

# COUNTING ISOMORPHISM CLASSES OF ELLIPTIC CURVES OVER $\mathbb{F}_q(t)$

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ABSTRACT. We determine the precise number of isomorphism classes of elliptic curves over  $\mathbb{F}_q(t)$  with  $\text{char}(\mathbb{F}_q) = 3, 2$ . The key idea is to obtain the exact unweighted number of rational points on the classifying stacks  $\mathcal{B}Q_{12}$ ,  $\mathcal{B}T_{24}$  and  $\mathcal{B}\mathbb{Z}/2$ , where  $Q_{12}$  and  $T_{24}$  denote the constant group schemes associated to the dicyclic group of order 12 and the binary tetrahedral group of order 24, respectively, and  $\mathbb{Z}/2$  denotes the constant group scheme of order 2. This computation, inspired by the classical work of [dJ02] and performed via motivic height zeta functions of height moduli spaces constructed in [BPS22], establishes a complete determination of the total number of isomorphism classes of rational points on  $\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{1,1}$  over any rational function field  $k(t)$ , where  $k$  is a perfect field of  $\text{char}(k) \geq 0$ .

## 1. INTRODUCTION

The families of abelian varieties defined over a global field are fundamental. In this paper, we study families of elliptic curves over function fields. By a family, we mean specifically an *elliptic fibration*, that is an algebraic surface  $X$  that admits a proper flat morphism  $f : X \rightarrow C$  to a smooth projective curve  $C/k$  over a field  $k$  such that a general fiber is a smooth curve of genus one. Such an  $X$  is sometimes called an *elliptic surface* in other literature. It is natural to work with the case when there exists a distinguished section  $s : C \hookrightarrow X$  coming from the identity points on each of the elliptic fibers. An elliptic fibration is called *relatively-minimal* if none of the fibers contain any  $(-1)$ -curves.

It is natural to ask how many elliptic fibrations  $f : X \rightarrow C$  exist. This question is equivalent to determining the total number of rational points on  $\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{1,1}$  over a function field  $K = k(C)$ . For proper stacks, unlike schemes, there is a distinction between rational and integral points. Moreover, rational points have extra automorphism groups. In the case where  $K = \mathbb{F}_q(t)$  with  $\text{char}(\mathbb{F}_q) > 3$ , the exact number of isomorphism classes of elliptic curves over  $K$  was established in [BPS22, Theorem 9.7]. The proof relies on the height moduli framework developed in [BPS22, Theorem 1.2] by Bejleri, Satriano, and the author. Specifically, the method involves extracting the coefficients of rational motivic height zeta functions  $Z_{\tilde{\lambda}}(t)$  associated to the height moduli spaces and their variants on the corresponding inertia stacks  $\mathcal{I}Z_{\tilde{\lambda}}(t)$  as described in [BPS22, Theorem 8.9].

In the present work, we extend the enumerations to the remaining cases  $\text{char}(\mathbb{F}_q) = 3, 2$  inspired by the classical work of [dJ02]. Specifically, we establish the following sharp enumeration of elliptic curves over a global function field  $K = \mathbb{F}_q(t)$  with precise lower order main terms. Recall that the height of the discriminant of an elliptic curve  $E$  over  $K$  is given by  $ht(\Delta) := q^{\deg \Delta} = q^{12n}$  for some integer  $n$  (also called the Faltings height of  $E$ ).

**Theorem 1.1.** Let  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ . The counting function  $\mathcal{N}^w(\mathbb{F}_q(t), B)$  (resp.  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbb{F}_q(t), B)$ ), which gives the weighted count (resp. unweighted count) of the number of isomorphism classes of minimal elliptic curves over  $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{F}_q}^1$  ordered by the multiplicative height of the discriminant  $ht(\Delta) = q^{12n} \leq B$ , is given by the following.

$$\mathcal{N}^w(\mathbb{F}_q(t), B) = \left( \frac{q^9 - 1}{q^8 - q^7} \right) B^{5/6} - B^{1/6}$$

(1) For  $q = 3^r$

•  $r$  is odd :

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{N}(\mathbb{F}_q(t), B) &= 2 \left( \frac{q^9 - 1}{q^8 - q^7} \right) B^{5/6} - 2B^{1/6} \\ &\quad + 2 \left( \frac{q^7 - 1}{q^7 - q^6} \right) B^{2/3} - 2 \left( \frac{q^3 - 1}{q^4 - q^3} \right) B^{1/3} \end{aligned}$$

•  $r$  is even :

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{N}(\mathbb{F}_q(t), B) &= 2 \left( \frac{q^9 - 1}{q^8 - q^7} \right) B^{5/6} - 2B^{1/6} \\ &\quad + 4 \left( \frac{q^7 - 1}{q^7 - q^6} \right) B^{2/3} - 4 \left( \frac{q^3 - 1}{q^4 - q^3} \right) B^{1/3} \end{aligned}$$

(2) For  $q = 2^r$

•  $r$  is odd :

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{N}(\mathbb{F}_q(t), B) &= 2 \left( \frac{q^9 - 1}{q^8 - q^7} \right) B^{5/6} - 2B^{1/6} \\ &\quad + \left( \frac{q^8 - 1}{q^8 - q^7} \right) B^{3/4} - \left( \frac{q^5 - 1}{q^6 - q^5} \right) B^{1/2} \\ &\quad - 2q + 4 \end{aligned}$$

•  $r$  is even :

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{N}(\mathbb{F}_q(t), B) &= 2 \left( \frac{q^9 - 1}{q^8 - q^7} \right) B^{5/6} - 2B^{1/6} \\ &\quad + 5 \left( \frac{q^8 - 1}{q^8 - q^7} \right) B^{3/4} - 5 \left( \frac{q^5 - 1}{q^6 - q^5} \right) B^{1/2} \\ &\quad - 2q + 4 \end{aligned}$$

**Remark 1.2.** The lower order main term of order  $B^{1/6}$  present in both the weighted and unweighted counts comes from subtracting the quadratic twist families of

generically singular (i.e. isotrivial  $j = \infty$ ) elliptic curves. The lower order main terms of order  $B^{2/3}$  &  $B^{1/3}$  for  $\text{char}(\mathbb{F}_q) = 3$  and  $B^{3/4}$  &  $B^{1/2}$  for  $\text{char}(\mathbb{F}_q) = 2$  in the unweighted count  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbb{F}_q(t), B)$  arise from counting the non-constant families of isotrivial elliptic curves having strictly additive bad reductions with extra automorphisms concentrated at the supersingular  $j$ -invariant  $j = 0$ .

