

# Notes for the Oberwolfach meeting, “Explicit Methods in Number Theory”

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 TALK: 1. MESTRE

SATOH. Canonical lift to count points on  $E/F$ , with  $F$  of small characteristic. Every month, somebody has an idea to turn this into an algorithm.

Idea of Legendre, Gauss: AGM = arithmetical geometrical mean. (1780)

I.

1. Facts about the AGM

$a, b > 0$ ;  
 $a_0 = a, b_0 = b$ ,  
 $[a_n, b_n] = [(a_{n-1} + b_{n-1})/2, \sqrt{a_{n-1}b_{n-1}}]$   
 ---->  $M(a,b) = \text{AGM of } a \text{ and } b$ ,  
 convergence is quadratic:  $|a_{n+1} - b_{n+1}| < c |a_n - b_n|^2$ .

[Let's code this in MAGMA and play:

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function agm(a,b, n)
  for i in [1..n] do
    sum := a+b;
    prod := a*b;
    a := sum/2;
    b := Sqrt(prod);
    [a,b];
  end for;
  return [a,b];
end function;
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For fun, when Gauss was 13, he computed  $M(1, \sqrt{2})$  up

to 60 digits.

$$\int_0^{\pi/2} d\theta / \sqrt{\cos^2(\theta) + 2\sin^2(\theta)}$$
$$= \pi / (2M(1, \sqrt{2})).$$

Then he generalized:

$$\int_0^{\pi/2} d\theta / \sqrt{a^2 \cos^2 + b^2 \sin^2}$$
$$= \pi / (2M(a, b)).$$

Proof --

$$\theta = \phi(\theta')$$

$$\int_0^{\pi/2} d\theta / \sqrt{a^2 \cos^2 + b^2 \sin^2}$$
$$= \int_0^{\pi/2} d\theta' / \sqrt{a_1^2 \cos^2 + b_1^2 \sin^2}$$
$$= \dots = 1/M(a, b) \int_0^{\pi/2} d\theta / 1.$$

2.  $a, b \in \mathbb{C}$ .

Which choice for  $\sqrt{\phantom{x}}$ ?

If, after some steps, where you take any square root, you should always take the "good one", ( $\sqrt{\phantom{x}}$  with real part  $> 0$ ) it converges.

AUDIENCE: what if real part = 0!!?

(no useful response)

The inverse of the limits is a lattice  $\mathbb{Z}\alpha + \mathbb{Z}\beta$ .

ZAGIER: Bzzzt. They're all in the right half plane. You should instead take the  $\sqrt{\phantom{x}}$  that is closer to the usual mean.

ELKIES: That's what I thought! [Indeed, he had suggested that immediately, but wasn't as insistent as Zagier.]

3.  $|q| < 1$

$$\Theta_0(q) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} q^{n^2}.$$

$$\Theta_1(q) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} (-1)^n q^{n^2}.$$

$$(\Theta_0(q)^2 + \Theta_1(q)^2)/2 = \Theta_0^2(q^2),$$

Somehow he claims that

$$M(\Theta_0^2(q), \Theta_1^2(q)) = 1.$$

Given  $a, b > 0$  there exists  $\alpha$  and  $q$  with  $|q| < 1$  such that  $a = \alpha \Theta_0^2(q)$ ,  $b = \alpha \Theta_1^2(q)$ .

Then  $M(a, b) = \alpha M(\Theta_0^2(q), \Theta_1^2(q)) = \alpha$ .

Link with elliptic curves:

$$\int_0^{\pi/2} d\theta / \sqrt{a^2 \cos^2(\theta) + b^2 \sin^2(\theta)}$$

$$= \int_0^{\infty} dx / \sqrt{x(x+a^2)(x+b^2)} = \omega.$$

$$E_{\{a_i, b_i\}}: y_i^2 = x_i(x_i+a_i^2)(x_i+b_i^2)$$

$E_{\{a_1, b_1\}} \xrightarrow{\phi} E_{\{a_0, b_0\}}$  is a 2-isogeny

$$\phi^*(\omega_1) = \omega_0, \text{ where } \omega_i = dx_i/y_i$$

$E_{\{a_i, b_i\}}$  has same  $\omega$ .

$E_{\{a_{\infty}, b_{\infty}\}}: y^2 = x(x+M^2(a,b))^2$ ,  
which is singular, so integral is very easy.

## II. p-adic Case

$K$  local field,  $\pi$  uniformizer.

(1) Henniart - M.

$a, b$  in  $K^*$   
 $b/a = 1 \pmod{8\pi}$ .

Then the limit exists and the process is quadratically convergent.

$$\sqrt{ab} = a\sqrt{b/a},$$

and we choose  $\sqrt{\quad} = 1 \pmod{4\pi}$ .

Suppose  $y^2 = x(x+a^2)(x+b^2)$  is a Tate curve.

Tate  $j = 1/q + \dots$  can be computed quickly.

(2)  $K/\mathbb{Q}_2$  unramified of degree  $d$ .

Let  $E/K$  be an ordinary elliptic curve. Let  $P_0$  be "the" point of order 2 which corresponds to  $\mu_2$ . Take this point as origin:

$$y^2 = x(x - a^2)(x-b^2)$$

$(0,0) \mapsto P_0$ .

$$b/a = 1 \pmod{8}.$$

$$\sqrt{ab} = a \sqrt{b/a}$$

$$\sqrt{1+8(\quad)} = 1+4(\quad).$$

$$E_{\{a,b\}} \xleftarrow{\phi_n} E_{\{a_1, b_1\}} \xleftarrow{\quad} \dots \xleftarrow{\quad} E_{\{a_n, b_n\}}$$

$$\phi_n^*(\omega_n) = \omega_{n-1}.$$

Thm:  $j(E_{\{nd\}}) \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} j(E)$ , where  $E$  is the canonical lifting

of  $\tilde{E}$ .

More precisely,  $b_n/a_n$  converges.

This convergence is not quadratic. It is *linear*.

Suppose now that the initial curve is the canonical lift  $E$ .  
Then  $E$  is isomorphic to  $E_d$ .

Lemma:  $k$  of characteristic 0.

$E/k$ :  $f: E \rightarrow E$

$\text{Tr}(f) = f + f^\wedge = f^\wedge(\omega)/\omega + \deg(f) \omega/f^\wedge(\omega)$  in  $Z$ .

$f^\wedge(\omega) = \mu\omega$ , where  $\mu$  in  $k$ .

Algorithm:

- (1) Compute  $a_n, b_n$  until  $n = \lfloor d/2 \rfloor$ .
- (2)  $a_m, b_m \rightarrow (a_{m+d}, b_{m+d})$

Then

$$\# \tilde{E}(F_{p^d}) = p^d + 1 - (a_m/a_{m+d} + p^d a_{m+d}/a_m),$$

where  $p = 2$ .

Gudry and Hanley implemented this nicely.

TALK: 2. O'NEIL: Descent

Descent:

Part 1. Image of  $E(K)$  in Selmer.

Part 2. models for elements of Sel.

\* If  $E$  has full  $n$ -torsion,

$$H^1(G_K, E[n]) \text{ isom } K^\wedge/(K^\wedge)^\wedge_m \times K^\wedge/(K^\wedge)^\wedge_m,$$

once we choose basis  $\langle S, T \rangle$  of  $E[n]$  with  $e_n(S, T) = \zeta$ .

\*  $n = 3$ :  $E_\lambda: x^3 + y^3 + z^3 + \lambda xyz = 0$ .  
 $O_{E_\lambda} = (1, -1, 0)$ . (origin of group law)

Two maps:  $M_S = \text{diag}(1, \zeta, \zeta^2)$ ,  
 $M_T = [[0, 1, 0], [0, 0, 1], [1, 0, 0]]$ .

Elements of  $\text{Sel}_3(E_\lambda)$  are given as a pair  $(a, b)$ .

Part 1.  $P \mapsto (a, b) = (f_S(P), f_T(P))$ ,

$\text{div}(f_S) = 3(S) - 3(O)$   
 $\text{div}(H_0) = 3(O)$ ,  $H_S$  (gives  $f_S$ , up to scalar)  
also there exists  $g_S, f_{S0}[3] = g_S^3$ .

$\text{div}(g_S) = \sum_{3u=s} (u)$ , where  $3u=s$   
 \* So  $u = -2u+s$ .  
 \* Look for fixed points of  $x \mapsto -2x+s$ .  
 \* Get a cubic curve in  $P^2$ , that is defined by a "generalized Henssian".

Used Maple to find scalar.

Part 2.  $(a,b) \mapsto$  model in  $P^2$ .

in

$H^1(G_K, E[3])$

Thm:  $(a,b)$  in  $H^1(G_K, E[n])$  has index  $|n| \iff (a,b)_{\text{Hilb},n} = 1$ .

$(a,b)$  in  $\text{Sel}_3 \implies (a,b)_{\text{Hilb}} = 1$ .

i.e., let  $\alpha^3 = a$ , there exists  $\beta$  in  $K(\alpha)$  such that  $N_{K(\alpha)/K}(\beta) = b$ .

Write  $\beta = \beta_0 + \beta_1\alpha + \beta_2\alpha^2$   
 find  $C = C_{(a,b)} = C_{(\alpha,\beta)}$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 C & \xrightarrow{\quad} & P^2 \\
 | & & | \leftarrow M_S, M_T \\
 \backslash/ & & \backslash/ \\
 C & \xrightarrow{\quad} & P^2
 \end{array}$$

The cubic  $F_{(\alpha,\beta)}$  defining  $C$  in  $P^2$  is fixed by  $M_S, M_T$ , so it's well defined (??)

THEOREM:

$F =$  explicit formula in terms of  $a, \lambda, \alpha, \beta \dots$

Remarks:

- set up extends to  $n=5$  (or any prime)
- $M_S, M_T$  act on  $V \leftarrow$  space of dim 5 of quadrics

TALK 3. ZAGIER:

On Binary Cubic Forms

- \* cubic forms & their class numbers
- \* zeta functions (Shintani)
- \* cubic forms  $\longleftrightarrow$  cubic rings
- \* cubic forms  $\longleftrightarrow$  quadratic forms

Reminder: Binary quadratic forms

$$\begin{aligned}
 [A, B, C] \quad q(x,y) &= Ax^2 + Bxy + Cy^2 \\
 D(q) &= B^2 - 4AC
 \end{aligned}$$

Let  $Q = \{[A, B, C] : A, B, C \text{ in } \mathbb{Z}\}$  -----  $D \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  ( $D = B^2 - 4AC$ )  

$$\begin{array}{c} / \backslash \\ | -4 \\ | \end{array}$$
  
 $Q^* = \{[A, 2B, C] : A, B, C \text{ in } \mathbb{Z}\}$  -----  $D^* \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  ( $D^* = AC - B^2$ )

$Q_D = \{[A, B, C] \mid B^2 - 4AC = D\}$ .  
 $G = \text{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$ .

Questions:

- \* class numbers
- \* analytic questions
- \* algebraic interpretation

$h(D) = \#(C_D^0 / G)$ , where  $C_D^0$  is the set of primitive forms.  
 $H(D) = \sum_{[q] \in Q_D / \Gamma} 1 / |\Gamma_q|$ . (only  $D < 0$  is interesting)

The only descent question is "what are the  $H(D)$  with  $D < 0$ ."  
The generating function for  $H(D)$  is a weight  $3/2$ 's modular form, essentially.

Also  $C_D^0 / G$  isom  $Cl_D$  (class group!)

D	7	8	11	23	41	71
	1	1	1	3	5	7

$C = \{[a, b, c, d], a, b, c, d \text{ in } \mathbb{Z}\}$

$F(x, y) = ax^3 + bx^2y + cxy^2 + dy^3$   
 $\Delta(F) = 18abcd - 4ac^3 + 4b^3d + b^2c^2 - 27a^2d^2$ .

$C^* = \{[a, 3b, 3c, d], a, b, c, d \text{ in } \mathbb{Z}\}$   
 $F(x+x', y+y') = F(x, y) + F(x', y') \pmod{3}$ .

$D(F) = a^2d^2 - 3b^2c^2 + 4ac^3 + 4b^3d - 6abcd = -1/27 \Delta(F)$ .

Class Numbers:

$H(D) = \sum_{[F] \in C_D / \Gamma} 1 / \#\Gamma_F$  (always finite)

$H^*(D) = \sum_{[F] \in C_D^* / \Gamma} 1 / \#\Gamma_F$

$H_3(\pm N), H_3^*(\pm N)$  ( $GL(2)$  acts on  $C(\mathbb{C})$ .... orbits, etc. the group has the same dimension as the space.)

The numbers  $H_3(\pm N), H_3^*(\pm N)$  all exist, and they are all interesting!

On the analytic side, Shintani made four Dirichlet series:

$Z_{\pm N}(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} H(\pm n) n^{-s} \dots$

$Z_{\{\pm\}}^*(s)$   
jointly have meromorphic continuation.

For some reason, nobody bothered to compute  $H^*(D)$ , until five years ago. An actual table was made by Ohno (grad student in Japan then), shows:

There are really TWO SERIES of numbers. Two are the same, and 3 times one is another.

$$H_3(D) = H_3^*(D) \cdot (\text{up to factor of } 3)$$

There is a proof in Nakagawa (Inv. 98).

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How to map cubic forms to quadratic forms.

$$C_D^* \longrightarrow Q_D$$

$$C_D^*/\Gamma \longrightarrow Q_D / \Gamma.$$

The map

$$F = [a, 3b, 3c, d] \longmapsto q_F = [b^2 - ac, bc - ad, c^2 - bd] = [A, B, C]$$

is  $\Gamma$  equivariant.

- Proofs: (1) direct computations  
 (2) check for sign change, interchange, and translation, and these three generate  $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$ .  
 (3)  $q_F = -1/6[F_{xx}, F_{xy}; F_{yx}, F_{yy}]$   
 $= -[ax+by, bx+cy; bx+cy, cx+dy]$   
 (4) Invariant theory:  $S^3(\mathbb{Z}x\mathbb{Z}) \longrightarrow S^3$  tensor  $S^3$   
 $\longrightarrow S^0 + S^2 + S^4 + S^6 \longrightarrow S^2$

Eisenstein (1844): Let  $D$  be fundamental.

$$C_D^*/\Gamma \longrightarrow Q_D/\Gamma = Cl_D$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} a \setminus & & \setminus \\ & Cl_D[3] & \end{array}$$

$a$  is 3-1 if  $D$  positive and iso when  $D$  negative.

In Eisenstein's paper, he gave a proof in a special case.

He used the syzygy [the word "syzygy" mean "linear relation"]:

$$4 q_F(x, y)^3 = G_F(x, y)^2 - D(F) F(x, y)^2$$

$$G_F = 1/3 * \det \dots$$

Let

$\tau_F$  = trilinear form associated to  $F$ .

$$q_F(\xi) q_F(\eta) q_F(\zeta) = (\tau_{G_F}(\xi, \eta, \zeta))^2 - D \tau_F(\xi, \eta, \zeta)^2 / 4.$$



Now we come to the things that are "new":

$$C_D^* \dashrightarrow Q_D = \text{disjoint union over } n \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}, n^2 \mid D \text{ of } n * Q^0_{\{D/n^2\}}.$$

Thus, for  $D < 0$ ,  $H(D) = \sum_{n^2 \mid D} h(D/n^2) / (\text{something in } 1, 2, 3)$

Also,  $C_D^*$  is disjoint union over  $n^2 \mid D$  of  
 $C_{\{D, n\}}^* = \{F \mid q_F = nQ \text{ for some } n \in \mathbb{Z}, Q \in Q^0_{\{D/n^2\}}\}$

When  $|G_F| = 3$ , find that  $F = [\alpha, \beta, -3\alpha - \beta, \alpha]$ ,  
 $D = (\beta^2 + 3\alpha\beta + 9\alpha^2)^2$ .

In any case,  
 $H_3^*(D) = \sum_{n^2 \mid D} H_3^*(D, n)$

So, taking only primitive things, get  
 $C_{\{D, 1\}}^* / \Gamma \dashrightarrow Cl_D[3]$  (maybe up to something with 3's?)

Recall that

$$Cl_D = \{ a = \text{fractional proper } 0_D\text{-ideals} \} / \text{linear equivalence}$$

$$Cl_D[3] = \{(a, \theta) \mid a^3 = (\theta)\} / (a, \theta) \text{ equiv } (\lambda a, \lambda^3 \theta)$$

$$\text{here } a \in I_D, \theta \in K^*, \theta = a^3$$

Theorem:  $C_{\{D, n\}}^* = \{(a, \theta) : a \in I_D, \theta \in a^3, [a^3 : (\theta)] = n\}$   
 modulo stuff.

$$\text{and } \sum C_{\{D, n\}}^* n^{-s} = \text{sum of things } \zeta_D(A^3, s) = \text{sum of things } L_K(s, \chi).$$

TALK: 4. LENSTRA: Zeta functions of curves over almost finite fields.

Let  $k$  be a finite field in  $\bar{k} = \text{union}_{n \geq 1} k_n, [k_n : k] = n$ .

