

Quadratic Isogeny Primes

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ϕ is said to be **K -rational** if it is compatible with the G_K -action on E_1 and E_2 ; that is, if the following diagram commutes for all $\sigma \in G_K$:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} E_1 & \longrightarrow & E_2 \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ E_1 & \longrightarrow & E_2 \end{array}$$

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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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To make this explicit ...

For every other χ , find the possible isogeny primes which have an isogeny character acting via χ .

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Hyperelliptic modular curves $X_0(N)$
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See the final section of the paper for the details.

Further Avenues

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