

# Talk 1: Overview

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**Thm<sup>1</sup>:**  $E/\mathbb{Q}$  elliptic curve,  $P \in E(\mathbb{Q})$  tors then  $\text{ord}(P) \leq 10$  or  $= 12$ . (8 we can find possible torsion gpts which arise)

To prove **Thm<sup>1</sup>**, we first reduce to  $\text{ord}(P) = N$  is prime:  $\geq 11$  & not 13 (Mazur-Tate)

Suppose  $E/\mathbb{Q}$  has a pt  $P$  of order  $N$ , consider

$$0 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow E[N] \rightarrow \mu_N \rightarrow 0$$

ISTS: this SES splits

Why? If so, let  $E_1 = E/\mu_N$  then  $E_1[N]$  also has an SES

$$0 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow E_1[N] \rightarrow \mu_N \rightarrow 0$$

which also has to split, and so does  $E_2 = E_1/\mu_N \dots \rightsquigarrow$  get  $\infty$ -many distinct  $EC/\mathbb{Q}$  w/ good redn outside a fixed set of primes  $\rightsquigarrow$  (Shafarevich)

ISTS:  $[E[N]] \in \text{Ext}_{G_{\mathbb{Q}}}^1(\mu_N, \mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z}) = H^1(G_{\mathbb{Q}}, \mu_N^{-1})$  is unrr.  $\Leftrightarrow$

$$K := \mathbb{Q}(\mu_N) \text{ is unrr.}$$

Unr. extns of  $\mathbb{Q}(\mu_N)$  are classified by  $\text{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}(\mu_N)/\mathbb{Q})$  & the ones coming from  $H^1(\mathbb{Q}, \mu_N^{-1})$  corresp. to  $\text{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}(\mu_N)^{\chi}/\mathbb{Q})$  where  $\chi$  is the cyclotomic char. (Herbrand)

To prove that  $L/K$  is unrr., we need global arguments, although the question is local.

**Thm:**  $E$  has semi-stab. redn at all primes.

Why?

**Thm (Crottschick):**  $A/\mathbb{Q}$  ab. var.,  $\ell \neq p$ . Then  $A$  has semi-stab. redn. [at  $p \Leftrightarrow \exists \rho \in \text{Gal}(\bar{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q})$  unipotently.]

$\rightsquigarrow$  can show that  $E$  has semi-stab. redn at  $p \neq N$

Hard case:  $p = N$ . (p. 158, [Maz 77])

Now,  $E$  has semi-stab. redn. at every  $v$ , and let  $\mathcal{E}$  be its Néron model. wrt  $v$

Consider

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{E}_{\mathbb{F}_v}^\circ \rightarrow \mathcal{E}_{\mathbb{F}_v} \rightarrow \mathcal{E}_{\mathbb{F}_v} / \mathcal{E}_{\mathbb{F}_v}^\circ \rightarrow 0$$

$\uparrow$  tors  $\quad \quad \quad \uparrow$  fin. gp.

Note that  $E$  has bad redn at 2 & 3. (point-counting argument)  $A$  has good redn at  $p \Rightarrow A(\mathbb{Q}_p)_{\text{tors}} \hookrightarrow A(\mathbb{F}_p)$

WTS: At all primes of bad redn,  $P \notin \mathcal{E}_{\mathbb{F}_v}^\circ$ . Note: At 2, 3,  $N$ , we know that  $P \notin \mathcal{E}_{\mathbb{F}_v}^\circ$  for elementary reasons. For other places, we need the theory of modular curves.

•  $Y_1(N)$  &  $Y_0(N)$  complex analytic

$Y_1(N)$  exact mod  $N$  moduli spaces  
 $Y_0(N)$  cys. gp. mod  $N$  moduli spaces  
 $S \mapsto (E/S, P) \quad S \mapsto (E/S, C)$

•  $X_1(N)$  &  $X_0(N)$  = compactification (+ cusps)

$\mathcal{X}_1(N)$  &  $\mathcal{X}_0(N)$  gen. ell. curves

Note:  $0, \infty \in X_0(N)(\mathbb{Q})$ .