Let  $X$  be a scheme of finite type over  $k$ .

$$X(\bar{k}) = \text{union}_{n \geq 1} X(k_n)$$

Frobenius (raising coordinates to  $\#k$ )  
 $\phi: X(\bar{k}) \dashrightarrow X(\bar{k})$  (a bijection)

$$N_n = N_n(X) = \#X(k_n) = \#\{x \in X(\bar{k}) : \phi^n(x) = x\}.$$

$$a_n = a_n(X) = \#\{x \in X \text{ closed point} : \deg(x) = n\} = \#\{n\text{-cycles of } \phi \text{ on } X(\bar{k})\}$$

$$\sum_{d \mid n} d * a_d = N_n.$$

$$Z(X)(T) = \prod_{n \geq 1} (1 - T^n)^{-a_n} \text{ in } \Lambda(Z).$$

If  $R$  is a ring, then  $\Lambda(R) = 1 + T * R[[T]]$ .

$TZ'/Z = \sum_{n \geq 1} N_n T^n$ . (logarithmic derivative)

Let  $\ell$  be a prime number. It isn't really important whether  $\ell$  equals  $\text{char}(k)$  or not. "But certainly it will be one or the other." [Trademark Lenstra humor!]

Consider

$(Z(X) \bmod \ell) \text{ in } \Lambda(F_\ell)$ .

We have three sequences:

- (1)  $(a_n(X))_{n=1}^{\infty}$
- (2)  $(N_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$
- (3) (coefficients of  $Z(X))_{n=1}^{\infty}$

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Relations in the diagram (a triangle)

- (1)  $| \dashrightarrow$  (2)
- (2)  $| \dashrightarrow$  (1) ( $\dashrightarrow$  means "bad denominators")
- (3)  $| \dashrightarrow$  (2)
- (2)  $| \dashrightarrow$  (3)
- (3)  $| \dashrightarrow$  (1)
- (1)  $| \dashrightarrow$  (3)

Fact: It is equivalent to know the following:

- (a)  $Z(X) \bmod \ell$
- (b)  $\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a_{n \cdot \ell^i}(X) \cdot \ell^i$  as an  $\ell$ -adic integer for each  $n \geq 1$ , with  $\ell \nmid n$ .
- (c)  $\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} N_{n \cdot \ell^i}(X)$  as an element of  $Z_\ell$  for each  $n \geq 1$ .

$\bigcup_{i \geq 0} k_{\ell^i}$

- (d)  $Z(X_K / K)$ , where  $K = \text{maximal } \ell\text{-extension of } k$  and  $X_K = X \times_k K$ .

What is "knowledge"?

Let  $f$  and  $g$  be two functions on a set  $S$ . Then "knowing  $f(x)$  implies knowing  $g(x)$ , for all  $x$  in  $S$ " means that there exists  $h$  such that  $h \circ f = g$ .

Proof of the fact:

$\prod_{n \geq 1, \ell \nmid n} Z_\ell \dashrightarrow \Lambda(F_\ell)$

The isomorphism sends  
 $(b_n)$  to  $\prod (1-T^n)^{-b_n}$ .

$$(Z(X) \bmod \ell) = \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1-T^n)^{-\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a_n \ell^i} \cdot \ell^{\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a_n \ell^i}$$

For (b) and (c) write

$$N_{\ell^i}(X) = \sum_{d|n} d \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \dots$$

Exercise: If  $m \geq 2$ , then knowing  $(Z(X) \bmod \ell^m)$  [??] is equivalent to knowing  $(Z(X) \bmod \ell)$  and  $(a_n(X) \bmod \ell^{m-1})_{n \geq 1}$

Definition: A field  $K$  is "nearly finite" if it is algebraic over a finite field and

$$k' \text{ in } K \text{ implies } k' \text{ finite or } [K:k'] < \infty.$$

Let  $K$  be a nearly finite field,  $\ell = \text{char}(K)$ , postpone choice of  $k$ .

$$G_K = \text{Gal}(\bar{K}/K) \text{ isom } \varprojlim_{\ell \nmid n} \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$$

$Y/K$  scheme of finite type

Each closed point  $y$  in  $Y$  has degree  $n$  for some  $n \geq 1$ ,  $\ell \nmid n$ .

$Y/K/k$ . In fact,  $k$  can be chosen, so  $K$  is the maximal  $\ell$ -extension of  $k$  and  $Y = X_K$ , with  $X/k$ .

Then  $a_n(Y) = \sum_{i \geq 0} a_n \ell^i$  is an  $\ell$ -adic integer independent of the choice of the  $X$ .

Define  $Z(Y/K) = \prod_{n \geq 1} \ell^{\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a_n \ell^i} (1-T^n)^{-a_n(Y)}$  in  $\mathbb{Z}[\ell^{-1}]$ .

$$TZ'/Z = \sum_{n \geq 1} N_n T^n.$$

Remark: This well-defined zeta function can be written as a limit:

$$Z(Y/K) = \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} Z(X_{k \ell^i})$$

[Which is how he *should* have defined it, no?]

Now to prove equivalence of (d) with others:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{Z}[\ell^{-1}] & \xrightarrow{\text{rho}} & \mathbb{Z}[\ell^{-1}] \\ || & & || \\ \prod_{n \geq 1} \mathbb{Z}[\ell^{-1}] & \xrightarrow{\text{rho}} & \prod_{n \geq 1} \mathbb{Z}[\ell^{-1}] \end{array}$$

Theorem:  $K, \ell, Y$  as before. Then  $Z(Y/K)$  is a rational function with all zeros and poles equal to roots of unity of order coprime to  $\ell$ .

## 1 The Definitions

Let  $E/\mathbb{Q}$  be an elliptic curve that is an *optimal quotient* of  $J_0(N_E)$ , where  $N = N_E$  is the conductor of  $E$ . Here  $J_0(N)$  is the Jacobian of the algebraic curve  $X_0(N)$  and a deep theorem implies that there is a surjective morphism  $\pi : X_0(N) \rightarrow E$ . The condition that  $E$  is optimal means that the induced map  $\pi_* : J_0(N) \rightarrow E$  has (geometrically) connected kernel.

**Definition 1.1.** The *modular degree* of  $E$  is

$$m_E = \deg(\pi).$$

One reason that the modular degree is well worth thinking about is that an assertion about how  $m_E$  grows relative to  $N_E$  is equivalent to the ABC Conjecture.

Let  $f = f_E = \sum a_n q^n \in S_2(\Gamma_0(N))$  be the newform attached to  $E$ .

**Definition 1.2.** The *congruence modulus* of  $E$  is

$$c_E = \# \left( \frac{S_2(\Gamma_0(N), \mathbb{Z})}{\mathbb{Z}f + (\mathbb{Z}f)^\perp} \right),$$

where  $(\mathbb{Z}f)^\perp$  is the unique  $\mathbb{T} = \mathbb{Z}[\dots T_n \dots]$ -module complement of  $\mathbb{Z}f$  in  $S_2(\Gamma_0(N), \mathbb{Z})$ . Equivalently,

$$c_E = \max\{c : f \equiv g \pmod{c} \text{ for some } g \in (\mathbb{Z}f)^\perp\}.$$

## 2 The History

- <1984: ??
- **1984:** Don Zagier wrote the often-cited paper *Modular parametrizations of elliptic curves* (1985), in which he gave an algorithm to compute  $m_E$  (sometimes?). The paper included
  - A result of Ribet:
 

**Theorem 2.1 (Ribet).** *If  $N_E$  is prime, then*

$$m_E = c_E.$$
  - It also said
 
$$c_E \mid m_E.$$
- **1998:** Frey and Müller published a wonderful survey: *Arithmetic of modular curves and applications*.
  - They ask: **Question 4.4:** Let  $E$  be an optimal quotient of any conductor. Does  $m_E = c_E$ ?
  - They remark that  $c_E \mid m_E$  and give two references [Ribet 83, Inventiones] and [Zagier 1985].
- **1995:** Cremona wrote a Math. Comp. paper, and computed  $m_E$  for every curve of conductor  $\leq N$ , where  $N$  is a few thousand.
- **2001:** Mark Watkins, who did a Ph.D. on the class number problem of Gauss, computed  $m_E$  for some curves with  $N_E$  **HUGE**, using an algorithm he created from a formula of M. Flach.

### 3 The Naive Algorithms

#### 3.1 A way to compute $m_E$

Use the (not-exact!) sequence:

$$H_1(E, \mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow H_1(X_0(N), \mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow H_1(E, \mathbb{Z}).$$

The composition map from  $H_1(E, \mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow H_1(E, \mathbb{Z})$  is multiplication by  $m_E$ , and  $H_1(E, \mathbb{Z})$  can be computed because its image in  $H_1(X_0(N), \mathbb{Z})$  is saturated, as  $E$  is optimal. This algorithm is described in detail in [Kohel-Stein, ANTS IV], and amounts to finding “left and right eigenvectors” and taking their dot product.

#### 3.2 A way to compute $c_E$

Compute  $S_2(\Gamma_0(N), \mathbb{Z}) \subset \mathbb{Z}[[q]]$  to precision  $[\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}) : \Gamma_0(N)]/6$  using, e.g., modular symbols, then use a Smith Normal Form algorithm.

### 4 The Examples

These examples were computed by myself and Amod Agashe.

- **54B:** Let  $E$  be the elliptic curve  $y^2 + xy + y = x^3 - x^2 + x - 1$ . Then  $m_E = 2$  and  $c_E = 6$ . In fact, it’s easy to see that  $3 \mid c_E$  “by hand” by writing down the form  $f$  corresponding to **54B** and the form  $g$  corresponding to  $X_0(27)$  and noting that  $f(q) \equiv g(q) + g(q^2) \pmod{3}$ . (Because of the “Sturm Bound”, it suffices to check this up to  $O(q^{19})$ .)

*Hey  $c_E \neq m_E$ !! In fact,  $c_E \nmid m_E$ !!* When we first did this computation, Ribet had already mentioned to us that he had really proved that  $m_E \mid c_E$ , not vice-versa. We were, however, extremely surprised to find so quickly an example in which  $c_E \neq m_E$ .

- **T-shirt:** My t-shirt has **243A** and **243B** on it. For **243A**, we have  $m_E = 9$  and  $c_E = 27$ . For **243B**, we have  $m_E = 6$  and  $c_E = 54$ . I designed the t-shirt many months before I knew that question 4.4 had a negative answer.
- **242B:**  $N = 2 \cdot 11^2$ .

$$m_E = 2^4 \neq c_E = 2^4 \cdot 11$$

The failure is probably not just a “small primes” phenomenon.

**Moral:** A little computation sometimes greatly cleans the air.

### 5 The Future

Based on computations, Amod and I conjectured and Ribet proved the following theorem.

**Theorem 5.1 (Ribet, 2001).** *Let  $E$  be an elliptic curve of conductor  $N$ . If  $p^2 \nmid N$  then  $\mathrm{ord}_p(m_E) = \mathrm{ord}_p(c_E)$ .*

New Version of “**Question 4.4**. For all  $N_E \leq 539$ , we have

$$2 \cdot \mathrm{ord}_p(c_E/m_E) \leq \mathrm{ord}_p(N_E).$$

In particular, for  $p \geq 5$ , do we have

$$\mathrm{ord}_p(c_E/m_E) \leq 1?$$

Is this true in general?

- ideas from audience: hendrik, change to 2!
- try to find a more refined exact formula for  $p = 2, 3$ . (Brumer)
- analogue of ques 4.4 for abelian varieties (Birch)
- elgies said something???

TALK 6: KOWALSKI: "Some analytic problems for elliptic curves"

Motivations:

- \* BSD conjecture for  $E/Q$  (what sort of local-to-global problems that have to do with elliptic curves have a positive solution.)
- \*  $\sum_{P \leq X} i(P)$ .
- \* Classical problems related to primes in progressions to large moduli.

Invariant:  $p$  a prime of good reduction.

$$E_p(F_p) = \mathbb{Z}/d_1\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}/(d_1 d_2)\mathbb{Z}.$$

$$i(p) = d_1(p).$$

$d_1(p) =$  largest  $d$  such that  $p$  is totally split in  $Q(E[d])$ .

$\sum_{p \leq X} d_1(p) = \sum_{d \leq \sqrt{x} + 1} \phi(d) \pi_E(X, d, 1)$ ,  
where  $\pi_E$  is the number of  $p \leq X$  st  $p$  is tot split in  $Q(E[d])$ .

Titch. division problem:

$$\sum_{p \leq X} d(p-1) = cX + d X/\log(X) + O(X(\log \log X)/(\log X)^2),$$

where  $c = \zeta(2)\zeta(3)/\zeta(6)$ .

Linnik, Fouvry, Bombieri, Friedlander-Iw.

Problem: Evaluate the sum, asymptotically.

Conjecture: If  $E$  has no CM, then

$$\sum d_1(p) \text{ asymptotic to } c_E X/\log(X),$$

if  $E$  has CM, then

$$\sum d_1(p) \text{ asymptotic to } c_E X,$$

where  $c_E = \sum_{d \geq 1} \phi(d)/\#G_d$ , (converges by Serre's "big image" theorem)

where  $G_d = \text{Gal}(Q(E[d])/Q)$ .

Even on assuming GRH, I've not been able to prove this.

Asymptotic formula:  $\pi_E(X, d, 1)$

$$= 1/\#G_d \operatorname{li}(X) + O(\sqrt{X} \log dX), d \leq X^{\{1/8\}}.$$

Problem 2: Look for  $d_1(p)$  that are "abnormally large".

$$d_1(p) \leq \sqrt{p} + 1$$

Example:  $y^2 = x^3 - 6x + 2$ .

$$p = 196561, d_1(p) = 140, \#G_{\{d_1(p)\}} = 92897280.$$

Problem 3: Count, as  $X \rightarrow \infty$ , the number of "bad"  $p \leq X$ .

Example:  $p \leq 3 \cdot 10^8$ .

10 bad primes

all are  $\leq 1.46 \cdot 10^8$ .

Approach, that might work, but won't, but leads to another interesting problem.

Suppose  $p < q$  (two bad primes), with  $d_1(p) = d_1(q)$  "large"

$$\begin{array}{l} d_1^2 \mid p+1-a_p \quad \backslash \text{-----} \backslash \quad d_1^2 \mid p-q + (a_q - a_p). \\ d_1^2 \mid q+1-a_q \quad / \text{-----} / \end{array} \quad \text{(if nonzero, and if } d_1 > 8q^{\{1/4\}}).$$

$$\implies q \geq p + (d_1^2 / 2)$$

Def:  $p$  and  $q$  are E-twins iff  $\#E(F_p) = \#E(F_q)$ .

Problem: Evaluate

$$J(X) = \# \{ p \leq X \mid p \text{ has a twin} \}$$

$$\left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{p}} \right) * \left( \frac{\sqrt{p}}{\log(p)} \right) = 1/\log(p)$$

Probably is about the same as that a prime number has a twin.

Problem:

Show if E has no CM, then

$$J(X) \text{ asymp to } c'_E * X/(\log X)^2.$$

I have no candidate value for  $c'_E$ .

In CM case, one can prove some things:

$$\#E(F_p) = \#E(F_q)$$

$$\iff N(\psi(p) - 1) = N(\psi(q) - 1).$$

$$N((\psi(p) - 1)/(\psi(q) - 1)) = 1$$

$$\psi(p) = u(\psi(q) - 1) + 1.$$

Conjecture:

Let  $k \geq 1$  be an arbitrary integer.

$$\sum_{p \leq X} m(p)^k \text{ asymp } c_{\{E,k\}} X(\log X)^{\{2^k - k - 2\}}$$

This is the correct upper bound. Lower bound is harder (i.e., harder than the twin primes conjecture.)

Example:

E:  $p \leq 10^8, \quad M(n) \leq 5.$

F:  $y^2 = x^3 - x.$

$M(128180000) = 24$

||

$$2^4 \cdot 5^3 \cdot 13 \cdot 17 \cdot 29$$

Problem:  $M(n) \ll n^\epsilon$  for non-CM curve.

TALK: 7. BEUKERS and EDWARDS: The super-Fermat equation; a complete solution to  $x^2 + y^3 + z^5 = 0$  (??)

The superfermat equation:

$x^p + y^q = z^r$  in  $x, y, z$  in  $\mathbb{Z}$  with  $\gcd(x, y, z) = 1$ ,  
 $p, q, r$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 2}$ .

$1 + 2 = 3$  (primitive)

gives:

$$2^{14} \cdot 3^6 + 2^{15} \cdot 3^6 = 2^{14} \cdot 3^7 \quad \text{boring!}$$

$$(2^7 \cdot 3^3)^2 + (2^5 \cdot 3^2)^3 = (2^2 \cdot 3)^7.$$

Case I.  $1/p + 1/q + 1/r < 1$

THEOREM (Darmon-Granville):  $\#\text{soln} < \infty$ .

Sketch of proof: Find a curve  $C$  and a Galois cover

$$\phi: C \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1 = \{(X:Y:Z) : X+Y=Z\} \text{ in } \mathbb{P}^2.$$

$\phi$  ramifies of order  $p$  above  $X=0$

of order  $q$  above  $Y=0$

of order  $r$  above  $Z=0$

Let  $x^p + y^q = z^r$  be a solution.

