

# Elliptic Curves

## Lectures

### 1. Fermat's method infinite descent

- Let  $\Delta$  be a right triangle with side lengths  $a, b, c$ . We say  $\Delta$  is **rational** if side lengths are rational, and we say  $\Delta$  is **primitive** if side lengths integers and  $\gcd(a, b, c) = 1$ .
- Every primitive triangle has side lengths  $u^2 - v^2$ ,  $2uv$ , and  $u^2 + v^2$  for some integers  $u, v \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $u > v > 0$ .

- **Congruent number:** Let  $D$  be a positive rational.  $D$  is congruent number if there exists rational right-angled triangle with area  $D$ .

(equivalently, there exists a rational solution to  $y^2 = x^3 - D^2x$  s.t.  $y \neq 0$ ) (or to  $Dy^2 = x^3 - x$ ) (or the elliptic curve has *positive* rank)

- 1 is not a congruent number. Equivalently, there are no integer solutions to  $w^2 = uv(u + v)(u - v)$  where  $w \neq 0$ .
- In general, if  $u, v, w \in \mathbb{Z}, w \neq 0$  such that  $Dw^2 = uv(u - v)(u + v)$ , then there exists right-angled triangle with area  $D$  with side lengths:

$$\frac{u^2 - v^2}{w}, \quad \frac{2uv}{w}, \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{u^2 + v^2}{w}$$

- Let  $K$  be a field with  $\text{char}(K) \neq 2$ . Let  $u, v \in K[t]$  be coprime polynomials. If  $\alpha u + \beta v$  is a square for 4 distinct pairs  $(\alpha, \beta) \in \mathbb{P}^1$ , then  $u, v \in K$ .
- **Elliptic curve:** An elliptic curve  $E/K$  is the projective closure of a plane affine curve  $y^2 = f(x)$  where  $f \in K[x]$  is a monic cubic polynomial with distinct roots in  $\bar{K}$ .  
or An elliptic curve  $E/K$  is a smooth projective curve of genus 1 with a specified  $K$ -rational point  $O_E$ .

- **Weierstrass equation:** The equation  $y^2 = f(x)$  is called Weierstrass equation.

*Fact:* Let  $L/K$  be field extension Then  $E(L) = \{(x, y) \in L^2 : y^2 = f(x)\} \cup \{O_E\}$ .  $E(L)$  is an *abelian group*.

Let  $E/K$  be elliptic curve. Then  $E(K(t)) = E(K)$ .

- **Isomorphism:** Let  $E$  and  $E'$  be elliptic curves. Then  $E$  and  $E'$  are isomorphic if there exists a morphism  $\phi : E \rightarrow E'$  and a morphism  $\chi : E' \rightarrow E$  s.t.  $\chi \circ \phi = \text{id}_E$  and  $\phi \circ \chi = \text{id}_{E'}$ .

Some results on congruent numbers: Let  $p$  be a prime number. Then:

- If  $p \equiv 3 \pmod{8}$ , then  $p$  is not congruent, but  $2p$  is congruent.
- If  $p \equiv 5 \pmod{8}$ , then  $p$  is congruent.
- If  $p \equiv 7 \pmod{8}$ , then  $p$  and  $2p$  is congruent.

List of congruent numbers: 5, 6, 7, 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 28, 29, 30, 31, ...

## 2. Remarks on algebraic curves

- **Rational:** A plane algebraic curve  $C = \{f(x, y) = 0\} \subset \mathbb{A}^2$  (where  $f$  irreducible) is rational if it has a rational parameterisation

I.e. there exists  $\phi, \chi \in K(t)$  s.t.

- The map  $t \mapsto (\phi(t), \chi(t))$  is injective for all but finitely many points in  $\mathbb{A}^1$ .
- $f(\phi(t), \chi(t)) = 0$

Any non-singular plane conic is rational. (e.g.  $x^2 + y^2 = 1$ )

Any singular plane curve is rational (**not** elliptic curves) (e.g.  $y^2 = x^3$  or  $y^2 = x^2(x+1)$ ).

- **Genus:** Let  $C$  be smooth projective curve. Genus  $g(C) \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$  is invariant of  $C$ .
- A smooth projective curve  $C \subset \mathbb{P}^2$  of degree  $d$  has genus

$$g(C) = \frac{(d-1)(d-2)}{2}$$

(so if  $d = 1, 2$ , then genus is 0)

Let  $C$  be smooth projective curve.

- $C$  is **rational**  $\iff g(C) = 0$ .
- $C$  is **elliptic curve**  $\iff g(C) = 1$ .

- **Order of vanishing:** Let  $C$  algebraic curve, function field  $K(C)$ .  $P \in C$  a smooth point. Write  $\text{ord}_P(f)$  as the **order of vanishing** of  $f \in K(C)$  at  $P$

$\text{ord}_P(f) : K(C)^* \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  is a discrete valuation

- $\text{ord}_P(f_1 f_2) = \text{ord}_P(f_1) + \text{ord}_P(f_2)$
- $\text{ord}_P(f_1 + f_2) \geq \min(\text{ord}_P(f_1), \text{ord}_P(f_2))$

E.g. If  $y^2 = x(x-1)(x-\lambda)$ , then  $\text{ord}_P(x) = -2$  and  $\text{ord}_P(y) = -3$  where  $P = (0 : 1 : 0)$ .

- **Uniformiser:** An element  $t \in K(C)^*$  is a uniformiser at  $P$  if  $\text{ord}_P(t) = 1$ .
- Let  $C$  be an affine curve, defined by  $C = \{g(x, y) = 0\} \in \mathbb{A}^2$  where  $g \in K[X, Y]$  is irreducible. Express  $g(x, y)$  as

$$g(x, y) = g_0 + g_1(x, y) + g_2(x, y) + g_3(x, y) + \dots$$

where each  $g_i$  is homogenous of degree  $i$ .

Suppose  $P = (0, 0) \in C$  is a smooth point on  $C$ , so we have  $g_0 = 0$  and  $g_1 = \alpha x + \beta y$  where  $\alpha, \beta$  not both zero. ( $g_1$  is tangent to  $C$  at  $P$ )

Then, for any  $\gamma, \delta \in K$ , we have that  $\gamma x + \delta y \in K(C)$  is a **uniformiser** at  $P$  if and only if  $\alpha\delta - \beta\gamma \neq 0$  (i.e.  $\gamma x + \delta y$  not some multiple of  $g_1$ , so not tangent)

- **Divisor:** A formal sum of points on  $C$ . Can be expressed in the form:

$$\sum_{p \in C} n_p P \quad \text{with } n_p \in \mathbb{Z}$$

and  $n_p = 0$  for all but finitely many  $p \in C$ .

- **Degree of divisor:**  $\deg(D) = \sum n_p$
- **Divisor of function:** If  $f \in K(C)^*$ , then

$$\operatorname{div}(f) = \sum_{P \in C} \operatorname{ord}_P(f)P$$

This is called a **principal divisor**.

- **Effective divisor:** Let  $D$  be divisor.  $D$  is **effective** if  $n_p \geq 0$  for all  $P$ . Notation:  $D \geq 0$
- **Riemann Roch space:** The Riemann Roch space of  $D \in \operatorname{Div}(C)$  is

$$\mathcal{L}(D) = \{f \in K(C)^* : \operatorname{div}(f) + D \geq 0\} \cup \{0\}$$

(i.e. the  $K$ -vector space of rational functions on  $C$  with poles no worse than that specified by  $D$ )

*Remark:*  $\mathcal{L}(D)$  is a finite-dimensional  $\bar{K}$ -vector space

- **Riemann Roch for genus 1:** Let  $D = \sum n_p P$ ,  $\deg D = \sum n_p$ :

$$\dim \mathcal{L}(D) = \begin{cases} \deg D & \text{if } \deg D > 0 \\ 0 \text{ or } 1 & \text{if } \deg D = 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } \deg D < 0 \end{cases}$$

- Let  $C \subset \mathbb{P}^2$  be a smooth plane cubic and  $P \in C$  a point of inflection. Then one can change coordinates such that

$$C : Y^2Z = X(X - Z)(X - \lambda Z)$$

where  $P = (0 : 1 : 0)$  and  $\lambda \neq 0, 1$ . This is called **Legendre form**.

- **Degree of a morphism** Let  $\phi : C_1 \rightarrow C_2$  be non-constant morphism of smooth projective curve. Let  $\phi^* : K(C_2) \rightarrow K(C_1)$  be **pullback** given by  $f \mapsto f \circ \phi$ .

The **degree** of  $\phi$  is  $[K(C_1) : \phi^*K(C_2)]$  (we define  $\phi$  is **separable** iff extension  $K(C_1)/\phi^*K(C_2)$  is separable)

*Fact:*  $\deg \phi = 1$  if and only if  $\phi$  is an isomorphism.  $\deg \phi = 0$  if and only if  $\phi$  is a constant map.

- **Ramification index:** Let  $P \in C_1$  and  $Q \in C_2$  such that  $\phi(P) = Q$ . Let  $t \in K(C_2)$  be a uniformizer at  $Q$  (i.e.  $\operatorname{ord}_Q(t) = 1$ ) Then the **ramification index**  $e_\phi(P)$  is

$$e_\phi(P) = \operatorname{ord}_P(\phi^*t) \quad (\text{note } e_\phi(P) \geq 1)$$

This is independent of choice of  $t$ .

- Let  $\phi : C_1 \rightarrow C_2$  be non-constant morphism of smooth projective curves. Then

$$\sum_{P \in \phi^{-1}(Q)} e_\phi(P) = \deg(\phi) \quad \text{for all } Q \in C_2$$

If  $\phi$  is separable, then  $e_\phi(P) = 1$  for all but finitely many  $P \in C_1$ .

- $\phi$  is surjective
- $|\phi^{-1}(Q)| \leq \deg(\phi)$  with equality for all but finitely many  $Q \in C_2$ .

• **Rational map:** Let  $C$  be an algebraic curve. A rational map  $\phi : C \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^n$  is given by

$$P \mapsto (f_0(P) : f_1(P) : \cdots : f_n(P))$$

where  $f_0, f_1, \dots, f_n \in K(C)$  are not all zero.

*Fact:* If  $C$  is smooth, then  $\phi$  is a morphism.

### 3. Weierstrass Equations

- **Elliptic curve:** An elliptic curve  $E$  over  $K$  is a smooth projective curve of genus 1 defined over  $K$  with a specified  $K$ -rational point  $O_E$ .

- **Weierstrass form:** A Weierstrass equation, over a field  $K$ , is an equation of the form

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

with coefficients  $a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, a_6$  in  $K$ .

- **Weierstrass isomorphism:** Every elliptic curve  $E$  is isomorphic over  $K$  to a curve in Weierstrass form via an isomorphism, taking  $O_E$  to  $(0 : 1 : 0)$ .

- If  $D \in \text{Div}(E)$  is defined over  $K$  (i.e. fixed by  $\text{Gal}(\bar{K}/K)$ ), then  $\mathcal{L}(D)$  has a basis in  $K(E)$  (not just in  $\bar{K}(E)$ )

- **Points of inflection:** Let  $C = \{F = 0\} \subset \mathbb{P}^2$  be algebraic curve. The points of inflection are given by

$$\det \left( \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial X_i \partial X_j} \right) = 0$$

(i.e. where the **Hessian determinant** of  $F$  is zero)

- Let  $E$  and  $E'$  be elliptic curves over  $K$  in Weierstrass form. Then  $E \cong E'$  over  $K$  iff the equations are related by a change of variables:

$$\begin{aligned} x &= u^2x' + r \\ y &= u^3y' + u^2sx' + t \end{aligned}$$

where  $u, r, s, t \in K, u \neq 0$ .