**1.1. Outline of the paper.** In Section 2, we compute the motivic classes in the Grothendieck ring of stacks of the inertia stack  $\mathcal{IM}_{1,1}$  for  $\text{char}(k) \geq 0$  and height moduli in the case of weighted projective stacks. In Section 3, we count the exact weighted number of rational points, following the work of [dJ02], on the classifying stacks  $\mathcal{BQ}_{12}$ ,  $\mathcal{BT}_{24}$  and  $\mathcal{B}\mathbb{Z}/2$ , where  $\mathcal{Q}_{12}$  and  $\mathcal{T}_{24}$  denote the constant group schemes associated to the dicyclic group of order 12 and the binary tetrahedral group of order 24, respectively, and  $\mathbb{Z}/2$  denotes the constant group scheme of order 2. We then recall the number of twists, following the work of [KST17], which leads to the enumeration of elliptic curves over  $\mathbb{F}_q(t)$  with  $\text{char}(\mathbb{F}_q) = 3, 2$  and prove Theorem 1.1.

## 2. MOTIVES & POINT COUNTS OVER FINITE FIELDS

In this section, we briefly review the arithmetic of algebraic stacks over a perfect field  $k$ , with a focus on the case when  $k = \mathbb{F}_q$  is a finite field. Afterward, we introduce motivic invariants of moduli stacks via the Grothendieck ring  $K_0(\text{Stck}_k)$  of  $k$ -stacks. We compute the motives of  $\mathcal{M}_{1,1}$  and its inertia stack  $\mathcal{IM}_{1,1}$ .

Due to the presence of automorphisms, point counts of an algebraic stack  $\mathcal{X}$  over finite fields are weighted.

**Definition 2.1.** The weighted point count of an algebraic stack  $\mathcal{X}$  with finite inertia over  $\mathbb{F}_q$  is defined as a sum

$$\#_q(\mathcal{X}) := \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}(\mathbb{F}_q)/\sim} \frac{1}{|\text{Aut}(x)|},$$

where  $\mathcal{X}(\mathbb{F}_q)/\sim$  is the set of  $\mathbb{F}_q$ -isomorphism classes of  $\mathbb{F}_q$ -points of  $\mathcal{X}$ .

The main advantage of the weighted point count is that it is *algebra-topological* as it depends only on the cohomology of  $\mathcal{X}$  and is equal to the usual point count of the coarse moduli space via the Grothendieck-Lefschetz trace formula for algebraic stacks proven by classical works of [Beh93, Sun12].

It is important to note that the above sum runs over the set  $\mathcal{X}(\mathbb{F}_q)/\sim$  of isomorphism classes over  $\mathbb{F}_q$  thus the weighted point count  $\#_q(\mathcal{X})$  is *not equal* to the number  $|\mathcal{X}(\mathbb{F}_q)/\sim|$  of  $\mathbb{F}_q$ -isomorphism classes when there is a non-trivial automorphism  $|\text{Aut}(x)| \neq 1$  for some stacky point  $x \in \mathcal{X}(\mathbb{F}_q)/\sim$ . Because of this, for enumeration purposes, it is important to consider the unweighted count of isomorphism classes. The following result of [HP23] shows that the unweighted point count is also natural and depends on the arithmetic of the inertia stack of  $\mathcal{X}$ .

**Theorem 2.2** (Theorem 1.1. of [HP23]). *Let  $\mathcal{X}$  be an algebraic stack over  $\mathbb{F}_q$  of finite type with quasi-separated finite type diagonal and let  $\mathcal{I}(\mathcal{X})$  be the inertia stack of  $\mathcal{X}$ . Then,*

$$|\mathcal{X}(\mathbb{F}_q)/\sim| = \#_q(\mathcal{I}(\mathcal{X}))$$

In this paper, we study enumerations via motivic classes in the Grothendieck ring  $K_0(\text{Stck}_k)$  of  $k$ -stacks. We review some properties of the Grothendieck ring of stacks introduced in [Eke25].

**Definition 2.3.** [Eke25, §1] The *Grothendieck ring of stacks*  $K_0(\text{Stck}_k)$  is the abelian group generated by classes  $\{\mathcal{X}\}_k$  for each algebraic stack  $\mathcal{X}$  of finite type over  $k$  with affine inertia modulo the relations

- $\{\mathcal{X}\}_k = \{\mathcal{Z}\}_k + \{\mathcal{X} \setminus \mathcal{Z}\}_k$  for  $\mathcal{Z} \subset \mathcal{X}$  a closed substack,
- $\{\mathcal{E}\}_k = \{\mathcal{X} \times_k \mathbb{A}^n\}_k$  for  $\mathcal{E}$  a vector bundle of rank  $n$  on  $\mathcal{X}$ .

Multiplication on  $K_0(\text{Stck}_k)$  is induced by  $\{\mathcal{X}\}_k \{\mathcal{Y}\}_k := \{\mathcal{X} \times_k \mathcal{Y}\}$ . There is a distinguished element  $\mathbb{L} := \{\mathbb{A}^1\}_k \in K_0(\text{Stck}_k)$ , called the *Lefschetz motive*. We drop the subscript if  $k$  is clear.

We denote by  $K'_0(\text{Stck}_k)$  the ring obtained by imposing only the cut-and-paste relation but not the vector bundle relation and denote the class of a stack in this ring by  $\{\mathcal{X}\}'$ . The Grothendieck ring is universal among all additive and multiplicative invariants. For instance, when  $k = \mathbb{F}_q$ , the point counting measure  $\{\mathcal{X}\} \mapsto \#_q(\mathcal{X})$  is a well-defined ring homomorphism  $\#_q : K_0(\text{Stck}_{\mathbb{F}_q}) \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}$  giving the weighted point count  $\#_q(\mathcal{X})$  of  $\mathcal{X}$  over  $\mathbb{F}_q$ . When  $\{\mathcal{X}\}$  is mixed Tate i.e. a polynomial in the Lefschetz motive  $\mathbb{L} := \{\mathbb{A}^1_k\}$ , the weighted point count is a polynomial in  $q$ .

Recall that an algebraic group  $G$  is *special* in the sense of [Ser58] and [Gro58], if every  $G$ -torsor is Zariski-locally trivial; for example  $\mathbb{G}_a$ ,  $\text{GL}_d$ ,  $\text{SL}_d$  are special and  $\text{PGL}_2$ ,  $\text{PGL}_3$  are non-special. If  $\mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$  is a  $G$ -torsor and  $G$  is special, then we have  $\{\mathcal{X}\} = \{G\} \cdot \{\mathcal{Y}\}$  ([Eke25, Prop. 1.1 iii]).

