

# Lecture Notes from Differential Geometry (Michaelmas 2021)

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## § Lecture 1

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**Corollary 0.1.** If  $E[n] \subseteq K(K)$  then  $\mu_n \subseteq K$ , where  $\mu_n$  is the set of  $n$ th roots of unity in  $\overline{K}$ .

*Proof:* If  $e_n$  is nondegenerate then there exist  $S, T \in E[n]$  such that  $e_n(S, T)$  is a primitive  $n^{\text{th}}$  root of unit, say  $\zeta_n$ . Then  $\sigma(\zeta_n) = e_n(\sigma S, \sigma T) = e_n(S, T) = \zeta_n$  for all  $\sigma \in \text{Gal}(\overline{K}/K)$ . The first equality follows from Galois equivalence and the second since  $S, T \in E(K)$ . Therefore  $\zeta_n \in K$ .  $\square$

**Example 0.2.** There exists no  $E/\mathbb{Q}$  such that  $E(\mathbb{Q})_{\text{tors}} \cong (\mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z})^2$ .

**Remark 0.3.** In fact, the Weil pairing is alternating, i.e.  $e_n(T, T) = 1$  for all  $T \in E[n]$ . In particular, expanding  $e_n(S+T, S+T)$  show  $e_n(S, T) = e_n(T, S)^{-1}$ .

## 1 Galois Cohomology

Throughout this section,  $G$  is a group and  $A$  is a  $G$ -module, i.e. an abelian group with an action of  $G$  via group homomorphisms. That is, we have a map  $G \rightarrow \text{Aut}(A)$  where  $\text{Aut}(A)$  is the group of abelian group homomorphisms of  $A$ , and  $g \cdot a = g(a)$ . To say that  $A$  is a  $G$ -module is equivalent to saying that  $A$  is a  $\mathbb{Z}[G]$ -module.

**Definition 1.1.** We set

$$H^0(G, A) = A^G = \{a \in A \mid \sigma(a) = a, \forall \sigma \in G\}.$$

We further set

$$\begin{aligned} C^1(G, A) &= \{\text{maps } G \rightarrow A\} && \text{“cochains”} \\ Z^1(G, A) &= \{(a_\sigma)_{\sigma \in G} \mid a_{\sigma\tau} = \sigma(a_\tau) + a_\sigma\} && \text{“cocycles”} \\ B^1(G, A) &= \{(\sigma b - b)_{\sigma \in G} \mid b \in A\} && \text{“coboundaries”} \end{aligned}$$

and we have inclusions  $B^1(G, A) \subseteq Z^1(G, A) \subseteq C^1(G, A)$ . We define  $H^1(G, A) = Z^1(G, A)/B^1(G, A)$ .

**Remark 1.2.** If  $G$  acts trivially on  $A$ , then  $H^1(G, A) = \text{Hom}(G, A)$ .

**Theorem 1.3.** A short exact sequence of  $G$ -modules

$$0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{\phi} B \xrightarrow{\psi} C \rightarrow 0$$

gives rise to a long exact sequence of abelian groups

$$0 \rightarrow A^G \xrightarrow{\phi} B^G \xrightarrow{\psi} C^G \xrightarrow{\delta} H^1(G, A) \xrightarrow{\phi_*} H^1(G, B) \xrightarrow{\psi_*} H^1(G, C) \rightarrow \dots$$

where we stop before  $H^2(G, A)$  because we have yet to define it. The map  $\delta$  arises from the snake lemma.

**Definition 1.4.** Let  $c \in C^G$ . Then there exists a  $b \in B$  such that  $\psi(b) = c$ . Then

$$\psi(\sigma b - b) = \sigma(c) - c = 0$$

for all  $\sigma \in G$ . This means  $\sigma b - b = \phi(a_\sigma)$  for some  $a_\sigma \in A$ . One checks that  $(a_\sigma)_{\sigma \in G} \in Z^1(G, A)$ . We define  $\delta(c) = \text{chars of } (a_\sigma)_{\sigma \in G} \text{ in } H^1(G, A)$ .

**Theorem 1.5.** Let  $A$  be a  $G$ -module  $H \subseteq G$  a normal subgroup. Then there is an inflation-restriction exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow H^1(G/H, A^H) \xrightarrow{\text{inf}} H^1(G, A) \xrightarrow{\text{res}} H^1(H, A)$$

| *Proof:* Omitted. □

Let  $K$  be a perfect field.  $\text{Gal}(\bar{K}/K)$  is then a topological group with basis of open subgroups. The sets  $\text{Gal}(\bar{K}/L)$  for  $[L : K] < \infty$ .

