

A gallimaufry of Heegner points

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"The fun of the subject seems to be in the examples." - Gross

① Fix an elliptic curve E/\mathbb{Q} conductor N

$$\phi_N: X_0(N) \leftrightarrow J_0(N) \rightarrow E \quad \text{modularity}$$

$$\mathbb{H}/\Gamma_0(N)$$

$$\mathbb{C}/\Lambda \quad \leftarrow \text{period lattice}$$

$$\frac{\Psi}{\tau} \mapsto$$

$$\int_{\infty}^{\tau} 2\pi i f(z) dz = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{n} q^n, \quad q = e^{2\pi i \tau}$$

where f modular form corr. to E ie $f = \sum a_n q^n$
 $a_p = p+1 - \# E(\mathbb{F}_p)$
 (up to bad $p \dots$)

Approximate image of map at CM i.e. Heegner pts by computing "enough" Fourier coeffs.

Defn $\tau \in \mathbb{H}$ is a CM point if it satisfies $A\tau^2 + B\tau + C = 0$ where $\Delta(\tau) = B^2 - 4AC < 0$
~~assuming~~ $(A, B, C) = 1, A > 0$. Associated quadratic form is $Ax^2 + Bxy + Cy^2$.

A Heegner point of level N is such a τ where $\Delta(N\tau) = \Delta(\tau)$.

Part I: generators of rank 1 elliptic curves

Prop: With the notation above, τ is a Heegner point iff $N|A$, and one of the following hold:

(i) $\gcd(A/N, B, CN) = 1$

(ii) $\gcd(N, B, AC/N) = 1$

(iii) $\exists F \in \mathbb{Z}$ s.t. $B^2 - 4NF = D$ w/ $\gcd(B, N, F) = 1$.
↑ discriminant

Cor If τ Heegner level N then so is $\frac{-1}{N\tau} =: W(\tau)$. "Fricke involution"

Prop There is a one-to-one correspondence between the sets

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Heegner pts of} \\ \text{level } N, \text{ disc } D \end{array} \right\} / \Gamma_0(N) \longleftrightarrow \left\{ (B, [A]) \mid \begin{array}{l} B \in \mathbb{Z}/2N, [A] \in \mathcal{O}(K) \\ B^2 \equiv D \pmod{4N} \\ K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{D}) \end{array} \right\}$$

Idea: $(B, [A]) \rightarrow \text{quad form } Ax^2 + Bxy + Cy^2$
 \Leftrightarrow square disc mod $4N$
 \Rightarrow ~~exists~~ $\beta \equiv B \pmod{2N}$
 $N|A$. $\tau = \frac{-B + \sqrt{D}}{2A}$

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① Reference: Henri Cohen: Number Theory: Part I (tools...)

Fix τ a Heegner point level N disc D corresponding to $(\beta, [\alpha])$
 Then the "main theorem to CM" implies $\phi_N(\tau)$ lands in $E(H)$
 where H is the Hilbert class field of K .

To turn the image into K -pts, take traces; in the following way:

$P \in E(K)$ can be written as

$$P = \sum_{\sigma \in \text{Gal}(H/K)} \phi_N((\beta, [\alpha])^\sigma) = \sum_{K \in \mathcal{O}(K)} \phi_N((\beta, [\alpha]^{-1}))$$

RHS faster to compute (as an approx. first add in $E(\mathbb{Q})$, then recognize as $E(K)$ pt rather than LHS acting by Gal in $E(H)$.)

Lemma: If $\epsilon = -1$ ^{root number = sign in functional eqn for $L(E, s)$} then $P \in E(\mathbb{Q})$.

PF $\epsilon = -1 \Leftrightarrow \phi_N \circ W = \beta$ then $\bar{P} = P$. \square

If $\epsilon = +1$ then $P + \bar{P}$ torsion.

Gross-Zagier

$$\hat{h}(P) = \frac{\sqrt{D}}{4 \text{Vol}(E) \leftarrow \text{Vol}(K)} L'(E, 2) L(E_D, 1)$$

where E_D is the D th quadratic twist

Example If $L(E_D, 1) = 0$ for some D then $\text{RHS} = 0 \Rightarrow P$ is torsion.

If $\text{rk } E = 1$ and G generates $E(\mathbb{Q})$ $P = l \cdot G$ for some $l \in \mathbb{Z}$
 combine $GZ + \text{BSD}$: \leftarrow product of Tamagawa #s

$$\frac{l^2}{|\text{III}(E)|} = \omega_1(E) \cdot \frac{c(E) \sqrt{|D|}}{4 \text{Vol}(E) |E_{\text{tors}}(\mathbb{Q})|^2} L(E_D, 1)$$

↑
real period

RHS is quite computable in practice!