Finally, we can use the following result to access unweighted point counts.

**Proposition 2.4.** [dFLNU07, Prop. 5.3] *The association  $\mathcal{X} \mapsto \mathcal{I}\mathcal{X}$  extends to a unique ring homomorphism*

$$\mathcal{I} : K'_0(\text{Stck}_k) \rightarrow K'_0(\text{Stck}_k)$$

*which we call the inertia operator.*

Note that  $\mathcal{I}$  does not descend to a well defined operator on  $K_0(\text{Stck}_k)$  as in [Eke25, Prop. 1.1 iii)]. In order to keep track of the primitive roots of unity contained in  $\mathbb{F}_q$ , we define the following auxiliary function.

$$\delta(x) := \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \text{ divides } q-1, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

**Proposition 2.5.** *Let  $k$  be a perfect field with  $\text{char}(k) \nmid a, b$ . The motivic classes of the weighted projective stack  $\mathcal{P}(a, b)$  and its inertia stack  $\mathcal{I}\mathcal{P}(a, b)$  in  $K_0(\text{Stck}_k)$  are equal to*

$$\{\mathcal{P}(a, b)\} = \mathbb{L} + 1$$

$$\{\mathcal{IP}(a, b)\} = \gcd(a, b) \cdot (\mathbb{L} + 1) + \delta(a) \cdot (a - \gcd(a, b)) + \delta(b) \cdot (b - \gcd(a, b))$$

*Proof.* As  $\mathcal{P}(a, b) := [(\mathbb{A}^2 \setminus \{0\})/\mathbb{G}_m]$  we have  $\{\mathcal{P}(a, b)\} = \frac{\mathbb{L}^2 - 1}{\mathbb{L} - 1} = \mathbb{L} + 1$  which holds as  $\mathbb{G}_m = \mathrm{GL}_1$  is a special group. For the inertia stack  $\mathcal{IP}(a, b)$ , note that

$$\mathcal{IP}(a, b) = \sqcup_{\gcd(a, b)} \mathcal{P}(a, b) \sqcup_{a - \gcd(a, b)} \mathcal{P}(a) \sqcup_{b - \gcd(a, b)} \mathcal{P}(b)$$

by [HP23, Proposition 3.5] which translates to

$$\{\mathcal{IP}(a, b)\} = \gcd(a, b) \cdot \{\mathcal{P}(a, b)\} + \delta(a) \cdot (a - \gcd(a, b)) \cdot \{\mathcal{P}(a)\} + \delta(b) \cdot (b - \gcd(a, b)) \cdot \{\mathcal{P}(b)\}$$

As  $\mathcal{P}(r) := [(\mathbb{A}^1 \setminus \{0\})/\mathbb{G}_m]$  hence  $\{\mathcal{P}(r)\} = \frac{\mathbb{L} - 1}{\mathbb{L} - 1} = 1$  we get the desired formula.  $\blacksquare$

Note that computing the exact weighted point count  $\#_q(\mathcal{I}(\mathcal{X}))$  of the inertia stack via algebro-topological method is useful as we are able to deduce the exact unweighted point count of the underlying stack  $|\mathcal{X}(\mathbb{F}_q)| \sim |$ .

Let us illustrate this important discrepancy with an example. One can ask how many isomorphism classes of elliptic curves are there over  $\mathbb{F}_q$ .

**Proposition 2.6.** *Let  $k$  be a perfect field. The motivic class of the fine modular curve  $\mathcal{M}_{1,1}$  of smooth elliptic curves in  $K_0(\mathrm{Stck}_k)$  is equal to*

$$\{\mathcal{M}_{1,1}\} = \mathbb{L}$$

*The motivic class of the inertia stack  $\mathcal{IM}_{1,1}$  for  $\mathrm{char}(k) \neq 2, 3$  is equal to*

$$\{\mathcal{IM}_{1,1}\} = 2\mathbb{L} + \delta(6) \cdot 4 + \delta(4) \cdot 2$$

*which translates to the following weighted point counts for  $\mathrm{char}(\mathbb{F}_q) \neq 2, 3$*

$$\begin{aligned} \#_q(\mathcal{IM}_{1,1}) &= 2q + 6, \text{ if } q \equiv 1 \pmod{12}, \\ &= 2q + 2, \text{ if } q \equiv 5 \pmod{12}, \\ &= 2q + 4, \text{ if } q \equiv 7 \pmod{12}, \\ &= 2q, \text{ if } q \equiv 11 \pmod{12}. \end{aligned}$$

*The weighted point count of the inertia stack  $\mathcal{IM}_{1,1}$  for  $\mathrm{char}(\mathbb{F}_q) = 2, 3$  is equal to*

$$\begin{aligned} \#_q(\mathcal{IM}_{1,1}) &= 2q + 1, \text{ if } q = 2^r \text{ with } r \text{ odd}, \\ &= 2q + 5, \text{ if } q = 2^r \text{ with } r \text{ even}, \\ &= 2q + 2, \text{ if } q = 3^r \text{ with } r \text{ odd}, \\ &= 2q + 4, \text{ if } q = 3^r \text{ with } r \text{ even}. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* The weighted point count is identical over any field which follows from the coarse moduli space  $\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{1,1} \cong \mathbb{P}^1$  over  $\text{Spec } \mathbb{Z}$  thus we have  $\{\mathcal{M}_{1,1}\} = \{\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{1,1} - \{j = \infty\}\} = (\mathbb{L} + 1) - 1 = \mathbb{L}$ . The classes  $\{\mathcal{I}(\mathcal{M}_{1,1} - \{j = 0\} - \{j = 1728\})\} = 2(\mathbb{L} - 2)$  of the inertia stack for  $\text{char}(k) \neq 3, 2$  follows as the automorphism group of a geometric point of  $\mathcal{M}_{1,1}$  is of order 2 away from  $j = 0$  and  $j = 1728$  (c.f. [Sil09, Ap. A, Prop. 1.2]). It remains to find out how many  $\mathbb{F}_q$ -points  $j = 0, 1728$  have respectively depending on the primitive roots of unity contained in  $\mathbb{F}_q$ . This is  $\delta(6) \cdot (6 - 2)$  for  $j = 0$  and  $\delta(4) \cdot (4 - 2)$  for  $j = 1728$  where  $-2$  comes from taking into account the hyperelliptic involution i.e.  $\delta(2) \cdot 2$  is always present.

