# A Classification of Rational Isogeny-Torsion Graphs over $\mathbb{Q}$

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#### Definition

A rational elliptic curve,  $E/\mathbb{Q}$ , is a smooth projective curve of the form

$$Y^{2}Z + a_{1}XYZ + a_{3}YZ^{2} = X^{3} + a_{2}X^{2}Z + a_{4}XZ^{2} + a_{6}Z^{3}$$

for some  $a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, a_6 \in \mathbb{Q}$  with a point at infinity,  $\mathcal{O} = [0:1:0]$ .

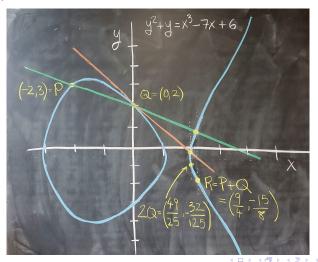
We can dehomogenize to get an affine equation of the form

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

so long as we remember the point at infinity  $\mathcal{O}$ .

### Elliptic Curves as Groups

An elliptic curve has the structure of an abelian group with identity  $\ensuremath{\mathcal{O}}$  under the operation:



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### $E(\mathbb{Q})$ and $E(\mathbb{Q})_{tors}$

#### Definition

Let  $E/\mathbb{Q}$  be an elliptic curve. A point  $P \in E$  is **defined over**  $\mathbb{Q}$  if  $P = \mathcal{O}$  or P = (a, b) for some  $a, b \in \mathbb{Q}$ . The set of all elements of E defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$  is denoted  $E(\mathbb{Q})$ .

#### Theorem (Mordell-Weil, 1922)

 $E(\mathbb{Q})$  is a finitely generated abelian group.

#### Theorem (Mazur, 1978)

Let  $E(\mathbb{Q})_{tors}$  be the set of all elements of  $E(\mathbb{Q})$  of finite order.  $E(\mathbb{Q})_{tors}$  is isomorphic to one of the following groups:

 $\mathbb{Z}/M\mathbb{Z}$  for  $1 \leq M \leq 10$  or M = 12 or

 $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z}$  for N = 2, 4, 6, or 8.

#### Theorem

Let  $E/\mathbb{Q}$  be an elliptic curve and N a positive integer. The set of all elements of E with order divisible by N, denoted E[N], is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z}$ .

Let  $G_{\mathbb{Q}} := Gal(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q})$ .  $G_{\mathbb{Q}}$  acts on E by  $\sigma \cdot (a, b) = (\sigma(a), \sigma(b))$  and fixing the identity  $\mathcal{O}$ .

The action on *E* by  $G_{\mathbb{Q}}$  commutes with the group operation on *E*, so  $G_{\mathbb{Q}}$  also acts on *E*[*N*].

Picking a basis for E[N], we get the mod N representation attached to E

$$\rho_{E,N} \colon G_{\mathbb{Q}} \to Aut(E[N]) \cong GL(2, \mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z})$$

#### Isogenies

#### Definition

Let  $E/\mathbb{Q}$  and  $E'/\mathbb{Q}$  be elliptic curves. An **isogeny** mapping E to E' is a morphism  $\phi: E \to E'$  such that  $\phi(\mathcal{O}_E) = \mathcal{O}_{E'}$ . The **degree** of an isogeny is the cardinality of its kernel. E is said to be **isogenous** to E' if there exists a *non-constant* isogeny mapping E to E'. The set of all elliptic curves isogenous to E is called the **isogeny class of** E.

#### Theorem

Let  $E/\mathbb{Q}$  be an elliptic curve and let H be a finite subgroup of E. There is a unique elliptic curve up to isomorphism, E/H and an isogeny  $\phi_H \colon E \to E/H$  such that  $\ker(\phi_H) = H$ . E/H is said to be **generated** by H.

If moreover,  $\sigma(H) = H$  for all  $\sigma \in G_{\mathbb{Q}}$ , then  $\phi_H$  and E/H are rational. In the case when  $\sigma(H) = H$  for all  $\sigma \in G_{\mathbb{Q}}$ , both H and  $\phi_H$  are said to be  $\mathbb{Q}$ -rational.

