{ has } \underline{\text{pole}} \text{ of order } n \text{ at } P \\ 0 & f(P) \in k^\times \\ \infty & f \equiv 0 \end{cases}$$

$$v_P(fg) = v_P(f) + v_P(g) \quad v_P(f/g) = v_P(f) - v_P(g)$$

$$v_P(f \pm g) \geq \min(v_P(f), v_P(g))$$

**Example 2.1.17**

$$C = \mathbb{P}^1, k(C) = k(X) \ni f = \frac{g}{h} = \frac{\prod (x-a_i)^{n_i}}{\prod (x-b_i)^{m_i}}$$

$$v_{a_i} f = n_i, \quad v_{b_i} f = -m_i, \quad v_\infty f = \deg h - \deg g, \quad v_P f = 0 \text{ otherwise}$$

**Definition 2.1.18**

$f$  is a uniformiser at  $P$  if  $v_P f = 1$

One of coordinate functions  $x_j - a_j$  is always a uniformiser at  $P = (a_1, \dots, a_n)$

**Example 2.1.19**

$$C : x^2 + y^2 = 1, P = (a, b) \in C$$

$$P \neq (\pm 1, 0) \quad x - a \text{ uniformiser}$$

$$P = (1, 0) \quad y \text{ uniformiser, } x - 1 = \frac{y^2}{x+1} \text{ (has valuation 2)}$$

**Lemma 2.1.20**

If  $\phi : C \rightarrow C'$  rational map,  $C$  non-singular, then  $\phi$  is a morphism

**Proof**

$$\phi = (f_0 : \dots : f_n), \quad P \in C$$

Say  $v_P f_0 < v_P f_j, j \neq 0$

Then

$$\phi = \left( 1 : \underbrace{\frac{f_1}{f_0} : \dots : \frac{f_n}{f_0}}_{v_P \geq 0} \right)$$

defined at  $P$

□

**Corollary 2.1.21**

If  $\phi : C \rightarrow C'$  has degree 1,  $C, C'$  non-singular, then  $\phi$  is an isomorphism



**Proof**

$\phi$  induces  $\phi^* : k(C') \xrightarrow{\sim} k(C)$

$\exists \psi$  rational map  $C' \rightarrow C$  s.t.  $\phi\psi = \text{id} = \psi\phi \Rightarrow \phi, \psi$  morphism by the lemma. □

Summary: There is an equivalence of categories

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \text{non-singular curves}/k & \rightarrow & \text{f.g. fields } K/k \text{ of tr.deg. } 1 \\
 \text{(rational maps =) morphisms } \phi & \rightarrow & \text{fields inclusions} \\
 C & \mapsto & k(C) \\
 \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{discrete valuations on } K \\ v : K^\times \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \text{ s.t.} \\ v(k^\times) = 0 \end{array} \right\} & \leftarrow & K
 \end{array}$$

**2.1.3 Divisor**

All curves non-singular over  $k = \bar{k}$

**Definition 2.1.22**

A divisor  $D$  on  $C$  is a formal finite linear combination of points

$$D = \sum_i n_i P_i \quad n_i \in \mathbb{Z}, P_i \in C$$

$$\text{Div}(C) = \{\text{divisors of } C\}$$

this is an abelian group.

$$\text{degree of divisor} : \text{deg}(D) = \sum_i n_i \in \mathbb{Z}$$

Divisor of degree zero forms  $\text{Div}^0 C$  a subgroup.

Non-constant  $\phi : C \rightarrow C'$  induces homomorphisms

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \phi_* : \text{Div } C & \rightarrow & \text{Div } C' \quad \text{pushforward} \\
 (Q) & \mapsto & (P), P = \phi(Q) \\
 \phi^* : \text{Div } C' & \rightarrow & \text{Div } C \quad \text{pullback} \\
 (P) & \mapsto & \sum_{\phi(Q)=P} e_Q(Q)
 \end{array}$$

where

$$e_Q = \text{ramification index} := v_Q(\phi^* t_P) \geq 1$$

$t_P$  is uniformiser at  $P$

Fact:  $\text{deg } \phi^* P = \text{deg } \phi$  always (in particular,  $\phi$  surjective)

**Example 2.1.23**

(see picture)

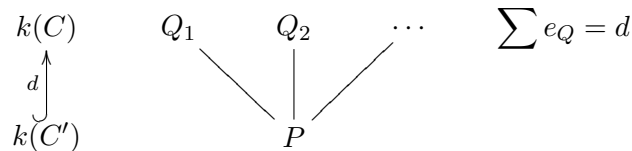
$$\phi^*(a) = (a, \sqrt{1-a}) + (a, -\sqrt{1-a}) \quad a \neq \pm 1$$

$$\phi^*(1) = 2(1, 0) \quad (\phi^*(x-1) = x-1 \text{ has valuation } 2)$$

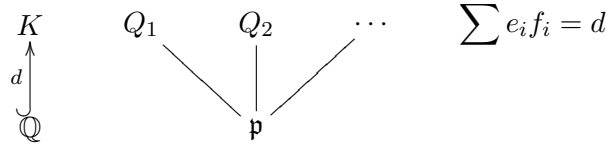
$$\phi^*(-1) = 2(-1, 0)$$

We say that  $(1,0), (-1,0)$  are ramified (i.e.  $e_Q > 1$ )

Remark.



(Note residue field  $k = \bar{k} \implies f = 1$  always) Compare with algebraic number theory



### 2.1.4 Frobenius map

If char  $k = p$  then  $a \mapsto a^p$  is a bijection (in fact, isomorphism)  $k \rightarrow k$   
 $0 = x^p - b = (x - \sqrt[p]{b})^p$  has one solution in  $k$   
 So

$$\begin{aligned}
 \phi : \mathbb{P}^1 &\rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1 \\
 (x : y) &\mapsto (x^p : y^p)
 \end{aligned}$$

is a bijection on points

But  $k(x^p) \hookrightarrow k(x)$  has index  $p$ , so  $\deg \phi = p$ .

Every point is ramified,  $e_Q = p \quad \forall Q \in \mathbb{P}^1$

Can do this for every curve:

#### Definition 2.1.24

$$\begin{aligned}
 C : \begin{cases} f_1 = 0 \\ \vdots \\ f_m = 0 \end{cases} &\subseteq \mathbb{P}^n \text{ curve} \\
 C^{(p)} : \begin{cases} f_1^{(p)} = 0 \\ \vdots \\ f_m^{(p)} = 0 \end{cases}
 \end{aligned}$$

$f^{(p)} := f$  with all coefficients raised to  $p$ -th powers

The  $p$ -th power Frobenius map is:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Frob}_p : C &\rightarrow C^{(p)} \\
 (x_0 : \dots : x_n) &\mapsto (x_0^p : \dots : x_n^p)
 \end{aligned}$$

#### Example 2.1.25

$$C : y^2 = x^3 + Ax + B, \quad A, B \in k$$

$$(y^2)^p = (x^3 + Ax + B)^p$$

$$(y^p)^2 = (x^p)^3 + A^p(x^p) + B^p \implies (x^p, y^p) \in C^{(p)}$$

It is a bijection on points,  $e_Q = p \quad \forall Q \in C$  (some uniformiser computation)

Alternatively, by definition of  $e_Q : Q = a \in \mathbb{A}^1, P = a^p$ ,  
 $\phi^*(x - a^p) = x^p - a^p = (x - a)^p$  has valuation  $p$  at  $Q$

So  $\deg \text{Frob}_p = p$

Remark.  $k \supseteq \mathbb{F}_p$

Say  $f_i \in \mathbb{F}_p[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ , i.e.  $C$  is defined over  $\mathbb{F}_p$ . Then

- (1)  $C = C^{(p)} \quad (a \in \mathbb{F}_p \Leftrightarrow a^p = a)$
- (2)  $C(\mathbb{F}_p) := \{(a_1, \dots, a_n) \in C \mid a_i \in \mathbb{F}_p\}$   
 = fixed points of  $\text{Frob}_p : C \rightarrow C$   
 = fixed points of  $(\text{Frob}_p)^n$

This leads to Lefschetz trace formula, etale cohomology, Weil conjecture

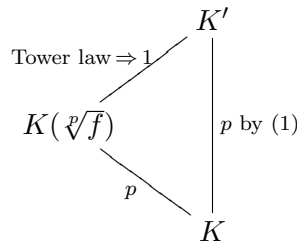
**Lemma 2.1.26**

$K$  f.g. field of tr.deg.1 over  $k$ , char  $k = p$ ,  $K' := K(\{\sqrt[p]{f}\}_{f \in K})$ . Then

- (1)  $[K' : K] = p$
- (2)  $K' = K(\sqrt[p]{f})$  for any  $f \in K$  with  $\sqrt[p]{f} \notin K$

**Proof**

- (1)  $K = k(C), K' = k(C^{(1/p)}), C^{(1/p)} \xrightarrow{\text{Frob}_p} C$  has degree  $p$ ,  $[K' : K] = p$
- (2)



□

**Definition 2.1.27**

Finite field extension  $K'/K$  is separable if  $\forall \alpha \in K'$  is a simple root of an irreducible polynomial  $f(x) \in K[x]$

Inseparable otherwise.

Fact:

- (1) char  $K = 0 \Rightarrow$  every  $K'/K$  is separable
- (2) char  $K = p \Rightarrow K(\sqrt[p]{\alpha}), \alpha \in K, \sqrt[p]{\alpha} \notin K$  is inseparable.  
Every  $F/K$  factors

$$K \subseteq K' \subseteq F$$

separable                  purely inseparable

purely inseparable means that the (inseparable) extension is obtained by successively adjoining  $p$ -th roots

separable degree  $\deg_s F/K := [K' : K]$

- (3)  $F/M/K$  finite. Then  $\deg_s F/K = \deg_s F/M \deg_s M/K$

- (4)  $F/K$  separable  $\Leftrightarrow F = K(\alpha), \alpha$  root of some irred. polyn.  $f(x) \in K[x]$  with  $f'(\alpha) \neq 0$   
 $0(\Leftrightarrow f' \neq 0)$

For  $\phi : C \rightarrow C'$  non-constant, we say  $\phi$  is separable if  $k(C)/\phi^*k(C')$  is.

**Corollary 2.1.28**

- (1) Every  $\phi$  factors  $C \xrightarrow{(\text{Frob}_p)^n} C^{(p^n)} \xrightarrow{\phi_0} C'$  with  $\phi_0$  separable
- (2) Every  $C$  admits separable  $\phi : C \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$  (i.e.  $k(C) \supseteq k(t)$  separable extension)
- (3) If  $\phi : C \rightarrow C'$  separable, only finitely many points are ramified ( $\Rightarrow$  In general, If  $\phi : C \rightarrow C'$  arbitrary, all but finitely many  $P \in C'$  have exactly  $\deg_s \phi$ )

**Proof**

- (1) Fact (2) + Lemma
- (2) Let  $f = t_p \in k(C)$  be a unit at (some)  $P \in C$ ; check that  $f : C \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$  is separable
- (3) May assume  $C' = \mathbb{P}^1$  by Fact (2).  
 Write  $k(C) = k(t)(\alpha), \alpha$  root of irred. polyn.  $f \in k[t]$   
 Then  $\{\text{ramified points}\} \subseteq \{\text{those where } f'(\alpha) = 0, l \neq 0\}$

□

**2.1.5 Divisors of functions**

**Definition 2.1.29**

For  $f \in k(C)^\times$  define divisor of  $f$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{div}(f) = (f) &:= \sum_{P \in C} v_P(f) \cdot (P) \\ &= f^*((0)) - f^*((\infty)) \end{aligned}$$

*Remark.* Has degree  $\deg f - \deg f = 0$

**Definition 2.1.30**

$D, D' \in \text{Div}(C)$  are linearly equivalent, write  $D' \sim D$ , if  $D - D' = \text{div}(f)$  for some  $f \in k(C)^\times$   
 $D \sim 0$  are called principal divisors

**Definition 2.1.31**

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Pic}^0(C) &:= \text{Div}^0(C) / \sim \\ \text{Pic}(C) &:= \text{Div}(C) / \sim \cong \text{Pic}^0(C) \times \mathbb{Z} \end{aligned}$$

In algebraic number theory

points	$\leftrightarrow$	prime ideals
$\text{Div}(C)$	$\leftrightarrow$	group of fractional ideals
Principal	$\leftrightarrow$	Principal ideals
$\text{Pic}(C)$	$\leftrightarrow$	Class group

**Example 2.1.32**

$C = \mathbb{P}^1$ . For  $P, Q \in \mathbb{A}^1 \subseteq \mathbb{P}^1$

$$(P) \sim (Q) \quad [ (P) - (Q) = \operatorname{div} \frac{x-P}{x-Q} ]$$

$\Rightarrow \operatorname{Pic}^0(\mathbb{P}^1) = \{0\}$  and deg define isomorphism  $\operatorname{Pic}(\mathbb{P}^1) \cong \mathbb{Z}$

Conversely, if  $C$  is a curve on which  $(P) \sim (Q)$  for some  $P, Q \in C$  then  $C \cong \mathbb{P}^1$

Proof: Take  $f \in k(C)^\times$  s.t.  $\operatorname{div}(f) = (P) - (Q)$ . Then  $f : C \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$  has only one pole at  $Q$  and so has degree 1  $\Rightarrow C \cong \mathbb{P}^1$

**2.1.6 Differentials****Definition 2.1.33**

A (rational) differential on a non-singular curve  $C$  is a formal finite sum

$$\omega = \sum_i f_i dg_i, \quad f_i, g_i \in k(C)$$

subject to relations

$$\begin{aligned} d(g_1 g_2) &= g_1 dg_2 + g_2 dg_1 \\ d(g_1 + g_2) &= dg_1 + dg_2 \\ da &= 0 \quad \forall a \in k \subseteq k(C) \end{aligned}$$

**Example 2.1.34**

(char  $k \neq 2$ )  $C : x^2 + y^2 = 1$

we have, for example,  $d(x^2 y) = x^2 dy + 2xy dx$

Generally, any  $f dg = f \cdot g_x' \cdot dx + f \cdot g_y' \cdot dy$

$\Rightarrow$  can express any  $w$  as  $f_1 dx + f_2 dy$

Also  $x^2 + y^2 = 1$

$$\Rightarrow 2x dx + 2y dy = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow dy = -(x/y) dx$$

$$\Rightarrow \forall \omega \exists ! f \in k(C) \text{ s.t. } \omega = f dx$$

$$\Rightarrow \{\text{differentials on } C\} = k(C) \cdot dx$$

Similarly, for any  $C$ , we have the 1-dimensional  $k(C)$ -vector space

$$\{\text{differentials on } C\} = k(C) \cdot df$$

For any  $f$  s.t.  $K(C)/k(f)$  is separable, let  $\omega$  be a differential on  $C$ . For  $P \in C$ , write

$$\omega = f \cdot dt_P, \quad t_P \text{ uniformiser at } P$$

and define

$$\begin{aligned} v_P(\omega) &:= v_P(f) && \text{(independent of the choice of } t_P) \\ \operatorname{div}(\omega) &:= \sum_P v_P(\omega)(P) && \text{(finite sum)} \end{aligned}$$

Because any  $w, w'$  differ by a function,

$$\omega = f \cdot \omega' \quad \Rightarrow \quad \operatorname{div}(\omega) = \operatorname{div}(\omega') + \operatorname{div}(f) \sim \operatorname{div}(\omega')$$

So divisors of differential forms span a class  $\mathbb{K} \in \operatorname{Pic}(C)$ , the canonical class

$\omega$  regular at  $P$  if  $v_P(w) \geq 0$

$\omega$  regular if all  $v_P(w) \geq 0$  (i.e.  $\operatorname{div}(w) \geq 0$ )

## 2.1.7 Riemann-Roch

### Definition 2.1.35

The complete linear system of a divisor  $D$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}(D) &:= \{f \in k(C) \mid \operatorname{div}(f) + D \geq 0\} && k\text{-vector space} \\ &\leftrightarrow \{D' \in \operatorname{Div}(C) \mid D' \geq 0 \text{ and } D \sim D'\} \end{aligned}$$

(via  $f \mapsto D' = D + \operatorname{div}(f)$ )

*Remark.*  $D \sim D' \Rightarrow \mathcal{L}(D) \cong \mathcal{L}(D')$

### Example 2.1.36

$\mathcal{L}(0) = \{f \in k(C) \mid \operatorname{div}(f) \geq 0\}$  functions with no poles  
 $= k$  ( $f$  non-constant  $\Rightarrow f : C \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$  hits  $\infty$ )

### Example 2.1.37

$\mathcal{L}(3(P)) = \{f \in k(C) \mid \operatorname{div}(f) \geq -3(P)\}$  functions with pole of order  $\leq 3$  at  $P$  and no other poles

(Generally, “ $\mathcal{L}(D) =$  functions with a pole at most at  $D$ ”)

Exercise:

- (1)  $\mathcal{L}(D) = 0$  when  $\deg D < 0$  (equivalently, when  $\deg D = 0$  and  $D \not\sim 0$ )
- (2)  $\dim_k \mathcal{L}(D + P) \leq \dim_k \mathcal{L}(D) + 1$  ( $\Rightarrow \dim_k \mathcal{L}(D) < \infty \forall D$ )

### Definition 2.1.38

The genus of  $C$  is

$$g(C) := \dim_k \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{K}) = \dim_k \mathcal{L}(\operatorname{div}(\omega)) \text{ for any } \omega \neq 0$$

Fact Non-constant  $\phi : C \rightarrow C'$  induces pullback map on differential forms:

$$\omega = fdg \rightsquigarrow \phi^* \omega := (\phi^* f)d(\phi^* g)$$

and therefore

$$\phi^* : \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{K}_{C'}) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{K}_C)$$

Not hard to see that  $\phi^*$  injective  $\Leftrightarrow \phi$  separable

and  $\phi^* = 0 \Leftrightarrow \phi$  inseparable

### Corollary 2.1.39

$g(C) \geq g(C')$  always (i.e. genus goes down under non-constant maps)

*Remark.* A non-singular plane curve  $C \subseteq \mathbb{P}^2$ ,  $C : f(x, y) = 0$  has genus

$$\begin{aligned} g &= \frac{(d-1)(d-2)}{2} && d = \deg f \\ &= 0 && \text{for linear and conics} \\ &= 1 && \text{for cubics} \\ &= 3 && \text{for quartics} \end{aligned}$$

In particular, genus 2 curves (they exist) cannot be embedded in  $\mathbb{P}^2$

### Theorem 2.1.40 (Riemann-Roch)

$C$  non-singular curve. For every  $D \in \operatorname{Div}(C)$

$$\dim \mathcal{L}(D) - \dim \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{K} - D) = \deg D - g + 1$$

### Corollary 2.1.41

- $\deg \mathbb{K} = 2g - 2$  (Proof: Take  $D = \mathbb{K}$ )
- If  $\deg D > 2g - 2$ , then  $\dim \mathcal{L}(D) = \deg D - g + 1$  (Proof: Since  $\deg(\mathbb{K} - D) < 0$ )

**Lemma 2.1.42 (Classification of Curve of Genus 0)**

A non-singular curve  $C$  has genus 0  $\Leftrightarrow C \cong \mathbb{P}^1$

**Proof**

$\Leftarrow$ :  $\mathbb{P}^1$  genus 0: uniformisers

$$\begin{aligned} t_a &= x - a, & a \in \mathbb{A}^1 \\ t_\infty &= \frac{1}{x} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} dx &= d(x - a) && \text{valuation } 0 \text{ at } a \in \mathbb{A}^1 \\ dx &= d\left(\frac{1}{t_\infty}\right) = -\frac{1}{t_\infty^2} \cdot dt_\infty && \text{valuation } -2 \text{ at } \infty \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \operatorname{div}(dx) &= -2(\infty), \operatorname{deg} = -2 = 2g(\mathbb{P}^1) - 2 \text{ (by Corollary)} \\ \Rightarrow g(\mathbb{P}^1) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow$ : Suppose a curve  $C$  has genus 0. Take  $P \in C, D = (P)$   
 $\operatorname{deg} D > 2g - 2 = -2 \Rightarrow \dim \mathcal{L}((P)) = 1 - 0 + 1 = 2$   
 $\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}((P)) \supsetneq \mathcal{L}(0) = k \Rightarrow \exists f \in k(C)$  with a simple pole at  $P$  and no other poles  
 $\operatorname{div}(f) = -(P) + (Q)$  for some  $Q \in C$   
 $\Rightarrow f : C \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathbb{P}^1$  is an isom.

□

**Corollary 2.1.43**

$k$  algebraically closed, every conic is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{P}^1$

**2.2 Cubics**

Suppose  $\operatorname{char} k \neq 2, 3, C \subseteq \mathbb{P}^2$  non-singular of the form

$$\begin{aligned} C : y^2 &= x^3 + ax + b && a, b \in k \\ &= (x - \alpha_1)(x - \alpha_2)(x - \alpha_3) && \alpha_i \in k \end{aligned}$$

$C \cap \mathbb{A}^2$  non-singular  $\Leftrightarrow \alpha_i$  are distinct

(see picture for the 3 different cases)

Exercise: When  $\alpha_i$  not distinct,  $C$  is singular,  $k(C) \cong k(\mathbb{P}^1)$  ( $C$  has “geometric genus 0”)

To get a morphism  $\mathbb{P}^1 \rightarrow C$  of degree 1 (see picture)  
 $t \mapsto P$

Recall

$$\mathbb{P}^2 = \mathbb{A}_{z=1}^2 \cup \mathbb{P}_{z=0}^1 \leftarrow \text{line at } \infty$$

$$(x:y:z) \quad (x:y:1) \quad (x:y:0)$$

$$C \subseteq \mathbb{P}^2 \quad : \quad y^2z = x^3 + axz^2 + bz^3$$

$$\underbrace{C \cap \mathbb{P}_{z=0}^1}_{\text{has unique pt.}} \quad : \quad 0 = x^3 + 0 + 0 \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x = 0 \\ z = 0 \\ y = 1 \end{cases}$$

$$\mathcal{O} = (0 : 1 : 0)$$

point at infinity

In the  $y = 1$  chart

$$C : z = x^3 + axz^2 + bz^3$$

$$\mathcal{O} = (0, 0) \text{ (see picture)}$$

$$g(x, z) = z - x^3 - axz^2 - bz^3$$

$$\left. \frac{dg}{dz} \right|_{(0,0)} = 1 \neq 0$$

$\Rightarrow C$  non-singular at 0

So,  $C \subseteq \mathbb{P}^2$  non-singular  $\Leftrightarrow C \cap \mathbb{A}_{z=1}^2$  non singular  $\Leftrightarrow \alpha_i$  distinct

Differentials:

e.g.  $\text{div}(dx) = (P_1) + (P_2) + (P_3) - 3(0)$  (exercise: check)

this has degree 0 =  $2g - 2$  (by Corollary of Riemann-Roch)

$\Rightarrow C$  has genus 1 (=  $\frac{(3-1)(3-2)}{2}$  as expected)

$\text{div}(y) = (P_1) + (P_2) + (P_3) + \lambda(0)$  some  $\lambda$

this has degree 0  $\Rightarrow \lambda = -3$

$\Rightarrow \text{div}(\frac{dx}{y}) = 0$  since  $w = \frac{dx}{y}$  has no zeroes, no poles

In fact,  $\mathbb{K} = \langle \frac{dx}{y} \rangle$  as it is 1-dimensional over  $k$  by definition of genus.

