

# RECAP

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Last week we defined an action of  $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$  on

$$\mathcal{H} := \{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid \operatorname{Re} z > 0\}$$

given by  $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \cdot \tau = \frac{a\tau + b}{c\tau + d}$ . We considered the groups

$$\Gamma(N) = \ker(SL_2(\mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow SL_2(\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z}))$$

$$\Gamma_1(N) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 1 & * \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \pmod{N} \right\}$$

$$\Gamma_0(N) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} * & * \\ 0 & * \end{pmatrix} \pmod{N} \right\}$$

We obtained (affine) Riemann surfaces  $Y_\Gamma := \mathcal{H}/\Gamma$ ; for  $\Gamma = \Gamma(N), \Gamma_1(N), \Gamma_0(N)$ , these are denoted by

$$Y(N), Y_1(N), Y_0(N).$$

The corresponding compact surfaces are denoted by  $X(N), X_1(N), X_0(N)$ .

We computed the function fields of these: letting

$$f^v(\tau) = f_\tau\left(\frac{c+d\tau}{N}\right) \quad \text{for } v = (c, d) \in (\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z})^2, \\ \text{equal for } \pm v$$

we obtained

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} X(N) \\ | \\ X_1(N) \\ | \\ X_0(N) \\ | \\ X(1) \end{array} \right\} (\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z})^* \quad \begin{array}{l} \mathbb{C}(j, f^v) \\ | \\ \mathbb{C}(j, f^{(a,i)}) \mid i=1, \dots, N-1 \\ | \\ \mathbb{C}(j, j_N) \cong \mathbb{C}(j, \text{symm. functions in } f^{(i,0)}) \\ | \\ \mathbb{C}(j) \end{array}$$

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- ①  $Y_\Gamma$  as moduli spaces over  $\mathbb{C}$
- ②  $Y_\Gamma$  " " " "  $\mathbb{Q}$ : statements
- ③ Construction of Heegner points
- ④  $Y_\Gamma$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$ : proofs (maybe)

## §1. $Y_\Gamma$ as mod. spaces over $\mathbb{C}$

Thm  $\mathcal{H} \xrightarrow{\Phi} \{(E, C)\} / \sim$       $C \subseteq E, C \cong \mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z}$   
 $\tau \longmapsto (\underbrace{\mathbb{C}/\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}\tau}_{E_\tau}, \langle \frac{1}{N} \rangle)$       $(E, C) \sim (E', C')$   
 $\Leftrightarrow \exists \varphi: E \xrightarrow{\sim} E'$   
 t.c.  $\varphi(C) = C'$

$e$  surgettiva,  $e$  induce

$$\mathcal{H}/\Gamma_0(N) \xrightarrow{\sim} \{(E, C)\} / \sim$$

Proof Every  $(E, C)$  is  $(E_\tau, \langle \frac{1}{N} \rangle)$

First, the fibres.  $\Phi(\tau) = \Phi(\tau') \Rightarrow \exists \gamma \in \mathbb{C}^\times$  s.t.

$$\gamma \Lambda_\tau = \Lambda_{\tau'} \quad \& \quad \gamma \cdot \frac{1}{N} = \frac{k}{N} \pmod{\Lambda_{\tau'}} \quad \oplus$$

for some  $(k, N) = 1$

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma \cdot 1 &= c\tau' + d \\ \gamma \cdot \tau &= a\tau' + b \end{aligned}$$

$$\tau = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \cdot \tau'$$

$\oplus \Leftrightarrow$   ~~$\frac{1}{N} \in \Lambda_{\tau'}$~~   $c\tau' + d \equiv k \pmod{N\Lambda_{\tau'}}$

$\Leftrightarrow c \equiv 0(N),$  i.e.  $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in \Gamma_0(N).$

Surjectivity:  $(E, C)$  is  $(E_{\tau'}, \langle \frac{x+y\tau'}{N} \rangle)$ .

