

# Towards strong uniformity for isogenies of prime degree

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# Torsion

# Mordell-Weil Theorem

Theorem (Mordell (1922), Weil (1928))

Let  $E$  be an elliptic curve over a number field  $k$ . Then the group  $E(k)$  of  $k$ -rational points on  $E$  is a finitely generated abelian group ; i.e.

$$E(k) \cong E(k)_{\text{tors}} \oplus \mathbb{Z}^r$$

for some  $r \geq 0$ .



Louis J. Mordell



André Weil

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### Question (Strong uniformity for torsion)

*For a fixed  $d \geq 1$ , what possible groups can arise as  $E(k)_{tors}$  as  $k$  varies over all number fields of degree  $d$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$  and  $E$  varies over all elliptic curves over  $k$ ?*

Let's call this set of possible groups  $\Phi(d)$ .

# Mazur's Torsion Theorem

## Theorem (Mazur, 1977)

$E(\mathbb{Q})_{tors}$  is one of the following 15 groups:

$$\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z}, \quad 1 \leq N \leq 10 \text{ or } N = 12$$

$$\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}/2N\mathbb{Z}, \quad 1 \leq N \leq 4.$$

Moreover, each group occurs infinitely often.



**Barry C. Mazur**

This was conjectured by Beppo Levi in 1908 (in his Rome ICM address), then again by Andrew Ogg in 1970.

Actually, Mazur *really* proves the following result.

### Theorem (Mazur (1977))

Let  $E$  be an elliptic curve over  $\mathbb{Q}$  admitting a  $\mathbb{Q}$ -rational torsion point of prime order  $p$ . Then

$$p \in \{2, 3, 5, 7\}.$$

*First reduction.* — To prove (5.1-3) it suffices to prove (5.2) in the special case where  $m = N$ , a prime number such that the genus of  $X_0(N)$  is  $> 0$  (i.e.  $N \neq 2, 3, 5, 7, \text{ and } 13$ ).

This is so by virtue of the close study of the above conjecture of Ogg, made by Kubert, for low values of composite numbers  $m$ .

In particular, Kubert has shown ([27], chap. IV) that it suffices to consider only prime values of  $m$ , greater than or equal to 23. For  $m = 13$ , see [40].

### SLOGAN

For  $d = 1$  strong uniformity for torsion boils down to bounding **torsion primes in degree  $d$** .

# Kamienny-Mazur reduction

## Rational Torsion of Prime Order in Elliptic Curves over Number Fields

S. Kamienny and B. Mazur  
(with an appendix by A. Granville)

**Definition.** Let  $d$  be a positive integer. A prime number  $p$  will be called a **torsion prime for degree  $d$**  if there is a number field  $k$  of degree  $d$ , an elliptic curve  $E$  defined over  $k$ , and a  $k$ -rational point  $P$  of  $E$ , of order  $p$ .

Denote by  $S(d)$  the set of torsion primes of degree  $\leq d$ . It has long been conjectured that  $S(d)$  is finite for every  $d$ .

**Proposition.**  $S(d)$  is finite if and only if  $\Phi(d)$  is finite.

One should note, however, that even if  $S(d)$  is given explicitly, the proposition will *not* provide an effective determination of  $\Phi(d)$ .

**Proof of the Proposition.** Clearly, if  $\Phi(d)$  is finite, then so is  $S(d)$ . Suppose, then, that  $S(d)$  is finite.

The set  $\Phi(d)$  will be shown to be finite provided that we can bound, for

# Merel's theorem (1996)

**Théorème.** Soit  $E$  une courbe elliptique, définie sur un corps de nombres  $K$  de degré  $d > 1$  sur  $\mathbf{Q}$ . Si  $E(K)$  possède un point d'ordre premier  $p$ , on a  $p < d^{3d^2}$ .



**Loïc Merel**

The bound was subsequently improved to  $(1 + 3^{d/2})^2$  by Oesterlé also in 1996 (unpublished, but appeared as an appendix to Derickx's PhD thesis).