### Definition 2.2.1

An elliptic curve,  $(E, \mathcal{O})$ , is a non-singular projective curve  $E$  of genus 1 with a marked point  $\mathcal{O}$

### Example 2.2.2

(char  $k \neq 2, 3$ )

$$y^2 = x^3 + ax + b \quad \mathcal{O} = (0 : 1 : 0)$$

is an elliptic curve in (simplified) Weierstrass form (if  $\Delta_E = 16\Delta_{\text{RHS}} = -16(4a^3 + 27b^2) \neq 0$ )

In any characteristic, have (generalised) Weierstrass form

$$y^2 + a_1xy + a_3y = x^3 + a_2x^2 + a_4x + a_6$$

(char  $k \neq 2, 3 \Rightarrow$  complete the square in LHS, complete the cube in RHS, then we get simplified form)

### Theorem 2.2.3

Every elliptic curve is isomorphic to one in Weierstrass form



**Proof**

$(E, \mathcal{O})$  elliptic curve.

$$\dim \mathcal{L}(n(0)) = n - 1 + 1 = n \text{ for } n \geq 1$$

$$\mathcal{L}(1(0)) = k = \langle 1 \rangle \text{ constant}$$

$$\mathcal{L}(2(0)) = \langle 1, x \rangle \text{ where } x \in k(C) \text{ with double pole at } 0$$

$$\mathcal{L}(3(0)) = \langle 1, x, y \rangle \text{ where } y \in k(C) \text{ with triple pole at } 0$$

Note that  $y \notin k(x)$  (elements of  $k(x)$  has even order)

$$\mathcal{L}(4(0)) = \langle 1, x, y, x^2 \rangle$$

$$\mathcal{L}(5(0)) = \langle 1, x, y, x^2, xy \rangle$$

$$\underbrace{\mathcal{L}(6(0))}_{\dim=6} \ni \underbrace{1, x, y, x^2, xy, \overbrace{x^3, y^2}}_{\substack{\text{pole of order 6 at } \mathcal{O} \\ \text{7 functions}}}$$

$\Rightarrow$  must have a linear relation, involving both  $x^3, y^2$

$$\underbrace{\alpha y^2}_{\neq 0} + \underbrace{\beta x^3}_{\neq 0} + \dots = 0$$

Rescaling  $x, y$  may make  $\alpha = 1, \beta = -1$

$$y^2 + a_1xy + a_3y = x^3 + a_2x^2 + a_4x + a_6 \quad \text{for some } a_i \in k$$

Let  $C \subseteq \mathbb{P}^2_{x,y,z}$  by a curve given by this equation

$$k(C) = k\left(\frac{k[x, y]}{y^2 + \dots = x^3 + \dots}\right) \hookrightarrow k(E)$$

$$x \mapsto x$$

$$y \mapsto y$$

$$[k(x, y) : k(x)] = 2$$

This defines a map  $E \rightarrow C$

$x : E \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$  has  $x^*(\infty) = 2(\mathcal{O})$  (as  $\mathcal{O} \mapsto \infty$ ), so this map has degree 2

$$\begin{array}{ccc} k(x) & \xrightarrow{2} & k(E) \\ & \searrow 2 & \nearrow \cong \\ & k(x, y) = k(C) & \end{array}$$

the lower left map is non-trivial,  $y \in k(x)$  and its degree  $\leq 2$  by equation  $y^2 + \dots = x^3 + \dots$   
 $\Rightarrow k(C) \hookrightarrow k(E)$  is isomorphism, i.e.  $E \rightarrow C$  has degree 1

If  $C$  is singular, then  $k(C) \cong k(\mathbb{P}^1)$ , and then  $E \cong \mathbb{P}^1$  #

So  $C$  is non-singular □

**Corollary 2.2.4**

Every elliptic curve admits a degree 2 map to  $\mathbb{P}^1$ , namely  $E \xrightarrow{x} \mathbb{P}^1$

Such curves (of any genus) are called hyperelliptic

$$g = 1 \Rightarrow \text{hyperelliptic}$$

$$g = 2 \Rightarrow \text{hyperelliptic (exercise)}$$

$$g = 3 \Rightarrow \text{Either a plane quartic or hyperelliptic, but not both}$$

*Remark.* If  $E, E'$  in Weierstrass form and  $E \cong E'$  then

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_E(2(\mathcal{O})) &\cong \mathcal{L}_{E'}(2(\mathcal{O})) \\ \mathcal{L}_E(3(\mathcal{O})) &\cong \mathcal{L}_{E'}(3(\mathcal{O}))\end{aligned}$$

(these are  $k$ -vector spaces), so

$$\begin{aligned}x_{E'} &= u^2x + r & u \in k^\times \\ y_{E'} &= u^3y + sx + t & r, s, t \in k\end{aligned}$$

i.e. Weierstrass form is unique up to such transformations

Suppose  $\text{char } k \neq 2, 3$ :

• Simplified Weierstrass form unique up to

$$\begin{aligned}x_{E'} &= u^2x & u \in k^\times \\ y_{E'} &= u^3y\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}E : y^2 = x^3 + ax + b &\cong E' : (y')^2 = (x')^3 + a'x' + b' \\ &\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} a' = u^4a \\ b' = u^6b \end{cases}\end{aligned}$$

$$(\Delta_{E'} = -16(4a'^3 + 27b'^2) = u^{12}\Delta_E)$$

**Definition 2.2.5**

$j$ -invariant  $j(E) := 1728 \frac{(-4a)^3}{\Delta}$

**Example 2.2.6**

- $y^2 = x^3 + ax$  has  $j = 1728$
- $y^2 = x^3 + b$  has  $j = 0$

**Proposition 2.2.7**

- (1)  $E \cong E' \Leftrightarrow j(E) = j(E')$
- (2) For any  $j \in k \exists E$  s.t.  $j(E) = j$ , hence

$$\{\text{elliptic curves (up to isom.)}/k\} \xrightleftharpoons[\text{1:1 map}]{j(E)} k$$

**Proof**

(1)

$$\begin{aligned}a' = u^4a & & b' = u^6b & \Leftrightarrow & \sqrt[4]{\frac{a'}{a}} = \sqrt[6]{\frac{b'}{b}} \\ & \Leftrightarrow & \left(\frac{b'}{b}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{a'}{a}\right)^3 \\ & \Leftrightarrow & \frac{4a^3 + 27b^2}{a^3} = \frac{4(a')^3 + 27(b')^2}{(a')^3} \\ & \Leftrightarrow & j(E) = j(E')\end{aligned}$$

Do  $d = 0, b = 0$  separately ( $j = 0, 1728$ )

- (2)  $y^2 + xy = x^3 - \frac{36}{j-1728}x - \frac{1}{j-1728}$  works for  $j \neq 0, 1728$

□

**Corollary 2.2.8**

The automorphism group  $\text{Aut}(E) = \{ \text{morphisms } \phi : E \rightarrow E \text{ s.t. } \phi(\mathcal{O}) = \mathcal{O} \}$  is

- $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$  for  $y^2 = x^3 + ax + b, a, b \neq 0$  ( $j \neq 0, 1728$ )
- $\mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}$  for  $y^2 = x^3 + ax$  ( $j = 1728$ )
- $\mathbb{Z}/6\mathbb{Z}$  for  $y^2 = x^3 + b$  ( $j = 0$ )

**Proof**

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Aut}(E) &= \left\{ u \in k^\times \mid \begin{array}{l} u^4 a = a \\ u^6 b = b \end{array} \right\} \\ &= \begin{cases} \{\pm 1\} & ab \neq 0 \\ \langle i \rangle & b = 0 \\ \langle \zeta_6 \rangle & a = 0 \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

For most elliptic curves,  $(x, y) \rightarrow (x, -y)$  is the only automorphism. □

*Remark.* If  $\text{char } k = 2, 3$

- $\Delta, j$  complicated polynomial, rational function of  $a_1, \dots, a_6$
- $a_i$  change  $a_i' = u^i a_i + \dots$
- Proposition still holds
- $|\text{Aut}(E)| \leq 24$

**2.2.1 Group Law**

Over  $\mathbb{C}$ :  $E(\mathbb{C}) \cong \mathbb{C}/\text{lattice}$ , group law = addition

Recall  $\text{Pic}^0(E) = \frac{\text{divisors of deg } 0}{\text{divisors of functions}}$ , e.g.  $\text{Pic}^0 \mathbb{P}^1 = \{0\}$   
 $E$  elliptic curve

**Theorem 2.2.9**

The following map is a bijection

$$\begin{aligned} E &\rightarrow \text{Pic}^0(E) \\ P &\mapsto (P) - (\mathcal{O}) \end{aligned}$$

**Proof**

Injective  $\hookrightarrow$ :

If  $(P) - (\mathcal{O}) \sim (Q) - (\mathcal{O})$ , then  $(P) \sim (Q) \Rightarrow E \cong \mathbb{P}^1$  # unless  $P = Q$

Surjective  $\twoheadrightarrow$ :

Take  $D \in \text{Div}^0(E)$ . By Riemann-Roch,

$$\dim \mathcal{L}(\underbrace{D + (\mathcal{O})}_{\text{deg}=1}) = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \exists f \text{ s.t. } \text{div}(f) \geq \underbrace{-D - (\mathcal{O})}_{\text{deg}=-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{div}(f) = -D - (\mathcal{O}) + (P) \text{ for some } P \in E$$

$$\Rightarrow D \sim (P) - (\mathcal{O})$$

□

**Corollary 2.2.10**

$E$  has a structure of an abelian group

**Proof**

$\text{Pic}^0(E)$  has structure of abelian group, apply theorem. □

$$E : y^2 = x^3 + ax + b$$

Identity =  $\mathcal{O}$  because  $(\mathcal{O}) - (\mathcal{O}) = 0 \in \text{Pic}^0(E)$

Inverse of  $P = (x_1, y_1)$  is  $P' = (x_1, -y_1)$

$$\text{div}(x - x_1) = (P) + (P') - 2(\mathcal{O}) \Rightarrow (P) - (\mathcal{O}) \sim -[(P') - (\mathcal{O})]$$

Addition  $P = (x_1, y_1), Q = (x_2, y_2), P \neq -Q; P, Q \neq 0$

$$P + Q + R = 0 \text{ in } E \Leftrightarrow P + Q = (-R)$$

Need function with

$$\begin{aligned} \text{div}(f) &= (P) - (\mathcal{O}) + (Q) - (\mathcal{O}) + (R) - (\mathcal{O}) \\ &= (P) + (Q) + (R) - 3(\mathcal{O}) \end{aligned}$$

$$(\Rightarrow f \in \mathcal{L}(3\mathcal{O}) = \langle 1, x, y \rangle)$$

$$\text{So } f = \alpha y + \beta x + \gamma, \quad \alpha \neq 0$$

So  $f = 0$  is an equation of a line passing through  $P$  and  $Q$  (tangent to  $P$  if  $P = Q$ ) with  $R =$  third point of intersection

Explicitly, solve

$$\begin{cases} y^2 = x^3 + ax + b & \text{elliptic curve} \\ y = \kappa(x - x_1) + y_1 & \text{line} \end{cases}$$

with

$$\kappa = \text{slope} = \begin{cases} \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} & P \neq Q \\ \frac{3x_1^2 + a}{2y_1} & P = Q \end{cases}$$

$$(\kappa x + \dots)^2 = x^3 + ax + b$$

$$x^3 - \kappa^2 x^2 + \dots = 0 \text{ and } \sum \text{roots} = \kappa^2$$

$\Rightarrow$  3rd root  $x, y$  defining  $R = (x, y)$  is

$$\begin{cases} x = \kappa^2 - x_1 - x_2 \\ y = \kappa(x - x_1) + y_1 \end{cases}$$

Hence,

$$(x_1, y_1) + (x_2, y_2) = (\kappa^2 - x_1 - x_2, -\kappa(x - x_1) - y_1)$$

Important: This shows (+some extra work when  $P = \pm Q$  see Silverman Theorem III 3.6) that

$$\begin{aligned} \text{inverse} : E &\xrightarrow{i} E \\ \text{addition} : E \times E &\xrightarrow{\mu} E \end{aligned}$$

are morphisms, i.e. given by rational functions that are defined everywhere

That is,  $E$  is algebraic group (= group variety = group object in the category of varieties)

In particular, translation maps

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_Q : E &\rightarrow E \\ P &\mapsto P + Q \end{aligned}$$

are morphisms. (Proof: This is just composition  $\mu \circ (\text{id}, Q)$ )

**Corollary 2.2.11**

$$\begin{aligned} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{isomorphisms} \\ E \rightarrow E \text{ as a curve} \end{array} \right\} &\cong \{ \text{translations} \} \rtimes \text{Aut}(E) \\ &\cong E \rtimes \text{finite groups} \\ \text{Iso}(C, C) &\cong \begin{cases} PGL_2(k) & g = 0 \\ E \rtimes \text{finite group} & g = 1 \\ \text{finite group} & g \geq 2 \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Exercise: The only (affine or projective) curves that are algebraic groups are

- Additive group  $\mathbb{G}_a = \mathbb{P}^1 \setminus \{\infty\} = (k, +)$
- Multiplicative group  $\mathbb{G}_m = \mathbb{P}^1 \setminus \{0, \infty\} = (k^\times, \times)$
- Elliptic curves (the only projective algebraic groups in dimension 1)

*Remark.*  $\text{genus}(C)=g \Rightarrow \text{Pic}^0(C)$  has a structure of a  $g$ -dimensional abelian variety (i.e. projective algebraic group, by definition) the Jacobian of  $C$ , denoted  $\text{Jac}(C)$

Fixing  $P_0 \in C$ , define the Abel-Jacobi map

$$\begin{aligned} C &\rightarrow \text{Jac}(C) \\ P &\mapsto (P) - (P_0) \end{aligned}$$

injective when  $g > 0$ ,  $\cong$  when  $g = 1$ . Every  $D \in \text{Pic}^0(C)$  is  $\sim (P_1) + \dots + (P_g) - g(P_0)$ , usually unique such.

**2.2.2 Isogenies**

**Definition 2.2.12**

An isogeny between elliptic curves is a morphism  $\phi : E \rightarrow E'$  s.t.  $\phi(\mathcal{O}) = \mathcal{O}$

**Example 2.2.13**

$$\begin{aligned} [0] : E &\rightarrow E && \underline{\text{zero isogeny}} \\ P &\mapsto \mathcal{O} \end{aligned}$$

we let  $\text{deg}[0] := 0$ , so  $\text{deg}(\phi \circ \psi) = \text{deg } \phi \text{ deg } \psi$  for all isogenies

**Example 2.2.14**

Elements of  $\text{Aut}(E)$  are isogenies (of degree 1), e.g.

$$\begin{aligned} [1] : E &\rightarrow E \\ P &\mapsto P \\ [-1] : E &\rightarrow E \\ P &\mapsto -P \end{aligned}$$

**Example 2.2.15**

Multiplication-by- $m$  maps

$$\begin{aligned} [m] : E &\rightarrow E \\ P &\mapsto \underbrace{P + \dots + P}_{m \text{ times}} \quad (m > 0) \\ P &\mapsto \underbrace{(-P) + \dots + (-P)}_{m \text{ times}} \quad (m < 0) \end{aligned}$$

**Example 2.2.16**

([2] when char  $k \neq 2, 3$ )

$$E : y^2 = x^3 + ax + b$$

$$\begin{aligned} [2] : E &\rightarrow E \\ P = (x, y) &\mapsto P + P = (\kappa^2 - 2x, -\kappa(\kappa^2 - 2x - x) - y) \quad \left(\kappa = \frac{3x^2 + a}{2y}\right) \\ &= \left( \underbrace{\frac{\frac{1}{2}(x^2 - a)^2 - 2bx}{x^3 + ax + b}}_{\psi(x)}, \dots \right) \end{aligned}$$

This has degree 4:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} E & \xrightarrow{[2]} & E \\ x, \text{deg}=2 \downarrow & & \downarrow x, \text{deg}=2 \\ \mathbb{P}^1 & \xrightarrow{\psi(x)} & \mathbb{P}^1 \end{array}$$

$$\Rightarrow \deg[2] = \deg(\psi : \mathbb{P}^1 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1) = \max(\deg(\text{numerator}), \deg(\text{denominator})) = 4$$

E.g.:  $[2]^*(\mathcal{O}) = (\mathcal{O}) + (T_1) + (T_2) + (T_3)$

**Corollary 2.2.17**

$$[m] \neq [0] \quad 0 \neq m \in \mathbb{Z}$$

**Proof**

In char  $k \neq 2, 3$ :

$$[2] \neq [0]$$

$$[n] \neq [0] \text{ for } n \text{ odd since } [n]T_1 = T_1$$

$$[mn] = [m] \circ [n]$$

□

**Theorem 2.2.18**

An isogeny  $\phi : E \rightarrow E'$  is a group homomorphism.

**Proof**

$\phi = [0]$  is a homomorphism, so assume  $\phi$  is non-constant

Then recall:  $\phi$  induces

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_* : \text{Div}(E) &\rightarrow \text{Div}(E') \\ (Q) &\mapsto (\phi(Q)) \\ \phi^* : \text{Div}(E') &\rightarrow \text{Div}(E) \\ (P) &\mapsto \sum_{\phi(Q)=P} e_Q(Q) \end{aligned}$$

Fact: (For all curves) Both map principal divisors to principal divisors:

$$\begin{aligned} \phi^*(\text{div}(f)) &= \text{div}(\phi^*f) \\ \phi_*(\text{div}(f)) &= \text{div}(N(f)), \quad N(f) := \text{Norm}_{k(E)/\phi^*k(E_2)}(f) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } P + Q = R \text{ on } E &\Rightarrow (P) - (\mathcal{O}) + (Q) - (\mathcal{O}) \sim (R) - (\mathcal{O}) \\ \Rightarrow \text{(by fact above)} &(\phi(P)) - (\mathcal{O}) + (\phi(Q)) - (\mathcal{O}) \sim (\phi(R)) - (\mathcal{O}) \\ \Rightarrow \phi(P) + \phi(Q) &= \phi(R) \quad \text{in } E' \end{aligned}$$

□

### Corollary 2.2.19

(1)

$$\text{Hom}(E_1, E_2) := \{ \text{isogenies } E_1 \rightarrow E_2 \}$$

is a torsion-free abelian group (will see later that  $\cong \mathbb{Z}^r$ , some  $r \leq 4$ )

(2)  $\text{End}(E) := \text{Hom}(E, E)$  is a (not necessarily commutative) integral domain of characteristic 0,  $\text{Aut}(E) = \text{End}(E)^\times$  its units

### Proof

$$(1) \quad \phi + \psi := \text{composition} \quad \begin{array}{ccc} E & \xrightarrow{\Delta} & E \times E & \xrightarrow{(\phi, \psi)} & E \times E & \xrightarrow{\mu} & E \\ P & \mapsto & (P, P) & \mapsto & (\phi(P), \psi(P)) & & \end{array}$$

$\phi + \psi = \text{morphism}$

Homomorphisms between abelian groups are abelian groups:

$$m\phi = 0 \Rightarrow [m] \circ \phi = [0] \Rightarrow [m] = [0] \text{ or } \phi = 0$$

$$(2) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{Z} & \hookrightarrow & \text{End}(E) \\ m & \mapsto & [m] \end{array} \text{ injective ring hom } \Rightarrow \text{char. } 0$$

$\phi\psi = [0] \Rightarrow \phi = [0] \text{ or } \psi = [0]$

□

Most of the time  $\text{End}(E) = \mathbb{Z}$  (only  $[m]$ 's)

### Definition 2.2.20

We say  $E$  has complex multiplication if  $\text{End}(E) \supsetneq \mathbb{Z}$  (this is very special)

### Example 2.2.21

$E : y^2 = x^3 + x$  over  $\mathbb{C}$  has  $\text{End}(E) \cong \mathbb{Z}[i]$

$$\begin{aligned} [1] : (x, y) &\mapsto (x, y) \\ [i] : (x, y) &\mapsto (-x, iy) \end{aligned}$$

$[i]^2 = [-1] \Rightarrow \text{End}(E) \supseteq \mathbb{Z}[i]$   
(for  $\subseteq$ , we will get from  $\mathbb{C}$ )

**Example 2.2.22**

$E : y^2 + y = x^3$  over  $\overline{\mathbb{F}_2}$  has  $\text{End}(E) \cong \mathbb{Z} + \mathbb{Z}i + \mathbb{Z}j + \mathbb{Z}\frac{1+i+j+k}{2}$   
 where  $i^2 = j^2 = k^2 = 1, ij = k, jk = i, ki = j$

$$[i] : \begin{matrix} x & \mapsto & x + 1 \\ y & \mapsto & y + x + \zeta \end{matrix} \quad [j] : \begin{matrix} x & \mapsto & x + \zeta^2 \\ y & \mapsto & y + \zeta x + \zeta \end{matrix} \quad [k] : \begin{matrix} x & \mapsto & x + \zeta \\ y & \mapsto & y + \zeta^2 x + \zeta \end{matrix}$$

$$[-1] : \begin{matrix} x & \mapsto & x \\ y & \mapsto & y + 1 \end{matrix}$$

$\text{Frob}_2 : (x \mapsto x^2, y \mapsto y^2) = [j] + [k], (\text{Frob}_c)^2 = [-2] \Rightarrow [2]$  inseparable

**2.2.3 Invariant Differential**

**Definition 2.2.23**

A differential  $\omega \neq 0$  on  $E$  is an invariant differential if  $\text{div}(\omega) = 0$

Recall:  $g(C) = \dim \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{K}) = 1$   
 $\Rightarrow \exists \omega$  with no poles,  $\deg \mathbb{K} = 2g - 2 = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow$  has no zeroes either  
 $\Rightarrow$  such  $\omega$  exist up to  $\omega \mapsto \alpha\omega$  ( $\alpha \in k^\times$ )

**Example 2.2.24**

$E : y^2 = x^3 + ax + b \quad \omega = \frac{dx}{y}$   
 For  $E$  in generalised Weierstrass form,  $\omega = \frac{dx}{2y+a_1x+a_3}$

**Theorem 2.2.25**

- (1)  $\tau_P^* \omega = \omega \quad \forall P \in E$  and  $\omega$  invariant differential on  $E$  (invariant differential invariant under translation)
- (2)  $(\phi + \psi)^* \omega = \phi^* \omega + \psi^* \omega \quad \forall \phi, \psi : E \rightarrow E'$  isogenies,  $\omega$  on  $E'$
- (3)  $(\phi\chi)^* \omega = \chi^*(\phi^* \omega)$

**Proof**

Omitted (see Silvermann III 5.1, 5.2)

Idea: (1) uses brute force, (2) can get from formal groups (see later), (3) is easy given (1),(2) □

*Remark.* Recall: for  $\phi : E \rightarrow E'$ , non-zero isogeny  
 $\phi^* \omega \neq 0 \Leftrightarrow \phi^* : \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{K}_{E'}) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{K}_E) \Leftrightarrow \phi$  separable  
 So, in particular,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{End}(E) &\rightarrow k \\ \phi &\mapsto \alpha = \frac{\phi^* \omega}{\omega} \quad (\alpha \in k \text{ s.t. } \phi^* \omega = \alpha \omega) \end{aligned}$$

is a ring homomorphism, kernel = inseparable isogenies (but kernel=0 in char  $k=0$ )

**Corollary 2.2.26**

char  $k = 0 \Rightarrow \text{End}(E)$  is commutative

**Corollary 2.2.27**

$$[m]^* \omega = m\omega$$

(Check  $m = 0, 1$ . Then done by induction, using  $(\phi + \psi)^* \omega$ )

**Corollary 2.2.28**

For  $m \neq 0, [m]$  separable  $\Leftrightarrow \text{char } k \nmid m$



**Example 2.2.29**

$E : y^2 = x^3 + x$  (over  $\mathbb{C}$ )

$$\begin{aligned} [i] : (x, y) &\mapsto (-x, iy) \\ \Rightarrow [i]^* \frac{dx}{y} &= \frac{d(-x)}{iy} = i \frac{dx}{y} \\ \Rightarrow \text{End}(E) &\hookrightarrow \mathbb{C} \\ &\bigcup \\ &\mathbb{Z}[i] = \mathbb{Z}[i] \end{aligned}$$

Exercise: Describe  $\text{End}(E) = \mathbb{Z}\langle 1, i, j, \frac{1+i+j+k}{2} \rangle \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{F}_2}$  for  $E : y^2 + y = x^3$  over  $\overline{\mathbb{F}_2}$

**2.2.4 Galois Theory for Isogenies**

If  $\phi : E_1 \rightarrow E_2$  non-zero isogeny, then  $\ker \phi = \phi^{-1}(\mathcal{O})$  is a finite subgroup

**Example 2.2.30**

$E : y^2 = (x - \alpha_1)(x - \alpha_2)(x - \alpha_3)$

$\ker[2] = \{\mathcal{O}, T_1, T_2, T_3\} \cong \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$

Conversely, every finite subgroup  $\Phi \subseteq E$  arises like this:

**Theorem 2.2.31**

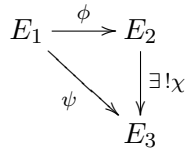
$\phi : E_1 \rightarrow E_2$  separable isogeny,  $\deg \phi = n \neq 0$

- (1)  $\phi$  is unramified, i.e.  $|\phi^{-1}(P)| = n \ \forall P \in E_2$
- (2)  $K_1 = k(E_1)/\phi^*k(E_2) = K_2$  is Galois of degree  $n$ , and

$$\begin{aligned} \ker(\phi^*) &\cong \text{Gal}(K_1/K_2) \\ f &\mapsto \tau_P^* \end{aligned}$$

(this implies  $\text{Gal}(K_1/K_2)$  abelian)

- (3) If  $\psi : E_1 \rightarrow E_3$  another isogeny (may be inseparable) and  $\ker \psi \supseteq \ker \phi$  then  $\exists! \chi$  s.t.  $\psi = \chi \circ \phi$



- (4) Conversely, given any finite subgroup  $\Phi \in E_1$ ,  $\exists$  separable  $\phi : E_1 \rightarrow$  some elliptic curve (denoted  $E_1/\Phi$ ) s.t.  $\ker \phi = \Phi$

**Proof**

- (1) By separability,  $\exists \tilde{P} \in E_2$  with  $n$  preimages  $\tilde{Q}_1, \dots, \tilde{Q}_n$  by separability  
If  $\phi(Q) = P$  arbitrary, then

$$\underbrace{Q + (\tilde{Q}_1 - \tilde{Q}_1)}_{T_1}, \underbrace{Q + (\tilde{Q}_2 - \tilde{Q}_1)}_{T_2}, \dots, \underbrace{Q + (\tilde{Q}_n - \tilde{Q}_1)}_{T_n}$$

are  $n$  direct preimages of  $P$

(2)  $\Phi := \ker \phi = \{T_1, \dots, T_n\}$  and

**Claim:**  $\tau_{T_i}^* : k(E_2) \hookrightarrow k(E_1)$  preserves  $\phi^*(k(E_2))$

**Proof of Claim:**

$$\tau_{T_i}^*(\phi^* f) = \phi^* f(\cdot + T_i) = f(\phi(\cdot + T_i)) = f(\phi(\cdot) + \phi(T_i)) = f(\phi(\cdot) + \mathcal{O}) = f(\phi(\cdot)) = \phi^* f \quad \blacksquare$$

$$\Rightarrow |\text{Aut}(K_1/K_2)| \geq n \quad (\tau_{T_i}^* \in \text{Aut}(K_1/K_2) \quad \forall i)$$

also  $[K_1 : K_2] = n$ , so by Galois theory,  $K_1/K_2$  Galois and  $|\text{Gal}| = n$

(3)  $K_3 = \psi^* k(E_3) \hookrightarrow K_1$

$K_3$  is fixed by  $\{\tau_P^* | P \in \ker \psi\} \supseteq \{\tau_P^* | P \in \ker \phi\} = \text{Gal}(K_1/K_2)$

$\Rightarrow K_3 \subseteq K_2 \Rightarrow \exists! \chi : E_2 \rightarrow E_3$  inducing this inclusion

and  $\psi = \chi \circ \phi$ ,  $\chi(\mathcal{O}) = \psi(\mathcal{O}) = \mathcal{O}$

$\Rightarrow \chi$  isogeny

(4)  $\tau_P^* : k(E/\Phi) \hookrightarrow K_1 = k(E_1)$ , where  $P \in \Phi$

Let  $K := K_1^\Phi$ . By Galois theory,  $K_1/K$  is Galois of degree  $|\Phi|$

In particular,  $\text{tr.deg} K = 1 \Rightarrow K = k(C)$  for some (unique up to isom) non-singular curve  $C$ , get non-constant map

$$\phi : E_1 \rightarrow C \quad (\text{this map is unramified, same argument as in (1)})$$

Recall  $g(C) \leq g(E_1) = 1$

If  $g(C) = 1 \Rightarrow$  done (define  $\mathcal{O}_C = \phi(\mathcal{O}_{E_1})$ )

If  $g(C) = 0, C \cong \mathbb{P}^1$ , check the following:

$$\text{div}(\phi^* dx) = \sum_{\phi(Q)=\infty} e_Q(Q)$$

(Note  $dx$  has divisor  $-2(\infty)$ ) all  $a_Q < 0$ , and this divisor has degree  $< 0 \quad \#$

□

## 2.2.5 Dual Isogeny

### Definition 2.2.32

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \phi & \\ E_1 & \xrightarrow{\quad} & E_2 \\ & \exists! \hat{\phi} & \end{array}$$

We say  $E_1, E_2$  are isogeneous if  $\exists$  isogeny  $\phi \neq 0 : E_1 \rightarrow E_2$

### Proposition 2.2.33

$\phi : E_1 \rightarrow E_2$  isogeny of degree  $m \neq 0$

Then  $\exists! \hat{\phi} : E_2 \rightarrow E_1$  (the dual isogeny) s.t.  $\hat{\phi}\phi = [m]$

(This proposition implies being isogeneous is an equivalence relation)

### Proof

Uniqueness:

$$\text{If } \hat{\phi}\phi = \psi\phi = [m] \Rightarrow (\hat{\phi} - \psi)\phi = [0] \Rightarrow (\text{by } \phi \neq 0) \hat{\phi} = \psi$$

Existence:

Suffice to show for  $\phi$  separable and  $\text{Frob}_g$

(1)  $\phi$  separable: This implies  $\# \ker \phi = m$ , hence,  $\forall P \in \ker \phi, mP = \mathcal{O} \Rightarrow \ker \phi \subseteq \ker [m]$   
 $\Rightarrow$  done by previous Theorem 2.2.31(3).

