

# Elliptic Curves - Summary

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**Theorem 1** (Mordell). *Given an elliptic curve  $E/\mathbb{Q}$ ,  $\text{rk}(E(\mathbb{Q})) < \infty$ .*

**Theorem 2.** *Given a curve  $C$  and a rational map  $C \xrightarrow{\phi} W \subset \mathbb{P}^n$ , if  $C$  is smooth at  $P \in C$ , then  $\phi$  is regular at  $P$ . If  $C$  is smooth, then  $\phi$  is a morphism.*

**Corollary 3.** *Let  $C_1 \xrightarrow{\phi} C_2$  be a morphism of smooth curves. If  $\deg(\phi) = 1$ , then it is an isomorphism.*

**Proposition 4.** *Given any smooth projective curve  $C$ , a morphism  $C \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$  is either constant or surjective.*

**Proposition 5.** *Let  $C_1 \xrightarrow{\phi} C_2$  be a non-constant morphism. Then:*

- *for every  $Q \in C_2$ ,  $\deg(\phi) = \sum_{P \in \phi^{-1}(Q)} e_\phi(P)$ ;*
- *If  $C_2 \xrightarrow{\psi} C_3$  is another morphism,  $e_{\psi \circ \phi}(P) = e_\phi(P) \cdot e_\psi(\phi(P))$ ;*
- *For all but finitely many  $Q \in C_2$ ,  $\#\phi^{-1}(Q) = \deg_s(\phi)$ . If we are working over  $\mathbb{Q}$ ,  $= \deg(\phi)$ .*

**Proposition 6.** *Let  $C$  be a smooth curve,  $f \in \overline{\mathbb{K}}(C)^\times$ . Then there are finitely many points  $P \in C$  s.t.  $\text{ord}_P(f) \neq 0$ .*

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BEWARE: from now on,  $\mathbb{K}$  will always be an algebraically closed field,  $C$  a smooth projective curve over  $\mathbb{K}$ .  
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**Proposition 7.** *Given a smooth projective curve over  $\mathbb{K}$ , we have for any  $f \in \mathbb{K}(C)$ :*

- $\text{div}(f) = 0 \Leftrightarrow f \in \mathbb{K}^\times$ ;
- $\deg(\text{div}(f)) = 0$

**Proposition 8.**  $\Omega_C$  is a 1-dimensional  $\mathbb{K}(C)$ -vector space and a morphism  $C_1 \xrightarrow{\phi} C_2$  induces a map  $\Omega_{C_2} \xrightarrow{\phi^*} \Omega_{C_1}$  defined as  $\phi^*(f \cdot dx) = \phi^*(f) \cdot d(\phi^*(x))$ . Also,  $\phi$  is separable if and only if  $\phi^* \neq 0$ .

**Theorem 9** (Riemann-Roch). *Given  $D \in \text{Div}(C)$ ,  $l(D) - l(K_C - D) = \deg(D) - g + 1$ . Also,  $\deg(K_C) = 2g - 2$ .*

**Proposition 10.** *Let  $E$  be a smooth projective curve of genus 1 and defined over  $\mathbb{K}$  not algebraically closed. Also, fixed  $O \in E(\mathbb{K})$ , there is an isomorphism  $C \xrightarrow{\phi} C \subset \mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{K}}^1$  with  $\phi(O) = (0 : 1 : 0)$  and  $C$  given by  $y^2 + a_1xy + a_2y = x^3 + a_3x^2 + a_4x + a_5$ , which is the General Weierstrass equation.*

**Proposition 11.** *Given  $C$  and fixed  $O \in E(\mathbb{K})$ , there is a map  $C(\mathbb{K}) \rightarrow \text{Pic}(C)$ ,  $P \mapsto [P - O]$ , which gives a bijection  $C(\mathbb{K}) \leftrightarrow \text{Pic}^0(C)$ .*

