

From Fermat's Last Theorem to some Generalized Fermat Equations

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- A **number field** is a finite extension K/\mathbb{Q}
- L is a finite extension of \mathbb{Q}_l
- \mathbb{F}_{p^r} is the finite field of p^r elements.
- $\mathcal{O}_k :=$ Ring of integers of the field k
- \bar{k} is the algebraic closure of k
- $\bar{\mathbb{Z}}$ ring of integers of $\bar{\mathbb{Q}}$ and $G_{\mathbb{Q}} := \text{Gal}(\bar{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q})$
- A **Galois Representation** is a continuous (to the Krull topology) homomorphism $\rho : G_{\mathbb{Q}} \rightarrow GL_2(L)$ or $\bar{\rho} : G_{\mathbb{Q}} \rightarrow GL_2(\mathbb{F}_{p^r})$.
- K_{λ} is the localization of K at the prime λ

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Definition

Let k be a field and \bar{k} an algebraic closure of k . A **Weierstrass equation over k** is any cubic equation of the form

$$E : y^2 + a_1y + a_3y = x^3 + a_2x^2 + a_4x + a_6$$

where all $a_i \in k$. If $\text{char}(k) \neq 2, 3$ it can be written

$$y^2 = x^3 + Ax + B, \quad A, B \in k$$

and has discriminant $\Delta(E) = 4A^3 + 27B^2$. If $\Delta(E) \neq 0$ then E is **nonsingular** and the set

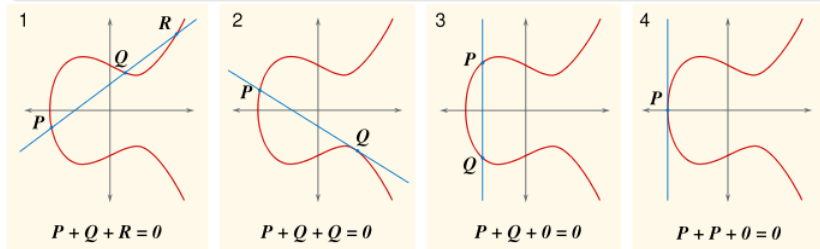
$$E = \{(x, y) \in \bar{k}^2 \text{ satisfying } E(x, y)\} \cup \{\infty\}$$

is an **elliptic curve over k** .

The Group Law

Theorem

- There is an abelian group structure on the set of points of an elliptic curves.
- (Mordell-Weil) This group is finitely generated when k is a number field.



Mod p Galois Representations attached to E

We denote by $E(\bar{\mathbb{Q}})[n]$ the points of order n .

Theorem

- $E(\bar{\mathbb{Q}})[n] \sim \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$ (think over \mathbb{C} !)
- There is an action of $G_{\mathbb{Q}}$ on $E(\bar{\mathbb{Q}})[n]$

Let P_1, P_2 be a basis of $E(\bar{\mathbb{Q}})[n]$ and $\sigma \in G_{\mathbb{Q}}$. We can write

$$(\sigma(P_1), \sigma(P_2)) = (P_1, P_2) \begin{bmatrix} a_{\sigma} & b_{\sigma} \\ c_{\sigma} & d_{\sigma} \end{bmatrix}.$$

Theorem

The action of $G_{\mathbb{Q}}$ on $E(\bar{\mathbb{Q}})[n]$ defines a representation

$$\bar{\rho}_{E,n} : G_{\mathbb{Q}} \longrightarrow GL_2(\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}),$$

with image isomorphic $\text{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}(E[n])/\mathbb{Q})$.

Reduction modulo p

Let $k = \mathbb{Q}$ and E/\mathbb{Q} be an elliptic curve. There exists an equivalent model of E with integer coefficients such that $|\Delta(E)|$ is minimal. For such a model and a prime p we can consider the reduced curve over \mathbb{F}_p

$$\tilde{E} : y^2 + \tilde{a}_1xy + \tilde{a}_3y = x^3 + \tilde{a}_2x^2 + \tilde{a}_4x + \tilde{a}_6$$

and it can be seen that \tilde{E} has at most one singular point.

