

Into the weeds of EC pairings

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where $d_\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}$ is non-zero except for finitely many α .

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How to compute $o_\infty(f)$? If $f = g/h$ for polys g, h ,
 $o_\infty(f) = \deg(h) - \deg(g)$

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$$f = u^{o_P(f)} \cdot g$$

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Since $x = y^2 \cdot \frac{1}{x^2 - 1}$, we have $\mathbf{o}_{(0,0)}(x) = 2$.

So $\mathbf{div}(x) = 2([0, 0]) - 2[\infty]$.

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So can switch:

$$[\mathbf{P}_1] + [\mathbf{P}_2] - - \succ \mathbf{div}(\mathbf{l}) - [\mathbf{P}_3] - 3 \cdot [\infty]$$