

# TORSION SUBGROUPS OF ELLIPTIC CURVES OVER FUNCTION FIELDS OF GENUS ONE

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ABSTRACT. Let  $\mathbb{F}$  be a finite field of characteristic  $p$ , and  $\mathcal{C}$  be a smooth, projective, absolutely irreducible curve of genus one over  $\mathbb{F}$ . Let  $K = \mathbb{F}(\mathcal{C})$ , and  $E$  be a non-isotrivial elliptic curve over  $K$ . Then,  $E(K)$  is a finitely generated abelian group, and there is a finite list of possible torsion subgroups which can appear that depends only on  $\mathcal{C}$  and  $p$ . In this article, we build on previous work to determine a complete list of possible torsion subgroups which can appear over  $K$ .

## 1. ELLIPTIC CURVES OVER FUNCTION FIELDS

Throughout this paper, unless otherwise stated,  $\mathbb{F}$  will be a finite field of characteristic  $p$ , and  $K$  will refer to the function field  $\mathbb{F}(\mathcal{C})$  for some smooth curve  $\mathcal{C}$  over  $\mathbb{F}$ . An elliptic curve  $E$  over  $K$  is a smooth, irreducible, projective curve of genus one with a point, and can always be written

$$E : y^2 + a_1xy + a_3y = x^3 + a_2x^2 + a_4x + a_6, \text{ with } a_i \in K.$$

When  $p \neq 2, 3$ , we can write  $E$  in *short Weierstrass* form

$$E : y^2 = x^3 + Ax + B \text{ with } A, B \in K, \text{ such that } 4A^3 - 27B^2 \neq 0.$$

Like in the number field case, in this setting,  $E(K)$  can be given a group structure. In fact,

**Theorem 1.1** (Mordell–Weil–Lang–Néron, [3]). *For  $K = \mathbb{F}(\mathcal{C})$ , the set of points  $E(K)$  is a finitely generated abelian group.*

As an immediate corollary, we have that  $E(K)_{\text{tors}}$  is finite. In fact, we have

$$E(K)_{\text{tors}} \cong \mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$$

where  $n$  divides  $m$ , and  $p$  does not divide  $n$ , and every such group appears for some  $K$  (of some genus) and  $E$  (see [9, p. 16]). Our goal in this paper will be to classify the torsion structures possible when the genus of  $K$  is fixed, and  $p$  is allowed to vary.

There are certain properties of elliptic curves over function fields that have no obvious analogues with elliptic curves over number fields. Of particular interest to us is the following definition.

**Definition 1.2.** Let  $K = \mathbb{F}(\mathcal{C})$  and  $E/K$  be an elliptic curve.

- (1)  $E$  is *constant* if there is an elliptic curve  $E_0/k$  such that  $E \cong E_0 \times_k K$ .
- (2)  $E$  is *isotrivial* if  $E$  is constant over a finite extension  $K'$  of  $K$ . Equivalently, if  $j(E) \in \mathbb{F}$ .
- (3)  $E$  is *non-isotrivial* if it is not isotrivial, and *non-constant* if it is not constant.

There is no notion of isotriviality for an elliptic curve over a number field, and many of the classifications we discuss in this paper do not hold when  $E$  is isotrivial. Indeed, if  $E/K$  is isotrivial, then by the Hasse bound, points of arbitrarily large order can be found in finite extensions of  $K$ . Therefore, *unless otherwise stated, all elliptic curves over  $K$  will be assumed non-isotrivial.*

For convenience, we also make the following analogous definition for general curves  $D$  over  $K$ .

**Definition 1.3.** Let  $\mathcal{C}$  and  $D$  be curves over  $\mathbb{F}$ , with  $\mathcal{C}$  smooth, and set  $K = \mathbb{F}(\mathcal{C})$ . We will call any point in  $D(\mathbb{F})$  a *constant point*, and any point in  $D(K)$  *non-constant* if it is not a constant point. As in Definition 1.2, we will also call the curve  $D/K$  *constant*, if it has coefficients in  $\mathbb{F}$ .

This definition states the following fact. The proposition allows us to determine if  $D(K)$  has any non-constant points, and will be relied upon heavily throughout the course of the paper.

**Proposition 1.4.** *Let  $D/\mathbb{F}$  be a projective, absolutely irreducible curve, and  $K = \mathbb{F}(\mathcal{C})$ . If the genus of  $D$  is greater than that of  $\mathcal{C}$ , then every point in  $D(K)$  is constant.*

*Proof.* The proof is identical to that of Proposition 1.11 in [5]. For  $\tilde{D}$  the normalization of  $D$ , non-constant points  $P$  on  $D$  induce non-constant, separable morphisms between curves

$$\tilde{\rho} : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \tilde{D}, \text{ defined over } \mathbb{F}$$

by composition of the map  $t \mapsto P_t$  on  $D$  with the normalization map. If the genus of  $D$  is greater than  $\mathcal{C}$ , then such a map violates the Hurwitz formula.  $\square$

In Section 2, we will provide a corollary to this result when the genus of  $\mathcal{C}$  is one. Essentially, the corollary will rule out torsion structures that can appear over  $K$  by searching for points on modular curves, or provide strict restrictions on the isogeny class of  $\mathcal{C}$  for them to appear.

The size of the torsion subgroup is universally bounded (see, for example [4]), depending only on the genus and characteristic of  $K$ . For example, the  $p$ -primary torsion of an elliptic curve  $E/K$  of characteristic  $p$  is given by the following result.

**Theorem 1.5** (Levin, [4]). *Let  $K$  be a function field in one variable over a finite field of characteristic  $p$ , and  $E/K$  be an elliptic curve. If we have  $p^e \mid \#E(K)_{\text{tors}}$  for  $e \geq 1$ , then*

$$\ell \leq 7 + 4(1 + 3 \cdot g(K))^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad e \leq \log_{\ell}(6 + (36 - \ell + 24 \cdot \ell(\ell - 1)^{-1}(2 \cdot g(K) - 2 + h_{\ell}))^{\frac{1}{2}}),$$

where  $h_{\ell}$  is found in [4, pp. 460–461].

In Section 2, we provide a genus 1 corollary of the full statement of this result, found in [4]. There, it will also help to know that there are strict requirements on the coefficients of any elliptic curve with a point of order  $p$ .

**Theorem 1.6** ([9, p. 17]).  *$E(K)$  has a point of order  $p$  if and only if  $j(E) \in K^p$ , and the Hasse invariant is a  $(p - 1)$ st power in  $K^{\times}$ .*

The  $j$ -invariant  $j(E)$  and Hasse invariant (which we denote  $H(E)$ ) are quite simple to compute using the coefficients of  $E$ . When  $p \geq 5$ , we have the well-known formula  $j(E) = (4A^3)/(4A^3 - 27B^2)$ . When  $p \geq 3$ , we can write  $E : y^2 = f(x)$  for some cubic  $f$ , and the Hasse invariant is the coefficient of  $x^{p-1}$  in the expansion of  $f(x)^{(p-1)/2}$  (see [9, p. 14]).

**1.1. Function fields of genus 0.** Though we will be considering the case of genus 1 function fields, we briefly collect the results for genus 0. In this setting, torsion subgroups of non-isotrivial elliptic curves  $E/K$  have been completely classified. For example, in [2], we find the following result for prime-to- $p$  torsion subgroups appear.

**Theorem 1.7** (Cox, Parry [2]). *Let  $K = \mathbb{F}(T)$  where  $\mathbb{F}$  is a finite field of characteristic  $p \neq 2, 3$ . Let  $E/K$  be non-isotrivial. Then  $E(K)'_{\text{tors}}$ , the rational points of finite order prime-to- $p$ , is one of the following groups*

$$\begin{array}{ll} \mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z} & \text{with } 1 \leq N \leq 12, N \neq 11, \\ \mathbb{Z}/2N\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} & \text{with } 1 \leq N \leq 4, \\ \mathbb{Z}/3N\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z} & \text{with } N = 1, 2 \\ (\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z})^2 & \text{with } N = 4, 5. \end{array}$$

Further, if  $G = \mathbb{Z}/m \times \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$  is such that  $n \mid m$ , and  $p \nmid m$ , and  $\mathbb{F}$  contains a primitive  $n$ th root of unity, there are infinitely many non-isomorphic, non-isotrivial elliptic curves with  $E(K)_{\text{tors}} \cong G$ .

Cox and Parry's theorem does not consider the case when  $p = 2, 3$ . In [5], we show that Cox and Parry's theorem holds for these primes. Then, using Theorem 1.5, and arguments using the so-called Tate normal form and Hasse invariant, we can find the torsion subgroups possible for any elliptic curve over  $\mathbb{F}(T)$  for any prime  $p$ . For example, when  $p = 5$ , we have<sup>1</sup>:

**Corollary 1.8** (M). *Let  $\mathbb{F}$  be a finite field of characteristic 5,  $K = \mathbb{F}(T)$ , and  $E/K$  be a non-isotrivial elliptic curve. The torsion subgroup  $E(K)_{\text{tors}}$  of  $E(K)$  is isomorphic to one of the following*

$$\begin{array}{ll} \mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z} & \text{with } 1 \leq N \leq 10 \text{ or } N = 12, 15, \\ \mathbb{Z}/2N\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} & \text{with } 1 \leq N \leq 5, \\ \mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}, \\ \mathbb{Z}/3N\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}, & \text{with } N = 1, 2, \end{array}$$

Furthermore, let  $G = \mathbb{Z}/m \times \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$  be in this list with  $n \mid m$ . Then, if  $\mathbb{F}$  contains a primitive  $n$ th root of unity, there are infinitely many non-isomorphic, non-isotrivial elliptic curves with  $E(K)_{\text{tors}} \cong G$ .

In fact, we can parameterize all of the elliptic curves having each of the indicated torsion subgroups. For example,  $E/K$  has a point of order fifteen if and only if it can be written as  $E : y^2 + (1 - a)xy - by = x^3 - bx^2$  with

$$a = \frac{(f+1)(f+2)^2(f+4)^3(f^2+2)}{(f+3)^6(f^2+3)}, \quad b = a \frac{f(f+4)}{(f+3)^5} \text{ for some } f \in \mathbb{F}(T) \text{ such that } f \notin \mathbb{F}.$$

Here the point  $(0, 0)$  is a point of order fifteen. In [5] the reader can find families of elliptic curves over  $\mathbb{F}(T)$  parameterizing each torsion structure possible, depending only on  $p$ . In this paper, we seek to extend these results to the case when the genus of our base curve is 1.

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## 2. GENUS ONE FUNCTION FIELDS

Again, let  $\mathbb{F}$  be a finite field of characteristic  $p$ , let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a smooth projective curve and  $K = \mathbb{F}(\mathcal{C})$ . From now on, unless otherwise stated,  $\mathcal{C}$  will be of genus 1. Less is known about the torsion subgroup in this setting. One useful result is the bounds on the order of a point in  $E(K)$ , given by Theorem 1.5, where Levin gives bounds for arbitrary genus. For  $p$ -primary torsion, Theorem 1.5 leads to the following corollary.