## Theorem (the people shown below (1977-2023))

$$S(1) = \{2, 3, 5, 7\}$$

$$S(2) = \{2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13\}$$

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$$S(4) = \{2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17\}$$

$$S(5) = \{2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19\}$$

$$S(6) = \{2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19, 37\}$$

$$S(7) = \{2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19, 23\}$$

$$S(8) = \{2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19, 23\}$$

**Derickx****Kamienny****Khawaja****Mazur****Parent****Stein****Stoll**

$\Phi(1)$ ,  $\Phi(2)$  and  $\Phi(3)$ 

## Theorem (Mazur (1977))

 $\Phi(1)$  consists of the following 15 groups:

$$\begin{array}{ll} \mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z}, & \text{for } 1 \leq m \leq 12, m \neq 11, \\ \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}/2m\mathbb{Z}, & \text{for } 1 \leq m \leq 4. \end{array}$$

## Theorem (Kamienny-Kenku-Momose (1992))

 $\Phi(2)$  consists of the following 26 groups:

$$\begin{array}{ll} \mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z}, & \text{for } 1 \leq m \leq 18, m \neq 17, \\ \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}/2m\mathbb{Z}, & \text{for } 1 \leq m \leq 6, \\ \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}/3m\mathbb{Z}, & \text{for } 1 \leq m \leq 2, \\ \mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}. & \end{array}$$

## Theorem (Derickx–Etropolski–van Hoeij–Morrow–Zureick-Brown (2021))

 $\Phi(3)$  consists of the following 26 groups:

$$\begin{array}{ll} \mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z}, & \text{for } 1 \leq m \leq 21, m \neq 17, 19 \\ \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}/2m\mathbb{Z}, & \text{for } 1 \leq m \leq 7. \end{array}$$

# Uniformity vs strong uniformity

## Question (Strong uniformity for torsion)

*For a fixed  $d \geq 1$ , what possible groups can arise as  $E(k)_{\text{tors}}$  as  $k$  varies over all number fields of degree  $d$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$  and  $E$  varies over all elliptic curves over  $k$ ?*

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## Theorem (Najman (2011))

- 1 Let  $E$  be an elliptic curve over  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-3})$ . Then  $E(K)_{\text{tors}}$  is isomorphic to one of the groups in Mazur's list,  $\mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$ ,  $\mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}/6\mathbb{Z}$ ,  $\mathbb{Z}/13\mathbb{Z}$  or  $\mathbb{Z}/18\mathbb{Z}$ .
- 2 Let  $E$  be an elliptic curve over  $K = \mathbb{Q}(i)$ . Then  $E(K)_{\text{tors}}$  is isomorphic to one of the groups in Mazur's list,  $\mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}$ , or  $\mathbb{Z}/13\mathbb{Z}$ .



Filip Najman

## Later today in Zagreb ...

### Theorem (B.-Derickx, 2023)

*For  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})$ ,  $|d| < 500$ , we determine which torsion subgroups arise over  $K$ .*

# Isogenies

If  $P \in E(k)_{tors}$  of order  $p$ , then  $\langle P \rangle$  is a  $G_K$ -stable subgroup of order  $p$ ; i.e., it gives rise to a  $k$ -rational  $p$ -isogeny.

### Question (Uniformity for 'isogeny primes')

*For a fixed  $k$ , what possible primes arise as the degree of a  $k$ -rational isogeny (as  $E$  varies over all elliptic curves over  $k$ )? Call this set  $\text{IsogPrimeDeg}(k)$ .*

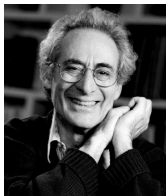
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# Mazur's isogeny theorem

## Theorem (Mazur (1978))

$$\text{IsogPrimeDeg}(\mathbb{Q}) = \{2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19, 37, 43, 67, 163\}.$$



**Barry C. Mazur**

## Question (John Cremona to me (2010))

*Mazur found  $\text{IsogPrimeDeg}(\mathbb{Q})$  in 1978, can you do it for any other number field?*



# Beware CM ...

If  $E/k$  has CM by  $\mathcal{O}$  that is defined over  $k$ , i.e.

$$\text{End}_K(E) = \mathcal{O},$$

then any prime  $p$  that splits in  $\mathcal{O}$  will correspond to a  $k$ -rational endomorphism of degree  $p$ .

