

# Connecting Kani's Lemma and the Bruhat-Tits tree to compute endomorphism rings of supersingular elliptic curves

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# Outline

1. Kani's Lemma
2. Quaternion algebras and the Bruhat-Tits tree
3. Describe the algorithm (*simplest case*)

# Kani's Lemma

$A, A_1, A_2, B$  are elliptic curves for abelian varieties

Kani's Lemma ([Kan97]; [Rob23a])

$d_1$ -isogeny

Let  $f = f'_1 \circ f_1 = f'_2 \circ f_2$  such that  $\deg(f_1) = \deg(f'_1) = d_1$ ,  $\deg(f_2) = \deg(f'_2) = d_2$ , and  $(d_1, d_2) = 1$ .

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$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{f_1} & A_1 \\ f_2 \downarrow & & \downarrow f'_1 \\ A_2 & \xrightarrow{f'_2} & B \end{array}$$

Then  $F = \begin{pmatrix} f_1 & \tilde{f}'_1 \\ -f_2 & f'_2 \end{pmatrix}$  is  $d$ -isogeny  $F : A \times B \rightarrow A_1 \times A_2$  with  $d = d_1 + d_2$  and kernel  $\text{Ker } F = \{(\tilde{f}_1(P), f'_1(P)) : P \in A_1[d]\}$ .

# Application

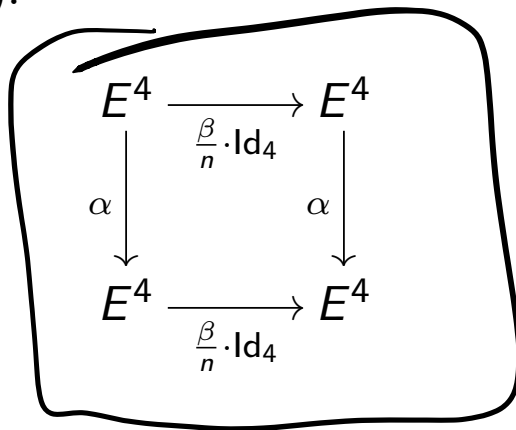
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Algorithm 1 ([Rob23b]; [HLMW23])

**Input:**  $\beta \in \text{End}(E)$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$

**Output:** TRUE if  $\frac{\beta}{n} \in \text{End}(E)$ , FALSE if  $\frac{\beta}{n} \notin \text{End}(E)$

- ▶ Algorithm 1 runs in polynomial time (see Theorem 4.16 of [HLMW23] for more details)
- ▶ Uses Kani's Lemma with the following diagram, where  $\alpha$  is an  $a$ -isogeny such that  $\deg(\beta)/n^2 + a$  is powersmooth and coprime to  $\deg(\beta)$ .



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  - ▶ Any orders we refer to will be orders in  $M_2(\mathbb{Q}_q)$

Goal: Find  $\Lambda_E$  among <sup>maximal</sup> orders containing  $\Lambda_0$

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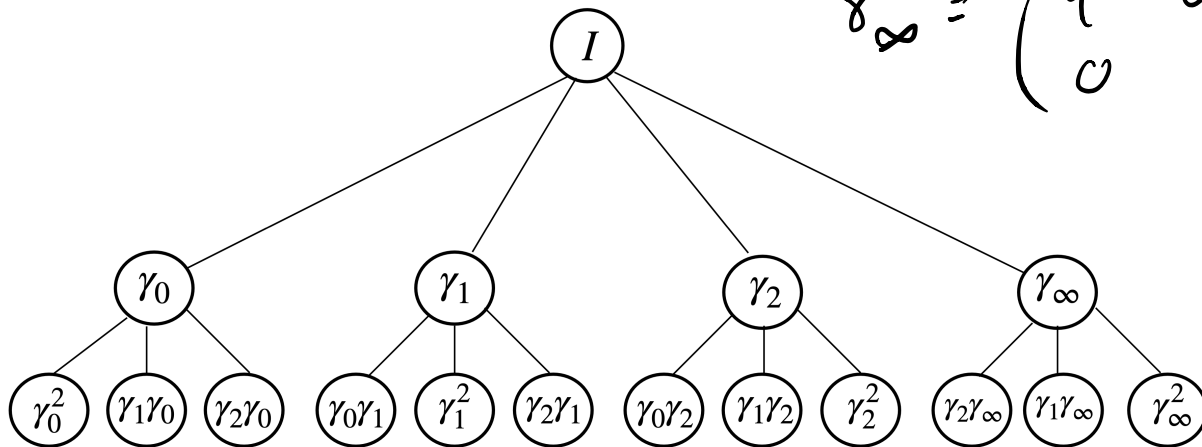
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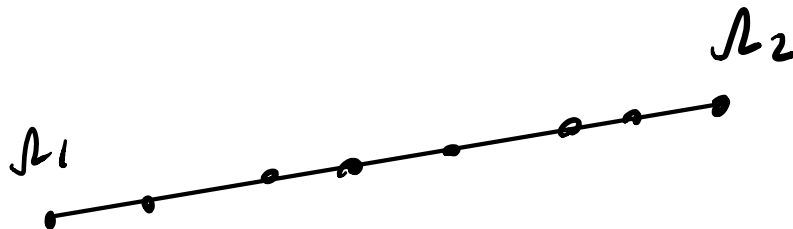
Truncated Bruhat-Tits tree for  $q = 3$ . The vertex labels are products of matrices  $\gamma_0, \gamma_1, \gamma_2, \gamma_\infty$ . The vertex labelled  $\gamma$  corresponds to the order  $\gamma^{-1}M_2(\mathbb{Z}_q)\gamma$ .