*Note:* This changes the discriminant by  $u^{12}\Delta' = \Delta$ .

- **Discriminant:** A Weierstrass equation for a curve  $E$ :

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

defines an elliptic curve if and only if the **discriminant**  $\Delta(a_1, \dots, a_6) \neq 0$  where  $\Delta \in \mathbb{Z}[a_1, \dots, a_6]$  is the polynomial

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta &= -b_2^2b_8 - 8b_4^3 - 27b_6^2 + 9b_2b_4b_6 \\ \text{where } b_2 &= a_1^2 + 4a_2, \\ b_4 &= 2a_4 + a_1a_3, \\ b_6 &= a_3^2 + 4a_6, \\ b_8 &= a_1^2a_6 + 4a_2a_6 - a_1a_3a_4 + a_2a_3^2 - a_4^2. \end{aligned}$$

If  $\text{char}K \neq 2, 3$ , then can reduce to  $E : y^2 = x^3 + ax + b$  defines elliptic curve, iff the **discriminant**  $\Delta = -16(4a^3 + 27b^2)$  is non-zero, where

$$\begin{aligned} a &= -27c_4 \quad \text{where } c_4 = b_2^2 - 24b_4 \\ b &= -54c_6 \quad \text{where } c_6 = -b_2^3 + 36b_2b_4 - 216b_6 \end{aligned}$$

- If  $\text{char}K \neq 2, 3$ , then  $E : y^2 = x^3 + ax + b$  and  $E' : y^2 = x^3 + a'x + b'$  are isomorphic over  $K$  iff there exists  $u \in K^*$  s.t.  $a' = u^4a$  and  $b' = u^6b$ .

- **$j$ -invariant:**  $j(E) = \frac{1728(4a^3)}{4a^3 + 27b^2}$

$E \cong E' \implies j(E) = j(E')$  and converse holds if  $K = \bar{K}$

## 4. Group Law

- **Group law** Let  $E$  be elliptic curve with specified point  $O_K \in E(K)$ . Set of points on  $E$  form an *abelian group*  $(E, \oplus)$ .

– Identity is specified point  $O_E$

– Group operation  $P \oplus Q$  is as follows:

- \* Let  $S$  be 3rd point of intersection of line  $PQ$  and curve  $E$   
(if  $P = Q$ , then let  $S$  be intersection between  $T_P E$  (tangent line at  $P$ ) and  $E$ )
- \* Let  $R$  be 3rd point of intersection fo line  $O_E S$  and curve  $E$ .
- \* Then  $P \oplus Q = R$

– Inverse of  $P$ :

- \* Let  $S$  be 3rd point of intersection of the tangent line at  $O_E$  with the curve  $E$ .
- \* Let  $Q$  be 3rd point of intersection of line  $PS$  and  $E$ .
- \* Then  $P \oplus Q = O_E$

- **Linearly equivalent**  $D_1, D_2 \in \text{Div}(E)$  are linearly equivalent if  $\exists f \in \bar{K}(E)^*$  s.t.  $\text{div}(f) = D_1 - D_2$ . (written  $D_1 \sim D_2$ ).

- **Picard group:**  $\text{Pic}(E) = \text{Div}(E) / \sim$

$\text{Div}^0(E)$  is the degree 0 divisors (i.e.  $\text{Div}^0(E) = \ker(\text{Div}(E) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z})$ )

$\text{Pic}^0(E) = \text{Div}^0(E) / \sim$

- Let  $\phi : E \rightarrow \text{Pic}^0(E)$  be given by  $P \mapsto [P - O_E]$ . Then  $\phi(P \oplus Q) = \phi(P) + \phi(Q)$  and  $\phi$  is a bijection.

*Remark:*  $\phi$  identifies  $(E, \oplus)$  with  $(\text{Pic}^0(E), +)$  which proves associativity!

- **Explicit formula:** Let  $P_1 = (x_1, y_1)$  and  $P_2 = (x_2, y_2)$  be points on  $E$ .

– **Inverse:** The inverse of  $P_1$  is  $\ominus P_1 = (x_1, -(a_1 x_1 + a_3 + y_1))$ .

– **Sum:**

- \* **Case I:**  $x_1 = x_2, y_1 \neq y_2$ :  $P_1 \oplus P_2 = O_E$ .
- \* **Case II:**  $x_1 \neq x_2$ :  $P_1 \oplus P_2 = (x_3, y_3)$  where

$$\begin{aligned} x_3 &= \lambda^2 + a_1 \lambda - a_2 - x_1 - x_2 \\ y_3 &= -(\lambda + a_1)x_3 - \nu - a_3 \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\lambda = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} \quad \text{and} \quad \nu = \frac{x_2 y_1 - x_1 y_2}{x_2 - x_1}$$

- \* **Case III:**  $x_1 = x_2, y_1 = y_2$ : So  $P_1 = P_2$ , where we instead use the tangent slope

$$\lambda = \frac{3x_1^2 + 3a_2 x_1 + a_4 - a_1 y_1}{2y_1 + a_1 x_1 + a_3} \quad \text{and} \quad \nu = \frac{-x_1^3 + a_4 x_1 + 2a_6 - a_3 y_1}{2y_1 + a_1 x_1 + a_3}$$

- **Explicit formula** for the case  $y^2 = x^3 + ax + b$ :

– **Inverse:** The inverse of  $P_1$  is  $\ominus P_1 = (x_1, -y_1)$

– **Sum:**

\* If  $x_1 \neq x_2$ , then  $P_1 \oplus P_2 = (x_2, y_2)$  where

$$x_3 = \left( \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} \right) - x_1 - x_2$$

$$y_3 = - \left( \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} \right) x_3 - \left( \frac{x_2 y_1 - x_1 y_2}{x_2 - x_1} \right)$$

\* If  $x_1 = x_2$  and  $y_1 = y_2$ , Then  $2P_1 = (x_3, y_3)$  where

$$x_3 = \frac{x^4 - 2ax^2 - 8bx + a^2}{(2y)^2} = \left( \frac{3x^2 + a}{2y} \right)^2 - 2x$$

$$y_3 = \frac{x^6 + 5ax^4 + 20bx^3 - 5a^2x^2 - 4abx - a^3 - 8b^2}{(2y)^3} = - \left( \frac{3x^2 + a}{2y} \right) (x_3 - x_1) - y_1$$

- $E(K)$  is an abelian group.
- Elliptic curves are **group varieties**. I.e. The inverse map  $[-1] : E \rightarrow E$  given by  $P \mapsto -P$  and the addition map  $A : E \times E \rightarrow E$  given by  $(P, Q) \mapsto P + Q$  are both morphisms of algebraic varieties.
- **$n$ -torsion** Define  $[n] : E \rightarrow E$  as the  $n$ -torsion map given by

$$P \mapsto P + P + \dots + P \quad n \text{ times} \quad \text{for } n > 0.$$

The  **$n$ -torsion subgroup** of  $E$  is

$$E[n] = \ker([n] : E \rightarrow E) = \{P \in E : P + P + \dots + P = 0 \quad n \text{ times} \}$$

E.g. If  $E : y^2 = (x - e_1)(x - e_2)(x - e_3)$ , then  $E[2] = \{O_E, (e_1, 0), (e_2, 0), (e_3, 0)\}$

- **3-torsion:** If  $0 \neq P = (x, y) \in E(K)$ , then

$$3P = O_E \quad \iff \quad 3x^4 + 6ax^2 + 12bx - a^2 = 0$$

## Elliptic curves over $\mathbb{C}$

- **Lattice:** Let  $w_1, w_2$  be basis for  $\mathbb{C}$  as  $\mathbb{R}$  vector space. Then a lattice  $\Lambda$  can be given as  $\Lambda = \{aw_1 + bw_2 : a, b \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ .
- **Weierstrass  $\wp$ -function:** Let  $\Lambda$  be a lattice. Then the **Weierstrass  $\wp$ -function** is:

$$\wp(z) = \frac{1}{z^2} + \sum_{0 \neq \lambda \in \Lambda} \left( \frac{1}{(z - \lambda)^2} - \frac{1}{\lambda^2} \right)$$

This satisfies  $\wp'(z)^2 = 4\wp(z)^3 - g_2\wp(z) - g_3$  where  $g_2, g_3 \in \mathbb{C}$  depend on the lattice:

$$g_2 = 60 \sum_{0 \neq \lambda \in \Lambda} \frac{1}{\lambda^4} \quad \text{and} \quad g_3 = 140 \sum_{0 \neq \lambda \in \Lambda} \frac{1}{\lambda^6}$$

*Fact:*  $\mathbb{C}/\Lambda \cong E(\mathbb{C})$  where  $E$  is the elliptic curve  $y^2 = 4x^3 - g_2x - g_3$ . This is isomorphic both as Riemann surfaces and abelian groups.

- **Uniformisation theorem:** Every elliptic curve over  $\mathbb{C}$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{C}/\Lambda$  for some lattice  $\Lambda$ .

## Summary of results:

- For  $K = \mathbb{C}$ , then  $E(\mathbb{C}) \cong \mathbb{C}/\Lambda \cong \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}$  (isomorphic to complex torus)
- For  $K = \mathbb{R}$ , then

$$E(\mathbb{R}) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z} & \text{if } \Delta > 0 \\ \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z} & \text{if } \Delta < 0 \end{cases}$$

- For  $K = \mathbb{F}_q$ , then  $E(\mathbb{F}_q)$  is *approximately*  $q + 1$ . We have Hasse's Theorem:

$$|E(\mathbb{F}_q) - (q + 1)| \leq 2\sqrt{q}$$

- For **local fields**,  $[K : \mathbb{Q}_p] < \infty$ , let  $\mathcal{O}_K$  be the ring of integers. Then  $E(K)$  has a subgroup of finite index isomorphic to  $(\mathcal{O}_K, +)$ .

E.g. If  $K = \mathbb{Q}_p$ , then  $E(K)$  contains subgroup of finite index isomorphic to  $(\mathbb{Z}_p, +)$ . Note that  $(\mathbb{Z}_p, +)$  is **not** finitely generated (contains all rationals without  $p$  in denominator), so  $E(K)$  is not finitely generated.

- For **number fields**  $[K : \mathbb{Q}] < \infty$ , we have that  $E(K)$  is a **finitely generated abelian group** (Mordell-Weil Theorem)



## 5. Isogenies

- **Isogeny** Let  $E_1, E_2$  be elliptic curves. An **isogeny**  $\phi : E_1 \rightarrow E_2$  is a nonconstant morphism with  $\phi(O_{E_1}) = O_{E_2}$ . We say  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  are **isogenous**.

- Every morphism  $\phi : C_1 \rightarrow C_2$  of curves is either *constant* or *surjective*.

*Fact:* Two elliptic curves  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  are isogenous over  $\mathbb{F}_q$  if and only if  $\#E_1(\mathbb{F}_q) = \#E_2(\mathbb{F}_q)$ .

- $\text{Hom}(E_1, E_2) = \{\text{isogenies } E_1 \rightarrow E_2\} \cup \{0\}$ . This is a *group* under  $(\phi + \psi)(P) = \phi(P) + \psi(P)$

If  $\phi : E_1 \rightarrow E_2$  is isogeny and  $\psi : E_2 \rightarrow E_3$  is isogeny, then  $\psi\phi$  is isogeny.

- Let  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  with  $n \neq 0$ . Then  $[n] : E \rightarrow E$  is an isogeny.

*Corollary:*  $\text{Hom}(E_1, E_2)$  is torsion-free as a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module.

- (**homomorphisms**): Let  $\phi : E_1 \rightarrow E_2$  be isogeny. Then  $\phi(P + Q) = \phi(P) + \phi(Q)$  for all  $P, Q \in E_1$ .