Choose  $\tau = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \cdot \tau'$ . Then  $\gamma := c\tau + d$  carries

$$\gamma \cdot \Lambda_{\tau'} = \Lambda_\tau \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{x+y\tau'}{N} \in (c\tau + d) \cdot \frac{x+y\tau'}{N} \equiv \frac{1}{N} \pmod{\Lambda_\tau}$$

$$(cx+dy) + y(ax+b) \equiv 1 \pmod{N}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} cx + ay \equiv 0 \pmod{N} \\ dx + by \equiv 1 \pmod{N} \end{cases} \quad \exists \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ -y & d \end{pmatrix} \in SL_2(\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z})$$

Bézout + lift.  $SL_2(\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z}) \leftarrow SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$  □

Rmk  $Y_1(N) \xleftrightarrow{1:1} \{ (E, P) \} / \sim$ ,  $P \in E[N]$  ex. order  $N$

§2. Moduli spaces over  $\mathbb{Q}$

Thm Let  $Y_0(N)_{\mathbb{Q}}$  be the unique curve obtained as follows:  
 let  $X_0(N)_{\mathbb{Q}}$  be the unique smooth proj. curve /  $\mathbb{Q}$  with function field  $\mathbb{Q}(j(z), j(Nz))$ .  
 Let  $Y_0(N)_{\mathbb{Q}} = X_0(N)_{\mathbb{Q}} \cap Y_0(N)_{\mathbb{C}}$ .  
 For every field  $K$  with  $\mathbb{Q} \subseteq K \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ , there is a bijection

$$Y_0(N)_{\mathbb{Q}}(K) \longleftrightarrow \{ (E/K, C) \} / \sim,$$

- where:
- $E/K$  is an ell. curve def. over  $K$ ;
  - $C \subseteq E(\bar{K})[N]$  is a cyclic subgroup of order  $N$
  - $C$  is stable under  $\text{Gal}(\bar{K}/K)$  as a set;
  - $(E_1, C_1) \sim (E_2, C_2)$  if  $\exists \varphi: (E_1)_{\mathbb{C}} \rightarrow (E_2)_{\mathbb{C}}$  that carries  $C_1$  to  $C_2$ .

Rmk These conditions imply  $j(E) \in K$ ,  $j(E/C) \in K$ .  
 But they are stronger: consider  $E = E/C = y^2 = x^3 + x$   
 and  $C = \ker [2-i]$ . Then  $j(E), j(E/C) \in \mathbb{Q}$ , but  $C$  is NOT Galois-stable. Thus,  $E \rightarrow E/C$  does NOT give a point of  $Y_0(5)(\mathbb{Q})$ .

### §3. Construction of Heegner points

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~~Def~~ **Def (Modularity)** Let  $E/\mathbb{Q}$  be an elliptic curve. We say that  $E$  is **MODULAR** if  $\exists N > 0$  and a non-constant algebraic morphism, defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$ , from  $X_0(N)$  to  $E$ . This is called a **MODULAR PARAMETRISATION**; it can be chosen so that  $\varphi(\infty) = O_E$

**Thm (Wiles; Breuil-Conrad-Diamond-Taylor)**  
Every  $E/\mathbb{Q}$  is modular; the optimal  $N$  coincides with the conductor of  $E$ .

**Setup**  $E/\mathbb{Q}$  an ell. curve,  $E_{\overline{\mathbb{Q}}}$  without CM,  
 $N =$  conductor  $E$ ,  $\varphi: X_0(N) \rightarrow E$  a modular  
parametrisation,  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-D})$  a quadratic field  
satisfying the  $D \neq 3, 4$

**Heegner condition:** every prime  $\ell$  dividing  $N$  is split in  $K$ ,  
hence  $N = \mathfrak{c} \cdot \mathfrak{c}'$  for some  $\mathfrak{c}' \triangleleft \mathcal{O}_K$  with  
 $\mathcal{O}_K/\mathfrak{c}' \cong \mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z}$ .

**Def. (Heegner points)** Fix a positive integer  $n$ , <sup>prime to  $N$</sup>  let  
 $\mathcal{O}_n := \mathbb{Z} + n\mathcal{O}_K$  be the order of conductor  $n$ , and let  
 $\mathfrak{c}'_n := \mathfrak{c}' \cap \mathcal{O}_n$ . Then  $(\mathfrak{c}'_n, n) = 1$ , hence  $\mathfrak{c}'_n$  is an invertible  
ideal of  $\mathcal{O}_n$ .  $\hookrightarrow$  Lorenzo S.'s lecture  
Consider  $\mathcal{O}_n/\mathfrak{c}'_n = \mathcal{O}_n/\mathfrak{c}' \cap \mathcal{O}_n \cong \frac{\mathcal{O}_n + \mathfrak{c}'}{\mathfrak{c}'} \cong \mathcal{O}/\mathfrak{c}' \cong \mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z}$ .

