

PROBLEM 5.37(D)
PROJECTIVE PLANE CURVES

let P be a point of order 2.

let $P \in U_2 \implies P = (a, 1, c)$

if $c = 0 \implies a = 0$ so, $c \neq 0$

let L be the tangent of (a, c) at C_*

as P is order 2 $\implies L$ passes through $(0, 0)$

let $X = mZ$ be the equation of L

now $M \neq \infty$ (then $Z = 0$ be the equation of L which is the tangent at $(0, 1, 0)$)

so, $a = mc$

now, $c = a(a - c)(a - \lambda c) \implies c = mc(mc - c)(mc - \lambda c)$

$\implies c^2 m(m - 1)(m - \lambda) = 1 \dots (1)$

so, $c^2 = 1/(m(m - 1)(m - \lambda))$ [as $(m(m - 1)(m - \lambda) \neq 0)$] (by equation 1)

so, c has two distinct values which implies L intersect C_* in three distinct points which is not possible.

so, $P \notin U_2$

so, $P = (a, 0, c) = (m, 0, 1) \implies m = 0, 1, \lambda$

tangent at $(m, 0, 1)$ is $X = mZ \forall m \in \{0, 1, \lambda\}$

and the tangent passes through $(0, 1, 0)$

so there are 3 points of order 2.

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so, any non-singular irreducible curve is projectively equivalent to the equation given in (c)

so, the group has 4 point .

so, it is isomorphic to $\mathbb{Z}/(2) \times \mathbb{Z}/(2)$