

## Complex Multiplication

We wish to study about the endomorphism ring of an elliptic curve  $E$  over complex numbers. ~~We have~~ We have known that the endomorphisms of  $E$  always include multiplication ~~by~~ by any integer. When  $\text{End}(E)$  is strictly larger than  $\mathbb{Z}$  (the endomorphism ring of  $E \cong$  some structure  $R$  where  $\mathbb{Z} \subset R$ ), then we say that  $E$  has complex multiplication.

We will now give an example about complex multiplication:

Consider the following curve over  $\mathbb{C}$ :

$$E: y^2 = 4x^3 - 4x$$

In chapter 9, we have known that, every elliptic curve over  $\mathbb{C}$  corresponds to a torus  $\mathbb{C}/\Lambda$ , and the above curve corresponds to the torus  $\mathbb{C}/\Lambda$ , where  $\Lambda = \mathbb{Z} + i\mathbb{Z}$ , as seen in chapter 3.4. The exact isomorphism from  $E$  to  $\mathbb{C}/\Lambda$

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi: E &\rightarrow \mathbb{C}/\Lambda \\ z &\mapsto (P(z), P'(z)) \quad (z \neq 0) \\ 0 &\mapsto e_0 \end{aligned}$$

here  $P(z) = \frac{1}{z^2} + \sum_{\substack{w \in \Lambda \\ w \neq 0}} \left( \frac{1}{(z-w)^2} - \frac{1}{w^2} \right)$  is the Weierstrass function

now, we can easily see that ~~in~~ in the case of  $E$ ,:

$$P(iz) = \frac{1}{(iz)^2} + \sum_{\substack{w \in \Lambda \\ w \neq 0}} \left( \frac{1}{(iz-w)^2} - \frac{1}{w^2} \right) = \frac{1}{(iz)^2} + \sum_{\substack{w \in \Lambda \\ w \neq 0}} \left( \frac{1}{(iz-iw)^2} - \frac{1}{w^2} \right) = -P(z)$$

$$P'(iz) = i P'(z)$$

as, we have the following relation:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} z & \xrightarrow{\quad} & iz \\ \downarrow \Phi & & \downarrow \Phi \\ (P(z), P'(z)) & \xrightarrow{\quad} & (-P(z), iP'(z)) \end{array}$$

in other word, if

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi(z) &= (P(z), P'(z)) \\ \Phi(iz) &= (-P(z), iP'(z)) \end{aligned}$$

From the image above, we can define the following

$$[i]: E \rightarrow E$$

$$(x, y) \rightarrow (-x, iy)$$

It is an endomorphism because i)  $X, Y, Z$  are points  $\in E$  such that  $X+Y=Z$ , then there are  $x, y \in C/\Lambda$  such that  $\Phi(x)=X, \Phi(y)=Y$  and

$$\Phi(\tilde{Z}) = \tilde{Z}, \text{ and } \Phi([i]x) = [i]X, \Phi([i]y) = [i]Y, \text{ therefore } [i]Z =$$

$$\Phi([i](x+y)) = \Phi([i]x) + \Phi([i]y) = [i]X + [i]Y, \text{ and the multiplication is expressed by rational functions}$$

Similarly, for integers  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ , we can define the following endomorphism:

$$[a+bi]: E \rightarrow E$$

$$(x, y) \rightarrow [a](x, y) + [b](-x, iy)$$

Let  $\text{End}(E)$  denote the ring of endomorphisms of  $E$ , and  $\mathbb{Z}^{(i)} = \{a+bi \mid a, b \in \mathbb{Z}\}$

For each  $B \in \mathbb{Z}^{(i)}$ , multiplying points by  $B$  is an endomorphism of  $E$ , as shown above. Therefore we have:

$$\mathbb{Z}^{(i)} \subseteq \text{End}(E)$$

Later, we will prove that,  $\text{End}(E) \simeq \mathbb{Z}^{(i)}$ .

We have given an example about complex multiplication. Now, we will consider an arbitrary elliptic curve  $E$  over  $C$ , and study its endomorphism ring  $\text{End}(E)$ . Let  $\Lambda = \mathbb{Z}\omega_1 + \mathbb{Z}\omega_2$  be the lattice corresponding to  $E$ .

First, we will prove the following theorem:

Theorem 1:  $\text{End}(E) \simeq \{B \in C \mid B\Lambda \subseteq \Lambda\}$

Proof: Similar to the example above, for the map  $z \rightarrow Bz$ , we consider the two values  $\wp(Bz)$  and  $\wp'(Bz)$ . Since  $B\Lambda \subseteq \Lambda$ , both  $\wp(Bz)$  and  $\wp'(Bz)$  are doubly periodic functions with respect to  $\Lambda$ . Now using the 5th statement of theorem 9.3 in the book (the proof of this part is quite long and uses results from theorem 9.1, so I won't write it here), there are rational functions  $R, S$  such that  $\wp(Bz) =$

thus, for each  $B$  such that  $B\Lambda \subseteq \Lambda$  gives us an endomorphism,



