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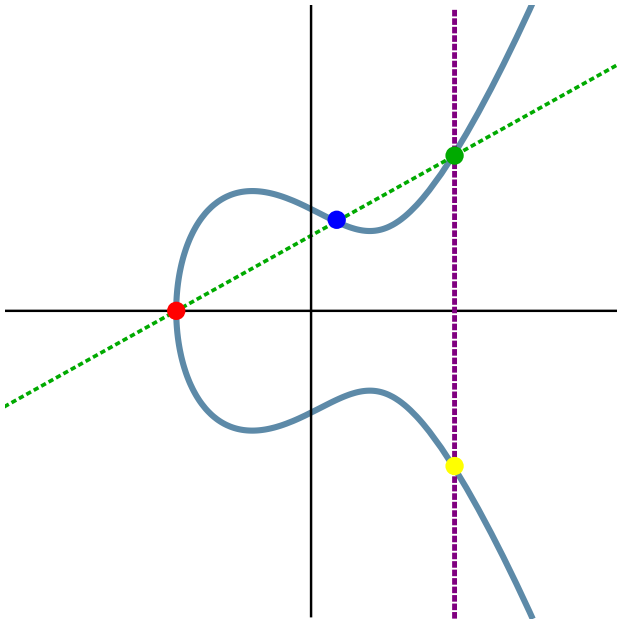
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$$E = \{(x, y) : y^2 = x^3 + Ax + B\} \cup \{\mathcal{O}\}$$



## Theorem (Mordell-Weil)

*For any abelian variety  $A$  over a number field  $K$ ,  $A(K)$  is a finitely generated abelian group, i.e.*

$$A(K) \cong \mathbf{Z}^r \oplus \text{Tor}(A(K))$$

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*For all  $d \in \mathbf{Z}_+$ , there exists a constant  $B(d) \geq 0$  such that for all elliptic curves  $E$  over a number field  $K$  with  $[K: \mathbf{Q}] = d$ , then*

$$|E(K)_{tors}| \leq B(d).$$

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This was later improved by Oesterlé to  $(3^{d/2} + 1)^2$ . In the case over  $\mathbf{Q}$ , Lozano-Robledo improves this to  $2d + 1$ ,  $p \geq 11$  and  $p \neq 13, 37$ .

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Theorem (Mazur, Parent, Derickx, Kammienny, Stein, Stoll, Lozano-Robledo, et al.)

$$S_{\mathbf{Q}}(9) = \{2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19\}$$

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## Theorem (Mazur)

$$\Phi(1) = \{C_n : n = 1, \dots, 10, 12\} \cup \{C_2 \times C_{2n} : n = 1, \dots, 4\}$$

Theorem (Najman, González-Jiménez, et al.)

$$\Phi_{\mathbf{Q}}(2) = \{C_n : n = 1, \dots, 10, 12, 15, 16\} \cup \\ \{C_2 \times C_{2n} : n = 1, \dots, 6\}$$

$$\Phi_{\mathbf{Q}}(3) = \{C_n : 1, \dots, 10, 12, 13, 14, 18, 21\} \cup \\ \{C_2 \times C_{2n} : n = 1, 2, 3, 4, 7\}$$

$$\Phi_{\mathbf{Q}}(4) = \{C_n : n = 1, \dots, 10, 12, 13, 15, 16, 20, 24\} \cup \\ \{C_2 \times C_{2n} : n = 1, \dots, 6, 8\} \cup \{C_3 \times C_{3n} : n = 1, 2\} \cup \\ \{C_4 \times C_{4n} : n = 1, 2\} \cup \{C_5 \times C_5\} \cup \{C_6 \times C_6\}$$

$$\Phi_{\mathbf{Q}}(5) = \{C_n : n = 1, \dots, 12, 25\} \cup \{C_2 \times C_{2n} : n = 1, \dots, 4\}$$



## Definition (Isogeny)

Let  $E_1, E_2$  be elliptic curves. An isogeny from  $E_1$  to  $E_2$  is a morphism  $\phi : E_1 \rightarrow E_2$  with  $\phi(\mathcal{O}) = \mathcal{O}$ .

Theorem (Fricke, Kenku, Klein, Kubert, Ligozat, Mazur, Ogg, et al.)

*If  $E/\mathbf{Q}$  has an  $n$ -isogeny over  $\mathbf{Q}$ , then  $n \leq 19$  or  $n \in \{21, 25, 27, 37, 43, 67, 163\}$ . If  $E$  does not have CM, then  $n \leq 18$  or  $n \in \{21, 25, 37\}$ .*

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- $\bar{\rho}_{E,n} : \text{Gal}(\overline{\mathbf{Q}}/\mathbf{Q}) \longrightarrow \text{Aut}(E[n]) \cong \text{GL}_2(\mathbf{Z} / n\mathbf{Z})$

Possible images and indices of Galois representations are limited by the work of Zureick-Brown, Clark, Zywina, Rouse, Corn, Rice, Stankewicz, et al.

### Definition (Weil Pairing)

If  $E/K$  be an elliptic curve and  $m \geq 2$ , then there exists a bilinear, nondegenerate, alternating, Galois invariant pairing on  $E[m]$ .

## IDEA

Bound the torsion subgroup (by some large sum of Sylow subgroups), then eliminate cases by isogeny, Galois representations, and the Weil pairing.



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but  $\phi(n)$  is even for  $n > 2$ , a contradiction. □

Now  $K$  cannot contain full 7-torsion so that  $E(K)[7^\infty] = \mathbf{Z} / 7^m \mathbf{Z}$ . In particular,  $E/\mathbf{Q}$  has a  $7^k$ -isogeny. But  $7^k \geq 49$  for  $k > 1$ , which is not a possible isogeny. Therefore,

$$E(K)[7^\infty] \subseteq \mathbf{Z}/7\mathbf{Z}$$

## Theorem

*If  $K/\mathbf{Q}$  is a Galois extension of degree 9 and  $E/\mathbf{Q}$  is an elliptic curve, then*

$$E(K)_{tors} \subseteq \mathbf{Z}/2\mathbf{Z} \oplus \mathbf{Z}/6983776800\mathbf{Z}$$

*Furthermore, there are at most 34 possibilities for  $E(K)_{tors}$ .*