- **Degree 2 isogeny:** Let  $E, E'$  be two elliptic curves over  $K$ , defined by

$$\begin{aligned} E : y^2 &= x(x^2 + ax + b) \\ E' : y^2 &= x(x^2 + a'x + b') \end{aligned}$$

where  $a, b \in K$  such that  $b(a^2 - 4b) \neq 0$ , and where  $a' = -2a$  and  $b' = a^2 - 4b$ .

Then, there is a degree 2 isogeny  $\phi : E \rightarrow E'$  where

$$(x, y) \mapsto \left( \left( \frac{y}{x} \right)^2 : \frac{y(x^2 - b)}{x^2} : 1 \right) \quad \text{and} \quad \phi(O_E) = O_{E'}$$

- Let  $\phi : E_1 \rightarrow E_2$  be an isogeny. Then there exists a morphism  $\xi : \mathbb{P}^1 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$  making the following diagram commute:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} E_1 & \xrightarrow{\phi} & E_2 \\ \downarrow x_1 & & \downarrow x_2 \\ \mathbb{P}^1 & \xrightarrow{\xi} & \mathbb{P}^1 \end{array}$$

where  $x_i$  denote the  $x$ -coordinates on a Weierstrass equation for  $E_i$ .

Moreover, if  $\xi(t) = \frac{r(t)}{s(t)}$  where  $r, s \in K[t]$  coprime, then  $\deg(\phi) = \deg(\xi) = \max(\deg(r), \deg(s))$ .

- $\deg[2] = 4$ .

- **Quadratic form** Let  $A$  abelian group.  $q : A \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  is a **quadratic form** if

- $q(nx) = n^2q(x)$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}, x \in A$
- $(x, y) \mapsto q(x + y) - q(x) - q(y)$  is  $\mathbb{Z}$ -bilinear.

A map  $q : A \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  is a quadratic form iff it satisfies the parallelogram law:  $q(x + y) + q(x - y) = 2q(x) + 2q(y)$  for all  $x, y \in A$ .

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

- Let  $P, Q \in E$ , and let  $P, Q, P + Q, P - Q \neq 0$ , and let  $x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4$  be the  $x$ -coordinates of these 4 points respectively. Then, there exist polynomials  $W_0, W_1, W_2 \in \mathbb{Z}[a, b][x_1, x_2]$  of degree  $\leq 2$  in  $x_1$  and of degree  $\leq 2$  in  $x_2$  such that

$$(1 : x_3 + x_4 : x_3x_4) = (W_0 : W_1 : W_2)$$

These polynomials can explicitly be given as

$$\begin{aligned} W_0 &= (x_1 - x_2)^2 \\ W_1 &= 2(x_1x_2 + a)(x_1 + x_2) + 4b \\ W_2 &= x_1^2x_2^2 - 2ax_1x_2 - 4b(x_1 + x_2) + a^2 \end{aligned}$$

- *Corollary:*  $\deg(n\phi) = n^2 \deg(\phi)$ . In particular,  $\deg[n] = n^2$ .

## 6. Invariant differential

- **Invariant differential** Let  $C$  algebraic curve. The **space of differentials**  $\Omega_C$  is the  $K(C)$ -vector space generated by  $df$  for  $f \in K(C)$  subject to the relations

- $d(f + g) = df + dg$
- $d(fg) = fd(g) + gd(f)$
- $da = 0$  for all  $a \in K$

Fact:  $\Omega_C$  is 1-dimensional  $K(C)$  vector space (for curves  $C$ )

(In general, if  $V$  is an algebraic variety of dimension  $d$ , then  $\Omega_V$  is  $d$ -dimensional  $K(V)$  vector space)

- **Order of differential:** Let  $0 \neq w \in \Omega_C$ . Let  $P \in C$  be a smooth point and  $t \in K(C)$  be a uniformiser at  $P$ . Then  $w = fdt$  for some  $f \in K(C)^*$ .

We define

$$\text{ord}_P(w) := \text{ord}_P(f)$$

which is independent of choice of uniformiser  $t$ .

- Let  $f \in K(C)^*$  such that  $\text{ord}_P(f) = n \neq 0$ . If  $\text{char}(K) \nmid n$ , then  $\text{ord}_P(df) = n - 1$ .
- Let  $C$  be smooth projective curve, and let  $0 \neq w \in \Omega_C$ . Then  $\text{ord}_P(w) = 0$  for all but finitely many  $P \in C$ .
- **Divisor of differential:** Let  $C$  be smooth projective curve, and let  $0 \neq w \in \Omega_C$ . We define the divisor of  $w$ :

$$\text{div}(w) := \sum_{P \in C} \text{ord}_P(w)P \in \text{Div}(C)$$

- **Genus:** Define the genus as

$$g(C) := \dim_K \{w \in \Omega_C : \text{div}(w) \geq 0\}$$

The set  $\{w \in \Omega_C : \text{div}(w) \geq 0\}$  is the **space of regular differentials**

Riemann-Roch states that: If  $0 \neq w \in \Omega_C$ , then  $\deg(\text{div}(w)) = 2g(C) - 2$ .

- Assume  $\text{char}(K) \neq 2$ . Given elliptic curve  $E : y^2 = f(x)$ . Then  $w = \frac{dx}{y}$  is a differential on  $E$  with no zeros/poles. (i.e.  $\text{ord}_P(w) = 0$  for all  $P \in E$ )

In particular, the  $K$ -vector space of regular differentials on  $E$  is spanned by  $w$ .  $w$  is called the invariant differential.

- **Pullback differential:** Let  $\phi : C_1 \rightarrow C_2$  be nonconstant morphism. Then  $\phi^* : \Omega_{C_1} \rightarrow \Omega_{C_2}$  is given by

$$fdg \mapsto (\phi^* f) d(\phi^* g) \quad (\text{recall } \phi^*(f) = f \circ \phi)$$

- Let  $P \in E$ . Let  $\tau_P : E \rightarrow E$  be the translation map given by  $X \mapsto P + X$ . Then if  $w = \frac{dx}{y}$ , then

$$\tau_P^* w = w$$

Thus,  $w$  is called the **invariant differential**.

- Let  $\phi, \psi \in \text{Hom}(E_1, E_2)$ , and let  $w$  be invariant differential on  $E_2$ . Then

$$(\phi + \psi)^* w = \phi^* w + \psi^* w$$

- Let  $\phi : C_1 \rightarrow C_2$  be a nonconstant morphism. Then

$$\phi \text{ separable} \iff \phi^* : \Omega_{C_1} \rightarrow \Omega_{C_2} \text{ is non-zero}$$

- **N-torsion group:** If  $\text{char}(K) \nmid n$ , then  $E[n] \cong (\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z})^2$  (note: this is over algebraically closed field!)

*Remark:* If  $\text{char}(K) = p$ , then  $[p]$  is inseparable. We have

$$E[p^r] \cong \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z}/p^r\mathbb{Z} & \text{for all } r \geq 1 \text{ (ordinary), or} \\ 0 & \text{for all } r \geq 1 \text{ (supersingular)} \end{cases}$$

## 7. Elliptic curves over finite fields

- Let  $A$  be abelian group, and  $q : A \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  a positive definite quadratic form. If  $x, y \in A$ , then

$$|q(x + y) - q(x) - q(y)| \leq 2\sqrt{q(x)q(y)}$$

- Let  $\mathbb{F}_q$  be the unique finite field with  $q$  elements, where  $q = p^m$  for some prime  $p$ . The extension  $\mathbb{F}_{q^r}/\mathbb{F}_q$  is always *Galois*.

$\text{Gal}(\mathbb{F}_{q^r}/\mathbb{F}_q)$  is *cyclic* of order  $r$ , generated by the **Frobenius** map  $x \mapsto x^q$ .

- **Hasse's theorem** Let  $E/\mathbb{F}_q$  be elliptic curve. Then

$$|\#E(\mathbb{F}_q) - (q + 1)| \leq 2\sqrt{q}$$

*Note:*  $\#E(\mathbb{F}_q) = \#\ker(1 - \phi) = \deg(1 - \phi)$  where  $\phi(x, y) = (x^q, y^q)$  is *Frobenius* map. (since  $1 - \phi$  is separable)

- **Zeta functions:** For  $k$  a number field

$$\zeta_K(s) = \sum_{\mathfrak{a} \in \mathcal{O}_K} \frac{1}{(N\mathfrak{a})^s} = \prod_{\mathfrak{p} \in \mathcal{O}_K} \left(1 - \frac{1}{(N\mathfrak{p})^s}\right)^{-1}$$

where  $N\mathfrak{a}$  is the norm of the ideal  $\mathfrak{a}$ .

For  $K$  a function field (i.e.  $K = \mathbb{F}_q(C)$  where  $C/\mathbb{F}_q$  a smooth projective curve)

$$\zeta_k(s) = \prod_{x \in |C|} \left(1 - \frac{1}{(Nx)^s}\right)^{-1}$$

where  $|C|$  is the closed points of  $C$  (orbits for action  $\text{Gal}(\bar{\mathbb{F}}_q/\mathbb{F}_q)$  on  $C(\bar{\mathbb{F}}_q)$ . and  $Nx = q^{\deg(x)}$  where  $\deg(x)$  is the size of the orbit.

We have that  $\zeta_K(s) = F(q^{-s})$  for some  $F \in \mathbb{Q}[[T]]$ , where

$$F(T) = \prod_{x \in |C|} (1 - T^{\deg(x)})^{-1} = \exp\left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\#C(\mathbb{F}_{q^n})}{n} T^n\right)$$

- **Zeta function of variety:** The zeta function of a variety  $V$  is

$$Z_V(T) = \exp\left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\#V(\mathbb{F}_{q^n})}{n} T^n\right)$$

Let  $E/\mathbb{F}_q$  elliptic curve, with  $\#E(\mathbb{F}_q) = q + 1 - a$ . Then

$$Z_E(T) = \frac{1 - aT + qT^2}{(1 - T)(1 - qT)}$$

- Let  $\#E(\mathbb{F}_q) = q + 1 - a$ . Then

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

where  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C}$  are roots of  $X^2 - aX + q = 0$ .

If  $\#E(\mathbb{F}_q) = q + 1 - a$ , then

$$\#E(\mathbb{F}_{q^2}) = (q + 1 - a)(q + 1 + a),$$

$$\#E(\mathbb{F}_{q^3}) = q^3 + 3aq - a^3 + 1 = (q + 1 - a)(1 + a + a^2 - q + aq + q^2),$$

$$\#E(\mathbb{F}_{q^4}) = -a^4 + 4a^2q + (q^2 - 1)^2 = (q + 1 - a)(q + 1 + a)(1 + a^2 - 2q + q^2)$$

- **Trace:** Define  $\text{tr} : \text{End}(E) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  given by

$$\phi \mapsto \langle \phi, 1 \rangle = \deg(\phi + 1) - \deg(\phi) - 1$$

E.g. If  $\phi : E \rightarrow E$  is  $q$ -power Frobenius, then  $\text{tr}(\phi) = \#E(\mathbb{F}_q) - q - 1$ .

*Fact:* For any  $\phi \in \text{End}(E)$ , we have  $\phi^2 - [\text{tr}\phi]\phi + [\deg\phi] = 0$

- Let  $\phi \in \text{End}(E)$  with  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Then  $\text{tr}(\phi) = 2n$  and  $\deg(\phi) = n^2$  if and only if  $\phi = [n]$ .