<sup>1</sup>See [5] for the general statement.

**Corollary 2.1** (Levin, [4]). *Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a smooth, projective curve of genus one over  $\mathbb{F}$ , a finite field of characteristic  $p$ . Let  $K = \mathbb{F}(\mathcal{C})$ . and  $E/K$  be an elliptic curve. Suppose  $p^e \mid \#E(K)_{\text{tors}}$ . Then*

$$p \leq 13, \quad e \leq \begin{cases} 4 & \text{if } p = 2, \\ 2 & \text{if } p = 3, \\ 1 & \text{if } p = 5, 7, 11, 13. \end{cases}$$

We will also make use of Proposition 1.4, and an analogous result to that of Theorem 1.7 proven for genus 1. In what follows, we will prove the following result.

**Theorem 2.2** (M). *Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a curve of genus 1 over  $\mathbb{F}$ , a finite field of characteristic  $p$ , and let  $K = \mathbb{F}(\mathcal{C})$ . Let  $E/K$  be non-isotrivial. If  $p \nmid \#E(K)_{\text{tors}}$ , then  $E(K)_{\text{tors}}$  is one of the following groups*

$$\begin{array}{ll} \mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z} & \text{with } N = 1, \dots, 12, 14, 15, \\ \mathbb{Z}/2N\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} & \text{with } N = 1, \dots, 6, \\ \mathbb{Z}/3N\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z} & \text{with } N = 1, 2, 3, \\ \mathbb{Z}/4N\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z} & \text{with } N = 1, 2, \\ (\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z})^2 & \text{with } N = 5, 6. \end{array}$$

Otherwise, if  $p \mid \#E(K)_{\text{tors}}$ , then  $p \leq 13$ , and  $E(K)_{\text{tors}}$  is one of

$$\begin{array}{ll} \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z} & \text{if } p = 2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, \\ \mathbb{Z}/2p\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Z}/2p\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} & \text{if } p = 3, 5, 7, \\ \mathbb{Z}/3p\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Z}/4p\mathbb{Z} & \text{if } p = 2, 3, 5 \\ \mathbb{Z}/5p\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Z}/6p\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Z}/7p\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Z}/8p\mathbb{Z} & \text{if } p = 2, 3, \\ \mathbb{Z}/2N\mathbb{Z} & \text{for } N = 9, 10, 11, 15, \text{ if } p = 2, \\ \mathbb{Z}/6N\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z} & \text{for } N = 1, 2, 3, \text{ if } p = 2, \\ \mathbb{Z}/10\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z} & \text{if } p = 2, \\ \mathbb{Z}/12\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Z}/12\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z} & \text{if } p = 3. \end{array}$$

Further, if  $G = \mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$  is in this list with  $n \mid m$ , and  $\mathbb{F}$  contains a primitive  $n$ th root of unity, then there are infinitely many non-isomorphic, non-isotrivial elliptic curves with  $E(K)_{\text{tors}} \cong G$ .

In Section 3 we will start by proving Theorem 3.4, which is an analogue of Cox and Parry's Theorem 1.7 when the genus of  $\mathcal{C}$  is one. Then as in [5], starting with characteristic  $p \geq 5$ , we will use this result and Theorem 1.6 to obtain a curve  $D$  which parameterizes non-isotrivial elliptic curves which in addition to having a torsion structure  $G$  found in Theorem 3.4, also have a point of order  $p$ . In each case,  $D$  will be irreducible with coefficients in  $\mathbb{F}$ . If  $D$  has genus one, then it will turn out that there are elliptic curves with torsion structure  $G \times \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$  only if the base curve of  $K$  is isogenous to  $D$ . If  $D$  has genus greater than one, then we will use Proposition 1.4 to conclude that this torsion structure is impossible over  $K$ . Finally, in Section 3, we reference parameterizations of elliptic curves with torsion subgroups that appear over  $K$  for any  $\mathcal{C}$ , and isogenies required for any torsion subgroups which appear only for specific  $\mathcal{C}$ .

### 3. GENUS ONE

Let  $\mathbb{F}$  be a finite field of characteristic  $p$ . By Proposition 1.4, given two curves,  $D/\mathbb{F}$  and a smooth  $\mathcal{C}/\mathbb{F}$ , and  $K = \mathbb{F}(\mathcal{C})$ , we know that  $D(K)$  has no non-constant points if  $g(D) > g(\mathcal{C})$ . What if they are equal? Certainly, in this case, no contradiction comes from the Hurwitz formula. When  $g(\mathcal{C}) = g(D) = 1$ , in fact, the Hurwitz formula, and the proof of Proposition 1.4 yield the following useful corollary.

**Corollary 3.1.** *Let  $\mathcal{C}$  and  $D$  be irreducible curves over  $\mathbb{F}$ , a finite field of characteristic  $p$ . Suppose  $\mathcal{C}$  is smooth of genus 1, and set  $K = \mathbb{F}(\mathcal{C})$ .*

- (1) *If  $g(D) > 1$ , then  $D(K)$  has no non-constant points.*
- (2) *If  $g(D) = 1$ , and  $D(K)$  contains a non-constant point, then  $\mathcal{C}$  and  $\tilde{D}$ , the normalization of  $D$ , are isogenous over  $\mathbb{F}$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $\mathcal{C}$  and  $\tilde{D}$  are smooth curves of genus one over a finite field, they have a point, and therefore are elliptic curves. Without loss of generality (by composing with the translation map) we may assume that the map in Theorem 1.4 has  $\tilde{\rho}(\mathcal{O}) = \mathcal{O}$ , and the map  $\tilde{\rho}$  is an isogeny.  $\square$

**3.1. Prime-to- $p$  torsion.** A large part of our proofs below will involve genus arguments about modular curves  $X_1(n, m)$  over  $\mathbb{F}_p(\mu_n)$  (see [9, Proposition 7.1]). We start with two statements about modular curves of genus zero and one.

**Proposition 3.2** ([2, Proposition 3.7]). *The modular curve<sup>2</sup>  $X_1(n, m)$  has genus 0 if and only if  $(m, n)$  is one of the following 18 ordered pairs:*

$$\begin{aligned} &(2, 1), (3, 1), \dots, (10, 1), (12, 1), \\ &\quad (2, 2), (4, 2), (6, 2), (8, 2), \\ &\quad (3, 3), (6, 3), (4, 4), (5, 5). \end{aligned}$$

**Proposition 3.3** (Sutherland, [6] and [7]). *For a finite field  $\mathbb{F}$  of characteristic  $p \nmid n$ , the modular curve  $X_1(n, m)$  has genus one if and only if  $(m, n)$  is one of the following pairs.*

- (1)  $(11, 1), (14, 1), (15, 1), (10, 2), (12, 2), (9, 3), (8, 4),$  or  $(6, 6)$ .

Next, we prove an analogue of Cox and Parry's theorem for genus 1.

**Theorem 3.4.** *Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a curve of genus 1 over  $\mathbb{F}$ , a finite field of characteristic  $p$ , and let  $K = \mathbb{F}(\mathcal{C})$ . Let  $E/K$  be non-isotrivial. Then  $E(K)'_{\text{tors}}$  (the rational points of finite order prime to  $p$ ) is one of*

$$\begin{array}{ll} \mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z} & \text{with } N = 1, \dots, 12, 14, 15, \\ \mathbb{Z}/2N\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} & \text{with } N = 1, \dots, 6, \\ \mathbb{Z}/3N\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z} & \text{with } N = 1, 2, 3, \\ \mathbb{Z}/4N\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z} & \text{with } N = 1, 2, \\ (\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z})^2 & \text{with } N = 5, 6. \end{array}$$

Further, let  $G = \mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$  be in this list with  $n \mid m$  and  $p \nmid n$ , and such that  $\mathbb{F}$  contains a primitive  $n$ th root of unity. Then there are infinitely many non-isomorphic, non-isotrivial elliptic curves with  $E(K)_{\text{tors}} \cong G$  only if

$$\begin{cases} \mathcal{C} \text{ is isogenous to } X_1(n, m) & \text{if } (m, n) \text{ is in (1),} \\ \mathcal{C} \text{ is any smooth curve} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

*Proof.* Following the proof of [9, Proposition 7.1], suppose  $E(K)'_{\text{tors}}$  has the form  $G = \mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$  where  $n \mid m$  and  $p \nmid n$ . Then, since the modular curve  $X_1(n, m)$ , defined over  $\mathbb{F}_p(\mu_n)$ , is a coarse moduli space for elliptic curves with  $G \subset E(K)'_{\text{tors}}$ , this induces a non-constant map

<sup>2</sup>For  $m \mid n$  and  $p \nmid m$ ,  $X_1(n, m)$  is a coarse moduli space for elliptic curves with torsion subgroup containing a subgroup isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Z}/n \times \mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z}$ . See Definition 1.2 for a precise definition.

$\mathcal{C} \rightarrow X_1(n, m)$ . By the Riemann-Hurwitz formula, since  $g(\mathcal{C}) = 1$ , we must have  $g(X(n, m)) \leq 1$ . Thus, by Propositions 3.2 and 3.3,  $(m, n)$  is one of the pairs

$$\begin{aligned} (N, 1) & \text{ with } N = 1, \dots, 12, 14, 15, \\ (2N, 2) & \text{ with } N = 1, \dots, 6, \\ (3N, 3) & \text{ with } N = 1, 2, 3, \\ (4N, 4) & \text{ with } N = 1, 2, \\ (N, N) & \text{ with } N = 5, 6. \end{aligned}$$

The torsion subgroups corresponding to Proposition 3.2 have already been shown to appear infinitely often in [5, Section 2]. The only *new* subgroups are those that correspond to a pair in (1), namely,  $\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z}$  with  $N = 11, 14, 15$ ,  $\mathbb{Z}/12\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ ,  $\mathbb{Z}/10\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ ,  $\mathbb{Z}/9\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$ ,  $\mathbb{Z}/8\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}$ , and  $(\mathbb{Z}/6\mathbb{Z})^2$ . We need only show examples of elliptic curves with these new torsion subgroups appearing over  $\mathbb{F}(\mathcal{C})$  for some base curve  $\mathcal{C}$ .