## Lemma

*If  $k$  contains the HCF of an IQF, then  $\text{IsogPrimeDeg}(k)$  is infinite.*

## Theorem (Momose (1995) + Merel (1996))

*Assuming GRH, the converse of the above is true.*

## Question

*Assume GRH. Let  $k$  be a number field not containing HCF of IQF. What is the finite set  $\text{IsogPrimeDeg}(k)$ ?*

# Uniformity for isogeny primes for some quadratic $k$

## Theorem (B. (2021))

*Assuming GRH, we have the following.*

$$\text{IsogPrimeDeg}(\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{7})) = \text{IsogPrimeDeg}(\mathbb{Q})$$

$$\text{IsogPrimeDeg}(\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-10})) = \text{IsogPrimeDeg}(\mathbb{Q})$$

$$\text{IsogPrimeDeg}(\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{5})) = \text{IsogPrimeDeg}(\mathbb{Q}) \cup \{23, 47\}$$

# Uniformity for isogeny primes for some cubic $k$

## Theorem (B.-Derickx (2022))

*Assuming GRH, we have the following:*

$$\text{IsogPrimeDeg}(\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_7)^+) = \text{IsogPrimeDeg}(\mathbb{Q})$$

$$\text{IsogPrimeDeg}(\mathbb{Q}(\alpha)) = \text{IsogPrimeDeg}(\mathbb{Q}) \cup \{29\}$$

$$\text{IsogPrimeDeg}(\mathbb{Q}(\beta)) = \text{IsogPrimeDeg}(\mathbb{Q}),$$

where  $\alpha^3 - \alpha^2 - 2\alpha - 20 = 0$  and  $\beta^3 - \beta^2 - 3\beta + 1 = 0$ .



Selfie with Maarten Derickx in West London in January 2022

# What about strong uniformity of isogenies?

Strong uniformity of isogenies can't be true in general because of the aforementioned CM isogenies.

## Open Problem (Strong uniformity of isogenies v2)

For a fixed  $d \geq 1$ , what possible primes arise as the degree of a *non-CM-over- $k$*   $k$ -rational isogeny (as  $k$  and  $E$  vary as before)?

Note that if  $d$  is odd, then this “non-CM-over- $k$ ” can be removed. Pete Clark calls this question *Isogeny Merel*, since it now has a hope of being a finite set, and one can ask about a bound on it in terms only of  $d$ .

# Our main theorem (rough version)

## Theorem (B.-Derickx (2023))

*We establish Isogeny Merel for isogenies whose **signature** satisfies one of various conditions.*

## The signature of an isogeny

The name was coined by **Nuno Freitas** and **Samir Siksek** in 2013



As  $K$  is Galois,  $G$  acts transitively of  $\mathfrak{p} \mid p$ . Fix  $\mathfrak{p}_0 \mid p$ . For each  $\tau \in G$  write  $s_\tau$  for the number  $s_{\mathfrak{p}}$  associated to the ideal  $\mathfrak{p} := \tau^{-1}(\mathfrak{p}_0)$  by the previous proposition. We shall refer to  $\mathbf{s} := (s_\tau)_{\tau \in G}$  as the **isogeny signature** of  $E$  at  $p$ . The set  $S := \{0, 12\}^G$  shall denote the set of all possible sequences of values 0, 12 indexed

and it expresses information about the **isogeny character**.

# Isogeny Character

## Definition

Let  $E/k$  be an elliptic curve over a number field admitting a  $k$ -rational  $p$ -isogeny. The **isogeny character** is the character expressing the Galois action on the kernel  $W$  of the isogeny:

$$\lambda : G_k \rightarrow \text{Aut}(W(\bar{k})) \cong \mathbb{F}_p^\times.$$

Since it is a one-dimensional Galois character it corresponds to an abelian extension of  $k$ , so precomposing with the Artin map we may identify  $\lambda$  with a character

$$I_k(p) \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_p^\times$$

on the group of fractional ideals of  $k$  coprime to  $p$ . By abuse of notation we also call this  $\lambda$ .