Next, we will prove that, each endomorphism  $\alpha$  of  $E$  is given by rational functions.  $\wedge$   
 Let  $\alpha$  be an endomorphism of  $E$ , then  $\alpha$  is given by rational functions:

$$[\alpha](x, y) = (k(x), y s(x)) \quad (\text{Chapter 2.9})$$

Now, we consider the map

$$\tilde{\alpha}: C/\Lambda \rightarrow C/\Lambda$$

$$z \mapsto \Phi^{-1}([\alpha](\Phi(z)))$$

We see that  $\tilde{\alpha}$  is a homomorphism from  $C/\Lambda$  to  $C/\Lambda$ . If we restrict to a sufficiently small neighbourhood of  $U$  of  $z=0$ , we obtain an analytic map from  $U$  to  $C$  such that:

$$\tilde{\alpha}(z_1 + z_2) \equiv \tilde{\alpha}(z_1) + \tilde{\alpha}(z_2) \pmod{\Lambda} \quad \forall z_1, z_2 \in U$$

By subtracting an appropriate element of  $\Lambda$ , we can assume  $\tilde{\alpha}(0) = 0$ . By continuity  $\tilde{\alpha}(z) \rightarrow 0$  when  $z \rightarrow 0$ , thus we can assume that:

$$\tilde{\alpha}(z_1 + z_2) = \tilde{\alpha}(z_1) + \tilde{\alpha}(z_2) \quad \forall z_1, z_2 \in U$$

Thus, we have:  $\forall z \in U, \tilde{\alpha}'(z) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tilde{\alpha}(z+h) - \tilde{\alpha}(z)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tilde{\alpha}(h) - \tilde{\alpha}(0)}{h} = \tilde{\alpha}'(0)$

Let  $\beta = \tilde{\alpha}'(0)$ , since  $\tilde{\alpha}'(z) = \beta \quad \forall z \in U$ , we have  $\tilde{\alpha}(z) = \beta z \quad \forall z \in U$

Consider  $z \in C$ , there is  $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$  st  $\frac{z}{n} \in U$ , therefore:

$$\tilde{\alpha}(z) \equiv n \tilde{\alpha}\left(\frac{z}{n}\right) \equiv n \cdot \frac{\beta z}{n} \equiv \beta z \pmod{\Lambda}$$

So the endomorphism  $\tilde{\alpha}$  is given by multiplication by  $\beta$ . Since  $\tilde{\alpha}(\Lambda) \subseteq \Lambda$ , we must have  $\beta\Lambda \subseteq \Lambda$ , thus theorem 1 is proved.

We proved that  $\text{End}(E) \subseteq R_\Lambda = \{\beta \in C \mid \beta\Lambda \subseteq \Lambda\}$ , where  $\Lambda$  is the lattice corresponding to  $E$ . Now we would like to give a nice form of the set  $R_\Lambda$ . To do that, we will prove the following statements:

1)  $\forall \beta \in R_\Lambda$ ,  $\beta$  is an algebraic integer.

2)  $R_\Lambda = \mathbb{Z}$ , or there exist an integer  $d \neq 0$  such that  $R_\Lambda \subset \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})$ .

Proof: We have  $\Lambda = \mathbb{Z}\omega_1 + \mathbb{Z}\omega_2$  for  $\omega_1, \omega_2 \in C$ , let  $\beta \in R_\Lambda$ .

then we have  $\beta\omega_1 = j\omega_1 + k\omega_2$ ,  $\beta\omega_2 = m\omega_1 + n\omega_2$  for some  $j, k, m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

It means that  $\beta \begin{bmatrix} \omega_1 \\ \omega_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} j & k \\ m & n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \omega_1 \\ \omega_2 \end{bmatrix}$ , or  $\beta$  is a root of

the polynomial  $(\beta - j)(\beta - n) - mk$ , this is a monic polynomial with integer coefficients. This proves 1). It also means that there is an integer  $d$  such that  $\beta \in \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})$ .



To prove 2), note that if  $B \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $(B-1)\omega_1 = k\omega_2$ , but since  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$  are linearly independent over  $\mathbb{R}$ ,  $B$  must be  $1 \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

Suppose  ~~$B \notin \mathbb{Z}$~~   $B \notin \mathbb{Z}$ , then there is an integer  $d > 0$  such that  $B \in \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-d})$ . Let  $B' \notin \mathbb{Z}$  be another element of  $R_\Lambda$   ~~$\notin \mathbb{Z}$~~ , then, there is an integer  $d' > 0$  such that  $B' \in \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-d'})$ . It is easy to see that  $R_\Lambda$  is a ring, thus,  $B+B' \in \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-d''})$  for some integer  $d'' > 0$ .

Lemma 1:  ~~$\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-d}) = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-d'})$~~   $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-d}) = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-d'})$

Proof: WLOG,  $d, d', d''$  are square free, and we have  $a\sqrt{-d} + b\sqrt{-d'} = c + e\sqrt{-d''}$  for some  $a, b, c, e \in \mathbb{Q}$  and  $a, b, e \neq 0$ .