For the classes of the inertia stack for  $\text{char}(\mathbb{F}_q) = 3, 2$ , the classes  $\{\mathcal{I}(\mathcal{M}_{1,1} - \{j = 0\})\} = 2(\mathbb{L} - 1)$  of the inertia stack follows as the automorphism group of a geometric point of  $\mathcal{M}_{1,1}$  is of order 2 away from  $j = 0$  (c.f. [Sil09, Ap. A, Prop. 1.2]). For  $q = 3^r$ , It remains to find out how many  $\mathbb{F}_q$ -points  $j = 0$  has which is the number of  $\mathbb{F}_q$ -isomorphism classes of supersingular elliptic curves. For  $r$  odd we have 4 isomorphism classes and for  $r$  even we have 6 isomorphism classes from [CJ04, Thm. 3.5]. Thus we have  $\{\mathcal{I}\mathcal{M}_{1,1}\} = 2(\mathbb{L} - 1) + 4$  for  $r$  odd and  $\{\mathcal{I}\mathcal{M}_{1,1}\} = 2(\mathbb{L} - 1) + 6$  for  $r$  even. Similarly for the number of  $\mathbb{F}_q$ -isomorphism classes of supersingular elliptic curves for  $q = 2^r$ , for  $r$  odd we have 3 isomorphism class and for  $r$  even we have 7 isomorphism classes from [Men93, Thm. 3.6 & 3.7]. Thus we have  $\{\mathcal{I}\mathcal{M}_{1,1}\} = 2(\mathbb{L} - 1) + 1$  for  $r$  odd and  $\{\mathcal{I}\mathcal{M}_{1,1}\} = 2(\mathbb{L} - 1) + 5$  for  $r$  even. ■

Let us briefly recall the formulation of height moduli spaces on weighted projective stack  $\mathcal{P}(\vec{\lambda}) := \mathcal{P}(\lambda_0, \dots, \lambda_N)$  and ample line bundle  $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{O}(1)$ . By [BPS22, Theorem 4.28] the height moduli space  $\mathcal{M}_{n,C}(\mathcal{P}(\vec{\lambda}), \mathcal{O}(1))$  was constructed as a moduli space of  $\vec{\lambda}$ -weighted linear series  $(L, s_0, \dots, s_N)$  on the curve  $C$ .

**Definition 2.7.** A  $\vec{\lambda}$ -weighted linear series on  $C$  is a tuple  $(L, s_0, \dots, s_N)$  where  $s_i \in H^0(C, L^{\otimes \lambda_i})$ . The tuple is *minimal* if for all  $x \in C(k^{sep})$ , there exists  $j$  such that  $v_x(s_j) < \lambda_j$  where  $v_x$  is the order of vanishing at  $x$ .

Particularly,  $\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{1,1} \cong \mathcal{P}(4, 6)$  over  $\mathbb{Z}[\frac{1}{6}]$  with  $\mathcal{L}$  the Hodge line bundle by the short Weierstrass equation  $y^2 = x^3 + a_4x + a_6$ , where  $\zeta \cdot a_i = \zeta^i a_i$  for  $\zeta \in \mathbb{G}_m$  and  $i = 4, 6$ . The minimal weighted linear series on the smooth projective curve  $C$  are Weierstrass data which are rational points on  $\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{1,1}$  over  $K = k(C)$ . And in [BPS22, §7], the moduli stacks of elliptic surfaces over  $k$  with  $\text{char}(k) \neq 2, 3$  of stacky height  $n$  with fixed singular fibers are identified with the height moduli spaces. As  $\text{Aut}(\mathbb{P}^1) = \text{PGL}_2$ , it is also natural to consider the  $\text{PGL}_2$  stack quotient  $[\mathcal{W}_n^{\min} / \text{PGL}_2]$  as was done in [PS25, Main Theorem 1.2]. Note that the 12th root of the minimal discriminant of an elliptic curve is known to be the Faltings height (c.f. [Lan24, Remark 1.2]). In the cited paper, Landesman showed that the Faltings height on  $\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{1,1}$  in characteristic 3 is not a height function in the sense of [ESZB23]. The presentations of  $\mathcal{M}_{1,1}$  as a quotient stack in characteristic 2 and 3 are given in [LP24, §7].

We now consider the motives  $\{\mathcal{W}_{n, \mathbb{P}_k^1}^{\min}\}$  of the height moduli space  $\mathcal{M}_{n, \mathbb{P}_k^1}(\mathcal{P}(a, b), \mathcal{O}(1)) = \mathcal{W}_n^{\min}$  in the Grothendieck ring  $K_0(\text{Stck}_k)$ . In [BPS22, §8 and §9], the exact motivic classes in the Grothendieck ring  $K_0(\text{Stck}_k)$  of stacks of height moduli spaces (together with their inertia stacks) of  $k(t)$ -points on weighted projective stacks  $\mathcal{P}(\vec{\lambda}) := \mathcal{P}(\lambda_0, \dots, \lambda_N)$  with  $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{O}(1)$  were determined as follows.

**Theorem 2.8** (Theorems 9.1 and 9.2 of [BPS22]). *The classes  $\{\mathcal{W}_n^{\min}\}$  are given by the following formulas:*

$$\begin{aligned}\{\mathcal{W}_0^{\min}\} &= \{\mathbb{P}^N\} \\ \{\mathcal{W}_1^{\min}\} &= \{\mathbb{P}^N\}(\mathbb{L}^{|\vec{\lambda}|} - \mathbb{L}) + \mathbb{L}^{N+1}\{\mathbb{P}^{|\vec{\lambda}|-N-2}\} \\ \{\mathcal{W}_{n \geq 2}^{\min}\} &= \mathbb{L}^{(n-2)|\vec{\lambda}|+N+2}(\mathbb{L}^{|\vec{\lambda}|-1} - 1)\{\mathbb{P}^{|\vec{\lambda}|-1}\}\end{aligned}$$

This is proven via extracting the coefficients of rational motivic height zeta functions  $Z_{\vec{\lambda}}(t)$  of height moduli spaces with its variant on the inertia stacks  $\mathcal{I}Z_{\vec{\lambda}}(t)$  in [BPS22, Theorem 8.9]. The rationality follows from establishing the stratification by minimality defect in [BPS22, Corollary 6.2] where we stratify the complement of  $\mathcal{W}_n^{\min}$  inside  $\mathcal{W}_n \setminus \mathcal{W}_n^{\infty}$  into strata corresponding to minimal weighted linear series of smaller height.