# Key Proposition

The following key result expresses how  $\lambda^{12}$  acts on principal ideals:

## Proposition

*Let  $k$  be a number field,  $K$  its Galois closure,  $\Sigma = \text{Hom}(k, K)$ , and  $\lambda$  a  $p$ -isogeny character over  $k$ . Then for every prime ideal  $\mathfrak{p}_0$  lying above  $p$  in  $K$  there exists a formal sum  $\varepsilon = \varepsilon_{\mathfrak{p}_0} = \sum_{\sigma \in \Sigma} a_{\sigma} \sigma$  with all  $a_{\sigma} \in \{0, 4, 6, 8, 12\}$  such that for all  $\alpha \in k^{\times}$  prime to  $p$ ,*

$$\lambda^{12}((\alpha)) \equiv \alpha^{\varepsilon} \pmod{\mathfrak{p}_0}.$$

*Furthermore if  $p > 13$  and  $p$  is unramified in  $k$ , then for every  $\mathfrak{p}_0$  there is a unique such signature  $\varepsilon_{\mathfrak{p}_0}$ .*

This was first proven by Momose in 1995 under various conditions ( $k = K$  and  $p$  unramified in  $k$ ); a more careful treatment of it was given by David in 2009; in our previous work we remove these restrictions.

# The isogeny signature

## Definition

We refer to  $\varepsilon_{p_0}$  as the **isogeny signature** of  $\lambda$  w.r.t.  $p_0$ .

- Different choice of  $p_0$  permutes the  $a_\sigma$  integers (so we drop it from the notation);
- Fixing an ordering to  $\Sigma$  allows us to regard  $\varepsilon$  as a  $d$ -tuple of integers valued in  $\{0, 4, 6, 8, 12\}$
- Really one first defines  $a_{\mathfrak{p}}$  for  $\mathfrak{p}$  a prime ideal of  $k$ ; this has the interpretation that  $\lambda^{12}|_{I_{\mathfrak{p}}} = \chi_{\mathfrak{p}}^{a_{\mathfrak{p}}}$ ; then one defines  $a_\tau$  to be  $a_{\mathfrak{p}}$  corresponding to  $\mathfrak{p} = \tau^{-1}(p_0)$ .
- In particular, if  $a_\tau$  are all zero, then  $\lambda^{12}$  is an everywhere unramified character.

# Summary

- It is a  $d$ -tuple of integers valued in  $\{0, 4, 6, 8, 12\}$ ;
- Hence there are only  $5^d$  of them ...
- ... but this depends on a choice of ordering of  $\text{Hom}(k, K)$ .
- It expresses how inertia at  $p$  acts on the kernel of the isogeny;
- Isogeny Merel reduces to dealing with each possible signature.

# Some special signatures

## Definition

- If  $\varepsilon = (0, \dots, 0)$  or  $(12, \dots, 12)$ , we say that  $\varepsilon$  is of **Type 1**.
- If  $\varepsilon = (6, \dots, 6)$  we say that  $\varepsilon$  is of **Type 2**.
- Define the **trace of  $\varepsilon$**  as  $\text{Tr } \varepsilon := \sum a_\sigma$ .

Observe that  $\text{Tr } \varepsilon$  must satisfy one of:

- $\text{Tr } \varepsilon \not\equiv 0 \pmod{6}$  - ✓
- $\text{Tr } \varepsilon \equiv 6 \pmod{12}$  - ✓ **assuming GRH**
- $\text{Tr } \varepsilon \equiv 0 \pmod{12}$  - **only if  $\varepsilon$  is Type 1; otherwise this is OPEN**

# Results

The key proposition implies the following:

### Proposition

Let  $\lambda$  be a  $p$ -isogeny character over  $k$  of signature  $\varepsilon$  and  $\alpha \in k^\times$  coprime to  $p$ . Suppose the fractional ideal  $(\alpha)$  factors as  $\prod_{i=1}^r \mathfrak{q}_i^{e_i}$ . Then for each  $1 \leq i \leq r$  there exists