**Moral:** Maximal orders can be represented explicitly in terms of where they are located on the tree.

# Intersections of two maximal orders

- If  $\Lambda_1$ ,  $\Lambda_2$ , and  $\Lambda$  are maximal orders, then

$\Lambda \supset \Lambda_1 \cap \Lambda_2 \iff \Lambda$  lies on the path between  $\Lambda_1$  and  $\Lambda_2$ .



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- ▶ If the subtree of orders containing  $\Lambda_0$  is a path, generate a list of orders containing  $\Lambda_0$  and perform a binary search to find  $\Lambda_E$ .
- ▶ Length of the path is at most  $v_q(D) + 1$ .

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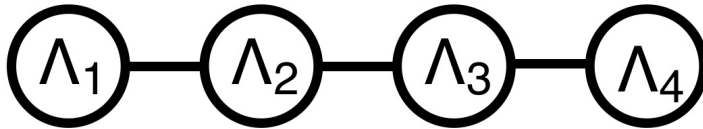
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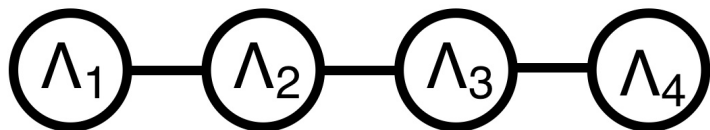
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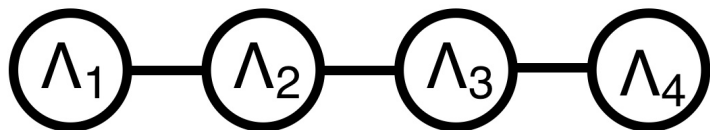
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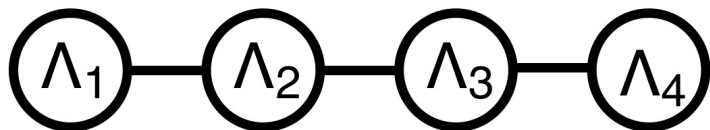
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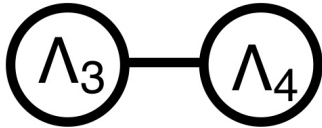
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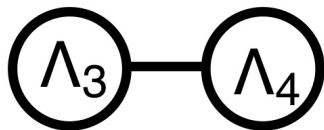
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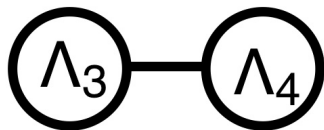