- (2)  $\phi = \text{Frob}_p$ ,  $p = \text{char } k > 0$ ,  $m = \deg \text{Frob}_p = p$   
 $w$  invariant differential on  $E$   
 $[p]^*w = pw = 0 \Rightarrow [p]$  inseparable  $\Rightarrow [p] = \text{Frob}_p \circ \psi$  for some  $\psi$

□

**Theorem 2.2.34**

- (1)  $\widehat{\phi}\phi = [m]$  on  $E_1$ ,  $\phi\widehat{\phi} = [m]$  on  $E_2$   
(2)  $\widehat{\chi \circ \phi} = \widehat{\phi} \circ \widehat{\chi} \quad \forall \chi : E_2 \rightarrow E_3$   
(3)  $\widehat{\phi + \psi} = \widehat{\phi} + \widehat{\psi} \quad \forall \psi : E_1 \rightarrow E_2$   
(4)  $\widehat{[m]} = [m]$  and  $\deg[m] = m^2 \quad \forall m \in \mathbb{Z}$   
(5)  $\deg \widehat{\phi} = \deg \phi$   
(6)  $\widehat{\widehat{\phi}} = \phi$

**Proof**

May assume all isogenies  $\neq [0]$

- (1)  $\widehat{\phi}\phi = [m]$  by definition  
 $\phi\widehat{\phi}\phi = \phi[m] = [m] \circ \phi \Rightarrow \phi\widehat{\phi} = [m]$  (as  $\phi \neq 0$ )  
(2)  $\chi\phi\widehat{\phi}\widehat{\chi} = \chi[\deg \phi]\widehat{\chi} = [\deg \phi][\deg \chi] = [\deg(\chi\phi)] = \chi\phi\widehat{\chi\phi}$   
 $\Rightarrow \widehat{\phi}\widehat{\chi} = \widehat{\chi\phi}$   
(3) Omitted (Silverman III 6.2)  
(4) By induction: Clearly true for  $m = -1, 0, 1$   
 $\widehat{[m+1]} = \widehat{[m]} + \widehat{[1]}$  by (3)  
 $= [m] + [1] = [m+1] = [\deg[m]] = [m]\widehat{[m]} = [m^2]$   
 $\Rightarrow \deg[m] = m^2$   
(5)  $\widehat{\phi}\phi = [m]$  Take degrees  
(6)  $\widehat{\phi}\phi = [\deg \phi] = [\deg \widehat{\phi}] = \widehat{\phi\widehat{\phi}}$   
 $\Rightarrow \phi = \widehat{\widehat{\phi}}$

□

**Definition 2.2.35**

$A$  an abelian group. A quadratic form is a function  $d : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  s.t.

- (1)  $d(-x) = dx \quad \forall x \in A$   
(2) The pairing

$$\langle , \rangle : A \times A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$(\phi, \psi) \mapsto d(\phi + \psi) - d\phi - d\psi$$

is  $\mathbb{Z}$ -bilinear

Say  $d$  is positive-definite if  $d(x) \geq 0$ , and  $d(x) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = 0$

**Corollary 2.2.36**

$\deg : \text{Hom}(E_1, E_2) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  is a positive definite quadratic form

**Proof**

All clear except bilinearity. Using  $[\cdot] : \mathbb{Z} \hookrightarrow \text{End}(E_1)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \phi, \psi \rangle &= [\text{deg}(\phi + \psi)] - [\text{deg} \phi] - [\text{deg} \psi] \\ &= \widehat{(\phi + \psi)} \cdot (\phi + \psi) - \widehat{\phi} \widehat{\phi} - \widehat{\psi} \widehat{\psi} \\ &= \widehat{\phi} \widehat{\psi} + \widehat{\psi} \widehat{\phi} \quad \text{bilinear} \end{aligned}$$

□

**2.2.6 Torsion****Definition 2.2.37**

The  $m$ -torsion group (or group of  $m$ -torsion points)

$$E[m] := \ker[m] = \{P \mid mP = 0\} \quad (m \geq 1)$$

**Corollary 2.2.38**

If  $\text{char } k \nmid m$  then  $E[m] \cong \mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z}$

**Proof**

$[m]$  separable  $\Rightarrow |E[m]| = m^2$  (because  $\text{deg}[m] = m^2$ )

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} |E[m]| = m^2 \\ |E[d]| = d^2 \forall d \mid m \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow E[m] \cong \mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z}$$

(Exercise: check this)

□

*Remark.*  $E[m] \cong E[p_1^{n_1}] \times \cdots \times E[p_k^{n_k}]$  if  $m = p_1^{n_1} \cdots p_k^{n_k}$  prime decomposition

**2.2.7 Tate module**

$l$  prime,  $l \nmid \text{char } k$

$$\begin{aligned} \cdots \xrightarrow{[l]} E[l^3] \xrightarrow{[l]} E[l^2] \xrightarrow{[l]} E[l] \xrightarrow{[l]} 0 \\ E[l^n] = \mathbb{Z}/l^n\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/l^n\mathbb{Z} \end{aligned}$$

**Definition 2.2.39**

The  $l$ -adic Tate module is

$$\begin{aligned} T_l E &:= \varprojlim_{n \geq 1} E[l^n] \\ &= \{(P_n)_{n \geq 1} \mid P_n \in E[l^n], [l]P_n = P_{n-1}\} \quad (\text{by defn}) \\ &= \mathbb{Z}_l \oplus \mathbb{Z}_l \quad \text{as an abelian group or } \mathbb{Z}_l\text{-module} \end{aligned}$$

Recall: The  $l$ -adic integer  $\mathbb{Z}_l := \{(\cdots, a_2, a_1) \mid a_n \in \mathbb{Z}/l^n\mathbb{Z}, a_{n+1} \equiv a_n \pmod{l^n}\}$   
This a ring (component-wise) and  $\supseteq \mathbb{Z} = \{(\cdots, a, a) \mid a \in \mathbb{Z}\}$

An isogeny  $\phi : E_1 \rightarrow E_2$  induces linear maps

$$E_1[l^n] \rightarrow E_2[l^n]$$

so a  $\mathbb{Z}_l$ -linear map  $\phi_l : T_l E_1 \rightarrow T_l E_2$  (think this as element of  $M_2(\mathbb{Z}_l)$ )

**Theorem 2.2.40**

$E_1, E_2$  elliptic curves. Then

$$\underbrace{\text{Hom}(E_1, E_2)}_{\text{torsion free } \mathbb{Z}\text{-modules}} \otimes \mathbb{Z}_l \hookrightarrow \text{Hom}(T_l E_1, T_l E_2)$$

**Proof**

Let  $H = \text{Hom}(E_1, E_2)$  torsion-free abelian group.

Now suppose  $\phi \in H \otimes \mathbb{Z}_l$  s.t.  $\phi_l = 0$

$$\phi = a_1\psi_1 + \cdots + a_t\psi_t \quad a_i \in \mathbb{Z}_l, \psi_i \in H$$

$M := \langle \psi_1, \dots, \psi_t \rangle$ . Use the following Lemma 2.2.41, replace  $\psi_i$  by a basis of  $M^{\text{div}}$ , may assume  $M = M^{\text{div}}$

$$\phi = a_1\psi_1 + \cdots + a_t\psi_t \quad \phi_l = 0$$

for all  $n \neq 1$ ,

Since  $(a_1 \bmod l^n) \in \mathbb{Z}$  s.t. its class in  $\mathbb{Z}/l^n\mathbb{Z}$  is the same as that of  $a_1$

$$[a_1 \bmod l^n]\psi_1 + \cdots + [a_t \bmod l^n]\psi_t \text{ kills } E[l^n]$$

$\Rightarrow$  factoring isogenies theorem

$$\begin{aligned} &= l^n \times (\text{some elts of } M^{\text{div}} = M) \\ &= [l^n b_1]\psi_1 + \cdots + [l^n b_t]\psi_t \quad \text{for some } b_i \in \mathbb{Z} \end{aligned}$$

$\psi_i$  basis of  $M \Rightarrow a_i = l^n b_i \equiv 0 \pmod{l^n}$

True for all  $n \Rightarrow$  all  $a_i = 0 \Rightarrow \phi = 0$

□

**Lemma 2.2.41**

If  $M \subseteq H = \text{Hom}(E_1, E_2)$  finitely generated subgroup, then

$$M^{\text{div}} = \{\phi \in H \mid m\phi \in M \text{ for some } m \geq 1\}$$

is finitely generated

**Proof**

Note  $M \otimes \mathbb{R}$  is a finite dimensional vector space, degree as quadratic form

$$\begin{aligned} M^{\text{div}} &\hookrightarrow M \otimes \mathbb{R} \\ \text{open nbhd of } 0: U &= \{\phi \in M \otimes \mathbb{R} \mid \deg \phi < 1\} \hookrightarrow M \otimes \mathbb{R} \end{aligned}$$

$M^{\text{div}} \cap U = \{0\}$  ( $\deg \geq 1$  for non-zero isogenies)

$\Rightarrow M^{\text{div}}$  discrete  $\Rightarrow$  finitely generated

□

**Corollary 2.2.42**

$$\begin{aligned} \text{rk}_{\mathbb{Z}} \text{Hom}(E_1, E_2) &\leq \text{rk}_{\mathbb{Z}_l} \text{Hom}(\mathbb{Z}_l^2, \mathbb{Z}_l^2) = 4 \\ \text{rk}_{\mathbb{Z}} \text{End}(E) &\leq 4 \end{aligned}$$

Easy algebra:

Any integral domain  $R$  of char 0 which has  $\text{rk}_{\mathbb{Z}} \leq 4$  and has a positive-definite quadratic form

$$d : R \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\text{s.t. } d(ab) = d(a)d(b)$$

then

- (1)  $R \cong \mathbb{Z}$  ( $d(x) = x^2$ ) or
- (2)  $R \cong \mathcal{O}_K$  order in imaginary quadratic field  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-D})$  ( $d(x) = |x|^2$ )
- (3)  $R$  rank 4 order in a quaternion algebra ( $d(x) = a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2$ )

**Corollary 2.2.43**

$\text{End}(E)$  is one of the 4 cases above, in character 0 (commutative) either (1) or (2)

## 2.3 Elliptic Curves over $\mathbb{C}$

### 2.3.1 Aside

A non-singular projective curve  $C$  over  $\mathbb{C}$  with its usual complex topology is a compact (i.e.  $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{C}}^n$  compact) complex manifold (i.e. non-singular) of dimension 1 (i.e. curve)  
 $\Rightarrow$  a complex Riemann surface.

Conversely, by Riemann Existence Theorem:

Every complex Riemann surface  $X$  comes from a  $C$  over  $\mathbb{C}$

$$C \longrightarrow X$$

$$\text{rational function} \qquad \text{meromorphic function}$$

$$\mathbb{C}(C) = \mathbb{C}(X)$$

(This is an equivalence of categories)

(Note: This is very hard, the main step is to prove  $\mathbb{C}(X) \neq \mathbb{C}$ )

Universal curve  $\tilde{X}$  has a complex structure (easy),

$$X = \tilde{X}/\pi_1(X)$$

( $\pi_1(X)$  is a discrete group acting freely, the fundamental group)

Complex Uniformization Theorem (also hard). As a  $\mathbb{C}$ -manifold,

$$\tilde{X} = \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\} = \mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{C}}^1 \quad \text{if } g(X) = 0$$

$$\tilde{X} = \mathbb{C} \quad \text{if } g(X) = 1$$

$$\tilde{X} = \{z : |z| < 1\} \quad \text{if } g(X) \geq 2$$

If  $g = 1$ , then  $\text{Aut}_{\mathbb{C}\text{-inf}} \mathbb{C} = \{z \mapsto az + b | a, b \in \mathbb{C}\}$

fixed-point free ones =  $\{z \mapsto z + w | w \in \mathbb{C}\}$

$\pi_1(X) \cong \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z} \Rightarrow X \cong \mathbb{C}/\Lambda$  ( $\Lambda$  lattice)

$\Rightarrow \{\mathbb{C}/\Lambda\} = \text{elliptic curves over } \mathbb{C}$

Our Goal: Do this explicitly

### 2.3.2 Theory

Recall function on  $\mathbb{C}$  is meromorphic  $\Leftrightarrow \forall a \in \mathbb{C}$  it has Laurent expansion at  $a$ :

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=n_0}^{\infty} c_n(z-a)^n \quad c_{n_0} \neq 0 \text{ unless } f \equiv 0$$

Notation:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{ord}_a f &:= n_0 \in \mathbb{Z} \quad \text{for order of vanishing at } a \text{ (discrete valuation)} \\ \text{res}_a f &:= c_{-1} \quad \text{residue at } a \end{aligned}$$

#### Definition 2.3.1

A lattice  $\Lambda \subseteq \mathbb{C}$  is a discrete subgroup of rank 2

$$\Lambda = \mathbb{Z}w_1 + \mathbb{Z}w_2$$

(Note: Basis  $w_1, w_2$  not unique, up to  $GL_2(\mathbb{Z})$ ) We use  $\pi$  to denote the fundamental domain of  $\Lambda$  (i.e. the parallelogram spanned by  $w_1$  and  $w_2$ )

An elliptic function (w.r.t to  $\Lambda$ ) is a meromorphic function s.t.

$$f(z+w) = f(z) \quad \forall z \in \mathbb{C}, w \in \Lambda$$

(These are precisely meromorphic functions on  $X = \mathbb{C}/\Lambda$ , they form a field  $\mathbb{C}(X) \supseteq \mathbb{C}$ )

#### Lemma 2.3.2

$f \neq 0$  elliptic function

- (1)  $f$  analytic (all  $\text{ord}_a f \geq 0$ )  $\Rightarrow f$  constant
- (2)  $\sum_{w \in \mathbb{C}/\Lambda} \text{res}_w f = 0$
- (3)  $\sum_{w \in \mathbb{C}/\Lambda} \text{ord}_w f = 0$
- (4)  $\sum_{w \in \mathbb{C}/\Lambda} \text{ord}_w f \cdot w \in \Lambda$  (i.e.  $=0$  in  $\mathbb{C}/\Lambda$ )

(Note: (2),(3),(4) are finite sums ( $\pi$  compact), well-defined)

#### Proof

- (1)  $f$  analytic  $\Rightarrow$  bounded on  $\pi \Rightarrow$  bounded on  $\mathbb{C} \Rightarrow$  constant by Liouville's Theorem
- (2)  $\sum \text{res} = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial\pi} f(z)dz = \int + \int + \int + \int = 0$   
( $f$  elliptic)
- (3)  $\sum \text{ord} = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial\pi} \frac{f'}{f} dz = 0$  as above
- (4) Use  $z \frac{f'}{f}$  (Exercise)

□

Notation:  $\mathcal{L}(n(0)) = \{\text{elliptic functions w.r.t. } \Lambda \text{ s.t. } f \text{ analytic for } z \notin \Lambda, \text{ord}_z f \geq -n \text{ for } z \in \Lambda\}$

Lemma 2.3.2(1)  $\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}(0) = \mathbb{C}$  constants

Lemma 2.3.2(2)  $\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}(1(0)) = \mathbb{C}$  (by LHS= $\text{res}_0 f$ , RHS= $0 \Rightarrow$  analytic at 0 as well)

**Definition 2.3.3**Eisenstein series of weight  $2k$ 

$$G_{2k} = G_{2k}(\Lambda) := \sum_{\substack{w \in \Lambda \\ w \neq 0}} w^{-2k} \quad k \geq 2$$

(Exercise:  $\sum_{0 \neq w \in \Lambda} \frac{1}{|w|^\alpha} < \infty \Leftrightarrow \alpha > 2$ )**Example 2.3.4**

$\Lambda = \mathbb{Z} + \sqrt{2}i\mathbb{Z}$

$G_4 = 2.23661\dots$

$G_6 = 1.89217\dots$

**Theorem 2.3.5**

$$\mathcal{L}(2(0)) = \langle 1, \wp(z) \rangle$$

where  $\wp(z)$  unique elliptic function (Weierstrass  $\wp$ -function) s.t.

$$\wp(z) = \frac{1}{z^2} + O(z) \quad \text{at } z = 0$$

 $(O(z))$  means, at  $z = 0$ , Laurent series has  $c_{-1} = 0, c_0 = 0$ **Proof**Uniqueness: $\dim \mathcal{L}(2(0)) \leq 2$ , clear: $\wp_1 - \wp_2 \in \mathcal{L}(0) \Rightarrow$  constant, zero at  $z = 0$ , as cannot have pole of order 1 by previous lemma  $\Rightarrow 0$ Existence:Define the Weierstrass  $\wp$ -function as follows

$$\wp(z) := \wp(z; \Lambda) = \frac{1}{z^2} + \sum_{\substack{w \in \Lambda \\ w \neq 0}} \frac{1}{(z-w)^2} - \frac{1}{w^2}$$

If  $|w| > 2|z|$ 

$$\left| \frac{1}{(z-w)^2} - \frac{1}{w^2} \right| = \left| \frac{z(2w-z)}{w^2(w-z)^2} \right| \leq \frac{10 \cdot |z|}{|w|^3}$$

note  $\sum_{|w| \geq 2|z|} \leq 10 \cdot |z| \left( \sum \frac{1}{|w|^3} \right) < \infty$ So this converges uniformly on compact  $\subseteq \mathbb{C} \setminus \Lambda$  $\Rightarrow$  analytic on  $\mathbb{C} \setminus \Lambda$ , double pole at  $w \in \Lambda$  $\wp(z)$  elliptic: $\wp(z)$  clearly even; in particular  $\wp(\frac{w}{2}) = \wp(-\frac{w}{2})$  for  $w \in \Lambda$ 

$$\wp'(z) = -2 \sum_{w \in \Lambda} \frac{1}{(z-w)^3}$$

this clearly is elliptic

$$\Rightarrow \wp(z+w) - \wp(z) = c(w) \quad \text{constant } (w \in \Lambda)$$

 $z = -\frac{w}{2} \Rightarrow c(w) = 0 \Rightarrow \wp(z)$  elliptic

□



*Remark.* For  $|z| < |w|$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{(z-w)^2} - \frac{1}{w^2} &= w^{-2} \left( \frac{1}{\left(1 - \frac{z}{w}\right)^2} - 1 \right) \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{n+1}{w^{n+2}} z^n \end{aligned}$$

Sum over  $w \in \Lambda$ , interchange order

$$\Rightarrow \wp(z) = \frac{1}{z^2} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (2k+1)G_{2k+2}z^{2k}$$

### Theorem 2.3.6

Writing

$$\begin{aligned} g_2 &= g_2(\Lambda) := 60G_4(\Lambda) \\ g_3 &= g_3(\Lambda) := 140G_6(\Lambda) \end{aligned}$$

We get

$$\wp'(z)^2 = 4\wp(z)^3 - g_2\wp(z) - g_3$$

### Proof

$$\begin{aligned} \wp(z) &= \frac{1}{z^2} + 3G_4z^2 + 5G_6z^4 + \dots \\ \wp(z)^3 &= \frac{1}{z^6} + 9G_4\frac{1}{z^2} + 15G_6 + \dots \\ \wp'(z)^2 &= \frac{1}{4z^6} - 24G_4\frac{1}{z^2} - 80G_6 + \dots \end{aligned}$$

LHS – RHS in Theorem is elliptic, holomorphic (i.e. analytic, i.e. no poles as all negative power of  $z$  cancel)

LHS – RHS  $\equiv 0$  by Lemma 2.3.2 (1) □

*Remark.* (see picture)

$\wp(z)$  even,  $\wp'(z)$  odd  $\Rightarrow \wp'(T_i) = \wp'(-T_i) \Rightarrow \wp'(T_i) = 0$

$\frac{d}{dz}\left(\frac{1}{z^2}\right) = \frac{-2}{z^3} \Rightarrow -3(\mathcal{O})$

$$\text{div } \wp'(z) = -3(\mathcal{O}) + (T_1) + (T_2) + (T_3)$$

and  $\forall a \in \mathbb{C}$

$$\text{div}(\wp(z) - a) = -2(\mathcal{O}) + (w) + (-w) \quad \text{for some } w \in \mathbb{C}/\Lambda$$

$$\text{and } \text{div}(\wp(z) - \wp(T_i)) = -2(\mathcal{O}) + 2(T_i)$$

in particular,  $\wp(T_i)$  distinct

### Theorem 2.3.7

$\Lambda \subseteq \mathbb{C}$  lattice,  $X = \mathbb{C}/\Lambda$ . Then

$$\mathbb{C}(X) = \mathbb{C}(\wp(z), \wp'(z))$$

### Proof

Take  $f \in \mathbb{C}(X)$ . May assume  $f$  is even

$$\text{general } f = \underbrace{\frac{1}{2}(f(z) + f(-z))}_{\text{even elliptic}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2}(f(z) - f(-z))}_{\text{odd elliptic}} \Rightarrow \text{odd} = \wp' \times \text{even}$$

Now  $\text{div}(f) = n_1[(z_1) + (-z_1)] + \dots + n_k[(z_k) + (-z_k)]$  for some  $n_k \in \mathbb{Z}, z_k \in \mathbb{C}/\Lambda$   
 (check  $T_i$  carefully using  $f'$  odd)

Define

$$\tilde{f} := \prod_i [\wp(z) - \wp(z_i)]^{n_i}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{div}(f) = \text{div}(\tilde{f}) + \cancel{?(\mathcal{O})}$$

$$\text{both } \deg \text{div}(f), \text{div}(\tilde{f}) = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{\tilde{f}}{f} \text{ has no zero or poles}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{holomorphic elliptic} \Rightarrow \text{constant}$$

□

Write

$$E_\Lambda : y^2 = 4x^3 - g_2x - g_3$$

where  $g_2 = g_2(\Lambda), g_3 = g_3(\Lambda)$

$$E_\Lambda \cong y^2 = (x - \wp(T_1))(x - \wp(T_2))(x - \wp(T_3))$$

In particular, this is non-singular

Actually,  $(\wp(z) : \wp'(z) : 1) \in \mathbb{P}^2$  and  $\Lambda \mapsto (0 : 1 : 0) = \mathcal{O}$

**Theorem 2.3.8**

$\phi$  as follows is an analytic isomorphism of complex Lie groups

$$\begin{aligned} \phi : \mathbb{C}/\Lambda &\rightarrow E_\Lambda \\ z &\mapsto (\wp(z), \wp'(z)) \end{aligned}$$

**Proof**

Surjectivity:

$\mathcal{O}, (\alpha_i, 0)$  (where  $\alpha_i$  is root of RHS) in the image

Take  $(x, y) \in E_\Lambda$  where  $y \neq 0, \infty$

$$\text{div}(\wp(z) - x) = -2(\mathcal{O}) + (w_1) + (-w_1) \quad \text{for some } w_1 \in \mathbb{C}/\Lambda$$

$$\Rightarrow \wp(w_1) = x$$

$$(\wp'(w))^2 = f(\wp(w)) = f(x) = y^2$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \wp'(w_1) \text{ or } y = -\wp'(w_1) = \wp'(-w_1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{either } w_1 \text{ or } -w_1 \text{ maps to } (x, y)$$