$\beta_i \in S(\text{Nm}(\mathfrak{q}_i), \bar{k}) := \{\pm 1, \pm \text{Nm}(\mathfrak{q}_i)\} \cup \{\beta \in \bar{k} \mid \beta \text{ is a Frobenius root over } \mathbb{F}_{\mathfrak{q}_i}\}$ ,

and a prime ideal  $\mathfrak{p}_i$  of  $\mathbb{Q}(\beta_i)$  such that

$$\lambda(\text{Frob}_{\mathfrak{q}_i}) \equiv \beta_i \pmod{\mathfrak{p}_i};$$

moreover one has that  $p$  divides the integer

$$B_{\varepsilon, \alpha, \beta} := \text{Nm}_{\mathbb{Q}(\alpha^\varepsilon, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_r)/\mathbb{Q}} \left( \alpha^\varepsilon - \prod_{i=1}^r \beta_i^{12e_i} \right).$$

We apply this for  $\alpha = q$  a rational integer; we loop over all possible splittings of  $(q)$  in a degree  $d$  number field, and take the lcm of the resulting  $B_{\varepsilon, \alpha, \beta}$  integers to remove the dependence on  $k$ .

# Algorithm 4.1

**Algorithm 4.1.** *Given the following inputs:*

- an integer  $d \geq 1$ ;
- a  $d$ -tuple  $\varepsilon \in \{0, 4, 6, 8, 12\}^d$ ;
- a rational prime  $q$ ,

*compute two integers  $B_{\varepsilon,q}$  and  $B_{\varepsilon,q}^*$  as follows.*

```
158 def B_eps_q(d, eps, q, known_mult_bound=0):
159
160     split_types = splitting_types(d)
161     B_star = 1
162     B = 1
163     for split_type in split_types:
164         pil_int_star, pil_int = bound_from_split_type(split_type, eps, q, known_mult_bound)
165         B_star = gcd(known_mult_bound, lcm(B_star, pil_int_star))
166         B = gcd(known_mult_bound, lcm(B, pil_int))
167     return B_star, B
```

## SLOGAN

$B_{\varepsilon,q}$  is a multiplicative bound on isogeny primes of signature  $\varepsilon$ , but it might be zero :(

$\text{Tr } \varepsilon \not\equiv 0 \pmod{6}$ 

## Proposition

If  $\text{Tr}(\varepsilon) \not\equiv 0 \pmod{6}$ , then none of the  $B_{\varepsilon, q, \beta}$  are zero.

## Proof.

If  $B_{\varepsilon, q, \beta} = 0$  for some  $\beta$ , then

$$q^{\text{Tr } \varepsilon} = \prod_{i=1}^r \beta_i^{12e_i}.$$

By considering the absolute value of this equation, and observing that the only possible values for  $|\beta_i|$  are 1,  $\sqrt{q}^{f_i}$ , or  $q^{f_i}$ , we see that 6 must divide  $\text{Tr } \varepsilon$ . □



### Theorem (B.-Derickx)

Let  $k$  be a number field of degree  $d$ , and  $E/k$  an elliptic curve admitting a  $k$ -rational  $p$ -isogeny of signature  $\varepsilon$  for  $p$  prime. Assume  $\text{Tr } \varepsilon \not\equiv 0 \pmod{6}$ . Then for all primes  $q$ , we have  $B_{\varepsilon,q} \neq 0$ ,  $p|B_{\varepsilon,q}$ , and

$$p \leq (2^{\text{Tr } \varepsilon} + 2^{12d})^{2^d}.$$

# $\text{Tr } \varepsilon \equiv 6 \pmod{12}$ (Sketch)

Here one can show that  $B_{\varepsilon,q} = 0$ , and that if  $p \nmid B_{\varepsilon,q}^*$ , then  $p$  splits in  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-q})$ .

Using Effective Chebotarev, we can find a  $q$  for which  $p$  does not split in  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-q})$  that satisfies

$$q \leq (4 \log p + 10)^2;$$

for this  $q$ , we then have that  $p \mid B_{\varepsilon,q}^*$  and hence

$$p \leq (q^{\text{Tr } \varepsilon} + q^{12d})^{2^d};$$

these two inequalities contradict each other for large  $p$ .

