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Mordell's Theorem: Let C be a non-singular cubic, given by

$$y^2 = x^3 + ax^2 + bx.$$

where $a, b \in \mathbb{Q}$. Then the group of rational points $\Gamma = C(\mathbb{Q})$ is finitely generated.

Lemma 1: For any real number M , the set

$\{P \in C(\mathbb{Q}) \mid h(P) \leq M\}$ is finite.

Lemma 2: Let P_0 be fixed rational point on C . Then $\exists k_0$

depending on P_0, a, b, c s.t. $h(P + P_0) \leq 2h(P) + k_0$.

all $P \in \Gamma$.

Lemma 3: There is a constant k depending on a, b, c s.t.

$$h(2P) \geq 4h(P) - k.$$

and Descent Theorem: Lemmas 1-4 imply Mordell's Theorem.

Lemma 4: $\langle \Gamma : 2\Gamma \rangle$ is finite.

Generally, we could work in the field obtained by adjoining a root of $f(x)$ to \mathbb{Q} .

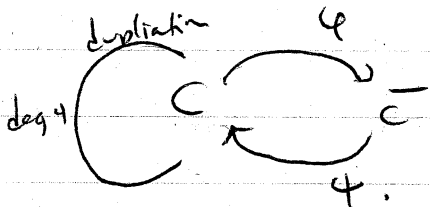
We will prove for curves s.t. $f(x_0) = 0$ for some $x_0 \in \mathbb{Q}$.

Since f is monic, $x_0 \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Then $T = (0, 0)$ is of order 2

C is nonsingular $\Rightarrow D = b^2(a^2 - 4b) \neq 0 \Rightarrow b \neq 0,$
 $a^2 \neq 4b.$

Duplication map: $P^1 \rightarrow 2P^1$ is of degree 4



Define \bar{C} by $y^2 = x^3 + \bar{a}x^2 + \bar{b}x$, where
 $\bar{a} = -2a$, $\bar{b} = a^2 - 4b$.

$\bar{\bar{C}}$ by $y^2 = x^3 + \bar{\bar{a}}x^2 + \bar{\bar{b}}x$, where
 $\bar{\bar{a}} = -2\bar{a} = 4a$

$$\bar{\bar{b}} = \bar{a}^2 - 4\bar{b} = 16b.$$

$$\bar{\bar{C}}: y^2 = x^3 + 4ax^2 + 16bx.$$

Substitute $y \mapsto 8y$
 $x \mapsto 4x$

$$(8y)^2 = (4x)^3 + 4a(4x)^2 + 16b(4x)$$

$$64y^2 = 64x^3 + 64ax^2 + 64bx$$

Let $\bar{\Pi}$, $\bar{\bar{\Pi}}$ be the groups of rational points in \bar{C} , $\bar{\bar{C}}$.

Define $\varphi: \bar{\Pi} \rightarrow \bar{\bar{\Pi}}$ a homomorphism

$$\boxed{\bar{\Pi} \cong \bar{\bar{\Pi}}}$$

$$\psi: \bar{\bar{\Pi}} \rightarrow \bar{\Pi}$$

$$\psi \circ \varphi(P) = 2P.$$

$$\varphi(x, y) = (\bar{x}, \bar{y}) \text{ where } \bar{x} = x + a + \frac{b}{x} = \frac{y^2}{x^2},$$