If  $G = \text{Gal}(\bar{K}/K)$  then we modify the definition of  $H^1(G, A)$  by insisting

1. The stabilizer of each  $a \in A$  is an open subgroup of  $G$ .
2. All cochains  $G \rightarrow A$  are continuous where  $A$  is given by the discrete topology.

Then

$$H^1(\text{Gal}(\bar{K}/K), A) = \varinjlim_{L, L/K \text{ finite Galois}} H^1(\text{Gal}(L/K), A^{\text{Gal}(\bar{K}/L)}).$$

The direct limit is with respect to inflation maps (what are inflation maps?).

**Theorem 1.6** (Hilbert's Theorem 90). Let  $L/K$  be a finite Galois extension. Then  $H^1(\text{Gal}(L/K), L^*) = 0$ .

*Proof:* Let  $G = \text{Gal}(L/K)$ . Let  $(a_\sigma)_{\sigma \in G} \in Z^1(G, L^*)$ . Distinct automorphisms are linearly independent, hence there exists some  $y \in L$  such that

$$\underbrace{\sum_{\tau \in G} a_\tau^{-1} \tau(y)}_x \neq 0.$$

For  $\sigma \in G$ ,

$$\sigma(x) = \sum_{\tau \in G} \sigma(a_\tau)^{-1} \sigma \tau(y) = a_\sigma \sum_{\tau \in G} a_\sigma^{-1} \sigma \tau(y) = a_\sigma \cdot x.$$

Therefore  $a_\sigma = \sigma(x)/x \implies (a_\sigma)_{\sigma \in G} \in B^1(G, L^*)$ . Hence  $H^1(G, L^*) = 0$ . □

**Corollary 1.7.**  $H^1(\text{Gal}(\bar{K}/K), \bar{K}^*) = 0$ .

Application: Assume  $\text{char } K \nmid n$ . There is an exact sequence of  $\text{Gal}(\bar{K}/K)$ -modules

$$0 \rightarrow \mu_n \rightarrow \bar{K}^* \xrightarrow{x \mapsto x^n} \bar{K}^* \rightarrow 0.$$

Have a long exact sequence

$$K^* \xrightarrow{x \mapsto x^n} K^* \rightarrow H^1(\text{Gal}(\bar{K}/K), \mu_n) \rightarrow H^1(\text{Gal}(\bar{K}/K), \bar{K}^*),$$

but  $H^1(\text{Gal}(\bar{K}/K), \bar{K}^*) = 0$  by Theorem (1.6). Therefore  $H^1(\text{Gal}(\bar{K}/K), \mu_n) \cong K^*/(K^*)^n$ .

If  $\mu_n \subseteq K$  then  $\text{Hom}_{cts}(\text{Gal}(\bar{K}/K), \mu_n) \cong K^*/(K^*)^n$ .

If  $L/K$  is a finite Galois extension then  $\text{Gal}(\bar{K}/K) \xrightarrow{\pi} \text{Gal}(L/K)$  and hence

$$\text{Hom}(\text{Gal}(L/K), \mu_n) \hookrightarrow \text{Hom}_{cts}(\text{Gal}(\bar{K}/K), \mu_n) \cong K^*/(K^*)^n,$$

where the above map is given by  $\chi \mapsto \chi \circ \pi$ . The image is a finite subgroup  $\Delta \subseteq K^*/(K^*)^n$ .

If  $\text{Gal}(L/K)$  is abelian of exponent dividing  $n$  then

$$[L : K] = |\text{Gal}(L/K)| = |\text{Hom}(\text{Gal}(L/K), \mu_n)| = |\Delta|.$$

Compare to Theorem 11.2 from lectures **Fix numbering**.

**Notation:** We'll write  $H^1(K, -) = H^1(\text{Gal}(\bar{K}/K), -)$  to avoid writing  $\text{Gal}$  and  $\bar{K}$  every time.

