

Quadratic Isogeny Primes

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$$\begin{array}{ccc} E_1 & \xrightarrow{\phi} & E_2 \\ \sigma \downarrow & & \downarrow \sigma \\ E_1 & \xrightarrow{\phi} & E_2 \end{array}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}\text{IsogPrimeDeg}(\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{7})) &= \text{IsogPrimeDeg}(\mathbb{Q}) \\ \text{IsogPrimeDeg}(\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-10})) &= \text{IsogPrimeDeg}(\mathbb{Q}) \\ \text{IsogPrimeDeg}(\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{5})) &= \text{IsogPrimeDeg}(\mathbb{Q}) \cup \{23, 47\}\end{aligned}$$

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Remark

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We'll have a live-demo of the command-line tool after giving an overview of the algorithm.

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for any $\alpha \in K^\times$ with $\alpha\mathcal{O}_L = \text{Nm}_{K/L}(\mathfrak{q})$.

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REMARK 1. The integers $a_\mathfrak{p}$'s take the values 0, 12; 4, 8 (only if the modular invariant $j(E) \equiv 0 \pmod{\mathfrak{p}}$ and $p \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$); 6 (only if $j(E) \equiv 1728 \pmod{\mathfrak{p}}$ and $p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$) (cf. [Ma1], Chap. 3; [Ma2]).

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A quick glance at the implementation

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def get_AB_primes(K, q, epsilons, q_class_group_order):

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    alphas = (q ** q_class_group_order).gens_reduced()
    assert len(alphas) == 1, "q^q_class_group_order not principal, which is very bad"
    alpha = alphas[0]
    rat_q = ZZ(q.norm())
    assert rat_q.is_prime(), "somehow the degree 1 prime is not prime"
    for eps in epsilons:
        alpha_to_eps = group_ring_exp(alpha, eps)
        A = (alpha_to_eps - 1).norm()
        B = (alpha_to_eps - (rat_q ** (12 * q_class_group_order))).norm()
        output_dict_AB[eps] = lcm(A, B)
    return output_dict_AB
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for frob_poly in frob_polys_to_loop:
    if frob_poly.is_irreducible():
        frob_poly_root_field = frob_poly.root_field('a')
        _, K_into_KL, L_into_KL, _ = K.composite_fields(frob_poly_root_field, 'c', bot
    else:
        frob_poly_root_field = IntegerRing()
        roots_of_frob = frob_poly.roots(frob_poly_root_field)
        betas = [r for r, e in roots_of_frob]

    for beta in betas:
        if beta in K:
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Appendix. *An Analogue of the Class Number One Problem*

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1. Let K be an algebraic number field of finite degree over \mathbb{Q} with discriminant k , and let S be a finite set of rational primes. Define $\mathcal{N}(K, S)$ to be the set of rational integers N satisfying the conditions:

$-N$ is a discriminant of a quadratic field and for all primes $l \notin S$, $l < |N|/4$, if l splits completely in K , then l doesn't split in $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-N})$.

In the case that K is equal to \mathbb{Q} or a quadratic field, we shall show that $\mathcal{N}(K, S)$ is a finite set. The method of proof, however, is ineffective and all that can be deduced is

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To conclude our theorem, we shall now prove that the above *claim* implies that $\mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{-N})$ has class number 1 and hence (by Baker-Stark-Heegner [3, 37, 38]) we have $N = 11, 19, 43, 67$, or 163 (ignoring the genus 0 cases).

Since $N \equiv -1 \pmod{4}$, quadratic reciprocity applied to (7.1) implies that for $2 < p < N/4$, p remains prime in $\mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{-N})$.

Thus all ideals I of odd norm $< N/4$ are principal in the ring of integers of $\mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{-N})$. To be sure, if we had the stronger assertion that *all* ideals of norm $< N/4$ were principal, then $\mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{-N})$ would have class number 1 by Minkowski's theorem: the absolute value of the discriminant of $\mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{-N})$ is N ; the Minkowski constant is $2/\pi$; and $2/\pi \cdot \sqrt{N} < N/4$ for $N \geq 11$. We shall prove this stronger assertion. If 2 does not split in $\mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{-N})$, there is nothing to prove. Suppose, then, that 2 does split, in which case $N \equiv -1$ or 7 mod 16. We must show that one (and hence both) of the primes of norm 2 are principal. If $N \equiv -1 \pmod{16}$, consider the element $\alpha = (3 + \sqrt{-N})/2$. One sees that the norm of α is twice an odd number; hence $(\alpha) = \mathfrak{p} \cdot I$ where \mathfrak{p} is one of the primes of norm 2, and I is an "odd" ideal, with norm $(9 + N)/8$. Since $N \geq 11$, the norm of I is less than $N/4$, and therefore I is principal. Consequently so is \mathfrak{p} . If $N \equiv 7 \pmod{16}$, take the element $\alpha = (1 + \sqrt{-N})/2$, and repeat the above argument.

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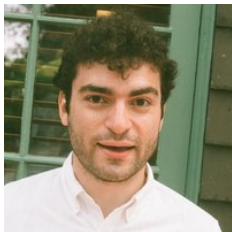
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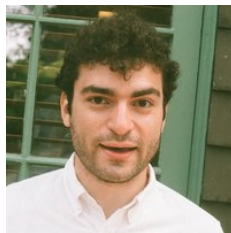


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Strategy

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```
def get_type_2_primes(K, bound=None):
    """Compute a list containing the type 2 primes"""

    # First get the bound
    if bound is None:
        bound = get_type_2_bound(K)
        print("type_2_bound = {}".format(bound))

    # We need to include all primes up to 25
    # see Larson/Vaintrob's proof of Theorem 6.4
    output = set(prime_range(25))

    for p in pari.primes(25, bound):
        p_int = Integer(p)
        if p_int % 4 == 3: # Type 2 primes necessarily congruent to 3 mod 4
            if satisfies_condition_CC(K, p_int):
                output.add(p_int)

    return output
```



```
blockSize=100000;
export(blockSize)

checktypetwo(pBeg) =
{
    my(p,cond);
    forprime(p = pBeg*blockSize, (pBeg+1)*blockSize-1,
        | | | | | cond=custom_congruence_condition(p,D);
        | | | | | if(cond,print_satisfiesCC(p)));
    }
export(checktypetwo)

howMany=floor(typetwobound/blockSize);
parapply(checktypetwo,[0..howMany]);
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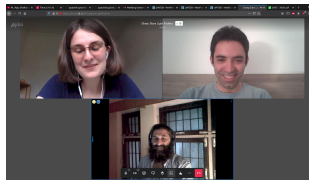
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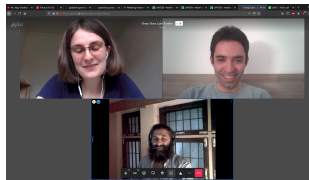
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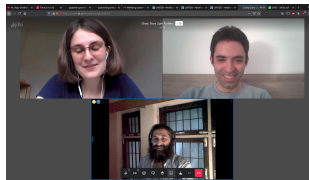


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