Injectivity: Check  $T_i$ ; otherwise follows from the proof of surjectivity

locally analytic isom:

$\frac{dx}{y}$  differential on  $E$  with no zeros/poles

$$\phi^* \frac{dx}{y} = \frac{d\wp(z)}{\wp'(z)} = \frac{\cancel{\wp'(z)} dz}{\cancel{\wp'(z)}} = dz$$

$$\Rightarrow \phi^* \text{ isomorphism on cotangent spaces}$$

$\phi^{-1}$  group homomorphism

If  $P_1 + P_2 + P_3 = \mathcal{O}$  on  $E_\Lambda$

Take  $f \in \mathbb{C}(E_\Lambda)$  s.t.

$$\text{div}(f) = (P_1) + (P_2) + (P_3) - 3(\mathcal{O})$$

say  $\phi : z_i \mapsto P_i$ . Then

$$\text{div}(\phi^* f) = (z_1) + (z_2) + (z_3) - 3(\mathcal{O})$$

(Note:  $\phi^* f = f(\wp(z), \wp'(z))$  which is meromorphic)

previous Lemma 2.3.2 (4)  $\Rightarrow z_1 + z_2 + z_3 = 0 \pmod{\Lambda}$

□

**Corollary 2.3.9**

A divisor  $D = \sum_{z_i \in \mathbb{C}/\Lambda} n_i(z_i)$  is a divisor of some elliptic function  
 $\Leftrightarrow \sum n_i = 0$  and  $\sum n_i z_i = 0 \pmod{\Lambda}$

**Proof**

True on  $E_\Lambda$  □

**2.3.3 Constructing  $\Lambda$  from  $E$ , and  $\phi^{(-1)} : E \rightarrow \mathbb{C}/\Lambda$** 

(see picture)

If  $\phi(z_0) = P_0$ , then

$$z_0 = \int_0^{z_0} dz = \int_0^{z_0} \frac{d\wp(z)}{\wp'(z)} = \int_{\mathcal{O}}^{P_0} \frac{dx}{y} = \underbrace{\int_{\infty}^{x(P_0)} \frac{dx}{\sqrt{4x^3 - g_2x - g_3}}}_{\text{elliptic integral}}$$

( $x(P_0) = x$ -coordinate of  $P_0$ )

$$\Rightarrow P \mapsto \int_{\infty}^{x(P)} \frac{dx}{\sqrt{4f(x)}} \text{ is } \phi^{-1} : E \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$$

$\int_{\mathcal{O}}^{P_0} \frac{dx}{y}$  depends on the choice of a path from  $\mathcal{O}$  to  $P$  (see picture)

The integral is well-defined up to  $\mathbb{Z}$ -multiples of  $\int_{\gamma_1} \frac{dx}{y}$ ,  $\int_{\gamma_2} \frac{dx}{y}$  with  $\gamma_1, \gamma_2$  basis of  $H_1(E, \mathbb{Z}) = \Lambda$   
 (see picture)

The lattice  $\Lambda$  is recovered as  $\mathbb{Z} \cdot \int_{\gamma_1} \frac{dx}{y} + \mathbb{Z} \cdot \int_{\gamma_2} \frac{dx}{y} \subseteq \mathbb{C}$

Choose (picture)

$$\Rightarrow \int_{\gamma_1} = w_1, \int_{\gamma_2} w_2$$

**Example 2.3.10**

$E : y^2 = x(x-1)(x-3)$ . Two well-defined choices of  $\sqrt{x(x-1)(x-3)}$  on  $\mathbb{C}$  with  $(0,1)$  and  $(3,\infty)$  removed, call them “ $+\sqrt{\cdot}$ ” and “ $-\sqrt{\cdot}$ ”

$$E = \quad \cup \quad = \quad \cup$$

=

Deform it  $\Rightarrow$

$$w_1 = \oint_0^1 \frac{dx}{\sqrt{4x(x-1)(x-3)}} = 0.620131\dots$$

$$w_2 = \oint_1^3 \frac{dx}{\sqrt{4x(x-1)(x-3)}} = 2.20335\dots i$$

This proves this  $E$  comes from a  $\Lambda$  (!!)  
(namely, this  $\Lambda = \mathbb{Z} w_1 + \mathbb{Z} w_2$ )

**2.3.4 Conclusion**

Let  $E : y^2 = (x - \alpha_1)(x - \alpha_2)(x - \alpha_3)$

- If  $\alpha_i \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $E$  comes from a lattice  $\Lambda = \mathbb{Z} w_1 + \mathbb{Z} w_2$ ,  $w_1 \in \mathbb{R}, w_2 \in i \cdot \mathbb{R}$
- If  $\alpha_1 \in \mathbb{R}, \alpha_2 = \overline{\alpha_3}$  similar argument  $\Rightarrow E$  comes from  $\Lambda = \mathbb{Z} w_1 + \mathbb{Z} w_2$ ,  $w_1 \in \mathbb{R}, w_2 = \frac{1}{2}w_1 + i \cdot \mathbb{R}$
- If  $\alpha_i \in \mathbb{C}$  arbitrary distinct, can show that  $\int_{\gamma_1}, \int_{\gamma_2}$  are still linear independent over  $\mathbb{R}$ , so they form a lattice  $\Lambda$  (and  $\mathbb{C}/\Lambda = E$  by construction)

**Corollary 2.3.11**

$\deg[m] = m^2$  and  $E[m] \cong \mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z}$  all  $m \geq 1$

**Proof**

$E \cong \mathbb{C}/\Lambda \cong \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}$  as abelian group

$$E[m] \cong (\frac{1}{m} \mathbb{Z} / \mathbb{Z})^2 \cong \mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z}$$

□

### 2.3.5 Homotheties and Isogenies

What are isogenies  $E = \mathbb{C}/\Lambda \rightarrow \mathbb{C}/\Lambda' = E'$ ?

- If  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$  s.t.  $\alpha\Lambda \subseteq \Lambda'$  then

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{C}/\Lambda &\rightarrow \mathbb{C}/\Lambda' \\ z &\mapsto \alpha z \end{aligned}$$

well-defined holomorphic  $E \rightarrow E'$ ,  $\mathcal{O} \mapsto \mathcal{O}$ , given by

$$\phi_\alpha : (\wp_\Lambda(z), \wp'_\Lambda(z)) \mapsto (\wp_{\Lambda'}(\alpha z), \wp'_{\Lambda'}(\alpha z))$$

But  $z \mapsto \wp_{\Lambda'}(\alpha z)$  is elliptic w.r.t.  $\Lambda$  for  $w \in \Lambda$

$$\begin{aligned} \wp_{\Lambda'}(\alpha(z+w)) &= \wp_{\Lambda'}(\alpha z + \underbrace{\alpha w}_{\in \Lambda'}) = \wp_{\Lambda'}(\alpha z) \quad \text{similar for } \wp'_{\Lambda'}(\alpha z) \\ \Rightarrow \wp_{\Lambda'}(\alpha z), \wp'_{\Lambda'}(\alpha z) &\text{ in } \mathbb{C}(E) = \mathbb{C}(\wp_\Lambda(z), \wp'_\Lambda(z)) \end{aligned}$$

i.e.  $\phi_\alpha$  is a rational map

- Conversely,  $\phi : E \rightarrow E'$  holomorphic,  $\phi(\mathcal{O}) = \mathcal{O}$ ; e.g.  $\phi$  isogeny.  
 $\phi : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}/\Lambda'$ , lifts to the universal cover

$$\tilde{\phi} : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \quad , \quad \tilde{\phi}(\Lambda) \subseteq \Lambda'$$

For  $w \in \Lambda$ ,

$$z \mapsto \tilde{\phi}(z+w) - \tilde{\phi}(z) \quad \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \Lambda' \quad \text{holomorphic}$$

is constant (dependent on  $w$ ). So  $\tilde{\phi}'(z)$  is elliptic holomorphic  $\Rightarrow \tilde{\phi}' = \text{constant } \alpha$ , i.e.

$$\tilde{\phi}(z) = \alpha z + \beta$$

#### Corollary 2.3.12

$$\begin{aligned} \{\text{isogenies } \phi : E \rightarrow E'\} &= \{\alpha \in \mathbb{C} \mid \alpha\Lambda \subseteq \Lambda'\} \\ \phi &\mapsto \alpha = \frac{\phi^* dz}{dz} = \frac{\phi^*(dx/y)}{dx/y} \\ \phi &\leftarrow \alpha \quad \text{as above} \end{aligned}$$

#### Corollary 2.3.13

$\text{rk}_{\mathbb{Z}}(LHS) \leq 4$  (confirming previous result)

We proved:

#### Theorem 2.3.14

These categories are equivalent:

- Elliptic curves over  $\mathbb{C}$ , maps: isogenies
- Elliptic curves over  $\mathbb{C}$ , maps: analytic maps taking  $\mathcal{O}$  to  $\mathcal{O}$
- Lattices  $\Lambda \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ , maps  $\{\alpha \in \mathbb{C} \mid \alpha\Lambda \subseteq \Lambda'\}$

#### Corollary 2.3.15

$E \cong E' \Leftrightarrow \Lambda = \alpha\Lambda'$  for some  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}^\times$  (note lattices are homothetic), i.e.

$$\frac{\text{Elliptic curves}}{\cong} = \frac{\text{Lattices}}{\text{homothety}}$$

### 2.3.6 Curves with Complex Multiplication

*Remark.* Every  $\mathbb{Z}w_1 + \mathbb{Z}w_2$  is homothetic to  $\Lambda = \mathbb{Z} + \mathbb{Z}\tau$  for some  $\tau \in \mathbb{H} = \{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid \text{Im}(z) > 0\}$

Exercise:  $\tau$  unique up to  $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$ -action

Suppose,

$$\begin{aligned} E &= \mathbb{C}/\Lambda \text{ has CM, i.e.} \\ R &= \text{End}(E) = \{\alpha \in \mathbb{C} \mid \alpha\Lambda \subseteq \Lambda\} \supsetneq \mathbb{Z} \end{aligned}$$

We say that  $E$  has complex multiplication (CM) by  $R$

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha \in R, \alpha \cdot 1 &= \alpha \in \Lambda, \alpha \cdot \tau \in \Lambda \\ \Rightarrow \alpha &= a + b\tau, \quad \alpha\tau = c + d\tau \text{ for some } a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{Z} \\ \Rightarrow b\tau^2 + (a-d)\tau - c &= 0 \text{ (quadratic equation for } \tau \text{ over } \mathbb{Q}) \\ \Rightarrow \tau \in K &= \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-D}), \text{ some } D \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}; \text{ imaginary quadratic field} \end{aligned}$$

$R \subseteq \mathbb{Z} + \mathbb{Z}\tau$  rank 2 subring  $\Rightarrow$  order in  $K$   
(Exercise:  $R = \mathbb{Z} + f \cdot \mathcal{O}_K$  for some  $f \geq 1$ , the conductor of  $R$ )

$\Lambda$  an  $R$ -module  $\subseteq K \Rightarrow$  fractional ideal of  $R$

Conversely, for each order  $R \subseteq K$  (any  $R$ , any  $K$ ) e.g.  $\Lambda = R$  has CM by  $R$

Generally,

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{elliptic curves} \\ \text{with CM by } R \end{array} \right\} / \text{isom.} = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{fractional ideal} \\ \text{of } R \end{array} \right\} / \sim = \text{Class group of } R$$

( $I_1 \sim \alpha I_2$  for  $\alpha \in K^\times$ )  
 (note the above are finite groups)

#### Example 2.3.16

$$\begin{aligned} R &= \mathbb{Z}[i], K = \mathbb{Q}(i) \\ E : \mathbb{C}/\mathbb{Z} + \mathbb{Z}i & \quad y^2 = x^3 + x \end{aligned}$$

#### Example 2.3.17

$$\begin{aligned} R &= \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_3], K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-3}) \\ E : \mathbb{C}/\mathbb{Z} + \mathbb{Z}\zeta_3 & \quad y^2 = x^3 + 1 \end{aligned}$$

#### Example 2.3.18

$$\begin{aligned} R &= \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-5}], K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-5}) \text{ (has class number 2)} \\ E : \mathbb{C}/\mathbb{Z} + \mathbb{Z}\sqrt{-5} & \quad j = 632000 + 282880\sqrt{5} \\ E : \mathbb{C}/\mathbb{Z} + \mathbb{Z}\frac{1+\sqrt{-5}}{2} & \quad j = 632000 - 282880\sqrt{5} \end{aligned}$$

Beyond Syllabus Fact:  $j$ -invariants of elliptic curves with CM by  $\mathcal{O}_K$  generate maximal unramified abelian extension, i.e. the Hilbert class field, of  $K$ , e.g.:

$$\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-5}) \xrightarrow{\text{unramified}} \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-5}, \sqrt{5})$$

The study of these is called Theory of CM.

Exercise: If  $E \sim E'$  isogenies then  $E$  has CM  $\Leftrightarrow E'$  has CM; with the same  $K$   
 Conversely, any 2 elliptic curves with CM by subrings ( $\neq \mathbb{Z}$ ) of  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-D})$  with the same  $D$  are isogenous

Exercise:  $\text{End}(E) = \mathbb{Z}[\alpha]$ , complex conjugation = taking dual isogeny, degree =  $|\cdot|^2$

# Chapter 3

## Arithmetic

### 3.1 Elliptic Curves over Perfect Field

Ground field  $K$ , always perfect

**Definition 3.1.1**

$K$  is perfect if every finite extension of  $K$  is separable  $(\Leftrightarrow \overline{K}^{\text{Gal}(\overline{K}/K)} = K)$

**Example 3.1.2**

Perfect field:  $\text{char } K=0 \quad K = \overline{K}$

$K = \mathbb{F}_{p^n}$

Non-perfect field:  $K = \mathbb{F}_p(X)$

**Definition 3.1.3**

A curve  $C \subseteq \mathbb{P}_{\overline{K}}^n$  is defined over  $K$  (written  $C/K$ ) if it can be give by

$$C : \begin{cases} f_1 = 0 \\ \vdots \\ f_m = 0 \end{cases} \quad f_i \in K[x_0, \dots, x_n] \text{ homog. polynomials}$$

The set of  $K$ -rational points  $C(K) = \{(a_0, \dots, a_n) \in C \mid a_i \in K\}$

Exercise:  $C : x^2 + y^2 = -1 \subseteq \mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{C}}^2$  defined over  $\mathbb{Q} : C(\mathbb{Q}) = \emptyset$

**Definition 3.1.4**

$K$ -rational functions:  $K(C) = \{\frac{f}{g} \in \overline{K}(C) \mid f, g \in K(x_0, \dots, x_n)\}$

$K$ -rational maps:  $C_1 \rightarrow C_2 =$  those defined by  $K$ -rational functions

Fact:  $\{\text{non-singular curves over } K\} \rightarrow \{\text{f.g. extensions } L \text{ of } K \text{ of tr.deg. } 1 \text{ s.t. } L \cap \overline{K} = K\}$  (exercise: why  $L \cap \overline{K} = K \Leftrightarrow C \mapsto K(C)$  this is an equivalence of categories)

**Definition 3.1.5**

$K$ -rational divisors

$$\text{Div}_K(C) = \underbrace{(\text{Div}(C))}_{\text{over } \overline{K}}^{\text{Gal}(\overline{K}/K)} \quad \text{Galois invariants}$$

Clearly  $f \in K(C)^\times \Rightarrow \text{div}(f) \in \text{Div}_K(C)$   
(and conversely, the lemma below)

**Example 3.1.6** $y^2 = x^3 + 1$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$  $\text{div}(x) = (0, 1) + (0, -1) - 2(\mathcal{O})$  $\text{div}(y) = (-1, 0) + (-\zeta, 0) + (-\zeta^2, 0) - 3(\mathcal{O})$ **Lemma 3.1.7** $D \in \text{Div}_K(C) \Rightarrow \mathcal{L}(D)$  has a basis of functions in  $K(C)$ **Proof**General fact about vector space with  $\text{Gal}(\overline{K}/K)$ -action (Silverman III, 5.8.1) □**Definition 3.1.8**An elliptic curve is a pair  $(E, \mathcal{O})$ ,  $E/K$  genus 1,  $\mathcal{O} \in E(K)$ **Example 3.1.9**(Selmer)  $C : 3x^3 + 4y^3 = 5$  has genus 1,  $C(\mathbb{Q}) = \emptyset$ , NOT an elliptic curve over  $\mathbb{Q}$ 

- Riemann-Roch + Lemma  $\Rightarrow$

$$E \cong y^2 + a_1xy + a_3y = x^3 + \dots$$

with  $a_i \in K$ , unique up to

$$\begin{aligned} x &\mapsto u^2x + r & u, r, s, t \in K \\ y &\mapsto u^3y + sx + t & u \neq 0 \end{aligned}$$

- Addition:  $E \times E \rightarrow E$ , inverse:  $E \rightarrow E$  both defined over  $K$ . In particular  $(P + Q)^\sigma = P^\sigma + Q^\sigma \forall \sigma \in \text{Gal}(\overline{K}/K)$

Thus  $E(K)$  abelian group (main object of study)**Definition 3.1.10**

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hom}_K(E_1, E_2) &= \underline{K\text{-rational isogenies}} \\ &= K\text{-morphism s.t. } \mathcal{O} \mapsto \mathcal{O} \\ &= \text{Hom}(E_1, E_2)^{\text{Gal}(\overline{K}/K)} \\ \text{End}_K(E) &= \text{Hom}_K(E, E) \stackrel{\text{subring}}{\subseteq} \text{End}(E) \text{ over } \overline{K} \end{aligned}$$

**Example 3.1.11** $E : y^2 = x^3 + x$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$  $\text{End}_{\mathbb{Q}(i)}(E) \cong \mathbb{Z}[i]$  $[i] : (x, y) \mapsto (ix, -y)$  $\text{End}_{\mathbb{Q}}(E) = \mathbb{Z}$  $\frac{\phi^* dx/y}{dx/y} \notin \mathbb{Q}$  for  $\phi \in \mathbb{Z}[i] \setminus \mathbb{Z}$  $\Rightarrow$  cannot be defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$ i.e.  $E$  has CM over  $\mathbb{Q}(i)$  but not over  $\mathbb{Q}$ **3.1.1 Torsion and Weil Pairing** $E/K$ ,  $m \geq 1$ ,  $\text{char } K \nmid m$ Recall:  $m$ -torsion subgroup  $E[m] = \{P \in E(\overline{K}) \mid mP = \mathcal{O}\} \cong \mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z} + \mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z}$  as abelian group



If  $mP = \mathcal{O}$  and  $\sigma \in \text{Gal}(\overline{K}/K)$  then

$$m(P^\sigma) = (mP)^\sigma = \mathcal{O}^\sigma = \mathcal{O} \Rightarrow P^\sigma \in E[m]$$

$\Rightarrow E[m]$  is  $\text{Gal}(\overline{K}/K)$ -module with linear action, i.e. we have representation:

$$\overline{\rho}_m : \text{Gal} \overline{K}/K \rightarrow \text{Aut}(E[m]) \cong GL_2(\mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z}) (= GL_2(\mathbb{F}_l) \text{ if prime } m = l)$$

**Example 3.1.12**

$$E/\mathbb{Q} : y^2 = (x-1)(x^2+1) \quad , m = 2$$

$$E[2] = \{\mathcal{O}, (1,0), (i,0), (-i,0)\} \cong \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} + \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$$

$$\overline{\rho}_2 : \text{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q}) \twoheadrightarrow \text{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}(i)/\mathbb{Q}) \cong C_2 \hookrightarrow S_3 = GL_2(\mathbb{F}_2)$$

$$\text{id} \quad \longmapsto \quad \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{complex conjugation} \quad \longmapsto \quad \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

**Example 3.1.13**

$$E/\mathbb{Q} : y^2 = x^3 - 2$$

$$\overline{\rho}_2 : \text{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q}) \twoheadrightarrow \text{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_3, \sqrt[3]{2})/\mathbb{Q}) \cong S_3 = GL_2(\mathbb{F}_2)$$

*Remark.* Important Theorem (Serre):  $E/K$  non-CM,  $K$  number field  $\Rightarrow \overline{\rho}_l$  surjective  $\text{Gal}(\overline{K}/K) \twoheadrightarrow GL_2(\mathbb{F}_l)$  for almost all  $l$

Notation:  $\mu_m = m$ -th roots of unity in  $\overline{K}$  ( $\cong \mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z}$  abelian group)

$\wedge^2 E[m] \cong \mu_m$  as a Galois module:

**Theorem 3.1.14**

$E/K$ . There is a bilinear, alternating, non-degenerate, Galois-equivalent pairing

$$e_m : E[m] \times E[m] \rightarrow \mu_m \quad \underline{\text{Weil pairing}}$$

which is adjoint w.r.t. isogenies

$$S, T \in E[m]$$

$$\text{bilinear: } e_m(S_1 + S_2, T) = e_m(S_1, T)e_m(S_2, T) \text{ and } e_m(S, T_1 + T_2) = e_m(S, T_1)e_m(S, T_2)$$

$$\text{alternating: } e_m(T, T) = 1 \quad (\Rightarrow e_m(S, T) = e_m(T, S)^{-1})$$

$$\text{non-degenerate: if } e_m(S, T) = 1 \quad \forall S \in E[m] \text{ then } T = \mathcal{O}$$

$$\text{Galois: } e_m(S^\sigma, T^\sigma) = e_m(S, T)^\sigma \quad \forall \sigma \in \text{Gal}(\overline{K}/K)$$

$$\text{adjoint: } \phi : E_1 \rightarrow E_2, \hat{\phi} : E_2 \rightarrow E_1, S \in E_1[m], T \in E_2[m], \text{ then } e_m(S, \hat{\phi}(T)) = e_m(\phi(S), T)$$

Over  $\mathbb{C}$ :  $\Lambda = \mathbb{Z}w_1 + \mathbb{Z}w_2$

$$e_m\left(\frac{a}{m}w_1 + \frac{k}{m}w_2, \frac{c}{m}w_1 + \frac{d}{m}w_2\right) = \exp\left(2\pi i \frac{ad - bc}{m}\right) \quad \forall a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z}$$

**Proof**

Construction:

Say  $D_1 = \sum_i a_i(P_i)$ ,  $D_2 = \sum_j b_j(Q_j)$  are disjoint if  $P_i \neq Q_j$  (written  $D_1 \cap D_2 = \emptyset$ )

If  $f \in \overline{K}(E)^\times$ ,  $D = \sum_i a_i(P_i)$  with  $\text{div}(f) \cap D = \emptyset$

then define

$$f(D) := \prod_i f(P_i)^{a_i} \in \overline{K}^\times$$

Exercise: (Weil reciprocity) If  $\text{div}(f) \cap \text{div}(g) = \emptyset$ , then  $f(\text{div}(g)) = g(\text{div}(f))$  (Hint: do  $\mathbb{P}^1$  first)

Note:

$$\begin{aligned} E[m] &= \{D \in \text{Pic}^0(E) \mid mD \sim 0\} \\ T &\mapsto (T) - (\mathcal{O}) \\ \sum a_i P_i &\leftrightarrow D = \sum a_i (P_i) \end{aligned}$$

We define  $e_m$  on the RHS:

Choose  $D_S = \sum a_i (P_i)$ ,  $D_T = \sum b_j (Q_j)$

$$\begin{aligned} mD_S &= \text{div}(f_S) \\ mD_T &= \text{div}(f_T) \\ D_S \cap D_T &= \emptyset \quad (\text{easy using Riemann-Roch}) \end{aligned}$$

So now we can define:

$$e_m(S, T) := \frac{f_S(D_T)}{f_T(D_S)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Note: } e_m(S, T)^m &= \frac{f_S(mD_T)}{f_T(mD_S)} = \frac{f_S(\text{div}(f_T))}{f_T(\text{div}(f_S))} = 1 \\ \Rightarrow e_m(S, T) &\in \mu_m \end{aligned}$$

Exercise:  $e_m$  is well-defined

Properties: Computation □

### 3.1.2 Characteristic polynomials of endomorphisms

$E/K, \phi \in \text{End}_K(E), m = \text{deg } \phi$

#### Lemma 3.1.15

$\exists a_\phi \in \mathbb{Z}$  s.t. the characteristic polynomial

$$f_\phi(T) := T^2 - a_\phi T + m$$

has  $f_\phi(\phi) = 0$

#### Proof

$$\text{deg } \phi = \phi \hat{\phi} = m$$

$$\text{deg}(1 - \phi) = (1 - \phi)(1 - \hat{\phi}) = 1 - (\phi + \hat{\phi}) + m \Rightarrow \phi + \hat{\phi} \in \mathbb{Z} \subseteq \text{End}_K(E)$$

$$\text{Let } a_\phi := \phi + \hat{\phi} \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\Rightarrow f_\phi(T) = T^2 - (\phi + \hat{\phi})T + \phi \hat{\phi}$$

$$\Rightarrow f_\phi(\phi) = 0 \quad \square$$

#### Lemma 3.1.16

$f_\phi(T) = (T - \alpha)(T - \bar{\alpha})$  with  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}, |\alpha| = \sqrt{m}$

#### Proof

$$\text{Need } \Delta_{f_\phi} = a_\phi^2 - 4m \leq 0$$

$$f\left(\frac{b}{c}\right) = \frac{1}{c^2} \text{deg}(c\phi - b) \geq 0 \quad \forall \frac{b}{c} \in \mathbb{Q}$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) \geq 0 \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R} \quad \Rightarrow \Delta \leq 0 \quad \square$$

**Lemma 3.1.17**

$\phi : E \rightarrow E$  induces  $\phi_l : T_l E \rightarrow T_l E$  ( $l \neq \text{char } K$ )

and

$$\det(\phi_l - T I) = f_\phi(T)$$

i.e. characteristic polynomial of  $\phi_l$  is in  $\mathbb{Z}[T]$  (not just  $\mathbb{Z}_l[T]$ ) and is independent of  $l$

**Proof**

Want:  $\det \phi_l = \deg \phi \forall \phi \in \text{End}_K(E)$  (so then constant term of  $T^2 + a_\phi T + c$  is clear)

Then also

$$\begin{aligned} a_\phi &= 1 - \deg(1 - \phi) + \deg \phi \\ \phi_l &= \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in M_2(\mathbb{Z}_l) \\ \text{tr } \phi_l &= 1 - \det(1 - \phi_l) + \det(\phi_l) \end{aligned}$$

Then linear term of the characteristic polynomial are done too.

