

10. The denominator of the zeta function is always  $(1-T)(1-pT)$ ; the following table shows the numerator for  $p = 5, 7, 11, 13$ :
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|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|------------------|
| $y^2 = x^3 - x$ | $1 + 2T + 5T^2$ | $1 + 7T^2$      | $1 + 11T^2$ | $1 - 6T + 13T^2$ |
| $y^2 = x^3 - 1$ | $1 + 5T^2$      | $1 - 4T + 7T^2$ | $1 + 11T^2$ | $1 - 2T + 13T^2$ |
11. In both cases there is no solution  $(x, y)$  to the equation over  $\mathbf{F}_p$ , so the only point is the point at infinity. The numerator of the zeta function is  $1 - 2T + 2T^2$  and  $1 - 3T + 3T^2$ , respectively. Then  $N_r = \mathbf{N}((1+i)^r - 1)$  and  $\mathbf{N}((1+\omega)^r - 1)$ , respectively, where  $\omega = (-1 + i\sqrt{3})/2$ .

### § VI.2.

1. Pick elements of  $\mathbf{F}_q$  at random, and stop when you find  $g$  such that  $g^{(q-1)/2} = -1$  (rather than  $+1$ ).
2. Let  $x \in \mathbf{F}_q$  correspond to  $m$ . (a) Let  $f(x) = x^3 - x$ . Note that precisely one of  $f(x)$ ,  $f(-x) = -f(x)$  is a square. Let  $y = f(x)^{(q+1)/4}$ . Then show that either  $(x, y)$  or  $(-x, y)$  is a point on the curve. (b) Choose any  $y$ , set  $x = (y^2 + y)^{(2-q)/3}$  (unless  $y = 0$  or  $-1$ , in which case set  $x = 0$ ), and show that  $(x, y)$  is on the curve.
3. (a) The sequence of points  $(x, y)$  is:  
 $(562, 576), (581, 395), (484, 214), (501, 220), (1, 0), (1, 0), (144, 565)$ .  
 (b) ICANT (I can't).
4. (a)  $E \bmod p$  has a noncyclic subgroup, namely, the group of points of order 2; (b)  $E \bmod p$  has a subgroup of order 2 or 4, namely, the points of order 2.
5. Use the formulas in Example 5 of §1. (a) Use congruence modulo 3 to show that in both cases ( $r$  odd and  $r$  even) one has  $3|N_r$ . (b) When  $4|r$  we have:  $N_r = (2^{r/2} - 1)^2 = (2^{r/4} + 1)^2(2^{r/4} - 1)^2$ , which is divisible by an  $(r/4)$ -bit prime if and only if  $r/4$  is a prime for which  $2^{r/4} - 1$  is a Mersenne prime; it is divisible by an  $(r/4 + 1)$ -bit prime if and only if  $r/4 = 2^k$  with  $2^{2^k} + 1$  a Fermat prime.
6. (a) The  $\mathbf{F}_p$ -points then form a proper subgroup of the  $\mathbf{F}_{p^r}$ -points (by Hasse's theorem), and that subgroup has more than 1 element (also by Hasse's theorem). Thus,  $N_r$  has a proper divisor. (b) In both cases let  $E$  have equation  $y^2 + y = x^3 - x + 1$ ; one easily checks that over  $\mathbf{F}_2$  or  $\mathbf{F}_3$  the curve has no points except for the point at infinity  $O$ . Thus, the argument in part (a) does not apply, and one finds that when  $p = 2$  we have  $N_2 = 5$ ,  $N_3 = 13$ ,  $N_5 = 41$ ,  $N_7 = 113$ ,  $N_{11} = 2113$  (note that the zeta-function is  $(1 - 2T + 2T^2)/(1 - T)(1 - 2T)$ ; for  $r$  prime  $N_r$  is prime if and only if the so-called "complex Mersenne number"  $(1 + i)^r - 1$  is a prime in the Gaussian integers, or equivalently, if and only if  $2^r + 1 - (\frac{2}{r})2^{(r+1)/2}$  is a prime, where  $(\frac{2}{r})$  is the Legendre symbol); when  $p = 3$  we have  $N_2 = 7$ ,  $N_5 = 271$ ,  $N_7 = 2269$  (here the zeta-function is  $(1 - 3T + 3T^2)/(1 - T)(1 - 3T)$ ).
7. (a)  $y^2 + y = x^3 + \alpha$ , where  $\alpha$  is either of the elements of  $\mathbf{F}_4$  not in  $\mathbf{F}_2$ . (b) The zeta-function is  $(1 - 4T + 4T^2)/(1 - T)(1 - 4T)$ , and the two