If  $E$  has a point of order  $N$ , and  $X_1(N) := X_1(1, N)$  has genus one, then by Corollary 3.1,  $\mathcal{C}$  must be *isogenous* to  $X_1(N)$ . In this case, we can use the optimized equations in [6] to construct examples of elliptic curves with torsion subgroup corresponding to a pair in (1). For example, suppose  $p \neq 11$ , and let  $\mathbb{F}$  be a finite field of characteristic  $p$ . If  $E/K$  has a point of order 11, then there is an isogeny  $\mathcal{C} \rightarrow X_1(11) : u^2 + (t^2 + 1)u + t = 0$  over  $\mathbb{F}$ . If we take the case where  $\mathcal{C} = X_1(11)$ , for example, then  $K = \mathbb{F}(X_1(11)) = \mathbb{F}(t, u)$ , and using [6], we can construct the following infinite family of elliptic curves with a point of order 11:

$$\begin{aligned} E_n : y^2 + (1 - a)^{p^n} xy - b^{p^n} y &= x^3 - b^{p^n} x^2, \\ \text{with } a &= -(u + 1)t - u^2 - u + 1, \quad b = a(ut + 1), \quad n \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, if  $\mathcal{C}$  is only isogenous (but not isomorphic) to  $X_1(11)$ , and  $K = \mathbb{F}(\mathcal{C})$ . Then we can use the induced map  $\varphi : \mathbb{F}(X_1(11)) \rightarrow K$  by  $u \mapsto u_\varphi \in K$  and  $t \mapsto t_\varphi \in K$  and obtain the following infinite family of elliptic curves with a point of order 11:

$$\begin{aligned} E_n/K : y^2 + (1 - a)^{p^n} xy - b^{p^n} y &= x^3 - b^{p^n} x^2, \\ \text{with } a &= -(u_\varphi + 1)t_\varphi - u_\varphi^2 - u_\varphi + 1, \quad b = a(u_\varphi t_\varphi + 1), \quad n \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we can use [6] to construct infinite families of elliptic curves with points of order 14 and 15 (as long as  $p \neq 2, 7$  or  $p \neq 3, 5$  respectively) when  $\mathcal{C}$  is isogenous to  $X_1(14)$  and  $X_1(15)$ .

Finally, if  $\mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z} \subset E(K)$ , and  $X_1(n, m)$  has genus one, then by Corollary 3.1,  $\mathcal{C}$  must be *isogenous* to  $X_1(n, m)$ . This time, we can use [7] to construct examples. For example, suppose  $p \neq 2, 5$ , and let  $\mathbb{F}$  be a finite field of characteristic  $p$ . If  $G = \mathbb{Z}/10\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \subset E(K)$ , then  $\mathcal{C}$  is isogenous to  $X_1(2, 10) : u^2 = t^3 - t^2 + t$ . For example, if  $\mathcal{C} = X_1(2, 10)$ , and  $K = \mathbb{F}(X_1(2, 10)) = \mathbb{F}(t, u)$ , then using [7], for all  $n \geq 0$ , the following elliptic curve  $E_n$  has  $G \subset E_n(K)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} E_n : y^2 &= x^3 + (s^2 - 2rs)x^2 - (s^2 - 1)(rs + 1)^2 x, \\ \text{with } r &= (t/u)^{p^n}, \quad s = (4tu/(tu^2 - t^3 - 3t^2 - u^2))^{p^n}. \end{aligned}$$

Again, infinite families of elliptic curves containing the remaining groups from the theorem can be realized when  $\mathcal{C}$  is isogenous to  $X_1(n, m)$  by using a similar strategy.  $\square$

In the rest of this section, we will follow the strategies of [5] to determine what combinations of  $p$ -primary torsion can appear with the subgroups from Theorem 3.4. We will start with  $p = 5$ , then work case-by-case for primes  $p = 2, 3, 7, 11, 13$ .

**3.2. Characteristic  $p = 5$ .** In the spirit of [5, Section 3.1], we begin with the prime  $p = 5$ , to get an idea of how things work when  $K = \mathbb{F}(\mathcal{C})$  is a genus one function field. For  $p = 5$ , Theorem 3.4 can be easily restated, giving the full picture of prime-to-5 torsion over  $\mathbb{F}(\mathcal{C})$  of characteristic 5.

**Corollary 3.5.** *Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a curve of genus 1 over  $\mathbb{F}$ , a finite field of characteristic 5, and let  $K = \mathbb{F}(\mathcal{C})$ . Let  $E/K$  be non-isotrivial. Then  $E(K)'_{\text{tors}}$  is one of*

$$\begin{array}{ll} \mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z} & \text{with } N = 1, \dots, 4, 6, \dots, 9, 11, 12, 14, \\ \mathbb{Z}/2N\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} & \text{with } N = 1, \dots, 4, 6, \\ \mathbb{Z}/3N\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z} & \text{with } N = 1, 2, 3, \\ \mathbb{Z}/4N\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z} & \text{with } N = 1, 2, \\ (\mathbb{Z}/6\mathbb{Z})^2 & \end{array}$$

Further, let  $G = \mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$  be in this list with  $n \mid m$  and  $p \nmid n$ , and such that  $\mathbb{F}$  contains a primitive  $n$ th root of unity. Then there are infinitely many non-isomorphic, non-isotrivial elliptic curves with  $E(K)_{\text{tors}} \cong G$  only if

$$\begin{cases} \mathcal{C} \text{ is isogenous to } X_1(n, m) & \text{if } (m, n) \text{ is in (1),} \\ \mathcal{C} \text{ is any smooth curve} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Below, we will follow the strategy used in [5]: starting with a group in Corollary 3.5, when possible, we write a curve in the Tate normal form  $E_f$  parameterizing the torsion structure  $\mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$  for some  $f \in K$  (otherwise we use division polynomials). Then, we write the curve in short Weierstrass form  $E_f : y^2 = x^3 + A(f)x + B(f)$ . If we assume that  $G = \mathbb{Z}/5m\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z} \subset E_f(K)$ , that is, if it has an additional point of order 5, then we can use Theorem 1.6 to say

$$H(E_{A,B}) = 2A(f) = g^4 \text{ for some } g \in K^\times.$$

Now, defining the curve  $C_{5m,n} : 2A(t) = u^4$ , we see that *non-isotrivial* elliptic curves with  $G$  torsion give *non-constant* points on  $C_{5m,n}$ . We need only compute the genus of  $C_{5m,n}$  to determine if torsion subgroup  $G$  is possible for  $E_f(K)$ . By Corollary 3.1, if  $g(C_{5m,n}) > g(\mathcal{C}) = 1$ ,  $G$  is impossible. Otherwise, if  $g(C_{5m,n}) = 1$ , then  $G$  is possible only when  $\mathcal{C}$  is isogenous to  $C_{5m,n}$ , and if  $g(C_{5m,n}) = 0$ , then  $G$  already occurs over function fields of genus zero, and appears in [5].

**Theorem 3.6.** *Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a curve of genus 1 over  $\mathbb{F}$ , a finite field of characteristic 5, and let  $K = \mathbb{F}(\mathcal{C})$ . Let  $E/K$  be non-isotrivial. Then  $E(K)_{\text{tors}}$  is one of*

$$\begin{array}{ll} \mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z} & \text{with } N = 1, \dots, 12, 14, 15, 20, \\ \mathbb{Z}/2N\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} & \text{with } N = 1, \dots, 6, \\ \mathbb{Z}/3N\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z} & \text{with } N = 1, 2, 3, \\ \mathbb{Z}/4N\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z} & \text{with } N = 1, 2, \\ (\mathbb{Z}/6\mathbb{Z})^2 & \end{array}$$

Further, let  $G = \mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$  be in this list with  $n \mid m$ , and such that  $\mathbb{F}$  contains a primitive  $n$ th root of unity. Then there are infinitely many non-isomorphic, non-isotrivial elliptic curves with  $E(K)_{\text{tors}} \cong G$  only if

$$\begin{cases} \mathcal{C} \text{ is isogenous to } X_1(n, m) & \text{if } (m, n) \text{ is in (1) with } 5 \nmid m, \\ \mathcal{C} \text{ is isogenous to } C_{20,1} : u^4 = t^2 + t + 1 & \text{if } (m, n) = (20, 1), \\ \mathcal{C} \text{ is any smooth curve} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$



*Proof.* Using Corollary 3.5, and the fact that by Levin,  $E$  can have a point of 5-primary order at most 5, we need to rule out or confirm the existence of  $\mathbb{Z}/5m\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$  with  $(5m, n)$  coming from

$$(2) \quad \begin{array}{ll} (5N, 1) & \text{with } N = 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14, \\ (10N, 2) & \text{with } N = 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, \\ (15N, 3) & \text{with } N = 1, 2, 3, \\ (20N, 4) & \text{with } N = 1, 2, \\ (30N, 6) & \text{with } N = 1. \end{array}$$

We have already seen above that the torsion structures  $\mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z}$ ,  $\mathbb{Z}/15\mathbb{Z}$  and  $\mathbb{Z}/10\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$  can appear infinitely often regardless of the base curve,  $\mathcal{C}$ . We rule out the rest of the torsion structures by using the strategy outlined above. For example, if  $E(K)$  has a point of order 30, then we can write it in the Tate normal form for elliptic curves with a point of order 6:

$$E_t : y^2 + (1 - f)xy - (f^2 + f)y = x^3 - (f^2 + f)x^2, \text{ for some non-constant } f \in K.$$

Since  $E_f(K)$  has a point of order 5, by Theorem 1.6 we must have

$$g^4 = H(E) = 4f^4 + 2f^3 + 2f + 1, \text{ for some } g \in K^\times.$$

Since  $g$  and  $f$  are both in  $K$ , and  $f$  is non-constant, we see that an elliptic curve over  $K$  with a point of order 30 would imply the existence of a non-constant point on the curve  $C_{30,1} : 4t^4 + 2t^3 + 2t + 1 = u^4$  over  $K$ . The curve  $C$  is irreducible, has coefficients in  $\mathbb{F}$ , and has genus 3. However, by Corollary 3.1, we see that a non-constant point on  $C_{30,1}$  would induce a map  $\mathcal{C} \rightarrow C_{30,1}$ , which is impossible. Thus, no non-isotrivial elliptic curve  $E/K$  can have a point of order 30. Results for other torsion structures are collected in Table 1, wherein each curve  $C_{5m,n}$  is irreducible by the Eisenstein criterion. With the exception of  $\mathbb{Z}/55\mathbb{Z}$ , this table rules out any torsion structure  $G$  from (2)  $\#G \geq 40$  or a point of order  $\geq 30$ .