## 8. Formal groups

- **$I$ -adic topology** Let  $R$  ring,  $I \subset R$  an ideal. The  **$I$ -adic topology** is the topology on  $R$  with basis  $\{r + I^n : r \in R, n \geq 1\}$ .
- **Cauchy** A sequence  $(x_n)$  in  $R$  is Cauchy if  $\forall k, \exists N$  s.t.  $\forall m, n \geq N, x_m - x_n \in I^k$ .
- **Complete:**  $R$  is **complete** if

- $\bigcap_{n \geq 0} I^n = \{0\}$
- Every Cauchy sequence converges

Note: If  $x \in I$ , then  $1 - x$  is unit

*Examples:*

- The  $p$ -adic integers  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  is completion of  $\mathbb{Z}$  w.r.t the ideal  $p\mathbb{Z}$ .
- The power series in  $t$ ,  $\mathbb{Z}[[t]]$  is completion of  $\mathbb{Z}[t]$  w.r.t the ideal  $(t)$ .
- **Hensel's Lemma:** Let  $R$  be integral domain, and complete w.r.t ideal  $I \subset R$ . Let  $F \in R[X]$  and  $s \geq 1$ .

Suppose  $a \in R$  satisfies

- $F(a) \equiv 0 \pmod{I^s}$
- $F'(a) \in R^*$

Then, there exists a unique  $b \in R$  s.t.

- $F(b) = 0$
- $b \equiv a \pmod{I^s}$

*Setup:* Consider the elliptic curve  $E : Y^2Z + a_1XYZ + a_3YZ^2 = X^3 + a_2X^2Z + a_4XZ^2 + a_6Z^3$ . Usually we take affine piece where  $Z \neq 0$ , **but instead** we now take affine piece where  $Y \neq 0$ . Let  $t = -X/Y$  and  $w = -Z/Y$ . Define

$$f(t, w) = t^3 + a_1tw + a_2t^2w + a_3w^2 + a_4tw^2 + a_6w^3$$

Thus  $E : w = f(t, w)$

Applying Hensel's Lemma with  $R = \mathbb{Z}[a_1, \dots, a_6][[t]]$ ,  $I = (t)$ , and  $F(X) = X - f(t, X)$  with  $s = 3$ ,  $a = 0$ , we get there exists a unique  $w(t) \in \mathbb{Z}[a_1, \dots, a_6][[t]]$  such that

- $w(t) = f(t, w(t))$ , and
- $w(t) \equiv 0 \pmod{t^3}$

The function  $w(t)$  can be given as  $w(t) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} w_n(t)$  where

$$w_0(t) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad w_{n+1}(t) = f(t, w_n(t))$$

The approximations are:

$$\begin{aligned}
w_0(t) &= 0 \\
w_1(t) &= t^3 \\
w_2(t) &= t^3(1 + a_1t + a_2t^2 + a_3t^3 + a_4t^4 + a_6t^6) \\
w_3(t) &= t^3(1 + a_1t + (a_1^2 + a_2)t^2 + (2a_1a_2 + a_3)t^3 + (a_2^2 + 3a_1a_3 + a_4)t^4 + \dots) \\
&\vdots \\
w(t) &= t^3(1 + A_1t + A_2t^2 + A_3t^3 + \dots) = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} A_{n-2}t^{n+1}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{where } A_1 = a_1, \quad A_2 = a_1^2 + a_2, \quad A_3 = a_1^3 + 2a_1a_2 + a_3, \dots$$

- Let  $R$  be integral domain, complete w.r.t. ideal  $I$ , and  $a_1, \dots, a_6 \in R$ , and  $K = \text{Frac}(R)$ . Then  $\hat{E}(I) = \{(t, w) \in E(K) : t, w \in I\}$  is a subgroup of  $E(K)$ .

*Remark:* By uniqueness in Hensel's Lemma (using  $s = 1$ ), we have

$$\hat{E}(I) = \{(t, w(t)) \in E(K) : t \in I\}$$

- By Hensel's lemma, there exists  $i(t) \in \mathbb{Z}[a_1, \dots, a_6][[t]]$  with  $i(0) = 0$  such that

$$[-1](t, w(t)) = (i(t), w(i(t)))$$

where

$$i(X) = -X - a_1X^2 - a_2X^3 - (a_1^3 + a_3)X^4 + \dots$$

Also by Hensel's lemma, there exists  $F(t_1, t_2) \in \mathbb{Z}[a_1, \dots, a_6][[t_1, t_2]]$  with  $F(0, 0) = 0$  such that

$$(t_1, w(t_1)) + (t_2, w(t_2)) = (F(t_1, t_2), w(F(t_1, t_2)))$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
F(X, Y) &= X + Y - a_1XY - a_2(X^2Y + XY^2) \\
&\quad + (2a_3X^3Y + (a_1a_2 - 3a_3)X^2Y^2 + 2a_3XY^3) + \dots
\end{aligned}$$

- **Formal group:** Let  $R$  be a ring. A formal group over  $R$  is a power series  $F(X, Y) \in R[[X, Y]]$  satisfying:

1.  $F(X, Y) = F(Y, X)$
2.  $F(X, 0) = X$  and  $F(0, Y) = Y$ . (one implies the other)
3.  $F(F(X, Y), Z) = F(X, F(Y, Z))$

Furthermore, one automatically gets that there exists a unique  $i(T) = -T + \dots \in R[[T]]$  such that  $F(T, i(T)) = 0$ .

*Construction of inverse:* We define a sequence of power series  $(g_n(T))_{n=1}^{\infty}$ . Let  $g_1(T) = -T$ . For  $n \geq 2$ , set

$$g_n(T) = g_{n-1}(T) - bT^n \quad \text{where } b \text{ is such that } F(T, g_{n-1}(T)) = -bT^n \pmod{T^{n+1}}$$

Then take the limit  $g(T) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} g_n(T)$ . The **inverse** is  $i(T) = g(T)$

*Examples:*



- **Additive formal group:**  $\hat{\mathbb{G}}_a$ . Power series is  $F(X, Y) = X + Y$   
(with inverse  $i(X) = -X$ )
- **Multiplicative formal group:**  $\hat{\mathbb{G}}_m$ . Power series is  $F(X, Y) = X + Y + XY$   
(with inverse  $i(X) = -X(1 - X + X^2 - X^3 + X^4 - X^5 + \dots)$ )
- $F(X, Y) = \frac{X+Y}{1-XY} = X + Y + (XY^2 + X^2Y) + (X^2Y^3 + Y^3X^2) + \dots$
- **Sum on  $\hat{E}(I)$ :**  $F(X, Y) = X + Y - a_1XY - a_2(X^2Y + XY^2) + (2a_3X^3Y + (a_1a_2 - 3a_3)X^2Y^2 + 2a_3XY^3) + \dots$

- **Morphism of formal groups:** Let  $\mathcal{F}$  and  $\mathcal{G}$  be formal groups over  $R$  given by power series  $F$  and  $G$ .

- A **morphism**  $f : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$  is a power series  $f(T) \in R[[T]]$  such that  $f(0) = 0$  and  $f(F(X, Y)) = G(f(X), f(Y))$ .
- $\mathcal{F}$  is **isomorphic** to  $\mathcal{G}$  if there exist morphisms  $f : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$  and  $g : \mathcal{G} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}$  such that  $f(g(X)) = X$  and  $g(f(X)) = X$ .

- Let  $R$  be ring with  $\text{char}(R) = 0$ . Then every formal group  $\mathcal{F}$  over  $R$  is isomorphic to  $\hat{\mathbb{G}}_a$  over  $R \otimes \mathbb{Q}$  (i.e.  $R$  with denominators)

More precisely

- There is unique power series

$$\log(T) = T + \frac{a_2}{2}T^2 + \frac{a_3}{3}T^3 + \dots$$

with  $a_i \in R$  such that  $\log(F(X, Y)) = \log(X) + \log(Y)$ .

- There is unique power series

$$\exp(T) = T + \frac{b_2}{2!}T^2 + \frac{b_3}{3!}T^3 + \dots$$

with  $b_i \in R$  such that  $\exp(\log(T)) = \log(\exp(T)) = T$ .

*Note:* Let  $F_1(X, Y) = \frac{\partial F}{\partial X}(X, Y)$ . Define  $\log$  by using

$$p(T) = F_1(0, T)^{-1} = 1 + a_2T + a_3T^2 + a_4T^3 + \dots$$

- **Multiplicative Inverse:** Let  $f \in R[[T]]$  be given as

$$f = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n T^n$$

Then  $f$  has a multiplicative inverse  $g$  in  $R[[T]]$  ( $fg = 1$ ) if and only if  $a_0$  is a unit in  $R$ . If so, then  $g$  is

$$g = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n T^n \quad \text{where} \quad b_0 = \frac{1}{a_0} \quad \text{and} \quad b_n = -\frac{1}{a_0} \sum_{i=1}^n a_i b_{n-i} \quad \text{for } n \geq 1$$

- **Composition Inverse:** Let  $f = aT + \dots \in R[[T]]$  with  $a \in R^\times$ . Then there exists unique  $g = a^{-1}T + \dots \in R[[T]]$  such that  $f(g(t)) = g(f(T)) = T$  (i.e. power series has inverse)

*Construction:* Let  $g_1(T) = a^{-1}T$ . Set

$$g_n(T) = g_{n-1}(T) - \frac{b}{a}T^n \quad \text{where } b \text{ is such that } f(g_{n-1}(T)) = T + bT^n \pmod{T^{n+1}}$$

Then take the limit  $g(T) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} g_n(T)$ .

- **Ideal into group:** Let  $R$  be ring complete w.r.t. ideal  $I$ . Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a formal group given by  $F \in R[[X, Y]]$ . For  $x, y \in I$ , define

$$x \oplus_{\mathcal{F}} y = F(x, y) \in I$$

This turns  $I$  into a group!.  $\mathcal{F}(I) := (I, \oplus_{\mathcal{F}})$  is an **abelian group**.

*Examples:*

- **Additive group:**  $\hat{\mathbb{G}}_a(I) = (I, +)$ .
- **Multiplicative group:**  $\hat{\mathbb{G}}_m(I) = (1 + I, \times)$ .
- **Multiplication-by- $m$ :** Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a formal group with power series  $F \in R[[X, Y]]$ . For any  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ , we define the map  $[n]$  recursively as:

$$[0](T) = 0, \quad \text{and} \quad [n](T) = F([n-1]T, T)$$

- Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a formal group over  $R$  and  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Suppose  $n \in R^\times$  (where  $n = 1 + 1 + \dots + 1$   $n$  times). Then
  - $[n] : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}$  is an isomorphism.
  - IF  $R$  complete w.r.t. ideal  $I$ , then  $[n] : \mathcal{F}(I) \rightarrow \mathcal{F}(I)$  is an isomorphism. In particular  $\mathcal{F}(I)$  has no  $n$ -torsion.

## 9. Elliptic Curves over Local Fields

*Setup:*  $K$  is field, complete w.r.t. discrete valuation  $v : K^\times \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ .

Valuation ring is  $\mathcal{O}_K = \{x \in K^\times : v(x) \geq 0\} \cup \{0\}$ .

The unit group  $\mathcal{O}_K^\times = \{x \in K^\times : v(x) = 0\}$

Maximal ideal is  $\pi\mathcal{O}_K$ , where  $\pi \in K$  is chosen such that  $v(\pi) = 1$ .

Residue field is  $k = \mathcal{O}_K/\pi\mathcal{O}_K$ .

*Example:*  $K = \mathbb{Q}_p$ ,  $\mathcal{O}_K = \mathbb{Z}_p$ ,  $\pi\mathcal{O}_K = p\mathbb{Z}_p$ ,  $k = \mathbb{F}_p$

- **Integral:** A Weierstrass equation for  $E$  with coefficients  $a_1, \dots, a_6 \in K$  is **integral** if  $a_1, \dots, a_6 \in \mathcal{O}_k$ .

*Note:* Substituting  $a_i = u^i a'_i$  proves that integral Weierstrass equations always exist for any EC.