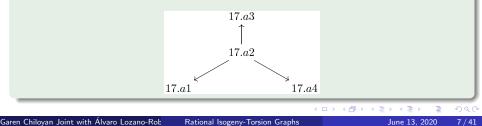
### Rational Isogeny Graphs

#### Definition

Let  $E/\mathbb{Q}$  be a rational elliptic curve. The **isogeny graph** of *E* is simply a visualization of the isogeny class of *E* with edges being isogenies generated by the finite, cyclic,  $\mathbb{Q}$ -rational subgroups of *E* and vertices being elliptic curves generated by the finite, cyclic,  $\mathbb{Q}$ -rational subgroups of *E*.

#### Example

Let  $E/\mathbb{Q}$ :  $y^2 + xy + y = x^3 - x^2 - 6x - 4$  with LMFDB label 17.a2. Then the following is the rational isogeny graph of E:



Let  $E/\mathbb{Q}$  and  $E'/\mathbb{Q}$  be isogenous rational elliptic curves.

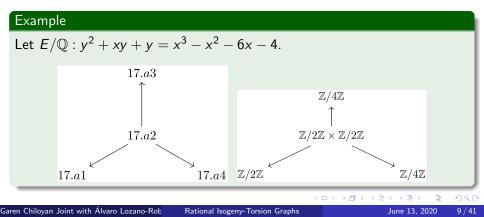
#### Questions:

- Given  $E(\mathbb{Q})_{tors}$ , what are the possibilities for  $E'(\mathbb{Q})_{tors}$ ?
- What are the possibilities of rational torsion for each curve isogenous to *E*?
- What are the possibilities of rational torsion for each vertex of the isogeny graph of *E*?

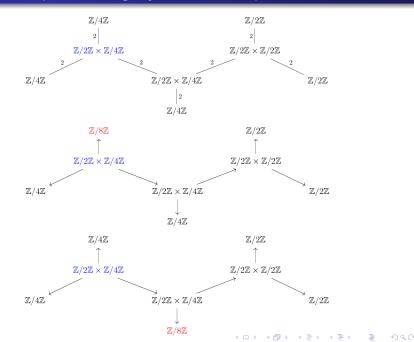
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#### More Examples of Isogeny-Torsion Graphs



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- S: Graphs with 8 vertices such that each isogeny is cyclic Q-rational of degree divisible by 2 or 3 and two curves in the isogeny class have full two-torsion.

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#### Theorem (C., Lozano-Robledo)

There are 37 rational isogeny-torsion graphs. Moreover, there are 12 graphs of  $L_k$  type, 8 graphs of  $R_k$  type, 13 graphs of  $T_k$  type, and 4 graphs of S type.

**Note**: for the following, we abbreviate  $\mathbb{Z}/a\mathbb{Z}$  as [a] and  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/b\mathbb{Z}$  by [2, b].

### Table of $L_k$ graphs

Graph Type	Label	Isomorphism Types	LMFDB Label
$E_1$	$L_1$	([1])	37.a
$E_1 - E_2$	$L_2$	([1], [1])	75.c
		([2], [2])	46.a
		([3], [1])	44.a
		([5], [1])	38.b
		([7], [1])	26.b
$E_1 - E_2 - E_3$	$L_3$	([1], [1], [1])	99.d
		([3], [3], [1])	19.a
		([5], [5], [1])	11.a
		([9], [3], [1])	$54.\mathrm{b}$
$E_1 - E_2 - E_3 - E_4$	$L_4$	([1], [1], [1], [1])	432.e
		([3],[3],[3],[1])	27.a
TABLE 1. The list of all $L_k$ rational isogeny-torsion graphs			

### Table of $L_k$ Graphs

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$$\mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{p} \mathcal{O}$$

If  $p \ge 11$ , then m = 1. If p = 3, 5, or 7, then m = 1 or p.

$$\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \stackrel{2}{\longrightarrow} \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$$

$$\mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z} \stackrel{p}{\longrightarrow} \mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z} \stackrel{p}{\longrightarrow} \mathcal{O}$$

p = 3 or 5 and m = 1 or p

$$\mathbb{Z}/9\mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{3} \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{3} \mathcal{O}$$

