

# Modular Curves + Heegner Points Ricky

## §1 CM Theory

Let  $E/\mathbb{C}$  be an elliptic curve, so  $E(\mathbb{C}) = \mathbb{C}/\Lambda_\tau$  where  $\Lambda = \mathbb{Z} + \mathbb{Z}\tau$  writing  $E = E_\tau$ ,  $\tau \in \mathbb{H}$ .

Recall that  $\text{End}(E) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z} \\ \mathcal{O}_{\text{ord}} \subset K, K/\mathbb{Q} \text{ im quadratic} \end{cases}$

Lemma  $\text{Hom}(\mathbb{C}/\Lambda, \mathbb{C}/\Lambda') = \{ \alpha \in \mathbb{C} \mid \alpha \Lambda \subseteq \Lambda' \}$ .

Pf Lift  $\varphi: \mathbb{C}/\Lambda \rightarrow \mathbb{C}/\Lambda'$  to  $\varphi: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  to see  $\varphi(z) = \alpha z$ ,  $\exists \alpha \in \mathbb{C}^\times$ .

So  $\text{End}(E_\tau) = \{ \alpha \in \mathbb{C} \mid \alpha \Lambda_\tau \subseteq \Lambda_\tau \}$  □

If  $\alpha \cdot 1 = m_1 + m_2 \tau$   
 $\alpha \cdot \tau = n_1 + n_2 \tau$  then ... (by mult  $\alpha \cdot 1 \cdot \tau$ )

$$\underbrace{m_2}_{A} \tau^2 + \underbrace{(m_1 - n_1)}_B \tau - \underbrace{n_2}_C = 0 \quad A, B, C \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\boxed{\Delta := B^2 - 4AC}, \quad \Delta = -f^2 d < 0 \quad \text{call } \begin{cases} f = \text{conductor} \\ \text{of } \tau \\ d = \text{discriminant} \\ \text{of } \tau \end{cases}$$

Then if  $\text{End}(E_\tau) \neq \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $\text{End}(E_\tau) =$

$$\mathbb{Z} \oplus f \mathbb{Z} \left[ \frac{-d + \sqrt{-d}}{2} \right] =: \mathcal{O}_\Delta \subseteq \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-d})}$$

We say  $E$  has CM by  $\mathcal{O}_\Delta$ .

Rmk: We can create elliptic curves w/ CM by  $\mathcal{O}$  by creating:

- $\mathbb{C}/\mathcal{O}$
- In fact, all elliptic curves w/ CM by  $\mathcal{O}$  are iso to  $\mathbb{C}/\Lambda$ ,  $\Lambda$  fractional ideal of  $\mathcal{O}$ .

Thm: Let  $E/\mathbb{C}$  be an elliptic curve w/ CM by  $\mathcal{O}_K$ ,  $K/\mathbb{Q}$  in quadratic. Then  $j(E) \in \mathcal{O}_{H_K}$ , where  $H_K =$  Hilbert class field of  $K$ .  
(ie  $E$  admits a model over a # field.)

Thm: Let  $G = \text{Gal}(H_K/K)$  then we have an isomorphism

$$s: \text{Pic}(\mathcal{O}_K) \rightarrow G$$

$$b \mapsto s(b)$$

$$j(\mathcal{A})^{s(b)} = j(b^{-1}\mathcal{A})$$

(The  $j$ -invariants generate  $\mathcal{O}_H$  / this characterizes  $G$  as a Galois group)  
(Jan Von K notes)

### §2 Modular Curves

$$\text{Let } \Gamma_0(N) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in \text{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}) \mid N \mid c \right\}$$

$$\text{Define } Y_0(N) := \Gamma_0(N) \backslash \mathcal{H}, \quad X_0(N) = \Gamma_0(N) \backslash \overline{\mathcal{H}}$$

Then  $X_0(N)$  can be made into a projective algebraic variety /  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

Then for  $L/\mathbb{Q}$  a field we have the modular interpretation

$$Y_0(N)(L) = \{ (E, E', \phi) \mid E, E' / L \text{ ell curves, } \phi: E \rightarrow E' / L \}$$

cyclic isog of deg N

$$(\phi \text{ is cyclic of deg } N \iff (\ker \phi)(\mathbb{C}) \cong \mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z})$$

Atkin-Lehner Involutions let  $d \mid N$ ,  $(d, N/d) = 1$ . We get an involution  $w_d: X_0(N) \rightarrow X_0(N)$  such that

$$w_N(\phi: E \rightarrow E') = (\hat{\phi}: E' \rightarrow E), \text{ and it}$$

swaps the two cusps.