$$\bar{y} = y \left(\frac{x^2 - b}{x^2} \right)$$

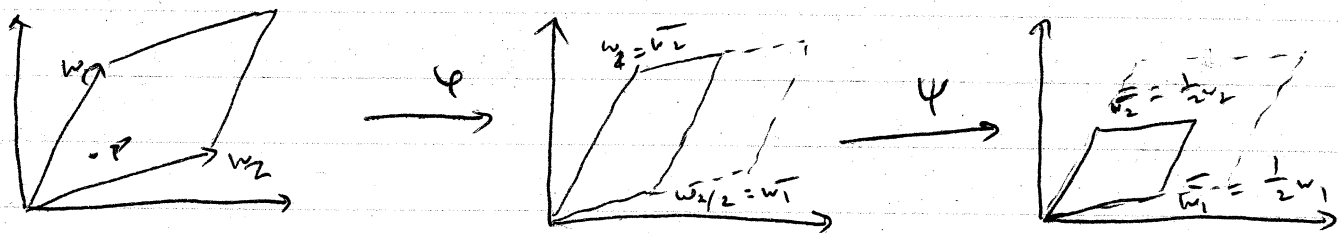
$$\begin{aligned} \bar{x}^3 + a\bar{x}^2 + b\bar{x} &= \bar{x}(\bar{x}^2 - 2a\bar{x} + (a^2 - 4b)) \\ &= \left(\frac{y^2}{x^2}\right) \left(\frac{y^4}{x^4} - 2a\frac{y^2}{x^2} + a^2 - 4b\right) \\ &= \left(\frac{y^2}{x^2}\right) \left(\frac{y^4 - 2ay^2x^2 + a^2x^4 - 4bx^4}{x^4}\right) \\ &= \left(\frac{y^2}{x^2}\right) \left(\frac{(y^2 - ax^2)^2 - 4bx^4}{x^4}\right) \\ &= \left(\frac{y^2}{x^2}\right) \left(\frac{(x^2 + bx)^2 - 4bx^4}{x^4}\right) \\ &= \left(\frac{y^2}{x^2}\right) (x^2 - 2bx + b^2x^2) \\ &= \left(\frac{y^2}{x^2}\right) (x^2)(x^2 - b)^2 \\ &= \left(\frac{y(x^2 - b)}{x^2}\right)^2 = \bar{y}^2 \end{aligned}$$

So $(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) \in \Pi$.

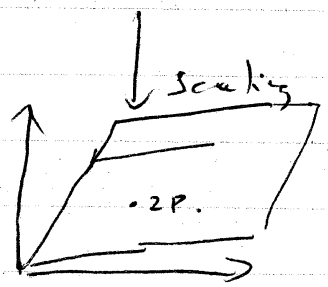
Also Let $\varphi(\Gamma) = \bar{\sigma}$
 $\varphi(\theta) = \bar{\sigma}$

Recall $\mathcal{P}(u + w_1) = \mathcal{P}(u)$, $\mathcal{P}(u + w_2) = \mathcal{P}(u)$ $w_1, w_2 \in \mathbb{C}$
 and then

Define $\mathcal{P}: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \Pi$ given by $\mathcal{P}(u) = (\mathcal{P}(u), \mathcal{P}'(u))$



$$P(u_1 + u_2) = P(u_1) + P(u_2)$$



Algebraic: C is abelian, $\{0, T\}$ is a subgroup of C .
(0,0)

So in some sense $\bar{C} \cong C / \{0, T\}$.

$$\bar{\Gamma} \cong \Gamma / \{0, T\}$$

Proposition. Let C, \bar{C} be given by

$$C: y^2 = x^3 + ax^2 + bx \quad \bar{C}: y^2 = x^3 + \bar{a}x^2 + \bar{b}x$$

$$(\bar{a} = -2a, \bar{b} = a^2 - 4b).$$

Let $T = (0,0) \in C$.

$$(a) \quad \varphi(P) = \begin{cases} (y^2/x^2, \frac{y(x^2-b)}{x^2}) & \text{if } P(x,y) \neq 0, T \\ \bar{0} & \text{if } P \in \{0, T\} \end{cases}$$

is a homomorphism.

(b). Applying this to \bar{C} gives a map $\bar{\varphi}$ from \bar{C} to \bar{C} . $\bar{C} \cong C$ via the map $(x,y) \mapsto (x,y/\bar{a})$. There is a homomorphism $\psi: \bar{C} \rightarrow C$.

$$\psi(P) = \begin{cases} \left(\frac{y^2}{4x^2}, \frac{y(x^2 - b)}{8x^2} \right) & \text{if } \bar{P} = (x, y) \notin \{\bar{O}, \bar{T}\} \\ \bar{O} & \text{if } \bar{P} \in \{\bar{O}, \bar{T}\}. \end{cases}$$

and $\psi \circ \psi(P) = 2P$.