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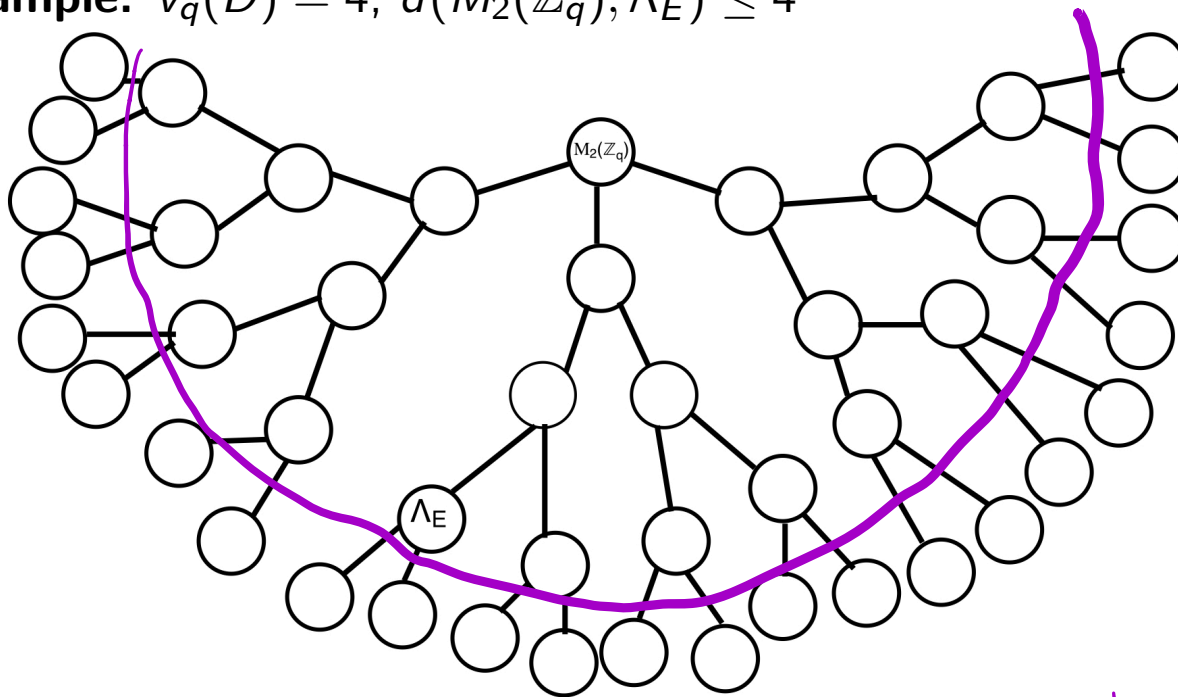
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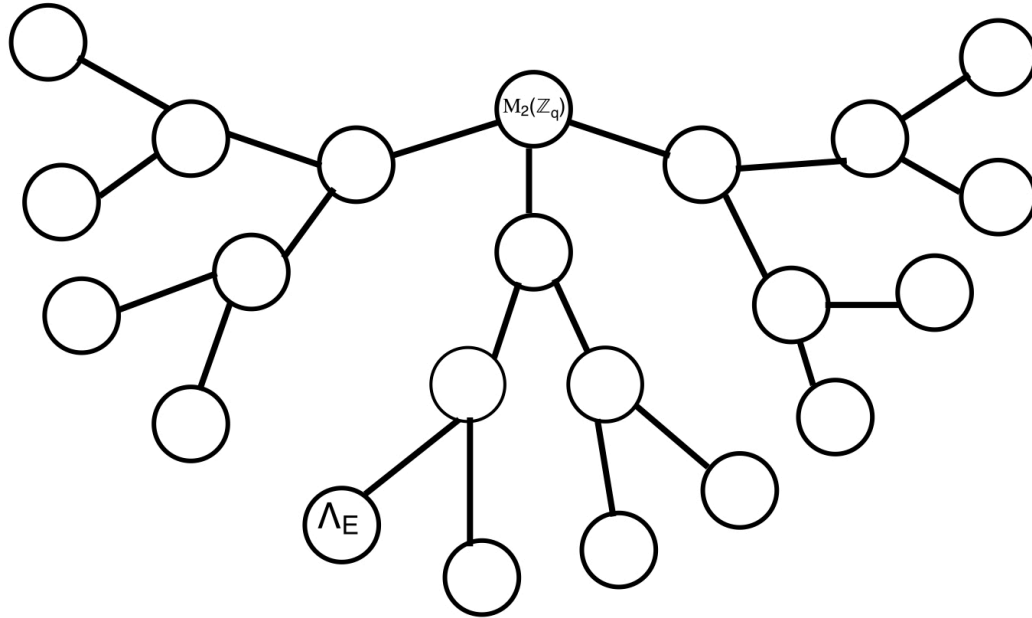
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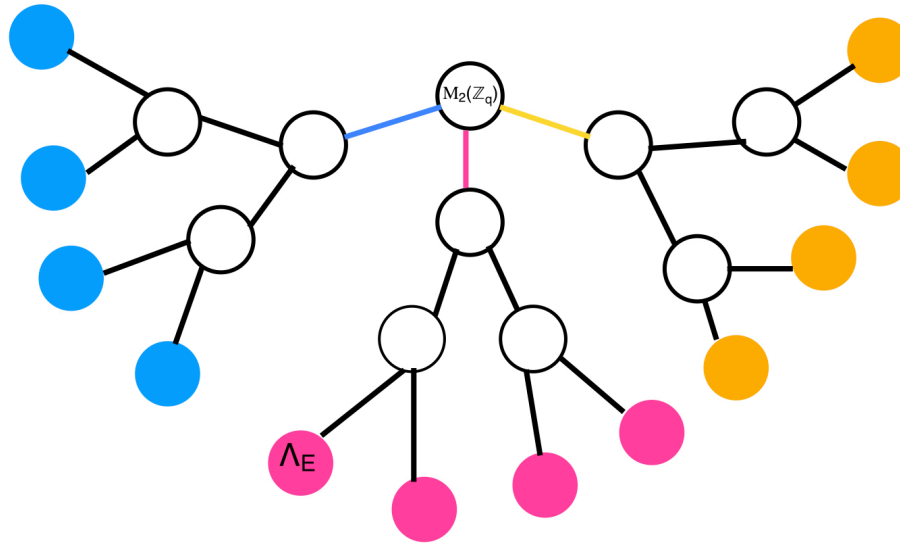
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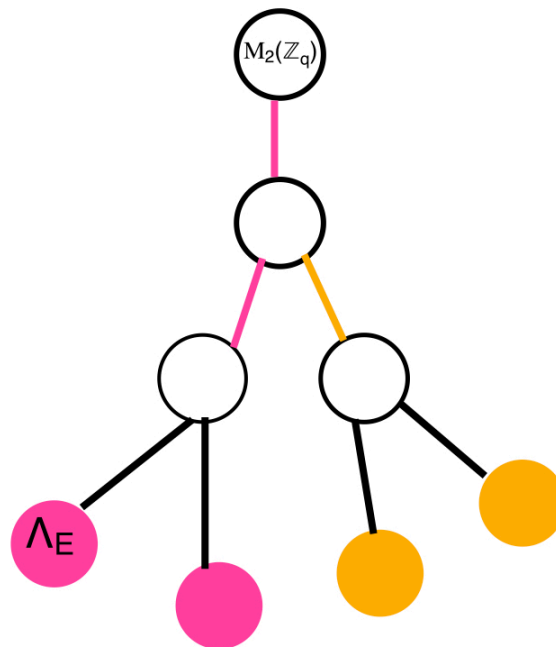
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$\Rightarrow \Lambda_E$  is one of the blue, pink, or yellow orders.