**Lemma 1.8.** Let  $[K : \mathbb{Q}_p] < \infty$ . Then

$$\ker(H^1(K, \mu_n) \rightarrow H^1(K^{nr}, \mu_n)) \subseteq \{x \in K^*/(K^*) \mid v(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{n}\}.$$

remember that  $K^{nr}$  is the maximal unramified extension of  $K$ .

| *Proof:* By Theorem (1.6), identify  $H^1$

□

## § Lecture 2

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**Lemma 1.9.** Let  $K : \mathbb{Q}_p] < \infty$ . Then

$$\ker(H^1(K, \mu_n) \rightarrow H^1(K^{nr}, \mu_n)) \subseteq \{x \in K^*/(K^*)^n \mid v(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{n}\}$$

*Proof:* (Continued). The discrete valuation  $v : K^* \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  extends to  $v : (K^{nr})^* \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ . Then  $v(x) = nv(y) \equiv 0 \pmod{n}$ .  $\square$

**EXERCISE:** (in local fields.) Show that if  $p \nmid n$  then  $\subseteq$  is actually  $=$ .

Let  $\phi : E \rightarrow E'$  be an isogeny of elliptic curves over  $K$ . Then there is a short exact sequence of  $\text{Gal}(\bar{K}/K)$ -modules

$$0 \rightarrow E[\phi] \rightarrow E \xrightarrow{\phi} E' \rightarrow 0.$$

Long-exact sequence:

$$E(K) \xrightarrow{\phi} E'(K) \xrightarrow{\delta} H^1(K, E[\phi]) \rightarrow H^1(K, E) \xrightarrow{\phi_*} H^1(K, E').$$

We get a short exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \frac{E'(K)}{\phi E(K)} \rightarrow H^1(K, E[\phi]) \rightarrow H^1(K, E)[\phi_*] \rightarrow 0.$$

Now take  $K$  to be a number field. For each place  $v$  fix an embedding  $\bar{K} \subseteq \bar{K}_v$ . Then  $\text{Gal}(\bar{K}_v/K_v) \subseteq \text{Gal}(\bar{K}/K)$ . This gives us a short exact sequence resembling the one above:

$$0 \rightarrow \prod_v \frac{E'(K_v)}{\phi E(K_v)} \rightarrow \prod_v H^1(K_v, E[\phi]) \rightarrow \prod_v H^1(K_v, E)[\phi_*] \rightarrow 0.$$

These products just mean that we have an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \frac{E'(K_v)}{\phi E(K_v)} \rightarrow H^1(K_v, E[\phi]) \rightarrow H^1(K_v, E)[\phi_*] \rightarrow 0$$

for each place  $v$ . We also have the following commutative diagram with exact rows:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & \frac{E'(K)}{\phi E(K)} & \xrightarrow{\delta} & H^1(K, E[\phi]) & \longrightarrow & H^1(K, E)[\phi_*] \longrightarrow 0 \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \text{res}_v & \searrow & \downarrow \text{res}_v \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & \prod_v \frac{E'(K_v)}{\phi E(K_v)} & \longrightarrow & \prod_v H^1(K_v, E[\phi]) & \longrightarrow & \prod_v H^1(K_v, E)[\phi_*] \longrightarrow 0. \end{array}$$

This leads us to the definition of the *Selma group*.

**Definition 1.10.** The  $\phi$ -Selma group is

$$\begin{aligned} S^{(\phi)}(E/K) &= \ker(\text{downward diagonal map above}) \\ &= \ker(H^1(K, E[\phi]) \rightarrow \prod_v H^1(K_v, E)) \\ &= \{\alpha \in H^1(K, E[\phi]) \mid \text{res}_v(\alpha) \in \text{img}(\delta_v) \forall v\}. \end{aligned}$$

The *Tate Shafarevich group* is

look at picture and fill in, weird disjoint union looking symbol with three vertical strokes.

We get a short-exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \frac{E'(K)}{\phi E(K)} \rightarrow S^{(\phi)}(E/K) \rightarrow \text{III}(E/K)[\phi_*] \rightarrow 0.$$

Taking  $\phi = [n]$  gives

$$0 \rightarrow \frac{E(K)}{nE(K)} \rightarrow S^{(n)}(E/K) \rightarrow \text{III}(E/K)[n] \rightarrow 0.$$

Rearranging the proof of weak Mordell-Weil gives

**Theorem 1.11.**  $S^{(n)}(E/K)$  is finite.

*Proof:* For  $L/K$  a finite Galois extension there is an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow H^1(\text{Gal}(L/K), E(L)[n]) \xrightarrow{\inf} H^1(K, E[n]) \xrightarrow{\text{res}} H^1(L, E[n]).$$

The first nonzero term above is finite, and  $S^{(n)}(E/K) \rightarrow S^{(n)(E/L)}$  is induced by res since  $S^{(n)}(E/K) \subseteq H^1(K, E[n])$  and  $S^{(n)(E/L)} \subseteq H^1(L, E[n])$ . Therefore, by extending our field, we may assume  $E[n] \subseteq E(K)$  and hence  $\mu_n \subseteq K$ . This implies that  $E[n] \cong \mu_n \times \mu_n$  as a  $\text{Gal}(\bar{K}/K)$ -module.