- **Minimal:** Let  $\Delta$  be discriminant of elliptic curve. Equation is minimal if  $v(\Delta)$  minimal among all integral Weierstrass equations for  $E$

*Fact:* If  $E$  integral then  $\Delta \in \mathcal{O}_k$  and thus  $v(\Delta) \geq 0$ . Thus, by well-ordering, minimal Weierstrass equations always exist. If  $\text{char}(k) \neq 2, 3$  then there exist minimal Weierstrass equations of the form  $y^2 = x^3 + ax + b$ .

*Fact:* If  $\text{char}(k) \neq 2, 3$ , then  $y^2 = x^3 + ax + b$  is minimal if and only if  $v_p(a) < 4$  or  $v_p(b) < 6$ .

- Let  $E/K$  have integral Weierstrass equation:  $y^2 + a_1xy + a_3y = x^3 + a_2x^2 + a_4x + a_6$ . Let  $0 \neq P \in E(K)$ , say  $P = (x, y)$ . Then either  $x, y \in \mathcal{O}_K$ , or  $v(x) = -2s$  and  $v(y) = -3s$  for some  $s \geq 1$

We define:

$$\begin{aligned} E_r(K) &:= \hat{E}(\pi^r \mathcal{O}_K) = \{(t, w) \in E(K) : t, w \in \pi^r \mathcal{O}_K\} \\ &= \{(x, y) \in E(K) : v(x) \leq -2r \text{ and } v(y) \leq -3r\} \cup \{0\} \end{aligned}$$

Obtain a sequence of subgroups:

$$\dots \subset E_4(K) \subset E_3(K) \subset E_2(K) \subset E_1(K)$$

More generally, for any formal group  $\mathcal{F}$  over  $\mathcal{O}_K$ :

$$\dots \subset \mathcal{F}(\pi^4 \mathcal{O}_K) \subset \mathcal{F}(\pi^3 \mathcal{O}_K) \subset \mathcal{F}(\pi^2 \mathcal{O}_K) \subset \mathcal{F}(\pi \mathcal{O}_K)$$

- Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a formal group over  $\mathcal{O}_K$ . Let  $e = v(p)$  where  $p = \text{char}(k)$ . If  $r > \frac{e}{p-1}$ , then

$$\log : \mathcal{F}(\pi^r \mathcal{O}_K) \longrightarrow \hat{\mathbb{G}}_a(\pi^r \mathcal{O}_K)$$

is an *isomorphism* with inverse  $\exp : \hat{\mathbb{G}}_a(\pi^r \mathcal{O}_K) \rightarrow \mathcal{F}(\pi^r \mathcal{O}_K)$ .

- For  $r \geq 1$ ,

$$\frac{\mathcal{F}(\pi^r \mathcal{O}_K)}{\mathcal{F}(\pi^{r+1} \mathcal{O}_K)} \cong (k, +)$$

If  $|k| < \infty$ , then  $\mathcal{F}(\pi \mathcal{O}_K)$  contains a subgroup of finite index  $\cong (\mathcal{O}_K, +)$

- **Reduction mod  $\pi$ :** Reduction mod  $\pi$  is the natural quotient map  $\mathcal{O}_k \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_K/\pi\mathcal{O}_K = k$  given by  $x \mapsto \tilde{x}$

- **Reduction of curve:** The **reduction**  $\tilde{E}/k$  of  $E/k$  is defined to be the reduction of a minimal Weierstrass equation. Let  $E/K$  have minimal Weierstrass equation

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

We then reduce each coefficient modulo  $\pi$  to obtain a (possibly singular) curve over  $k$ :

$$\tilde{E} : y^2 + \tilde{a}_1xy + \tilde{a}_3y = x^3 + \tilde{a}_2x^2 + \tilde{a}_4x + \tilde{a}_6$$

- Let  $E/K$  elliptic curve. The reduction mod  $\pi$ , of two minimal Weierstrass equations for  $E$  define *isomorphic* curves over  $k$ .

$E$  has **good reduction** if  $\tilde{E}$  is non-singular (and thus elliptic curve), otherwise has **bad reduction**.

*Fact:*  $E$  has good reduction at  $p$  if and only if  $v(\Delta) = 0$  for minimal  $v(\Delta)$ .

- Let  $E/K$  be an elliptic curve with integral Weierstrass equation. Let discriminant tbe  $\Delta$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} v(\Delta) = 0 &\implies \text{good reduction} \\ 0 < v(\Delta) < 12 &\implies \text{bad reduction} \\ v(\Delta) \geq 12 &\implies \text{equation may not be minimal} \end{aligned}$$

If  $\Gamma k \neq 2, 3, \dots$

- **Reduction map:** Let  $E/K$  be elliptic curve over  $K$ . Let  $P \in E$  with homogenous projective coordinates  $P = (x : y : z) \in \mathbb{P}^2(K)$ . Choose representative such that  $\min(v(x), v(y), v(z)) = 0$  (i.e. all  $x, y, z \in \mathcal{O}_K$  and  $\gcd(x, y, z) = 1$ ).

Then we define the reduction map

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{P}^2(K) &\longrightarrow \mathbb{P}^2(k) \\ (x : y : z) &\mapsto (\tilde{x} : \tilde{y} : \tilde{z}) \end{aligned}$$

Restricting the above map to the curve  $E(K)$  gives

$$\begin{aligned} E(K) &\longrightarrow \tilde{E}(k) \\ P &\mapsto \tilde{P} \end{aligned}$$

- Let  $E(K)$  be given by minimal Weierstrass equation. Then if  $P = (x, y) \in E(K)$ , then

- If  $x, y \in \mathcal{O}_K$ , then  $\tilde{P} = (\tilde{x}, \tilde{y})$ .
- Otherwise,  $\tilde{P} = (0 : 1 : 0) = O_E$ .

- Let  $E/k$  elliptic curve. We define

$$\tilde{E}_{\text{ns}} = \begin{cases} \tilde{E} & \text{if } E \text{ has good reduction} \\ \tilde{E} \setminus \{\text{singular point}\} & \text{if } E \text{ has bad reduction} \end{cases}$$

$\tilde{E}_{\text{ns}}$  is a group.

If bad reduction, then  $\tilde{E}_{\text{ns}}$  is isomorphic to either  $\mathbb{G}_a$  (if cusp) or  $\mathbb{G}_m$  (if node).

- Define  $E_0(K) = \{P \in E(K) : \tilde{P} \in \tilde{E}_{ns}(k)\}$  (i.e. all points on  $E(K)$  which don't get reduced to the singular point. Good reduction implies  $E_0(K) = E(K)$ )
- $E_0(K)$  is a subgroup of  $E(K)$  and reduction mod  $\pi$  is a surjective group homomorphism  $E_0(K) \rightarrow \tilde{E}_{ns}(k)$
- We have the following **filtration**:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccccc}
& & & \hat{E}(\pi^3 \mathcal{O}_K) & & \hat{E}(\pi^2 \mathcal{O}_K) & & \hat{E}(\pi \mathcal{O}_K) & & & & \\
& & & \parallel & & \parallel & & \parallel & & & & \\
E_r(K) & \subset & \dots & \subset & E_3(K) & \subset & E_2(K) & \subset & E_1(K) & \subset & E_0(K) & \subset & E(K) \\
& & & \uparrow & & \uparrow & & \uparrow & & \uparrow & & \uparrow & \\
& & & (k, +) & & (k, +) & & (k, +) & & \hat{E}_{ns}(k) & & c_K(E) & 
\end{array}$$

- If  $|k| < \infty$ , then  $\mathbb{P}^n(k)$  is compact (w.r.t  $\pi$ -adic topology)
- If  $|k| < \infty$ , then  $E_0(k) \subset E(K)$  has finite index.
- **Tamagawa number:** Define the **Tamagawa** number  $c_K(E) = [E(K) : E_0(K)] < \infty$ . Note that good reduction implies  $c_K(E) = 1$ .  
*Fact:*  $c_k(E) = v(\Delta)$  or  $c_k(E) \leq 4$ .
- If  $[K : \mathbb{Q}_p] < \infty$ , then  $E(k)$  contains a subgroup  $E_r(K)$  of finite index with  $E_r(K) \cong (\mathcal{O}_k, +)$

*Corollary:*  $E(K)_{\text{torsion}}$  injects into  $\frac{E(K)}{E_r(K)}$  and therefore  $E(K)_{\text{torsion}}$  is finite!

- **Unramified extension:** Let  $[K : \mathbb{Q}_p] < \infty$  be local field, and let  $L/K$  be a finite extension. Let  $L$  and  $K$  have residue fields  $\ell$  and  $k$ . Let  $f$  be the residue degree  $f = [\ell : k]$ , and let  $[L : K] = ef$ .  
 $L/k$  is **unramified** if  $e = 1$  (i.e.  $[L : K] = [\ell : k]$  and  $\text{Gal}(L/K) = \text{Gal}(\ell/k)$ )

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
K & \xrightarrow{v_K} & \mathbb{Z} \\
\cap & & \downarrow \times e \\
L & \xrightarrow{v_L} & \mathbb{Z}
\end{array}$$

- For each integer  $m \geq 1$ 
  - $k$  has unique extension of degree  $m$  (say  $k_m$ )
  - $K$  has unique unramified extension of degree  $m$  (say  $K_m$ )

*Note:* Can be found by adjoining the  $(p^m - 1)$ -th roots of unity to  $\mathbb{Q}_p$

- **Maximal unramified extension:**  $K^{\text{ur}} = \bigcup_{m \geq 1} K_m$  (inside  $\bar{K}$ )

*Notation:* Let  $P \in E(K)$ . Then  $[n]^{-1}P = \{Q \in E(\bar{K}) : nQ = P\}$ . We define the field extension  $K(\{P_1, \dots, P_2\}) = K(x_1, \dots, x_r, y_1, \dots, y_r)$  where  $P_i = (x_i, y_i)$ .

- Let  $[K : \mathbb{Q}_p] < \infty$ ,  $E/K$  elliptic curve with good reduction, and  $p \nmid n$ . If  $P \in E(K)$  then  $K([n]^{-1}P)/K$  is unramified.

## 10. Elliptic Curves over Number Fields (Torsion Subgroup)

*Notation:*  $K$  is number field,  $[K : \mathbb{Q}] < \infty$ .  $E/K$  is elliptic curve.

$\mathfrak{p}$  is a prime of  $K$  (i.e. of  $\mathcal{O}_K$ ).  $K_{\mathfrak{p}}$  is the  $p$ -adic completion of  $K$ .

$k_{\mathfrak{p}}$  is the residue field  $\mathcal{O}_K/\mathfrak{p}$

*Example:*  $K = \mathbb{Q}$ ,  $\mathcal{O}_K = \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $\mathfrak{p} = p\mathbb{Z}$ ,  $K_{\mathfrak{p}} = \mathbb{Q}_p$ ,  $k_{\mathfrak{p}} = \mathbb{F}_p \sim \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$ .

- **Good reduction:**  $\mathfrak{p}$  is a prime of good reduction for  $E/K$ , if  $E/K_{\mathfrak{p}}$  has good reduction.
- $E/K$  has only finitely many primes of bad reduction. Indeed, any primes of bad reduction must divide  $\Delta$ .

*Remark:* If  $K$  has class number 1 (e.g.  $K = \mathbb{Q}$ ), then can always find Weierstrass equation for  $E$  with  $a_1, \dots, a_6 \in \mathcal{O}_K$  minimal at all primes  $\mathfrak{p}$ .