Check  $q + 1$  possibilities:  $\Rightarrow \Lambda_E$  is one of the pink orders  
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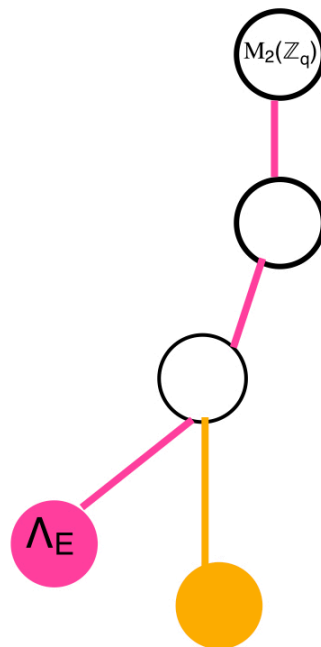
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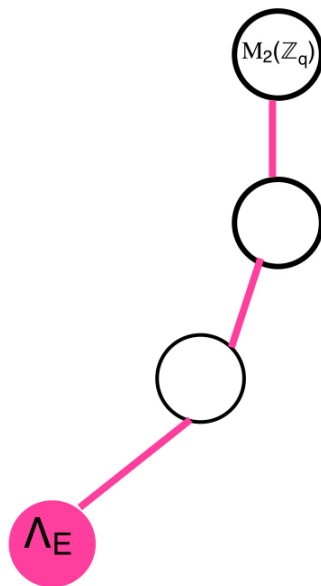


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$$\gamma^{-1} M_2(\mathbb{Z}_q) \gamma$$

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Found  $\Lambda_E$ !

# Conclusion

- ▶ Kani's lemma can be used to test containment of local orders in the local endomorphism ring  $\Lambda_E$
- ▶ Local containment testing can be used to find  $\Lambda_E$ 
  - ▶  $\approx v_q(D)q$  steps to rule out exponentially many orders

Questions?

$$\beta_n \in \text{End}(E)$$

$$\beta|_{E[n]} = 0$$

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