Definition (type of reduction)

We say that E

- has **good reduction** at p if \tilde{E} is an elliptic curve.
- has **bad multiplicative reduction** at p if \tilde{E} admits a double point with two distinct tangents (a node)
- has **bad additive reduction** at p if \tilde{E} admits a double point with only one tangent (a cusp)

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The **modular group** $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$ is defined by

$$SL_2(\mathbb{Z}) = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} : a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{Z}, ad - bc = 1 \right\}$$

and has the important **congruence subgroups**

$$\Gamma_0(N) = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \in SL_2(\mathbb{Z}) : \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \equiv \begin{bmatrix} * & * \\ 0 & * \end{bmatrix} \pmod{N} \right\}$$

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where “*” means unspecified. Clearly, $\Gamma_1(N) \subset \Gamma_0(N)$.

Modular Forms

Let $\Gamma(N) \subset SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$ be a congruence subgroup. An holomorphic function $f : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is a **modular form of weight k with respect to $\Gamma(N)$** if

(1) For all $\tau \in \mathcal{H}$ and $\alpha \in \Gamma(N)$,

$$f\left(\frac{a\tau + b}{c\tau + d}\right) = (c\tau + d)^k f(\tau)$$

(2) For all $\alpha \in SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$, exists a Fourier expansion

$$(c\tau + d)^{-k} f\left(\frac{a\tau + b}{c\tau + d}\right) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n q^{n/N}$$

where $q = e^{2\pi i\tau}$.

If in addition, $c_0 = 0$ in all the above Fourier expansions, then f is said to be a **cusp form**. When $\alpha = \text{Id}$ we denote the Fourier coefficients c_n in (2) by $a_n(f)$. Denoted by $S_k(\Gamma(N))$ the set of the cusp forms of weight k with respect to $\Gamma(N)$.

Modular Forms

- $S_k(\Gamma(N))$ is a vector space over \mathbb{C} of finite dimension.
- In particular, $S_2(\Gamma_0(2^t)) = \{0\}$ for $t \in \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$ and $S_2(\Gamma_0(32))$ has dimension 1.
- $S_k(\Gamma_1(N)) = \bigoplus S_k(N, \epsilon)$, where the sum is over the Dirichlet characters ϵ of modulus N .
- $f \in S_k(N, \epsilon)$ if

$$f\left(\frac{a\tau + b}{c\tau + d}\right) = \epsilon(d)(c\tau + d)^k f(\tau)$$

for matrices in $\Gamma_0(N)$

- There are Hecke operators T_n ($n \geq 1$) acting on $S_k(\Gamma(N))$.
- There are cuspforms that are eigenvectors for all T_n . In that case $T_n(f) = a_n(f)f$. If $f \in S_k(N, \epsilon)$ is such a form we say it is an **eigenform** of level N and character ϵ . We say f is **normalized** if $a_1(f) = 1$.

Denote by $\mathbb{Q}_f = \mathbb{Q}(\{a_p(f)\})$ the **coefficient field of f** .

Theorem

Let $f \in \mathcal{S}_k(N, \epsilon)$ be a normalized eigenform with number field \mathbb{Q}_f . Let l be a prime. For each maximal ideal λ of $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{Q}_f}$ lying over l there is an irreducible 2-dimensional Galois representation

$$\rho_{f,\lambda} : G_{\mathbb{Q}} \rightarrow GL_2(\mathbb{Q}_{f,\lambda}).$$

This representation is unramified at every prime $p \nmid lN$. For any such p let $\mathfrak{p} \subset \overline{\mathbb{Z}}$ be any maximal ideal lying over p . Then $\rho_{f,\lambda}(\text{Frob}_{\mathfrak{p}})$ satisfies the polynomial equation

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Level Lowering Theorem

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The Generalized Fermat Equation

We will study the solutions of the equation

$$x^p + 2^\alpha y^p + z^p = 0$$

in the following order:

- $\alpha = 0$ (Fermat's Last Theorem)
- $\alpha > 1$
- $\alpha = 1$

But first we need to introduce the Frey-Hellegouarch Curves!