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### Table of $R_k$ Graphs

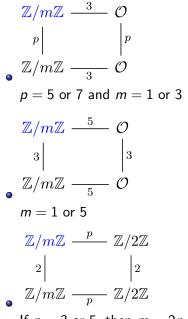
Label	Isomorphism Types	LMFDB Label
	([1], [1], [1], [1])	400.f
	([2], [2], [2], [2])	49.a
$R_4$	([3], [3], [1], [1])	50.a
	([5], [5], [1], [1])	50.b
	([6], [6], [2], [2])	20.a
	([10], [10], [2], [2])	66.c
	([2], [2], [2], [2], [2], [2])	98.a
$R_6$	([6], [6], [6], [6], [2], [2])	14.a
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TABLE 3. The list of all  $R_k$  rational isogeny-torsion graphs

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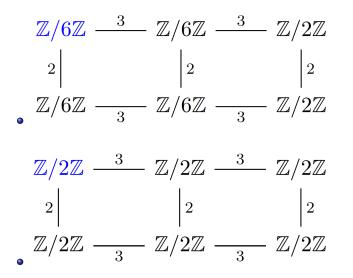
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### R<sub>4</sub> graphs



If p = 3 or 5, then m = 2p or 2. If p = 7, then m = 2, then m = 2 is the second se

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### Table of $T_k$ Graphs

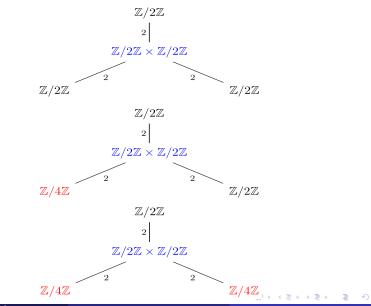
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$E_2$	$T_4$	([2,2], [2], [2], [2])	120.a
$E_1$		([2,2], [4], [2], [2])	33.a
		([2,2], [4], [4], [2])	17.a
$E_3$ $E_4$			
$E_2$ $E_5$ $E_1$ $E_4$	$T_6$	([2,4],[4],[4],[2,2],[2],[2])	24.a
		([2,4],[8],[4],[2,2],[2],[2])	21.a
		([2,2],[2],[2],[2],[2],[2],[2])	126.a
E <sub>3</sub> E <sub>6</sub>		([2,2],[4],[2],[2,2],[2],[2])	63.a
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		([2,4],[4],[4],[2,4],[4],[2,2],[2],[2])	195.a
		([2,4],[4],[4],[2,4],[8],[2,2],[2],[2])	15.a
		([2,4],[8],[4],[2,4],[4],[2,2],[2],[2])	1230.f
		([2,2],[2],[2],[2,2],[2],[2],[2],[2])	45.a
		([2,2],[4],[2],[2,2],[2],[2],[2],[2],[2])	75.b
TABLE 2. The list of all $T_k$ rational isogeny-torsion graphs			

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#### $T_4$ Graphs

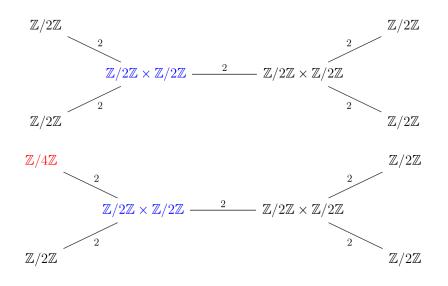


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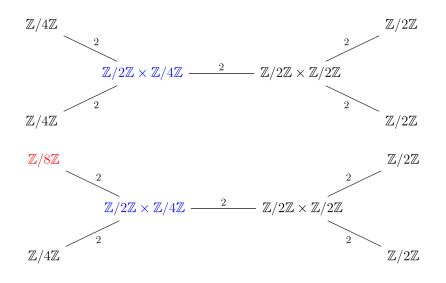
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### $\overline{T_6}$ Graphs with $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$

