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From last time:

For $N \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1}$, $\Gamma(N) := \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in SL_2(\mathbb{Z}) : \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 1 & * \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \pmod{N} \right\}$

$$\mathbb{H} \xrightarrow{\text{quotient}} Y_1(N)$$

Lemma 1. We have a bijection: $Y_1(N) \longleftrightarrow \{(E, P) : P \in E \text{ order } N\}$ E/\mathbb{C} ell. curve

Lemma 2. Let $N \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 4}$. Then every pair (E, P) is uniquely isomorphic to ~~$(E_{s,t}, (0,0))$~~ ^{a unique} $(E_{s,t}, (0,0))$, with:

$E_{s,t}$ given by $y^2 + sxy + ty = x^3 + tx^2$. $s \in \mathbb{C}, t \in \mathbb{C}^\times$
 $(A(s,t) \in \mathbb{C}^\times)$

Proof. Any isomorphism is of the following form: and

$(x,y) \mapsto (\alpha^2 x + a, \alpha^3 y + bx + c)$, $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}^\times, a, b, c \in \mathbb{C}$.

(here E is also given by a Weierstrass equation).

General Weierstrass equation for by which E can be given:

$E: y^2 + a_1 xy + a_3 y = x^3 + a_2 x^2 + a_4 x + a_6$. We used that $N \neq 1$.

By a unique translation, we can make $P = (0,0)$. Then $a_6 = 0$.

Now note that $N \neq 2$. So the line $x=0$ is not the tangent of

E at $P=(0,0)$. So $a_3 \neq 0$.

By applying a ~~map~~ ^{unique} of the form $(x,y) \mapsto (x, y+bx)$ we can map the tangent at P to the line $y=0$. Then $a_4 = 0$

Now we use that $N \neq 3$: the line $y+a_1x+a_3$ is not a flex,

hence $a_2 \neq 0$. So there is a unique $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}^\times$ s.t.

after $(x,y) \mapsto (\alpha x, \alpha^2 y)$ we have $a_3 = a_2$. ☒

Now we must determine for which (s,t) the point $(0,0)$ on $E_{s,t}$ is of order N .

Fact. $\exists F \in \mathbb{C}[S,T]$ s.t. $(0,v)$ in $E_{S,T}$ is of order N if and only if $F(S,T) = 0$. 2.

We will compute this F for some values of N .

$N=4$. Assume $(0,v)$ on $E_{S,T}$ has order 4. Then $\exists f$ rational fraction on E with $\text{div}(f) = 4 \cdot (P) - 4 \cdot (0)$.

Then, considering the order at 0 of ~~elements of the $x^i y^j$~~ , $i \in \mathbb{N}, j \in \{0,1\}$, gives that $f = x^2 + \alpha y + \beta x + \gamma$ for certain α, β, γ in \mathbb{C} . As $\nu_p(f) = 4$, $\gamma = 0$ and $\beta = 0$. We set $f = x^2 + \alpha y$, and see that $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}^\times$.

We substitute $y = -\bar{\alpha}^{-1}x^2$ in the equation for E ; that gives: $0 = \alpha^{-2}x^4 - (1 + \bar{\alpha}^1 s)x^3 - (\epsilon + \bar{\alpha}^1 \epsilon)x^2$, hence: $1 + \bar{\alpha}^1 s = 0, \epsilon \cdot (1 + \bar{\alpha}^1) = 0$. Hence $\alpha = -1$, and $s = 1$. So $F_4 = S - 1$.

$N=5$. $\exists f$ with $\text{div}(f) = 5 \cdot (P) - 5 \cdot (0)$, $f = xy + \alpha x^2 + \beta y$, $x, \beta \in \mathbb{C}^\times$. We work with the ideal in $\mathbb{C}(x,y)$ generated by f and the w-eq. of E , and want to see what it means that $(0,0)$ has mult. 5.

We can express y in x , using f : $y = \frac{-\alpha x^2}{x+\beta}$, note that as we are interested in what happens at $(0,0)$ we can divide by $x+\beta$. Substitute $y = \frac{-\alpha x^2}{x+\beta}$ in the eq'n for $E_{S,T}$, and asking that it has order 5 at $x=0$, gives:

$$\underline{N=6.} \quad F = S^2 - 3S + 2T$$