Consider  $\phi^{-1}(x^p:y^q:z^r)$ .

There exists a number field  $K$  such that

$\phi^{-1}(x^p:y^q:z^r)$  in  $C(K)$  for ALL  $(x, y, z)$  with  $x^p + y^q = z^r$ .

$1/p + 1/q + 1/r < 1 \iff \text{genus}(C) \geq 2 \implies \#C(K) < \infty. \quad [\text{QED}]$

There is a list of 10 known solutions:

$$1^k + 2^3 = 3^2$$

$$13^2 + 7^3 = 2^9$$

...

which includes spectacular ones, such as

$$9262^3 + 15312283^2 = 113^7.$$



Known results:

$\{p,q,r\} = \{2,3,8\}, \{2,4,5\}$  don't occur.

N. Bruin solved for the exponents in this list of 10 using Chabauty's method. I.e., he showed that for these exponents, there are no other solutions.

2nd method: Galois representations

$x^p + y^p = z^2$  (no nontrivial solutions)

$x^p + y^p = z^3$  solved using the Wiles method.

$x^2 + y^4 = z^p$  (being worked on by Skinner and Ellenberg)

[Beukers says it's a conjecture that this list is complete.

ZAGIER: No! I don't think it should be a conjecture. The heuristics say there should be between 0 and 3 (?) more solutions.]

Case II.  $1/p + 1/q + 1/r = 1$ .

$\{p,q,r\} = \{3,3,3\}, \{2,3,6\}, \{2,4,4\}$

All of these can be easily solved using rational points on elliptic curves:

$x^3 + y^3 = z^3$ ;  $x^2 + y^3 = \pm z^6$ ,  $y^2 + x^4 = z^4$ .

Case III.  $1/p + 1/q + 1/r > 1 \implies$

$\{p,q,r\} = \{2,2,k\}, \{2,3,3\}, \{2,3,4\}, \{2,3,5\}$ .  
 $k \geq 2$ .

Infinitely many solutions in each case. What are they?

For example:

\*  $\{2,2,2\}$  gives  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1$ . (easy param)

\*  $\{2,3,3\}$  Mordell: 5 parametrized solutions.

$x^3 + y^3 = z^2$ :  $x = -4p^3q + 4q^4$ ,  $y = p^4 + 8pq^3$ ,  $z = \dots$ , etc.

Invariant theory of quartic forms were used to resolve this.

\*  $\{2,3,4\}$  Zagier (no literature) 11 parametrized families.

\*  $\{2,3,5\}$  Not done before...!

Now we talk about  $\{2,3,5\}$ . It was known that only a finite list was needed, but a complete list wasn't given until now.

Reduction Theory

$f(x,y) = \prod_{i=1..k} (\nu_i x - \mu_i y)$

[most of the rest of the talk involves slides, so I am too lazy to take further notes.]

TALK: 8. TOP (11.00-11.45): Legendre elliptic curves over finite fields

Joint work with Roland Auer.

History:

2001, February: Netherlands thesis of V. Shabat: "Curves with many points".

Notation:  $C/F_q$  complete, geom. irred. curve of genus  $g$ .

$$\max \{ \#C(F_q) : \text{all } C \text{ of genus } g \} = N_q(g).$$

Hasse-Weil-Serre bound (HWS):

$$N_q(g) \leq q+1+g*\text{Floor}(2*\text{Sqrt}(q))$$

Past work:

$N_q(1)$ : Duering, 1941

$N_q(2)$ : Serre, 1983 (written down in a 1985 Harvard course).

princ. polarized  $\implies$  is Jacobian (also true for dim 3 [??])

genus two are always hyperelliptic (not true for genus 3)

What about  $g=3$ ?

Ibikiyama:  $q=p^{2n}$

Theoretical max is  $q+1+6*p^n$ .

He shows that for half the even  $n$ 's, this max is reached.

[And something about  $q+1-6*p^n$ .]

ELKIES: That doesn't work for  $q=4$ . Because, "the curve over  $F_{16}$  would have -7 points."

C. Lauter proved: For every  $q$ , one can reach either

\* a number a distance at most 3 from HWS

or

\* a number at most 3 from the minimum.

In Serre's notes, he had a table:

$g = 3$								
$q$	2	3	4	5	7	8	...	23
$N_q(3)$	..	..	...			..	...	??

"It's always a pleasure to find a "?" in a paper of Serre, because that's a challenge."

(a) We can easily list ALL hyperelliptic curves

(b) We can write down the general quartic and search over all possibilities.

Naive approach:

Uses some results that originate in MY thesis.

Consider the one-paramater family

$$C_\lambda: x^4 + y^4 + z^4 = (\lambda + 1)(x^2y^2 + y^2z^2 + z^2x^2)$$

Has an  $S_4$  symmetry.

This family includes the Klein curve and the Fermat curve of degree 4.

Fact:  $\text{Jacobian}(C_\lambda) \dashrightarrow (E_\lambda)^3$ .

Corollary:  $\#C_\lambda(\mathbb{F}_q) = q + 1 - 3t_\lambda(q)$

Here,

$E_\lambda^{(a)}$  is the elliptic curve  $ay^2 = x(x-1)(x-\lambda)$ .

If  $a$  depends on  $\lambda$ , then the Jacobian is a triple product.

$t_\lambda(q) = q+1 - \#E_\lambda^{(\lambda+3)}(\mathbb{F}_q)$ .

Problem: Maximize  $t_\lambda(q)$ .

Next, we ask an easier question about elliptic curves. What are the possible values of  $\#E_\lambda(\mathbb{F}_q)$ .

Answers: "All values, except one in one case."

Theorem: Let  $E/\mathbb{F}_q$  be an elliptic curve.

\*  $[F_q: \mathbb{F}_p]$  odd: there exists  $\lambda$  s.t.  $\#E(\mathbb{F}_q) = \#E_\lambda(\mathbb{F}_q)$   
 $\iff \#E(\mathbb{F}_q) \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ .

\*  $[F_q: \mathbb{F}_p]$  even: then  $q=r^2$ ,  $r \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ .  
 there exists  $\lambda$  s.t.  $\#E(\mathbb{F}_q) = \#E_\lambda(\mathbb{F}_q)$   
 $\iff \#E(\mathbb{F}_q) \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$  and  $\#E(\mathbb{F}_q) \neq (r+1)^2$ .

Proof:

Has an easy and hard direction.

Idea in  $\implies$ :

Given a curve  $E: y^2 = x(x-\alpha)(x-\beta)$ .

One has, at least, that  $E$  isom to  $E_\lambda^{(\alpha)}$ , where  $\lambda = \beta/\alpha$ .

Using the group structure possibilities that one has in an isogeny class, one finds  $E$  isog to  $E_\lambda$ .

9. BRUIN (16.00-16.30): Cyclic covers of hyperelliptic curves

joint work with victor flynn.

(BR. Supp. by PIMS.)

[I asked him what "BR." means but he wouldn't tell me, and I still don't know.]

Theorem [Faltings]: Let  $C$  be a curve of general type over a number

field  $k$  (i.e., genus  $\geq 2$ ). Then  $C(k)$  is finite.

Problem: Determine  $C(k)$ .

Technique (Chabauty):  $k_p$  = completion of  $k$  at a finite prime  $p$ .

$C(k) \rightarrow A(k)$   
consider closure of  $A(k)$  in  $A(k_p)$ .  
 $C(k_p) \rightarrow A(k_p)$

$C(k)$  is contained in (closure of  $A(k)$ ) and  $C(k_p)$ . The latter might be finite.

A way out when rank  $A(k)$  is too big is to use covering collections. The idea here is to construct a finite set of covers

$$\text{phi\_delta: } D\_delta \rightarrow C$$

such that union of the  $\text{phi\_delta}(D\_delta(k)) = C(k)$ .

A way to get such a covering collection is to take an unramified abelian cover. It's a theorem that you get all unram abelian covers using the following the construction.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} D & \rightarrow & \text{Jac}_C \\ | & & | \\ | & & | N \\ \backslash/ & & \backslash/ \\ C & \rightarrow & \text{Jac}_C \end{array}$$

[What is  $D$ ? Why is it irreducible? Is it? Is it  $[N]^{-1}(C)$  in  $\text{Jac}_C$ ? Is the map from  $D$  to  $\text{Jac}_C$  injective? What is the genus of  $D$ ? -- RH ==> ]

Theorem: A finite number of twists  $D\_delta$  of  $D$  form a covering collection.

Hyperelliptic Curves

$C: y^2 = F(x)$  with  $F$  square free.

Take  $N = 2$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccc} D & & \\ | & & \\ | \text{ mult-by-2 cover; group is } \text{Jac}_C[2] & & \\ \backslash/ & & \\ C & & \\ | & & \\ | \ 2 & & \\ \backslash/ & & \\ P^1 & & \end{array}$$

$\text{Gal}(D/P^1)$  is  $\text{Jac}_C[2] \times \{\pm 1\} = (\mathbb{Z}/2)^r$ .

There are lots of subcovers  $F$  between  $D$  and  $P^1$ . People really work with these subcovers instead of  $D$ , since  $g(D)$  is sometimes too large.

CYCLIC COVERS OF ODD ORDER  $N > 2$ .

Assume: there exists  $T$  in  $\text{Jac}_C[N](K)$  [really only need  $\langle T \rangle$   $K$ -rational!]

$\text{Jac}_C \dashrightarrow \text{Jac}_C/\langle T \rangle = A^g$

dualize

$A \dashrightarrow \text{Jac}_C$  (not injective; degree  $N$ )

Pullback and get  $D \dashrightarrow C \dashrightarrow P^1$  with  $\text{Gal}(D/P^1)$  dihedral.

$\tau_1, \dots, \tau_N$  involutions in  $\text{Aut}(D/P^1)$ .

$F_i = D/\langle \tau_i \rangle$ .

$\text{genus}(D) \stackrel{\text{Riemann Hurwitz}}{=} N \cdot (g(C) - 1) + 1$ .

$\text{genus}(F_i) \stackrel{\text{Riemann Hurwitz}}{=} (g(C) - 1) \cdot (N - 1) / 2$ .

"Two of the  $F_i$  is enough to give all information."

Conjecture:

$\text{Jac}_D$  is isogenous to  $\text{Jac}_C \times \text{Jac}_{\{F_i\}} \times \text{Jac}_{\{F_j\}}$

EXAMPLE:

Now we will specialize to genus 2 and degree 3.

$C: y^2 = G(x)^2 + (\text{constant}) \cdot H(x)^3$ , where  $G, H$  in  $K[x]$ ,  
 $\text{deg}(G) = 3$ ,  $\text{deg}(H) = 2$ .

Let  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2$  be the roots of  $H$ .

Let  $T = [(\alpha_1, G(\alpha_1)) + (\alpha_2, G(\alpha_2)) - \infty^+ - \infty^-]$ .

Also

$(Y - G(x)) = 3T$ .

$D_{\{\delta\}}$  is given by the equation

$2 \cdot \delta \cdot u^3 \cdot G(x) = \delta^2 \cdot u^6 - (\text{constant}) \cdot H(x)^3$   
 $y = \delta \cdot u^3 - G(x)$ ,  $\delta \in K(3, \dots) \subset K^*/(K^*)^3$ .

[More equations, which you should get from Nils's latest paper!]

He gives  $\tau_i$  explicitly.

$D_{\delta} / \langle \tau_i \rangle = F_{\{\delta, c_i\}} = F$ : equations. (genus one!)

$E = \text{Jac}_F$ . (elliptic curve)

Assume  $P_0$  in  $D_{\delta}(K)$ .

$D_{\delta} \dashrightarrow \text{Jac}_{\{D_{\delta}\}} \dashrightarrow E$

[He gives these map explicitly, and notes that their sum is 0.]

... some remarks ...

$C: y^2 = (x^3 + 2)^2 + (x^2 + x + 1)^3$  ?

$E: y^2 = \dots$

[Maybe he's rushing at the end of his talk, because I can't read his handwriting with confidence.]

TALK: 10. GROENEWEGEN (16.45-17.15): Computing the tame kernel

$0$  in  $F$ , a number field. discriminant  $\Delta$ .

$$\{a,b\} \text{ in } K_2(F) = (F^* \otimes F^*) / \langle a \otimes b : a + b = 1 \rangle$$

Ex.  $\{a,-a\} = 1$ .

If  $v : F \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \cup \{\infty\}$  is a finite prime, then there is a map

$$t_v : K_2 F \rightarrow k_v^* \\ \{a,b\} \mapsto (-1)^{v(a)v(b)} a^{v(b)} / b^{v(a)} \pmod{v}.$$

$$v(u) = 0, \quad \{u,\pi\} \mapsto u \pmod{v} \\ \pi(v) = 1.$$

$$K_2 F \rightarrow \sum_{\text{all finite } v} k_v^*.$$

The kernel of this map is called the tame kernel, denoted  $K_2(0)$ , and it's finite. (Theorem of Garland)

[According to Brumer: Howard (I think) Garland is a differential geometer who proved finiteness of  $K_2(0)$  in early 70's. He is at Yale or was after Columbia...]

Filtration of  $F^*$ :

Let  $S$  be a set of primes containing  $S_\infty$ .

$$U_S = \{x \text{ in } F^* : v(x) = 0 \text{ for } v \text{ not in } S\}.$$

$$S_m = S_\infty \cup \{ \text{all primes with norm } N_v \leq m \}.$$

$$U_m = U_{S_m}.$$

$$K^{\{m\}} = (U_m \otimes U_m) / \langle a \otimes b : a + b = 1, a+b = 0 \rangle$$

Let  $K^m$  be the image of  $K^{\{m\}}$  in  $K_2(F)$ .

Theorem:

(a) [H. Bass-Tate] There exists  $c_F$  such that if  $m > c_F$ , then

$$K^{\{m\}} / \text{im } K^{\{m-1\}} \xrightarrow{\text{isom}} \sum_{N_v = m} k_v^* .$$

(b) There exists  $c'_F : K^{\{m\}} \xrightarrow{\text{isom}} K^m$  if  $m > c'_F$

[Me] One can take  $c_F = 4 * |\Delta|^{3/2}$ .

Example:

$F$  quadratic field with  $|\Delta| > 631$ .  $c_F = 0.2340 * |\Delta|^{3/2}$ .

Applications:

(a) if  $m > c_F$  then  $K_2(O_K) \subset K^m$ , so we get generators for  $K_2(O_K)$

(b)  $m > c'_F$  then  $K_2(O) \subset K^m = K^{\{m\}}$  (completely explicit)

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F. Kenne claims he can determine  $(K_2(O))_p$  (p-primary part).

Theorem: There is an algorithm to compute the tame kernel.

HENDRIK: Doesn't this mean there is an algorithm to compute  $c'_F$  after all!?

[Finally, it appears that the speaker uses the snake lemma to easily deduce that (b) follows from (a). He only briefly says (maybe!), orally, that he is proving "(a)  $\implies$  (b)" and then writes tons on the board about the proof. It would be vastly better if he were to at least write, with confidence, that he is going to prove (a)  $\implies$  (b). Then any question about what is being done is removed from the listener's mind, and also the listener can easily hop back into the lecture even if the proof is not understood.]

Questions?

STEIN (me): Any examples at all? [In fact, I know, from talking with Herbert Gangl earlier today that  $K_2(\mathbb{Z})$  is  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ .]

Examples:

$$* K_2(\mathbb{Z}) = \langle \{-1, -1\} \rangle = \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$$

$$* K_2(\text{disc } -303) = \mathbb{Z}/22\mathbb{Z} \quad (\text{evidently, this is a really big one}).$$

TALK: 11. MESTRE (17.30-18.00): Genus 2 curves and the AGM

I. GOAL:

Let  $\tilde{C}$  be a curve of genus 2 over  $F_{2^d}$ . The problem:

How do we quickly compute  $\#\tilde{C}(F_{2^d})$ ?

How do we quickly compute  $\text{charpoly}(\text{Frob}) = X^4 + \dots$ ?

Frobenius?

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Let  $E_0$  be an elliptic curve

$$dx_0/y_0 = \omega_0$$

1) Obtain a sufficient approx of the canonical lifting.

2)  $E_{\{0\}} \leftarrow E_{\{1\}} \leftarrow \dots \leftarrow E_{\{d\}}$

$$\lambda_i(\omega_{\{i-1\}}) = \omega_i$$

Now, we would like to do the same for curves of genus 2.

- 1) We want to obtain a sufficiently good approximation  $A_0$  of the canonical lifting of  $\text{Jac}(\tilde{C})$ .
- 2)  $A_0 \leftarrow \lambda_1 A_1 \leftarrow \dots \leftarrow \lambda_d A_d$  with explicit basis  $B_n$  of  $\Omega^0(A_n)$  such that the matrix of  $\lambda_i^*$  relative to  $B_{i-1}$  and  $B_i$  is the identity.

Compute: Guadry and Harley implemented this (principally with MAGMA!):  
 $d = 1000$ ;  
they compute  $\tilde{C}(F_{2^d})$  in 3 hours.