For later counting purposes, it is important to work out the  $\{\mathcal{W}_{n, \mathbb{P}_k^1}^{\min}\}$  for 0-dimensional weighted projective stack  $\mathcal{P}(a)$ .

**Corollary 2.9.** *The classes  $\{\mathcal{W}_n^{\min}\}$  for  $\mathcal{P}(a)$  are given by the following formulas:*

$$\begin{aligned}\{\mathcal{W}_0^{\min}\} &= 1 \\ \{\mathcal{W}_1^{\min}\} &= \mathbb{L}^a + \mathbb{L}^{a-1} + \dots + \mathbb{L}^2 \\ \{\mathcal{W}_{n \geq 2}^{\min}\} &= \mathbb{L}^{(n-2)a+2}(\mathbb{L}^{a-1} - 1)\{\mathbb{P}^{a-1}\}\end{aligned}$$

We also need slightly modified motive formula for  $\{\mathcal{W}_{n, \mathbb{P}_k^1}^{\min}\}$  for  $\mathcal{P}(\check{b})$  which behaves as a virtual  $(-1)$ -dimensional weighted projective stack. We will define this motive formally to facilitate subsequent operations involving formal addition and subtraction in the Grothendieck ring of stacks.

**Definition 2.10.** The classes  $\{\mathcal{W}_n^{\min}\}$  for  $\mathcal{P}(\check{b})$  are given by the following formulas:

$$\begin{aligned}\{\mathcal{W}_1^{\min}\} &= \mathbb{L}^{b-1} + \mathbb{L}^{b-2} + \dots + \mathbb{L} + 1 \\ \{\mathcal{W}_{n \geq 2}^{\min}\} &= \mathbb{L}^{(n-2)b+1}(\mathbb{L}^{b-1} - 1)\{\mathbb{P}^{b-1}\}\end{aligned}$$

### 3. COUNTING ISOMORPHISM CLASSES OF $E/\mathbb{F}_q(t)$

In counting the exact unweighted number of isomorphism classes of  $E/\mathbb{F}_q(t)$ , it is vital to understand the families of elliptic curves that are non-constant (i.e. height  $n \geq 1$ ) and isotrivial (i.e. a fixed  $j$ -invariant) with extra automorphisms (i.e. more twists than generic quadratic twists) which leads to various lower order main terms that are hidden from the exact weighted number of isomorphism classes of  $E/\mathbb{F}_q(t)$  (c.f. [BPS22, Rmk 9.8]).

In this regard, to pass from the weighted count of rational points to the unweighted count, it is necessary to account for the number of twists. When  $\text{char}(\mathbb{F}_q) = 3, 2$ , it is important to note that the number of twists does not coincide with the number of automorphisms—unlike the case  $\text{char}(\mathbb{F}_q) \neq 3, 2$ , where the two quantities are equal.

**Proposition 3.1** (Proposition 2.2 of [KST17]). *Let  $q = 3^r$  and suppose  $E/\mathbb{F}_q$  is an elliptic curve. Then*

$$\# \text{Twist}(E/\mathbb{F}_q) = \begin{cases} 2 & \text{if } j(E) \neq 0, \\ 4 & \text{if } j(E) = 0 \text{ and } r \text{ is odd,} \\ 6 & \text{if } j(E) = 0 \text{ and } r \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$

**Proposition 3.2** (Proposition 3.2 of [KST17]). *Let  $q = 2^r$  and suppose  $E/\mathbb{F}_q$  is an elliptic curve. Then*

$$\# \text{Twist}(E/\mathbb{F}_q) = \begin{cases} 2 & \text{if } j(E) \neq 0, \\ 3 & \text{if } j(E) = 0 \text{ and } r \text{ is odd,} \\ 7 & \text{if } j(E) = 0 \text{ and } r \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$

A given generalized Weierstrass form  $F = x^3 + a_2x^2 + a_4x + a_6 - y^2 - a_1xy - a_3y$ , where  $a_i \in H^0(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(in))$  defines an  $E/\mathbb{F}_q(t)$  and if  $F$  defines an  $E/\mathbb{F}_q(t)$  with a fixed  $j$ -invariant then as explained in [Sil09, Ap. A, Prop. 1.1] there exists a coordinate change of the form  $x \mapsto x + b_1$  and  $y \mapsto y + b_1x + b_3$  with  $b_i \in H^0(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(in))$  such that for  $\text{char}(\mathbb{F}_q) = 3$  and  $j = 0$  has the following normal Weierstrass form

$$y^2 = x^3 + a_4x + a_6$$

As explained in [dJ02, §4.13 (b2)], there exists a unique choice of the pair  $(b_1, b_3)$  so that we get

$$y^2 = x^3 + a'_4x + a'_6$$

where  $a'_4$  is a nonzero section of  $\mathcal{O}(4n)$  and  $a'_6$  is any section of  $\mathcal{O}(6n)$ . As in the paragraph before [dJ02, Prop. 4.14], we have  $(q^{4n+1} - 1)q^{6n+1}q^{4n+2}$  as the total number of Weierstrass polynomials which are non-constant and isotrivial with  $j = 0$  where  $(q^{4n+1} - 1)$  corresponds to counting a nonzero section of  $\mathcal{O}(4n)$  and  $q^{6n+1}$  corresponds to counting any section of  $\mathcal{O}(6n)$  and  $q^{4n+2}$  corresponds to counting any sections of  $\mathcal{O}(n)$  and  $\mathcal{O}(3n)$  due to  $(b_1, b_3)$  worth of freedom.

After dividing out the coordinate change factor of  $q^{6n+3}(q - 1)$  consisting of  $(b_1, b_2, b_3)$  worth of freedom and a nonzero scalar  $\lambda \in k^*$ , we have

$$(q^{4n} + \dots + 1) \cdot q^{4n} = (q^{8n} + \dots + q^{4n}) = (q^{8n} + \dots + 1) - (q^{4n-1} + \dots + 1)$$

This expression is the total number  $M_n$  of minimal Weierstrass forms that are isotrivial with  $j = 0$  upto height  $n$ . Now, let  $J_n$  denote the weighted number of isomorphism classes of elliptic curves  $E/\mathbb{F}_q(t)$  of height  $n$  whose  $j$ -invariant is constant. Using the recursive relation as in [dJ02, (4.13.1)]

$$M_n = J_n + (q + 1)J_{n-1} + \dots + (q^n + \dots + q + 1)J_0,$$



we see that counting the weighted number of rational points of height  $n \geq 1$  on the classifying stacks  $\mathcal{B}Q_{12}$  (the stacky point of  $\mathcal{M}_{1,1}$  at  $j = 0$ ) has the same cardinality as counting the weighted number of rational points on  $\mathcal{P}(8) - \mathcal{P}(\check{4})$ .