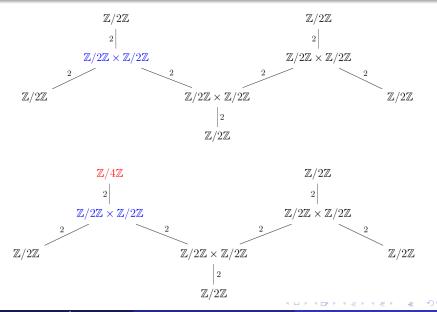


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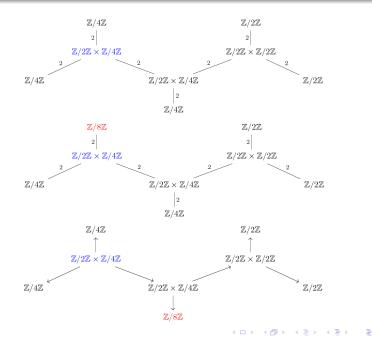


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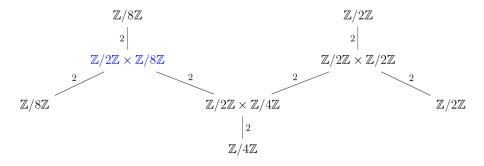


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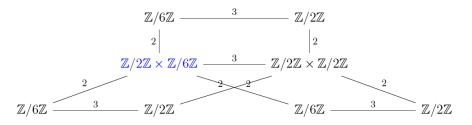
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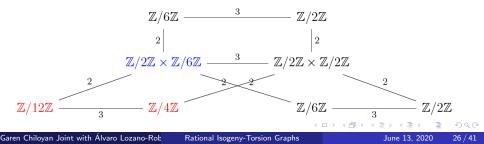


Graph Type	Label	Isomorphism Types	LMFDB Label
$E_3 \longrightarrow E_4$		([2,2],[2,2],[2],[2],[2],[2],[2],[2])	240.b
$ $ $ $ $ $ $E_1$ $$ $E_2$	S	([2,2],[2,2],[4],[4],[2],[2],[2],[2])	$150.\mathrm{b}$
	0	([2,6],[2,2],[6],[2],[6],[2],[6],[2])	30.a
$E_5 - E_6 - E_7 - E_8$		([2,6],[2,2],[12],[4],[6],[2],[6],[2])	90.c

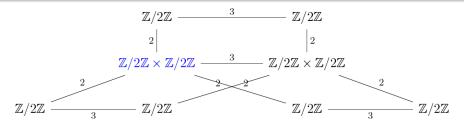
TABLE 4. The list of all (possible) S rational isogeny-torsion graphs

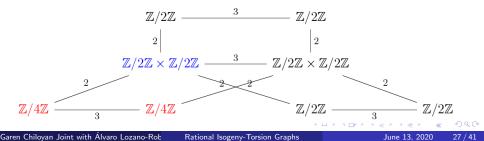
### S Type Graphs with $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/6\mathbb{Z}$





### *S* Type Graphs with $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$





#### 27-isogenies

The following first two examples of rational isogeny-torsion graphs with 27-isogenies exist.

$$\mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{3} \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{3} \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{3} \mathcal{O}$$

LMFDB Label 27.a

$$\mathcal{O} \xrightarrow{3} \mathcal{O} \xrightarrow{3} \mathcal{O} \xrightarrow{3} \mathcal{O}$$

LMFDB Label 432.e

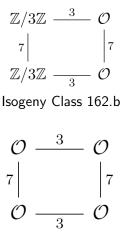
There are no examples of the following rational isogeny-torsion graph.

$$\mathbb{Z}/9\mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{3} \mathbb{Z}/9\mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{3} \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{3} \mathcal{O}$$

Reasoning: Let *E* be a curve with a 27-isogeny, then *E* corresponds to *j*-invariant  $-2^{15} \cdot 3 \cdot 5^3$ . If  $P \in E[9] \setminus \{\mathcal{O}\}$ , then  $\mathbb{Q}(x(P))$  is a number field of degree 3, 6, or 27.

### Examples of 21-isogenies

There exist examples of the following rational isogeny-torsion graphs of degree 21

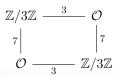


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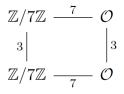
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#### Non-examples of 21-isogenies

There are no examples of the following rational isogeny-torsion graphs of degree 21.