## II. Case of $R = \text{real numbers}$

$$\begin{aligned} C/R: y^2 &= (x-x_1)(x-x_2)\dots(x-x_6), \text{ with } x_i \text{ in } R \text{ and } x_i < x_{i+1} \\ &= p_1(x) * p_2(x) * p_3(x) \end{aligned}$$

Humbert's method (approx 1890)  
(by geometry)

$C = C_0 \leftarrow C_1$  "2,2-correspondence" [what's a 2,2-correspondence??] [which direction? Both? which functoriality below?]  
GUESS:  $J(C_1) \rightarrow J(C_0)$  is an isogeny with kernel  $\mathbb{Z}/2 \times \mathbb{Z}/2$  [maybe that's what a 2-2 correspondence is! he's very unclear  
The fact is, he's lost me with his "2,2-correspondence", and, for whatever reason, I'm definitely not going to ask.]

[He draws a picture with a circle and a triangle and so on. People giggle because, as usual with professional mathematicians, the intersections are drawn unconvincingly and poorly.]

Next, we convert this diagram into algebraic formulas. The formulas will be true in any field of char. 0, such as  $\mathbb{Q}_2$ .

$$[p, q] = p'(x)q(x) - p(x)q'(x).$$

IF  $\deg(p) \leq 2$  and  $\deg(q) \leq 2$  then  $\deg([p, q]) \leq 2$ .

$$C: y^2 = p_1(x)p_2(x)p_3(x)$$

$$C_1: \Delta y^2 = P_1(x)P_2(x)P_3(x)$$

$$\begin{aligned} P_1 &= [p_2, p_3], \\ P_2 &= [p_1, p_3], \\ P_3 &= [p_1, p_2], \end{aligned}$$

$\Delta = \det$  of  $p_1, p_2, p_3$  in the basis  $1, x, x^2$ .

$$\text{Basis}_0 := \{x \, dx/y, \, dx/y\}$$

$$\text{Basis}_1 := \{X \, dX/Y, \, dX/Y\}$$

The correspondence  $\lambda_1$  induces the identity matrix on the



differentials B, B\_1.

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C/K with ordinary reduction.

$$y^2 \equiv (x-x_1)^2(x-x_2)^2(x-x_3)^2 \pmod{2}$$

with  $x_i$  distinct modulo 2. [[How can three things be distinct mod 2??? -- maybe they really lie in a nontrivial extension of  $\mathbb{Q}_2$  and mod 2 means mod a prime over 2 of degree > 1. Perhaps this is one of his conditions on C, or it's part of the "ordinary reduction" hypothesis. Yes, it's the good reduction part of ordinary. Armand Brumer suggests that three can be distinct modulo 2, because one could be infinity.]]

$$y^2 = (x-x_1)(x-x'_1)(x-x_2)(x-x'_2)(x-x_3)(x-x'_3)$$

$$\text{Set } p_i = (x-x_i)(x-x'_i)$$

$$2) C_{\{0\}} \leftarrow C_{\{1\}} \leftarrow \dots \leftarrow \dots$$

Thm: 1)  $(C_{\{nd\}})_n \rightarrow$  canonical lift of  $C_{\text{tilde}}$

$$2) J(C_d) \leftarrow J(C_{\{d+1\}}) \leftarrow \dots \leftarrow J(C_{\{2d\}})$$

$$y^2 = g_d(x)$$

$$Y^2 = g_{\{2d\}}(X)$$

An isomorphism between  $C_d$  and  $C_{\{2d\}}$  is given by

$$(x,y) \mapsto \left( \frac{ax+b}{cx+d}, \frac{\lambda y}{(cx+d)^3} \right)$$

$$\text{let } M = (ad-bc)/\lambda * [ a, b ; c, d ]$$

Charpoly of Frobenius:

$$\text{charpoly}(M)(x) * \text{charpoly}(M)(2^d/x).$$

TOP: Is anything known about genus 3?

Answer: Theoretically, probably not... Paper of Livne and Donagi.

Brumer remarks that "Gaudry is one of the patenters of Mestre's new algorithms."

BOOKMARK

TALK: 12. STEVENHAGEN (20.15-20.45): Computing primitive root densities

Fix a prime  $p$ .  $F_p^* = \langle a \pmod{p} \rangle$

Fix  $a$  in  $\mathbb{Z}$ ,  $a$  not 0, 1, -1.

For how many primes is  $a$  in  $\mathbb{Z}$  a primitive root?

Does the set of such  $p$  have a density, call it  $\delta(a)$ ?

Heuristics:

$a \bmod p$  is primitive  $\iff$  there is no prime  $\ell$  such that  
 $\ell \mid [F_p^* : \langle a \rangle]$   
 $\iff$  no prime  $\ell$  such that  $p$  splits completely  
in the field  $Q(\zeta_\ell, a^{1/\ell}) = F_\ell$ .

Chebotarev: For one  $\ell$ , the set of  $p$  splitting completely in  $F_\ell/Q$  has density  $[F_\ell:Q]^{-1}$ .

Conjecture:  $\delta(a) = \prod_{\ell \text{ prime}} (1 - 1/[F_\ell:Q])$   
if  $a$  is not a perfect power  
 $= A = \prod_{\ell \text{ prime}} (1 - 1/(\ell(\ell-1)))$  approx 0.37.

Lehmers:  $\delta(5) > \delta(2)$ .

Artin responded; the fields  $F_\ell$  are NOT independent.

$a=5$ :  $F_2 = Q(\sqrt{5}) \subset F_5 = Q(\zeta_5, 5^{1/5})$ .

$\delta(5) = 20/19 * A$  (leave out 5 from the product)

In general:

$$\delta(a) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mu(n) / [F_n : Q]$$

where  $F_n = Q(\zeta_n, a^{1/n})$ .

Problems

\* analytic: Need to deal with ALL primes  $\ell$ ,  
so the Chebotarev theory does not really apply.  
This only works under GRH.  
(Hooley proved the density in 1967 ASSUMING GRH.)

\* algebraic: possible dependencies between fields  $F_\ell$ .

$$\text{Gal}(\prod F_\ell/Q) \dashrightarrow \prod \text{Gal}(F_\ell/Q)$$

Hooley dealt with this algebraic problem. The only  
dependency occurs if  $F_2 = Q(\sqrt{a})$  has odd  
discriminant  $d$ . Assume  $a$  is a perfect  $h$ th power in  $Z$ .

$$\text{Correction: } 1 + \mu(|d|) \prod_{\ell \mid d, \ell \mid h} 1/(\ell-2) \prod_{\ell \mid d, \ell \nmid h} 1/(\ell^2-\ell-1).$$

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Generalizations of Artin's problem:

- (1)  $[F_p^* : \langle a \rangle] = t$ , \*fixed\*
- (2)  $F_p^* = \langle a \rangle$  and  $p \bmod b \pmod{f}$ .
- (3)  $F_p^* = \langle a, b \rangle$
- (4) number fields, function fields (of curves over finite fields)

The algebraic problem becomes the main problem.

A generalization of Artin's question:

$$Q \xrightarrow{\quad} F_{\ell} = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{\ell}, a^{1/\ell}) \subset L_{\ell} \\ \subset \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{\ell^{\infty}}, a^{1/\ell^{\infty}}).$$

$$G_{\ell} = \text{Gal}(L_{\ell} / \mathbb{Q})$$

$$S_{\ell} \subset G_{\ell}.$$

For how many  $p$  does  $\text{Frob}_p$  in  $G_{\ell}$  lie in  $S_{\ell}$  for all primes  $\ell < p$ .

Require: for almost all  $\ell$ :  $F_{\ell} = L_{\ell}$ ,  $S_{\ell} = G_{\ell} - \{\text{id}\}$ .

Associated Artin constant:  $A = \prod_{\ell} \#S_{\ell} / \#G_{\ell}$ .

\*  $A$  is the associated density if the fields  $L_{\ell}$  are independent (under GRH, Hooley).

-- only possible dependency if  $L_2$  in  $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{2^{\infty}}, a^{1/2^{\infty}})$  contains a quadratic field  $K$  of odd discriminant  $d$ .

$$K \xrightarrow{\quad} \chi_K = \prod_{\ell > 2} \chi_{\ell}, \\ \chi_2 = \chi_K.$$

[This makes absolutely no sense!]

Theorem (Moree, Lenstra, ---)

If  $K$  as above, then the correction factor is of the form

$$1 + \prod_{\ell} E_{\ell}$$

$$\text{with } E_{\ell} = 1/\#S_{\ell} \sum_{\chi \in S_{\ell}} \chi_{\ell}(x) \\ = \text{average value of } \chi_{\ell} \text{ on } S_{\ell}.$$

E.g. Artin.  $\ell \mid 2d$ .  $E_{\ell} = -1/\#S_{\ell} = -1/([F_{\ell}:\mathbb{Q}] - 1)$ .

TALK: 13. SIMON (20.50-21.20): Integrality results linked to nonmonic polynomials

When studying discriminant, we often restrict to monic polys. My question is "why?" Maybe they are better? My aim is to prove the contrary.

\* the discriminant is invariant under  $SL_2$ . But  $SL_2$  doesn't preserve monicness. However, if we require monicness, then the automorphisms are only  $X \mapsto X + c$ . So allowing nonmonics gives a bigger automorphism group.

#### I. The Invariant Ring

Let  $RR$  be an integral domain, and let  $R$  be a subring and  $Rbar$  the integral closure of  $R$  in  $RR$ .

Example:  $RR = \mathbb{Qbar}$ ,  $Rbar = \mathbb{Zbar}$ ,  $R = \mathbb{Z}$ .

Let  $P$  in  $R[X]$  be a poly:

$$P = a_0 X^n + a_1 X^{n-1} + \dots + a_n$$

Let  $\theta$  in  $\overline{R}$  be a root, so  $P(\theta) = 0$ .

Let  $P_i(X) = a_0 X^i + a_1 X^{i-1} + \dots + a_i$ ,  $i \geq 1$ .

$$P_0 = 1 \quad (= a_0)$$

Prop:

\*  $P_i(\theta) \in \overline{R}$ .

\*  $R[\theta] := R + R P_1(\theta) + \dots + R P_{n-1}(\theta)$  is a ring.

\*  $\text{disc}((P_i(\theta))_{i=0}^{n-1}) = \text{disc}(P)$

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$\det(\text{tr}(P_i(\theta) P_j(\theta)))$  (he's implicitly assuming something about  $\text{tr}$ , no?)

\*  $R[\theta]$  is unchanged when we apply  $\text{SL}_2(R)$  to  $P$ .

I call  $R[\theta]$  the "invariant ring of  $P$ ".

Example:

$$P = 2x^3 + x^2 - 5x - 2.$$

$\text{disc}$  of the field this defines is  $31^2$ .

Not monogenic.

But  $R[\theta]$  is the full ring of integers in this case.

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II. Factorization of the discriminant.

Slogan:

" $a_0$  is the product of the denominators of the roots of  $P$ ."

Lemma: Let  $P$  in  $R[X]$ , write  $P = a_0 \prod_{j=1}^n (X - \theta_j)$ ,  $\theta_j$  in  $\overline{R}$ .

then for  $J$  in  $\{1, \dots, n\}$ ,

$$a_0 \cdot \prod_{j \in J} \theta_j \in \overline{R}.$$

We will prove better that  $a_0 \cdot \prod_{j \in J} (X - \theta_j) \in \overline{R}[X]$ .

Prove by induction.

Enough to prove this with  $J = \{1, \dots, n-1\}$

$$a_0 \cdot \prod_{j=1}^{n-1} (X - \theta_j) = P / (X - \theta_n).$$

$$X P_i + a_{i+1} = P_{i+1},$$

so

$$P / (X - \theta_n) = a_0 X^{n-1} + P_1(\theta) X^{n-2} + \dots + P_{n-1}(\theta).$$

[whatever. this speaking is (&\*&\$.)]

Theorem (M-N Gras, 1986): Let  $\ell \geq 5$ .

There is at most one cyclic extension  $K$  of degree  $\ell$  of  $\mathbb{Q}$

such that  $O_K = Z[\theta]$ , and it is  $Q(\zeta_p + \zeta_p^{-1})$  when  $p = 2\ell + 1$  is prime.

Theorem (----): Let  $\ell \geq 5$ .  $N \geq 1$

There are only finitely many cyclic extension  $K$  of degree  $\ell$  of  $Q$  such that  $[O_K : Z[\theta]] \leq N$ .

TALK: 14. SMYTH (21.25-21.55): Explicit formulas for a family of 3-variable Mahler measure.  
No notes, because he used slides... He computes Mahler measure of some 3-variable polys. Zagier says it's not surprise.

TALK: 15. STOLL (22.00-22.30): Extreme Chabauty

[[ See 'Uniform Chabauty bounds for twists', available from <http://www.math.uni-duesseldorf.de/~stoll> .  
-- MS ]]

Problem:  $C/K$  curve over  $\#$  field,  $J =$  Jacobian,  
 $\phi : C(K) \dashrightarrow J(K) \otimes Q$

Question 1. Let  $V$  in  $J(K) \otimes Q$  be a  $Q$ -subvector space.  
How large is  $C(K) \cap \phi^{-1}(V)$ ?

Question 2. Let  $S \subset C(K)$ . How large is  $\dim \langle \phi(S) \rangle$ ?

Best Answer:

$\#(C(K) \cap \phi^{-1}(V)) \leq \dim V$ . (ques 1)  
 $\dim \langle \phi(S) \rangle = \#S$ . (ques 2)

Fact: the best answers are correct under a bunch of hypotheses when we restrict to twists of a fixed curve.

Examples

(1) Quadratic twists of hyperelliptic curves:

$C: y^2 = f(x) / Q$ , genus  $g \geq 2$ .  
 $C_d: dy^2 = f(x)$

Let  $S$  be a subset of  $C_d(Q)$  such that

\*  $S \cap S' = \emptyset$ , where  $S'$  is the image of  $S$  under the hyperelliptic involution, and

\*  $\#S \leq g$ .

====>  $\dim \langle \phi(S) \rangle = \#S$ , unless maybe for  $d$  in a finite exceptional set.

[[ No condition on the rank of  $Jac(C_d)$ ; the condition is only on  $\#S$ , i.e., on  $\dim \langle \phi(S) \rangle$ . ]]

(2) Thue Equations:

Let  $f$  in  $Z[x,y]$  be homogeneous of degree  $n$ , squarefree.  
 For all but finitely many  $n$ th power free  $h$  in  $Z$ , the Thue equation  
 $C : f(x,y) = h$  has at most  $r$  (rational) solutions, where  
 $r = \text{MW rank of Jac}(C)$ , IF  $r \leq n-3$ .

(3) \*Tentative\* result:

Let  $\ell$  be a prime with  $\ell \geq 5$ .  
 Let  $p$  be a prime with  $p \not\equiv 1 \pmod{\ell}$ , and  $p \geq 3(\ell+1)/2$ .  
 Then there are at most  $(\ell-1)/2$  rational solutions of  $x^\ell + y^\ell = p$ .

[[ Comment by MS: This will probably remain tentative for a while --  
 the problem is to show that the rank is at most  $(\ell-1)/2$ , and  
 the argument I applied first was flawed. But I hope to remedy this  
 some time. ]]

(4) Catalan twists:

$C_A: y^2 = x^5 + A$   
 If  $\text{rank } J_A(Q) = 1$ , then  $\#C_A(Q) \leq 7$ .  
 If  $\#C_A(Q) = 7$  (and  $\text{rank } J_A(Q) = 1$ ), then  $A = 18^2$ .  
 Otherwise,  $\#C_A(Q) \leq 5$ .

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 Theorem: \* Fix a curve  $C/K$  with genus  $g \geq 2$ ,  
 \*  $\Gamma$  subset  $\text{Aut}_{\bar{K}}(C)$  a  $K$ -defined subgroup,  
 \*  $K$ -rational  $\Gamma$ -invariant divisor class  $D$  of positive degree,  
 and use this to map  $P$  in  $C$  to  $[d*P] - D$  in Jacobian.

Assume: All points of  $C$  fixed by a nonidentity element of  
 $\Gamma$  map to 0 in  $J_{\bar{K}}$ .

Now consider  $\Gamma$ -twists  $C_{\{x_i\}}$ ,  $x_i$  in  $H^1(K, \Gamma)$  (cohomology set).  
 IF  $x_i$  is ramified at some place  $v$  of  $K$  such that

- \*  $C$  has good reduction at  $v$
- \*  $p > 2n + 1 + e_v * \#\Gamma$ , where  $v \mid p$

and  $V$  subset  $J_{\bar{K}, x_i}(K)$  is a subspace of dimension  $n$ ,

THEN

$$\#(\phi^{-1}(V) \cap (C_{x_i}(K) \setminus C_{x_i}^{\text{triv}}(K))) \leq f_C(n),$$

where  $C_{x_i}^{\text{triv}}(K) = \{P \in C_{x_i}(K) \mid \gamma(P) = P \text{ for some } 1 \neq \gamma \in \Gamma\}$ .

Here,  $f_C$  is a function depending on the geometry of  $C$ .  
 For  $0 \leq n < g$ ,  $n \leq f_C(n) \leq 2n$ , for  $n \geq g$ ,  $f_C(n) = \infty$ .

If  $C$  is a smooth plane curve of degree  $N$ , then  $f_C(n) = n$  for  $0 \leq n \leq N-3$ .