**Proposition 3.3.** *The classes  $\{\mathcal{W}_n^{\min}\}$  for the classifying stack  $\mathcal{B}Q_{12}$  of the constant group scheme associated to the dicyclic group of order 12 are given by the following formulas:*

$$\begin{aligned}\{\mathcal{W}_0^{\min}\} &= 1 \\ \{\mathcal{W}_1^{\min}\} &= (\mathbb{L}^8 + \dots + \mathbb{L}^2) - (\mathbb{L}^3 + \mathbb{L}^2 + \mathbb{L} + 1) \\ \{\mathcal{W}_{n \geq 2}^{\min}\} &= \mathbb{L}^{(n-2)8+2}(\mathbb{L}^7 - 1)\{\mathbb{P}^7\} - \mathbb{L}^{(n-2)4+1}(\mathbb{L}^3 - 1)\{\mathbb{P}^3\}\end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* At height  $n = 0$  we only have a constant map to  $j = 0$  which means  $\mathcal{W}_0^{\min}$  has the motive of  $\{\mathbb{P}^0\} = 1$ . For height  $n = 1$ , we have the motive of  $\{\mathcal{W}_1^{\min}(\mathcal{P}(8), \mathcal{O}(1))\} = \mathbb{L}^8 + \mathbb{L}^7 + \mathbb{L}^6 + \mathbb{L}^5 + \mathbb{L}^4 + \mathbb{L}^3 + \mathbb{L}^2$  from this we need to subtract  $\{\mathcal{W}_1^{\min}(\mathcal{P}(\check{4}), \mathcal{O}(1))\} = \mathbb{L}^3 + \mathbb{L}^2 + \mathbb{L} + 1$ . For height  $n \geq 2$ , we have the motive of  $\{\mathcal{W}_{n \geq 2}^{\min}(\mathcal{P}(8), \mathcal{O}(1))\} = \mathbb{L}^{8n-14}(\mathbb{L}^7 - 1)\{\mathbb{P}^7\}$  from this we subtract  $\{\mathcal{W}_{n \geq 2}^{\min}(\mathcal{P}(\check{4}), \mathcal{O}(1))\} = \mathbb{L}^{4n-7}(\mathbb{L}^3 - 1)\{\mathbb{P}^3\}$ . ■

As for  $\text{char}(\mathbb{F}_q) = 2$  and  $j \neq 0$  has the following normal Weierstrass form

$$y^2 + a_1xy = x^3 + a_2x^2 + a_6$$

As explained in [dJ02, §4.13 (c1)], there exists a unique choice of the pair  $(b_2, b_3)$  so that we get

$$y^2 + a'_1xy = x^3 + a'_2x^2 + (a'_1)^6$$

where  $a'_1$  is a nonzero section of  $\mathcal{O}(n)$  and  $a'_2$  is any section of  $\mathcal{O}(2n)$ . As in the paragraph before [dJ02, Prop. 4.14], we have  $(q-1)(q^{n+1}-1)q^{2n+1}q^{5n+2}$  as the total number of Weierstrass polynomials which are non-constant and isotrivial with a certain fixed  $j \neq 0$  where  $(q-1)$  corresponds to  $\mathcal{M}_{1,1} - \{j = 0\}$  and  $(q^{n+1}-1)$  corresponds to counting a nonzero section of  $\mathcal{O}(n)$  and  $q^{2n+1}$  corresponds to counting any section of  $\mathcal{O}(2n)$  and  $q^{5n+2}$  corresponds to counting any sections of  $\mathcal{O}(2n)$  and  $\mathcal{O}(3n)$  due to  $(b_2, b_3)$  worth of freedom.

After dividing out the coordinate change factor of  $q^{6n+3}(q-1)$  consisting of  $(b_1, b_2, b_3)$  worth of freedom and a nonzero scalar  $\lambda \in k^*$ , we have

$$(q^n + \dots + 1) \cdot q^n = (q^{2n} + \dots + q^n) = (q^{2n} + \dots + 1) - (q^{n-1} + \dots + 1)$$

This expression is the total number  $M_n$  of minimal Weierstrass forms that are isotrivial with  $j \neq 0$  upto height  $n$ . Now, let  $J_n$  denote the weighted number of isomorphism classes of elliptic curves  $E/\mathbb{F}_q(t)$  of height  $n$  whose  $j$ -invariant is constant. Using the recursive relation as in [dJ02, (4.13.1)]

$$M_n = J_n + (q+1)J_{n-1} + \dots + (q^n + \dots + q+1)J_0,$$

we see that counting the weighted number of rational points of height  $n \geq 1$  on the classifying stack  $\mathcal{B}\mathbb{Z}/2$  (the generic stacky point of  $\mathcal{M}_{1,1}$  at  $j \neq 0$ ) has the same cardinality as counting the weighted number of rational points on  $\mathcal{P}(2) - \mathcal{P}(\check{1})$ .

**Proposition 3.4.** *The classes  $\{\mathcal{W}_n^{\min}\}$  for the classifying stack  $\underline{\mathcal{B}\mathbb{Z}/2}$  of the constant group scheme of order 2 are given by the following formulas:*

$$\begin{aligned}\{\mathcal{W}_0^{\min}\} &= 1 \\ \{\mathcal{W}_1^{\min}\} &= \mathbb{L}^2 - 1 \\ \{\mathcal{W}_{n \geq 2}^{\min}\} &= \mathbb{L}^{(n-2)2+2}(\mathbb{L} - 1)\{\mathbb{P}^1\}\end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* At height  $n = 0$  we only have a constant map to  $j = 0$  which means  $\mathcal{W}_0^{\min}$  has the motive of  $\{\mathbb{P}^0\} = 1$ . For height  $n = 1$ , we have the motive of  $\{\mathcal{W}_1^{\min}(\mathcal{P}(2), \mathcal{O}(1))\} = \mathbb{L}^2$  from this we need to subtract  $\{\mathcal{W}_1^{\min}(\mathcal{P}(\check{1}), \mathcal{O}(1))\} = 1$ . For height  $n \geq 2$ , we have the motive of  $\{\mathcal{W}_{n \geq 2}^{\min}(\mathcal{P}(2), \mathcal{O}(1))\} = \mathbb{L}^{2n-2}(\mathbb{L} - 1)\{\mathbb{P}^1\}$  from this we subtract nothing as  $\{\mathcal{W}_{n \geq 2}^{\min}(\mathcal{P}(\check{1}), \mathcal{O}(1))\} = 0$ . ■