Then we have  $(a\sqrt{-d} + b\sqrt{-d'})^2 - 2c(a\sqrt{-d} + b\sqrt{-d'}) + c^2 - e^2d'' = 0$ .

By expanding, we get  $\sqrt{-d}(2ab\sqrt{-d} - 2cb) = c^2 - e^2d'' - a^2d - b^2d' + 2ca\sqrt{-d}$

This means  $\sqrt{-d} \in \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-d'})$  and  $\sqrt{-d'} \in \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-d})$  similarly. We can easily have  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-d}) = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-d'})$  and ~~since  $\sqrt{-d} \in \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-d'})$  we must have  $d = d'$~~ .

Back to proving 2), since  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-d}) = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-d'})$ , we see that  $\forall B \in R_\Lambda, B \in \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-d})$  and thus we proved 2).

~~Now,~~ Now, time for some definitions. For a quadratic field  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-d})$ , define  $k =$   
 $O_k = \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z} \left[ \frac{1+\sqrt{-d}}{2} \right] & \text{if } d \equiv 3 \pmod{4} \\ \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-d}] & \text{if } d \equiv 1, 2 \pmod{4} \end{cases}$  We will prove the following lemma

Lemma 2:  $O_k$  is the ring of algebraic integers that belongs to  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-d})$ .

Proof: It is easy to see that if  $B \in O_k$ , then  $B$  is an algebraic integer

Now, suppose  $B = \frac{x+y\sqrt{-d}}{z}$  ( $\gcd(x, y, z) = 1$ ) is an algebraic integer, then we have  $B^2 - \frac{2x}{z}B + \frac{x^2+y^2d}{z^2} = 0$ . If  $B \notin \mathbb{Z}$ , then  ~~$B \notin \mathbb{Z}$~~  the minimal of  $B$  has degree 2, this means  $2x : z$  and  $x^2 + y^2d : z^2$ . If  $z$  is odd then  $z \mid x$  and  $\gcd(y, z) = 1$ , we must have  $z^2 \mid d$ , thus  $z = 1 \Rightarrow B \in \mathbb{Z}$ . If  $z$  is even,  $z = 2z' \Rightarrow x : z'$  and  $x^2 + y^2d : 4z'^2$ , we easily have  $z' = 1$  and  $x + dy^2 : 4$ . If  $d \equiv 1, 2 \pmod{4}$  then  $2 \mid x$  and  $2 \mid y$ , contradiction since  $\gcd(x, y, z) = 1$  and  $2 \mid z$ . Thus, if  $z$  is even, then  $d \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$  and we can write  $B$  in the form of  $\mathbb{Z} \left[ \frac{1+\sqrt{-d}}{2} \right]$ .

Now, we will prove the following theorem, to give a nice form of  $\text{End}(E)$ :

Theorem 2:  $\text{End}(E) \neq \mathbb{Z}$

$$\begin{cases} \text{End}(E) \simeq \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{d}] & \text{for } d \equiv 1, 2 \pmod{4} \text{ and } d \in \mathbb{Z} \\ \text{End}(E) \simeq \mathbb{Z}\left[\frac{1+\sqrt{d}}{2}\right] & \text{for } d \equiv 3 \pmod{4} \text{ and } d \in \mathbb{Z} \end{cases}$$

Proof: If  $R_\Lambda \neq \mathbb{Z}$ , then  $R_\Lambda \subset \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})$  for some  $d$ . WLOG,  $d \equiv 1, 2 \pmod{4}$ . Since each element of  $R_\Lambda$  is an algebraic integer, we have  $R_\Lambda \subseteq \mathcal{O}_K$  where  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})$ . Let  $e + f\sqrt{d} \in R_\Lambda$  with  $|f|$  minimal, then we can easily prove that if  $e' + f'\sqrt{d} \in R_\Lambda$ , then  $f \mid f'$ . In the other hand,  $\mathbb{Z} \subset R_\Lambda$  and  $e + f\sqrt{d} \in R_\Lambda \Rightarrow m + n(e + f\sqrt{d}) \in R_\Lambda \forall m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ , this means  $R_\Lambda = \mathbb{Z}[f\sqrt{d}]$ . Thus  $\text{End}(E) \simeq R_\Lambda = \mathbb{Z}[f\sqrt{d}]$  for some  $f$  if  $d \equiv 1, 2 \pmod{4}$  and  $R_\Lambda \neq \mathbb{Z}$ , and theorem 2 is proven.

As we can see, in theorem 2,  $\text{End}(E) \simeq \mathbb{Z}$ , or  $\text{End}(E) \simeq \mathbb{Z}[u]$  for some algebraic integer  $u$ . In the latter case,  $\text{End}(E)$  is strictly larger than  $\mathbb{Z}$  and  $E$  has complex multiplication, defined in the first part of theorem.

In the example, we had  $\mathbb{Z}[i] \subset \text{End}(E)$  where  $E: y^2 = 4x^3 - 4x$ . By theorem 2, we have  $\mathbb{Z}[i] \supset \text{End}(E)$ , thus  $\mathbb{Z}[i] \simeq \text{End}(E)$ .