Reasoning : A rational 7-isogeny maps a point of order 3 defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$  to a point of order 3 defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$ .



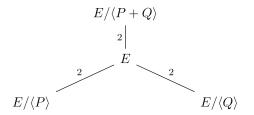
Reasoning : Let  $E/\mathbb{Q}$  be a curve with a  $\mathbb{Q}$ -rational 21-isogeny. Let  $P \in E[7] \setminus \{\mathcal{O}\}$ , then  $\mathbb{Q}(x(P))$  is a number field of degree 3 or 21, not 1. If E' is a quadratic twist of E and  $P' \in E'[7]$ , then  $\mathbb{Q}(x(P)) = \mathbb{Q}(x(P'))_{\mathcal{O} \subset \mathcal{O}}$ 

### Classification of $T_4$ Graphs (1)

Let  $E/\mathbb{Q}$  be an elliptic curve with 4 curves in its isogeny class and

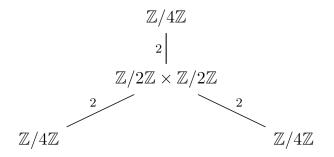
 $E(\mathbb{Q})_{tors} = \langle P, Q \rangle \cong \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}.$ 

What are the possible isogeny-torsion graphs of E?



- The finite, cyclic,  $\mathbb{Q}$ -rational subgroups of E are  $\{\mathcal{O}\}, \langle P \rangle, \langle Q \rangle$  and  $\langle P + Q \rangle$ .
- $(E/\langle P \rangle)(\mathbb{Q})_{\text{tors}}, (E/\langle Q \rangle)(\mathbb{Q})_{\text{tors}}, \text{ and } (E/\langle P + Q \rangle)(\mathbb{Q})_{\text{tors}} \text{ are cyclic.}$
- E has a point of order 2 defined over Q, thus all isogenous curves do too. As there are 4 curves in the isogeny class, no curve isogenous to E can have a point of odd order or order 8 defined over Q.

Let's assume the following isogeny-torsion graph exists.



### Classification of $T_4$ Graphs (3)

• Assume E is non-CM and  $(E/\langle P \rangle)(\mathbb{Q})_{\text{tors}}, (E/\langle Q \rangle)(\mathbb{Q})_{\text{tors}}$ , and  $(E/\langle P+Q \rangle)(\mathbb{Q})_{\text{tors}}$ , are cyclic of order 4. Then the image of the mod 4 Galois representation of E is conjugate to

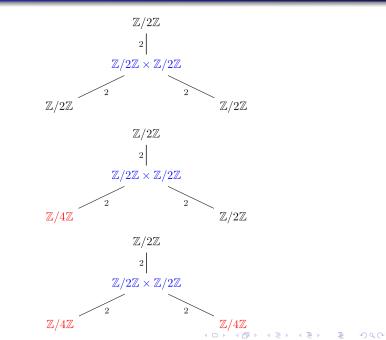
$$H = \left\{ \left( \begin{array}{cc} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{array} \right), \left( \begin{array}{cc} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 \end{array} \right) \right\} \in GL_2(\mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z})$$

No element of *H* "behaves like" complex conjugation, ie, no element of *H* is conjugate over  $GL_2(\mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z})$  to  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$  or  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ . Thus, there are no curves *E* without CM that have an isogeny-torsion graph of the form ([2, 2], [4], [4], [4])

Suppose E is CM, then there are only finitely many *j*-invariants that correspond to a torsion subgroup with full two-torsion.
 No such curve corresponding to those *j*-invariants or their twists will give you an isogeny-torsion graph of the form ([2, 2], [4], [4], [4]).