Therefore  $H^1(K, E[n]) \cong H^1(K, \mu_n) \times H^1(K, \mu_n) \cong K^*/(K^*)^n \times K^*/(K^*)^n$ . Let

$$S = \text{primes of bad reduction for } E/K \cup \{v \mid n\infty\}.$$

N.B. This is a finite set of places. □

**Definition 1.12.** The subgroup of  $H^1(K, A)$  unramified outside  $S$  is

$$H^1(K, A; S) = \ker \left( H^1(K, A) \rightarrow \prod_{v \notin S} H^1(K_v^{nr}, A) \right)$$

There is a commutative diagram with exact rows

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This map is surjective (the  $x_n$  map) for all  $v \notin S$  (see Theorem 9.7 from class) therefore  $\text{img}(\delta_v) \subseteq \ker(\text{green downward map})$ .

**Lemma 1.13.** Let  $\ker(H^1(K, \mu_n) \rightarrow H^1(K^{nr}, \mu_n)) \subseteq \{x \in K^*/(K^*)^n \mid v(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{n}\}$ . Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} S^{(n)}(E/K) &= \left\{ \alpha \in H^1(K, E[n]) \mid \text{res}_v(\alpha) \in \text{img}(\delta_v) \forall v \right\} \\ &\subseteq H^1(K, E[n]; S) \\ &\cong H^1(K, \mu; S) \times H^1(K, \mu_n; S) \\ &\cong K(S, n) \times K(S, n). \end{aligned}$$

But  $K(S, n)$  is finite by Lemma 11.4, therefore  $S^{(n)}(E/K)$  is finite.

**Remark 1.14.**  $S^{(n)A}(E/K)$  is finite and effectively computable. It is conjectured that  $|\text{III}(E/K)| < \infty$ . This would imply that  $\text{rank } E(K)$  is effectively computable.

## 2 Descent by cyclic isogeny

Let  $E$  and  $E'$  be elliptic curves over a number field  $K$ , and let  $\phi : E \rightarrow E'$  be an isogeny of degree  $n$ . Suppose  $E'[\hat{\phi}] \cong \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$  as a Galois module  $S \mapsto e_\phi(S, T)$ . Short-exact sequence of  $\text{Gal}(\bar{K}/K)$ -modules

$$0 \rightarrow \mu_n \rightarrow E \xrightarrow{\phi} E' \rightarrow 0.$$

Long exact sequence

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \dots & \longrightarrow & E(K) & \xrightarrow{\phi} & E'(K) & \xrightarrow{\delta} & H^1(K, \mu_n) \longrightarrow \dots \\ & & & & & \searrow \alpha & \downarrow \cong \\ & & & & & & K^*/(K^*)^n \end{array}$$

**Theorem 2.1.** Let  $f \in K(E')$  and  $g \in K(E)$  with  $\text{div}(f) = n(T) - n(P)$  and  $\phi^* f = g^n$ . Then  $\alpha(P) = f(P) \pmod{(K^*)^n}$  for all  $P \in E'(K) \setminus \{0, T\}$ .

*Proof:* Let  $Q \in \phi^{-1}P$ . Then  $\delta(P)$  is represented by the cocycle  $\sigma \mapsto \sigma Q - Q \in E[\phi] \cong \mu_n$ .

$$\begin{aligned} e_\phi(\sigma Q - Q, T) &= \frac{g(rQ - Q + X)}{gX} && \text{for any } x \in E \setminus \text{zeros and poles} \\ &= \frac{g(\sigma Q)}{g(Q)} && x = Q \\ &= \frac{\sigma^n \sqrt[n]{f(P)}}{\sqrt[n]{f(P)}} && \text{N.B. } f(P) = g(Q)^n \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $\delta(P)$  is represented by the cocycle  $\sigma \mapsto \frac{\sigma(\sqrt[n]{f(P)})}{\sqrt[n]{f(P)}}$ . But  $H^1(K, \mu_n) \cong K^*/(K^*)^n$ ,