Definition (ABC curve)

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We need to understand the ramification of $\bar{\rho}_{E,p}$.

Theorem (Hellegouarch)

Let C/\mathbb{Q} be an elliptic curve and $l \neq 2, p$. If $l \mid N_C$ is of multiplicative reduction and $p \mid \nu_l(\Delta(C))$ then $\bar{\rho}_{E,p}$ is unramified at l .

Néron-Ogg-Shafarevich Criterion

Let C/\mathbb{Q} be an elliptic curve. C has good reduction at l if and only if $\rho_{C,p}$ is unramified at l for some prime $p \neq l$ if and only if $\rho_{C,p}$ is unramified at l for all primes $p \neq l$.

$$\alpha = 0$$

Suppose (a, b, c) is a **non-trivial** ($abc \neq 0$) **primitive** (i.e. $\gcd(a, b, c) = 1$) solution of $x^p + y^p = z^p$ and let

$$A = a^p \quad B = b^p \quad C = c^p.$$

Without loss of generality we can suppose that $a \equiv -1 \pmod{4}$ and b to be even.

Corollary

Let $E = E_{a^p, b^p, c^p}$. For $p \geq 5$, the representation $\bar{\rho}_{E,p}$ is unramified outside $2p$.

Proof: Let $l \neq 2, p$.

- $\Delta(E) = 2^4(ABC)^2 = 2^4(abc)^{2p}$
- If $l \nmid abc \Rightarrow l \nmid \Delta \Rightarrow E$ has good reduction at $l \Rightarrow \rho_{E,p}$ is unramified at l by N-O-S $\Rightarrow \bar{\rho}_{E,p}$ also is.
- $p \geq 5 \Rightarrow B \equiv 0 \pmod{32}$ then E is semistable. If $l \mid abc$ then by Hellgouarch theorem $\bar{\rho}_{E,p}$ is not ramified at l .



Fermat-Wiles Theorem

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$$a^p + 2^\alpha b^p + c^p = 0, \quad 1 \leq \alpha \leq p-1$$

- Let (a, b, c) be non-trivial and primitive solution
- Observe that for $\alpha = 1$ there exist the solution $(-1, 1, -1)$!
- Put $A = a^p$, $B = 2^\alpha b^p$ and $C = c^p$

From Tate's algorithm we have:

- $E = E_{A,B,C} : y^2 = x(x-A)(x+B)$ is semistable for $l \neq 2$.
- $N_E = 2^t \text{rad}'(ABC)$ with $t \in \{0, 1, 3, 5\}$
- $4|B$ if and only if $t \leq 3$
- $t = 5$ if and only if $\text{ord}_2(B) = 1$

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Let $p \geq 5$ be a prime and $\alpha > 1$. The equation $x^p + 2^\alpha y^p + z^p = 0$ has no non-trivial primitive solutions.

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- $\bar{\rho}_{E,p}$ unramified outside $2p$
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- We can take N_E to be $N(\bar{\rho}_{E,p})$ by LLT
- $\mathcal{S}_2(\Gamma_0(2^t)) = \{0\}$ for $t \in \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$ and $\mathcal{S}_2(\Gamma_0(32))$ has dimension 1.
- $N(\bar{\rho}_{E,p}) = 2^t \Rightarrow t = 5 \Rightarrow \text{ord}_2(B) = \text{ord}_2(2^\alpha b^p) = 1$, contradiction with $\alpha > 1$ or b even

Theorem

The representation $\bar{\rho}_{E,p}$ is irreducible for $p \geq 5$.