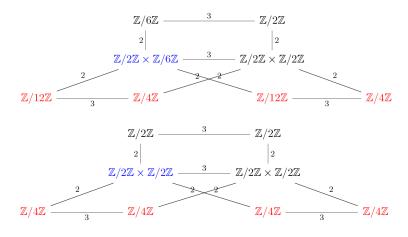
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### All $T_4$ Graphs

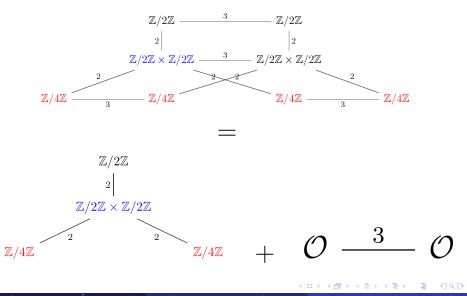


### Classification of S Graphs (1)

The hardest part of classifying rational isogeny torsion graphs was eliminating the possibility of the following two graphs



### Classification of S Graphs (2)



### Classification of S Graphs (3)

 Let E/Q be a curve with an isogeny-torsion graph from the last slide, then E is non-CM. The image of the mod 4 Galois representation of E is conjugate in GL<sub>2</sub>(Z/4Z) to

$$H = \left\{ \left( \begin{array}{cc} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{array} \right), \left( \begin{array}{cc} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{array} \right), \left( \begin{array}{cc} 3 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{array} \right), \left( \begin{array}{cc} 3 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 \end{array} \right) \right\}$$

- All curves with a 2-adic Galois image mod 4 conjugate to H are parametrized by X<sub>24e</sub> (RZB database) with *j*-invariant (t<sup>4</sup>+t<sup>2</sup>+1)<sup>3</sup>/t<sup>4</sup>(t<sup>2</sup>+1)<sup>2</sup>.
- Add a 3-isogeny. Curves with a 3-isogeny are parametrized by rational points on  $X_0(3)$  with  $j = \frac{(s+27)(s+243)^3}{s^3}$ .
- Equating, we get  $\frac{(t^4+t^2+1)^3}{t^4(t^2+1)^2} = \frac{(s+27)(s+243)^3}{s^3}$  and rearranging, we get a curve  $C: (t^4+t^2+1)^3s^3 t^4(t^2+1)^2(s+27)(s+243)^3 = 0$  of genus 13.

#### Classification of S Graphs (4)

- There is an obvious map  $(s, t) \rightarrow (s, t^2)$  that maps C to a curve  $C': (t^2 + t + 1)^3 s^3 - t^2 (t + 1)^2 (s + 27) (s + 243)^3 = 0$  of genus 6
- C' has an automorphism  $\psi(t, s, z) = (-tz z^2, ts, tz)$ . The quotient curve  $C'' = C'/\langle \psi \rangle$  has genus 2 with equation  $C'': y^2 + x^2y = -x^5 x^4 + 4x^3 2x^2 9x + 2$ .
- Using a descent, the Jacobian variety, J(C")/Q has rank 0 and thus, we can use Chabauty's method to compute the rational points of C".
- C" has two rational points, namely, [-2, -2, 1] and [1, 0, 0] which map backwards to the points [t, s, z] = [-1, 0, 1], [0, 0, 1], [0, 1, 0], and [1, 0, 0] in C'. Each of these points have t or s coordinate to be 0 so they are all cusps (the j invariant is undefined). Thus, the two S graphs we are trying to eliminate in fact do not exist.

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#### Isogenies between elliptic curves with specified torsion groups

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For each of the 15 possible torsion groups of an elliptic curve defined over Q we have an infinite family of curves with that torsion group. This sometimes goes under the name of Kubert normal form or Tate normal form.

I have been wondering if we have something similar for the following setting.

Let's say we have an elliptic curve E with torsion group T and an elliptic curve E' with torsion group T' and an isogeny  $E \to E'$ .

Is it possible to come up with infinite families of such pairs of isogenous curves E, E' for each (or some) of the 15 × 14 pairs of torsion groups T, T'?

Or are there any other partial results related to this question?

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#### and go on till you come to the end, then stop



#### Harris helped me figure it out!!!

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the curve we want has genus 13. It has a map down to a curve of genus 6.

the curve of genus 6 has an automorphism that induces a map down to a curve of genus 2

the curve of genus 2 has a jacobian of rank 0 over Q, and Chabauty computes all the rational points on this curve. There are two points

the two points on genus 2 come from 4 points in genus 6, and they are all cusps!

so no, the elusive graphs do not exist

AWESOME

nice

I'm really happy

what a way to end the year

## Questions?

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