TALK: 16. STARK (9.15-10.00): Many digits of derivatives of  $p$ -adic  $L$ -functions at 0

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Define } \zetaeta(s|f) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (fn)^{-s}, \\ \zetaeta(s,x|f) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (nf+x)^{-s}. \end{aligned}$$

$r = \text{res}_{\{s=1\}} = 1/f,$   
 $k \geq 0: \zeta(-k, x|f) = -1/(k+1) * b_{\{k+1\}}(x|f)$  (Bouroulli poly)

$$\sum_{\{j=0\}}^{\{\infty\}} b_g(x|f)/j! * t^j = te^{\{xt\}}/(e^{\{ft\}}-1),$$

$$b_{\{k+1\}}(|f) = b_{\{k+1\}}(0|f) = f^k B_{\{k+1\}}$$

$f=1: \zeta'(0, x|1) \text{ ===essentially=== } \log(1/\Gamma(x))$  "and some  $\sqrt{2\pi}$ 's"

$\Omega = \{m*\omega_1 + n*\omega_2 \mid m, n \geq 0\}$   
 $z(s \mid \omega_1, \omega_2) = \sum'_{\{w \in \Omega\}} \omega^{\{-s\}},$   
 $z(s, w \mid \omega_1, \omega_2) = \sum_{\{w \in \Omega\}} (w + \omega)^{\{-s\}},$

$\text{res}_{\{s=2\}} = R = 1/(\omega_1*\omega_2)$   
 $\text{res}_{\{s=1\}} z(s, w) = ((\omega_1+\omega_2)/2 - w)R$   
 $k \geq 0: z(-k, w) = 1/((k+2)(k+1)) C_{\{k+2\}}(w, \omega_1, \omega_2)$

ZAGIER: These formulas are, as far as I know, due to me, but he hasn't said anything.  
 No -- in fact, this is completely trivial by the standard methods.

$C_j(w) = \sum_{\{n=0\}}^j \text{binom}(j, n) c_n w^{\{j-n\}}$   
 $c_j = c_j(0)$

$$\sum_{\{j=0\}}^{\{\infty\}} c_j(w)/j t^j = t^2 e^{\{wt\}}/((e^{\{\omega_1 t\}} - 1)(e^{\{\omega_2 t\}} - 1)).$$

$\zeta(s, x) = \sum_{\{j=0\}}^{\{k-1\}} \text{binom}(-s, j) \zeta(s+j) x^j$   
 $+ x^{\{-s\}} \sum_{\{n=1\}}^{\{\infty\}} ((nf+x)^{\{-s\}} - \sum_{\{j=0\}}^{\{k+1\}} \text{binom}(-s, j) (nf)^{\{-s-j\}} x^j)$   
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 this latter term is on the order of  $n^{\{-\sigma-k-2\}}$ , analytic for  $\sigma > -k-1$ .

Set  $s = -k: \sum_{\{j=0\}}^{\{k-1\}} \text{binom}(k, j) \zeta(-(k-j)) x^j + x^k + 0.$

$f=1:$   
 $\zeta(s, x) = \zeta(s) - s*\zeta(s+1)*x + x^{\{-s\}}$   
 $+ \sum_{\{n=1\}}^{\{\infty\}} [ (n+x)^{\{-s\}} - n^{\{-s\}} + s*n^{\{-s-1\}} x ]$

The Gamma function pops up in  $\zeta'(0, x):$   
 $\zeta'(0, x) = \zeta'(0) - \gamma*x - \log(x) - \sum_{\{n=1\}}^{\{\infty\}} [ \log(n+x) - \log(n) - x/n ]$

Now that finishes the first part of the talk... which is good.

So, I want to p-adically continue these things.

$p$  odd (out of laziness)  
 $k \rightarrow \infty, (p-1) \mid k$

The meaning of  $n^{\{-s\}}$ , p-adically:  
 $n$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_p^*$  and  $s$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_p,$   
 Then  $n^{\{-s\}} = \exp(-s*\log_p(n)), \log_p(n) = 1/\{p-1\} \log(n^{\{p-1\}}).$

$x$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_p, s$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_p$

$$\zeta_p(s, x) = \lim_{\{N \rightarrow \infty \text{ p-adically}\}} \sum_{\{0 \leq n < N\}} (n+x)^{\{-s\}}$$

$$\sum_{0 \leq n < N} (n+x)^k = \zeta(-k, x) - \zeta(-k, x+N) = -1/(k+1) * (B_{k+1}(x) - B_{k+1}(x+N)).$$

as  $n \rightarrow -x$ , the RHS converges to  $B_{k+1}(x) - B_{k+1}(0) = B_{k+1}(x)$  (when  $k+1$  is  $>1$  and odd).

I can differentiate wrt  $s$  and substitute  $s=0$ .

$$1/\Gamma_p(x) = \lim_{\{ \text{as above} \}} \prod_{0 \leq n < N} (n+x).$$

The Reason: There are lots of conjectures about these special values, and I want to find more (in the imaginary quadratic case). The first methods for computing

TALK: 17. SCZECH (10.15-11.00): Polylogarithms over real quadratic number fields.

$F$  = real quadratic # field  
 $L$  = lattice (fractional ideal),  $1$  not in  $L$ .  
 $v(u) = \text{sign}(u), \text{sign}(u')$

$U = \{ \epsilon \text{ in } O_F^* \mid \epsilon \gg 0, \epsilon(1+L) = 1+L \}$  is always of finite index in  $O_F^*$

$$\zeta(L+1, s) = \sum_{u \text{ in } L+1/U} v(u) |v(u)|^{-s}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \chi(L, s) &= \sum_{\lambda \text{ in } L} v(\lambda) e(\text{tr}(\lambda)) / |N(\lambda)|^s, \\ e(x) &= \exp(2\pi i x), \end{aligned}$$

Functional equation  $\implies \zeta(L+1, 1-m) = 0$  for  $m=1, 2, 3, 4, \dots$

$$\zeta'(L+1, 1-m) = \Gamma(m)^2 |\det L^*| / (2\pi i)^{2m-1} \chi(L^*, m).$$

Examples (jointly with Herbert Gangl).

1.  $F = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{21})$ ,  $e = (5+\sqrt{21})/2$ ,  $\langle e \rangle = U$ ,  $L = (e-1) = Z\alpha + Z\beta$   
 $\alpha = (3 + \sqrt{21})/2$ ,  $\beta = 3$

$$\zeta'(L+1, 0) = \log(\eta), \text{ where } \eta = (e+\sqrt{e-1})/(e-\sqrt{e-1})$$

[The words "Stark unit" were just spoken.]

[It is hard for me to understand the speaker's accent, and Mestre and other French folk are talking loudly behind me.]

Let  $E = F(\sqrt{e'-1})$  subset  $C$ .

The Bloch group  $B_2(E)$  can be represented by formal linear combinations

$$\chi = \sum_i n_i [x_i], \text{ where } x_i \text{ in } E \text{ and } n_i \text{ in } \mathbb{Z}.$$

View  $\chi$  as an element of  $\mathbb{Z}[E]$ .

Subject the linear combinations to the condition that

$$\sum n_i (x_i \wedge (1-x_i)) = 0 \text{ in } \wedge^2 E^*.$$
 ( $\wedge = \text{"wedge"}$ )

(Remark:  $(ab) \wedge c = a \wedge c + b \wedge c$ .)

Example: Take  $x = \sqrt{(3-\sqrt{21})/2}$  in  $E$ .

Then  $\chi = -6[-1/2(x^2 - x - 1)] + 9[-1/2(x^2-x-3)] + [-1/2(x^3-3x^2+3x-2)]$   
is an element of the Bloch group  $B_2(E)$ .

Conjecture: It is a generator of  $B_2(E)$  modulo torsion.

ZAGIER: NONSENSE! Your  $B_2(E)$  has infinite rank!!! You have to divide out by a subgroup of obvious things.



The speaker says: "OK. You have to maybe divide out by a subgroup...."

Recall  $\text{Li}_2(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} z^n / n^2$ ,  $|z| < 1$ .

Bloch - Wigner dilogarithm:

$$D(z) = \text{Im}(\text{Li}_2(z) + \log|z| \log(1-z))$$

$$D(\text{xsi}) = \sum_{i=1}^L n_i D(x_i) = 2.919705\dots$$

$$\text{Conjecture: } \zeta'(L+1, -1) = 2/\pi D(\text{xsi}).$$

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$F = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{5})$ ,  $L = (3\sqrt{5})$  = conductor of  $E/F$

the splitting field of

$$x^4 - (4+3\sqrt{5})x^3 + 9(3+\sqrt{5})/2x^2 - (4+3\sqrt{5})x + 1 = 0,$$

$$\text{Gal}(E/F) = \mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}.$$

Conjecture:  $\exp(\zeta'(L+k, 0))$ ,  $k = 1, 2, 3, 4$ , are the roots of the above polynomial.

At  $s = -1$ , H. Gangl has found two linearly independent elements of the Bloch group  $\text{xsi}_1, \text{xsi}_2$  in  $B(E)$  such that

$$\zeta'(L-1, -1) = \pm 1/\pi D(\text{xsi}_1)$$

$$\zeta'(L-2, -1) = \pm 1/\pi D(\text{xsi}_2)$$

$$\zeta'(L-j, -2) = \pm 30/\pi^2 \mathcal{L}_3(\theta_j), \theta_j \in B_3(E), j = 1, 2.$$

General Conjecture:  $\zeta'(L+1, 1-m) = r\pi^{1-m} \mathcal{L}_m(\text{xsi})$ , where

$$\text{xsi} = \text{xsi}(L, m) \in B_m(E).$$

$$E/F \text{ abelian [???] ext of } F \text{ with conductor} = L.$$

"Many of these results are only conjectures because they are results of very very sophisticated experiments."

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A group cocycle for  $\Gamma = \text{GL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$ .

Let  $x, \sigma_1, \sigma_2$  in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  be nonzero vectors.  $\mathbb{R} =$  real numbers

$$f(\sigma)(x) = \det(\sigma) / (\langle x, \sigma_1 \rangle \langle x, \sigma_2 \rangle), \quad \langle x, y \rangle = x_1 y_1 + x_2 y_2.$$

$$P \in \mathbb{R}[x, y], \quad f(\sigma)(P, x) = P(-\partial_{x_1}, -\partial_{x_2}) f(\sigma)(x)$$

is well defined outside the hyperplanes  $\langle x, \sigma_j \rangle \neq 0$ ,  $j=1, 2$ .

$$A_1, A_2 \in \text{GL}_2(), \quad A_{\{ij\}} = j\text{th column of } A_i.$$

Then, for  $x \neq 0$ , there is at least one column  $A_{\{ij\}}$  such that

$$\langle x, A_{\{ij\}} \rangle \neq 0.$$

Let  $A_{\{i, j_1\}}$  = the first column with that property.

Now I will define a rational cocycle.

$\Psi(A_1, A_2)(P, x) = f(A_{\{1, j_1\}}, A_{\{2, j_2\}})(P, x)$   
 is well defined for all  $x \neq 0$  in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

Def:  $A$  in  $\Gamma = GL_2(\mathbb{Z})$ ,  $u, v$  in  $\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{0\}$ ,  $P$  in  $\mathbb{R}[x_1, x_2]$  homogeneous.

$\Psi(A)(P, u, v) = (2\pi i)^{-1-\deg(P)} \sum_{\{x \in \mathbb{Z}^2, x \neq 0\}} \text{sign}(xu) e(-xv) \Psi(1, A)(P, x)$

conditionally convergent, but OK, but I won't talk about that since it would take too much time.

Theorem 1:  $\Psi$  is a 1-cocycle on  $\Gamma$ , i.e.,

$$\Psi(AB) = \Psi(A) + A\Psi(B),$$

where  $A \Psi(B)(P, u, v) = \Psi(B)(A^t(P), A^{-1}u, A^{-1}v)$ .

Theorem 2: If  $u$  in  $\mathbb{Q}^2 \setminus \{0\}$ , then the values of  $\Psi$  can be expressed by a finite sum of products of Bernoulli polynomials  $B_k(t)$ , and the polylogarithmic functions

$$\lambda_k(t) = \sum_{\{n \in \mathbb{Z}\}} e(nt)/n^k * \text{sign}(n), \quad \text{where } t \text{ in } \mathbb{R}.$$

Ex:  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $c \neq 0$ ,  $u=(1,0)$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi(A)(1, u, v) = & -2 \sum_{\{\text{all residues ell modulo } c\}} \\ & \text{Bbar}_1((ell+v2)/|c|) \log|1-e((al+av_2-cv_1)/c)| \\ & - d/c \, 1/(2\pi i) * \lambda_2(a \, v_2 - c \, v_1). \end{aligned}$$

Such a formula exists, in general; however, it is too complicated to write down here on the board.

$L^* = \mathbb{Z}\alpha + \mathbb{Z}\beta$ ,  $u = (\alpha, \beta)^t$ ,  $v = (\text{tr}(\alpha), \text{tr}(\beta))^t$  in  $\mathbb{Q}^2$ .

$P(x) = N(\alpha x_1 + \beta x_2)$ .

$U = \langle e \rangle$ ,  $e > 1$

Then  $[e \alpha, e \beta]^t = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} * [\alpha, \beta]^t$ .

Theorem 3:  $\zeta'(L+1, 1-m) = +\Psi(A)(P^{\{m-1\}}, u, v)$ .

So, basically, a cocycle is given by special values of a zeta function!!! WOW. I've never seen anything like that before.

TALK: 18. COUVEIGNES (11.15-12.00): The Jacobi problem for graphs and related computational issues.

Jacobi Problem:  $K$  field,  $C_K$  curve,  $0$  in  $C_K(K)$

$(P_i)_{\{1 \leq i \leq I\}}$  and  $D = \sum_{\{i=1\}}^{\{I\}} e_i P_i = (\sum e_i) 0$

Look for an effective divisor  $E$  of degree  $g$  such that  $D$  is linearly equivalent to  $E - g 0$ .

$E = \sum_{\{i=1\}}^g Q_i$ , where  $Q_i$  in  $C_K(\overline{K})$

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$K$  local field.

$A$  complete dvr,  $v$  valuation

$K =$  Fraction field of  $A$

$k =$   $\overline{k}$  residue field

$C \rightarrow \text{Spec}(A)$  regular, finite type,  $C_K$  geo. inrr, complete, smooth  
 $C_k$  nodal curve (reduced, ordinary double points)

$G =$  intersection graph of  $C_k$  (points correspond to components of  $C_k$ , etc.)

Let  $L$  containing  $K$  ext of local fields

$B$  containing  $A$  corr ext of rings

$C_B = \text{BlowUpJustEnough}(C \text{ tensor}_A B)$

$\pi = \pi' \circ \pi''$  extension is no longer smooth, so must "make blowups".

Easy to determine  $G_e = G(C_B)$  from  $G = G(C)$ . Chop each edge at two points, into three pieces.

$G_e = e$ -th division of  $G$ . (Same topological space as  $G$ , but with a different cell-complex decomposition.)

$\bigcup_{e \geq 1} G_e \cap G_0 = G(Q) \subset G$ .

This is the union of the vertices in  $G$ , where we view  $G$  as a topological space.

Let  $P$  in  $C_K(K)$ .

$C \rightarrow \text{Spec}(A)$

$P$  crosses  $C_k$  at a smooth point of it.

$x(P)$  in  $G$

$P$  in  $C_K(\overline{K})$

$x(P)$  in  $G(Q)$

$x: C(\overline{K}) \rightarrow G(Q)$  [[huh?!?!?! I have no clue how he did that?!?!]]

Knowing  $x(P_i)$  and  $e_i$ , can we guess  $x(Q_i)$ ?

Answer < Raynaud - Neron models of Jacobians + some combinatorics

Integration in graph:

$G, V, E$

$C_1(G, R) = R^E =$  vector space generated by edges

Bilinear form  $(, )$ .  $(e, e') = \delta_{\{e, e'\}}$ .

Define a measure  $d\mu$  on  $G$ .

If  $X \subset G$ , for any edge  $e_0$ ,

$$\sum_{e \in E} \mu(X \cap e) = \mu(X).$$

Example: (two loops touching at one point, and a certain  $X$  that is half of it.)

$$\mu(X) = 1/2 * f + 1/2 * e + 1/4 * g \text{ in } C_1(G, R).$$

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Let  $\gamma: [0,1] \rightarrow G$  be a path

$\int_{\gamma} \mu$ .

Fix a point  $0$ .

Universal covering:  
 $U_0 = \{\text{paths from } 0\} / \text{homotopy}$

$\pi_1(G,0) \subset U_0$  fundamental group, made from paths that are closed.

$U_0 \rightarrow C_1(G,R) \rightarrow H^1(G,R)$

$\gamma \mapsto \int_{\gamma} \mu \mapsto (\int_{\gamma} \mu, *)$

$\phi(\pi_1(G,\sigma)) = \tau$  (the lattice of periods of the graph)

$\phi: G \rightarrow H^1(G,R) / \tau = T$  (The Jacobi map.)