- $E(K)_{\text{torsion}}$  is finite.
- Let  $p$  be a prime with good reduction, with  $p \nmid n$ , THEN reduction mod  $p$  gives an injection  $E(K)[n] \hookrightarrow \tilde{E}(k_p)[n]$
- Let  $E/\mathbb{Q}$  be elliptic curve. Let  $p$  be a prime for which  $E$  has *good* reduction (e.g. any  $p \nmid \Delta$  will have good reduction) We have

$$\#E(\mathbb{Q})_{\text{tors}} \mid \#\tilde{E}(\mathbb{F}_p) \cdot p^a \quad \text{for some } a \geq 0$$

Furthermore, if working in  $K = \mathbb{Q}_p$ , then  $e = 1$ , and thus

$$\begin{aligned} \#E(\mathbb{Q})_{\text{tors}} \mid \#\tilde{E}(\mathbb{F}_p) & \quad \text{if } p \text{ odd} \\ \#E(\mathbb{Q})_{\text{tors}} \mid 2 \cdot \#\tilde{E}(\mathbb{F}_p) & \quad \text{if } p = 2 \end{aligned}$$

- Let  $E : y^2 = f(x)$  be an elliptic curve over  $\mathbb{F}_p$ . Let  $\left(\frac{f(x)}{p}\right)$  be the Legendre symbol for  $f(x) \bmod p$ . In other words

$$\left(\frac{f(x)}{p}\right) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } f(x) \text{ is a square mod } p, \text{ and } p \nmid f(x) \\ -1 & \text{if } f(x) \text{ is not a square mod } p \\ 0 & \text{if } p \text{ divides } f(x) \end{cases}$$

Then we have

$$\#E(\mathbb{F}_p) = 1 + \sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_p} \left( \left(\frac{f(x)}{p}\right) + 1 \right)$$

- Let  $E/\mathbb{Q}$  be given by Weierstrass equation  $a_1, \dots, a_6 \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Suppose  $0 \neq T = (x, y) \in E(\mathbb{Q})_{\text{tors}}$ . THEN

- $4x, 8y \in \mathbb{Z}$
- If  $2 \mid a_1$  or  $2T \neq 0$ , then  $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$

- **Nagell–Lutz** Let  $E/\mathbb{Q}$  be given with equation  $y^2 = x^3 + ax + b$  with  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Suppose  $0 \neq T = (x, y) \in E(\mathbb{Q})_{\text{tors}}$ . THEN  $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$  and either  $y = 0$  or  $y^2 \mid (4a^3 + 27b^2)$

- **(Mazur):** Let  $E/\mathbb{Q}$  elliptic curve. Then

$$E(\mathbb{Q})_{\text{tors}} \cong \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z} & \text{where } 1 \leq n \leq 12, n \neq 11 \\ \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/2n\mathbb{Z} & \text{where } 1 \leq n \leq 4 \end{cases}$$

Furthermore, all 15 possibilities occur infinitely often over  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

## 11. Kummer theory

*Setup:* Fix  $n > 1$ . Let  $K$  be field,  $\text{char}K \nmid n$ . Denote  $\mu_n$  as the multiplicative group of  $n$ th roots of unity (in  $K$ ). Assuming  $\mu_n \subset K$

- Let  $\Delta \subset K^\times / (K^\times)^n$  be a finite subgroup. Define  $\sqrt[n]{\Delta} = \{ \sqrt[n]{a} : a \in K^\times, a \cdot (K^\times)^n \in \Delta \}$   
Let  $L = K(\sqrt[n]{\Delta})$ . Then  $L/K$  is Galois and  $\text{Gal}(L/K) \cong \text{Hom}(\Delta, \mu_n)$ .
- **Kummer pairing:** Define the map  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle : \text{Gal}(L/K) \times \Delta \rightarrow \mu_n$  given by

$$(\sigma, x) \mapsto \frac{\sigma(\sqrt[n]{x})}{\sqrt[n]{x}}$$

*Fact:* This map is well-defined and bilinear.

- We have the two group isomorphisms:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Gal}(L/K) &\longrightarrow \text{Hom}(\Delta, \mu_n) & \sigma &\mapsto (x \mapsto \frac{\sigma(\sqrt[n]{x})}{\sqrt[n]{x}}) \\ \Delta &\longrightarrow \text{Hom}(\text{Gal}(L/K), \mu_n) & x &\mapsto (\sigma \mapsto \frac{\sigma(\sqrt[n]{x})}{\sqrt[n]{x}}) \end{aligned}$$

- **Exponent:** Let  $G$  be a finite group. the **exponent** of  $G$  is the lowest common multiple of the orders of the elements of  $G$ . Note that the exponent divides  $|G|$ .

*Fact:*  $\text{Gal}(K(\sqrt[n]{\Delta})/K)$  is an abelian group of exponent dividing  $n$ .

- There is a bijection

$$\begin{aligned} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{finite subgroups} \\ \Delta \subset K^\times / (K^\times)^n \end{array} \right\} &\longleftrightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{finite abelian extensions} \\ L/K \text{ of exponent dividing } n \end{array} \right\} \\ \Delta &\longmapsto K(\sqrt[n]{\Delta}) \\ \frac{(L^*)^n \cap K^*}{(K^*)^n} &\longleftarrow L \end{aligned}$$

- Let  $K$  number field,  $\mu_n \subset K$ . Let  $S$  be a finite set of primes of  $K$ . There are only finitely many extensions  $L/K$  such that

- $L/K$  is abelian of exponent dividing  $n$ .
- $L/K$  is unramified at all primes  $\mathfrak{p} \notin S$

- Let

$$K(S, n) := \{ x \in K^\times / (K^\times)^n : v_{\mathfrak{p}}(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{n} \ \forall \mathfrak{p} \notin S \}$$

Then  $K(S, n)$  is finite.

- If  $K = \mathbb{Q}$ , then

$$|\mathbb{Q}(S, 2)| = 2^{|S|+1}$$

## 12. Elliptic curves over number fields (Mordell-Weil)

- Let  $E/K$  elliptic curve, with  $L/K$  a finite Galois extension. Then the map

$$\frac{E(K)}{nE(K)} \longrightarrow \frac{E(L)}{nE(L)}$$

has finite kernel.

- **Weak Mordell Weil:** Let  $K$  number field,  $E/K$  elliptic curve. Let  $n \geq 2$  integer. Then

$$\left| \frac{E(K)}{nE(K)} \right| < \infty$$

*Remark:* If  $K = \mathbb{R}$  or  $\mathbb{C}$  or  $[K : \mathbb{Q}_p] < \infty$ , then  $\left| \frac{E(K)}{nE(K)} \right| < \infty$ , however  $E(K)$  is **not** finitely generated.

- **Mordell-Weil:** Let  $K$  number field,  $E/K$  elliptic curve. Then  $E(K)$  is a **finitely generated** abelian group.

Specifically, fix an integer  $n \geq 2$ . Let  $P_1, P_2, \dots, P_m$  be set of coset representatives for  $E(K)/nE(K)$ . Then

$$\Sigma = \{P \in E(K) : \hat{h}(P) \leq \max_{1 \leq i \leq m} \hat{h}(P_i)\}$$

generates  $E(K)$ .

This proves  $E(K) \cong E(K)_{\text{tors}} \times \mathbb{Z}^r$  where  $r$  is the rank of the curve.

*(Curve with rank at least 28 are known. Conjectured that rank is unbounded. Conjectured that average rank is 1/2, current upper bound is 1.5)*



### 13. Heights

- **Height of a point:** Let  $K = \mathbb{Q}$ . Let  $P \in \mathbb{P}^n(\mathbb{Q})$  be  $P = (a_0 : a_1 : \dots : a_n)$  where  $a_i \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $\gcd(a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n) = 1$ . The **height** of  $P$  is

$$H(P) = \max_{0 \leq i \leq n} |a_i|$$

*Height of rational:* Equivalently, if  $x = \frac{u}{v} \in \mathbb{Q}$ , with  $u, v \in \mathbb{Z}$  coprime, then height of  $x$  is  $H(x) = \max(|u|, |v|)$

- Let  $f_1, f_2 \in \mathbb{Q}[X_1, X_2]$  be coprime homogenous polynomials of degree  $d$ . Let  $F : \mathbb{P}^1 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$  be  $(x_1 : x_2) \rightarrow (f_1(x_1, x_2), f_2(x_1, x_2))$ . Then there exists  $c_1, c_2 > 0$  s.t.

$$c_1 H(P)^d \leq H(F(P)) \leq c_2 H(P)^d \quad \text{for all } P \in \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{Q})$$

- **Logarithmic height:** The logarithmic height is a function  $h : E(\mathbb{Q}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$  defined by  $h(P) = \log(H(P))$  (and  $h(O_E) = 0$ ).
- Let  $E, E'$  be elliptic curves over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Let  $\phi : E \rightarrow E'$  be isogeny over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . There exists  $c > 0$  such that

$$|h(\phi(P)) - \deg(\phi)h(P)| \leq c \quad \text{for all } P \in E(\mathbb{Q})$$

*Note:*  $c$  depends on  $E, E'$  and  $\phi$ , but **not** on  $P$ .

*Example:* If  $\phi = [2] : E \rightarrow E$ , then there exists  $c > 0$  such that

$$|h(2P) - 4h(P)| < c \quad \text{for all } P \in E(\mathbb{Q})$$

- **Canonical height:** For  $P \in E(\mathbb{Q})$ , we define

$$\hat{h}(P) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{4^n} h(2^n P)$$

This converges for all  $P \in E(\mathbb{Q})$  and does not depend on Weierstrass equation.

- $|h(P) - \hat{h}(P)|$  is bounded for  $P \in E(\mathbb{Q})$
- For any  $B > 0$

$$\#\{P \in E(\mathbb{Q}) : \hat{h}(P) < B\} < \infty$$

- Let  $\phi : E \rightarrow E'$  be isogeny over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Then

$$\hat{h}(\phi P) = (\deg \phi) \hat{h}(P) \quad \text{for all } P \in E(\mathbb{Q})$$

- Let  $E/\mathbb{Q}$  be elliptic curve. There exists  $c > 0$  such that

$$H(P+Q) \cdot H(P-Q) \leq c \cdot H(P)^2 \cdot H(Q)^2 \quad \text{for all } P, Q \in E(\mathbb{Q})$$

- $\hat{h} : E(\mathbb{Q}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$  is a quadratic form.
- Let  $P \in E(\mathbb{Q})$ . Then  $P$  is a torsion point if and only if  $\hat{h}(P) = 0$ .

- **Absolute values:** Let  $M_{\mathbb{Q}}$  denote the set of standard absolute values on  $\mathbb{Q}$ , which consists of:
  - One archimedean absolute value  $|x|_{\infty} = \max(-x, x)$ .
  - For each prime  $p \in \mathbb{Z}$ , one nonarchimedean ( $p$ -adic) absolute value  $|x|_p = p^{-v_p(x)}$ .
- **Height:** For an arbitrary number field  $K$ , let  $P = (a_0 : a_1 : \cdots : a_n) \in \mathbb{P}^n(K)$ , and define the **height**

$$H_K(P) := \prod_{v \in M_K} \max\{|a_0|_v, |a_1|_v, \dots, |a_n|_v\}^{[K_v:\mathbb{Q}_v]}$$

where  $M_K$  denotes the set of standard absolute values on  $K$  (i.e. the absolute values in  $K$  whose restriction to  $\mathbb{Q}$  is in  $M_{\mathbb{Q}}$ )

Note the absolute values are normalised such that

$$\prod_{v \in M_K} |x|_v^{[K_v:\mathbb{Q}_v]} = 1$$

## 14. Dual isogenies and the Weil pairing

- Let  $\Phi \in E(\bar{K})$  be a finite  $\text{Gal}(\bar{K}/K)$ -stable subgroup (i.e. for all  $T \in \Phi$ , then  $T^\sigma \in \Phi$  for all  $\sigma \in \text{Gal}(\bar{K}/K)$ ).

