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

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## Elliptic Curves

## Definition

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

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

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 $\mathcal{O}$ under the operation:


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

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

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \mathbb{Z} / M \mathbb{Z} \text { for } 1 \leq M \leq 10 \text { or } M=12 \text { or } \\
& \mathbb{Z} / 2 \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z} / N \mathbb{Z} \text { for } N=2,4,6, \text { or } 8
\end{aligned}
$$

## $N$-Torsion and Galois Representations

## 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 $G_{\mathbb{Q}}:=G a l(\overline{\mathbb{Q}} / \mathbb{Q}) . G_{\mathbb{Q}}$ 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 $\bmod N$ representation attached to $E$

$$
\rho_{E, N}: G_{\mathbb{Q}} \rightarrow \operatorname{Aut}(E[N]) \cong G L(2, \mathbb{Z} / N \mathbb{Z})
$$

## Isogenies

## Definition

Let $E / \mathbb{Q}$ and $E^{\prime} / \mathbb{Q}$ be elliptic curves. An isogeny mapping $E$ to $E^{\prime}$ is a morphism $\phi: E \rightarrow E^{\prime}$ such that $\phi\left(\mathcal{O}_{E}\right)=\mathcal{O}_{E^{\prime}}$. The degree of an isogeny is the cardinality of its kernel.
$E$ is said to be isogenous to $E^{\prime}$ if there exists a non-constant isogeny mapping $E$ to $E^{\prime}$. 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, $\mathrm{E} / \mathrm{H}$ and an isogeny $\phi_{H}: E \rightarrow E / H$ such that $\operatorname{ker}\left(\phi_{H}\right)=H . E / H$ 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 $E / \mathbb{Q}: y^{2}+x y+y=x^{3}-x^{2}-6 x-4$ with LMFDB label 17.a2.
Then the following is the rational isogeny graph of $E$ :


## Initial Questions

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

## Questions:

- Given $E(\mathbb{Q})_{\text {tors }}$, what are the possibilities for $E^{\prime}(\mathbb{Q})_{\text {tors }}$ ?
- 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 $E$ ?


## Rational Isogeny-Torsion Graphs

## Definition

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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 $\mathbb{Q}$-rational of degree divisible by 2 or 3 and two curves in the isogeny class have full two-torsion.


## Main Result

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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 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $E_{1}$ | $L_{1}$ | $([1])$ | $37 . \mathrm{a}$ |
| $E_{1}-E_{2}$ |  | $([1],[1])$ | $75 . \mathrm{c}$ |
|  |  | $([2],[2])$ | $46 . \mathrm{a}$ |
|  |  | $([3],[1])$ | $44 . \mathrm{a}$ |
|  |  | $([5],[1])$ | $38 . \mathrm{b}$ |
|  | $([7],[1])$ | $26 . \mathrm{b}$ |  |
| $E_{1}-E_{2}-E_{3}$ | $L_{3}$ | $([1],[1],[1])$ | $99 . \mathrm{d}$ |
|  |  | $([3],[3],[1])$ | $19 . \mathrm{a}$ |
|  |  | $11 . \mathrm{a}$ |  |
|  | $([9],[3],[1])$ | $54 . \mathrm{b}$ |  |
| $E_{1}-E_{2}-E_{3}-E_{4}$ | $L_{4}$ | $([1],[1],[1],[1])$ | $432 . \mathrm{e}$ |
|  |  | $([3],[3],[3],[1])$ | $27 . \mathrm{a}$ |