So: want to compute evaluations $\phi_N \left(\frac{-B + \sqrt{D}}{2A} \right)$ for (A, B, C) representing all classes in $\mathcal{O}(K)$.

Question How does ϕ_N converge?

A: "like a geometric series w/ ratio $e^{-2\pi \text{Im} \tau} = e^{-2\pi \sqrt{|D|} / 2A}$ "

(apply Hasse bd + some composite/power ... $\frac{an}{\lambda} \leftarrow$ dominates)

can also use

$$\phi_N((B, [A, C])) = \phi_N(B, [A^{-1}C])$$

to halve the # of classes to consider

↑ ideal norm N need all primes of norm N to split

Algorithm input E rank 1

1. Use BSD to find

$$\frac{|\text{III}(E)| \cdot R(E)}{C(E) \omega(E)} = \frac{|\text{Etors}(\mathcal{O})|^2 \cdot L'(E, 1)}{C(E) \omega(E)}$$

2. Find height bound

$$HB = \frac{h(j(E))}{12} + \mu(E) + 1.946$$

3. Let $d = 2(|\text{III}(E)| R(E) + HB)$

$$d \rightarrow \text{bad var name} \quad dd = \lceil d / \log(10) \rceil + 10$$

4. Run through D until we find ~~one~~ one st $\textcircled{1} D \equiv \square^2 \pmod{4N}$

$\textcircled{2} L(E_D, 1)$ is not too close to zero.
(has formula, rapidly converging)

$\textcircled{3}$ ~~check~~ all primes dividing N split in $K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{D})$

otherwise: try next D .

5. Fix $\beta \in \mathbb{Z}/2N$ such that $D \equiv \beta^2 \pmod{4N}$, compute

$$m^2 = \omega_1(E) \frac{C(E) \sqrt{|D|}}{|\text{Etors}(\mathcal{O})|^2 4 \text{Vol}(E)} L(E_D, 1)$$

m should be close to an integer or at least small denominator

← for simplicity

$$[D \neq -3, -4]$$

[ie $m^2 = \frac{l^2}{|\Delta(E)|}$ should be a small # on denom
function which is square ie $\frac{l^2}{b^2}$ small]

6. Find a list \mathcal{L} of forms (A, B, C) corr. to $\mathcal{O}(K)$

such that $N|A, B \equiv B \pmod{2N}$ minimal

7. $Z = \sum_{\substack{(A, B, C) \\ \in \mathcal{L}}} \phi_N\left(\frac{-B + \sqrt{D}}{2A}\right) \in \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}/\Lambda \xrightarrow{(\rho, \rho')} \mathbb{E}(\mathbb{C})$

Note: Want element in \mathbb{C}/Λ to be as close to $\neq 0$ as possible

8. Normalize further using torsion points to get point closer to 0.

$Z \mapsto Z'$. Compute $\wp(Z')$

Recognize this as $x = \frac{a}{d^2}$ (continued fractions).

$y = \frac{b}{d^3}$

Output Generator for finite index subgroup

E.g. Recall congruent number problem: what #s are areas of rational right Δ s?

$E_n: y^2 = x^3 - n^2x$

for instance is $n=157$ a congruent number? BSD says yes!

But what Δ ? Need genuine rational pt.

$N = 788768$. $w_1 = 0, 2, 0, 92, \dots$ $|E(\mathbb{Q})_{tors}| = 4$

$C(E) = 8$, $|\Delta(E)| \approx 54.6$, $HB = 10.6$

$d \approx 130.4 \dots \Rightarrow$ use 67 decimal digits

What D ?

Up to $-4, -31$ and -34 work

ie they are squares mod $4N$

but $L(E_{-31}, 1) \neq 0$

\Rightarrow use $D = -39$

$\frac{l^2}{|\Delta|} \approx 16$ so $m = 4$

$B = 1275547 \pmod{4N}$. $\mathcal{O}(\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-39})) = \mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}$

$Z = 2\text{Re}(\phi_N(x_1) + \phi_N(x_2))$, $x_1 = \frac{-B + \sqrt{-39}}{2N}$. largest $A = 2N$, need 10.5 million coeffs. of ϕ_N

so $Z = -5.639 \dots \pmod{\Lambda}$ w_1 generates Λ so reduce $\Rightarrow Z = 0.0111 \dots + 27w_1$, then compute $\wp(Ns \text{ complex + tors}) = \frac{20 \text{ digits}}{18 \text{ digits}} = x\text{-coord}$