## Theorem (B.-Derickx)

Let  $k$  be a number field of degree  $d$ , and  $E/k$  an elliptic curve admitting a  $k$ -rational  $p$ -isogeny of signature  $\varepsilon$  for  $p$  prime. Assume  $\text{Tr } \varepsilon \equiv 6 \pmod{12}$ , and assume GRH. Then

$$p \leq \max \left( \left( 10^{9 \text{Tr } \varepsilon} + 10^{108d} \right)^{2^d}, R_d \right),$$

where  $R_d$  is the largest real root of the function

$$x - \left( g(x)^{2 \text{Tr } \varepsilon} + g(x)^{24d} \right)^{2^d}$$

and  $g(x) = \log(6x) + 9 + \frac{5}{2}(\log \log(6x))^2$ .

# $\varepsilon$ is of Type 1

WLOG  $\varepsilon = (0, \dots, 0)$ . If one of the  $B_{\varepsilon, q, \beta} = 0$ , then

$$\prod_{i=1}^r \beta_i^{12e_i} = 1$$

for some splitting type  $(r, e_1, \dots, e_r, f_1, \dots, f_r)$ . The only way this can happen is if all of the  $\beta_i$  are equal to  $\pm 1$  (because the Frobenius roots here have norm a power of  $q$ ); in particular

$$\lambda^2(\text{Frob}_{q_i}) \equiv 1 \pmod{p}.$$

If  $E$  had potentially good reduction at some  $q_i$ , then we'd get a nontrivial multiplicative bound; so we can assume that  $E$  has potentially multiplicative reduction at all  $q_i$ . Writing  $x$  for the corresponding  $k$ -point on  $X_0(p)$ , this means that  $x$  specializes to one of the cusps  $0$  or  $\infty$  at  $q_i$ . If  $x$  reduced to  $0$  at some  $q_i$ , then

$$\lambda^2(\text{Frob}_{q_i}) \equiv \text{Nm}(q_i)^2 \pmod{p},$$

and hence  $p \mid (\text{Nm}(q_i)^2 - 1)$ . Otherwise,  $x$  reduces to  $\infty$  at all  $q_i$ . This is then precisely the Kamienny-Mazur formal immersion setup, and hence (applying DKSS)  $p$  divides  $\text{BadFormalImmersion}(d)$ .

### Theorem (B.-Derickx)

Let  $k$  be a number field of degree  $d$ ,  $E/k$  an elliptic curve admitting a  $k$ -rational  $p$ -isogeny of signature  $\varepsilon$  of type 1, and  $q \geq 3$  a rational prime. Then  $p$  divides the nonzero integer

$$\text{lcm} \left( B_{\varepsilon, q}^*, \prod_{f=1}^d (q^f - 1), \text{BadFormalImmersion}(d), \text{AGFI}_d(q) \right),$$

and in particular,

$$p \leq \max \left( 65(2d)^6, (3^{12d} + 1)^{2d} \right).$$

# Strong uniformity of torsion in unramified extensions

## Corollary

*Let  $d \geq 1$  be an integer, and let  $E$  be an elliptic curve over a number field  $k$  of degree  $d$ . If  $E$  attains a torsion point of prime order  $p$  rational over an extension of  $k$  that is unramified at all primes of  $k$  above  $p$ , then*

$$p \leq \max\left(65(2d)^6, (3^{12d} + 1)^{2^d}\right).$$

This generalises Merel's theorem (which is the case of the trivial extension of  $k$ ).

## Proof.

Let  $L$  be the extension in the statement, and  $P$  the torsion point. WLOG  $L/k$  is Galois. If  $\langle P \rangle$  is  $k$ -rational, then  $E$  has a  $k$ -rational  $p$ -isogeny which is of Type 1 (by assumption of  $L$  being unramified above  $p$ ) so the previous bound applies. If  $\langle P \rangle$  is not  $k$ -rational, then  $P$  and  $\sigma(P)$  generate  $E[p]$  for some  $\sigma \in \text{Gal}(L/k)$ ; this implies  $\zeta_p \in L$ , so considering ramification, we get  $p - 1 < d$ ; in both cases  $p$  is bounded by the previous bound. □

# An exact list for Type 1 isogenies if $d = 2$

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## Theorem (B.-Derickx)

There exists an elliptic curve over a quadratic field  $K$  admitting a  $K$ -rational  $p$ -isogeny of signature  $(0, 0)$ , for  $p$  prime, if and only if  $p$  is in the following set:

$$\{2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19, 37, 43, 73\}.$$

$$d = 2$$

Demo of code