**Proposition 12.** *Let  $\Gamma(\mathbb{K}) \neq 2, 3$ . If  $C$  is given by a Weierstrass equation, then there exists a change of variables which reduces it to  $y^2 = x^3 + ax + b$ . Also, any isomorphism of elliptic curves is given by  $x = u^2x'$ ,  $y = u^3y'$  for some  $u \in \mathbb{K}^\times$ .*

**Proposition 13.** • *Given any Weierstrass curve  $E$  over a field  $\mathbb{K}$  not necessarily algebraically closed, it is:*

1. *smooth  $\Leftrightarrow \Delta \neq 0$ ; also,  $E(\mathbb{K}) \cong \text{Pic}_{\mathbb{K}}^0(E)$ ;*
  2. *a node  $\Leftrightarrow \Delta = 0 \neq C_4$ ; also,  $E^{ns}(\overline{K}) \cong \overline{K}^\times$ ;*
  3. *a cusp  $\Leftrightarrow \Delta = C_4 = 0$ ; also,  $E^{ns}(\mathbb{K}) \cong (\mathbb{K}, +)$ .*
- *Two elliptic curves  $E, E'$  over  $\mathbb{K}$  are isomorphic if and only if  $j(E) = j(E')$ .*
  - *For all  $j_0 \in \mathbb{K}$ , there exists an elliptic curve  $E$  over  $\mathbb{K}$  s.t.  $j(E) = j_0$ .*

**Theorem 14.** *Let  $E$  be a Weierstrass curve over  $\mathbb{Q}$  and  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$  s.t.  $p \mid n$ . Then, we have an injection  $E(\mathbb{Q})[n] \hookrightarrow \tilde{E}(\mathbb{F}_p)$ . Also, the order of any point in  $E(\mathbb{Q})^{tors}$  divides  $p^k \cdot \#\tilde{E}(\mathbb{F}_p)$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ .*

**Corollary 15.** *Given any elliptic curve  $E$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$ ,  $E(\mathbb{Q})^{tors}$  is a finite subgroup of  $E(\mathbb{Q})$ .*

**Theorem 16** (Nagell-Lutz). *Let  $E/\mathbb{Q}$  be an elliptic curve. Suppose that  $P = (x_P, y_P) \in E(\mathbb{Q})^{tors}$ . Then,  $x_P, y_P \in \mathbb{Z}$  and either  $y_P = 0$ , in which case  $P$  has order 2, or  $y_P^2 \mid \Delta$ .*

**Theorem 17** (Mazur). *Given an elliptic curve  $E/\mathbb{Q}$ , we have that  $E^{tors}(\mathbb{Q})$  is either isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$ , where  $1 \leq n \leq 10$  or  $n = 12$ , or to  $\mathbb{Z}/2n\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ , where  $1 \leq n \leq 4$ .*

**Proposition 18.** *Let  $f$  be a non-zero elliptic function on a complex lattice  $\Lambda$ ,  $D$  a fundamental domain for  $\Lambda$  s.t.  $f$  has no zeroes/poles on the boundary of  $D$ . Then:*

- $\sum_{\gamma \in D} \text{res}_{\gamma}(f) = 0$ ;
- $\sum_{\gamma \in D} \text{ord}_{\gamma}(f) = 0$ ;
- $\sum_{\gamma \in D} \text{ord}_{\gamma}(f) \cdot \gamma = 0 \pmod{\Lambda}$ .

**Theorem 19.** *Let  $\Lambda \subset \mathbb{C}$  be a lattice. Then any elliptic function on  $\Lambda$  is an element of  $\mathbb{C}(\wp_{\Lambda}, \wp'_{\Lambda})$ .*

**Theorem 20.** *Given any lattice  $\Lambda \subset \mathbb{C}$ , we have that:*

$$(\wp'_{\Lambda}(z))^2 = 4\wp_{\Lambda}(z)^3 - 60 \cdot G_4(\Lambda)\wp_{\Lambda}(z) - 140 \cdot G_6(\Lambda).$$