

BOSTON UNIVERSITY NUMBER THEORY SEMINAR

**Growth of torsion
on elliptic curves
from \mathbb{Q} to the
maximal abelian extension**

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Abstract: Torsion of an elliptic curve over a number field is finite due to the Mordell-Weil theorem. However, even in certain infinite extensions of \mathbb{Q} we have that torsion is finite. Ribet proved that, when base extended to the maximal abelian extension of \mathbb{Q} , the torsion of an elliptic curve over \mathbb{Q} is finite. In this talk, we show that the size of such torsion subgroups is in fact uniformly bounded as we range over all curves E/\mathbb{Q} . Further, we give a classification of all possible torsion structures appearing in this way.