To prove  $\deg \phi_l = \deg \phi$ . Write  $E[l^n] = \mathbb{Z}/l^n \mathbb{Z} \cdot v_1 + \mathbb{Z}/l^n \mathbb{Z} \cdot v_2$ ,  $\phi_l = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $e = e_{l^n}$  for the Weil pairing

$$\begin{aligned} e(v_1, v_2)^{\deg \phi} &= e(\deg \phi \cdot v_1, v_2) = e(\widehat{\phi} \phi \cdot v_1, v_2) \\ &= e(\phi v_1, \phi v_2) = e(av_1 + cv_2, bv_1 + dv_2) \\ &= e(v_1, v_2)^{ad-bc} = e(v_1, v_2)^{\det \phi_l} \end{aligned}$$

$e$  non-degenerate  $\Rightarrow \deg \phi \equiv \det \phi_l \pmod{l^n}$

True for all  $n \geq 1 \Rightarrow \deg \phi = \deg \phi_l$  □

## 3.2 Elliptic Curves over Finite Fields

$K = \mathbb{F}_q$  finite,  $q = p^d$

$\mathbb{P}^n(K) = \{(a_0 : \dots : a_n) \in K^{n+1} \setminus \{0\}\} / K^\times$  finite set, size  $\frac{q^{n+1}-1}{q-1}$

$C/K$  curve  $\Rightarrow C(K)$  finite

$E/K$  elliptic curve  $\Rightarrow E(K)$  finite abelian group

**Example 3.2.1**

$E : y^2 = x^3 + 1$  over  $K = \mathbb{F}_5$

$|E(\mathbb{F}_5)| = 6$ ,  $E(\mathbb{F}_5) = \{\mathcal{O}, (0, \pm 1), (2, \pm 3), (4, 0)\} \cong \mathbb{Z}/6\mathbb{Z}$

$|E(\mathbb{F}_{25})| = 36$

$|E(\mathbb{F}_{125})| = 126$ , etc.

**Definition 3.2.2**

Zeta-function of a curve  $C/K$  (or a variety)

$$\begin{aligned} Z_{C/\mathbb{F}_q}(T) &:= \exp\left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\#C(\mathbb{F}_{q^n})}{n} T^n\right) \\ &= 1 + \#C(\mathbb{F}_q)T + \dots \end{aligned}$$

**Example 3.2.3**

$C = \mathbb{P}^1$

$\#\mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{F}_{q^n}) = 1 + q^n$  (since  $\{\infty\} \cup K$ ), so

$$\begin{aligned} Z_{\mathbb{P}^1/\mathbb{F}_{q^n}}(T) &= \exp\left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{T^n}{n} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{q^n T^n}{n}\right) \\ &= \exp(-\log(1-T) - \log(1-qT)) \\ &= \frac{1}{(1-T)(1-qT)} \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 3.2.4 (Hasse)**

For an elliptic  $E/\mathbb{F}_q$

$$\begin{aligned} Z_{E/\mathbb{F}_q}(T) &= \frac{(1-\alpha T)(1-\bar{\alpha}T)}{(1-T)(1-qT)} \text{ with } |\alpha| = \sqrt{q}, \alpha \in \mathbb{C} \\ &= \frac{1-aT+qT^2}{(1-T)(1-qT)} \text{ with } a = q+1 - \#E(\mathbb{F}_q) \end{aligned}$$

and  $T^2 - aT + q = f_{\text{Frob}_q}(T) = \text{characteristic polynomial of } \text{Frob}_q \text{ on } T_l E \text{ for } l \nmid q$

**Corollary 3.2.5**

$\#E(\mathbb{F}_q)$  determines  $\#E(\mathbb{F}_{q^n}) \forall n \geq 1$

**Corollary 3.2.6 (Hasse-Weil Inequality)**

$\#E(\mathbb{F}_{q^n}) = 1 - \alpha^n - \bar{\alpha}^n + q^n \forall n \geq 1$

In particular,

$$|\#E(\mathbb{F}_{q^n}) - q^n - 1| \leq 2\sqrt{q^n}$$

*Remark.* (Weil:) This is true for all curves, numerator = inverse characteristic polynomial of  $\text{Frob}_q$  on  $T_l(\text{Jac}(C))$  of degree  $2g(C)$

“Weil conjectures”: Has analogue for all varieties, but this is much harder (Dwork, Deligne, Grothendieck)

$T_l \rightsquigarrow$  étale cohomology

**Corollary 3.2.7**

$\psi : E \rightarrow E'$  isogeny over  $K$ , then  $\#E(\mathbb{F}_q) = \#E'(\mathbb{F}_q)$

**Proof**

$\psi$  induces  $T_l E \rightarrow T_l E'$ , isomorphism of  $\text{Gal}(\bar{K}/K)$ -modules when  $l \nmid \deg \psi$

$\Rightarrow \text{Frob}_q \in \text{Gal}(\bar{K}/K)$  has same characteristic polynomial on both □

*Remark.* Converse also holds (Silverman Chapter V)

Generally for abelian varieties over  $\mathbb{F}_q$

$$\text{Hom}(A, A') \otimes \mathbb{Z}_l \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Hom}_{\text{Gal}(\bar{K})/K}(T_l A, T_l A')$$

this is the “Tate’s Theorem on endomorphisms”

(Faltings:) Also true over number field, but much harder

Can think of  $T_l E$  as something that replaces a complex lattice

**Proof of Hasse’s Theorem 3.2.4**

Let  $\phi = \text{Frob}_q : E \rightarrow E^{(q)} = E$  (Recall  $E^{(q)}$  is the  $E$  with coefficient in  $\mathbb{F}_q = \{a \in \bar{\mathbb{F}}_q | a^q = a\}$ )

$\Rightarrow \phi \in \text{End}(E)$

Write  $f_\phi(T) = 1 - aT + qT^2 = (1 - \alpha T)(1 - \bar{\alpha} T)$

$E(\mathbb{F}_q) = \text{fixed points of } \phi : E \rightarrow E = \ker(1 - \phi)$

$1 - \phi$  is separable, because  $(1 - \phi)^* w = w - 0 \neq 0$

$$\begin{aligned}
\Rightarrow |\ker(1 - \phi)| &= \deg(1 - \phi) \\
&= (1 - \phi)(1 - \widehat{\phi}) \\
&= 1 - a + q \\
&= 1 - \alpha - \bar{\alpha} + q
\end{aligned}$$

Similarly

$$\begin{aligned}
|E(\mathbb{F}_{q^n})| &= \deg(1 - \phi^n) \\
&= (1 - \alpha^n)(1 - \bar{\alpha}^n) \quad \alpha, \bar{\alpha} \text{ eigenvalues on } T_l E \\
&= 1 - \alpha^n - \bar{\alpha}^n + q^n
\end{aligned}$$

Put these in  $Z(T)$  and we are done □

**Example 3.2.8**

$E : y^2 = x^3 + 1$  over  $\mathbb{F}_5$

$\phi = \text{Frob}_p$  satisfies  $T^2 - aT + q = 0$

$a = 5 + 1 - \#E(\mathbb{F}_5) = 0$

$\Rightarrow f_\phi(T) = 1 + 5T^2, Z_{E/\mathbb{F}_q}(T) = \frac{1+5T^2}{(1-T)(1-5T)} \quad (\alpha, \bar{\alpha} = \sqrt{-5}, -\sqrt{-5})$

$$\begin{aligned}
\#E(\mathbb{F}_{5^n}) &= 1 - (\sqrt{-5})^n - (-\sqrt{-5})^n + 5^n \\
&= 6 \quad \text{if } n = 1 \\
&= 36 \quad \text{if } n = 2 \\
&= 126 \quad \text{if } n = 3
\end{aligned}$$

**3.2.1 Reduction mod  $p$**

$K = \mathbb{Q}, p$  prime,  $p$ -adic valuation:

$$\begin{aligned}
v = v_p : \mathbb{Q}^\times &\rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \\
p^n \frac{a}{b} &\mapsto n
\end{aligned}$$

with  $(ab, p) = 1$

$\mathcal{O} = \{\frac{a}{b} \in \mathbb{Q} \mid p \nmid b\}$

$\mathcal{O} \bmod p = k = \mathbb{F}_p$  residue field

Generally  $K$  field, valuation  $v : K^\times \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$

$\mathcal{O} = \{x \in K \mid v(x) \geq 0\}$  integer ring

$p \rightsquigarrow \pi$  uniformiser,  $v(\pi) = 1$

$k = \mathcal{O}/\pi$  residue field

**Definition 3.2.9**

$E/K$  elliptic curve. A Weierstrass equation

$$E : y^2 + a_1xy + a_3y = x^3 + a_2x^2 + a_4x + a_6$$

is integral at  $p$  if all  $a_i \in \mathcal{O}$  ( $\exists$  rescale  $a_i \mapsto p^i$  enough times)

Then  $\Delta \in \mathcal{O}, v(\Delta) \geq 0$

A minimal model at  $p$  is an integral model with  $v(\Delta)$  minimal among integer models

THE reduced curve:

$$\tilde{E}/K : y^2 + \bar{a}_1xy + \bar{a}_3y = x^3 + \bar{a}_2x^2 + \bar{a}_4x + \bar{a}_6, \quad \bar{a}_i = a_i \bmod p$$

for any minimal model

Easy: minimal model is unique up to  $\begin{matrix} x \mapsto u^2x + r \\ y \mapsto u^3y + sx + t \end{matrix}; u, r, s, t \in \mathcal{O}, u \in \mathcal{O}^\times$ ; induces  $\cong$  on reduced curves. When  $\text{char } k = p \neq 2, 3$ , may take  $y^2 = x^3 + ax + b$ ,  $\begin{matrix} x \mapsto u^2x \\ y \mapsto u^3y \end{matrix}$  as usual.

**Example 3.2.10**

$y^2 = x^3 - 3 \cdot 5^5x - 3 \cdot 5^6$  integral, not minimal at  $p = 5$ ,  $\Delta = -2^4 \cdot 3^3 \cdot 5^{13}$

$x \mapsto 5^2x$

$y \mapsto 5^3y$

$a_i \mapsto 5^{-i}a_i$

$\Delta \mapsto 5^{-12} \cdot \Delta$

$\rightsquigarrow y^2 = x^3 - 3x - 3$  integral,  $\Delta = -2^4 \cdot 3^3 \cdot 5$  minimal at 5 ( $v(\Delta)$  can only change by multiples of 12)

Reduced curve:  $\tilde{E}: y^2 = x^3 + 2x + 2 = (x - 1)^2(x + 2)$  over  $\mathbb{F}_5$

Singular ( $\Delta \pmod p = 0$ )

Exercise:

For  $p \neq 2, 3$  and  $j(E) \in \mathcal{O}$  integral model  $y^2 = x^3 + ax + b$ ,  $a, b \in \mathcal{O}$ , is minimal  $\Leftrightarrow v(\Delta) < 12$   
 ( $p = 2, 3$ :  $\Leftarrow$  still true, but  $\Rightarrow$  false, classification is more complicated, need ‘‘Tate’s algorithm’’)

*Remark.* If  $K = \mathbb{Q}$  (or number field with class number 1) may choose  $a_i \in \mathbb{Z}$  (or  $a_i \in \mathcal{O}_K$  resp.) minimal at all primes, global minimal model

**3.2.2 Reduction types**

Take minimal model ( $p \neq 2$ ),  $y^2 = x^3 + ax^2 + bx + c =: f(x)$ ,  $a, b, c \in \mathcal{O}$

Roots of  $\bar{f} = f \pmod p$

- Good reduction,  $\Delta \not\equiv 0 \pmod p$ :  
 Distinct roots,  $\tilde{E}$  elliptic curve (i.e. non-singular)
- Bad reduction,  $\Delta \equiv 0 \pmod p$ :
  - Multiplicative reduction  
 Double root  $\tilde{E}: y^2 = x^2(x + \eta)$ , this has 2 cases:
    - (1) split:  $\sqrt{\eta} \in k^\times$
    - (2) non-split:  $\sqrt{\eta} \notin k^\times$
  - Additive reduction  
 Triple root, equivalently,  $16a^2 - 28b \not\equiv 0 \pmod p$ ;  $\tilde{E}: y^2 = x^3$

**Definition 3.2.11**

$\tilde{E}_{ns}(k) := \tilde{E}(k) \setminus \{ \text{singular point if there is one} \}$

In all cases, this is an abelian group with identity  $0 = (0 : 1 : 0)$

Group law  $P + Q + R = 0 \Leftrightarrow P, Q, R$  on a line

Reduction type	$\tilde{E}_{ns}(k)$ isomorphic to (via $(x, y) \mapsto y/x$ )
Additive	$\mathbb{P}^1 \setminus \{0\} = \mathbb{G}_a$ additive group
Split multiplicative	$\mathbb{P}^1 \setminus \{\pm\sqrt{\eta}\} = \mathbb{G}_m$ multiplicative group
Non-split multiplicative	$k(\sqrt{\eta})^\times / k^\times$ abelian group of order $p^n + 1$

$y^2 = x^3 + \eta x^2$  ‘‘looks like’’  $y^2 - \eta x^2 = 0$  (near  $(0,0)$ ), so ‘‘looks like’’  $(y - \sqrt{\eta}x)(y + \sqrt{\eta}x) = 0$   
 $\pm\sqrt{\eta}$  slopes of the two tangent lines (asymptotes)

**Proposition 3.2.12**

$K'/K$  finite extension,  $v' : (K')^\times \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  s.t.  $v'|_{K^\times} = ev$  ( $e \geq 1$  ramification index)

- (1)  $E$  good or multiplicative reduction over  $K \Rightarrow$  minimal model stays minimal, reduction type stays the same (non-split may become split)
- (2)  $E$  additive over  $K \Rightarrow \exists K'$  s.t.  $E/K'$  either good,  $v(j_E) \geq 0$  or multiplicative,  $v(j_E) < 0$   
We say  $E/K$  has potentially good (resp. potentially multiplicative) reduction

Good and multiplicative reduction are called semistable reduction type  
Additive also called unstable

**Proof**

( $p \neq 2$ )

- (1) Clear from the equation
- (2) Adjoin roots of  $f(x)$  to  $K$ , put  $E$  in Legendre form (c.f. Example Sheet 2):

$$y^2 = x(x-1)(x-\lambda), \quad \lambda \in \mathcal{O}$$

integral model  $j = \frac{(\lambda^2 - \lambda + 1)^3}{\lambda^2(\lambda - 1)^2}$

$\lambda \not\equiv 0, 1 \pmod{v'} \Rightarrow \tilde{E}$  elliptic;  $v(j) \geq 0$

$\lambda \equiv 0, 1 \pmod{v'} \Rightarrow \tilde{E}$  has double root;  $v(j) < 0$

□

**3.2.3 Reduction on Points**

$\mathbb{P}^n(K) \ni (x_0 : \dots : x_n) = (\alpha x_0 : \dots : \alpha x_n)$  choose  $\alpha \in K^\times$  s.t.  $\alpha x_i \in \mathcal{O}$  for some  $x_j \in \mathcal{O}^\times$   
 $\mapsto (\overline{\alpha x_0} : \dots : \overline{\alpha x_n}) \in \mathbb{P}^n(k)$  (via mod  $p$ )

Clearly independent of the choice of  $\alpha$   
For  $E/K$  elliptic curve, get

$$\begin{aligned} \text{mod } p : E(K) &\rightarrow \tilde{E}(k) \\ (x, y) &\mapsto \begin{cases} (\bar{x}, \bar{y}) & \text{if } x, y \in \mathcal{O} \\ (0 : 1 : 0) = 0 & \text{if } x, y \notin \mathcal{O} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

**Definition 3.2.13**

$E_0(K) = \{P \in E(K) | P \text{ reduces to a point in } \tilde{E}_{ns}\}$   
subgroup of  $E(K)$  as  $P + Q + R = 0 \Rightarrow P, Q, R$  on a line  
 $\Rightarrow \bar{P}, \bar{Q}, \bar{R}$  on a line  
 $\Rightarrow \bar{P} + \bar{Q} + \bar{R} = 0$  in  $E_0(K)$   
and  $E_0(K) \rightarrow \tilde{E}_{ns}(k)$  is a group homomorphism

**Definition 3.2.14**

$E_1(K) =$  kernel of above homomorphism  
 $= \{P \in E(K) | P \text{ reduces to } (0 : 1 : 0)\}$   
 $= \{P = (x, y) \in E(K) | v_p(x) \geq 1, v_p(y) \geq 1\}$  subgroup, so get exact sequence:

$$0 \rightarrow E_1(K) \rightarrow E_0(K) \xrightarrow[\text{mod } p]{\text{group hom}} \tilde{E}_{ns}(k)$$

**Example 3.2.15**

$$E/\mathbb{Q} : y^2 = x(x+2)(x-3) \quad \Delta = 2^6 3^2 5^2, p = 3$$

↓

$$\tilde{E}/\mathbb{F}_3 : y^2 = x^2(x-1) = x^3 + 2x^2 \quad \text{singular } (\sqrt{2} \notin \mathbb{F}_3 \text{ non-split multiplicative reduction})$$

$$\tilde{E}_{ns}(\mathbb{F}_3) \cong \mathbb{F}_9^\times / \mathbb{F}_3^\times \cong \mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z} = \{\mathcal{O}, (2, 1), (1, 0), (2, 2)\}$$

(see picture)

$$\mathcal{O} \xrightarrow{\text{mod } 3} \mathcal{O}$$

$$T_1 = (-2, 0) \mapsto (1, 0)$$

$$T_2 = (0, 0) \mapsto (0, 0) \text{ (singular)}$$

$$T_3 = (3, 0) \mapsto (0, 0) \text{ (singular)}$$

$$P = (-1, -2) \mapsto (2, 1)$$

$$2P = \left(\frac{49}{16}, -\frac{63}{64}\right) \mapsto (1, 0)$$

$$2P + T_1 = \left(-\frac{2}{82}, \frac{280}{729}\right) \mapsto \mathcal{O}$$

$$\begin{aligned} E(\mathbb{Q}) &= \overbrace{\mathbb{Z}/2}^{T_1} \times \overbrace{\mathbb{Z}/2}^{T_2} \times \overbrace{\mathbb{Z}}^P \\ &\quad \bigcup \text{index } 2 \\ E_0(\mathbb{Q}) &= \overbrace{\mathbb{Z}/2}^{T_1} \times \overbrace{\mathbb{Z}}^P \\ &\quad \bigcup \text{index } 4 \quad (\text{in this case, } E_0/E_1 \leftrightarrow \tilde{E}_{ns}(\mathbb{F}_3)) \\ E_1(\mathbb{Q}) &= \overbrace{\mathbb{Z}}^{2P+T_1} \end{aligned}$$

### 3.3 Elliptic Curves over Local Fields

#### 3.3.1 Completeness and Hensel

$K, v : K^\times \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}, \mathcal{O}, k, \pi$  as above  $\rightsquigarrow$  topology on  $K$  given by a norm

$$|x| = \left(\frac{1}{\#k}\right)^{v(x)} \quad x \in K, |0| = 0$$

Properties:

$$\begin{aligned} |xy| &= |x| \cdot |y| \\ |x+y| &\leq \max(|x|, |y|) \leq |x| + |y| \quad \text{strong triangle inequality} \\ |x| = 0 &\Leftrightarrow x = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$|\cdot|$  is called a non-Archimedean absolute value

**Definition 3.3.1**

We say  $x_n(\in K) \rightarrow x(\in K)$  if  $|x_n - x| \rightarrow 0$

$$\Leftrightarrow v(x_n - x) \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x_n \equiv x \pmod{\text{larger and larger powers of } \pi \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty}$$

**Definition 3.3.2**

The completion  $\hat{K}$  of  $K$  (wrt  $v$  or  $|\cdot|$ )

= the completion in topological sense

=  $\{\text{Cauchy sequences } x_n, x_n \in K, |x_n - x_m| \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n, m \rightarrow \infty\} / \{\text{sequence } x_n \rightarrow 0\}$

= field, contains  $K$ ;  $v : \hat{K} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  extending one on  $K$  with ring of integer  $\hat{\mathcal{O}}$ , and same  $\pi, k$



**Definition 3.3.3**

$K$  complete  $\Leftrightarrow K = \widehat{K} \Leftrightarrow$  every Cauchy sequence converges  
 (Alternatively:  $\widehat{\mathcal{O}} := \varprojlim_{n \geq 1} (\mathcal{O} / \pi^n)$ ,  $\widehat{K} := f f(\widehat{\mathcal{O}})$ )

**Example 3.3.4**

$$K = \mathbb{Q}, v = v_p$$

$$\widehat{\mathcal{O}} = \mathbb{Z}_p = \left\{ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n p^n \mid a_n \in \{0, \dots, p-1\} \right\} \supseteq \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\widehat{K} = \mathbb{Q}_p = \left\{ \sum_{n=n_0}^{\infty} a_n p^n \mid n_0 \in \mathbb{Z}, a_n \in \{0, \dots, p-1\} \right\}$$

**Theorem 3.3.5 (Hensel’s Lemma)**

$K$  complete wrt  $v : K^\times \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $f(x) \in \mathcal{O}[x]$ ,  $\bar{f} = f \pmod{\pi} \in k[x]$   
 If  $\tilde{\alpha} \in k$  is s.t.  $\bar{f}(\tilde{\alpha}) = 0, \bar{f}'(\tilde{\alpha}) \neq 0$   
 then  $\exists! \alpha \in \mathcal{O}$  s.t.  $\bar{\alpha} = \tilde{\alpha}, f(\alpha) = 0$   
 (“simple root lift from  $k$  to  $K$ ”)

**Proof**

Lift  $\tilde{\alpha} \in k$  to any  $\alpha_1 \in \mathcal{O}$ , let  $\alpha_{n+1} = \alpha_n - \frac{f(\alpha_n)}{f'(\alpha_n)}$   
 Check  $\alpha_n$  Cauchy so  $\alpha_n \rightarrow \alpha$  and  $f(\alpha) = 0$   
 (see Newton’s method picture) □

**3.3.2 Analysis of  $E(K)$  for  $K$  complete,  $E/K$  elliptic curve**

Case I:  $E$  vs.  $E_0$

**Theorem 3.3.6 (Kodaira-Néron)**

Write  $n = v(\Delta_{\min})$ .  
 Then  $E(K)/E_0(K)$  (Néron component group) is finite and

$$\frac{E(K)}{E_0(K)} \cong \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z} & E \text{ has split multi. reduction} \\ \{1\} & E \text{ has non-split multi. reduction and } n \text{ odd} \\ \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} & E \text{ has non-split multi. reduction and } n \text{ even} \\ \text{Group of order } \leq 4 & E \text{ has additive reduction} \end{cases}$$

The first 3 cases are called reduction type  $I_n$

*Remark.* Tate’s algorithm  $\Rightarrow$  more precise description.  
 Reduction types  $II, III, IV, I_n^o, I_n^*, IV^*, III^*, II^*$

**Proof**

See exercises □

Case II:  $E_0$  vs.  $E_1$

**Theorem 3.3.7**

$K$  complete,  $0 \rightarrow E_1(K) \rightarrow E_0(K) \rightarrow \widetilde{E}_{ns}(k) \rightarrow 0$  is exact  
 i.e.  $E_0(K) \twoheadrightarrow \widetilde{E}_{ns}(k)$

**Proof**

$E : g(x, y) = 0$  integral ( $g(x, y) = y^2 + a_1xy + a_3y - x^3 - \dots$ )

Take  $\tilde{P} = (\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}) \in \tilde{E}_{ns}(k) \setminus \{0\}$  non-singular

$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial \tilde{g}}{\partial x}|_{\tilde{P}} \neq 0$  or  $\frac{\partial \tilde{g}}{\partial y}|_{\tilde{P}} \neq 0$

If  $\frac{\partial \tilde{g}}{\partial y}|_{\tilde{P}} \neq 0$ , lift  $\tilde{x}$  to any  $x \in \mathcal{O}$ , solve  $g(x, y) = 0$  (as equation of  $y$ ) by Hensel.