Table 1. The list of all $L_{k}$ rational isogeny-torsion graphs

## Table of $L_{k}$ Graphs

- $\mathcal{O}$

。 $\mathbb{Z} / m \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{p} \mathcal{O}$
If $p \geq 11$, then $m=1$. If $p=3,5$, or 7 , then $m=1$ or $p$.
. $\mathbb{Z} / 2 \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{2} \mathbb{Z} / 2 \mathbb{Z}$
. $\mathbb{Z} / m \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{p} \mathbb{Z} / m \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{p} \mathcal{O}$
$p=3$ or 5 and $m=1$ or $p$
$. \mathbb{Z} / 9 \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{3} \mathbb{Z} / 3 \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{3} \mathcal{O}$
. $\mathbb{Z} / m \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{3} \mathbb{Z} / m \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{3} \mathbb{Z} / m \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{3} \mathcal{O}$ $m=1$ or 3

## Table of $R_{k}$ Graphs

| Graph Type | Label | Isomorphism Types | LMFDB Label |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $R_{4}$ | ([1],[1],[1],[1]) | 400.f |
|  |  | ([2],[2],[2],[2]) | 49.a |
|  |  | ([3],[3],[1], [1]) | $50 . \mathrm{a}$ |
|  |  | ([5],[5],[1], [1]) | 50.b |
|  |  | ([6],[6],[2], [2]) | 20.a |
|  |  | ([10], [10], [2], [2]) | 66.c |
|  | $R_{6}$ | ([2],[2], [2],[2],[2],[2]) | 98.a |
|  |  | ([6],[6],[6],[6],[2],[2]) | $14 . \mathrm{a}$ |

TABLE 3. The list of all $R_{k}$ rational isogeny-torsion graphs

## $R_{4}$ graphs

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \mathbb{Z} / m \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{3} \mathcal{O} \\
& p|\quad| p \\
& \mathbb{Z} / m \mathbb{Z}-\mathcal{O} \\
& p=5 \text { or } 7 \text { and } m=1 \text { or } 3 \\
& \mathbb{Z} / m \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{5} \mathcal{O} \\
& \mathbb{Z} / m \mathbb{Z}{ }_{5} \mathcal{O} \\
& m=1 \text { or } 5 \\
& \mathbb{Z} / m \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{p} \mathbb{Z} / 2 \mathbb{Z} \\
& \mathbb{Z} / m \mathbb{Z} \underset{p}{ } \mathbb{Z} / 2 \mathbb{Z}
\end{aligned}
$$

If $p=3$ or 5 , then $m=2 p$ or 2 . If $p=7$, then $m=2$.

## $R_{6}$ Graphs

$$
\left.\begin{array}{cccc}
\mathbb{Z} / 6 \mathbb{Z} & 3 & \mathbb{Z} / 6 \mathbb{Z} & 3 \\
2 & & \mathbb{Z} / 2 \mathbb{Z} \\
2 & & & \\
\mathbb{Z} / 6 \mathbb{Z} & -3 & & \left.\right|_{2} \\
& & & \\
\hline
\end{array}\right)
$$

## Table of $T_{k}$ Graphs



Table 2. The list of all $T_{k}$ rational isogeny-torsion graphs

## $T_{4}$ Graphs





$$
\begin{gathered}
\mathbb{Z} / 2 \mathbb{Z} \\
2 \mid
\end{gathered}
$$



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



## $T_{6}$ graphs with $\mathbb{Z} / 2 \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z} / 4 \mathbb{Z}$



## $T_{8}$ graphs with $\mathbb{Z} / 2 \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z} / 2 \mathbb{Z}$


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## $T_{8}$ graphs with $\mathbb{Z} / 2 \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z} / 8 \mathbb{Z}$



## Table of $S$ graphs

| Graph Type | Label | Isomorphism Types | LMFDB Label |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $S$ | ([2,2],[2,2],[2],[2],[2],[2],[2],[2]) | 240.b |
|  |  | ([2,2], [2, 2],[4],[4],[2],[2],[2],[2]) | 150.b |
|  |  | ([2,6],[2,2],[6],[2],[6],[2],[6],[2]) | $30 . \mathrm{a}$ |
|  |  | ([2,6],[2, 2], [12], [4],[6], [2],[6],[2]) | $90 . \mathrm{c}$ |