Lastly, as for  $\text{char}(\mathbb{F}_q) = 2$  and  $j = 0$  has the following normal Weierstrass form

$$y^2 + a_3y = x^3 + a_4x + a_6$$

As explained in [dJ02, §4.13 (c2)], there exists a unique choice of  $b_2$  so that we get

$$y^2 + a'_3y = x^3 + a'_4x + a'_6$$

where  $a'_3$  is a nonzero section of  $\mathcal{O}(3n)$  and  $a'_4$  (resp.  $a'_6$ ) is any section of  $\mathcal{O}(4n)$  (resp.  $\mathcal{O}(6n)$ ). As in the paragraph before [dJ02, Prop. 4.14], we have  $(q^{3n+1} - 1)q^{4n+1}q^{6n+1}q^{2n+1}$  as the total number of Weierstrass polynomials which are non-constant and isotrivial with  $j = 0$  where  $(q^{3n+1} - 1)$  corresponds to counting a nonzero section of  $\mathcal{O}(3n)$  and  $q^{4n+1}$  (resp.  $q^{6n+1}$ ) corresponds to counting any section of  $\mathcal{O}(4n)$  (resp.  $\mathcal{O}(6n)$ ) and  $q^{2n+1}$  corresponds to counting any sections of  $\mathcal{O}(2n)$  due to  $b_2$  worth of freedom.

After dividing out the coordinate change factor of  $q^{6n+3}(q - 1)$  consisting of  $(b_1, b_2, b_3)$  worth of freedom and a nonzero scalar  $\lambda \in k^*$ , we have

$$(q^{3n} + \dots + 1) \cdot q^{6n} = (q^{9n} + \dots + q^{6n}) = (q^{9n} + \dots + 1) - (q^{6n-1} + \dots + 1)$$

This expression is the total number  $M_n$  of minimal Weierstrass forms that are isotrivial with  $j = 0$  upto height  $n$ . Now, let  $J_n$  denote the weighted number of isomorphism classes of elliptic curves  $E/\mathbb{F}_q(t)$  of height  $n$  whose  $j$ -invariant is constant. Using the recursive relation as in [dJ02, (4.13.1)]

$$M_n = J_n + (q + 1)J_{n-1} + \dots + (q^n + \dots + q + 1)J_0,$$

we see that counting the weighted number of rational points of height  $n \geq 1$  on the classifying stacks  $\underline{\mathcal{B}T_{24}}$  (the stacky point of  $\mathcal{M}_{1,1}$  at  $j = 0$ ) has the same cardinality as counting the weighted number of rational points on  $\mathcal{P}(9) - \mathcal{P}(\check{6})$ .

**Proposition 3.5.** *The classes  $\{\mathcal{W}_n^{\min}\}$  for the classifying stack  $\underline{\mathcal{B}T_{24}}$  of the constant group scheme associated to the binary tetrahedral group of order 24 are given by the*

following formulas:

$$\begin{aligned}\{\mathcal{W}_0^{\min}\} &= 1 \\ \{\mathcal{W}_1^{\min}\} &= (\mathbb{L}^9 + \dots + \mathbb{L}^2) - (\mathbb{L}^5 + \dots + 1) \\ \{\mathcal{W}_{n \geq 2}^{\min}\} &= \mathbb{L}^{(n-2)9+2}(\mathbb{L}^8 - 1)\{\mathbb{P}^8\} - \mathbb{L}^{(n-2)6+1}(\mathbb{L}^5 - 1)\{\mathbb{P}^5\}\end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* At height  $n = 0$  we only have a constant map to  $j = 0$  which means  $\mathcal{W}_0^{\min}$  has the motive of  $\{\mathbb{P}^0\} = 1$ . For height  $n = 1$ , we have the motive of  $\{\mathcal{W}_1^{\min}(\mathcal{P}(9), \mathcal{O}(1))\} = \mathbb{L}^9 + \mathbb{L}^8 + \mathbb{L}^7 + \mathbb{L}^6 + \mathbb{L}^5 + \mathbb{L}^4 + \mathbb{L}^3 + \mathbb{L}^2$  from this we need to subtract  $\{\mathcal{W}_1^{\min}(\mathcal{P}(\check{6}), \mathcal{O}(1))\} = \mathbb{L}^5 + \mathbb{L}^4 + \mathbb{L}^3 + \mathbb{L}^2 + \mathbb{L} + 1$ . For height  $n \geq 2$ , we have the motive of  $\{\mathcal{W}_{n \geq 2}^{\min}(\mathcal{P}(9), \mathcal{O}(1))\} = \mathbb{L}^{9n-16}(\mathbb{L}^8 - 1)\{\mathbb{P}^8\}$  from this we subtract  $\{\mathcal{W}_{n \geq 2}^{\min}(\mathcal{P}(\check{6}), \mathcal{O}(1))\} = \mathbb{L}^{6n-11}(\mathbb{L}^5 - 1)\{\mathbb{P}^5\}$ . ■

We are now ready to prove Theorem 1.1.

*Proof of Theorem 1.1.* We prove for  $q = 3^r$  case first. We recall that the weighted count  $\mathcal{N}^w(\mathbb{F}_q(t), B)$  in [BPS22, Theorem 9.7] is the same for all positive characteristic as shown in [dJ02, Proposition 4.12]. As for the unweighted count, we multiply 2 to the weighted count  $\mathcal{N}^w(\mathbb{F}_q(t), B)$  since every elliptic curves have the quadratic twists as in Proposition 3.1.

For  $j = 0$ , we take the weighted count in Proposition 3.3 and multiply appropriate factors which are  $(4 - 2) = 2$  for  $r$  odd case and  $(6 - 2) = 4$  for  $r$  even case depending on the parity of prime power of 3 as there are 3 non-trivial twists (resp. 5 non-trivial twists) of supersingular elliptic curves for  $r$  odd case (resp.  $r$  even case) (c.f. Proposition 3.1) and -2 comes from taking into account the quadratic twist which exists for both even and odd powers [KST17, §2].

Thus for the unweighted count, we would like to compute the following.