If  $\frac{\partial \tilde{g}}{\partial x}|_{\tilde{P}} \neq 0$ , lift  $\tilde{y}$  to  $y \in \mathcal{O}$ , solve  $g(x, y) = 0$  (as equation of  $x$ ) by Hensel □

Case III:  $E_1$

$K$  complete,  $\mathcal{O}, \mathfrak{m} = \pi \mathcal{O}, \mathcal{O} / \mathfrak{m} = k$

**Proposition 3.3.8**

The following map is a bijection

$$\begin{aligned} E_1(K) &\leftrightarrow \mathfrak{m} \\ (x, y) &\mapsto \frac{x}{y} \quad (\text{uniformiser at } \mathcal{O}) \\ \mathcal{O} &\mapsto 0 \end{aligned}$$

**Proof**

(char  $k \neq 2, 3$ )

$E : y^2 = x^3 + ax + b \ (\mathbb{A}_{Z=1}^2) \subseteq Y^2Z = X^3 + aXZ^2 + bZ^3 \ (\mathbb{P}^2)$

$z = w^3 + awz^2 + bz^3 \ (\mathbb{A}_{Y \neq 0}^2) \subseteq Y^2Z = X^3 + aXZ^2 + bZ^3 \ (\mathbb{P}^2)$

$$(x, y) \xrightarrow{\text{homogenise}} (x : y : 1) = \left( \frac{x}{y} : 1 : \frac{1}{y} \right) \mapsto \left( \underbrace{\frac{x}{y}}_w, \underbrace{\frac{1}{y}}_z \right)$$

(see pictures)

For each  $w \in \mathfrak{m}$  (i.e.  $w \equiv 0 \pmod{\pi}$ ), equation  $z = w^3 + awz^2 + bz^3$  has a unique solution,  $z(w)$  by Hensel's Lemma ( $\frac{\partial}{\partial z}|_{(0,0)} = 1 \neq 0$ )

$\Rightarrow E_1(K) \ni (w, z(w)) \leftrightarrow w \in \mathfrak{m}$  is a bijection □

*Remark.* Do Hensel's explicitly  $\Rightarrow z(w)$  some explicit power series

$$z(w) = w^3 + aw^7 + bw^9 + 2a^2w^{11} + 5abw^{13} + \dots \in \mathbb{Z}[a, b][[w]]$$

universal. On  $Y = 1$  chart

$$\begin{aligned} y(w) &= \frac{1}{z(w)} = \frac{1}{w^3} - aw - bw^3 - a^2w^5 - 3abw^7 + \dots \\ x(w) &= \frac{w}{z(w)} = \frac{1}{w^2} - aw^2 - bw^4 - a^2w^6 + \dots \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \quad E_1(K) &\leftarrow (1 : 1) \rightarrow \mathfrak{m} \\ (x, y) &\longmapsto \frac{x}{y} \\ (x(w), y(w)) &\longleftarrow w \end{aligned}$$

### 3.4 Formal Group

Addition  $E_1(K) \times E_1(K) \rightarrow E_1(K)$   
 becomes  $\mathcal{F} : \mathfrak{m} \times \mathfrak{m} \rightarrow \mathfrak{m}$

$$\begin{array}{l} w_1 \mapsto \underbrace{(x(w_1))}_{x_1}, \underbrace{(y(w_1))}_{y_1} \\ w_2 \mapsto \underbrace{(x(w_2))}_{x_2}, \underbrace{(y(w_2))}_{y_2} \end{array} \mapsto \begin{array}{l} \kappa = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} \\ x_3 = \kappa^2 - x_1 - x_2 \\ y_3 = -\kappa(x_3 - x_1) + y_1 \in K((w_1, w_2)) \end{array} \mapsto w_3 = \frac{x_3}{y_3}$$

$$\begin{aligned} w_3 &= w_1 + w_2 + 2aw_1w_2(w_1^3 + w_1^2w_2 + w_1w_2^2 + w_2^3) \\ &\quad - 3bw_1w_2(w_1^5 + 3w_1^4w_2 + 5w_1^3w_2^2 + 5w_1^2w_2^3 + 3w_1w_2^4 + w_2^5) \\ &\quad + \dots \\ &=: \mathcal{F}(w_1, w_2) \in K[[w_1, w_2]] \end{aligned}$$

(in fact,  $\mathcal{F}(w_1, w_2) \in \mathbb{Z}[a, b][[w_1, w_2]]$  universal for  $y^2 = x^3 + ax + b$ )

*Remark.*  $\begin{array}{l} x \mapsto x(w) \\ y \mapsto y(w) \end{array}$  is the embedding  $K(E) \hookrightarrow$  completion of  $K(E)$  wrt  $v_0 : K(E)^\times \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \cong K[[w]]$

This defines a “kind of addition on  $\mathfrak{m}$ ”

$$w_1, w_2 \in \mathfrak{m} \rightsquigarrow \mathcal{F}(w_1, w_2) \in \mathfrak{m} \quad (\text{converges})$$

Properties of  $\mu$  (associative, commutative, etc.)  
 $\Rightarrow \mathcal{F}$  is a formal group over  $\mathcal{O}$

#### Definition 3.4.1

A (one parameter, commutative) formal group over a ring  $R$  is  $\mathcal{F} \in R[[X, Y]]$  s.t.

- (1)  $\mathcal{F}(X, Y) = X + Y + (\text{terms of deg } \geq 2)$
- (2) (associative)  $\mathcal{F}(X, \mathcal{F}(Y, Z)) = \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{F}(X, Y), Z)$
- (3) (commutative)  $\mathcal{F}(X, Y) = \mathcal{F}(Y, X)$
- (4) (inverse)  $\exists ! i(T) \in R[[T]]$  s.t.  $\mathcal{F}(T, i(T)) = 0 = \mathcal{F}(i(T), T)$
- (5) (identity)  $\mathcal{F}(X, 0) = X, \mathcal{F}(0, Y) = Y$

“Group law without elements”

#### Definition 3.4.2

A homomorphism of formal groups  $\mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$  is  $f \in TR[[T]]$  s.t.

$$f(\mathcal{F}(X, Y)) = \mathcal{G}(f(X), f(Y))$$

$\mathcal{F}$  and  $\mathcal{G}$  are isomorphic if  $\exists$  hom.  $f : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$  and  $g : \mathcal{G} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}$  s.t.  $f(g(T)) = T$   
 (Exercise:  $\Rightarrow g(f(T)) = T$ )

*Remark.* If  $R = \mathcal{O}$  complete,  $\mathfrak{m} \subseteq R$  maximal ideal, then

$$\begin{array}{l} \mathcal{F} : \mathfrak{m} \times \mathfrak{m} \rightarrow \mathfrak{m} \\ a, b \mapsto a \oplus_{\mathcal{F}} b = \mathcal{F}(a, b) \quad (\text{converges in } \mathfrak{m}) \end{array}$$

makes  $(\mathfrak{m}, \oplus_{\mathcal{F}})$  into an abelian group, also denoted  $\mathcal{F}(\mathfrak{m})$

Hom.  $f : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$  induces  $\begin{array}{l} (\mathfrak{m}, \oplus_{\mathcal{F}}) \rightarrow (\mathfrak{m}, \oplus_{\mathcal{G}}) \\ a \mapsto \end{array}$

**Example 3.4.3**

Formal addition group:  $\widehat{\mathbb{G}}_a(X, Y) = X + Y$   
 $(\rightsquigarrow (\mathfrak{m}, +))$

**Example 3.4.4**

Formal multiplicative group:  $\widehat{\mathbb{G}}_m(X, Y) = X + Y + XY = (1 + X)(1 + Y) - 1$   
 $(\rightsquigarrow (1 + \mathfrak{m}, \times))$

**Example 3.4.5**

Formal group law on  $E : y^2 = x^3 + ax + b, a, b \in \mathcal{O}$

$$\widehat{E} := \mathcal{F}(X, Y) = X + Y - 2aXY(\dots) + \dots$$

$\rightsquigarrow (\mathfrak{m}, \oplus_{\mathcal{F}}) = E_1(K)$

Exercise: Find  $i(T)$  in all 3 cases

**Example 3.4.6**

$\mathcal{F}$  any formal group, denote  $\mathcal{F}(X, Y)$  by  $X \oplus_{\mathcal{F}} Y$

$$\begin{aligned} [0](T) &:= 0 \\ [1](T) &:= T \\ [-1](T) &:= i(T) \\ [m](T) &:= \underbrace{T \oplus_{\mathcal{F}} T \cdots \oplus_{\mathcal{F}} T}_{m \text{ times}} \quad (\text{similarly for } m < 0) \end{aligned}$$

are homomorphisms  $\mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}$

E.g.: On  $\widehat{E}$

$$[2](T) = 2T - 2aT^5 - 54bT^7 - 140a^2T^9 + O(T'')$$

**Example 3.4.7**

$R$  field of char. 0

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \widehat{\mathbb{G}}_a & \xrightarrow{\exp(T)-1} & \widehat{\mathbb{G}}_m \\ & \xleftarrow{\log(1+T)} & \end{array} \quad \text{isomorphism (check)}$$

**Example 3.4.8**

$\phi = (\phi_x(x, y), \phi_y(x, y)) : E_1 \rightarrow E_2$  isogeny over  $K$

induces  $\widehat{E}_1 \rightarrow \widehat{E}_2$  over  $K$

$$\frac{\phi_y(x(T), y(T))}{\phi_x(x(T), y(T))} \in TK[[T]]$$

## 3.5 Structure of formal groups

### 3.5.1 Filtration

$R = \mathcal{O}$  complete,  $\mathfrak{m}$  maximal ideal,  $\mathcal{F}$  formal group over  $R, k = R/\mathfrak{m}$

$$\mathfrak{m} \supseteq \mathfrak{m}^2 \supseteq \dots \quad \text{sets}$$

$$x, y \in \mathfrak{m}^n \Rightarrow x \oplus_{\mathcal{F}} y = \underbrace{x + y}_{\in \mathfrak{m}^n} + (\text{something} \in \mathfrak{m}^{n+1}) \in \mathfrak{m}^n$$

$\mathcal{F}(\mathfrak{m}) \supseteq \mathcal{F}(\mathfrak{m}^2) \supseteq \dots$  subgroups

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}(\mathfrak{m}^n)/\mathcal{F}(\mathfrak{m}^{n+1}) &\cong (\mathfrak{m}^n/\mathfrak{m}^{n+1}, +) \cong (k, +) \\ x &\leftrightarrow x \end{aligned}$$

So “ $\mathcal{F}$  (like  $\widehat{\mathbb{G}}_a$ ) is built up from pieces that look like  $k$ ”

### 3.5.2 Invertible Homomorphism

(Work over any  $R$ )

#### Theorem 3.5.1

A homomorphism  $f(T) = a_1T + a_2T^2 + \dots : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}$  is an isomorphism  $\Leftrightarrow a_1 \in R^\times$

#### Proof

$\Rightarrow$ :

$$f(g(T)) = T, g(T) = b_1T + b_2T^2 + \dots$$

$$f(g(T)) = a_1b_1T + \dots = T$$

$$\Rightarrow a_1b_1 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow a_1 \in R^\times$$

$\Leftarrow$ :

Assume  $a_1^{-1} \in R$ , let  $g_1(T) = a_1^{-1}T$

Want: Construct inductively unique  $g_n(T) = g_{n-1}(T) + \lambda_n T^n$

s.t.  $f(g_n(T)) \equiv T \pmod{T^{n+1}}$

$\Rightarrow g := \lim g_n \in TR[[T]]$  is unique  $g$  s.t.  $f(g(T)) = T$

$$\begin{aligned} f(g_n(T)) &= f(g_{n-1}(T) + \lambda_n T^n) \\ &\equiv f(g_{n-1}(T)) + a_1 \lambda_n T^n \pmod{T^{n+1}} \\ &\equiv \underbrace{T + bT^n}_{\substack{\text{by induction,} \\ \text{for some } b \in R}} + a_1 \lambda_n T^n \pmod{T^{n+1}} \end{aligned}$$

Now let  $b + a_1 \lambda_n = 0$  i.e.  $\lambda := \frac{-b}{a_1} \Rightarrow$  unique  $g_n$  with  $f(g_n(T)) \equiv T \pmod{T^{n+1}}$  as required  $\square$

#### Corollary 3.5.2

$R = \mathcal{O}$  complete,  $E_1(K)$  has no elts of order  $m$ , i.e. no  $m$ -torsion, for  $\text{char } k \nmid m$  (such  $m$  are in  $\mathcal{O}^\times$ )

In general, we have

#### Corollary 3.5.3

$[m] : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}$  isom  $\Leftrightarrow m \in R^\times$

#### Proof

$[m](T) = mT + \dots$  (by induction, true  $\forall m \in \mathbb{Z}$ )  $\square$

### 3.5.3 The Invariant Differential

$R$  ring,  $\mathcal{F}/R$  formal group

**Definition 3.5.4**

A differential form  $\omega$  = expression

$$f(X)dX \quad , \quad f \in R[[X]]$$

for a power series  $g$  in  $X$

$$\omega \circ g := f(g(X))g'(X)dX$$

**Definition 3.5.5**

$\omega$  is an invariant differential of  $\mathcal{F}/R$

$$\omega \circ \mathcal{F}(X, Y) = \omega$$

as a function of  $X$ .

i.e. if

$$f(\mathcal{F}(X, Y)) \cdot \underbrace{\mathcal{F}'_1(X, Y)}_{\text{derivative 1st var.}} dX = f(X)dX$$

$\omega$  is normalised if  $\omega = (1 + \dots)dX$  (equivalently,  $f(0) = 1$ )

**Example 3.5.6**

$\omega = dX$  on  $\widehat{\mathbb{G}}_a$

$\omega = (1 + X)^{-1}dX$  on  $\widehat{\mathbb{G}}_m$

$\omega_{\widehat{E}} = \frac{x'(w)dw}{y(w)}$ ;  $E : y^2 = x^3 + ax + b$

**Proposition 3.5.7**

Any  $\mathcal{F}/R$  has a unique normalised invariant differential, namely

$$\omega_{\mathcal{F}} := \mathcal{F}'_1(0, Y)^{-1}dY$$

Every invariant differential on  $\mathcal{F}$  is of form  $a\omega_{\mathcal{F}}$  some  $a \in R$

**Proof**

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}(X, \mathcal{F}(Y, Z)) &= \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{F}(X, Y), Z) \\ \xrightarrow{\partial/\partial X} \mathcal{F}'_1(X, \mathcal{F}(Y, Z)) &= \mathcal{F}'_1(\mathcal{F}(X, Y), Z) \cdot \mathcal{F}'_1(X, Y) \\ \xrightarrow{\text{Put } X=0} \mathcal{F}'_1(0, \mathcal{F}(Y, Z)) &= \mathcal{F}'_1(Y, Z) \cdot \mathcal{F}'_1(0, Y) \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow \omega_{\mathcal{F}}$  invariant

$\mathcal{F}'_1(0, Y) = 1 + \dots \Rightarrow$  normalised

Conversely,  $f(X)dX$  invariant

$\Rightarrow$  (by defn)  $f(\mathcal{F}(X, Y))\mathcal{F}'_1(X, Y) = f(X)$

$\Rightarrow$  (put  $X = 0$ )  $f(Y) \cdot \mathcal{F}'_1(0, Y) = f(0)$

$\Rightarrow f(Y)dY = f(0) \cdot \omega_{\mathcal{F}}$  □

**Corollary 3.5.8**

$f : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$  homomorphism,  $f(T) = a_f T + \dots$ , (i.e.  $a_f = f'(0)$ ) then

$$\omega_{\mathcal{G}} \circ f = a_f \cdot \omega_{\mathcal{F}}$$

**Proof**

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_{\mathcal{G}} \circ f(\mathcal{F}(X, Y)) &= \omega_{\mathcal{G}}(\mathcal{G}(f(X), f(Y))) \quad (f \text{ hom.}) \\ &= \omega_{\mathcal{G}} \circ f \quad (\omega_{\mathcal{G}} \text{ invariant}) \end{aligned}$$

$\omega_{\mathcal{F}}$  unique  $\Rightarrow \omega_{\mathcal{G}} \circ f = \text{constant} \times \omega_{\mathcal{F}}$

constant =  $a_f$  □

**Corollary 3.5.9**

$f, g : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$  hom. Then

$$\omega_{\mathcal{G}} \circ \underbrace{\left( \begin{matrix} f \oplus g \\ \text{addition form} \end{matrix} \right)} = \omega_{\mathcal{G}} \circ f + \omega_{\mathcal{G}} \circ g$$

(as both equal  $(a_f + a_g)\omega_{\mathcal{F}}$ ) (This was left unproved in Theorem 2.2.25 for isogenies of elliptic curves)

Exercise:  $p$  prime,  $\mathcal{F}/R$  formal group

$$[p](T) = pf(T) + g(T^p) \quad \text{for some } f, g \in TR[[T]]$$

**3.5.4**  $\log_{\mathcal{F}}$  and  $\exp_{\mathcal{F}}$

•  $R = K$  field of characteristic 0,  $\mathcal{F}/R$ ,  $\omega_{\mathcal{F}} = (1 + a_1T + \dots)dT$

**Definition 3.5.10**

$$\log_{\mathcal{F}}(T) = \int \omega_{\mathcal{F}} = T + \frac{a_1}{2}T^2 + \frac{a_2}{3}T^3 + \dots \in R[[T]]$$

**Proposition 3.5.11**

$\log_{\mathcal{F}} : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \widehat{\mathbb{G}}_a$  isomorphism of formal groups

**Proof**

Integrate  $\omega_{\mathcal{F}}(\mathcal{F}(X, Y)) = \omega_{\mathcal{F}}(X)$  to  $X$ :

$$\log_{\mathcal{F}}(\mathcal{F}(X, Y)) = \log_{\mathcal{F}}(X) + C(Y)$$

where  $C(Y) \in R[[Y]]$  const. of integration

$$X = 0 \Rightarrow C(Y) = \log_{\mathcal{F}}(Y) \Rightarrow \log_{\mathcal{F}} \text{ hom. to } \widehat{\mathbb{G}}_a$$

Starts with  $1 \cdot T + \dots \Rightarrow$  isom (its inverse called  $\exp_{\mathcal{F}}$ ) □

•  $K$  complete wrt  $v : K^{\times} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ , char  $K=0$ ,  $R = \mathcal{O}$ ,  $\mathfrak{m}$

Now  $\log_{\mathcal{F}}, \exp_{\mathcal{F}}$  not necessarily defined over  $\mathcal{O}$  (denominators!)

Analyse denominators carefully  $\Rightarrow$  still ok on  $\mathfrak{m}^n$  for  $n$  large enough

**Theorem 3.5.12**

(1)  $\log_{\mathcal{F}} : \mathcal{F}(\mathfrak{m}^r) \xrightarrow{\sim} \widehat{\mathbb{G}}_a(\mathfrak{m}^r)$  for  $r > \frac{v(p)}{p-1}$

(2) If  $x \in \mathcal{F}(\mathfrak{m})$  has exact order  $p^n$  then  $p^{n-1}v(x) \leq \frac{v(p)}{p-1}$

**Proof**

See Silverman, IV 6.4, 61 □

**Example 3.5.13**

$K = \mathbb{Q}_p$ ,  $\mathcal{F}/\mathbb{Z}_p$

$p$  odd  $\Rightarrow \mathcal{F}(p\mathbb{Z}_p) \cong (\mathbb{Z}_p, +)$   $\left(1 > \frac{v(p)}{p-1} = \frac{1}{p-1}\right)$

$p = 2 \Rightarrow \mathcal{F}(4\mathbb{Z}_2) \cong (\mathbb{Z}_2, +)$

**Example 3.5.14**

Set  $\mathcal{F} = \widehat{\mathbb{G}}_{\mathfrak{m}}$  in the above example, we get:

$$(1 + p\mathbb{Z}_p, \times) \cong (\mathbb{Z}_p, +) \quad p \text{ odd}$$

$$(1 + 4\mathbb{Z}_2, \times) \cong (\mathbb{Z}_2, +)$$

### 3.5.5 Consequences for all elliptic curves

**WARNING:** If  $E$  has minimal model  $y^2 + a_1xy + a_3y = \dots$  (may be necessary if  $\text{char } k = 2$  or  $3$ ) then formulae for  $x(w), y(w), \mathcal{F}_E(X, Y)$ ,

$$\omega_{\mathcal{F}} = \frac{x'(w)dw}{2y(w) + a_1x(w) + a_3}$$

more complicated than for  $y^2 = x^3 + ax + b$

$E/K$  complete,  $K/\mathbb{Q}_p$  finite extension,  $v, \mathcal{O}, \mathfrak{m}, k$

#### Theorem 3.5.15

$E(K)$  contains a subgroup of finite index isomorphic to  $(\mathcal{O}, +)$  (even topologically)

**Proof**

$$E(K) \xrightarrow{\text{finite quot.}} \supseteq E_0(K) \xrightarrow{\text{fin. } \hookrightarrow \tilde{E}_{n_s}(k)} \supseteq E_1(K) = \hat{E}(\mathfrak{m}) \supseteq \hat{E}(\mathfrak{m}^2) \supseteq \dots \supseteq \hat{E}(\mathfrak{m}^r) \cong (\mathcal{O}, +)$$

the containment on the RHS of the qual sign are all finite index, all quotient  $\cong (\mathfrak{m}/\mathfrak{m}^2) \cong (k, +)$   $\square$

#### Corollary 3.5.16

$E(K)/mE(K)$  is finite for any  $m > 1$

**Proof**

$r$  large enough, as before

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & \hat{E}(\mathfrak{m}^r) & \longrightarrow & E(K) & \longrightarrow & A \longrightarrow 0 \\ & & [m] \downarrow & & [m] \downarrow & & [m] \downarrow \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & \hat{E}(\mathfrak{m}^r) & \longrightarrow & E(K) & \longrightarrow & A \longrightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

(Note  $\hat{E}(\mathfrak{m}^r) \cong (\mathcal{O}, +)$ )

Kernel-cokernel exact sequence:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{O}[m] & \longrightarrow & E(K)[m] & \longrightarrow & A[m] \\ & & & & & & \downarrow \\ & & & & & & \mathcal{O}/m\mathcal{O} \\ & & & & & & \downarrow \\ & & & & & & E(K)/mE(K) \\ & & & & & & \downarrow \\ & & & & & & A/mA \\ & & & & & & \downarrow \\ & & & & & & 0 \end{array}$$

(Top rows are kernels, bottom row are cokernels)

$\mathcal{O}/m\mathcal{O}$  finite group of order  $(\#k)^{v(m)}$ ,  $A/mA$  finite

$\Rightarrow E(K)/mE(K)$  finite  $\square$

## 3.6 Néron-Ogg-Shafarevich Criteria

$K$  complete,  $p \neq \text{char } k$ ,  $[K : \mathbb{Q}_p] < \infty$

#### Definition 3.6.1

$$\begin{aligned} K^{nr} &= \text{maximal unramified extension of } K \\ &= \bigcup_{(n,p)=1} K(\mu_n) \quad \text{complete, residue field } \bar{k} \\ I_{\bar{K}/K} &= \text{Gal}(\bar{K}/K^{nr}) \quad \text{inertia group} \\ &= \ker \left( \begin{array}{ccc} \text{Gal}(\bar{K}/K) & \longrightarrow & \text{Gal}(\bar{k}/k) \\ \sigma & \longmapsto & \tilde{\sigma} \end{array} \right) \end{aligned}$$



(Also,  $I_K, I_v$ )

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \overline{K} & & \overline{k} \\
 \text{Gal} = I_{\overline{K}/K} \downarrow & & \\
 K^{nr} & \xrightarrow{\pi, v} & \overline{k} \\
 \text{Gal} \cong \text{Gal}(\overline{k}/k) \downarrow & \updownarrow \text{same} & \\
 K & \xrightarrow{\pi, v} & k
 \end{array}$$

A  $\text{Gal}(\overline{K}/K)$ -module  $M$  is unramified if  $M^{I_v} = M$   
i.e.  $\sigma(m) = m \ \forall m \in M, \sigma \in I_{\overline{K}/K}$   
(i.e.  $\text{Gal}(\overline{K}/K)$  acts on  $M$  through  $\text{Gal}(\overline{k}/k)$  quotient)

**Example 3.6.2**

$E/K$  elliptic curve,  $M = E[m]$   
 $F = K(E[m]) = K(\text{coordinates of all } m\text{-torsion points})$  (this is finite Galois over  $K$ )

Then  $E[m]$  unramified  $\Leftrightarrow I_v$  acts trivially on  $E[m]$   
 $\Leftrightarrow I_v$  acts trivially on  $F = K(E[m])$   
 $\Leftrightarrow F \subseteq K^{nr}$   
 $\Leftrightarrow F/K$  unramified (in the sense  $v_F|_{K^\times} = v_K$ )

**Example 3.6.3**

$E/\mathbb{Q}_p : y^2 = x^3 - 77, M = E[2]$   
 $F = \mathbb{Q}_p(\text{roots of } x^3 - 77) = \mathbb{Q}_p(\zeta_3, \sqrt[3]{77})$  (this is unramified for  $p \neq 3, 7, 11$ )  
(note: bad primes for  $E/\mathbb{Q}$  are 2, 3, 7, 11)

**Theorem 3.6.4**

$E/K$  has good reduction,  $p = \text{char } k \nmid m$ . Then

- (1)  $\text{mod } p : E(K)[m] \hookrightarrow \tilde{E}(k)$  is injective
- (2)  $E[m]$  is unramified

**Proof**

- (1) Good reduction  $\Rightarrow E = E_0, \tilde{E}_{ns} = \tilde{E}$   
and  $\ker(\text{mod } p) = E_1 = \hat{E}$  has no torsion (recall, Corollary 3.5.2  $[m] : \hat{E} \xrightarrow{\sim} \hat{E}$  for  $p \nmid m$ )
- (2) Let  $F = K(E[m]), P \in E[m], \sigma \in I_v$   
 $Q := \sigma(P) \Rightarrow \tilde{Q} = \tilde{\sigma}(P)$   
 $\tilde{\sigma} = 1$  as  $\sigma \in I_v$   
 $\Rightarrow$  (by (1))  $Q = P$ , so  $E[m]^{I_v} = E[m]$

□

*Remark.* In particular, for number field  $K, E(K)[m] \hookrightarrow \tilde{E}(k)$ , this help us to determine an upper bound for  $E(\mathbb{Q})_{tors}$

**Theorem 3.6.5 (Criterion of Néron-Ogg-Shafarevich)**

$E/K, l \neq p$   
 $E/K$  has good reduction  $\Leftrightarrow T_l E$  unramified