$H^1(G,Z) / \tau$  (finite group)

Cardinality = number of maximal trees in the graph  
 (this is a very important classical result of Kirchoff-Trent)

This is the Kirchoff of "Kirchoff's Law".

A maximal tree in a graph of genus  $g$ : remove  $g$  edges and what remains is a tree. The number of maximal trees is the volume of the torus.

LENSTRA: Is that for only connected  $G$ .  
 Yes -- must be connected.

Raynaud, e.g., proved that this group  $H^1(G,Z)/\tau$  is also the component group of the Jacobian of the curve.

Theorem (Raynaud, see also BLR):  
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$$\sum_i e_i \phi(x(P_i)) = \sum_{i=1}^g \phi(x(Q_i)) \text{ in } T.$$

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 known

$\phi: G \rightarrow T$

$\phi^g: G^g \rightarrow T$

Assume genus of curve is genus of the graph (true if, e.g.,  $C$  is a "Mumford curve" [whatever that is!?!]).

$\phi^g(g_1, \dots, g_g) = \phi(g_1) + \phi(g_2) + \dots + \phi(g_g)$

This is analogous to the map from  $C^g$  to  $\text{Jac}(C)$ .

Surjective.

$$v : \text{Sym}^g(G) \dashrightarrow T$$
$$\{x_1, \dots, x_g\} \dashrightarrow \sum \phi(x_i)$$

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THEOREM:

- \* surjective
  - \* the set of rigged points in T is dense
  - \* there exists a unique continuous section to v.
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Recall that G is a Hausdorff compact topological space CW complex blah blah

There is a section  $\sigma : T \dashrightarrow \text{Sym}^g(G)$ , which gives a generic answer to the Jacobi problem.

Let B be the set of stable points in  $G^g$ .

$(x_1, \dots, x_g)$  stable  $\iff$  there exists  $(e_1, \dots, e_g)$  such that  $x_i$  in  $e_i$  and  $g - \cup e_i$  is a tree.

$B \subset G^g$

$\text{Sym}_g$  acts on B

Can form the quotient  $B/\text{Sym}_g = K \subset \text{Sym}^g(G)$

K is a CW-complex, called the Kirchoff complex.

K is a torus and  $v|_K$  is a homomorphism.

The equivalent to the Jacobian of the graph is a subspace of the symmetric product.

20. D. ZAGIER & K. BELABAS (10.30-11.45): Cubic forms, fields and orders

Binary Cubic Forms :

- binary quadratic forms
- cubic fields
- cubic rings

$C = \{F = [a,b,c,d] \text{ in } \mathbb{Z}^4\}$ ,  $F(x,y) = ax^3 + \dots$

$C^+ = \{[a, 3b, 3c, d]\}$ , up to  $\Gamma$ ,  $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$ ,  $GL_2(\mathbb{Z})$ .

$M = \text{rank } 2 \text{ } \mathbb{Z}\text{-module}$

$S^n(M) = (M \otimes \dots \otimes M) / (a_1 \otimes \dots \otimes a_n - a_{\pi(1)} \otimes \dots \otimes a_{\pi(n)})$

$S_n(M) = (M \otimes \dots \otimes M)^{\{\Sigma_n\}}$

$F : M \dashrightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  cubic,  $\Gamma_F : S_3(M) \dashrightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  (linear)

$T : S^3(M) \dashrightarrow \mathbb{Z}$   $T(x,y,z)$

$C^+(M) \subset C(M) = \{\text{cubic forms}\} = \text{Hom}(S_3(M), \mathbb{Z})$

$T^* \subset T(M) = \text{trilinear}$

$T \xrightarrow{\text{isom}} C^* \xrightarrow{\quad} C \xrightarrow{\text{isom}} T^*$

comp is multiplication by 3.

$C_D^* = \{F : D(F) = D\}$

$C_{\{D,n\}}^* = \{F : q_F = nQ, Q \in Q_D^0\}$

$D$  integer,  $O_D = \mathbb{Z} + \mathbb{Z}(D+\sqrt{D})/2$

$I_D = \{\text{fractional } O_D\text{-ideals}\}$

$Cl_D = I_D/K^* = \{a\} / (a \text{ equiv } \lambda a) = Q_D / \Gamma$

Prop 1 (Nakagawa):

$C_{\{D,n\}}^*/\Gamma \cong \{(a,\theta) : a \in I_D, \theta \in a^3, \text{Norm}(\theta)/\text{Norm}(a)^3 = n\}/K^* \xrightarrow{\quad} Cl_D$

$\lambda \in K^* : \lambda(a,\theta) = (\lambda a, \lambda^3 \theta)$

Example:  $C_{\{D,1\}}^*/\Gamma \xrightarrow{\text{isom}} Cl_D[3]$

$H_3^*(D,1) = [O_D^* : (O_D^*)^3] * \#Cl_D[3], \quad D \neq -3, \text{ Square}$

Start with  $\backslash a \xrightarrow{\quad} Q = \text{prim qf } [A,B,C]$

Find  $F$  st  $q_F = nQ$ ???

$F \cdot q_F = 0$  where the inner product is

$C^* \text{ tensor } Q \xrightarrow{\quad} \mathbb{Z}^2$

$[a, 3b, 3c, d] * [A, B, C]$   
 $= (Ac-Bb+Ca, Ad-Bc+Cb)$

Answer:  $L_Q = \{F : F \cdot Q = 0\}$  rank 2 lattice

$F \xrightarrow{\quad} \theta \in \backslash a^3$ .

$(\theta) \in \backslash a^3$ , with index  $n$

$\backslash a \xrightarrow{F} \mathbb{Z}$

$x \mapsto \text{Tr}(n x^3 / (\theta \sqrt{D}))$

$\backslash a = \mathbb{Z}A + \mathbb{Z}(B+\sqrt{D})/2$

$F = [a, 3b, 3c, d]$  in  $L_Q \iff a, b, c = (Bb-Ca)/A, d = (Bc-Cb)/A$  in  $\mathbb{Z}$

$\theta = bA - a(B+\sqrt{D})/2$  in  $\backslash a$

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I've showed that  $L_Q = \backslash a^3$ . Explicit construction of  $\backslash a^3$  as the set of quadratic forms with the property that they are orthogonal to  $Q$ . [He described it, but in an incomprehensible manner.]



- i) Algorithm of Roublot, Pohst, etc.
- ii) LLL algorithm directly
- iii) KLUENERS (combinatorics)

Now for my algorithm, which is like Kluners's, but with better combinatorial optimization.

$p$  a prime number that does not divide  $\text{disc}(T)$   
 $p \ O_K = \prod_{i=1}^g \ p_i$   
 $f = \text{deg } \ p_i$   
 $F_{\{p_i\}} = O_K / \ p_i \cong F_{p^f}$

$\Gamma: \text{Gal}(K/Q) \rightarrow \text{Aut}(O_K / p \ O_K)$   
 $\sigma \mapsto (x \bmod p \ O_K \mapsto \sigma(x) \bmod p \ O_K)$

$\Gamma$  is injective, he claims.

$\text{Aut}(O_K / p \ O_K) =$  a semidirect product of  $(\mathbb{Z}/f\mathbb{Z})^g$  and something he calls  $S_g$ .  
 $\#\text{Aut}(O_K / p \ O_K) = f^g g!$

Prop:

There exists an efficient algorithm that given  $s$  in  $\text{Aut}(O_K / p \ O_K)$  determines whether or not  $s$  in  $\text{Im}(\Gamma)$ . If yes, finds explicitly an element  $\sigma$  in  $G$  such that  $\Gamma(\sigma) = s$ .

Definition:

We say that an automorphism  $\sigma$  is diagonal (wrt to  $p$ ) if it does not permute the idea above  $p$ .

Prop:

There exists a diagonal element  $\sigma$  in  $G$  with  $\sigma \neq 1$  if and only if there exists  $d \mid f$ ,  $d \neq f$ , so that  $\langle \phi_1^d \rangle$  is normal in  $G$ , [where  $\phi_1$  "is Frobenius"].

In addition, there is a map

\*  $\psi: \{1, 2, \dots, g\} \rightarrow (\mathbb{Z}/(f/d)\mathbb{Z})^*$   
 such that for  $i$  in  $\{1, \dots, g\}$ ,  $\sigma = \phi_1^{d \psi(i)}$ .

\*  $\text{Im}(\psi)$  is a subgroup of  $(\mathbb{Z}/(f/d)\mathbb{Z})^*$ .

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$H = \text{Im}(\psi)$ ,  $h = \#H$

QUOTE from Kluners: "I can understand this, because I know this algorithm already. If you don't already know it, you have no chance!"

Definition (Supersolvable group):

[Maybe the definition is that the successive quotients in the descending series are cyclic.]

Of groups of order  $< 100$ , 975 are supersolvable out of 1048 groups.

[I can hardly read his writing!]



Theorem. Let  $G$  be a SS group of order  $n = \prod_{i=1}^r p_i$ ,  
with  $p_1 \geq p_2 \geq \dots \geq p_r$ .  
[Some symbols but no logical connectives, and I can't understand what  
he says, so I don't know what the theorem is.]

[I give up on trying to take notes for this talk.]

25. M. GIRARD (20.50-21.20): Explicit computation of the group generated by  
the Weierstrass points of some plane quartics

$C$  a curve of genus  $g \geq 2$ .  
 $P$  is a Weierstrass point  $\iff$  there exists a regular differential  
 $\omega \neq 0$  in  $H^0(C, \Omega_C)$  with  $\text{ord}_P(\omega) \geq g$ .  
weight.  
 $W = \{ \text{Weierstrass points} \}$

Fix  $\infty$  in  $W$ :  $j : C \dashrightarrow \text{Jac}(C) = \text{Pic}^0(C)$   
 $P \dashrightarrow [P - \infty]$

$W = \langle j(W) \rangle$  is independent of the choice of  $j$ .

$g(g^2 - 1)$  Weierstrass points.

Hyperelliptic curves:  $W = \{ \text{ramification points wrt to the map to } \mathbb{P}^1 \}$ ,  
 $W = (Z/2Z)^{(2g)}$ .

Non-hyperelliptic curves of genus 3: plane quartics

$W = \{ \text{flexes} \}$   $24 = r + 2s$   
 $T_p(C).C = 3P+Q$   $r$  weight 1  
 $T_p(C).C = 4P$  hyperflexes  $s$  weight 2

If  $\infty$  is a hyperflex:  $\sum w(P) j(P) = 0$ .  
Naive bound on the rank:  $\text{rank } W \leq 24 - 2s - 1$  if  $s \neq r$ .

[Now slides with LOTS of examples and theorems!!!]

Some groups:  
 $W = (Z/2Z) \times (Z/7Z)^3$  (Klein quartic)  
 $W = (Z/4Z)^5 \times (Z/2)$  Fermat quartic  
 $W = Z^4 \times (Z/3Z)^5$  a quartic with a parameter  
etc.

Main tools to get such cool results:

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 $C$   
|  
| family of smooth projective curves of genus  $g$   
|  
 $S$   $W_\eta$  group generated by the Weierstrass points in the generic fiber  
 $W_s$  group generated by the Weierstrass points in the special fiber.

(algebraic: Laksov-Thorup, analytic Hubbard)

\*  $W_\eta \rightarrow W_s$  (group quotient map)  
 \* specialization is injective on the torsion part. [for all but finitely many fibers????]

For a particular curve:

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\* Jacobian is isogenous to  $E_1 \times E_2 \times E_3$ , and reduce WP's modulo various primes  
 \* descent via an isogeny.

For a family of curves:

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-- Geometric arguments to reduce the number of generators

$$W_0 \rightarrow W$$

-- For a suitable choice of the parameter,  $W_{\{C_0\}} = W_0$

-- since  $W_\eta = W_0$

-- specialization theorem of Silverman:

When  $S$  is a smooth projective curve and  $\text{Jac}(C) \rightarrow S$  is a (flat) family of abelian varieties, then the set  $\{s \in s(\overline{K}) \mid \sigma_s \text{ is non-injective}\}$  is of bounded height.

Stratification of  $M_g$  depending on the number of hyperflexes (Vermeulen):

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$$M_g^{\{0\}} = \{ [C] \text{ in } M_g, C \text{ non-hyperelliptic} \}$$

$$M_g = \{ [C] \text{ in } M_g, C \text{ possesses at least 5 hyperflexes} \}$$

$M_1, M_2$  are irreducible (of dimensions 5 and 4)

$M_3$  has 2 irreducible components  $X_2, X_5$ ,  $\dim X_2 = 3$

$M_4$  has 5 irreducible components ..

[Now she puts a frightening slide! Here's a line from the slide:]

$$s = 0, W_{\{\eta\}} = Z^r \text{ with } 11 \leq r \leq 23.$$

( $s$  is the number of hyperflexes)

26. H. GANGL (21.30-22.00): Calculations of the homology of  $GL(n, Z)$

This talk represents joint work with Elbaz-Vincent and Soulé.

Motivation: Ever since Quillen defined higher algebraic K-theory, for rings, fundamental problem has been:

determine  $K_*(Z)$

History of "knowledge":

$$K_0(Z) = Z$$

$$\begin{aligned}
K_1(Z) &= Z/2Z \\
K_2(Z) &= Z/2Z \\
K_3(Z) &= Z/48Z \quad (\text{Lee-Szczarba, 76}) \\
K_4(Z) &= 0
\end{aligned}$$

K\_4: Rognes 2000, Soule '79 but written up in 2000, Rognes-Weibel AMS 2000, Voevodsky's work on Milnor conjecture (new version of his proof on the web).

$$\begin{aligned}
K_5(Z) &= Z \times (\text{3 group}) \\
K_6(Z) &= \text{expected to be } 0
\end{aligned}$$

Lee-Szczarba:  $H_*(GL_N(Z), \text{Steinberg or } Z \text{ or } Z[1/p's]) \dashrightarrow K_*(Z)$

Explicit way to determine homology:

Voronoi's reduction theory for quadratic forms  
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$C_N$  = space of real symmetric  $N \times N$ -matrices that are positive definite

Action of scalars  $R_*^+$

Let  $X_N = C_N / R_*^+$

Add "rational" cells:

$C_N^*$  = space of real symmetric  $N \times N$ -matrices, semi-positive definite, and the kernel of the matrix lies in subspace of  $Q^N$ .

$X_N^* = C_N^* / R_*^+$ .

action of  $g$  in  $GL_N(Z)$  on  $C_N^*$ :

$$A * g = g^t * A * G$$

preserves  $C_N$ ,  $\text{boundary}(C_N^*) = C_N^* - C_N$  [huh???

$y_N^* = X_N^* / GL_N(Z)$

Perfect forms: (characterized by its innermost qualities)

$A$  in  $C_N^*$ ,

on  $C_N^*$ :  $\mu(A) = \min \{ b^t A b \mid b \in Z^N \setminus \{0\} \}$

on  $X_N^*$ :  $m(A) = \{ b \in Z^N : b^t A b = \mu(A) \}$

A perfect form is characterized by the following property:

if  $B$  in  $X_N^*$  satisfies  $m(B) = m(A)$  then  $B = A$ .

Geometrically interpret:

Each  $b$  in  $Z^N$  defines a point  $b * b^t$  in  $C_N^*$

Associate to A its convex hull of  $m(A)$ . This gives a cell decomposition of  $C_N^*$ ,  $GL_N(\mathbb{Z})$ -equivariant, which induces a cell decomposition on  $Y_N^*$ .

Voronoi (Fundamental theorem)

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This gives a finite CW complex in terms of perfect forms.

# perfect forms = # cells

N	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
# cells	1	1	2	3	7	33	>10000
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Voronoi, Korkhine-Zolotareff					Barnes	Stacey	"Martinet group"
					Stacey	Jaquet (1990)	in Bordeaux
					Watson		"This is not a mathematical group..." [laughs]

Jaquet gave all data necessary for computation of full CW complex.

I.e., all perfect forms and neighbours. Further tools (Bernd Souvignier)

\* algorithm for determining  $GL_N$  - isomorphism between two quadratic forms

\* algorithm to compute automorphism group of quadratic forms.

Plug this algorithm into PARI up to  $N=6$ .

$V_N$  = Finite cell complex --- relative homology  $H_*(O_N^*, \text{boundary}(Y_N^*), \mathbb{Z}[-])$

Theorem: For  $N = 5, 6$ , we have

$n \leq 14$

$$H_n(V_5, \Lambda_5) = \begin{cases} \Lambda_5, & n = 9 \text{ or } 14 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$\Lambda_5 = \mathbb{Z}[1/2, 1/3, 1/5]$

$n \leq 20$

$$H_n(V_6, \Lambda_6) = \begin{cases} \Lambda_6, & n = 10, 11, 14 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$\Lambda_6 = \mathbb{Z}[1/2, 1/3, 1/5, 1/7]$ .

[Do you have a conjecture for  $H_n(V_i, \Lambda_i)$ .] Answer: NO!!

Link to K-theory:

\* vanishing of homology groups

\* stabilizers of cells involved ---> homology

\* equivariant spectral sequence

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Theorem: (joint with Soule and Elbaz-Vincent)

$$K_5(\mathbb{Z}) = \mathbb{Z}$$

Theorem:  $K_6(\mathbb{Z})$  has only  $p$ -torsion for  $p \leq 7$  and no torsion-free.