Let  $E = \mathbb{C}/\mathcal{O}_n$ , ~~and~~  $\mathcal{G}_n = \mathfrak{c}'_n^{-1}/\mathcal{O}_n \cong \mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z} \subset E$ ,  
and  $E/\mathcal{G}_n \cong \mathbb{C}/\mathfrak{c}'_n^{-1} =: E'$ . Note that  $E$ ,  $\mathcal{G}_n$  and  $E'$   
are all defined over  $K_n$ : this is because  $\mathcal{G}_n = E[\mathfrak{c}'_n]$ ,  
and the action of  $\mathfrak{c}'_n$  on  $E$  is def'd over  $K_n$ .

Hence  $(E, \mathcal{G}_n) = x_n \in X_0(N)(K_n)$ .

We may then set  $y_m := \varphi(x_m)$  and

$$y_{m,K} := \text{Tr}_{K_m/K}(\varphi(x_m))$$

These are the famous Heegner points!

### §4. Moduli spaces over $\mathbb{Q}$ : proofs

#### Proof of a weak version

$$\mathbb{Q}(X_0(N)) = \mathbb{Q}(j(z), j(Nz))$$

On an open subscheme,  $U = \{F_N(x, y) = 0\}$ ,  
where  $F_N(x, y) = 0$  is the minpoly of  $j_N$  over  $j$ .

$\leadsto$  on an open,  $K$ -pts of  $X_0(N)$  are pairs

$$(j(E), j(E')) \in K^2 \text{ s.t. } \exists \tau \in H \text{ with} \\ j(E') = j(N\tau), \quad j(E) = j(\tau).$$

$$\text{But } E \cong \mathbb{C} / (\mathbb{Z} \oplus \tau \mathbb{Z}) \longrightarrow \mathbb{C} / (\frac{1}{N} \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z} \tau) \cong \frac{\mathbb{C}}{\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z} \cdot N\tau} = E'$$

Now suppose  $\varphi: E \rightarrow E'$  not def'd over  $K$ .

Then  $\exists \sigma\varphi: \sigma E = E \rightarrow \sigma E' = E'$ . However,  
 $\sigma\varphi \circ \varphi^\vee: E' \rightarrow E$  has  $\text{deg } N^2$  but is not  $[N]$ ,  
otherwise  $\sigma\varphi \circ \varphi^\vee = [N] = \varphi \circ \varphi^\vee \Rightarrow \sigma\varphi = \varphi$ .

Hence  $E'$  has CM.  $\square$

In fact, one also needs to consider the case that  $\sigma\varphi \circ \varphi^\vee = [N]$ . In that case, one shows that  $\ker \varphi$  is still Galois-stable, hence that  $\varphi$  is (up to isomorphism on the target) defined over  $K$ .

Problem:  $j, j_N$  do NOT separate all pts.

This is akin to  $\text{frac}(\mathbb{Q}[x, y]) : x=y=0$  is not a pt!  
 $(y^2 - x^2(x-1))$

Need a set of functions that embed  $Y_0(N) \hookrightarrow \mathbb{A}^k$ .

For simplicity: assume  $N$  is odd.

Thm (Vélu)  $E: y^2 = x^3 + Ax + B, G \subset E(\bar{K}), \#G$  odd.

For  $(x_Q, y_Q) \in G$  define

$$t_Q := 3x_Q^2 + A, \quad u_Q := 2y_Q^2, \quad w_Q := u_Q + t_Q x_Q,$$

$$t := \sum_{Q \neq 0} t_Q, \quad w := \sum_{Q \neq 0} w_Q, \quad r(x) = x + \sum_{Q \neq 0} \left( \frac{t_Q}{x - x_Q} + \frac{u_Q}{(x - x_Q)^2} \right)$$

Then, letting  $E': y^2 = x^3 + (A - 5t)x + (B - 7w)$ ,

The map  $E \rightarrow E/G \xrightarrow{\sim} E'$  can be taken to be

$$\alpha(x, y) = (r(x), r'(x) \cdot y).$$

[Maybe I don't even need this!]