*Remark.* This relates two seemingly unrelated things: reduction is a geometric property, and  $T_l E$  is purely representation theory

**Proof**

$\Rightarrow$ :

By Theorem 3.6.4 (2), all  $E[l^n]^{I_v} = E[l^m]$ , since  $T_l E = \varprojlim E[l^n]$   
 $\Rightarrow T_l E$  unramified as well

$\Leftarrow$ :

If  $F := K(E[l^n])$  unramified extension over  $K$   
so  $E/K$  has good reduction  $\Leftrightarrow E/F$  does (Exercise)

To find such  $n$ , choose  $n$  large enough s.t.  $l^n > 4, l^n > v(\Delta_E)$   
 $\Rightarrow l^n > [E(F) : E_0(F)]$  (Kodaira-Néron)  
 $\Rightarrow E[l^n] \cap E_0[F]$  not cyclic ( $E[l^n]$ , all defined over  $F, \cong \mathbb{Z}/l^n \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/l^n \mathbb{Z}$ )  
 $\Rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/l \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/l \mathbb{Z} \subseteq E_0(F)$   
 $\Rightarrow$  (as  $l \neq p, \hat{E}$  has no  $l$ -torsion point)  $\mathbb{Z}/l \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/l \mathbb{Z} \subseteq \tilde{E}_{ns}(k_F)$   
But, if  $E/F$  has bad reduction,

$$\tilde{E}_{ns}(k_F) \cong \underbrace{k_F^\times, k_F(\sqrt{\eta})^\times / k_F^\times}_{\text{cyclic}}, \quad \underbrace{k_F^+}_{\text{order} = \text{power of } p}$$

□

**Corollary 3.6.6**

$E/K$  has potentially good reduction (recall, this is equivalent to  $v(j) \geq 0$ )  
 $\Leftrightarrow E/F$  has good reduction over some finite  $F/K$   
 $\Leftrightarrow T_l E^{I_{\bar{F}/F}} = T_l E$  some finite  $\bar{F}/K$   
 $\Leftrightarrow I_{\bar{K}/K}$  acts on  $T_l E$  through a finite quotient (i.e. image of  $I_{\bar{K}/K} \rightarrow \text{Aut}(T_l E)$  is finite)

Exercise:

$E/K$  has potentially good reduction. Then,

- (1) if  $p \neq 2$ , then  $E/K(E[4])$  has good reduction
- (2) if  $p \neq 3$ , then  $E/K(E[3])$  has good reduction
- (3)  $I_{\bar{K}/K}$  acts on  $T_l E$  through a group of order divides 24 (and 24 may occur when  $p = 2$ )

### 3.7 Elliptic curves over number fields

$K$  number field,  $E/K$  elliptic curve

Main result:

**Theorem 3.7.1 (Mordell-Weil)**

$E/K$  elliptic curve over number field

Then  $E(K)$  is a finitely generated abelian group

(Asked by Poincaré (1908), proved by Mordell over  $\mathbb{Q}$  (1922), then proved by Weil for Jacobians over number fields (1929), Lang-Néron proved for abelian varieties over finite generated fields)

Thus,

$$E(K) \cong \mathbb{Z}^r \oplus T$$

where  $T$  is (finite) torsion subgroup

$r$  is the Mordell-Weil rank (or arithmetic rank for  $E/K$ )

Proof in 4 steps:

- Torsion is finite

- Existence of a height function on  $E(K)$   
(e.g.  $\Rightarrow E(K) \not\cong \mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{R}, \dots$ )
- Weak Mordell-Weil Theorem:  $E(K)/mE(K)$  is finite  
(e.g.  $\Rightarrow E(K) \not\cong \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z} \oplus \dots$  sum for infinitely many times)
- The above 3  $\Rightarrow E(K)$  finitely generated

### 3.7.1 Torsion

Notation:

$$E(K)_{tors} = \bigcup_{m \geq 1} E(K)[m]$$

all points of finite order, subgroup (this is the  $T$  in Mordell-Weil)

#### Theorem 3.7.2

$E(K)_{tors}$  is finite

#### Proof

$\mathfrak{p} \subseteq \mathcal{O}_K$  any prime,  $K \subseteq K_{\mathfrak{p}}$  completion

For  $n$  large,  $\widehat{E}(\mathfrak{m}_{K_{\mathfrak{p}}}^n) \cong (\mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{p}}, +)$  torsion-free

$\Rightarrow E(K_{\mathfrak{p}})_{tors} \hookrightarrow E(K_{\mathfrak{p}})/(\mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{p}}, +)$

But  $E(K)_{tors} \hookrightarrow E(K_{\mathfrak{p}})_{tors}$  and  $E(K_{\mathfrak{p}})/(\mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{p}}, +)$  finite (Theorem 3.5.15) □

#### Theorem 3.7.3 (Cassels)

$E/\mathbb{Q}$  elliptic curve in Weierstrass form with  $a_i \in \mathbb{Z}$

If  $P = (x, y) \in E(\mathbb{Q})_{tors}$

$\Rightarrow$  either  $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$  or  $x \in \frac{1}{4}\mathbb{Z}, y \in \frac{1}{8}\mathbb{Z}$

#### Proof

May assume  $E$  in global minimal model (proves stronger statement)

If  $p$  | denominator of  $x$  or  $y$

then  $P \in E_1(\mathbb{Q}) = \widehat{E}(p\mathbb{Z}_p)$

But  $\widehat{E}(p\mathbb{Z}_p) \cong (p\mathbb{Z}_p, +)$  has no torsion for  $p$  odd, and

$\widehat{E}(4\mathbb{Z}_2) \cong (4\mathbb{Z}_2, +)$  for  $p = 2$  ( $\Rightarrow P \in \widehat{E}(2\mathbb{Z}_2) \setminus \widehat{E}(4\mathbb{Z}_2)$ ) □

#### Example 3.7.4

Equation  $y^2 = (x - 5)x(x + 5)$  has infinitely many solutions

**Proof:**  $(-\frac{5}{9}, \frac{100}{27}) \in E(\mathbb{Q})$  must have infinite order □

Torsion is generally well-understood:

#### Theorem 3.7.5 (Nagell-Lutz)

$E/\mathbb{Q}$ :  $y^2 = x^3 + ax + b$   $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$

If  $\mathcal{O} \neq P(x, y) \in E(\mathbb{Q})_{tors}$ , then

(1)  $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$

(2) either  $2P = \mathcal{O}$  or  $y|4a^3 + 27b^2$

#### Proof

See Silverman VIII 7.2 □

#### Theorem 3.7.6 (Mazur)

$E/\mathbb{Q}$  has  $E(\mathbb{Q})_{tors} \cong \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z} & n \in \{1, \dots, 10, 12\} \\ \text{or } \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/2n\mathbb{Z} & n \leq 4 \end{cases}$

## Proof

Very hard (easy when  $j(E) \in \mathbb{Z}$ , in example sheet) □

Over number fields  $[K : \mathbb{Q}] = d$ ,  $|E(K)_{tors}| \leq C(d)$  (Merel)  
 $\mathbb{Z}/l\mathbb{Z} \subseteq E(K)_{tors} \Rightarrow l \leq (3^{d/2} + 1)^2$  (Uesterl)

### 3.7.2 Heights over $\mathbb{Q}$

#### Definition 3.7.7

For  $\alpha = \frac{p}{q} \in \mathbb{Q}$ , define  $H_{\mathbb{Q}}(\alpha) = H(\alpha) := \max(|p|, |q|)$ , called the height of  $\alpha$   
 $h_{\mathbb{Q}}(\alpha) = h(\alpha) := \log H(\alpha)$  is logarithmic height

#### Example 3.7.8

$H(\frac{2}{3})$  small.  $H(\frac{20001}{30001})$  large

So the height is not measuring the size of number, but its arithmetic complexity

Properties:

- $h(\alpha) \geq 0$ . Equality  $\Leftrightarrow \alpha = \pm 1$  or  $0$
- $\{\alpha | h(\alpha) < c\}$  is finite
- $h(\alpha^d) = dh(\alpha)$ ,  $H(\alpha^d) = H(\alpha)^d$
- Generally, if  $f(x) = \frac{a_n x^n + \dots + a_0}{b_m x^m + \dots + b_0} \in \mathbb{Q}(x)$  is of degree  $d$   
(degree of  $\mathbb{Q}(x)$  is  $\max(m, n)$ )  
then  $h(f(\alpha)) = dh(\alpha) + O(1)$ , i.e.

$$dh(\alpha) - c \leq h(f(\alpha)) \leq dh(\alpha) + c \quad \text{for some } c \text{ independent of } \alpha$$

#### Proof

$\alpha = \frac{p}{q}$ . Say  $n \geq m$  (otherwise  $f \leftrightarrow \frac{1}{f}$ ), so

$$f\left(\frac{p}{q}\right) = \frac{a_n p^n + \dots + a_0 q^n}{(b_m p^m + \dots + b_0 q^m) q^{n-m}} =: \frac{A(p, q)}{B(p, q)}$$

has  $H(\alpha) \leq (n+1) \max_{i,j} (|a_i|, |b_j|) \max(|p|, |q|)^n \leq c H(\alpha)^{\deg f}$ , hence the required upper bound

For the lower bound,  $A, B$  coprime  $\Rightarrow$  use Euclidean algorithm:

$$\begin{aligned} A(p, q)r(p, q) + B(p, q)s(p, q) &= p^N d_1 \\ A(p, q)r'(p, q) + B(p, q)s'(p, q) &= q^N d_2 \end{aligned}$$

with  $A, B, r, r', s, s' \in \mathbb{Z}[p, q]$  homogeneous,  $d_1, d_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$   
 $\Rightarrow$  Cancellation in  $A(p, q)/B(p, q)$  is bounded by  $d_1, d_2$   
 Triangle inequality  $\Rightarrow$  lower bound for  $\max(|A|, |B|)$  □

### 3.7.3 Heights over number fields

If  $K$  is a number field.  $\Sigma_K$  set of places (i.e. normalized absolute values) on  $K$

- $|\cdot|_{\mathfrak{p}} := \left| \frac{1}{\#k_{\mathfrak{p}}} \right|^{v_{\mathfrak{p}}(\cdot)}$  for each prime ideal  $\mathfrak{p} \subseteq \mathcal{O}_K$  (finite places)
- $|\cdot|_{\sigma} := |\sigma(\alpha)|$  (usual real absolute value) for each  $\sigma : K \hookrightarrow \mathbb{R}$  (real places)
- $|\cdot|_{\sigma} = |\sigma(\alpha)|^2$  for each pair  $\sigma \neq \bar{\sigma} : K \hookrightarrow \mathbb{C}$  (complex places)

**Definition 3.7.9**

For  $\alpha \in K$

$$H_K(\alpha) := \prod_{v \in \Sigma_K} \max(1, |\alpha|_v) \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 1}$$

$$h_K(\alpha) := \log H_K(\alpha) \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$$

**Example 3.7.10**

$K = \mathbb{Q}$

$$H_K\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) = \max\left\{\left|\frac{2}{3}\right|, 1\right\} \cdot \max\left\{\left|\frac{2}{3}\right|_2, 1\right\} \cdot \max\left\{\left|\frac{2}{3}\right|_3, 1\right\} \cdot 1$$

$$= \max\left\{\frac{|\text{numerator}|}{|\text{denominator}|}, 1\right\} \cdot |\text{denominator}| = \max\{|\text{numer.}|, |\text{denom.}|\}$$

$$= \text{same } H \text{ as before}$$

**Example 3.7.11**

$K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{5}), \alpha = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}$

$$H_K(\alpha) = \max\left\{\left|\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}\right|, 1\right\} \cdot \max\left\{\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}, 1\right\} \cdot 1$$

$$= \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} = 1.61\dots$$

*Remark.* For  $P = [\alpha : \beta] \in \mathbb{P}^1(K) = K \cup \{\infty\}$ , can let

$$H_K(P) = \prod_{v \in \Sigma_K} \max(|\alpha|_v, |\beta|_v)$$

(Analogous for  $\mathbb{P}^n(K)$ )

Well-defined:  $H_K([\alpha : \beta]) = H_K([c\alpha : c\beta])$  as  $\prod_v |c|_v = 1$   
as this is product formula in number fields:

$$\prod_{v \in \Sigma_K} |c|_v = \prod_{v \in \Sigma_{\mathbb{Q}}} |N_{K/\mathbb{Q}}(c)|_v = 1$$

*Remark.*  $H_K, h_K$  depend on the choice of  $K$ , e.g., In  $\mathbb{Q} : H(\frac{1}{5}) = 5$

In  $\mathbb{Q}(i) : H_K(\frac{1}{5}) = H_K(\frac{1}{(2+i)(2-i)}) = 5^2 = H_{\mathbb{Q}}(\frac{1}{5})^{[\mathbb{Q}(i):\mathbb{Q}]}$

In  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{5}) : H_K(\frac{1}{5}) = H_K(\frac{1}{(\sqrt{5})^2}) = 5^2 = H_{\mathbb{Q}}(\frac{1}{5})^{[\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{5}):\mathbb{Q}]}$

Generally,  $\alpha \in K \subseteq F$

$H_F(\alpha) = H_K(N_{F/K}(\alpha)) = H_K(\alpha^{[F:K]}) = H_K(\alpha)^{[F:K]}$  so,

**Definition 3.7.12**

The absolute height

$$H(\alpha) := H_K(\alpha)^{1/[K:\mathbb{Q}]} \quad , \quad h(\alpha) := \frac{1}{[K:\mathbb{Q}]} h_K(\alpha)$$

is independent of  $K \ni \alpha$  (i.e. is defined on  $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}$ )

Properties:

- (1)  $\{\alpha \in K | h(\alpha) < c\}$  is finite
- (2)  $h(f(\alpha)) = \deg f \cdot h(\alpha) + O(1)$  for  $f \in K(X)$
- (3)  $h(\alpha) \geq 0$ , equality  $\Leftrightarrow \alpha$  root of unity or 0

**Proof**

$\Leftarrow$ : All  $|\alpha|_v$  are 1 if  $\alpha = 0$  or root of unity

$\Rightarrow$ : *Proof I:*  $\alpha \in \mathcal{O}_K, |\sigma(\alpha)| \leq 1 \forall \sigma : K \hookrightarrow \mathbb{C} \Rightarrow$  a root of unity or 0

*Proof II:*  $h(\alpha) = 0 \Rightarrow \{\alpha^n | n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  have bounded height

$\Rightarrow$  finite set  $\Rightarrow$  two powers are equal  $\Rightarrow \alpha = 0$  or root of unity  $\square$

### 3.7.4 Heights of points on elliptic curves

#### Definition 3.7.13

$E/K$ ,  $P = (a, b) \in E(\overline{K})$ ,  $h(P) := h(a)$   
height relative to  $x : E \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$

Properties:

#### Lemma 3.7.14

- (1)  $h(mP) = m^2h(P) + O(1)$  (the error depends on  $E/K$  and  $m$  but not  $P$ )  
 “ $x$ -coordinate of  $mP$  has  $\approx m^2$  digits”
- (2)  $\{P \in E(K) | h(P) < c\}$  finite
- (3) Parallelogram law:  $h(P + Q) + h(P - Q) = 2h(P) + 2h(Q) + O(1)$  (error depends on  $E/K$  not on  $P, Q$ )

#### Proof

(1)

$$\begin{array}{ccc} E & \xrightarrow{[m]} & E \\ x \downarrow & & \downarrow x \\ \mathbb{P}^1 & \xrightarrow{\phi} & \mathbb{P}^1 \end{array}$$

$[m] = (\phi(x), \psi(x, y))$  and  $\deg \phi = m^2$

$\Rightarrow h(mP) = h(\phi(x(P))) = \deg \phi \cdot h(x(P)) + O(1) = m^2h(P) + O(1)$

- (2) Finite many  $x$ -coordinate;  $\leq 2$  choices for  $y$ -coordinates for each
- (3) Computation with addition law (see Silvermann III 6.2)

□

### 3.7.5 Canonical Height

#### Theorem 3.7.15 (Néron-Tate)

There is a unique function  $\hat{h} : E(\overline{K}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  s.t.

- (1)  $\hat{h}(P) = h(P) + O(1)$
- (2)  $\hat{h}(mP) = m^2\hat{h}(P) \quad \forall P \in E(\overline{K})$

#### Proof

Uniqueness:

Let  $\hat{h}, \hat{h}'$  be two such  $\Rightarrow |\hat{h}(P) - \hat{h}'(P)| \leq 2C \quad \forall P$

$\Rightarrow |\hat{h}(2^n P) - \hat{h}'(2^n P)| \leq 2C \quad \forall$

$\Rightarrow 4^n |\hat{h}(P) - \hat{h}'(P)| \leq 2C \quad \forall P$

$\Rightarrow$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $\hat{h} = \hat{h}'$

Existence:

$$\hat{h}(P) := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{4^n} h(2^n P) \quad \text{exists}$$

$a_n := \frac{1}{4^n} h(2^n P)$  check

$|a_n - a_m| \leq \sum_{i=m-n}^{n-1} 4^{-i} C$  as  $m \geq n$  both  $\rightarrow \infty$  get an Cauchy sequence  $\Rightarrow$  converge

Finally,  $P \mapsto \frac{1}{m^2} \hat{h}(mP)$  equals  $\hat{h}$  by uniqueness argument

□

**Lemma 3.7.16 (Properties of Canonical Height)**

- (1)  $\widehat{h} = h + O(1)$
- (2)  $\widehat{h}(mP) = m^2\widehat{h}(P)$
- (3)  $\{P \in E(K) \mid \widehat{h}(P) < C\}$  finite
- (4) Parallelogram Law:  $\widehat{h}(P + Q) + \widehat{h}(P - Q) = 2\widehat{h}(P) + 2\widehat{h}(Q)$
- (5)  $\widehat{h}(P) \geq 0$ , and  $\widehat{h}(P) = 0 \Leftrightarrow P \in E(\overline{K})_{tors}$

**Proof**

- (1) by definition
- (2) by definition
- (3) True for  $h \Rightarrow$  by (1), true for  $\widehat{h}$
- (4) Replace  $P, Q$  by  $2^n P, 2^n Q$ , divide by  $4^n$ , let  $n \rightarrow \infty$
- (5)  $\underline{\geq 0}$ :  $\widehat{h} := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \underbrace{\frac{1}{4^n} h(\dots)}_{\geq 0}$   
 $\Leftrightarrow: (1+m)P = P$   
 $\Rightarrow (m+1)\widehat{h}(P) = \widehat{h}(P)$   
 $\Rightarrow \widehat{h}(P) = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow: \{P, 2P, 3P, \dots\}$  all have height 0  $\Rightarrow$  finite set

□

**Theorem 3.7.17 (Néron-Tate Pairing)**

$$E(\overline{K}) \times E(\overline{K}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$(P, Q) \mapsto \langle P, Q \rangle = \widehat{h}(P + Q) - \widehat{h}(P) - \widehat{h}(Q)$$

is bilinear, i.e.  $\widehat{h}$  is a quadratic form

**Proof**

Formal consequences of the parallelogram law and  $\widehat{h}(P) = \widehat{h}(-P)$

- Property (4) for  $P + R, Q$
- Property (4) for  $P - R, Q$
- + Property (4) for  $P + Q, R$
- 2× Property (4) for  $R + Q, R - Q$
- $\Rightarrow \langle P + R, Q \rangle = \langle P, Q \rangle + \langle R, Q \rangle$

□

*Remark.*  $\langle , \rangle$  can be used to get a lower bound on the Mordell-Weil rank

**Example 3.7.18**

$E/\mathbb{Q}$ , say  $P_1 = (2, 3), P_2 = (\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{8}) \in E(\mathbb{Q})$   
 say the height pairing matrix is:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \langle P_1, P_1 \rangle & \langle P_1, P_2 \rangle \\ \langle P_2, P_1 \rangle & \langle P_2, P_2 \rangle \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5.3 & 3.1 \\ 3.1 & 4.0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- has determinant  $\neq 0$
- $\Rightarrow P_1, P_2 \in E(\mathbb{Q})$  are linear independent over  $\mathbb{Z}$
- $\Rightarrow \text{rk}_{\mathbb{Z}} E(\mathbb{Q}) \geq 2$

*Remark.* Theorem + Property (3)  $\Rightarrow$  (see Silverman III 9.5)  $\widehat{h}$  positive definite quadratic form on  $E(K) \otimes \mathbb{R}$  (a finite dimensional  $\mathbb{R}$  vector space as tensor over  $\mathbb{Z}$  with  $\mathbb{R}$  kills the torsion) once we know  $E(K)$  is finitely generated

**Definition 3.7.19**

The regulator of  $E(K) = \mathbb{Z}P_1 \oplus \mathbb{Z}P_2 \oplus \cdots \oplus \mathbb{Z}P_r \oplus (\text{finite})$  is

$$\det (\langle P_i, P_j \rangle_{1 \leq i, j \leq r}) = R \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$$

Independent of choice of a basis

**3.7.6 Descent**

**Theorem 3.7.20 (Descent Theorem)**

$K$  number field  $E/K$  elliptic curve

If  $E(K)/mE(K)$  is finite for some  $m \geq 2$

Then  $E(K)$  is finitely generated

**Proof**

Let  $P_1, \dots, P_n \in E(K)$  be representatives for  $E(K)/mE(K)$ ,

$$M = \max_i \widehat{h}(P_i)$$

**Claim:**  $E(K)$  is generated by  $S = \{R \in E(K) \text{ of height } \widehat{h}(R) \leq M\}$

**Proof of Claim:**

(note  $S$  is a finite set)

If not, let  $P \in E(K)$  be a point of smallest height not in  $\text{span}(S)$

Write  $P = mQ + P_j$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow m^2 \widehat{h}(Q) &= \widehat{h}(mQ) = \widehat{h}(P - P_j) \\ &\leq \underbrace{2\widehat{h}(P)}_{>M} + \underbrace{2\widehat{h}(P_j)}_{\leq M} \\ &< 4\widehat{h}(P) \\ &\leq m^2 \widehat{h}(P) \quad (\text{as } m \geq 2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \widehat{h}(Q) < \widehat{h}(P)$$

$$\Rightarrow Q \in \text{Span}(S)$$

$$\Rightarrow P \in \text{Span}(S) \quad \# \quad \blacksquare$$

□

*Remark.* All bounds and constants in  $O(1)$ 's can be made explicit. So *if* one knows how to find generator for  $E(K)/mE(K)$  for some  $m \geq 2$ , get generators for  $E(K)$  (but no such algorithm has been known)

**3.8 Group Cohomology**

Motivation:

$$0 \rightarrow E[m] \rightarrow E(\overline{K}) \xrightarrow{[m]} E(\overline{K}) \rightarrow 0$$



Note for the multiplication by  $m$  map  $E(\overline{K}) \rightarrow E(\overline{K})$ , every point has  $m^2$  preimages, over algebraically closed field  $\Rightarrow E(\overline{K})/mE(\overline{K}) = 0$

Take  $\text{Gal}(\overline{K}/K)$ -invariants  $\Rightarrow$  exact sequence:

$$0 \rightarrow E(K)[m] \rightarrow E(K) \xrightarrow{[m]} E(K)$$

Failure to be exact on the right is measured by

$$\text{coker}([m] : E(K) \rightarrow E(K)) = \frac{E(K)}{mE(K)}$$

In general, say  $G$  is a group

**Definition 3.8.1**

A (left)  $G$ -module is an abelian group  $M$  with an action of  $G$  given by a group homomorphism

$$\begin{aligned} G &\rightarrow \text{Aut}(M) \\ g &\mapsto (m \mapsto m^g) \end{aligned}$$

group hom.  $\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} m^1 = m \quad \forall m \\ m^{gh} = (m^h)^g \quad \forall m \end{cases}$  e.g.:  $\sigma, \tau \in \text{Gal}(\overline{K}/K), P \in E(\overline{K}) \Rightarrow P^{\tau\sigma} = (P^\sigma)^\tau$

$G$ -invariants

$$M^G := \{m \in M \mid m^g = m \quad \forall g \in G\}$$

The functor

$$\begin{aligned} G\text{-modules} &\rightarrow G\text{-module} \\ M &\mapsto M^G \end{aligned}$$

is left-exact but not right-exact, i.e.  $0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow B \xrightarrow{\psi} C \rightarrow 0$  ses of  $G$ -modules  $\Rightarrow 0 \rightarrow A^G \rightarrow B^G \xrightarrow{\psi} C^G$  exact (easy to check)

Why  $B^G \not\cong C^G$  in general?

