

# Elliptic curves and their moduli spaces

## Exercise sheet 10

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### Problem 1.

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2. If  $\phi$  is divisible in  $L$ , then it is clearly divisible in  $\text{Hom}(T_l(E_1), T_l(E_2))$ . Suppose  $\phi$  is divisible by  $l$  in  $\text{Hom}(T_l(E_1), T_l(E_2))$ . Then  $\phi$  vanishes on  $E_1[l]$ , so by proposition 10.1 from the lectures we have that  $\phi$  is already divisible by  $l$ .
3. If  $\text{End}^0(E)$  is a quaternion algebra, then  $\text{End}(E)$  is of rank 4 (its always free of rank  $\leq 4$ ). The map  $\mathbb{Z}_l \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \text{End}(E) \cong (\mathbb{Z}_l)^4 \rightarrow \text{End}(T_l(E)) \cong M_2(\mathbb{Z}_l)$  (we used  $T_l(E) \cong \mathbb{Z}_l$ ) is injective. By previous part invertible elements in  $\mathbb{Z}_l \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \text{End}(E)$  get mapped to invertible elements in  $\text{End}(T_l(E))$ , so the map is also surjective.

**Problem 2.** By assumption both  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  have some nontrivial endomorphism, let's denote them by  $\tau_1$  and  $\tau_2$ . By assumption there is an isomorphism  $\phi: \mathbb{Q}(\tau_1) \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}(\tau_2)$ . It follows that  $\phi(\tau_1) = a\tau_2 + b$ . Since  $K$  is an imaginary-quadratic field,  $\tau_1$  and  $\tau_2$  satisfy equations  $\tau_1^2 + d_1 = 0$  and  $\tau_2^2 + d_2 = 0$  for some integers  $d_1, d_2 > 0$ .

$$0 = \phi(\tau_1)^2 + d_1 = a^2\tau_2^2 + 2ab\tau_2 + b^2 + d_1 = -a^2d_2 + 2ab\tau_2 + b^2 + d_1$$

Therefore  $ab = 0$ .

If  $a = 0$ , then  $b^2 + d_1 = 0$  which doesn't have a solution for  $b \in \mathbb{Q}$ . So  $b = 0$ . Then  $a^2d_2 = d_1$ . Write  $a = \frac{a_1}{a_2} \in \mathbb{Q}$ . Then  $a_1^2d_2 = a_2^2d_1$  and  $a_2\tau_1 = \pm a_1\tau_2$ . So there exists a nonconstant morphism from  $E_1$  to  $E_2$ , namely multiplication with  $a_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$ .