These generate a group  $W \subseteq \text{Aut}(X_0(N))$  w/ the reln

$$w_d w_{d'} = w_{dd'} / (dd')^2$$

so  $W \cong (\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})^s$  where  $s = \#$  of primes dividing  $N$ .

Hecke Algebra: let  $J = \text{Jac}(X_0(N))$ . For  $m \geq 1$ , have Hecke morphisms  $T_m: J \rightarrow J$  by

$$\sum (P_i - Q_i) \mapsto \sum T_m(P_i) - T_m(Q_i)$$

where  $T_m(P) = \sum_C (X_C)$ ,  $C$  running over <sup>cyclic</sup> subgrps of order  $m$  in  $E$  s.t.  $C \cap \ker \phi = 0$   
 $X_C = (E/C \rightarrow E'/\phi(C))$   
 $(m, N) = 1$ .

Let  $\Pi$  denote the algebra generated by all the  $T_m$  (including  $\frac{1}{2}(m, N) \neq 1$ , even though we didn't define them) inside  $\text{End}_{\mathbb{Q}} J$ .

Rmk Interpretation via correspondences, can show principal divisors go to principal divisors.

### §3 Heegner Points

Let  $E/\mathbb{Q}$  be an elliptic curve, how do we create points in  $E(\mathbb{Q}) \setminus \{0\}$ ?

- $\mathbb{C}$ -uniformization is not algebraic!

$$\mathbb{C}/\Lambda \cong E(\mathbb{C})$$

- Modularity:  $\exists \varphi: X_0(N) \rightarrow E$  morphism of varieties!!  
 $\mathbb{Q}$

Hence, if  $x \in X_0(N)(\bar{\mathbb{Q}})$  then  $\varphi(x) \in E(\bar{\mathbb{Q}})$  and  $\text{tr}(\varphi(x)) \in E(\mathbb{Q})$ .

Defn  $x \in X_0(N)(\mathbb{C})$  is a Heegner point if  $x = E \rightarrow E'$   
 $w/ \text{End}(E) \cong E(E') \cong \mathbb{C} \neq \mathbb{Z}$ . CM theory tells us for  $x$  a Heegner point,  $x \in X_0(N)(H_K)$ .

Today: specialize to case  $\mathbb{C} = \mathbb{C}_K$ .

Lemma:  $N \geq 1$ ,  $\mathcal{O} = \mathcal{O}_K$  then the set of Heegner points in  $X_0(N)(\mathbb{C})$  of disc  $D (= \text{disc}(\mathcal{O}))$  is nonempty iff  $\exists \mathfrak{m} \subset \mathcal{O}$  ideal st  $\mathcal{O}/\mathfrak{m} \cong \mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z}$

PF ( $E \rightarrow E'$ ) Heegner pt on  $X_0(N)(\mathbb{C})$ .

Heegner hypothesis for  $(N, \mathcal{O})$

$E = \mathbb{C}/\mathfrak{a}$ ,  $E' = \mathbb{C}/\mathfrak{b}$  for  $\mathfrak{a}, \mathfrak{b}$  fractional ideals of  $\mathcal{O}$

WLOG can assume  $\mathfrak{a} \subseteq \mathfrak{b}$  so our isogeny is given by

$$\mathbb{C}/\mathfrak{a} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}/\mathfrak{b}, \quad z + \mathfrak{a} \mapsto z + \mathfrak{b}$$

Set  $\mathfrak{m} = \mathfrak{a}\mathfrak{b}^{-1} \subseteq \mathcal{O}$ .

Then  $\mathcal{O}/\mathfrak{m} \cong \mathfrak{b}\mathfrak{b}^{-1}/\mathfrak{a}\mathfrak{b}^{-1} \cong \mathfrak{b}/\mathfrak{a} \cong \mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z}$ .