Then there exists an elliptic curve  $E'/K$  and a separable isogeny  $\phi : E \rightarrow E'$  defined over  $K$  with kernel  $\Phi$  such that for every isogeny  $\psi : E \rightarrow E''$  with  $\Phi \subset \ker(\psi)$  factors uniquely via  $\phi$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccc} E & \xrightarrow{\psi} & E'' \\ & \searrow \phi & \nearrow \exists! \\ & & E' \end{array}$$

- **Dual isogeny:** Let  $\phi : E \rightarrow E'$  be an isogeny of degree  $n$ . Then there exists unique isogeny  $\hat{\phi} : E' \rightarrow E$  s.t.  $\hat{\phi} \circ \phi = [n]$ .  $\hat{\phi}$  is called the **dual isogeny** of  $\phi$ .

- Elliptic curves being **isogenous** is equivalence relation.
- $\deg(\hat{\phi}) = \deg(\phi)$  and  $[\hat{n}] = [n]$
- $\widehat{\hat{\phi}} = \phi$
- If  $\psi : E \rightarrow E'$  isogeny and  $\phi : E' \rightarrow E''$  isogeny, then  $\widehat{\phi\psi} = \hat{\psi}\hat{\phi}$
- If  $\phi \in \text{End}(E)$ , then  $\text{tr}(\phi) = \phi + \hat{\phi}$

- If  $\phi, \psi \in \text{Hom}(E, E')$ , then  $\widehat{\phi + \psi} = \hat{\phi} + \hat{\psi}$ .

- **sum:** Define  $\text{sum} : \text{Div}(E) \rightarrow E$  as  $\sum n_p(P) \mapsto \sum n_p P$  (sum using group law)

*Remark:* Given the isomorphism  $\phi : E \rightarrow \text{Pic}^0(E)$  given by  $P \mapsto [P - O_E]$ , we have

$$\text{sum}D \mapsto [D] \quad \text{for all } D \in \text{Div}^0(E)$$

- Let  $D \in \text{Div}(E)$ . Then  $D \sim 0$  if and only if  $\deg(D) = 0$  and  $\text{sum}D = 0$ . (i.e.  $D$  is principal iff both the sum and degree are 0)
- **Weil pairing:** Let  $\phi : E \rightarrow E'$  be isogeny of degree  $n$ , with  $\text{char}(K) \nmid n$ . Let  $E[\phi]$  be the kernel of  $\phi$ . The **Weil pairing**:

$$e_\phi : E[\phi] \times E'[\hat{\phi}] \rightarrow \mu_n = \{x \in K : x^n = 1\}$$

*Definition of map:* Let  $S \in E[\phi], T \in E'[\hat{\phi}]$ . As  $\phi$  has degree  $n$ , this implies  $nT = 0$ .

- Choose  $f \in \bar{K}(E')$  such that  $\text{div}(f) = n(T) - n(0)$ .
- Choose  $g \in \bar{K}(E)$  such that  $\text{div}(g) = \phi^*(T) - \phi^*(0)$
- Thus  $\phi^*f = cg^n$ . Can assume wlog  $\phi^*f = g^n$ .

We define

$$e_\phi(S, T) = \zeta = \frac{g(X+S)}{g(X)} \quad \text{for any } X \in E$$

- $e_\phi$  is bilinear and non-degenerate (i.e. if  $e_\phi(S, T) = 1$  for all  $S \in E[\phi]$ , then  $T = O_{E'}$ )
- If  $E, E', \phi$  are defined over  $K$ , then  $e_\phi$  is Galois equivariant (i.e.  $e_\phi(\sigma S, \sigma T) = \sigma(e_\phi(S, T))$  for all  $\sigma \in \text{Gal}(\bar{K}/K)$ )

- Taking  $\phi = [n] : E \rightarrow E$  gives a pairing:

$$e_n : E[n] : E[n] \rightarrow \mu_n$$

- If  $E[n] \subset E(K)$ , then  $\mu_n \subset K$  (can find  $S, T \in E[n]$  such that  $e_n(S, T)$  is *primitive*  $n$ -th root of unity)
  - $e_n$  is **alternating**. I.e.  $e_n(T, T) = 1$  for all  $T \in E[n]$ .
  - $e_n(S, T) = e_n(T, S)^{-1}$ .

## 15. Galois cohomology

*Setup:*  $G$  a group.  $A$  is a  $G$ -module (i.e. an abelian group  $A$  with a left group action  $G \times A \rightarrow A$  s.t. we have identity, compatibility, and  $g \cdot (a + b) = g \cdot a + g \cdot b$ )

- $H^0(G, A) = A^G = \{a \in A : \sigma(a) = a \text{ for all } \sigma \in G\}$

$$\text{Cochain: } C_1(G, A) = \{\text{maps } G \rightarrow A\}$$

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$$\text{Cocycle: } Z^1(G, A) = \{(a_\sigma)_{\sigma \in G} : a_{\sigma\tau} = \sigma(a_\tau) + a_\sigma\}$$

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$$\text{Coboundary: } B^1(G, A) = \{(\sigma b - b)_{\sigma \in G} : b \in A\}$$

$$H^1(G, A) = \frac{Z^1(G, A)}{B^1(G, A)} = \frac{\text{cocycles}}{\text{coboundaries}}$$

*Remark:* If  $G$  acts trivially, then  $Z^1(G, A) = \{\text{homogeneous maps } G \rightarrow A\}$  and  $B^1(G, A) = \{(0)\}$  (the zero map). Thus  $H^1(G, A) = \text{Hom}(G, A)$

*Examples:* If  $G = \text{Gal}(\mathbb{C}/\mathbb{R}) = \{\text{id}, \text{conj}\}$  and  $A = \mathbb{C}$ , then

- $C_1(G, A) = \{\text{maps } G \rightarrow A\} \cong \mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{C}$ .
- $Z^1(G, A) = \{(0, ix) : x \in \mathbb{R}\}$
- $B^1(G, A) = \{(0, ix) : x \in \mathbb{R}\}$
- $H^1(G, A)$  is trivial.

- A short exact sequence of  $G$ -modules:

$$0 \longrightarrow A \xrightarrow{\phi} B \xrightarrow{\psi} C \longrightarrow 0$$

gives rise to long exact sequence of abelian groups:

$$0 \longrightarrow A^G \xrightarrow{\phi} B^G \xrightarrow{\psi} C^G \xrightarrow{\delta} H^1(G, A) \xrightarrow{\phi_*} H^1(G, B) \xrightarrow{\psi_*} H^1(G, C)$$

*Definition of  $\delta$ :*

- Let  $c \in C^G$ . There exists  $b \in B$  s.t.  $\psi(b) = c$ .
- Note  $\psi(\sigma b - b) = 0$ . For all  $\sigma \in G$ , there exists  $a_\sigma \in A$  s.t.  $\psi(a_\sigma) = \sigma b - b$ .
- Can show  $(a_\sigma)_{\sigma \in G} \in Z^1(G, A)$ .
- Define  $\delta(C) = \text{class of } (a_\sigma)_{\sigma \in G} \text{ in } H^1(G, A)$

- Let  $A$  be a  $G$ -module,  $H \triangleleft G$  a normal subgroup. Then there is an **inflation** and **restriction** exact sequence:

$$0 \longrightarrow H^1(G/H, A^H) \xrightarrow{\text{inflation}} H^1(G, A) \xrightarrow{\text{restriction}} H^1(H, A)$$

- **Hilbert's Theorem 90:** Let  $L/K$  be finite Galois extension. Then  $H^1(\text{Gal}(L/K), L^\times) = 0$  (i.e.  $Z^1 \subset B^1$ ).

*Corollary 1:*  $H^1(\text{Gal}(\bar{K}/K), \bar{K}^\times) = 0$

*Corollary 2:*  $H^1(\text{Gal}(\bar{K}/K), \mu_n) \cong K^*/(K^*)^n$ . If  $\mu_n \in K$ , then  $\text{Hom}_{\text{cts}}(\text{Gal}(\bar{K}/K), \mu_n) \cong K^*/(K^*)^n$

*Setup:* Let  $\phi : E \rightarrow E'$  be isogeny of elliptic curves over  $K$ . Notation:  $H'(K, \_)$  means  $H'(\text{Gal}(\bar{K}/K), \_)$ .

There is short exact sequence of  $\text{Gal}(\bar{K}/K)$ -modules:

$$0 \longrightarrow E[\phi] \longrightarrow E \xrightarrow{\phi} E' \longrightarrow 0$$

Get long exact sequence

$$E(K) \xrightarrow{\phi} E'(K) \xrightarrow{\delta} H^1(K, E[\phi]) \longrightarrow H^1(K, E) \xrightarrow{\phi_*} H^1(K, E')$$

Get short exact sequence

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & \frac{E'(K)}{\phi E(K)} & \xrightarrow{\delta} & H^1(K, E[\phi]) & \longrightarrow & H^1(K, E)[\phi_*] \longrightarrow 0 \\ & & \downarrow & & \text{res}_v \downarrow & \searrow \alpha & \text{res}_v \downarrow \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & \prod_V \frac{E'(K_V)}{\phi(E(K_V))} & \xrightarrow{\delta_v} & \prod_V H^1(K_V, E[\phi]) & \longrightarrow & \prod_v H^1(K_v, E)[\phi_*] \longrightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

- **Selmer group:** The  $\phi$ -Selmer group is

$$S^{(\phi)}(E/K) = \ker \alpha \quad (\text{the diagonal map above})$$

or alternatively

$$\begin{aligned} S^{(\phi)}(E/K) &= \text{Ker} \left( H^1(K, E[\phi]) \rightarrow \prod_V H^1(K_V, E) \right) \\ &= \{ \alpha \in H^1(K, E[\phi]) : \text{res}_v(\alpha) \in \text{im}(\delta_v) \forall v \} \end{aligned}$$

- **Tate-Shaferavich group:**  $\text{III}(E/K) = \ker (H^1(K, E) \rightarrow \prod_V H^1(K_V, E))$

Get short exact sequence:

$$0 \rightarrow \frac{E'(K)}{\phi E(K)} \rightarrow S^{(\phi)}(E/K) \rightarrow \text{III}(E/K)[\phi_*] \rightarrow 0$$

- **Place:** Let  $K$  be number field. A **place** of  $K$  is an equivalence class of absolute values on  $K$ . Three types: *Trivial*, *archimedean*, and *non-Archimedean*.
- $S^{(n)}(E/K)$  is finite.
- Let  $S$  be finite set of places. The subgroup of  $H^1(K, A)$  unramified outside  $S$  is

$$H^1(K, A; S) = \ker \left( H^1(K, A) \rightarrow \prod_{v \notin S} H^1(K_v^{nr}, A) \right)$$

*Conjecture:*  $\text{III}(E/k)$  is finite.

## 16. Descent by cyclic isogeny

*Setup:* Let  $E, E'$  be elliptic curves over a number field  $K$ . Let  $\phi : E \rightarrow E'$  be an isogeny of degree  $n$ .

