

# Elliptic curves with complex multiplication and abelian division fields

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For this talk, we will focus on elliptic curves  $E$  with complex multiplication and fix  $F$  to be the minimal field of definition, i.e.  $F = \mathbb{Q}(j(E))$ .

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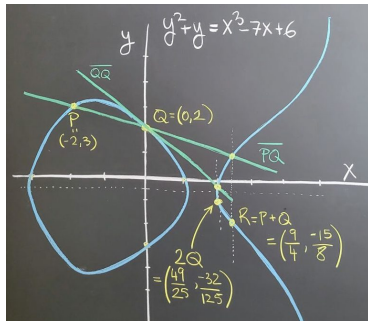
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There is a group law (abelian) on the  $L$ -rational points of  $E$

$$E(L) = \{(x, y) \in E : x, y \in L\} \cup \mathcal{O},$$

with coordinates in any field  $L \supset K$ . We call  $E(L)$  the *Mordell-Weil group* of  $E/L$ .



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## Theorem (Mordell-Weil, 1928)

*Let  $F$  be a number field and let  $E/F$  be an elliptic curve. Then  $E(F)$  is a finitely generated abelian group. In particular,*

$$E(F) \cong E(F)_{\text{tors}} \oplus \mathbb{Z}^{R_{E/F}},$$

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(3)  $E_3/\mathbb{Q} : y^2 = x^3 - 1156x$  (18496.j3) has both torsion and infinite order points,

$$E_3(\mathbb{Q}) \cong \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}^2,$$

where the torsion subgroup is generated by  $\langle (0, 0), (34, 0) \rangle$ , and the free part is generated by  $\langle (-2, 48), (-16, 120) \rangle$ .

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$$\phi(x, y) = (-x, iy),$$

where for  $(x, y) \in E$ , we have  $(iy)^2 = (-x)^3 + (-x)$ , so  $(-x, iy) \in E$ .

In this case,  $\text{End}(E) \cong \mathbb{Z}[i] = \mathcal{O}_{K,1}$ , the maximal order of  $K = \mathbb{Q}(i)$ .

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$$y^2 + \sqrt{2}xy = x^3 + x^2 + (15\sqrt{2} - 22)x + 46\sqrt{2} - 69,$$

with CM by  $\mathcal{O}_{K,4} = \mathbb{Z}[4i]$ , where  $K = \mathbb{Q}(i)$ .

Here,  $j_{K,4} = -29071392966\sqrt{2} + 41113158120$ , so  $\mathbb{Q}(j_{K,4}) = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})$ .

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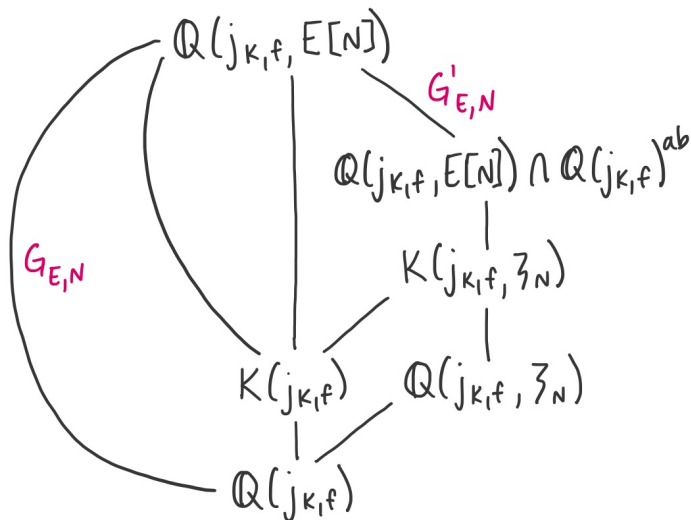
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Questions?