$G = \mathbb{Z}/5m\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$	Curve $C_{5m,n}$	genus
$\mathbb{Z}/20\mathbb{Z}$	$t^2 + t + 1 = u^4$	1
$\mathbb{Z}/30\mathbb{Z}$	$4t^4 + 2t^3 + 2t + 1 = u^4$	3
$\mathbb{Z}/35\mathbb{Z}$	$t^8 + 3t^7 + 2t^6 + 4t^5 + t^2 + 4t + 1 = u^4$	9
$\mathbb{Z}/40\mathbb{Z}$	$t^8 + t^7 + 4t^6 + 2t^5 + 2t^3 + t^2 + 4t + 1 = u^4$	9
$\mathbb{Z}/45\mathbb{Z}$	$t^{12} + 3t^{11} + 4t^{10} + 2t^9 + 4t^8 + 4t^6 + 4t^5 + 2t^4 + 3t^3 + 3t^2 + 1 = u^4$	15
$\mathbb{Z}/20\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$	$t^4 + 4t^2 + 1 = u^4$	3
$\mathbb{Z}/15\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$	$t^4 + 3t = u^4$	3

**Table 1.** Ruling out  $G = \mathbb{Z}/5m\mathbb{Z}$  torsion over  $K$  for  $m \geq 4$ .

As for points of order 55, using a similar strategy, we can start with  $E/K$  in the form  $E : y^2 + (1 - f)xy - fy = x^3 - fx^3$ . Solutions,  $(x, f)$ , to  $\psi_{11}(E) = 0$  give  $x$ -coordinates of points,  $P_x$ , such that  $55P_x = \mathcal{O}$ . Unfortunately, however,  $\psi_{11}$  defines a degree 72 curve,  $C_{55,1}$ , whose genus and irreducibility were quite difficult to compute. Magma outputs that  $C_{55,1}$  has genus 11 after a 100 hour computation, and after 468 hours<sup>3</sup>, that  $C_{55,1}$  is absolutely irreducible. Thus, by Corollary 3.1, no such points exist, and points of order 55 are impossible for an elliptic curve over  $K$ .

<sup>3</sup>Magma V2.20-10 was used for this and many computations (see [1]). The irreducibility test was run on a 2013 Mac Pro with a 3.5 GHz 6-Core Intel Xeon E5 processor.



With the exception of  $\mathbb{Z}/20\mathbb{Z}$ , we have already seen from Theorem 3.4 and the parameterizations in [5, Section 2], that all groups in the theorem appear infinitely often as the torsion subgroup of an elliptic curve  $E/K$  (in the case for Theorem 3.4 this is as long as  $\mathcal{C}$  is in the right isogeny class). We also find that because  $g(C_{20,1}) = 1$ , in order for an elliptic curve  $E/K$  to have a point of order 20, we must have that  $\mathcal{C}$  is isogenous to the normalization of  $C_{20,1}$  by Corollary 3.1. In this case,  $C_{20,1}$  is already non-singular. Thus, we may take, for example, the case when  $\mathcal{C} = C_{20,1} : t^2 + t + 1 = u^4$ , and  $\mathbb{F}(\mathcal{C}) = \mathbb{F}(C_{20,1}) = \mathbb{F}(t, u)$ . In this case, the following family gives elliptic curves with a point of order 20 for all  $n$ :

$$E_n : y^2 + xy - t^{5n} = x^3 - t^{5n}x^2 \text{ for } n \geq 1,$$

since  $H(E_n) = (u^4)^{5n} = (u^{5n})^4 \in K^4$  and  $j(E) \in K^5$  for all  $n$ . Thus, we find infinitely many curves over  $K$  with a point of order 20. If we suppose that  $\mathcal{C}$  is isogenous to  $C_{20,1}$ , then we can use the induced map  $\varphi : \mathbb{F}(C_{20,1}) \rightarrow K$  with  $t \mapsto t_\varphi \in K$  and  $u \mapsto u_\varphi \in K$ , to construct

$$E_{\varphi,n} : y^2 + xy - t_\varphi^{5n} = x^3 - t_\varphi^{5n}x^2 \text{ for } n \geq 1,$$

which is an infinite family of elliptic curves over  $\mathbb{F}(\mathcal{C}) = \mathbb{F}(t, u)$ , for  $\mathbb{F}$  a finite field of characteristic, with a point of order 20. Here  $H(E_{\varphi,n}) = (u_\varphi^{5n})^4 \in K^4$ . See the example below for a deeper discussion.  $\square$

**Example 3.7.** Over  $K = \mathbb{F}(\mathcal{C})$ , non-isotrivial elliptic curves with points of order 4 can be written in the form  $E_f : y^2 + xy - fy = x^3 - fx^2$  for some non-constant  $f \in K$ . From the proof of Theorem 3.6, if in addition,  $E$  has a point of order 5, then we must have a point on the curve

$$D : t^2 + t + 1 = u^4.$$

The curve  $D$  is a base extension of a curve over  $\mathbb{F}_5$ . It is already smooth, but to simplify our calculations, we can write it in short Weierstrass form  $D_0 : u^2 = t^3 + 3t$ , with the isomorphism  $\pi : D_0 \rightarrow D$  given by

$$[T, U, V] \mapsto [4T^2 + 2UV + 3V^2, YV, TV].$$

Let  $t = T/V$  and  $u = U/V$ , and we have

$$[t, u, 1] \mapsto [4t + 2 + 3t^{-1}, t^{-1}u, 1].$$

If  $\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{F}_5$ , then since  $D_0$  is the only curve up to isomorphism in its isogeny class over  $\mathbb{F}_5$ , the base curve  $\mathcal{C}$  must be isomorphic to  $D_0$ . If  $\mathcal{C} = D_0$  for example, then defining  $\mathbb{F}(t, u) = \mathbb{F}(D_0)$ , the following is an infinite family of elliptic curves with a point of order 20:

$$E_n : y^2 + xy - f^{5n}y = x^3 - f^{5n}x^2, \text{ with } f = 4t + 2 + 3t^{-1}, \text{ for all } n \geq 1.$$

For example,  $E_1$  has the following point of order 20:

$$\left( \frac{u(u+1)^2(t^2 + tu^2 + 2t + 2)}{t^2u^2 + 4t + 2u^2}, \frac{(u+1)^5(u+4)(t^2 + tu^2 + 2u^2 + 3)}{t^2u^2 + 4tu^4 + 2t + u^2} \right).$$

Over  $\mathbb{F}_{25}$ , the curve  $D_0$  has three other curves in its isogeny class. For example,  $D_0$  is isogenous to the curve  $D_1 : u^2 = t^3 + 3t + \sqrt{3}$  via the isogeny:

$$\varphi : D_0 \rightarrow D_1 \text{ by } [t, u, 1] \mapsto \left[ \frac{t^2 + \sqrt{3}t + 2}{t + \sqrt{3}}, \frac{t^2 + 2\sqrt{3}t + 1}{t^2 + 2\sqrt{3}t + 3}u, 1 \right].$$

Thus, if  $\varphi(t) = t_\varphi$ , then we can construct an infinite family of elliptic curves over  $K = \mathbb{F}(t, u) = \mathbb{F}(D_1)$  with a point of order 20 by using the same family above with  $f = 4t_\varphi + 2 + 3t_\varphi^{-1}$ . In particular, for all  $n \geq 1$ , the following is an elliptic curve over  $K = \mathbb{F}(D_1)$  with a point of order 20:

$$E_n : y^2 + xy - f^{5^n}y = x^3 - f^{5^n}x^2, \text{ with } f = \frac{4t^4 + (3\sqrt{3}+2)t^3 + (4\sqrt{3}+1)t^2 + 2\sqrt{3}t + 4\sqrt{3}}{t^3 + 2\sqrt{3}t^2 + 2\sqrt{3}}.$$

Note that this is an example of an infinite family of elliptic curves with a point of order 20 over a function field whose base curve is **not** isomorphic to  $D_0$ .

**3.3. Characteristic  $p = 2$ .** By specializing to  $p = 2$ , Theorem 3.4 reveals a similar corollary of what prime-to-2 torsion we should expect over  $\mathbb{F}(\mathcal{C})$  of characteristic 2. Again, we will start with a group in Theorem 3.4 and write a curve in the Tate normal form parameterizing the torsion structure  $G = \mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$ . Our Hasse invariant strategy does not distinguish between points of order  $p$  or  $p^e$  for  $e > 1$ . Thus, since in characteristic 2 we may find points of order  $2^e$  for  $e = 1, 2, 3, 4$ , it may not be possible to use the Hasse invariant. Instead, we use division polynomials to define curves  $C_{2^e m, n}$  parameterizing elliptic curves with torsion structure  $G \times \mathbb{Z}/2^k\mathbb{Z}$ . Recall, if  $g(C_{2^e m, n}) = 0$ , then  $G$  already occurs over function fields of genus zero, and appears in [5].

Throughout, we will attempt to provide infinite families of examples when a torsion structure appears for elliptic curves over  $K$ .

**Theorem 3.8.** *Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a curve of genus 1 over  $\mathbb{F}$ , a finite field of characteristic 2, and let  $K = \mathbb{F}(\mathcal{C})$ . Let  $E/K$  be non-isotrivial. Then  $E(K)_{\text{tors}}$  is one of*

$$\begin{array}{ll} \mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z} & \text{with } N = 1, \dots, 12, 14, 15, 16, 18, 20, 22, 30 \\ \mathbb{Z}/3N\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z} & \text{with } N = 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, \\ \mathbb{Z}/5N\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z} & \text{with } N = 1, 2. \end{array}$$

Further, let  $G = \mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$  be in this list with  $n \mid m$ , and such that  $\mathbb{F}$  contains a primitive  $n$ th root of unity. Then there are infinitely many non-isomorphic, non-isotrivial elliptic curves with  $E(K)_{\text{tors}} \cong G$  only if

$$\begin{cases} \mathcal{C} \text{ is isogenous to } X_1(n, m) & \text{if } (m, n) \text{ is in (1) with } 2 \nmid m, \\ \mathcal{C} \text{ is isogenous to a curve in Table 5} & \text{if } G \text{ appears in Table 5,} \\ \mathcal{C} \text{ is any smooth curve} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

*Proof.* We need to rule or confirm the existence of  $\mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$  with  $(m, n)$  coming from

$$(3) \quad \begin{array}{ll} (2N, 1), (4N, 1), (8N, 1), (16N, 1) & \text{with } N = 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 15, \\ (6N, 3), (12N, 3), (24N, 3), (48N, 3) & \text{with } N = 1, 3, \\ (10, 5), (20, 5), (40, 5), (80, 5). \end{array}$$

From [5], we see  $C_{24,1}$ ,  $C_{28,1}$ , and  $C_{36,1}$  all have genus greater than one, ruling out these torsion structures, and those containing them, from (3). To show that no groups appear other than those in the theorem, we need only rule out the pairs  $(40, 1)$ ,  $(44, 1)$ ,  $(60, 1)$ ,  $(30, 3)$ , and  $(20, 5)$ .

We begin with a curve written in the Tate normal form for points of order ten, and look at  $\phi_4(x) = 0$ . We set  $\lambda_{40}$  to be the numerator of  $\phi_4(x)$ , and define  $C_{40,1} : \lambda_{40} = 0$ . The curve  $C_{40,1}$  is irreducible of genus 9, and has coefficients in  $\mathbb{F}$ . By Corollary 3.1, this shows that  $C_{40,1}$  has no non-constant points, thus points of order 40 are impossible for non-isotrivial elliptic curves over  $K$ .

