

# Quiz 4

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1. True or false?

(a) Let  $E$  be an elliptic curve over the finite field  $\mathbb{F}_{p^k}$ . Then for any integer  $m$ , the  $m$ -torsion subgroup  $E(\mathbb{F}_{p^k})[m]$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z}$ .

(b) The Weil pairing,  $e_m : E(\mathbb{F}_q)[m] \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_q^\times$  satisfies  $e_m(P, P) = 1$  for all  $P \in E(\mathbb{F}_q)[m]$ .

2. Let  $E$  be an elliptic curve over  $\mathbb{F}_q$  and let  $P \in E(\mathbb{F}_q)[\ell]$  be a point of prime order such that there is an  $\ell$ -distortion map for  $P$ . Let  $\hat{e}_\ell$  be the associated modified Weil pairing. Show that you can use  $\hat{e}_\ell$  to solve the decision Diffie-Hellman problem. That is, given  $aP$ ,  $bP$ , and  $cP$ , show that we can decide whether  $abP = cP$ .