\* ranks of all  $K$ -groups of rings of integers are known and the formula is easy

$$\text{rank } K_n(\mathcal{O}_F) = \begin{cases} r_1 + r_2 & \text{or } r_2 & \text{or } 0 \\ n > 1 & 1 \text{ od } 4 & 3 \text{ mod } 4 & n \text{ even} \end{cases}$$

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28. J.-F. MESTRE (10.15-11.00): Lifting of Galois extensions from  $k$  to  $k(t)$

Inverse Galois problem

$G$  finite group

a) Does it arise as the Galois group of an extension of  $K$  of  $\mathbb{Q}$

b) Galois group of regular extension of  $\mathbb{Q}(T)$

Problem: Suppose given  $K/\mathbb{Q}$  with group  $G$ .

Does it exist  $M/\mathbb{Q}(T)$  regular, with group  $G$ .

s.t.  $T = 0$  we recover the original  $K/\mathbb{Q}$ .

REGULAR  $\iff M \cap \overline{\mathbb{Q}} = \mathbb{Q}$ .

We will see some generalizations of Poncelet's theorem on conics and so.

Theorem: True for  $G = \text{PSL}_2(\mathbb{F}_7) \iff \text{isom} \iff \text{PGL}_3(\mathbb{F}_2)$ .

What it means?

More precisely, there exists  $H$  in  $\mathbb{Z}[a_0, \dots, a_6]$ ,

$H \neq 0$ , s.t., if  $P$  in  $k[X]$ ,  $\deg(P) = 7$ ,

$P = X^7 + a_6 X^6 + \dots + a_0$ , with  $H(a_0, \dots, a_6) \neq 0$

"Have to don't verify."

with  $\text{Gal}_k(P) \subset \text{PSL}_2(\mathbb{F}_7)$

there exists  $Q$  in  $k[X]$ ,  $\deg(Q) \leq 6$

such that  $\text{Gal}_{k(T)}(P - TQ) = \text{PSL}_2(\mathbb{F}_7)$ .

HENDRIK: Does the Theorem follow from the "More precisely"?

MESTRE: Uh-- no. If you prefer, the theorem is false. It is not proved.

HENDRIK: I made my point.

"The theorem is more general... no!... it is different."

Theorem: Let  $x_1, \dots, x_7$  be indeterminates in  $K = k(x_1, \dots, x_7)$ ;  
 $P(X) = \prod_{i=1}^7 (X - x_i)$   
then there exists  $Q$  with  $\deg(Q) = 6$ ,  $Q$  in  $K[X]$ ,  
 $\text{Gal}_{\{K(T)\}}(P-T*Q) = \text{PSL}_2(F_7)$ .

The coefficients of  $Q$  are invariant by  $\text{PSL}_2(F_7)$  subset  $S_7$ .

Trinck:  $P = X^7 - 7X + 3 \rightarrow G \text{ isom } \text{PSL}_2(F_7)$

$$Q = (X-1)^2*(X+1)*(2*X^2+X+2)$$

$$\implies \text{Gal}_{\{Q(T)\}}(P-T*Q) = \text{PSL}_2(F_7).$$

La Macchia found families of polynomials with group  
 $\text{PSL}_2(F_7)$ :

$$P_n(X) - T*Q_n(X)$$

Matzat & M[??] found families of polynomials with group  
 $\text{PSL}_2(F_7)$ :

$$P_{\{a,b\}}(X) - T*Q_{\{a,b\}}(X)$$

$$f : (X,T) \rightarrow T \quad (\text{degree } 7)$$
$$P(X) - T*Q(X) = 0$$

This covering is ramified in 6 points with type (2,2).  
fiber = 2 simple points and 2 points of order 2

From point of view of coverings, it's a covering from  $P^1 \rightarrow P^1$   
with ramification type (2,2).

II. Correspondences of type  $\text{PGL}_3(F_2)$ :

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$P^2(F_2) \rightarrow$  incidence relations between points and lines

Fano plane: a triangle with vertices labeled 1,2,3. [He draws  
a familiar diagram.]

He now lists the lines:

- (1') = (2,3,4)
- (2') = (1,3,5)
- (3') = (1,2,6)
- (4') = (1,4,7)
- (5') = (2,5,7)
- (6') = (3,6,7)
- (7') = (4,5,6)

Definition: Let  $F$  be an element of  $k[X,Y]$   
of bidegree (3,3). Let

$$A = (x_1, \dots, x_7) \text{ in } k^7,$$

$$B = (y_1, \dots, y_7) \text{ in } k^7$$

$F$  is  $\text{PGL}_2$  configuration for  $A$  and  $B$  [ZAGIER says: call it a " $\text{PGL}_3$  configuration"!]

$$\text{if } f(x_i, y_j) = 0 \iff i \text{ in } j, \text{ and } P_i \text{ in } D_j.$$

roots of  $F(x_1, y)$  are  $y_1, y_3, y_k$

[HELP!!!]

Now he draws a big horizontal tree-like thing that uses a confusing notation, but somehow encodes the correspondence defined by  $F$ .

Recall construction of Poncelet:

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Theorem: Let  $x_1, \dots, x_7$  be indeterminates.

There exists  $y_1, \dots, y_7$  in  $K = k(x_1, \dots, x_7)$

such that

- i) there exists  $F$  in  $K[X, Y]$  of bidegree  $(7, 7)$  [???] of  $GL_3(F_2)$  configuration for  $(x_1, \dots, x_7), (y_1, \dots, y_7)$
- ii) there exists  $G$  in  $K[X, Y]$  of bidegree  $(4, 4)$  such that  $G(x_i, y_j) = 0 \iff i \neq j$ .

$$F(X, Y) G(X, Y) = V(Y) X^7 + \dots = V(Y)P(X) - U(Y)Q(X), \\ = \det ([P, Q; U, V])$$

where

$$P = \prod (X - x_i) \\ U = \prod (Y - y_i) \quad i=1, 2, \dots, 7.$$

If  $T$  is an indeterminate,

$$P_T(X) = P(X) - T \cdot Q(X) \\ U_T(Y) = U(Y) - T \cdot V(Y)$$

$$\det ([P, Q; U, V]) \iff P_T(X) \cdot V(Y) - U_T(Y) \cdot Q(X).$$

Theorem: If a 3-3 correspondence of  $P^1 \times P^1$  has one  $PGL_2(F_2)$  configuration, then from any point  $x$  in  $P^1$ , we obtain a  $PGL_3(2)$ -configuration.

$$\text{Fact: } \text{Gal}_{\{k(T)\}}(P-T \cdot Q) = PGL_3(F_2).$$

To prove.

- a)  $\text{Gal}_{\{k(T)\}}(P-T \cdot Q) \subset PGL_3(F_2)$
- b) In fact, equality.

29. J. KLUENERS (11.15-12.00): Counting Galois extensions of number fields (joint with Gunter Malle)

1  $\neq$   $G$  subgroup  $S_n$  (transitive)

Inverse Galois Problem:

Given a number field  $K$ , does there exist  $K/k$  such that  $\text{Gal}(K/k) = G$ ?

$G$  solvable group: YES.

$k = \mathbb{Q}$ ,  $G = M_{23}$ , there is no known one. (only sporadic one not known to occur)

If  $1 \neq \sigma$  in  $G$ , let

$$\text{ind}(\sigma) = n - \#\text{cycles}(\sigma). \quad [\text{id has } n \text{ cycles, } (1 \dots n) \text{ has } 1 \text{ cycle.}]$$

$$i(G) := \min_{\{1 \neq \sigma \text{ in } G\}} (\text{ind}(\sigma)),$$

$$a(G) := 1/i(G)$$

$S$  subset  $P(k)$  finite

$\rightarrow Z(k, G, S; x) := \#\{K/k \mid \text{Gal}(K/k) = G, |N(d_{K/k})| \leq x, K/k \text{ is unramified in } S\}$ .

Any extension of fields  $K/k$ :  $\text{Gal}(K/k)$  has group  $G$  if normal closure  $\hat{K}$  of  $K/k$  has group  $G$  and  $K = \hat{K}^{G_1}$ . ( $G_1$  is some sort of "point stabilizer".)

$$Z(k, G, x) = Z(k, G, \text{empty\_set}, x)$$

Conjecture 1 (Malle): for all  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists  $c_1(k, G, S) > 0$  and a constant  $c_2(k, G, \epsilon)$  such that

$$c_1 x^{a(G)} \leq Z(k, G, S; x) \leq c_2 x^{a(G)+\epsilon} \text{ for } x \gg 0.$$

The point of the conjecture is that  $a(G)$  is as defined; the point is that it only depends on  $G$ , not the ground field.

Conjecture 2 (see H. Cohen's MSRI proceedings article):

There exists a constant  $c = c(k, G) > 0$  and  $b = b(k, G) \geq 0$  such that  $Z(k, G; x)$  asymptotically  $c X^{a(G)} (\log X)^b$

D. Wright (1989): Conjecture 2 is true for Abelian groups, so Conjecture 1 is also.

Other results: Conjecture 2 is true for  $G = S_3$ .

Remarks:

(1)  $1/(n-1) \leq a(G) \leq 1$ ,  $a(G) = 1 \iff G$  contains a transposition

(2)  $G$  regular ( $\#G = n$ ),  $\ell$  the smallest prime dividing  $n$ .

Then  $i(G) = n - n/\ell = n(\ell-1)/\ell \iff a(G) = \ell/n * (\ell-1)$ .

Main Theorem (K - M):

----- [what does "in regular representation" mean???] /-----\

Suppose  $G$  is nilpotent in regular representation, then conjecture 1 is true.

Other results:

(i) Suppose  $G$  is an  $\ell$ -group, which is not necessarily regular [what is regular???], then the upper bound of conjecture 1 holds.

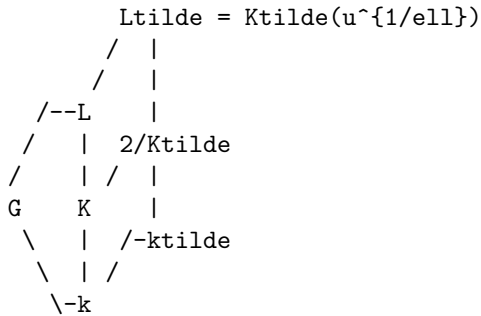
(ii) Lower bound of conjecture 1 holds for  $G = (C_2 \text{ wreath product } H)$ , if there exists  $K/k$  with group  $H$ .



So, if  $2|n$  then there exists a group  $G$  not  $S_n$  such that  $Z(k,G,x)$  grows at least linearly.

Proof:  $G$  nilpotent,  $\ell$  the smallest prime dividing  $\#G = n$ .

(\*)  $1 \twoheadrightarrow C_{\ell} \twoheadrightarrow G \twoheadrightarrow H \twoheadrightarrow 1$  central extension.



The embedding problem for  $\text{Ktilde}/\text{ktilde}$  is a Brauer embedding problem.  
 ... All solutions are of the form

$$\text{Ltilde}_b = \text{Ktilde}((b \cdot \alpha)^{\{1/\ell\}}), \quad b \text{ in } \text{ktilde}^*/(\text{ktilde}^*)^{\ell}$$

Question: For which  $b$  do we have  $\text{Gal}(\text{Ltilde}_b/k) = C_2 \times G$ . In this case,  $L_b$  denotes the subfield of  $\text{Ltilde}_b$  such that  $\text{Gal}(L_b/k) = G$ .

Question  $\iff \text{Gal}(\text{Ltilde}_b/K)$  isom  $C_{\ell} \times C_2$ ,  $\implies \text{Gal}(\text{Ltilde}_b / K)$  is abelian.

Shafarevich:  $\frac{\sigma(b \cdot \alpha)}{(b \cdot \alpha)^q}$  in  $\text{Ktilde}^{\ell}$ ,  
 -----  $\sigma(\zeta_{\ell}) = \zeta_{\ell}^q$ .

Assumption:  $\text{Ltilde}_1 = \text{Ltilde}$ ,  $\text{Gal}(\text{Ltilde}/k) = G \times C_z \text{ ---->}$   
 $\sigma(\alpha)/\alpha^4$  in  $\text{Ktilde}^{\ell}$

$$\iff \sigma(b)/b^q \text{ in } \text{Ktilde}^{\ell}$$

[The " $\iff$ ", as he uses them, are horrid notation.]

Special case:  $H = 1 \text{ ---->}$   $b$  has above property  $\text{-->}$   $k_b / k$  is cyclic of order  $\ell$ .

Lemma:  $k_b \text{ |---->}$   $L_b$  has finite fibers (globally bounded)

(So, IN SOME SENSE, I've reduced my problem to counting cyclic extensions of the ground field, which is much easier to do.)

$d_{\{L_b\}} = d_K^{\ell} N(d_{\{L_b/K\}} \dots$  [I can't read that side of the board, but you get the idea.]

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 Motivation for conjecture:

Suppose  $p \mid d_K$  and that  $K$  is tamely ramified at  $p$ . Let  $\sigma$  in inertia group (maybe inertia group is cyclic and  $\sigma$  is a generator), then  $p^{\{\text{ind}(\sigma)\}} \mid d_K$  This is some philosophy about

why this conjecture could be true.

COHEN's question: By working a little harder, what can you say about the eps?  
Do you know if it is a power of log?

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30. M. STOLL (14.00-14.30): Reduction of binary forms -- a progress report

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[[ Edited by M. Stoll ]]

Problem:  $F = a_0 X^n + a_1 X^{(n-1)}Y + \dots + a_n Y^n$  in  $Z[X,Y]_n$ ,  
squarefree,  $n \geq 3$ .

Find  $\gamma = [a,b; c,d]$  in  $SL_2(Z)$  such that  
 $F*\gamma = F(ax+bY, cX+dY)$  (right action) is "small",  
and some bound on the size of such an  $F*\gamma$ .

$||F|| = \sum_{i=0}^n |a_i|^2$  (not really a norm!)  
 $= \int_0^{2\pi} |F(e^{i\phi}, 1)|^2 d\phi$

Motivation: \*  $x^2 + y^3 = z^5$  (BEUKERS & EDWARDS)  
\* cubic fields (ZAGIER & BELABAS)  
\* hyperelliptic curves  $y^2 = F(x,z)$ ,  $\deg F = 2g+2$

Generalization:  $F$  in  $C[X,Z]_n$ ,  $\Gamma \subset SL_2(C)$

1. The story so far (very brief):

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- \* 1848 Hermite ("Her-meet" is the correct pronunciation)  
(10 pages, Crelle, v.36) over  $R$  and degree  $n = 3, 4$
- \* 1917 G. Julia (300 pages) redoes what Hermite did and extends it to  $C$ .  
 $n=3,4$ .
- \* (1999) Cremona & Stoll:  $n \geq 5$ .
- \* April 2000: Hendrik made a remark right after my talk last year in  
Leiden. It was an innocent remark... he was looking for a  
coordinate-free formulation. But the remark led me to rethink.

2. The story revisited (a fake prehistory of Hermite's idea):

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Consider  $\mathfrak{h} =$  upper half space  $= C \times R_{>0}$   
 $z = t+u*j$  in  $\mathfrak{h}$ ,  
 $t$  in  $C$ ,  $u$  in  $R_{>0}$ ,  $j = (0,1)$ .

There is a correspondence. Let  $Q = a(|X-tY|^2 + u^2|Y|^2)$  be a positive  
definite Hermitian form, where  $a > 0$  and  $t$  and  $u$  are above.

Then  $Q$  corresponds to  $t+u*j$ :

$$Q = a(|X-tY|^2 + u^2|Y|^2) \xrightarrow{\quad} t + u*j \text{ in } \mathbb{h}.$$

Call this correspondence  $z$ . Define the discriminant of  $Q$  to be

$$\text{disc}(Q) = a^2*u^2.$$

This corresponds to the discriminant of Gauss for quadratic forms.

IDEA: Set up a map  $z : C[X,Y]^n \rightarrow \mathbb{h}$ , equivariant with respect to  $SL_2(C)$

This idea already "fixes things" for  $n=3, 4$  because of symmetry considerations.

Look at the extreme case:  $\Gamma = SL_2(C)$ .

Let  $\mathbb{F} = \{j\}$  be a "fundamental domain" for the action of  $\Gamma$  on  $\mathbb{h}$ .

ZAGIER: That's not arbitrary at all. You've already chosen coordinates and  $j$  is the point of smallest height.

Want:  $\|F\|$  small when  $z(F) = j$ .

Define  $\text{thetatile}(F) = \min_{\{\gamma \in SL_2(C)\}} \|F*\gamma\|$ .

Try  $z(F) = \gamma^{-1}*j$  for minimizing  $\gamma \rightarrow$  problem: not unique

We want to find  $z(F)$  in  $\mathbb{h}$ , so we can look for Hermitian forms. Take

$B(F) = \{Q \text{ pos. def. Hermitian form} \mid Q^n \geq |F|^2 \text{ (pointwise)}\}$

Then, if  $z(Q) = j$ , with  $Q = a(|x|^2 + |y|^2)$

$$\implies \|F\| = \int |F(e^{2\pi i \phi}, 1)|^2 d\phi \leq \dots = 2^n (\text{disc } Q)^{n/2}.$$

So, define

$$\text{thetahat}(F) = \min_{\{Q \in B(F)\}} 2^n (\text{disc } Q)^{n/2}.$$

and try  $z(F) = z(\text{minimizing } Q) \rightarrow$  problem: don't know  $B(F)$  well enough

Remedy this by restricting the set of  $Q$ 's.