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 $\mathbb{Z} / 2 \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z} / 2 \mathbb{Z}$



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
$\mathcal{O} \xlongequal{3} \mathcal{O} \xlongequal{3} \mathcal{O}$
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 $P \in E[9] \backslash\{\mathcal{O}\}$, 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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## 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 $P \in E[7] \backslash\{\mathcal{O}\}$, then $\mathbb{Q}(x(P))$ is a number field of degree 3 or 21 , not 1 . If $E^{\prime}$ is a quadratic twist of $E$ and $P^{\prime} \in E^{\prime}[7]$, then $\mathbb{Q}(x(P))=\mathbb{Q}\left(x\left(P^{\prime}\right)\right)$

## Classification of $T_{4}$ Graphs (1)

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

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

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 $\langle P+Q\rangle$.
- $(E /\langle P\rangle)(\mathbb{Q})_{\text {tors }},(E /\langle Q\rangle)(\mathbb{Q})_{\text {tors }}$, and $(E /\langle P+Q\rangle)(\mathbb{Q})_{\text {tors }}$ are cyclic.
- $E$ has a point of order 2 defined over $\mathbb{Q}$, 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 $\mathbb{Q}$.


## Classification of $T_{4}$ Graphs (2)

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

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

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

- Suppose $E$ is $C M$, 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]).


## 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 $E / \mathbb{Q}$ 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 $G L_{2}(\mathbb{Z} / 4 \mathbb{Z})$ to

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\end{array}\right),\left(\begin{array}{ll}
3 & 2 \\
2 & 3
\end{array}\right)\right\}
$$

- All curves with a 2 -adic Galois image mod 4 conjugate to $H$ are parametrized by $X_{24 e}$ (RZB database) with $j$-invariant $\frac{\left(t^{4}+t^{2}+1\right)^{3}}{t^{4}\left(t^{2}+1\right)^{2}}$.
- 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 $\frac{\left(t^{4}+t^{2}+1\right)^{3}}{t^{4}\left(t^{2}+1\right)^{2}}=\frac{(s+27)(s+243)^{3}}{s^{3}}$ and rearranging, we get a curve $C:\left(t^{4}+t^{2}+1\right)^{3} s^{3}-t^{4}\left(t^{2}+1\right)^{2}(s+27)(s+243)^{3}=0$ of genus 13.


## Classification of S Graphs (4)

- There is an obvious map $(s, t) \rightarrow\left(s, t^{2}\right)$ that maps $C$ to a curve $C^{\prime}:\left(t^{2}+t+1\right)^{3} s^{3}-t^{2}(t+1)^{2}(s+27)(s+243)^{3}=0$ of genus 6
- $C^{\prime}$ has an automorphism $\psi(t, s, z)=\left(-t z-z^{2}, t s, t z\right)$. The quotient curve $C^{\prime \prime}=C^{\prime} /\langle\psi\rangle$ has genus 2 with equation $C^{\prime \prime}: y^{2}+x^{2} y=-x^{5}-x^{4}+4 x^{3}-2 x^{2}-9 x+2$.
- Using a descent, the Jacobian variety, $J\left(C^{\prime \prime}\right) / \mathbb{Q}$ has rank 0 and thus, we can use Chabauty's method to compute the rational points of $C^{\prime \prime}$.
- $C^{\prime \prime}$ 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 $C^{\prime}$. 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 $\mathbb{Q}$ 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.
日 Let's say we have an elliptic curve $E$ with torsion group $T$ and an elliptic curve $E^{\prime}$ with torsion group $T^{\prime}$ and an isogeny $E \rightarrow E^{\prime}$.
(1) Is it possible to come up with infinite families of such pairs of isogenous curves $E, E^{\prime}$ for each (or some) of the $15 \times 14$ pairs of torsion groups $T, T^{\prime}$ ?

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!!!
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

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nice
I'm really happy
what a way to end the year
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## Questions?

