Torsion groups of elliptic curves over quadratic fields $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})$ for $|d| < 800$

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Introduction

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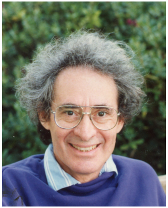

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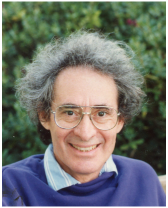

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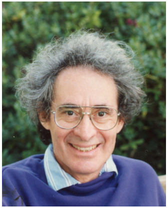

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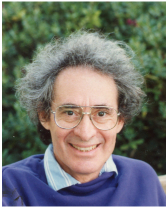

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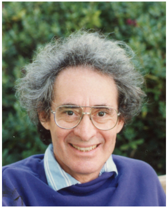

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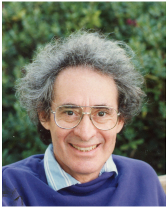

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This was conjectured by Beppo Levi in 1908 (in his Rome ICM address), then again by Andrew Ogg in 1970.

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This reduces the problem to determining the existence of $\mathbb{Q}$-points on specific genus 2 curves over $\mathbb{Q}$ (or for $X_1(16)$, determining all $\mathbb{Q}$-points).

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Theorem (Trbović, 2018)

$$\{10, 15, 41, 51, 70, 93\} \subseteq T_{100}(16) \cap \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1} \subseteq \{10, 15, 41, 51, 70, 93\} \cup \{26, 31, 47, 58, 62, 74, 78, 79, 82, 87, 94\}$$

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Statement of results

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$$T_{800}(16) = \{-671, -455, -290, -119, -15, 10, 15, 41, 51, 70, 93, 105, 205, 217, 391, 546, 609, 679\}.$$

Corollary (B.-Derickx, 2023)

We solve the Quadratic Torsion Challenge for $B = 800$.

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Krumm's filter

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Corollary

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```
def is_rank_of_twist_zero(G, d):

    M = ModularSymbols(G)
    S = M.cuspidal_subspace()
    phi = S.rational_period_mapping()
    chi = kronecker_character(d)
    w = phi(M.twisted_winding_element(0, chi))
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This gives us a way to compute the fake Selmer-set explicitly.

define FakeSelmerSet(f):

$A := k[x]/(f(x))$

Let S be the set of primes of k described above.

if $2 \mid \deg(f)$:

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$W := \{g \in G : N_{A/k}(g) \in f_n k^{*2}\}$. **if** $W = \emptyset$: **return** $\emptyset$

$T := S \cup$ "small" primes, as in Lemma 4.3

for $p \in T$:

  $A_p := A \otimes k_p$; $H'_p := A_p^*/A_p^{*2}$.

  $W'_p :=$ LocalImage$(f_p) \subset H'_p$ or, if $p \mid \infty$, use Section 5 to compute W'_p.

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  Determine $\rho_p : G \to H_p$.

  $W := \{w \in W : \rho(w) \in W_p\}$.

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            if HasPointsEverywhereLocally(d*f,2) then  // ELS filter
                if IsRankOfTwistPositive(Gamma1(13),d) then // Rank filter
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