$\text{big}(\sigma \mapsto \frac{\sigma(\sqrt[n]{x})}{\sqrt[n]{x}}) \leftarrow x$ . Therefore  $\alpha(P) = f(P) \pmod{(K^*)^n}$ . □

## § Lecture 3

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**Theorem 2.2.** Let  $f \in K(E')$  and  $g \in K(E)$  with  $\text{div}(f) = n(T) - n(0)$  and  $\phi^* f = g^n$ . Then there exists a group homomorphism  $\alpha : E'(K) \rightarrow K^*/(K^*)^n$  with  $\ker \alpha = \phi(E(K))$  and  $\alpha(P) = f(P) \pmod{(K^*)^n}$  for all  $P \in E'(K) \setminus \{0, T\}$ .

### 2.1 Descent by 2-isogeny

$E : y^2 = x(x^2 + ax + b)$   
 $E' : y^2 = x(x^2 + a'x + b')$  where  $b(a^2 - 4ab) \neq 0$ ,  $a' = -2a$ ,  $b' = a^2 - 4b$ . Let  $\phi : E \rightarrow E'$ ,  $(x, y) \mapsto \left( \left( \frac{x}{y} \right)^2, \frac{y(x^2 - b)}{x^2} \right)$ . Then

$$\hat{\phi} E' \rightarrow E, (x, y) \mapsto \left( \frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{y}{x} \right), \frac{y(x^2 - b')}{8x^2} \right)^2.$$

Then  $E[\phi] = \{0, T\}$ ,  $T = (0, 0) \in E(K)$  and  $E'[\hat{\phi}] = \{0, T'\}$ ,  $T' = (0, 0) \in E'(K)$ .

**Proposition 2.3.** There is a group homomorphism

$$E'(K) \rightarrow K^*/(K^*)^2, (x, y) \mapsto \begin{cases} x(K^*)^2 & \text{if } x \neq 0 \\ b'(K^*)^2 & \text{if } x = 0 \end{cases}$$

with kernel  $\phi E(K)$ .

*Proof:* **Either** Apply Theorem (2.2) with  $f = x \in K(E')$  and  $g = \frac{y}{x} \in K(E)$  **or** do direct calculation, see example sheet 4. □

Two maps

$$\alpha_E : \frac{E(K)}{\hat{\phi} E'(K)} \hookrightarrow K^*/(K^*)^2$$

$$\alpha_{E'} : \frac{E'(K)}{\phi E(K)} \hookrightarrow K^*/(K^*)^2.$$

**Lemma 2.4.**

$$2^{\text{rank } E(K)} = \frac{|\text{img}(\alpha_E)| \cdot |\text{img } \alpha_{E'}|}{4}.$$

*Proof:* If

$$A \xrightarrow{f} B \xrightarrow{g} C$$

is a homomorphism of abelian groups then there is an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \ker(f) \rightarrow \ker(gf) \xrightarrow{f} \ker(g) \rightarrow \text{coker}(f) \xrightarrow{g} \text{coker}(gf) \rightarrow \text{coker}(g) \rightarrow 0.$$



Since  $\hat{\phi}\phi = [2]_E$  we get an exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow E(K)[\phi] \longrightarrow E(K)[2] \xrightarrow{\phi} E'(K)[\hat{\phi}] \longrightarrow \frac{E'(K)}{\phi E(K)} \xrightarrow{\hat{\phi}} \frac{E(K)}{2E(K)} \longrightarrow \frac{E(K)}{\hat{\phi}E'(K)} \longrightarrow 0.$$

The leftmost nontrivial term above is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ , the third nontrivial term is also  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ , the fourth is isomorphic to  $\text{img } \alpha_{E'}$ , and the rightmost nontrivial term is  $\text{img } \alpha_E$ .