$J(F) = \{1/n * \sum |F_i|^2 \mid F = F_1 \dots F_n, F_i \text{ linear in } C[x,y]\} \subset B(F)$   
by AGM inequality.

(grew out of Hendrik's suggestion)

(lots of things in there, because of constants.  $F_1 \rightarrow 1/2 * F_1$ )

$$\text{theta}(F) = \min_{\{Q \in J(F)\}} 2^n (\text{disc}(Q))^{n/2},$$

$z(F) = z(Q)$  for a minimizing  $Q$ .

This is what Hermite and Julia were doing, but formulated more nicely!

Theorem of Cremona and I: This is well defined; there is a unique such  $Q$ .

Also: Suppose  $F = a_0 \prod (X - \alpha_i Y)$ ,

define  $R(F, t+u*j) = |a_0|^2 \prod_{i=1}^n ((|\alpha_i - t|^2 + u^2) / u)$   
 for  $t+u*j \in \mathbb{h}$

$\implies \theta(F) = \min_{z \in \mathbb{h}} R(F, z)$ , and the minimum is attained only  
 at  $z = z(F)$ .

[[ Comment by MS:

This means that in order to find  $z(F)$  and  $\theta(F)$ , you only have  
 to solve a minimization problem in three (or two, if we restrict  
 to  $SL_2(\mathbb{R})$ ) variables instead of  $n-1$ . This makes this approach  
 practical. For  $\Gamma = SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$  and forms in  $R[x, y]$ , this is  
 implemented in Magma. Check out the function Reduce. (There are  
 a couple of bugs there, which will be removed soon. The computation  
 of  $z(F)$  should work, though -- use Covariant, and the reduction  
 of forms of degree  $\geq 5$  should also be OK.) ]]

### 3. The story continued

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What have we lost? Can we bound the loss?

Proposition:  $2^{1-n} \theta(F) \leq \tilde{\theta}(F) \leq \hat{\theta}(F) \leq \theta(F)$   
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So our  $\theta(F)$  and  $z(F)$  are not far from the optimal one.

Theorem: (i)  $2^{1-n} \leq ||F|| / R(F, j) \leq 2^{-n} \text{binom}(2n, n)$   
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(ii) there exists  $\epsilon(F) > 0$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon(F) \cosh^{n-2} \text{dist}(z, z(F)) &\leq R(F, z) / \theta(F) \\ &\leq \cosh^n \text{dist}(z, z(F)). \end{aligned}$$

$\text{dist}(z, z(F))$  is hyperbolic distance.

[[ Comment by MS:

(1) tells you that  $R(F, j)$  is about as good as a  
 measure of the size of  $F$  as  $||F||$ .

By Cremona-Stoll,  $R(F, z)$  is minimal at  $z=z(F)$ , so we can get  
 bounds on  $||F||$  by comparing  $R(F, j)$  with  $R(F, z(F))$ . This is  
 done in (2). ]]

Well, this looks a bit technical, but you can use it to deduce a few  
 interesting facts.

Corollary: Let  $\mathbb{F}$  be a fundamental domain for  $\Gamma$  such that  $\mathbb{F}$   
 contains only points that are closest to  $j$  in their orbit.  
 Then if  $z(F) \in \mathbb{F}$

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(1)  $||F|| \leq \text{binom}(2n, n) \cosh^2 \text{dist}(z(F), j) / (2 \epsilon(F)) ||F * \gamma||$   
 for all  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ .

(2)  $||F * \gamma|| > ||F||$  for all  $\gamma \in \Gamma$  such that  
 $\cosh(\text{dist}(\gamma^{-1} * z(F), j)) > (2^{n-1} / \epsilon(F) * ||F|| / \theta(F))^{1/(n-2)}$

[[ Comment by MS:

(1) says that the size of a reduced  $F$  (i.e. such that  $z(F)$  in  $\backslash F$ ) is fairly small, compared to other forms in the same orbit.  
(2) provides a way to determine a finite set of  $\gamma$  in  $\Gamma$  such that  $||F*\gamma||$  is minimal for one of these  $\gamma$ 's, if  $\Gamma$  is a discrete subgroup like  $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$ . I.e., we have an algorithm that solves the problem stated at the beginning. ]]

\*31. D. KOHEL (14.35-15.05): Computational aspects of Shimura curves

Explicit approaches to  $X_0^D(m)$

-- A progress report

A. Indefinite quaternion algebra  $\backslash H/\mathbb{Q} \dashrightarrow M_2(\mathbb{R})$  (embedding exists because it's "indefinite").

$O$  = Eichler order (intersection of two distinct maximal orders)  
index  $m$  in a maximal order

$D = \text{disc}(\backslash H)$ .

B. Matrix representation  $\backslash H \dashrightarrow \backslash H \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}} K \xrightarrow{\text{isom}} M_2(K) \dashrightarrow M_2(\mathbb{R})$   
 $K \dashrightarrow H$  real quadratic given by a real embedding of  $K$

Definition:

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$\Gamma_0^D(m) = i(\backslash U^1(\backslash O))$  (image of norm one units of the Eichler order)

Then  $\Gamma_0^D(m)$  acts on  $\backslash H$

ZAGIER: This is very strange. Why \*choose\* the  $K$ ? There's a natural map to  $H \otimes \mathbb{R}$  and the Shimura curve sits on the Hilbert modular surface. He's taking a projection. Why? It's unnatural. He's  $(H \otimes \mathbb{R})_{\{N=1\}} \xrightarrow{\text{isom}} SL_2(\mathbb{R})$  contains  $U_1$ . There's just no point in choosing this isomorphism.

(1) Supersingular points on  $X_0^D(m) / \mathbb{F}_p$

(2) Fundamental domains

$\Gamma_0^D(m)$  acts on  $\backslash H$

$\Gamma_0^D(m) \backslash \backslash H = X_0^D(m)(\mathbb{C})$

Elliptic points:  $\gamma$  in  $\Gamma_0^D(m)$  [with fixed points].

II.  $X_0^D(m)(\mathbb{C})$  moduli space of pairs

(Abelian surfaces  $A/\mathbb{C}$ ,  $\backslash O \dashrightarrow \text{End}(A)$ ) where  $\backslash O$  is the Eichler order

BRUMER: Principally polarized!!!!!!

DAVID: I don't know...

N.B.  $\Gamma_0 \subset M_2(\mathbb{Z})$  (discriminant 1 case)

$\Gamma_0(M) \subset \Gamma_0$ , the Shiura curve is  $X_0(M)$ .

$A$  isogeneous to  $E \times E$ .

B. Supersingular Points:

$X_0^D(\mathfrak{m})/\mathbb{F}_p$  contains  $SS(\mathbb{F}_p)$

$(m,p), (D,p) = 1$

free abelian group on supersingular points

Mestre-Oesterle: "Method of Graphs" ( $D=1, E/\mathbb{F}_p$ )

Pizer: Compute using quaternion algebras)

Applications:

(1) L-functions of simple factors of  $Jac(X_0^D(m))$

-- modular symbols

(2) Monodromy pairing

Kohel - S. : Component groups

III. Fundamental domain.

Structure of  $\Gamma_0^D(m)$  acting on  $\mathbb{H}$ .

$H = \mathbb{Q}\langle i, j \rangle: i^2 = a, j^2 = b, ij = -ji = k.$

$\setminus \{ [u, v; \bar{v}b, \bar{u}] : u \in \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{a}) \}.$

$\epsilon \in \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{a})$

$[\epsilon, 0; 0, \bar{\epsilon} - \epsilon \bar{\epsilon}] : z \mapsto \epsilon^2 z.$

Expands the upper half plane, he says.

"Now I'll describe a sketch of an algorithm [excuses...]"

Algorithm components:

We have a few, well, tools that are at our disposal.

A. Problem:  $\Gamma_0^D(1)$  may have no elliptic elements.

However, the normalizer,  $N(\Gamma_0^D(1))$ , does have elliptic elements.

$\Gamma_0^D(1) \subset SL_2(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow SL_2(\mathbb{R}) / SO_2(\mathbb{R}) \cong \text{UpperHalfPlane}$

B. Searching for "small" generators.

C. Volume of a domain, known formulas for

$\Gamma_0^D(m) \backslash \mathbb{H}.$

EXAMPLE:

Almost in the definitive reference: M-F. Vignéras

$X_0^{15}(1)$ .

[David did not in any way say that much of the above is joint work with Helena Verrill. Maybe it isn't? That's weird.]

\*32. N. ELKIES (15.15-16.00): Progress report on genus 2

Also the universal curves over them  $X(N)$ .

$X_0, X_1, \dots (N)$

"Curve of general type" is a fancy way of saying a curve of genus at least two.

Steven Galbraith found a rational point on  $X_0(331)/w$  only a few years ago.

Next natural thing to study: curves of genus 2. Principally polarized abelian varieties of dimension 2.

Two generalizations of  $X_0$  for genus 2.

$X_0(N)$  (E, cyclic subgroup order N) or (E, isogeny of degree N)

two generalizations of this for abelian varieties, since image of

isogeny might not be principally polarized.

I will focus mostly on the  $Z/NZ$  subgroup interpretation.

Some rational moduli spaces of  $g=2$  Jacobians

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" $X_1(5)$ :"  $\{(C,P) \mid P \text{ in } J_C[5]\}$  rational:  $Z^2 + Z \cdot A(x,y) = S(x,y)$

$\circ\{u\} \ A = L(Q-LL') - LQ, S=Q^2(Q-LL')$  for some linear  $L, L'$ , quadratic  $Q$ .

$P$  is represented by  $(Q = 0, Z = LQ); \langle w \rangle : (L, L', Q) \mapsto (L', -L, Q-LL')$

This looks like  $X_1(5)$ : Think of  $Q$  as the abscissa and  $L, L'$  as scalars!!

The cubic cover  $X_1(10)$  of  $X_1(5)$  is rational:  $(Q,Z)$  is 2-torsion

$\Leftrightarrow L'=(1-2t)(t/(t-1))^2 \cdot L, Q=-t^4/(t-1)^2 \cdot L^2$ . So to make  $x/y = 0, 1, \infty$   
 $\frac{\dots f(t) \dots}{\dots g(t) \dots}$

Weierstrass points on the  $X_1(5)$  family: For any  $t_0, t_1, t_{\infty}$ , solve for coefficients of  $L, L'$ :  $L'/L(0) = f(t_0), L'/L(1) = f(t_1)$ , etc.

Probably  $X_1(N)$  has a rational parametrization like  $X_1(N)$  for all  $N$  such that  $g(X_1(N)) = 0$ , i.e.,  $N=(1, 2, 3, \dots, 9, 10, 12)$ . I have this for  $N \neq 9, 12$ , so far.

Some examples:

$\{C, (Z/4 \times (Z/2)^3 \mapsto J) : \text{is } y^2 = X \cdot \prod_{i=1}^4 (X-x_i^2), \text{ It's } P(B_4)$ . cf.  $\text{Sqrt}(\lambda)$  in Jaap Top's talk.

$\{C, (\text{Weierstrass point}) \times (Z/3)^4 \mapsto J\} : P(E_8^\omega)$  The

Shephard-Todd #32; Shioda  $E_8/Q(\mu_3)$ ]

$\{C, (Z/2)^4 \setminus \dots J, P, Q \text{ in } C, D \text{ in } \text{Jac}(C), P+Q = 2D\} : P(D_6)$   
A Shioda-Usui "excellent family"

Conjecture[sic]:  $X_0(N)$  of general type for all  $N \geq N_0$ .

and eventually no rational  $Z/NZ$  subgroups or  $(N,N)$  isogeneis over  $Q$  or any other given number field.

Harris said Kieran O'Grady tried hard to show this for sufficiently divisible ones.

(2) Curves and Families with high-order torsion a la Leprevost

The curves below have simple Jacobians.

We know they are simple because: Lemma 3.1.2 (Leprevost)

If  $\#\text{Gal}(Q(\text{Frob}_{\ell})/Q) = 8$ , for some  $\ell$  then  $J$  is simple.

$N=40$ :  $y^2 = (3x+4)(x^4+5x^3+8x^2+19/4*x+1)$ ,  $((-2,1))-(\infty)$  also  $X = 0, -1$ .

Howe Unpublished family with 30-torsion.

$N=39$ :  $y^2 = x^6 + 4*x^4 + 10x^3 + 4x^2 - 4x + 1$ ;  $(\infty) - (\infty')$  (also  $X=0,1,-1!!!!$ )

Calculus nightmare:

$$\int (39x^2+9x-1)dx/y = 15*\log|y+x^3+2x+5| + 3*\log|y+5x^3+12x+10x+1| + \log|y+x^3+2x-1| + C$$

$N=34$ :  $y^2=(9x^2+2x+1)(32x^3+81x^2-6x+1)\dots$

$N=32$ : a family over  $Q(t)$

$N=30$

$N=31$ , almost: A 31-element subbgroup of  $J$  generated by points defined over  $(Q(\mu_7))^+$ .

I know the equation.

$J$  is simple, but has  $Z[\text{sqrt}(2)]$  multiplication (Poonen, Bending) and is thus modular (Ellenberg) of conductor  $(245 = 5*7^2)$  (B. Poonen using Q. Liu's program). Modular forms and mod-31 congruence with an Eisenstein series, determined by W.A.Stein.

HENRI COHEN: I wrote "Q. Liu's program"!!! Liu's algorithm, but Cohen implemented it!!!! [I didn't know that.]

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A novel class of moduli problems.

Implicit in these constructions is the following class of problems:



Let  $\mathcal{X}$  be some arithmetic cover of  $\mathbb{P}^1$ , so a generic point of  $\mathcal{X}$  corresponds to a genus 2 curve  $C$  with some torsion structure on  $J$ . Suppose this structure includes a set  $S$  of divisors of degree 1. Let  $\mathcal{X}(S) = \{c \in \mathcal{X} : \text{all elements of } S \text{ are effective}\}$  [i.e. " $S \subset C$ "] Describe  $S$ . Components? Type of surface/genus of curve? ...? Geometrically  $\mathcal{X}(S)$  is the intersection of  $|S|$  divisors coming from  $\Theta$ . So one might expect a mechanical solution, but

WARNINGS:

- \* Typically, there exists boundary components:  
easy to put  $S$  in  $E_1 \cup E_2 \subset E_1 \times E_2$
- \* If  $D_1 + D_2 = D_3 + D_4$  nontrivially in  $S \cup i^*(S)$  must be on boundary.
- \*  $\mathcal{X}(S)$  may have components of  $\dim > 3 - |S|$  due to  $\text{Aut}(C)$   
(see B. Poonen -  $|S| - (\text{Weierstrass})| = 16$ )
- \* Further accidents may occur. e.g.,  $S = \{P_0, P_1, P_4\}$  with  $P_0$  Weierstrass,  $4(P_1 - P_0) \sim P_4 - P_0$ ,  $17(P_1 - P_0) \sim 0$   
--->  $\mathcal{X}(S) = \{s^2 + 3t^2 = 0\}$

Natural Conjecture: Over  $C$ , if  $\text{Aut}(C) = \{1, i\}$ , then

$$\#\{P \in C \mid [P] - [i^*P] \in J_{\text{tors}} - \{0\}\} \leq 3$$

with finitely many exceptions. [====>  $\#\{\dots\} = O(1)$ ]

We've seen one exception (J[39]); any others?

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A proof of a construction/computation:

$$\begin{aligned} y^2 &= Q(x) && \text{Weierstrass point } oo \\ P &\longleftarrow x = 0 \\ 4P &\longleftarrow x = -1 \end{aligned}$$

$$(4P) + i^*(4P) - 5oo = (y - A(x))$$

$$4*(4P) - (P) - 5oo = (y - B(x))$$

$$\begin{aligned} y=A &\text{ at } P \text{ and } i^*(4P) \\ y=B &\text{ at } P \text{ and } 4P \\ Q-A^2 &= X(X^4+1) \\ Q-B^2 &= (X^4+1)X \\ A^2-B^2 &= (X+1)^4X - X^4(X+1) \end{aligned}$$

etc.

[COMMENT OF NOAM:

One other thing I noticed: the previous work (which of course I should have mentioned before starting on my  $N=40$  etc. curves, not in the middle as I did and as it thus wound up in your notes) is:

Howe, Leprevost, Poonen: curves and families of curves whose Jacobians are isogenous with  $E^*E'$  and have an  $N$ -torsion point for various  $N$ , the largest being 63

Leprevost: curves and families with simple Jacobians and an N-torsion point for various N up to 29 (published) and 30 (an unpublished family reported to me by Howe)

I don't want to create another "Pell's equation" by misattributing Leprevost's work to the intermediary who communicated it to me (as Pell did  $x^2 - Dy^2 = 1$  from Fermat to Brouncker if memory serves)!  
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It's over!!!!