Starting with a curve written the Tate normal form for a curve with a point of order four, and looking at  $\phi_{11}(x) = 0$ , we see that  $\phi_{11}(E_{a,b}) = x \cdot \lambda_{44}$ , where  $\lambda_{44}$  is an irreducible polynomial of

degree 120. We define  $C_{44,1} : \lambda_{44} = 0$ , and after a 5.5 hour calculation find that  $C_{44,1}$  is irreducible of genus 11. Again, since  $C_{44,1}$  has coefficients in  $K$ , this shows that there are no points of order 44 for elliptic curves over  $K$ .

Next, beginning with the Tate normal form for points of order 12, and look at  $\phi_5(x) = 0$ . The numerator factors into a genus 0 curve corresponding to points of order 20, and a degree 96 curve we call  $\lambda_{60}$ . We define  $C_{60,1} : \lambda_{60} = 0$ , and find that  $C_{60,1}$  is irreducible of genus 17, with coefficients in  $\mathbb{F}$ , again showing that points of order 60 are impossible.

From Section [5, Section 2.1], we see  $E/K$  has  $\mathbb{Z}/6\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$  torsion if and only if  $\zeta_3 \in K$  and  $E$  can be written in the Tate normal form for points of order 6 with

$$a = -\frac{f(f^2+f+1)}{(f-1)^3}, \quad b = -a\frac{4f^2-2f+1}{(f-1)^3}, \quad f \in K \text{ non-constant},$$

where  $(0,0)$  is a point of order 6. Again, we look at  $\phi_5(x) = 0$ . The numerator factors as  $x\lambda_{30,3}$ , where  $\lambda_{30,3}$  is an irreducible polynomial of degree 132. This time,  $C_{30,3} : \lambda_{30,3} = 0$  is absolutely irreducible of genus 9, showing that the torsion subgroup  $\mathbb{Z}/30\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/6\mathbb{Z}$  is impossible for a non-isotrivial elliptic curve over  $K$ .

Finally, again from [5, Section 2.3], we see that  $E/K$  has  $(\mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z})^2$  torsion if and only if  $\zeta_5 \in K$  and  $E$  can be written in the Tate normal form for this torsion structure with

$$a = b = \frac{f^4+2f^3+4f^2+3f+1}{f^5-3f^4+4f^3-2f^2+f}.$$

This time, the numerator of  $\phi_5(x) = 0$  factors as  $x^4 \cdot g \cdot \lambda_{20,5}$  where  $g$  defines a genus 0 curve corresponding to  $\mathbb{Z}/10\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z}$ . We define  $C_{20,5} : \lambda_{20,5} = 0$ , and find that  $C_{20,5}$  has coefficients in  $\mathbb{F}$  and is irreducible of genus 9, showing that this torsion structure is impossible over  $K$ .

We have ruled out every torsion structure from (3) not appearing in the theorem, and, with the exception of  $(16, 1)$ ,  $(20, 1)$ ,  $(22, 1)$ ,  $(30, 1)$ ,  $(12, 3)$  and  $(18, 3)$ , we have seen that each torsion structure in the theorem appears infinitely often. What is left is to show that each of these pairs appears infinitely often. In what follows, define

$$E_{a,b}^{2^n} : y^2 + (1 - a^{2^n})xy - b^{2^n}y = x^3 - b^{2^n}x^2 \text{ for some } a, b \in K \text{ and } n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1}.$$

$C_{16,1}$  is isomorphic to  $\tilde{C}_{16,1} : u^2 + u = t^3 + t$  with  $\pi : \tilde{C}_{16,1} \rightarrow C_{16,1}$  sending  $t$  to  $(t^3 + t^2 + t + 1 + u)/t^4$ . Let  $K = \mathbb{F}(\tilde{C}_{16,1}) = \mathbb{F}(t, u)$ , and set

$$f = \frac{t^3+t^2+t+1+u}{t^4}, \quad a = \frac{(2f-1)(f-1)}{f}, \quad b = af.$$

Then,  $E_{a,b}^{2^n}$  is an infinite family of curves with a point of order 16. As will be the case in every example bellow, trivially,  $H(E_0)$  is a first power in  $K^\times$ . Thus, we only need  $j(E) \in K^2$ , which we can ensure by making sure the coefficients of  $E$  are all squares.

The normalization of  $C_{20,1}$  is  $\tilde{C}_{20,1} : u^2 + u = t^3 + t$  with normalization map  $\pi : \tilde{C}_{20,1} \rightarrow C_{20,1}$  sending

$$t \mapsto \frac{t^4 + t^3 + t + u + 1}{t^4 + 1}.$$

Thus, for example, if  $K := \mathbb{F}(\tilde{C}_{20,1}) = \mathbb{F}(t, u)$ , and we set

$$f = \frac{t^4+t^3+t+u+1}{t^4+1}, \quad a = -\frac{f(f-1)(2f-1)}{f^2-3f+1}, \quad b = -a\frac{f^2}{f^2-3f+1},$$

then  $E_{a,b}^{2^n}$  is an infinite family of elliptic curves with a point of order 20 over  $K$ .

Recall,  $E/K$  has a point of order 11 only if  $\mathcal{C}$  is isogenous to the modular curve  $X_1(11) : u^2 + (t^2 + 1)u + t = 0$ . If we consider  $K = \mathbb{F}(X_1(11)) = \mathbb{F}(t, u)$  and set

$$a = (u + 1)t + u^2 + u, \quad b = (u^3 + u^2)t + u^3 + u^2,$$

then elliptic curve  $E_{a,b}^1 : y^2 + (1 - a)xy - by = x^3 - bx^2$  has a point of order 11. Thus,  $E_{a,b}^{2^n}$  is an infinite family of elliptic curves with a point of order 22.

The normalization of  $C_{30,1}$  is  $\tilde{C}_{30,1} : u^2 + tu + u = t^3 + t^2$  with  $\pi : \tilde{C}_{30,1} \rightarrow C_{30,1}$  by

$$t \mapsto \frac{t^5 u + t^4 u + t^2 + 1}{t^8 + t^7 + t^5 + t^4 + t^3 + t^2 + 1}.$$

Let  $K = \mathbb{F}(\tilde{C}_{30,1}) = \mathbb{F}(t, u)$ , and set

$$f = \frac{t^5 u + t^4 u + t^2 + 1}{t^8 + t^7 + t^5 + t^4 + t^3 + t^2 + 1}, \quad a = -\frac{f(f-1)(2f-1)}{f^2 - 3f + 1}, \quad b = -a \frac{f^2}{f^2 - 3f + 1}.$$

Then  $E_{a,b}^{2^n}$  is an infinite family of curves with a point of order 30.

Recall,  $E/K$  has torsion structure  $\mathbb{Z}/6\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$  if and only if  $\zeta_3 \in K$  and  $E$  can be written in the Tate normal form for this torsion structure with

$$a = -\frac{f(f^2 + f + 1)}{(f-1)^3}, \quad b = -a \frac{4f^2 - 2f + 1}{(f-1)^3}.$$

Here,  $E_{a,b}$  has  $(0, 0)$  as a point of order 6. By looking at the numerator of the division polynomial  $\phi_2(E_{a,b})$ , we determine that the torsion structure  $\mathbb{Z}/12\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$  corresponds to points on the curve

$$C_{12,3} : t^{18}u^4 + t^{16}u^4 + t^{12}u^2 + t^9u^2 + t^9 + t^8 + t^6 + t^4u^2 + t^4 + t^3 + t^2u^4 + tu^2 + u^4 = 0.$$

Here, over  $\mathbb{F}_2$ , the normalization of  $C_{12,3}$  is  $\tilde{C}_{12,3} : u^2 + u = t^3 + 1$  with  $\pi : \tilde{C}_{12,3} \rightarrow C_{12,3}$  sending

$$t \mapsto \frac{t^3 + t^2 + u}{t^4 + 1}.$$

Thus,  $E/K$  has torsion structure  $\mathbb{Z}/12\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$  only if  $\mathcal{C}$  is isogenous to  $\tilde{C}_{12,3}$ . For example, if  $K = \mathbb{F}(\tilde{C}_{16,1}) = \mathbb{F}(t, u)$ , then setting

$$f = \frac{t^3 + t^2 + u}{t^4 + 1}, \quad a = -\frac{f(f^2 + f + 1)}{(f-1)^3}, \quad b = -a \frac{4f^2 - 2f + 1}{(f-1)^3},$$

makes  $E_{a,b}^{2^n}$  an infinite family of elliptic curves with torsion structure  $\mathbb{Z}/12\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$ .

Similarly, if we begin with a curve written in the Tate normal form for  $\mathbb{Z}/6\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$  torsion, we can look at the numerator of  $\phi_3(E_{a,b})$ , to find  $C_{18,3}$ . It turns out, the normalization of  $C_{18,3}$  is again  $\tilde{C}_{12,3} : u^2 + u = t^3 + 1$ , but we will call it  $\tilde{C}_{18,3}$  for consistency. Under the map  $\pi : \tilde{C}_{18,3} \rightarrow C_{18,3}$  we have

$$t \mapsto \frac{t^2 u^2 + tu^4 + tu^3 + tu + t + u^5 + u^3 + 1}{t^2 u^4 + t^2 u^2 + u^6 + u^5 + u^3 + u^2 + 1}.$$

We again have the example where  $\mathcal{C} = \tilde{C}_{18,3}$ , and  $K = \mathbb{F}(\tilde{C}_{18,3}) = \mathbb{F}(t, u)$ . Setting

$$f = \frac{t^2 u^2 + tu^4 + tu^3 + tu + t + u^5 + u^3 + 1}{t^2 u^4 + t^2 u^2 + u^6 + u^5 + u^3 + u^2 + 1}, \quad a = -\frac{f(f^2 + f + 1)}{(f-1)^3}, \quad b = -a \frac{4f^2 - 2f + 1}{(f-1)^3},$$

$E_{a,b}^{2^n}$  is an infinite family of curves with torsion structure  $\mathbb{Z}/18\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$  over  $K$ .

Again, as above, in each of these examples, we may suppose that  $\mathcal{C} \rightarrow \tilde{C}_{2m,n}$  is an isogeny of curves with  $\varphi : \mathbb{F}(C_{2m,n}) \rightarrow K$  such that  $t \mapsto t_\varphi$  and  $u \mapsto u_\varphi$ . Then by replacing  $t$  by  $t_\varphi$  and  $u$  by  $u_\varphi$  in each equation, we can find  $E_{a,b}^{2^n}$ , an infinite family of elliptic curves with torsion structure  $\mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$  over  $K$ .  $\square$

**3.4. Characteristic  $p = 3$ .** Specializing to characteristic  $p = 3$ , and considering a function field  $K$  of genus one, Theorem 3.4 again tells us what prime-to-3 torsion to expect. Similarly, using Corollary 2.1, we see we may have points of order  $3^e$  with  $e = 1, 2$ . Thus, we will combine the Tate normal form for  $G = \mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$  and division polynomials to define curves  $C_{3^e m, n}$  parameterizing elliptic curves with torsion structure  $G \times \mathbb{Z}/3^e\mathbb{Z}$ .

