

reference, we see immediately that no elliptic curve over \mathbb{Q} can have a torsion point defined over \mathbb{Q} of any of these orders. Mazur and Tate [20], and independently Blass [3], recently proved that rational points of order 13 do not exist on elliptic curves defined over \mathbb{Q} . It is a classical (and easy) result of Lind [14] that points of order 16 are impossible.

Thus we need examine only torsion whose order involves the primes 2, 3, 5, 7. Cyclic torsion groups Z/NZ exist and are parametrizable for $N = 1, \dots, 10$ and $N = 12$, and the subgroup $Z/NZ \times Z/2Z$ exists and is parametrizable for $N = 2, 4, 6, 8$. The parametrizations are given in Table 3. Accordingly, it remains only to check that $Z/35Z, Z/10Z \times Z/2Z,$

TABLE 3. Parametrization of torsion structures

1. $0: y^2 = x^3 + ax^2 + bx + c; \Delta_1(a, b, c) \neq 0,$
 $\Delta_1(a, b, c) = -4a^3c + a^2b^2 + 18abc - 4b^3 - 27c^2.$
2. $Z/2Z: y^2 = x(x^2 + ax + b); \Delta_1(a, b) \neq 0, \Delta_1(a, b) = a^2b^2 - 4b^3.$
3. $Z/2Z \times Z/2Z: y^2 = x(x+r)(x+s), r \neq 0 \neq s \neq r.$
4. $Z/3Z: y^2 + a_1xy + a_3y = x^3; \Delta(a_1, a_3) = a_1^3a_3^3 - 27a_3^4 \neq 0.$

(The form $E(b, c)$ is used in all parametrizations below where in $E(b, c)$
 $y^2 + (1-c)xy - by = x^3 - bx^2, (0, 0)$ is a torsion point of maximal order,
 $\Delta(b, c) = \alpha^4b^3 - 8\alpha^2b^4 - \alpha^3b^3 + 36\alpha b^4 + 16b^5 - 27b^4$, and $\alpha = 1 - c.$)

5. $Z/4Z: E(b, c), c = 0, \Delta(b, c) = b^4(1 + 16b) \neq 0.$
6. $Z/4Z \times Z/2Z: E(b, c), b = v^2 - \frac{1}{16}, v \neq 0, \pm \frac{1}{2}, c = 0.$
7. $Z/8Z \times Z/2Z: E(b, c), b = (2d-1)(d-1), c = (2d-1)(d-1)/d,$
 $d = \alpha(8\alpha+2)/(8\alpha^2-1), d(d-1)(2d-1)(8d^2-8d+1) \neq 0.$
8. $Z/8Z: E(b, c), b = (2d-1)(d-1), c = (2d-1)(d-1)/d, \Delta(b, c) \neq 0.$
9. $Z/6Z: E(b, c), b = c + c^2, \Delta(b, c) = c^6(c+1)^3(9c+1) \neq 0.$
10. $Z/6Z \times Z/2Z: E(b, c), b = c + c^2, c = (10-2\alpha)/(\alpha^2-9),$
 $\Delta(b, c) = c^6(c+1)^3(9c+1) \neq 0.$
11. $Z/12Z: E(b, c), b = cd, c = fd-f, d = m+\tau, f = m/(1-\tau),$
 $m = (3\tau-3\tau^2-1)/(\tau-1), \Delta(b, c) \neq 0.$
12. $Z/9Z: E(b, c), b = cd, c = fd-f, d = f(f-1)+1, \Delta(b, c) \neq 0.$
13. $Z/5Z: E(b, c), b = c, \Delta(b, c) = b^5(b^2-11b-1) \neq 0.$
14. $Z/10Z: E(b, c), b = cd, c = fd-f, d = f^2/(f-(f-1)^2), f \neq (f-1)^2, \Delta(b, c) \neq 0.$
15. $Z/7Z: E(b, c), b = d^3-d^2, c = d^2-d, \Delta(b, c) = d^7(d-1)^7(d^3-8d^2+5d+1) \neq 0.$

$Z/25Z, Z/18Z,$ and $Z/12Z \times Z/2Z$ are impossible. The cases $Z/10Z \times Z/2Z$ and $Z/12Z \times Z/2Z$ are easy, since such curves would be 2-isogenous to one with a rational 20-cycle or a rational 24-cycle and so correspond to a point of $X_0(20)$ or $X_0(24)$. The cases $Z/35Z, Z/25Z,$ and $Z/18Z$ are dealt with explicitly below.

Borevitch [4, p. 425]). Thus we may conclude that the proposition is true.

Let E be an elliptic curve defined over $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-30})$. Let G be a Galois module E_1 . Then if t belongs to G , $|t|$ belongs to $\{2, 3, 5\}$.

We shall carry out the descent arguments on E which were presupposed in this chapter.

THE TORSION CONJECTURE

We study the following conjecture of Ogg [23].

Conjecture IV.1.1. Let E be an elliptic curve over \mathbb{Q} . Then E is parametrizable.

It is known that the modular curve classifying a torsion structure T , that is, pairs (E, T) with T a torsion structure, has genus 0. There are 15 parametrizable torsion structures over \mathbb{Q} , the 10 cyclic groups Z/lZ ($l = 1, \dots, 10$), $Z/6Z, Z/2Z \times Z/2Z,$ and $Z/2Z \times Z/4Z$, which are parametrizable which cannot be parametrized by duality, for example, $Z/3Z \times Z/3Z$ and

the following theorem.

Theorem. Let E be an elliptic curve defined over \mathbb{Q} . Suppose l is a prime for which Fermat's last theorem holds, l^2 does not divide the order of $E_{\text{tor}}(\mathbb{Q})$, and $l \geq 23$ such that l divides the order of $E_{\text{tor}}(\mathbb{Q})$.

The first statement follows from the work of Mazur [15]. The subgroup $Z/5Z \times Z/5Z$ is impossible. No curve can have a 25-point over \mathbb{Q} and the proof will occupy a sizable portion of this

chapter. It may be rephrased as saying that the only torsion structures involving exclusively primes less than 23 are $Z/2Z, Z/3Z, Z/5Z, Z/7Z, Z/11Z, Z/13Z, Z/17Z, Z/19Z$. By duality, the torsion structure must be cyclic or $Z/2Z \times C$ where C is cyclic. The N -cycle are parametrized by $H/\Gamma_0(N)$; for $N = 24, 27, 32, 36, 49$, the curve $X_0(N)$ has genus 1 and is discussed by Ligozat [13]. From Ligozat's