

Problem 4

The elliptic curve

$$Y^2 = X^3 + 2$$

has six mod 5 points including ∞ .

Five of them are $\infty, (2,0), (3,3), (4,1), (4,4)$. Find the sixth mod 5 point.

- Finding and counting mod P points on elliptic curves is a very important problem (both theoretically and practically).

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➤ Find integers S, T ($0 \leq S, T \leq 4$) satisfying

$$T^2 \equiv S^3 + 2 \pmod{5}.$$

◆ $S^3 + 2 \pmod{5}$

$$0^3 + 2 \equiv 2 \quad 1^3 + 2 \equiv 3 \quad 2^3 + 2 \equiv 0$$

$$3^3 + 2 \equiv 4 \quad 4^3 + 2 \equiv 1$$

◆ $T^2 \pmod{5}$

$$0^2 \equiv 0 \quad 1^2 \equiv 1 \quad 2^2 \equiv 4 \quad 3^2 \equiv 4 \quad 4^2 \equiv 1$$

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$$\blacklozenge 0 \equiv T^2 \equiv S^3+2 \Rightarrow S \equiv 2, T \equiv 0$$

$$\blacklozenge 1 \equiv T^2 \equiv S^3+2 \Rightarrow S \equiv 4, T \equiv 1 \text{ or } 4$$

$$\blacklozenge 4 \equiv T^2 \equiv S^3+2 \Rightarrow S \equiv 3, T \equiv 2 \text{ or } 3$$

The mod 5 points are

$$\infty, (2,0), (4,1), (4,4), \mathbf{(3,2)}, (3,3)$$

The sixth point is **(3,2)**.

$$\text{Answer } S = 3, T = 2$$