Conversely, given  $\mathfrak{m} \subseteq \mathcal{O}$  as above, then take  $\mathfrak{a}$  fractional ideal of  $\mathcal{O}$ ,

and  $\chi_{\mathfrak{a}}: \mathbb{C}/\mathfrak{a} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}/\mathfrak{a}\mathfrak{m}^{-1}$  is a cyclic isog of deg  $N$ , ie

$X_{\mathfrak{a}} \in X_0(N)$  is Heegner. (ker =  $\mathfrak{a}\mathfrak{m}^{-1} \cong \mathfrak{m}^{-1}/\mathcal{O} \cong \mathcal{O}/\mathfrak{m} \cong \mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z}$ )

Rmk The proof shows that if  $(E \rightarrow E')$  is a Heegner pt for  $(N, \mathcal{O})$  then it looks like

$$\mathbb{C}/\mathfrak{a} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}/\mathfrak{a}\mathfrak{m}^{-1}$$

for  $\mathcal{O}/\mathfrak{m} \cong \mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z}$ .

This gives us a bijection (for a fixed  $N$ )

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Heegner pts} \\ \text{on } X_0(N)(\mathbb{C}) \end{array} \right\} \longleftrightarrow \left\{ (\mathcal{O}, \mathfrak{m}, [\mathfrak{a}]) \mid \begin{array}{l} \mathcal{O}/\mathfrak{m} \cong \mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z} \\ [\mathfrak{a}] \in \text{Pic}(\mathcal{O}) \end{array} \right\}$$

We have 3 groups acting on the RHS: switch to ring class field for other orders

• For fixed  $\mathcal{O} = \mathcal{O}_K$  for simplicity  $\text{Gal}(H_K/K)$  acts on Heegner points

by  $(\mathcal{O}, \mathfrak{m}, [\mathfrak{a}])^{s(\mathfrak{b})} = (\mathcal{O}, \mathfrak{m}, [\mathfrak{b}^{-1}\mathfrak{a}])$

• For fixed  $\mathcal{O}$  = anything acts on Heegner

$W$  (gp of Atkin-Lehner involutions) (gen'd by  $W_p$  for  $p$  prime)

$$N = p^k m, \quad p \nmid m$$

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then

$$w_p(\mathcal{O}, N, [\Delta]) = (\mathcal{O}, \bar{N}, [p\Delta])$$

$\text{Rmk } \#H \Rightarrow$  primes dividing  $N$  split in  $K$   
 so  $\mathcal{O}_K \rightarrow \bar{\mathcal{O}}(\text{conj})$

Claim  $G \times W$  acts simply transitively on the set of Heegner points of fixed disc, so there are  $2^s \cdot h_K$  of them,  $s = \#p | N$ .  
 ( $\mathcal{O} = \mathcal{O}_K$  here)

Hecke action:  $\ell \nmid N$ , then  $T_\ell(\mathcal{O}, N, [\Delta]) = \sum_{\substack{\mathcal{O}_K \cong \mathbb{Z}/\ell\mathbb{Z} \\ \mathcal{O}_K \subset \mathcal{O}}} (\mathcal{O}_K, N_K, [K])$

where  $\mathcal{O}_K = \text{End}(E_K)$ ,  $N_K = \underbrace{N \mathcal{O}_K \cap \mathcal{O}_K}_{??}$

fractional ideals of  $\mathcal{O}$

If  $x \in X_0(N)(\mathbb{C})$  Heegner, want to understand  $M := \langle (x) - (\infty) \rangle \subseteq J(H)$  as a cyclic module over

~~Hecke algebra~~  $\mathbb{T}[G]$   
 Hecke algebra  $\uparrow$  Galois gp of  $H$

Given  $\chi$  char of  $G$ ,  $f$  eigenform of wt  $\geq 2$ , level  $N$ , want to understand / we'll see a relationship between a " $\mathcal{C}_{f, \chi}$  eigen component" of  $M$  and the vanishing of the first derivative of an  $L$ -fn associated to  $f, \chi$  evaluated at 1