Fact:  $[(E, C)] \in X_0(N)(\mathbb{Q})$ : If  $E$  has semi-stab. bad redn at  $v \neq N$ , then  $C \in \mathcal{E}^\circ \Leftrightarrow \bar{0} \equiv \bar{0}$  in  $X_0(N)(\mathbb{F}_v)$

$C \notin \mathcal{E}^\circ \Leftrightarrow \bar{0} \equiv \bar{\infty}$  in  $X_0(N)(\mathbb{F}_v)$ .

Given this fact, we are reduced to show:  $P \in X_0(N)(\mathbb{Q})$ ,  $\ell_1, \ell_2$  primes different from  $N$ . If  $\bar{P} \equiv \bar{\infty} (\ell_1)$ , then  $\bar{P} \neq \bar{0} (\ell_2)$ .

See §5.3 (MAZ 71) for a nice picture explaining this

To this end, suppose we had an ab. var.  $A/\mathbb{Q}$  of rk. 0, good redn outside  $N$ , & a map

$$X_0(N) \xrightarrow{\tau} A \quad \text{sit. } \tau(0) \neq \tau(\infty)$$

Then

$$X_0(N)(\mathbb{Q}) \rightarrow A(\mathbb{Q})$$

$$X_0(N)(\mathbb{F}_{\ell_1}) \rightarrow A(\mathbb{F}_{\ell_1})$$

WLOG,  $\tau(\infty) = 0_A$  &  $\bar{P} \equiv \bar{\infty} (\ell_1)$ . Then injectivity of  $\tau \Rightarrow \tau(P) = 0_A$ .

Similarly,  $\bar{P} \equiv \bar{0} (\ell_2) \Rightarrow \tau(P) = \tau(0)$ . Contradiction!

Q: How to find  $A$ ?

There is an univ. map from  $X$  to an ab. var., sending  $a$  given  $b \in X(K)$  to  $0$ , which is

$$x \mapsto \text{Jac}(X), \quad x \mapsto [x] - [b]$$

So, we are led to find a rk 0 quotient of Jacobian,  $J_0(N)$ .

• If we map  $X_0(N)$  to  $J_0(N)$  via  $\infty$ , then the image of  $0$  is torsion (one can construct modular unit in  $\mathbb{Q}(X_0(N))^\times$  w/ divisor  $n([ \infty ] - [ 0 ])$  where  $n = \text{numerator}(\frac{N-1}{12})$ ).

•  $J_0(N) \sim \prod A_f$ ,  $f \in \mathbb{S}_2(\Gamma_0(N))$  normalized eigenform / Gal-action  $\leftrightarrow$

•  $\mathbb{L}(A_f, s) = \mathbb{L}(f, s) \Rightarrow$  a nat'l choice of the quotient would be those  $A_f$ 's w/  $f$  having analytic rk 0. Kolyvagin: This implies  $\text{rk } A_f(\mathbb{Q}) = 0$ .

Q: How to show that a quotient  $A$  of  $J_0(N)$  has rk. 0?

•  $A(\mathbb{Q}) \otimes \mathbb{F}_p \hookrightarrow H^2(G_{\mathbb{Q}}, A[\mathbb{F}_p])$

•  $X_0(N)$  has good redn outside  $N \Rightarrow$

$J_0(N) \quad \text{--- " ---}$

$A \quad \text{--- " ---}$

$\rightsquigarrow$  can replace  $G_{\mathbb{Q}}$  w/  $G_{\mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{F}_N, p}$

• Choose / define  $A$  by requiring  $A[\mathbb{F}_p]$  is built out of simple pieces ( $\mu_p$  &  $\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$ ) + control what happens at  $p \rightsquigarrow$  "flat descent"

• We know characteristic polys of  $\mathbb{F}_p$  Frobenius on  $V_p A_f$  in terms of the Te action  $\sigma_f$  on  $f$  (Eichler - Shimura)

$\rightsquigarrow$  "Eisenstein ideal"