

Exercises on elliptic curves.

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1. Eisenstein series

Recall, for a lattice Λ in \mathbb{C} and $k \geq 3$,

$$G_k(\Lambda) = \sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda \setminus \{0\}} \frac{1}{\lambda^k}.$$

Check

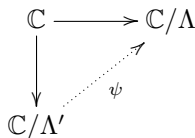
- for k odd, $G_k(\Lambda) = 0$.
- for $\lambda \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$, and $\Lambda = \mathbb{Z}\lambda + \mathbb{Z}i\lambda$, $G_6(\Lambda) = 0$.
- for $\lambda \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$, and $\Lambda = \mathbb{Z}\lambda + \mathbb{Z}\varrho\lambda$ with $\varrho = e^{2\pi i/3}$, $G_4(\Lambda) = 0$.

2. Isogenies

Let a_1 and a_2 be positive integers, Λ a lattice in \mathbb{C} , λ_1, λ_2 a basis of Λ and Λ' the sublattice $a_1\lambda_1\mathbb{Z} + a_2\lambda_2\mathbb{Z}$ of Λ :

$$\Lambda' = a_1\lambda_1\mathbb{Z} + a_2\lambda_2\mathbb{Z} \subset \Lambda = \lambda_1\mathbb{Z} + \lambda_2\mathbb{Z}.$$

The two canonical surjections $\mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}/\Lambda'$ and $\mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}/\Lambda$ give rise to a homomorphism $\psi : \mathbb{C}/\Lambda' \rightarrow \mathbb{C}/\Lambda$ which is an isogeny :



Compute the degree n of the isogeny ψ , write the dual isogeny $\hat{\psi} : \mathbb{C}/\Lambda \rightarrow \mathbb{C}/\Lambda'$ and check that

$$\psi \circ \hat{\psi} : \mathbb{C}/\Lambda \rightarrow \mathbb{C}/\Lambda \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{\psi} \circ \psi : \mathbb{C}/\Lambda' \rightarrow \mathbb{C}/\Lambda'$$

are the multiplications by n .

3. Modular invariant

Write $g_i(\tau)$ for $g_i(\mathbb{Z} + \mathbb{Z}\tau)$ and $i \in \{2, 3\}$.

For $\text{Im}(\tau) \rightarrow \infty$ check

$$g_2(\tau) \rightarrow 120 \sum_{m \geq 1} \frac{1}{m^4} = \frac{4\pi^3}{3} \quad \text{and} \quad g_3(\tau) \rightarrow 280 \sum_{m \geq 1} \frac{1}{m^6} = \frac{8\pi^6}{27}.$$

Deduce $\Delta(\tau) = g_2(\tau)^3 - 27g_3(\tau)^2 \rightarrow 0$ and $j(\tau) \rightarrow \infty$.

4. Complex multiplication

Let $\Lambda = \mathbb{Z} + \mathbb{Z}\tau$ be a lattice with $\text{Im}(\tau) \in \mathfrak{H}$ and let $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}^\times \setminus \mathbb{Z}$ satisfy $\alpha\Lambda \subset \Lambda$.

(a) Check that $(1, \tau) \in \mathbb{C}^2$ is an eigenvector of a matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in \text{GL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$$

with eigenvalue α .

(b) Deduce that τ and α are quadratic numbers with $\mathbb{Q}(\alpha) = \mathbb{Q}(\tau)$ and that α is an algebraic integer (the irreducible polynomial of α over \mathbb{Q} is monic).

(c) Let $AX^2 + BX + C$ be the minimal polynomial of τ over \mathbb{Z} with $A > 0$, $\text{gcd}(A, B, C) = 1$. Check that

$$\alpha \in \mathbb{Z} + \mathbb{Z}A\tau.$$

(d) Let $\bar{\alpha}$ be the complex conjugate of α . Check that α and $\bar{\alpha}$ define two dual isogenies of degree $\alpha\bar{\alpha}$ (the norm of α) of the torus \mathbb{C}/Λ .

5. Congruent numbers

Let n be a positive integer. Check that the following conditions are equivalent.

(i) The number n is congruent : there is a rectangle triangle with rational side lengths of area n :

$$n = \frac{ab}{2}, \quad a^2 + b^2 = c^2.$$

(ii) There is an arithmetic progression of rational squares with 3 terms and common difference n :

$$e^2 - g^2 = n, \quad g^2 - f^2 = n.$$

(iii) The elliptic curve $y^2 = x^3 - n^2x$ has a rational point with $y \neq 0$.

Hint. Set

$$(e, f, g) = ((a+b)/2, (a-b)/2, c/2), \quad (a, b, c) = (e+f, e-f, 2g), \\ (x, y) = (nb/(c-a), 2n^2/(c-a)), \quad (a, b, c) = ((x^2-n^2)/y, 2nx/y, (x^2+n^2)/y).$$

Subsidiary question.

Check the following dictionary due to Claude Levesque :

$n = \frac{1}{2}ab \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$ $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Q}_{>0}$ $b < a$	a b c	$= e + f$ $= e - f$ $= 2g$	$= \frac{C + F}{B}$ $= \frac{C - F}{B}$ $= \frac{2A}{B}$	$= \frac{Y}{X}$ $= \frac{2nX}{Y}$ $= \frac{X^2 + n^2}{Y}$	$= \frac{\alpha^2 - \beta^2}{\delta}$ $= \frac{2\alpha\beta}{\delta}$ $= \frac{\alpha^2 + \beta^2}{\delta}$	$= \frac{nV}{U}$ $= \frac{2U}{V}$ $= \frac{U^2 + 1}{V}$
$n = e^2 - g^2$ $n = g^2 - f^2$ $e, f, g \in \mathbb{Q}_{>0}$	e f g	$= \frac{a + b}{2}$ $= \frac{a - b}{2}$ $= \frac{c}{2}$	$= \frac{C}{B}$ $= \frac{F}{B}$ $= \frac{A}{B}$	$= \frac{X^2 + 2nX - n^2}{2Y}$ $= \frac{X^2 - 2nX - n^2}{2Y}$ $= \frac{X^2 + n^2}{2Y}$	$= \frac{a^2 + 2\alpha\beta - \beta^2}{2\delta}$ $= \frac{\alpha^2 - 2\alpha\beta - \beta^2}{2\delta}$ $= \frac{\alpha^2 + \beta^2}{2\delta}$	$= \frac{nV^2 + 2U^2}{2UV}$ $= \frac{nV^2 - 2U^2}{2UV}$ $= \frac{U^2 + 1}{2V}$
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