**Theorem 3.9.** *Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a curve of genus 1 over  $\mathbb{F}$ , a finite field of characteristic 3, and let  $K = \mathbb{F}(\mathcal{C})$ . Let  $E/K$  be non-isotrivial. Then  $E(K)_{\text{tors}}$  is one of*

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z} && \text{with } N = 1, \dots, 12, 14, 15, 18, 21, 24, \\ & \mathbb{Z}/2N\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} && \text{with } N = 1, \dots, 6, \\ & \mathbb{Z}/4N\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z} && \text{with } N = 1, 2, 3, \\ & (\mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z})^2. \end{aligned}$$

Further, let  $G = \mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$  be in this list with  $n \mid m$ , and such that  $\mathbb{F}$  contains a primitive  $n$ th root of unity. Then there are infinitely many non-isomorphic, non-isotrivial elliptic curves with  $E(K)_{\text{tors}} \cong G$  only if

$$\begin{cases} \mathcal{C} \text{ is isogenous to } X_1(n, m) & \text{if } (m, n) \text{ is in (1) with } 3 \nmid m, \\ \mathcal{C} \text{ is isogenous to a curve in Table 5} & \text{if } G \text{ appears in Table 5,} \\ \mathcal{C} \text{ is any smooth curve} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

*Proof.* This time, by Levin's bounds,  $E/K$  can have a point of 3-primary order 3 or 9, so we need to look at subgroups  $\mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$  with  $(m, n)$  coming from

$$(4) \quad \begin{aligned} & (3N, 1), (9N, 1) && \text{with } N = 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 14, \\ & (6N, 2), (18N, 2) && \text{with } N = 1, 2, 4, 5, \\ & (12N, 4), (26N, 4) && \text{with } N = 1, 2, \\ & (15N, 5), (45N, 5). \end{aligned}$$

As we have already seen, the following pairs appear for genus zero function fields:

$$\begin{aligned} & (3N, 1), && \text{with } N = 1, \dots, 5, \\ & (6N, 2), && \text{with } N = 1, 2. \end{aligned}$$

We, again, construct curves  $C_{3m, n}$  by combining with the Tate normal form, or with division polynomials as in [5], where we also see that  $C_{3m, n}$  has genus  $\geq 2$  when  $(3m, n) = (30, 1)$ ,  $(45, 1)$ , or  $(15, 5)$ . This rules out torsion these structures from (4), and those containing them.

To rule out points of order 36, we begin with  $E_{a,b}$  written in the Tate normal form for points of order 9 and look at the division polynomial  $\phi_6(x) = 0$ . In this case,  $\phi_6 = f \cdot g \cdot \lambda_{36}$ , where  $f$ ,  $g$ , and  $\lambda$  are polynomials of degree 5, 10 and 45 respectively. Here,  $f = 0$  defines a genus zero curve corresponding to the point  $P$  of order 9 such that  $[4]P = (0, 0)$ , and  $g = 0$  defines a genus 1 curve that corresponds to points of order 18 (which we will see below). The irreducible curve defined by  $C_{36,1} : \lambda_{36} = 0$  corresponds to points of order 36, but is of genus 7, showing that points of this order are impossible over  $K$ .

To rule out points of order 63, we begin with a curve  $E_{a,b}$  written in the Tate normal form for points of order 9. By looking at the division polynomial  $\psi_7(x) = 0$ , we find the conditions for the  $x$ -coordinate a point of order 7 to exist. The curve defined by  $C_{63,1} : \psi_7(x) = 0$  is irreducible of degree 90 and genus 18.

To rule out  $\mathbb{Z}/18\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ , we begin with the Tate normal form  $E_{a,b}$  for  $\mathbb{Z}/6\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ , and look at  $\phi_3(x) = 0$ . This time, the numerator of  $\phi_3$ , which we denote  $\lambda_{18,2}$  defines an irreducible curve  $C_{18,2}$  of genus 3, showing that this torsion structure is impossible over  $K$ .

To rule out  $\mathbb{Z}/24\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ , we begin with the Tate normal form  $E_{a,b}$  for  $\mathbb{Z}/8\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ , and use the Hasse invariant. Recall, for a curve in the Tate normal form over a field of characteristic 3, we have

$$H(E_{a,b}) = a^2 + a + 2b = 1 = \frac{f^8 + 2f^7 + 2f^5 + 2f^4 + f^3 + f + 1}{(f^4 + f^3 + f^2 + 1)^2}.$$

We need  $H(E_{a,b}) = g^2$  for some  $g \in K^\times$ , which amounts to finding non-constant points on the curve

$$C_{24,2} : t^8 + 2t^7 + 2t^5 + 2t^4 + t^3 + t + 1 = u^2.$$

But  $C_{24,2}$  is irreducible of genus 3, so no such points exist, and therefore the desired torsion structure is impossible over  $K$ .

For points of order 33, we begin with a curve with a point of order 3. Recall, non-isotrivial curves over  $K$  with a point of order 3 can be written in the form

$$E_{a,b} : y^2 + axy + by = x^3 \text{ for some } a, b \in K, \text{ not both constant.}$$

If  $a = 0$ , however, this curve is singular, so we may safely assume  $a \neq 0$  and set  $f = b/a^3$ . This way, we can write  $E_{a,b}$  using the single parameter  $t$ :

$$E_t : y^2 + xy + fy = x^3 \text{ for some non-constant } f \in K,$$

where  $(0, 0)$  is a point of order 3. We find that the division polynomial  $\phi_{11}(x) = x \cdot \lambda_{11,1}(x)$ , where  $\lambda_{11,1}$  is a degree 120 polynomial with coefficients in  $\mathbb{F}$ . A point of order 33 implies a non-constant point on the curve  $C_{33,1} : \lambda_{11,1} = 0$ . After a 151 hour calculation, Magma reports that  $C_{33,1}$  has genus 6, and is irreducible showing that points of order 33 are impossible over  $K$ .

To rule out points of order 36 over  $K$ , we start with a curve written in the Tate normal form for curves with a point of order 9. Then looking at the division polynomial  $\phi_4(x)$ , we see that  $\phi_4$  factors as  $\phi_4 = f \cdot g \cdot \lambda_{36,1}$ , where  $f, g$  and  $\lambda_{36,1}$  are functions in  $x$  and  $t$  of degrees 5, 10, and 45 respectively, with coefficients in  $\mathbb{F}$ . The curve  $C_f : f = 0$  has genus zero, and corresponds to points of order 9. The curve  $C_g : g = 0$  is genus 1, and corresponds to points of order 18 (which we've already seen above). The curve  $C_{\lambda_{36,1}} : \lambda_{36,1} = 0$ , however, gives points of order 36, and is irreducible of genus 7. Thus, we see that points of order 36 are impossible over  $K$ .

For points of order 42, we begin with an elliptic curve written in the Tate normal form for curves with a point of order 7 and look at  $\phi_6(x)$ . Here,  $\phi_6$  factors as  $\phi_6 = f \cdot g \cdot h \cdot \lambda_{42,1}$ , where  $f, g, h$  and  $\lambda_{42,1}$  are functions in  $x$  and  $t$  of degrees 1, 8, 17, and 37 respectively, with coefficients in  $\mathbb{F}$ . The curve  $C_f : f = 0$  is genus 0, and corresponds to points of order 7. The curve  $C_g : g = 0$  is genus 1, and corresponds to points of order 14, which are guaranteed by Theorem 3.4. The curve  $C_h : h = 0$  is also genus 1, and corresponds to points of order 21 (which we've already seen above). Finally, the curve  $C_{\lambda_{42,1}} : \lambda_{42,1} = 0$ , gives points of order 42, and is irreducible of genus 7. Thus, we see that points of order 42 are impossible over  $K$ .

To rule out torsion structure  $\mathbb{Z}/18\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ , we start with a curve written in the Tate the normal form for  $\mathbb{Z}/6 \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$  torsion. We set  $\lambda_{18,2}$  to be the numerator of the division polynomial  $\phi_3(x) = 0$ , a degree 35 polynomial in the variables  $x, t$  with coefficients in  $\mathbb{F}$ . The curve  $C_{18,2} : \lambda_{18,2} = 0$  is irreducible of genus 3, showing that this torsion structure is impossible over  $K$ .

Finally, to rule out torsion structure  $\mathbb{Z}/24\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ , we begin with the Tate normal form  $E_{a,b}$  for an elliptic curve with torsion structure  $\mathbb{Z}/8\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ , where

$$a = \frac{(2f+1)(8f^2+4f+1)}{2(4f+1)(8f^2-1)t} \quad \text{and} \quad b = a \frac{2(4f+1)f}{8f^2-1}.$$

The Hasse invariant for this curve is

$$H(E_t) = a^2 + a + 2b + 1 = \frac{f^8 + 2f^7 + 2f^5 + 2f^4 + f^3 + f + 1}{(f^4 + f^3 + f^2 + f)^2}.$$

Here, since the denominator is a square, we will have  $H(E)$  a square in  $K^\times$  if and only if the numerator  $f^8 + 2f^7 + 2f^5 + 2f^4 + f^3 + f + 1 = g^2$  for some  $g \in K^\times$ . But this equation corresponds to an irreducible genus 3 curve, so that  $\mathbb{Z}/24\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$  torsion is impossible over  $K$ . Note that we have finally ruled out all pairs from (4) which do not appear in the theorem.

In [5], we see that  $C_{3^e m, n}$  has genus 1 when  $(3^e m, n) = (18, 1)$ ,  $(21, 1)$ ,  $(24, 1)$ , or  $(12, 4)$ , which by the above argument reveals that torsion subgroups corresponding to these pairs can appear over function fields where the base curve is isogenous to the normalizations,  $\tilde{C}_{3^e m, n}$ . As a reminder, these curves appear in Table 2, where we see that, with the exception of  $C_{18,1}$ , each of these curves is

$(3^e m, n)$	$C_{3^e m, n}$	$\tilde{C}_{3^e m, n}$
$(18, 1)$	$u^9 + (2t^3 + t)u^6 + (t^7 + t^4)u^3 + t^{13} + 2t^{10} + t^7 = 0$	$u^2 + 2tu + u = t^3 + 2t^2 + t$
$(21, 1)$	$t^4 + 2t + 1 = u^2$	n/a
$(24, 1)$	$2t^4 + 2t^3 + t^2 + t + 1 = u^2$	n/a
$(12, 4)$	$2(f^4 + 1) = u^4$	n/a

**Table 2.** Genus one  $C_{3m, n}$  for  $p = 3$ .

already non-singular. The normalization of  $C_{18,1}$  is given, with normalization map  $\pi : \tilde{C}_{18,1} \rightarrow C_{18,1}$  such that

$$t \mapsto (2t^3 + t + 2)u + 2t^4 + t^3 + t^2 + t + 2.$$

Thus, if  $\mathcal{C} = \tilde{C}_{18,1}$ , and  $K = \mathbb{F}(\tilde{C}_{18,1}) = \mathbb{F}(t, u)$ , then the following is an infinite family of elliptic curves with a point of order 18 for all  $n \geq 1$ :

$$E_n : y^2 + ((t^3 + 2t + 1)u + (t^4 + 2t^3 + 2t^2 + 2t + 2))^{3^n} xy + (2t^9 + t^3)^{3^n} y = x^3 + (2t^9 + t^3)^{3^n} x^2$$

Furthermore, if  $\varphi : D \rightarrow \tilde{C}_{18,1}$  is an isogeny, then using the notation above, we have the same family, call it  $E_{\varphi, n}$ , with  $t$  and  $u$  replaced by  $t_\varphi$  and  $u_\varphi$  respectively.