Define the map  $\alpha$  by the long exact sequence

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} E(K) & \longrightarrow & E'(K) & \xrightarrow{\delta} & H'(K, \mu_n) & \longrightarrow & H'(K, E) \\ & & & \searrow \alpha & \downarrow \cong \text{ by Hilbert 90} & & \\ & & & & K^*/(K^*)^n & & \end{array}$$

- Let  $f \in K(E')$  and  $g \in K(E)$  with  $\text{div}(f) = n(T) - n(0)$  and  $\phi^* f = g^n$ . Then  $\alpha(P) = f(P) \bmod (K^*)^n$  for all  $P \in E'(K) \setminus \{0, T\}$

- **Setup of 2-isogeny:** Let  $E$  and  $E'$  be elliptic curves:

$$\begin{aligned} E &: y^2 = x(x^2 + ax + b) \\ E' &: y^2 = x(x^2 + a'x + b') \end{aligned}$$

such that  $b \neq 0$  and  $a^2 - 4b \neq 0$ , and  $a' = -2a$  and  $b' = a^2 - 4b$ . There then is a 2-isogeny  $\phi : E \rightarrow E'$  which maps:

$$(x, y) \mapsto \left( \left( \frac{y}{x} \right)^2, \frac{y(x^2 - b)}{x^2} \right)$$

and its dual isogeny  $\hat{\phi} : E' \rightarrow E$  which maps

$$(x, y) \mapsto \left( \frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{y}{x} \right)^2, \frac{y(x^2 - b')}{8x^2} \right)$$

with kernels

$$\begin{aligned} E[\phi] &= \{0_E, T\} & T &= (0, 0) \in E(K) \\ E'[\hat{\phi}] &= \{0_{E'}, T'\} & T' &= (0, 0) \in E'(K) \end{aligned}$$

- There is a group homomorphism:

$$\begin{aligned} E'(K) &\longrightarrow K^*/(K^*)^2 \\ (x, y) &\longmapsto \begin{cases} x \bmod (K^*)^2 & \text{if } x \neq 0 \\ b' \bmod (K^*)^2 & \text{if } x = 0 \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

with kernel  $\phi(E(K))$ .

*Remark:* This gives two injective group homomorphisms:

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_E &: \frac{E(K)}{\hat{\phi}(E'(K))} \hookrightarrow K^*/(K^*)^2 \\ \alpha_{E'} &: \frac{E'(K)}{\phi(E(K))} \hookrightarrow K^*/(K^*)^2 \end{aligned}$$

- We have

$$2^{\text{rank } E(K)} = \frac{|\text{Im}(\alpha_E)| \cdot |\text{Im}(\alpha_{E'})|}{4}$$

- If  $K$  is number field, and  $a, b \in \mathcal{O}_K$ , then

$$\text{Im}(\alpha_E) \subset K(S, 2)$$

where  $S = \{\text{primes dividing } b\}$ .

*Notation:*  $K(S, n) = \{x \in K^\times / (K^\times)^n : \text{ord}_v(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{n} \text{ for all } v \in M_K - S\}$

*Example:* Let  $S$  be finite set of primes. Then  $\mathbb{Q}(S, 2)$  is simply a finite set of squarefree integers containing only primes from  $S$ . E.g. if  $S = \{2, 3, 5\}$ , then  $\mathbb{Q}(S, 2) = \langle -1, 2, 3, 5 \rangle = \{1, -1, 2, -2, 3, -3, 5, -5, 6, -6, 10, -10, 15, -15, 30, -30\}$  (as cosets in  $\mathbb{Q}^\times / (\mathbb{Q}^\times)^2$ )

- If  $b_1 b_2 = b$ , then

$$b_1(K^*)^2 \in \text{Im}(\alpha_E) \iff w^2 = b_1 u^4 + a u^2 v^2 + b_2 v^4$$

is soluble for  $u, v, w \in K$  not all zero

*Fact:* If  $a, b_1, b_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $p \nmid 2b(a^2 - 4b)$ , then  $w^2 = b_1 u^4 + a u^2 v^2 + b_2 v^4$  has solution over  $\mathbb{Q}_p$

- Calculating the **rank** of  $E : y^2 = x(x^2 + ax + b)$ :

- Setup the 2-isogeny by defining  $E' : y^2 = x(x^2 + a'x + b)$  where  $a' = -2a$  and  $b' = a^2 - 4b$ .

- We aim to calculate  $\text{Im}(\alpha_E)$  and  $\text{Im}(\alpha_{E'})$ .

- Obtain bounds on the size by using that  $\text{Im}(\alpha_E) \subset \langle -1, p_{b_1}, p_{b_2}, \dots, p_{b_k} \rangle$  where  $p_{b_i}$  are the primes dividing  $b$ .

Similarly, use that  $\text{Im}(\alpha_{E'}) \subset \langle -1, p_{b'_1}, p_{b'_2}, \dots, p_{b'_k} \rangle$  where  $p_{b'_i}$  are the primes dividing  $b'$ .

- For each  $b_1$  dividing  $b$ , determine if  $b_1$  is in  $\text{Im}(\alpha_E)$  by determining if there exist  $u, v, w \in K$  not all zero such that

$$w^2 = b_1 u^4 + a u^2 v^2 + b_2 v^4$$

*Tips:*

- \* If  $b_1, b_2, a \leq 0$ , then no solutions over  $\mathbb{R}$ , hence no solutions in  $\mathbb{Q}$ .
- \* Can multiply through to assume integer solutions with  $\text{gcd}(u, v) = 1$ .
- \* Use quadratic reciprocity.
- \* Use that  $\text{Im}(\alpha_E)$  is a group to eliminate checking every possible subset of  $\langle -1, p_{b_1}, \dots, p_{b_k} \rangle$ .
- Finally, use

$$\text{rank } E(K) = \log_2 |\text{Im}(\alpha_E)| + \log_2 |\text{Im}(\alpha_{E'})| - 2$$

to compute the rank, given  $\text{Im}(\alpha_E)$  and  $\text{Im}(\alpha_{E'})$ .



## Birch Swinnerton-Dyer conjecture

- Let  $E/\mathbb{Q}$  be elliptic curve. Define the associated L-fuction  $L(E, s) = \prod_p L_p(E, s)$  where

$$L_p(E, s) = \begin{cases} (1 - a_p p^{-s} + p^{1-2s})^{-1} & \text{if good reduction} \\ (1 - p^{-s})^{-1} & \text{if split mult reduction} \\ (1 + p^{-s})^{-1} & \text{if nonsplit mult reduction} \\ 1 & \text{if additive reduction} \end{cases}$$

where  $\#\tilde{E}(\mathbb{F}_p) = p+1-a_p$ , By Hasse's bound, we know  $L(E, s)$  converges for  $\text{Re}(s) > 3/2$ .

- **Analytic continuation:**  $L(E, s)$  is the L-functio of a weight 2 modular form and hence has an analytic continuation to all of  $\mathbb{C}$
- **Weak BSD:**  $\text{ord}_{s=1} L(E, s) = \text{rank} E(\mathbb{Q})$
- **Strong BSD:**

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow 1} \frac{1}{(s-1)^r} L(E, s) = \frac{\Omega_E \cdot |\text{III}(E/\mathbb{Q})| \cdot \text{Reg} E(\mathbb{Q}) \cdot \prod_p c_p}{|E(\mathbb{Q})_{\text{tors}}|^2}$$

where

- $c_p = [E(\mathbb{Q}_p) : E_0(\mathbb{Q}_p)] = \text{Tamagawa number of } E/\mathbb{Q}_p$  .
- Let  $P_1, \dots, P_r$  generate the non-torsion part of  $E(\mathbb{Q})$ . So  $E(\mathbb{Q})/E(\mathbb{Q})_{\text{torsion}} = \langle P_1, \dots, P_r \rangle$ . Then the regulator of  $E(\mathbb{Q})$  is

$$\text{Reg} E(\mathbb{Q}) = \det([P_i, P_j])_{i,j=1,\dots,r} = \begin{vmatrix} [P_1, P_1] & [P_1, P_2] & \dots & [P_1, P_r] \\ [P_2, P_1] & [P_2, P_2] & \dots & [P_2, P_r] \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ [P_r, P_1] & [P_r, P_2] & \dots & [P_r, P_r] \end{vmatrix}$$

where  $[P, Q] = \hat{h}(P+Q) - \hat{h}(P) - \hat{h}(Q)$

- $\Omega_E$  is the integral

$$\Omega_E = \int_{E(\mathbb{R})} \frac{dx}{|2y + a_1x + a_3|}$$

where  $a_i$  are coefficients of globally minimal Weierstrass equation for  $E$ .

- **Kolyvagin:** If  $\text{ord}_{s=1} L(E, s) = 0$  or  $1$  (i.e. analytic rank is 0 or 1), then weak BSD is true and  $|\text{III}(E/\mathbb{Q})| < \infty$

## Misc

**Automorphism group:** Let  $E/k$  be elliptic curve. Then  $\text{Aut}(E)$  is finite, and its order is

- 2 if  $j(E) \notin \{0, 1728\}$
- 4 if  $j(E) = 0$  and  $\text{char } k \notin \{2, 3\}$
- 6 if  $j(E) = 1728$  and  $\text{char } k \notin \{2, 3\}$
- 12 if  $j(E) = 0 = 1728$  and  $\text{char } k = 3$
- 24 if  $j(E) = 0 = 1728$  and  $\text{char } k = 2$

In the last two cases,  $E$  is always supersingular

**Endomorphisms:** An endomorphism of  $E$  is an isogeny from  $E$  to  $E$ . Denoted,  $\text{End}(E)$ , it forms a ring

- Multiplication by  $n$ :  $[n] : E \rightarrow E$  given by  $X \mapsto X + X + \cdots + X$   $n$  times.
- (For finite fields) Frobenius endomorphism:  $\phi : E \rightarrow E$  given by  $(x, y) \mapsto (x^q, y^q)$
- Translation:  $\tau_P : E \rightarrow E$  given by  $X \mapsto P + X$

## Some Geometric Notions

- **Coordinate ring:** Let  $V$  be a variety over  $K$ . The **coordinate ring** of  $V/K$  is defined by

$$K[V] = \frac{K[X]}{I(V/K)}$$

Elements of  $K[V]$  are the polynomial functions on  $V$ .

$K(V)$  is an integral domain. It's quotient field is denoted by  $K(V)$ .

- **Maximal ideal:** Let  $V$  be variety, and  $P$  a point on  $V$ . The **maximal ideal** at  $P$  is

$$M_P = \{f \in K[V] : f(P) = 0\}$$

- **Local ring:** Let  $V$  be variety, and  $P$  a point on  $V$ . The local ring of  $V$  at  $P$  is

$$K[V]_P = \{F \in K(V) : F = \frac{f}{g} \text{ for some } f, g \in K[V] \text{ with } g(P) \neq 0\}$$

I.e.  $K[V]_P$  is the set of regular function at  $P$  (functions defined at  $P$ ).

- **Rational map:** Let  $V_1, V_2 \subset \mathbb{P}^n$  projective varieties. A rational map from  $V_1$  to  $V_2$  is a map of the form

$$\phi : V_1 \rightarrow V_2 \quad \phi = [f_0, \dots, f_n]$$

where  $f_0, \dots, f_n \in \bar{K}(V_1)$  are s.t., for every point  $P \in V_1$  at which  $f_0, \dots, f_n$  are all defined:  $\phi(P) = [f_0(P), \dots, f_n(P)] \in V_2$ .

*Note:* A rational map  $\phi : V_1 \rightarrow V_2$  may **not** necessarily be well-defined at every point of  $V_1$ .

- **Regular:** A rational map  $\phi = [f_0, \dots, f_n] : V_1 \rightarrow V_2$  is **regular** at  $P \in V_1$  if there is a function  $g \in \bar{K}(V_1)$  such that

- For each  $i$ ,  $gf_i$  is regular at  $P$ .
- There exists an  $i$  for which  $gf_i(P) \neq 0$

*Note:* We may have to take different  $g$ 's for different points.

- **Morphism:** A rational map that is regular at every point.

## Curves

- Let  $C$  be a curve, and  $P \in C$  a smooth point. Then  $K[C]_P$  is a discrete valuation ring.
- **Order of vanishing:** Let  $C$  be a curve with function field  $K(C)$ . Let  $P \in C$  be a smooth point. The function  $\text{ord}_P(f) : K(C) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \cup \infty$  is the **order of vanishing** of  $f \in K(C)$  at  $P$ .

Defined as

$$\text{ord}_P(f) = \sup\{d \in \mathbb{Z} : f \in M_P^d\}$$