Therefore

$$\frac{|E(K)/2E(K)|}{|E(K)[2]|} = \frac{|\text{img } \alpha_E| \cdot |\text{img } \alpha_{E'}|}{2 \cdot 2}.$$

Mordell-Weil implies  $E(K) \cong \Delta \times \mathbb{Z}^r$  where  $\Delta$  is a finite group,  $r = \text{rank } E(K)$ .

$$\frac{E(K)}{2E(K)} \cong \frac{\Delta}{2\Delta} \times (\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})^r$$

and  $E(K)[2] \cong \Delta[2]$ . Therefore  $\frac{|E(K)/2E(K)|}{|E(K)[2]|} = 2^r$ . Taken with equation (??), this proves the result.  $\square$

**Lemma 2.5.** If  $K$  is a number field and  $a, b \in \mathcal{O}_K$  then  $\text{img}(\alpha_E) \subseteq K(S, 2)$  where  $S = \{\text{primes dividing } b\}$ .

*Proof:* Must show that if  $x, y \in K$ ,  $y^2 = x(x^2 + ax + b)$  and  $v_p(b) > 0$ , then  $v_p(x) = 0 \pmod{2}$ .

Case  $v_p(x) < 0$ , then Lemma 9.1  $\implies v_p(x) = -2r$  and  $v_p(y) = -3r$  for some  $r \geq 1$ .

Case  $v_p(x) > 0$ , then  $v_p(x^2 + ax + b) = 0 \implies v_p(x) = v_p(y^2) = 2v_p(y)$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 2.6.** If  $b_1 b_2 = b$  then  $b_1(K^*)^2 \in \text{img}(\alpha_E)$  or equivalently  $\omega^2 = b_1 u^4 + a u^2 v^2 + b_2 v^4$  is soluble for  $u, v, w \in K$  not all zero.

*Proof:* If  $b_1 \in (K^*)^2$  or  $b_2 \in (K^*)^2$  then both conditions are satisfied. So we may assume  $b_1, b_2 \notin (K^*)^2$ . Have  $b_1(K^*) \in \text{img}(\alpha_E) \iff$  there exists some  $(x, y) \in E(K)$  such that  $x = b_1 t^2$  for some  $t \in K^*$ . This implies  $y^2 = b_1 t^2 ((b_1 t^2)^2 + a b_1 t^2 + b) \implies \left(\frac{y}{b_1 t}\right)^2 = b_1 t^4 + a t^2 + b/b_1$ . So the  $\omega^2$  equation above has a solution  $u = t, v = 1, \omega = \frac{y}{b_1 t}$ .

Conversely (simply perform same calculation in reverse), if  $(u, v, \omega)$  is a solution to the  $\omega$  equation above, then  $uv \neq 0$  and  $\left(b_1 \left(\frac{u}{v}\right)^2, b_1 \frac{u\omega}{v^3}\right) \in E(K)$ .  $\square$

**Example 2.7.** Take  $K = \mathbb{Q}$  and  $E : t^2 = x^3 - x$ ,  $a = 0$  and  $b = -1$ . Then  $\text{img}(\alpha_E) = \langle -1 \rangle \subseteq \mathbb{Q}^*/(\mathbb{Q}^*)^2$ ,  $E' : y^2 = x^3 + 4x$ .  $\text{img}(\alpha_{E'}) \subseteq \langle -1, 2 \rangle \subseteq \mathbb{Q}^*/(\mathbb{Q}^*)^2$ .

Have

$$\begin{array}{ll} b_1 = -1 & \omega^2 = -y^4 - 4v^4 \\ b_1 = 2 & \omega^2 = 2u^4 + 2v^4 \\ b_1 = -2 & \omega^2 = 2u^4 - 2v^4. \end{array}$$

The first and third equations are insoluble over  $\mathbb{R}$ , while the second has solution  $(u, v, \omega) = (1, 1, 2)$ . Therefore  $\text{img}(\alpha_{E'}) = \langle 2 \rangle \subseteq \mathbb{Q}^*/(\mathbb{Q}^*)^2$  and  $2^{\text{rank } E(\mathbb{Q})} = \frac{2 \cdot 2}{4} \implies \text{rank } E(\mathbb{Q}) = 0 \implies 1$  is not a congruent number.

**Example 2.8.**  $E : y^2 = x^3 + px$  with  $p$  prime  $p \equiv 5 \pmod{8}$ . Let  $b_1 = -1$ ,  $\omega^2 = -u^4 - pv^4$  insoluble over  $\mathbb{R}$ . Therefore  $\text{img}(\alpha_E) = \langle p \rangle \subseteq \mathbb{Q}^*/(\mathbb{Q}^*)^2$ .

## § *Lecture 4*

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