Take  $c \in C^G, B \rightarrow C \Rightarrow \exists b$  s.t.  $\psi(b) = c$

$$\begin{aligned} \xi : G &\rightarrow B \\ g &\mapsto b^g - b \end{aligned}$$

( $\xi = 0 \Leftrightarrow b^g = b \quad \forall g$ )

The map  $\xi$  lands in  $A \subseteq B$ , since:

$$\psi(b^g - b) = \psi(b)^g - \psi(b) = 0 \Rightarrow b^g - b \in \ker \psi = \text{Im}(A \hookrightarrow B)$$

and satisfies

$$\xi(gh) = b^{gh} - b = (b^h)^g - b^g + b^g - b = \xi(h)^g + \xi(g)$$

$\xi$  is called the crossed homomorphism  $G \rightarrow A$  or 1-cocycle

Choosing another preimage  $b' \in \psi^{-1}(c)$  (so  $b' = b + a$  some  $a \in A$ ) changes

$$\xi \rightarrow \xi' = \xi + \underbrace{(\text{map } g \mapsto a^g - a)}_{\text{1-coboundary}}$$



- $H^1(G_K, M) := \frac{\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{cts 1-cocycles } \xi : G \rightarrow M \text{ s.t.} \\ \forall m \in M \quad \xi^{-1}(m) = \text{Gal}(\overline{K}/L) \text{ some } L/K \text{ finite} \end{array} \right\}}{\{1\text{-coboundaries}\}}$   
(1-coboundaries are continuous automorphism)
- same long exact sequence as before

**Theorem 3.8.7**

If  $\mu_m \subseteq K$  then

$$K^\times / (K^\times)^m \cong H^1(G_K, \mu_m) (= \text{Hom}_{\text{cont.}}(G_K, \mu_m))$$

$$b \xrightarrow{\delta} (\sigma \mapsto \frac{(\sqrt[m]{b})^\sigma}{\sqrt[m]{b}})$$

This is the Kummer map

**Proof**

$0 \rightarrow \mu_m \rightarrow \overline{K}^\times \xrightarrow{x \mapsto x^m} \overline{K}^\times \rightarrow 0$  induces

$0 \rightarrow \mu_m \rightarrow K^\times \rightarrow K^\times \xrightarrow{\delta} H^1(G_K, \mu_m) \rightarrow H^1(G_K, \overline{K}^\times)$ , extract:

$$0 \rightarrow K^\times / K^{\times m} \xrightarrow{\delta} H^1(G_K, \mu_m) \rightarrow H^1(G_K, \overline{K}^\times)$$

for some  $\delta$  as claimed by definition of connecting homomorphism

To prove  $\delta$  surjective, either (1) prove  $H^1(G_K, \overline{K}^\times) = 0$  “Hilbert ’90 Theorem” (this theorem proves for even when  $\mu_m \not\subseteq K$ )

or (2) Take  $\xi \in H^1(G_K, \mu_m) = \text{Hom}_{\text{cont.}}(G_K, \mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z})$ ,

$\ker \xi = G_L, L/K$  finite Galois by continuity,

$$\xi : \text{Gal}(L/K) \hookrightarrow \mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z}$$

By Kummer theory, any such  $L$  is  $K(\sqrt[m]{b})$ , some  $b \in K^\times$  (as  $\mu_m \subseteq K$ ) □

### 3.9 Weak Mordell-Weil a lá Mordell

$K$  number field,  $E/K$ , our goal is to show  $E(K)/2E(K)$  finite (Weak Mordell-Weil). The plan for achieving the goal is as follows:

$$E/K : y^2 = (x - t_1)(x - t_2)(x - t_3), \quad t_i \in K$$

Q1: Why may assume  $E[2] \subseteq E(K)$

Define the Kummer map

$$\begin{aligned} \kappa : E(K) &\rightarrow (K^\times / K^{\times 2}) \times (K^\times / K^{\times 2}) \times (K^\times / K^{\times 2}) \\ P &\mapsto (\kappa_1(P), \kappa_2(P), \kappa_3(P)) \\ E[2] \not\subseteq (x, y) &\mapsto (x - t_1, x - t_2, x - t_3) \quad \text{(NB: Product of 3 is } 1 \in K^\times / K^{\times 2}) \\ \mathcal{O} &\mapsto (1, 1, 1) \\ (t_1, 0) &\mapsto ((t_1 - t_2)(t_1 - t_3), t_1 - t_2, t_1 - t_3) \quad \text{(similarly for } (t_2, 0), (t_3, 0)) \end{aligned}$$

This is a group homomorphism with kernel  $2E(K)$ , so,

Q2: Why?

$$E(K)/2E(K) \hookrightarrow (K^\times / K^{\times 2}) \times (K^\times / K^{\times 2})$$

(say  $\kappa = (\kappa_1, \kappa_2)$ )

The image is trivial at primes  $p \nmid 2\Delta_E$ , so

$p \nmid 2$  prime of good reduction  $\Rightarrow v_p(\kappa_i(P)) \equiv 0 \pmod 2$ , and so

Q3: Why?

Then proves  $E(K)/2E(K)$  finite

Q4: Why?

**Example 3.9.1**

$$\begin{array}{rcl} \mathbb{Q}^\times / \mathbb{Q}^{\times 2} & \xrightarrow{1:1} & \text{square-free integers} \\ 5 & \mapsto & 5 \\ 5 \cdot \left(\frac{7}{8}\right)^2 & \mapsto & 5 \\ -\frac{2}{3} & \mapsto & -6 \end{array}$$

i.e.  $\mathbb{Q}^\times / \mathbb{Q}^{\times 2}$  is a  $\mathbb{F}_2$ -vector space with basis  $-1, 2, 3, 5, 7, \dots$

**3.9.1 Example of 2-descent**

$E/\mathbb{Q} \quad y^2 = x(x+3)(x-6)$

Goal: Determine the structure of  $E(\mathbb{Q})$

Step 1: Determine torsion subgroup

- $\Delta = 2^6 3^8$  minimal at all primes as  $v_p(\Delta) < 12 \quad \forall p$
  - $\{T_1 = (0, 0), T_2 = (-3, 0), T_3 = (6, 0), \mathcal{O}\} = E[2] \subseteq E(\mathbb{Q}) \Rightarrow \#E(\mathbb{Q})_{tors} \geq 4$
- $$\left. \begin{array}{l} \#\tilde{E}(\mathbb{F}_5) = 8 \\ \#\tilde{E}(\mathbb{F}_7) = 12 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \#E(\mathbb{Q})_{tors} \leq 4 \text{ (by Theorem 3.6.4)}$$
- $\Rightarrow \#E(\mathbb{Q})_{tors} = 4$

Step 2: Exploit structure using Kummer map

A search for points of small height ( $H \leq 2$ , i.e. points with  $x$ -coordinates  $\in \{0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \pm \frac{1}{2}\}$ ) yields  $P = (-2, 4) \in E(\mathbb{Q})$

Kummer map:	$x$	$x+3$	$x-6$
$\mathcal{O}$	1	1	1
$T_1 = (0, 0)$	-2	3	-6
$T_2 = (-3, 0)$	-3	3	<del>9</del> , -1
$T_3 = (6, 0)$	6	1	6
$P = (-2, 4)$	-2	1	-2
$P + T_1 = (9, 18)$	1	3	3
$P + T_2 = (24, -108)$	6	3	2
$P + T_3 = (-\frac{3}{4}, -\frac{27}{8})$	-3	1	-3
$2P = (\frac{121}{16}, -\frac{715}{64})$	1	1	1 <sup>(*)</sup>

(\*): Kernel of the Kummer map is precisely  $2E(\mathbb{Q})$ , see later

$v_p(\text{all entries})=0$  for  $p \nmid 2\Delta_E = 2^7 3^8$

$\Rightarrow$  all entries  $\in \{\pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \pm 6\}$  8 choices

$\Rightarrow E(\mathbb{Q})/2E(\mathbb{Q})$  has order  $\leq 8^2 = 64 = 2^6$ , hence finite

So Descent Theorem 3.7.20  $\Rightarrow E(\mathbb{Q})$  finitely generated abelian group

$$E(\mathbb{Q}) \cong \mathbb{Z}^r \oplus \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \quad \text{for some } r \geq 1 \quad (r \neq 0 \text{ because of } P = (-2, 4))$$

This has

$$\frac{E(\mathbb{Q})}{2E(\mathbb{Q})} \cong (\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})^{r+2} \quad \text{order} \leq 2^6$$

$\Rightarrow r \leq 4$ . We now bound  $r$  further by local analysis.

Over  $\mathbb{R}$ :

$x + 3 \geq 0 \forall (x, y) \in E(\mathbb{Q})$  (can be easily seen by draw a picture)

i.e. the second entry of Kummer map is always  $\geq 0$

In other words, consider

$$\begin{array}{ccc} E(\mathbb{Q})/2E(\mathbb{Q}) & \xrightarrow{\kappa_{E/\mathbb{Q}}} & \mathbb{Q}^\times / \mathbb{Q}^{\times 2} \times \mathbb{Q}^\times / \mathbb{Q}^{\times 2} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ E(\mathbb{R})/2E(\mathbb{R}) & \xrightarrow{\kappa_{E/\mathbb{R}}} & \mathbb{R}^\times / \mathbb{R}^{\times 2} \times \mathbb{R}^\times / \mathbb{R}^{\times 2} = \{\pm 1\} \times \{\pm 1\} \\ & & \\ & & E(\mathbb{R})/2E(\mathbb{R}) = \frac{\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \times S^1}{\{1\} \times S^1} = \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \end{array}$$

$$\kappa_{E/\mathbb{Q}}(\mathcal{O}) = (1, 1) \quad \kappa_{E/\mathbb{Q}}(0, 0) = (-1, 1)$$

(This shows that twice of a point always lies on a component of graph)

$\Rightarrow \text{Im}(\kappa_{E/\mathbb{Q}}) \subseteq \{ \text{anything} \} \times \{ \text{positive} \}$  because  $\text{Im}(\kappa_{E/\mathbb{R}})$  is.

Over  $\mathbb{Q}_2$ :

Compute  $E(\mathbb{Q}_2)/2E(\mathbb{Q}_2) \cong (\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})^m$  some  $m \geq 1$

$$E: y^2 = x^3 - 3x^2 - 18x$$

$$\tilde{E}/\mathbb{F}_2: (y+x)^2 = x^3 \text{ (additive reduction at 2)}$$

$$\tilde{E}(\mathbb{F}_2) = \{\mathcal{O}, (1, 0), (0, 0)\}, (0, 0) \text{ singular, others non-singular}$$

$$\Rightarrow \tilde{E}_{ns}(\mathbb{F}_2) = \{\mathcal{O}, (1, 0)\} \cong (\mathbb{F}_2, +) \text{ (}\widehat{\mathbb{G}}_a(\mathbb{F}_2)\text{)}$$

The Néron component group:  $E(\mathbb{Q}_2)/E_0(\mathbb{Q}_2) \cong \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$  generated by  $(0, 0) \in E(\mathbb{Q}_2)$  (as  $(\widetilde{0}, 0)$  singular)

(Tate's algorithm; or directly as in Exercise 52 prove:

if  $\widetilde{Q} = (0, 0) = \widetilde{Q}'$ , then  $\widetilde{Q} + \widetilde{Q}' \in \tilde{E}_{ns}(\mathbb{F}_2)$ )

3 steps:

Step 1:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & E_0(\mathbb{Q}_2) & \longrightarrow & E(\mathbb{Q}_2) & \longrightarrow & E(\mathbb{Q}_2)/E_0(\mathbb{Q}_2) \longrightarrow 0 \\ & & \downarrow [2] & & \downarrow [2] & & \downarrow [2] \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & E_0(\mathbb{Q}_2) & \longrightarrow & E(\mathbb{Q}_2) & \longrightarrow & E(\mathbb{Q}_2)/E_0(\mathbb{Q}_2) \longrightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

Kernel-cokernel exact sequence:

$$0 \longrightarrow E_0(\mathbb{Q}_2)[2] \longrightarrow E(\mathbb{Q}_2)[2] \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \longrightarrow \frac{E_0(\mathbb{Q}_2)}{2E_0(\mathbb{Q}_2)} \longrightarrow \frac{E(\mathbb{Q}_2)}{2E(\mathbb{Q}_2)} \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \longrightarrow 0$$

$$0 \longrightarrow \langle (-3, 0) \rangle \longrightarrow \langle ((0, 0), (-3, 0)) \rangle \longrightarrow \langle (0, 0) \rangle \xrightarrow{\text{zero}} A \longrightarrow B \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \longrightarrow 0$$

Exactness at  $\langle (0, 0) \rangle$  and  $A \Rightarrow$

$$0 \rightarrow \frac{E_0}{2E_0} \rightarrow \frac{E}{2E} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow 0$$

Step 2:

$$0 \rightarrow E_1(\mathbb{Q}_2) \rightarrow E_0(\mathbb{Q}_2) \rightarrow \tilde{E}_{ns}(\mathbb{F}_2) \rightarrow 0$$

$\tilde{E}_{ns}(\mathbb{F}_2) \cong \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$  gen. by  $(1, 0)$  (the image of  $(-3, 0)$  under reduction map)

Kernel-cokernel exact sequence for [2] again:

$$0 \longrightarrow E_1(\mathbb{Q}_2)[2] \longrightarrow E_0(\mathbb{Q}_2)[2] \longrightarrow \tilde{E}_{ns}(\mathbb{F}_2)[2] \longrightarrow \frac{E_1(\mathbb{Q}_2)}{2E_1(\mathbb{Q}_2)} \longrightarrow \frac{E_0(\mathbb{Q}_2)}{2E_0(\mathbb{Q}_2)} \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \longrightarrow 0$$

$$0 \longrightarrow 0 \longrightarrow \frac{\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}}{\langle(-3, 0)\rangle} \xrightarrow{\cong} \frac{\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}}{\langle(1, 0)\rangle} \xrightarrow{\text{zero}} C \longrightarrow D \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \longrightarrow 0$$

and get

$$0 \rightarrow \frac{E_1}{2E_1} \rightarrow \frac{E_0}{2E_0} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow 0$$

Step 3:

$E_1(\mathbb{Q}_2) \cong \widehat{E}(2\mathbb{Z}_2)$  formal group,

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & \widehat{E}(4\mathbb{Z}_2) & \longrightarrow & \widehat{E}(2\mathbb{Z}_2) & \longrightarrow & \frac{\widehat{E}(2\mathbb{Z}_2)}{\widehat{E}(4\mathbb{Z}_2)} \longrightarrow 0 \\ & & \downarrow \cong & & & & \downarrow \cong \\ & & (\mathbb{Z}_2, +) & & & & \frac{2\mathbb{Z}_2}{4\mathbb{Z}_2} \cong \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \end{array}$$

$(\frac{\widehat{E}(2\mathbb{Z}_2)}{\widehat{E}(4\mathbb{Z}_2)} \cong \frac{2\mathbb{Z}_2}{4\mathbb{Z}_2}$  as, from section 3.5.1,  $\mathcal{F}(\mathfrak{m}^n)/\mathcal{F}(\mathfrak{m}^{n+1}) \cong (\mathfrak{m}^n/\mathfrak{m}^{n+1}, +) \cong (k, +)$ )

The last  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$  is generated by  $P + T_3$  (any point with  $v_2(x\text{-coord})=-2$ )

Kernel-cokernel exact sequence for [2]  $\Rightarrow$  :

$$0 \longrightarrow 0 \longrightarrow 0 \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}_2/2\mathbb{Z}_2 \longrightarrow \frac{\widehat{E}(2\mathbb{Z}_2)}{2\widehat{E}(2\mathbb{Z}_2)} \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \longrightarrow 0$$

So we get

$$E_1/2E_1 \cong \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$$

Combine all 3 steps  $\Rightarrow$

$$\frac{E(\mathbb{Q}_2)}{2E(\mathbb{Q}_2)} \cong \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$$

generated by  $(T_1, T_2, P + T_3) = ((0, 0), (-3, 0), (-\frac{3}{4}, -\frac{27}{8}))$

Because  $\mathbb{Q}_2^\times/\mathbb{Q}_2^{\times 2} \cong (\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})^3$  with representatives  $\{\pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \pm 6\}$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} E(\mathbb{Q})/2E(\mathbb{Q}) \hookrightarrow \{\pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \pm 6\} \times \{\pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \pm 6\} \\ \downarrow & & \parallel \\ E(\mathbb{Q}_2)/2E(\mathbb{Q}_2) \hookrightarrow (\mathbb{Q}_2^\times/\mathbb{Q}_2^{\times 2}) \times (\mathbb{Q}_2^\times/\mathbb{Q}_2^{\times 2}) \end{array}$$

the image of  $\kappa_{E/\mathbb{Q}}$  has size at most  $|E(\mathbb{Q}_2)/2E(\mathbb{Q}_2)| = 8 \Rightarrow r \leq 1 \Rightarrow r = 1$

We proved:

$E/\mathbb{Q} : y^2 = x(x+3)(x-6)$  has  $E(\mathbb{Q}) \cong \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/2 \times \mathbb{Z}/2$

### 3.9.2 Proof of (Weak) Mordell-Weil Theorem

#### Theorem 3.9.2 (Weak Mordell-Weil Theorem)

$K$  number field,  $E/K$  elliptic curve,  $m \geq 2$ , then,

$$E(K)/mE(K) \quad \text{finite}$$

#### Corollary 3.9.3 (Mordell-Weil Theorem)

$E(K)$  is finitely generated

#### Proof

Weak Mordell-Weil + Descent Theorem □

#### Proof of Weak Mordell-Weil Theorem

Each of the step in this proof is to answer each question stated at the start of the section, in the plan for proving Weak Mordell-Weil

#### Step 1

$\overline{F} := \overline{K}(E[m])$ . If we show  $E(F)/mE(F)$  is finite, then  $E(F)$  finitely generated  
 $\Rightarrow E(K) \hookrightarrow E(F) \Rightarrow E(K)$  also f.g.

Thus, replacing  $K$  by  $F$ , may assume  $E[m] \subseteq E(K)$  ( $\Rightarrow \mu_m \subseteq K$  Exercise)

#### Step 2

Take  $G_K = \text{Gal}(\overline{K}/K)$ -cohomology of

$$0 \rightarrow E[m] \rightarrow E(\overline{K}) \xrightarrow{[m]} E(\overline{K}) \rightarrow 0$$

Get

$$0 \rightarrow E[m] \rightarrow E(K) \xrightarrow{[m]} E(K) \xrightarrow{\delta} H^1(G_K, E[m]) \rightarrow H^1(G_K, E(\overline{K})) \xrightarrow{[m]} H^1(G_K, E(\overline{K})) \rightarrow \dots$$

Extract

$$0 \rightarrow \frac{E(K)}{mE(K)} \xrightarrow{\delta} H^1(G_K, E[m]) \rightarrow H^1(G_K, E(\overline{K}))[m] \rightarrow 0$$

Kummer sequence for elliptic curve

$\delta(P) = (\sigma \mapsto Q^\sigma - Q)$  for any  $Q \in E(\overline{K})$  s.t.  $mQ = P$

Now,

$$\overbrace{H^1(G_K, \underbrace{E[m]}_{\mathbb{Z}/m \times \mathbb{Z}/m})}^{\text{Hom}_{cont}} = H^1(G_K, \underbrace{\mu_m}_{\mathbb{Z}/m}) \times H^1(G_K, \underbrace{\mu_m}_{\mathbb{Z}/m}) \cong K^\times / K^{\times m} \times K^\times / K^{\times m} \quad (3.9.1)$$

The first equality is due to Weil pairing, explicitly:

Let  $E[m] = \mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z}T_1 \oplus \mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z}T_2$ , have two Weil pairings:

$$\begin{aligned} E[m] &\rightarrow \mu_m \\ \alpha_1 : T &\mapsto e_m(T, T_1) \\ \alpha_2 : T &\mapsto e_m(T, T_2) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$(\alpha_1, \alpha_2) : E[m] \xrightarrow{\sim} \mu_m \times \mu_m$$

because  $e_m$  bilinear, non-degenerate.

The isomorphism in the ses (3.9.1) is due to Kummer map in Theorem 3.8.7, and we now construct:

$$\kappa = (\kappa_1, \kappa_2) : E(K)/mE(K) \hookrightarrow K^\times / K^{\times m} \times K^\times / K^{\times m} \quad (3.9.2)$$

which is a group homomorphism, given by  $\kappa_i = H^1(\alpha_i) \circ \delta$

(Exercise: For  $m = 2$ , use definition of  $e_m$  (relies on function  $f$  s.t.  $\text{div}(f) = 2(T) - 2(\mathcal{O})$  e.g.  $f = x - x_T$ ) to show  $\kappa = (x - x(T_1), x - x(T_2))$  for  $m = 2$ )

### Step 3

Let  $p \nmid m\Delta_E$  be a prime of good reduction,  $K_p$  completion, valuation  $v_p$ , residue field  $k$  (finite)  $K_p^{nr}$  maximal unramified extension, same valuation, residue field  $\bar{k}$

**Claim:**  $E(K_p^{nr})/mE(K_p^{nr}) = 0$

**Proof of Claim:**

(Note:  $E = E_0, \tilde{E} = \tilde{E}_{ns}$ , good reduction at  $P$ )

$$0 \rightarrow E_1(K_p^{nr}) \rightarrow E(K_p^{nr}) \rightarrow \tilde{E}(\bar{k}) \rightarrow 0$$

Kernel-cokernel exact sequence for  $[m] \Rightarrow$

$$\cdots \rightarrow \underbrace{\frac{E_1(K_p^{nr})}{mE_1(K_p^{nr})}}_{=0} \rightarrow \frac{E(K_p^{nr})}{mE(K_p^{nr})} \rightarrow \underbrace{\frac{\tilde{E}(\bar{k})}{m\tilde{E}(\bar{k})}}_{=0} \rightarrow 0$$

exact sequence.

First cancelling due to:  $p \nmid m \Rightarrow [m]$  isom of formal groups

Second cancelling due to:  $\tilde{E}$  elliptic curve over algebraically closed field  $\Rightarrow [m]$  surjective

$\Rightarrow$  the middle group is zero; proves the claim  $\blacksquare$

Now consider the following commute diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} E(K)/mE(K) & \xrightarrow{\kappa} & K^\times / K^{\times m} \times K^\times / K^{\times m} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \underline{E(K_p^{nr})/mE(K_p^{nr})}^{=0} & \hookrightarrow & (K_p^{nr})^\times / (K_p^{nr})^{\times m} \times (K_p^{nr})^\times / (K_p^{nr})^{\times m} \end{array}$$

$\Rightarrow \text{Im}(\kappa_i)$  are elements of  $K^\times$  which are in  $(K_p^{nr})^{\times m}$

In particular, they have  $v_p$ , which is same on  $K$  and  $K_p^{nr}$ , multiple of  $m$

We proved  $v_p(\kappa_i(P)) \equiv 0 \pmod{m} \quad \forall p \nmid m\Delta_E$

### Step 4

Let  $\mathfrak{p}_1, \dots, \mathfrak{p}_n$  be prime divisors of  $m\Delta_E$

**Claim:**  $H_{\mathfrak{p}_1, \dots, \mathfrak{p}_n} = \{\alpha \in K^\times / K^{\times m} \mid v_{\mathfrak{p}}(\alpha) \equiv 0 \pmod{m} \forall \mathfrak{p} \neq \mathfrak{p}_1, \dots, \mathfrak{p}_n\}$  is finite

**Proof of Claim:**

Enough to show

$$H_{\mathfrak{p}_1, \dots, \mathfrak{p}_{n-1}} = \ker(H_{\mathfrak{p}_1, \dots, \mathfrak{p}_n} \xrightarrow{v_{\mathfrak{p}_n}} \mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z})$$

is finite. Inductively, need that

$$H_\emptyset = \{\alpha \in K^\times / K^{\times m} \mid v_{\mathfrak{p}} \equiv 0 \pmod{m} \forall \mathfrak{p}\}$$



For  $\alpha \in H_\emptyset$ ,

$$\underbrace{(\alpha)}_{\text{ideal} \subseteq \mathcal{O}_K} = \prod_{\mathfrak{p}} \mathfrak{p}^{m n_{\mathfrak{p}}} = \left( \prod_{\mathfrak{p}} \mathfrak{p}^{n_{\mathfrak{p}}} \right)^m =: I_\alpha^m$$

So enough to show

$$U = \ker \begin{pmatrix} H_\emptyset & \rightarrow & \text{class gp of } \mathcal{O}_K \\ \alpha & \mapsto & I_\alpha \end{pmatrix}$$

is finite. (note the class group is finite)

For  $\alpha \in U, I_\alpha = (x_\alpha)$  principal (as it is in the principal ideal class)

$$\Rightarrow (\alpha) = (x_\alpha^m) \Rightarrow \frac{\alpha}{x_\alpha^m} \in \mathcal{O}_K^\times$$

If  $\frac{\alpha}{x_\alpha^m} = u^m \in (\mathcal{O}_K^\times)^m$

$\Rightarrow \alpha = (ux_\alpha)^m \in K^{\times m}$  (i.e. trivial element in  $U$ ). So

$$\begin{aligned} U &\hookrightarrow \mathcal{O}_K^\times / \mathcal{O}_K^{\times m} \\ \alpha &\mapsto \frac{\alpha}{x_\alpha^m} \end{aligned}$$

Note  $\mathcal{O}_K^\times / \mathcal{O}_K^{\times m}$  is finite, since  $\mathcal{O}_K^\times$  is finite generated (by Dirichlet Unit Theorem, c.f. Algebraic Number Theory course) ■

Given claim  $\Rightarrow E(K)/mE(K) \hookrightarrow H_{\mathfrak{p}_1, \dots, \mathfrak{p}_n} \times H_{\mathfrak{p}_1, \dots, \mathfrak{p}_n}$

$\Rightarrow$  DONE □

*Remark.* Same strategy works for many finitely generated field (e.g.  $\mathbb{Q}(t_1, t_2), \mathbb{F}_q(t), \dots$ )

*Remark.* To actually find  $E(K)/mE(K)$  is hard:

There may be classes in  $H^1(G_K, E[m])$  that are in the image of  $E(K_v)/mE(K_v)$  for all places  $v$ , but not the image of  $E(K)/mE(K)$

The “Local-Global Principle” (Hasse Principle) may fail for elliptic curve.

### Example 3.9.4

$y^2 = x(x+3)(x-6)$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$ ,  $m = 2$

Here the local-global principle works

If the local-global principle does work, can find  $E(K)/mE(K)$  and therefore can find  $E(K)$

*Remark.* In practice,  $m = 2$  (may be  $m = 3$ , just)

A general  $E/\mathbb{Q}$  would have, e.g. for  $m = 3$ ,  $\text{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}(E[3])/\mathbb{Q}) \cong GL_2(\mathbb{F}_3)$

And  $\mathbb{Q}(E[3])$  is too large to compute its class group, unit group in practice.

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