When  $r$  is odd:

$$\mathcal{N}(\mathbb{F}_q(t), B) = 2 \cdot \mathcal{N}^w(\mathbb{F}_q(t), B) + 2 \cdot (\#_q \mathcal{W}_{n, \mathbb{P}^1}(8) - \#_q \mathcal{W}_{n, \mathbb{P}^1}(\check{4}))$$

When  $r$  is even:

$$\mathcal{N}(\mathbb{F}_q(t), B) = 2 \cdot \mathcal{N}^w(\mathbb{F}_q(t), B) + 4 \cdot (\#_q \mathcal{W}_{n, \mathbb{P}^1}(8) - \#_q \mathcal{W}_{n, \mathbb{P}^1}(\check{4}))$$

We first compute the following by summing over  $n \geq 2$

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{n=2}^{\lfloor \frac{\log_q B}{12} \rfloor} \#_q \mathcal{W}_{n, \mathbb{P}^1}(8) &= \frac{q^7 - 1}{q^7 - q^6} \cdot (B^{2/3} - q^8) \\ \sum_{n=2}^{\lfloor \frac{\log_q B}{12} \rfloor} \#_q \mathcal{W}_{n, \mathbb{P}^1}(\check{4}) &= - \left( \frac{q^3 - 1}{q \cdot (q^3 - q^2)} \right) \cdot (B^{1/3} - q^4)\end{aligned}$$

which leads to the following as we sum over all  $n \geq 0$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
\#_q \mathcal{W}_{n, \mathbb{P}^1}(8) - \#_q \mathcal{W}_{n, \mathbb{P}^1}(\check{4}) &= \left( \frac{q^7 - 1}{q^7 - q^6} \right) \cdot (B^{2/3} - q^8) - \left( \frac{q^3 - 1}{q^4 - q^3} \right) \cdot (B^{1/3} - q^4) \\
&\quad + (q^8 + \dots + q^2) - (q^3 + q^2 + q + 1) + 1 \\
&= \left( \frac{q^7 - 1}{q^7 - q^6} \right) B^{2/3} - \left( \frac{q^3 - 1}{q^4 - q^3} \right) B^{1/3}
\end{aligned}$$

from which the result follows.

We now prove for  $q = 2^r$  case. We recall that the weighted count  $\mathcal{N}^w(\mathbb{F}_q(t), B)$  in [BPS22, Theorem 9.7] is the same for all positive characteristic as shown in [dJ02, Proposition 4.12]. As for the unweighted count, when  $r$  is odd, we multiply 2 to the weighted count  $(\mathcal{N}^w(\mathbb{F}_q(t), B) - (\mathcal{P}(9) - \mathcal{P}(\check{6})))$  since any elliptic curve away from  $j = 0$  has the quadratic twists as in Proposition 3.2 but there is no quadratic twist at  $j = 0$  as in [KST17, §3]. For  $r$  even, we multiply 2 to the weighted count  $\mathcal{N}^w(\mathbb{F}_q(t), B)$  since every elliptic curves have the quadratic twists as in [KST17, §3]. There needs to be an adjustment, however, as the weighted number of rational points on  $\mathcal{P}(2)$  and  $\mathcal{P}(2) - \mathcal{P}(\check{1})$  differ at height  $n = 1$ . The difference of  $\{\mathcal{W}_1^{\min}(\mathcal{P}(2))\} = \mathbb{L}^2$  and  $\{\mathcal{W}_1^{\min}(\mathcal{P}(2) - \mathcal{P}(\check{1}))\} = \mathbb{L}^2 - 1$  is  $-1$ .

Thus taking account of all points for every  $j \neq 0$ , we need to subtract  $(q - 1)$  from the total number of weighted count corresponding to  $\mathcal{M}_{1,1} - \{j = 0\}$  for a certain fixed  $j \neq 0$ . And then we need to add 1 from the total number of weighted count as we subtract the rational points landing on  $j = \infty$  since we do not want to count the generically singular  $j = \infty$  isotrivial elliptic curves.

Lastly for  $j = 0$ , we take the weighted count in Proposition 3.5 and multiply appropriate factors which are 3 for  $r$  odd case and  $(7 - 2) = 5$  for  $r$  even case depending on the parity of prime power of 2 as there are 2 non-trivial twists (resp. 6 non-trivial twists) of supersingular elliptic curves for  $r$  odd case (resp.  $r$  even case) (c.f. Proposition 3.2) and  $-2$  comes from taking into account the quadratic twists. For  $r$  odd case, in the end, we have  $(3 - 2) = 1$  as the factor.

Thus for the unweighted count, we would like to compute the following.

When  $r$  is odd:

$$\mathcal{N}(\mathbb{F}_q(t), B) = 2 \cdot (\mathcal{N}^w(\mathbb{F}_q(t), B) - (q - 1) + 1) + (\#_q \mathcal{W}_{n, \mathbb{P}^1}(9) - \#_q \mathcal{W}_{n, \mathbb{P}^1}(\check{6}))$$

When  $r$  is even:

$$\mathcal{N}(\mathbb{F}_q(t), B) = 2 \cdot (\mathcal{N}^w(\mathbb{F}_q(t), B) - (q - 1) + 1) + 5 \cdot (\#_q \mathcal{W}_{n, \mathbb{P}^1}(9) - \#_q \mathcal{W}_{n, \mathbb{P}^1}(\check{6}))$$

We first compute the following by summing over  $n \geq 2$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=2}^{\left\lfloor \frac{\log_q B}{12} \right\rfloor} \#_q \mathcal{W}_{n, \mathbb{P}^1}(9) &= \frac{q^8 - 1}{q^8 - q^7} \cdot (B^{3/4} - q^9) \\ \sum_{n=2}^{\left\lfloor \frac{\log_q B}{12} \right\rfloor} \#_q \mathcal{W}_{n, \mathbb{P}^1}(\check{6}) &= - \left( \frac{q^5 - 1}{q \cdot (q^5 - q^4)} \right) \cdot (B^{1/2} - q^6) \end{aligned}$$

which leads to the following as we sum over all  $n \geq 0$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \#_q \mathcal{W}_{n, \mathbb{P}^1}(9) - \#_q \mathcal{W}_{n, \mathbb{P}^1}(\check{6}) &= \frac{q^8 - 1}{q^8 - q^7} \cdot (B^{3/4} - q^9) - \left( \frac{q^5 - 1}{q^6 - q^5} \right) \cdot (B^{1/2} - q^6) \\ &\quad + (q^9 + \dots + q^2) - (q^5 + q^4 + q^3 + q^2 + q + 1) + 1 \\ &= \left( \frac{q^8 - 1}{q^8 - q^7} \right) B^{3/4} - \left( \frac{q^5 - 1}{q^6 - q^5} \right) B^{1/2} \end{aligned}$$

from which the result follows. ■

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