If  $\varphi : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow C_{21,1}$  is an isogeny, then with the above notation, the following gives an infinite family of curves with a point of order 21 over  $\mathbb{F}(\mathcal{C})$ :

$$E_{\varphi, n} : y^2 + (t_\varphi^2 - t_\varphi)^{3^n} xy - (t_\varphi^3 - t_\varphi^2)^{3^n} y = x^3 - (t_\varphi^3 - t_\varphi^2)^{3^n} x^2 \text{ for all } n \geq 1.$$

If  $\varphi : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow C_{24,1}$  is an isogeny, the following gives an infinite family of curves with a point of order 24 over  $\mathbb{F}(\mathcal{C}) = \mathbb{F}(t, u)$ :

$$E_{\varphi, n} : y^2 + \left( \frac{(2t_\varphi - 1)(t_\varphi - 1)}{t} \right)^{3^n} xy - ((2t_\varphi - 1)(t_\varphi - 1))^{3^n} y = x^3 - ((2t_\varphi - 1)(t_\varphi - 1))^{3^n} x^2 \text{ for all } n \geq 1.$$

Finally, if  $\varphi : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow C_{12,4}$  is an isogeny, the following gives an infinite family of curves with torsion structure  $\mathbb{Z}/12\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}$  over  $\mathbb{F}(\mathcal{C})$ :

$$E_{\varphi, n} : y^2 + \left( \frac{(2t_\varphi - 1)(t_\varphi - 1)}{t} \right)^{3^n} xy - ((2t_\varphi - 1)(t_\varphi - 1))^{3^n} y = x^3 - ((2t_\varphi - 1)(t_\varphi - 1))^{3^n} x^2 \text{ for all } n \geq 1.$$



□

**3.5. Characteristic  $p = 7$ .** Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a curve of genus 1 over  $\mathbb{F}$ , a finite field of characteristic 7, and let  $K = \mathbb{F}(\mathcal{C})$ . Let  $E/K$  be non-isotrivial. This time, since we can only have points of order  $7^e$  for at most  $e = 1$ , we can use the Hasse invariant strategy from Section 3.2: we take a curve with torsion structure  $\mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$  given by Theorem 3.4 written in short Weierstrass form  $E_f : y^2 = x^3 + A(f)x + B(f)$ . If we assume that  $E_f$  has a point of order 7, then by Theorem 1.6,

$$H(E_{A,B}) = 3B(f) = g^6 \text{ for some } g \in K^\times.$$

We then define the curve  $C_{7m,n} : 3B(t) = u^6$ , which parameterizes elliptic curves with torsion structure  $G \times \mathbb{Z}/7\mathbb{Z}$ , and use the genus arguments above.

**Theorem 3.10.** *Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a curve of genus 1 over  $\mathbb{F}$ , a finite field of characteristic 7, and let  $K = \mathbb{F}(\mathcal{C})$ . Let  $E/K$  be non-isotrivial. Then  $E(K)_{\text{tors}}$  is one of*

$$\begin{array}{ll} \mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z} & \text{with } N = 1, \dots, 12, 14, \\ \mathbb{Z}/2N\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} & \text{with } N = 1, \dots, 6, 7, \\ \mathbb{Z}/3N\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z} & \text{with } N = 1, 2, 3, \\ \mathbb{Z}/4N\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z} & \text{with } N = 1, 2, \\ (\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z})^2 & \text{with } N = 5, 6. \end{array}$$

Further, let  $G = \mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$  be in this list with  $n \mid m$ , and such that  $\mathbb{F}$  contains a primitive  $n$ th root of unity. Then there are infinitely many non-isomorphic, non-isotrivial elliptic curves with  $E(K)_{\text{tors}} \cong G$  only if

$$\begin{cases} \mathcal{C} \text{ is isogenous to } X_1(n, m) & \text{if } (m, n) \text{ is in (1) with } 7 \nmid m, \\ \mathcal{C} \text{ is isogenous to } C_{14,2} : t^3 + 2t^2u + 2tu^2 + u^3 = 1 & \text{if } (m, n) = (14, 2), \\ \mathcal{C} \text{ is any smooth curve} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

*Proof.* Using Theorem 3.4, and the fact that by Levin,  $E$  can have a point of 7-primary order at most 7, we need to rule or confirm the existence of  $\mathbb{Z}/7m\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$  with  $(7m, n)$  coming from

$$(5) \quad \begin{array}{ll} (7N, 1) & \text{with } N = 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 11, 12, \\ (14N, 2) & \text{with } N = 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, \\ (21N, 3) & \text{with } N = 1, 2, 3, \\ (28N, 4) & \text{with } N = 1, 2 \\ (42, 6). \end{array}$$

We have already seen above that the torsion structure  $\mathbb{Z}/14\mathbb{Z}$  can appear infinitely often regardless of the base curve  $\mathcal{C}$ . Again, we can construct curves  $C_{7m,n}$  as in Section 3.2, by starting with a curve written in the Tate normal form for torsion structure  $\mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$ , and using the Hasse invariant to force a point of order 7. This time, for  $E : y^2 = x^3 + A(f)x + B(f)$ , we need

$$H(E_{A,B}) = 3B(f) = g^6 \text{ for some } g \in K^\times.$$

Let  $C_{7m,n} : 3B(t) = u^6$  be the curve parameterizing  $\mathbb{Z}/7m\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$ , defined by this equation. Again, each  $C_{7m,n}$  is a curve defined over  $\mathbb{F}$ , and we conclude that the torsion structure is impossible for an elliptic curve defined over  $K$  if  $g(C_{7m,n}) > 1 = g(\mathcal{C})$  by Corollary 3.1. Our results are collected in Table 3. With the exception of  $\mathbb{Z}/77\mathbb{Z}$ , this rules out any  $G$  from (5) with a point of order  $\geq 28$ .

For points of order 77, we may again start with  $E/K$  in the Tate normal form, parameterized by  $f$ , such that  $(0, 0)$  has order 7. Solutions,  $(x, f)$ , to  $\psi_{11}(E) = 0$  give  $x$ -coordinates of points,  $P_x$ ,

$G = \mathbb{Z}/7m\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$	Curve $C_{7m,n}$	genus
$\mathbb{Z}/21\mathbb{Z}$	$a^6 + 6a^3b + 6b^2 = 1$	2
$\mathbb{Z}/28\mathbb{Z}$	$6t^3 + t^2 + 3t + 1 = u^6$	4
$\mathbb{Z}/35\mathbb{Z}$	$t^6 + 3t^5 + 5t^4 + 5t^2 + 4t + 1 = u^6$	10
$\mathbb{Z}/14\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$	$a^3 + 2a^2b + 2ab^2 + b^3 = 1$	1

**Table 3.** Ruling out  $G$  torsion over  $K$  for  $m \geq 4$ .

such that  $77P_x = \mathcal{O}$ . This time,  $C_{77,1}$  has genus 31 after a Magma 38 hour computation, and is shown to be irreducible after 35. Thus, no such points exist, and therefore  $\mathbb{Z}/77\mathbb{Z}$  torsion structure is impossible for an elliptic curve over  $K$ .

With the exception of  $\mathbb{Z}/14\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ , we have already seen that all groups in the theorem appear infinitely often as the torsion subgroup of an elliptic curve  $E/K$ . Again, we also find that because  $g(C_{14,2}) = 1$ , in order for an elliptic curve  $E/K$  to have a torsion structure  $\mathbb{Z}/14\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ , we must have that  $\mathcal{C}$  is isogenous to the normalization of  $C_{14,2}$ . Again, in this case,  $C_{14,2}$  is itself, already non-singular, so we may take as an example the case where  $\mathcal{C} = C_{14,2}$ , and  $\mathbb{F}(\mathcal{C}) = \mathbb{F}(C_{14,2}) = \mathbb{F}(a, b)$ . Here, the following family has the desired torsion structure:

$$E_n : y^2 = x(x - a^{7^n})(x - b^{7^n}) \text{ for all } n \geq 1,$$

since, again,  $H(E_n) = 1 \in K^6$ , and  $j(E) \in K^7$ . As in the previous example, if  $\varphi : C_{14,2} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$  is an isogeny between curves, then

$$E_n^\varphi : y^2 = x(x - \varphi(a)^{7^n})(x - \varphi(b)^{7^n}) \text{ for all } n \geq 1,$$

has torsion structure  $\mathbb{Z}/14\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$  for all  $n$ . □

**3.6. Characteristic  $p = 11$ .** For genus one function fields of characteristic 11, we see that  $E$  can have a point of 11-primary order at most 11. We prove the following theorem.