Proof: Recall $N_E = 2^t \text{rad}'(ABC)$ with $t \in \{0, 1, 3, 5\}$

- Suppose E semistable ($t = 0, 1$). Follows from Mazur theorem.
- E not semistable \Rightarrow the 2-part of N_E is $2^{2+\delta} \Rightarrow \delta = 1, 3$
- Suppose $\bar{\rho}^{ss}|_{I_2} = \epsilon_1 \oplus \epsilon_2$ is reducible
- $\delta = \text{cond}(\epsilon_1) + \text{cond}(\epsilon_2)$
- $\det \bar{\rho} = \bar{\chi}_p = \epsilon_1 \epsilon_2$ is unramified at 2 $\Rightarrow \epsilon_2 = \epsilon_1^{-1}$
- Then $\delta = 2 \text{cond}(\epsilon_1)$ is even, contradiction.
- Thus $\bar{\rho}|_{I_2}$ is irreducible $\Rightarrow \bar{\rho}$ irreducible.

$$\alpha = 1$$

Observe that $E_0 = E_{(-1,1,-1)}$ by Modularity and LLT must correspond to the eigenform in $\mathcal{S}_2(\Gamma_0(32))$. The same is true for any other $E_{(a,b,c)}$.

Proposition

If $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$, then the image of $\bar{\rho}_{E_0,p}$ is contained in the normalizer of a Cartan split subgroup of $GL_2(\mathbb{F}_p)$.

Mazur-Momose Theorem

Let $p \geq 17$ and C/\mathbb{Q} be an elliptic curve. If the image of $\bar{\rho}_{C,p}$ is contained in the normalizer of a Cartan split subgroup of $GL_2(\mathbb{F}_p)$ then C can not have multiplicative reduction at primes $l \neq 2$.

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Proof:

- We can suppose that a, b, c are all odd.
- $N_E = 2^t \text{rad}'(ABC) \Rightarrow E$ has multiplicative reduction at all odd primes dividing abc .
- Since $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ and $\bar{\rho}_{E,p} \equiv \bar{\rho}_{E_0,p}$ by the proposition $\bar{\rho}_{E,p}$ is under Mazur-Momose hypothesis.
- Then by Mazur-Momose E has no primes of multiplicative reduction hence $abc = \pm 1$
- Thus, the only normalized solution is $(-1, 1, -1)$.

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Relating two equations

Let (a, b, c) be a primitive solution to $x^5 + y^5 = d\gamma z^p$. From

Key factorization:

$$x^5 + y^5 = (x + y)(x^4 - x^3y + x^2y^2 - xy^3 + y^4) = (x + y)\phi(x, y)$$

can be seen that

We need to prove that $\phi(x, y) = rz^p$ where $r = 1, 5$ has no non-trivial primitive solutions if $d \mid a + b$.

Observe that over $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{5})$

- $\phi(x, y) = \phi_1(x, y)\phi_2(x, y)$, where
- $\phi_1(x, y) = x^2 + \omega xy + y^2$ and $\phi_2(x, y) = x^2 + \bar{\omega}xy + y^2$, with
- $\omega = \frac{-1+\sqrt{5}}{2}$, $\bar{\omega} = \frac{-1-\sqrt{5}}{2}$

The Frey \mathbb{Q} -curve

Let (a, b, c) be a primitive solution of $\phi(x, y) = rz^p$.

Definition (Frey-curve)

Consider over $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{5})$ the curve given by

$$E_{(a,b)} : y^2 = x^3 + 2(a+b)x^2 - \bar{\omega}\phi_1(a,b)x,$$

with $\Delta(E) = 2^6 \bar{\omega} \phi \phi_1$, where

- There are Galois representations $\rho_{E,l}$ and $\bar{\rho}_{E,l}$ of $G_{\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{5})}$
- We need to extend them to $G_{\mathbb{Q}}$ and compute $(N(\bar{\rho}), k(\bar{\rho}), \epsilon(\bar{\rho}))$ to apply Serre conjecture

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