Rmk  $\mathbb{Q}(X_0(N)) \ni$  symm. fcts in  $f^{(0,0)}(\tau)$ , call them  $e_j(\tau)$ . From  $\{e_j(\tau)\}$  we can reconstruct the set of x-coords  $\{f^{(0,i)}(\tau)\}$ , hence C. So

$$\tau \mapsto (j(\tau), e_1(\tau), \dots, e_N(\tau))$$

is injective. Thus,  $Y_1(N)_{\mathbb{Q}}$  has coords  $j, e_1, \dots, e_N$ :

a pt is k-rational iff  $j, e_1, \dots, e_N$  are, iff the ~~coords~~ set  $\{f^{(0,i)}(\tau)\}$  is def'd over K.

## § 5. Bonus track: constructing $X(3)$ over $\mathbb{Q}$

or just  $\neq 3$

Let  $E$  be an ell. curve over a field  $K$  of char 0.

Suppose  $P$  is a pt of order 3. By def'n, this means that  $\exists$  a function  $f$  on  $E$  s.t.  $\text{div } f = 3(P) - 3(\infty)$ .

Now, functions with a triple pole at  $\infty$  lie in  $\langle 1, x, y \rangle$ , and in order to have an actual pole of order 3, one needs  $f = ay + bx + c$  with  $a \neq 0$ . Replacing  $y$  with  $f$ , we may as well assume that  $y = f$ , that is,  $\text{div } y = 3(P) - 3(\infty)$ .

Write

$$y^2 + a_1 xy + a_3 y = x^3 + a_2 x^2 + a_4 x + a_6.$$

Translating  $x \rightarrow x - x(P)$ , we can assume  $a_6 = 0$ .

Now  $P$  is the only pt with  $y = 0$ , so  $x^3 + a_2 x^2 + a_4 x = x^3$ ,

that is,  $a_2 = a_4 = 0$ . Rescaling  $x \mapsto u^2 x$ ,  $y \mapsto u^3 y$  we get

$$u^6 y^2 + a_1 u^5 x y + a_3 u^3 y = u^6 x^3$$

Moreover: fcts with a double pole at  $\infty$  are of the form  $\alpha x + \beta$ ,  $\alpha \neq 0$ ; if we want such a funct to vanish at  $P$ ,  $\beta = 0$ . Similarly,  $y$  is uniquely def'd up to scalars.

Now suppose  $Q$  is a 2<sup>nd</sup> pt of order 3, ( $Q \neq \pm P$ )

$$3(Q) - 3(\infty) = \text{div}(y - Ax - B).$$

If  $A = 0$ , then  $y(Q) = B$  and  $B^2 + a_1 B x + a_3 B = x^3$  has a triple root:  $x^3 - a_1 B x - (B^2 + a_3 B) = (x - x(Q))^3$ .

But then  $x(Q) = 0$  (look at coeff. of  $x^2$ ), so  $y^2(Q) + a_3 y(Q) = 0$ .

The pts  $(0, 0)$  and  $(0, -a_3)$  are  $\neq P$ , contradiction.

So  $A \neq 0$ ; replacing  $y \rightarrow y/A^3$  and  $x \rightarrow x/A^2$  we can assume  $A = 1$ . Finally,  $y - x - B$  vanishes only at  $Q$ , so

$$x^3 - [(x+B)^2 + a_1 x(x+B) + a_3 (x+B)] = (x-C)^3$$

Compare coeffs to get

$$\begin{cases} (1) & 3C = a_1 + 1 \\ (2) & -3C^2 = 2B + a_1 B + a_3 \\ (3) & C^3 = B^2 + a_3 B \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (3) - B(2): \quad C^3 + 3C^2B &= B^2 - 2B^2 - a_1 B^2 \\ &= B^2(-1 - a_1) = -3CB^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (C+B)^3 = B^3.$$

$$\text{So } Y(3): \quad (B+C)^3 = B^3$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \uparrow \\ y^2 + (3C-1)xy + (-3C^2 - B - 3BC)y = x^3 \end{array}$$

Rmk The function field contains  $\left(\frac{B+C}{B}\right)$ , a primitive 3<sup>rd</sup> root of 1. Over  $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_3)$ ,  $Y(3)$  decomposes; one component is  $B+C = \zeta_3 B$ , which gives a  $\mathbb{P}^1$  w/ a universal elliptic curve.