**Theorem 3.11.** *Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a curve of genus 1 over  $\mathbb{F}$ , a finite field of characteristic 11, and let  $K = \mathbb{F}(\mathcal{C})$ . Let  $E/K$  be non-isotrivial. Then  $E(K)_{\text{tors}}$  is one of*

$$\begin{array}{ll} \mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z} & \text{with } N = 1, \dots, 12, 14, 15 \\ \mathbb{Z}/2N\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} & \text{with } N = 1, \dots, 6, \\ \mathbb{Z}/3N\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z} & \text{with } N = 1, 2, 3, \\ \mathbb{Z}/4N\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z} & \text{with } N = 1, 2, \\ (\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z})^2 & \text{with } N = 5, 6. \end{array}$$

Further, let  $G = \mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$  be in this list with  $n \mid m$ , and such that  $\mathbb{F}$  contains a primitive  $n$ th root of unity. Then there are infinitely many non-isomorphic, non-isotrivial elliptic curves with  $E(K)_{\text{tors}} \cong G$  only if

$$\begin{cases} \mathcal{C} \text{ is isogenous to } X_1(n, m) & \text{if } (m, n) \text{ is in (1) with } 11 \nmid m, \\ \mathcal{C} \text{ is any smooth curve} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

*Proof.* We need only consider existence of  $\mathbb{Z}/11m\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$  with  $(11m, n)$  coming from

$$(6) \quad \begin{array}{ll} (11N, 1) & \text{with } N = 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14, \\ (22N, 2) & \text{with } N = 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 \\ (33N, 3) & \text{with } N = 1, 2, 3, \\ (44N, 4) & \text{with } N = 1, 2 \\ (11N, N) & \text{with } N = 5, 6. \end{array}$$

This time, proceeding with our previous strategy, we construct the curves  $C_{11m,n}$  in Table 4, which rules out every torsion structure with a point of order  $\geq 22$ , thus proving the theorem.  $\square$

$G = \mathbb{Z}/11m\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$	$C_{11m,n}$	genus
$\mathbb{Z}/22\mathbb{Z}$	$a^5 + 9a^3b + 8ab^2 = 1$	2
$\mathbb{Z}/33\mathbb{Z}$	$a^{10} + 6a^7b + 2a^4b^2 + 8ab^3 = 1$	9
$\mathbb{Z}/55\mathbb{Z}$	$f^{10} + 3f^9 + 8f^8 + 4f^7 + 8f^6 + 8f^4 + 7f^3 + 8f^2 + 8f + 1 = u^{10}$	36
$\mathbb{Z}/77\mathbb{Z}$	$f^{20} + 3f^{19} + f^{18} + 4f^{17} + 6f^{16} + 5f^{15} + 6f^{14} + 5f^{13} + 9f^{12} + 7f^{11} + 5f^{10} + 8f^9 + 8f^8 + 5f^7 + 2f^6 + 7f^5 + 4f^4 + 8f^3 + 6f^2 + 10f + 1 = u^{10}$	81

**Table 4.** Curves parameterizing elliptic curves with  $G$  torsion over  $K$ .

**Remark 3.12.** Observe that for  $p \neq 11$ , elliptic curves over genus one function fields of characteristic  $p$  can only have a point of order 11 if the base curve is isogenous to  $X_1(11)$ . When  $p = 11$ , however, we can find points of order eleven over function fields of arbitrary curves.

**3.7. Characteristic  $p = 13$ .** In this final case, the Hasse invariant for a curve over a function field of genus one in characteristic zero is

$$H(E_{A,B}) = 7A^3 + 2B^2.$$

Thus, we will check genera of curves written in the form  $7A(t)^3 + 2B(t)^2 = u^{12}$ . Again, in some cases we will find it more convenient to work with the division polynomial (and in this setting, the modular polynomial) for points of order 13.

**Theorem 3.13.** *Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a curve of genus 1 over  $\mathbb{F}$ , a finite field of characteristic 13, and let  $K = \mathbb{F}(\mathcal{C})$ . Let  $E/K$  be non-isotrivial. Then  $E(K)_{\text{tors}}$  is one of*

$$\begin{array}{ll} \mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z} & \text{with } N = 1, \dots, 15, \\ \mathbb{Z}/2N\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} & \text{with } N = 1, \dots, 6, \\ \mathbb{Z}/3N\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z} & \text{with } N = 1, 2, 3, \\ \mathbb{Z}/4N\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z} & \text{with } N = 1, 2, \\ (\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z})^2 & \text{with } N = 5, 6. \end{array}$$

Further, let  $G = \mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$  be in this list with  $n \mid m$ , and such that  $\mathbb{F}$  contains a primitive  $n$ th root of unity. Then there are infinitely many non-isomorphic, non-isotrivial elliptic curves with  $E(K)_{\text{tors}} \cong G$  only if

$$\begin{cases} \mathcal{C} \text{ is isogenous to } X_1(n, m) & \text{if } (m, n) \text{ is in (1) with } 13 \nmid m, \\ \mathcal{C} \text{ is isogenous to } C_{13,1} : u^2 = t^3 + 11 & \text{if } (m, n) = (13, 1), \\ \mathcal{C} \text{ is any smooth curve} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

*Proof.* Again, by Corollary 2.1, and the fact that  $E$  can have a point of 13-primary order at most 13, we need to rule out or confirm the existence of  $\mathbb{Z}/13m\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$  with  $(13m, n)$  coming from

$$(7) \quad \begin{array}{ll} (13N, 1) & \text{with } N = 1, 2, \dots, 12, 14, 15, \\ (26N, 2) & \text{with } N = 1, \dots, 6 \\ (39N, 3) & \text{with } N = 1, 2, 3, \\ (52N, 4) & \text{with } N = 1, 2 \\ (13N, N) & \text{with } N = 5, 6. \end{array}$$

This time, proceeding with our previous strategy, we construct the curves  $C_{13m,n}$ , and find that points of order 26, 39, 65 and 91 induce non-constant points on irreducible curves over  $\mathbb{F}$  of genus 4, 15, 55 and 121 respectively. Thus, Corollary 3.1 rules out every torsion structure with a point of order  $\geq 26$ , with the exception of  $143 = 13 \cdot 11$ .

To see a point of order 13, we suppose  $E_{a,b} : y^2 + (1-a)xy - by = x^3 - bx^2$  for  $a, b \in K$ , and set

$$\lambda_{13} = b^{-56} \psi_{13}((0, 0)) = a^{10} + 12a^9b^2 + 7a^8b^2 + \dots + 6a^3b^4 + 2a^2b^5 + 7ab^6 + b^7,$$

where  $\psi_{13}$  is the 13-division polynomial. If  $(0, 0)$  has order 13, then we must have that  $(t, u)$  is a point on  $C_{13,1} : \lambda_{13}(t, u) = 0$ . Over  $\mathbb{F}_{13}$ , the curve  $C_{13,1}$  is irreducible of genus 1, and has normalization  $\tilde{C}_{13,1} : u^2 = t^3 + 11$  with  $\pi : \tilde{C}_{13,1} \rightarrow C_{13,1}$  given by Magma as

$$\begin{aligned} t &\mapsto \frac{4t^6 + (9u+5)t^4 + (4u+12)t^3 + (11u+7)t^2 + (9u+11)t + 2u+5}{(t+4)^5}, \\ u &\mapsto \frac{t^9 + (11u+11)t^8 + (5u+10)t^7 + (11u+9)t^6 + (8u+4)t^5 + 6ut^4 + (5u+2)t^3 + (4u+8)t^2 + (u+10)t + 8u+3}{(t+4)^9} \end{aligned}$$

By our above argument, if  $E/K$  has a point of order 13, then there must be an isogeny from  $\mathcal{C}$  to  $\tilde{C}_{13,1}$ . For example, with  $\mathcal{C} = \tilde{C}_{13,1}$ , and  $K = \mathbb{F}(\tilde{C}_{13,1}) = \mathbb{F}(t, u)$  if we set

$$a = \pi(t), \quad b = \pi(u)$$

then the following is an infinite family of elliptic curves with a point of order 13:

$$E_{a,b}^{13^n} : y^2 + (1 - a^{13^n})xy - b^{13^n}y = x^3 - b^{13^n}x^2.$$

If  $\varphi : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \tilde{C}_{13,1}$  is an isogeny, then replacing  $a$  and  $b$  with  $\varphi(a)$  and  $\varphi(b)$  respectively gives an infinite family of curves with a point of order 13.

Recall, from above, that if  $E/K$  has a point of order 11, then  $\mathcal{C}$  must be isogenous to  $X_1(11) : u^2 + (t^2 + 1)u + t = 0$ , which can be written in short Weierstrass form as

$$D : u^2 = t^3 + 4t + 3.$$

If, in addition,  $E$  has a point of order 13, we must have that  $\mathcal{C}$  is isogenous to  $C_{13,1}$ , so that there must be an isogeny, defined over  $\mathbb{F}$ , from  $C_{13,1}$  to  $D$ . If we can show that no such isogeny exists in any extension of  $\mathbb{F}_{13}$ , then points of order 143 are impossible over  $K$ . However, if an isogeny between  $C_{13,1}$  and  $D$  exists,  $(j(D), j(C_{13,1}))$  must be a root of the modular polynomial  $\Phi_{143}(X, Y)$  defined over  $\mathbb{F}_{13}$ . We again consult tables in [8]. Since  $j(C_{13,1}) = 0$  and  $j(D) = 6$ , we find that

$$\Phi_{143}(X, 0) = \sum_{n=1}^{169} a_n X^{n-1} \text{ such that } \Phi_{143}(6, 0) = 12$$

Thus, we have that, and an isogeny between  $C_{13,1}$  and  $D$  cannot exist, that is, there are no points of order 143 over  $K$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

## 4. ISOGENY CLASSES NECESSARY FOR ABOVE TORSION TO APPEAR

In [5, Section 5], we obtain  $E_{a,b}$  parameterizing all non-isotrivial elliptic curves over function fields of genus 0 with torsion subgroup  $G$ . These groups also appear over  $K$  and can be parameterized by the same families provided, regardless of the isogeny class of the base curve  $\mathcal{C}$ . The rest of the torsion structures that were found in this paper require that  $\mathcal{C}$  be isogenous to a curve in Table 5. For specific examples using each isogeny of infinite families of elliptic curves with each subgroup referred to in this paper, see <https://mathrjms.com/research/torsiongenus1>.

Characteristic	$\mathcal{C}$	$G$
$p = 2$	$u^2 + u = t^3 + t$	$\mathbb{Z}/16\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Z}/20\mathbb{Z}$
$p = 2$	$u^2 + (t^2 + 1)u + t = 0$	$\mathbb{Z}/22\mathbb{Z}$
$p = 2$	$u^2 + tu + u = t^3 + t^2$	$\mathbb{Z}/30\mathbb{Z}$
$p = 2$	$u^2 + u = t^3 + 1$	$\mathbb{Z}/12\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Z}/18\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$
$p = 3$	$u^2 + 2tu + u = t^3 + 2t^2 + t$	$\mathbb{Z}/18\mathbb{Z}$
$p = 3$	$u^2 = t^4 + 2t + 1$	$\mathbb{Z}/21\mathbb{Z}$
$p = 3$	$u^2 = 2t^4 + 2t^3 + t^2 + t + 1$	$\mathbb{Z}/24\mathbb{Z}$
$p = 3$	$u^4 = 2(t^4 + 1)$	$\mathbb{Z}/12\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}$
$p = 5$	$u^4 = t^2 + t + 1$	$\mathbb{Z}/20\mathbb{Z}$
$p = 7$	$t^3 + 2t^2u + 2tu^2 + u^3 = 1$	$\mathbb{Z}/14\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$
$p = 13$	$u^2 = t^3 + 11$	$\mathbb{Z}/13\mathbb{Z}$

**Table 5.** Genus one curves that must be isogenous to  $\mathcal{C}$  for  $G$  to appear for an elliptic curve over  $K$ .

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