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The Weil Conjectures via Riemann - Roch.

(Source: Iwaniec + Kowalski, 11.10)

Given an EC  $E/\mathbb{F}_q$ . We want to prove that

$$Z(E; \mathbb{F}_q) = \frac{1 - aT + qT^2}{(1-T)(1-qT)}$$

$$a := q + 1 - \#E(\mathbb{F}_q),$$

where

$$Z(E; \mathbb{F}_q) = \exp\left(\sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{|E(\mathbb{F}_{q^n})|}{n} T^n\right) = \prod_{x \in |E|} (1 - T^{\deg(x)})^{-1}$$

product over closed points of  $E$ :

Galois orbits of  $x_0 \in E(\overline{\mathbb{F}_q})$

$\deg(x)$  = cardinality of orbit.

$$\text{Also have } Z(E; \mathbb{F}_q) = \sum_D T^{\deg(D)}$$

sum over effective divisors

(nonnegative formal sums of closed points).

We will address the problem in this way, and further write

$$Z(E; \mathbb{F}_q) = 1 + \sum_{d \geq 1} T^d \sum_{D \geq 0} 1$$

~~deg(D)=d~~  $\deg(D)=d$  same as "effective" above.

Claim.  $\sum_{\substack{D \geq 0 \\ \deg(D)=d}} 1 = \#E(\mathbb{F}_q) \cdot \frac{q^d - 1}{q - 1}$ .

(Note: when  $d=1$ , just says  $\sum_{\substack{D \geq 0 \\ \deg(D)=1}} 1 = \#E(\mathbb{F}_q)$ , which is a tautology.

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Given the claim,

$$Z(E; \mathbb{F}_q) = 1 + \sum_{d \geq 1} T^d \cdot \#E(\mathbb{F}_q) \cdot \frac{q^d - 1}{q - 1}$$

$$= 1 + \frac{\#E(\mathbb{F}_q)}{q - 1} \cdot \sum_{d \geq 1} T^d (q^d - 1)$$

$$= 1 + \frac{\#E(\mathbb{F}_q)}{q - 1} \left( \sum_{d \geq 1} (Tq)^d - \sum_{d \geq 1} T^d \right)$$

$$= 1 + \frac{\#E(\mathbb{F}_q)}{q - 1} \left( \frac{Tq}{1 - Tq} - \frac{T}{1 - T} \right)$$

$$\cancel{= 1 + \frac{\#E(\mathbb{F}_q)}{q - 1} \cdot T}$$

$$= 1 + \frac{\#E(\mathbb{F}_q)}{q - 1} \cdot \frac{qT(1 - T) - T(1 - qT)}{(1 - T)(1 - qT)}$$

$$= 1 + \frac{\#E(\mathbb{F}_q)}{q - 1} \cdot \frac{(q - 1)T}{(1 - T)(1 - qT)}$$

$$= \frac{(1 - (q + 1)T + qT^2) + \#E(\mathbb{F}_q) \cdot T}{(1 - T)(1 - qT)} \quad \underline{\text{QED.}}$$

So we want to prove the claim.

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Recall, for any divisor  $D \in \text{Div}(E)$ , we define

$$L(D) := \{0\} \cup \left\{ f \in \bar{K}(E) \mid (f) + D \geq 0 \right\}.$$

Recall: If  $E$  is embedded in  $\mathbb{P}^2(k)$ ,

$$\bar{K}[E] = \frac{\text{(homo polys in } X, Y, Z)}{\text{those vanishing on } E}$$

$\bar{K}(E)$  = fraction field of this.

Functions on  $E$  whose poles are at worst at  $D$ .

This is a vector space.

$$\mathbb{P}(L(D)) = L(D) / \text{scalars}.$$

We have a bijection

$$\mathbb{P}(L(D)) \longrightarrow \{ \text{effective divisors linearly equiv to } D \}$$

$$\varphi \longrightarrow (\varphi) + D.$$

Why surjective? Def. of linear equivalence means

$$E \sim D \text{ if } E - D = \text{div}(\varphi) \text{ for some } \varphi \in \bar{K}(E).$$

So this is tautological.

Why injective? If  $(\varphi) + D = (\psi) + D$  then  $(\varphi) = (\psi)$

$\frac{\varphi}{\psi}$  is a rational fn. with no zeroes or poles.

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None exist other than the constants.

Why? Could RR this.

Direct argument: assume  $E: y^2 = x^3 + ax + b$

(or  $y^2 + c_1xy + \dots$  really not necessary)

In the affine patch  $z=1$ , can write

$$\frac{\varphi}{\psi} = \frac{g_1(x) + yg_2(x)}{g_3(x) + yg_4(x)} \cdot \text{Polynomials } g_1, g_2, g_3, g_4. \text{ (Use equation of } E \text{ to subst for } y^2).$$

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Now we have, in the denominator,  $y = \frac{-g_3(x)}{g_4(x)}$

Substitute in the equation for the elliptic curve.

It has solutions  $x \in \overline{\mathbb{F}_q}$  by the "fundamental theorem of algebra".

But the top and bottom have the same solutions.

Forces them to be the same up to a scalar. So  $\frac{y}{\psi} \in \overline{\mathbb{F}_q}^*$ .

By Riemann-Roch, if  $D$  has degree  $\geq 1$ ,

$$l(D) := \dim L(D) = \deg(D).$$

(This is particular to elliptic curves.)

Rationality. All of our AG assumed our field was algebraically closed. That doesn't help us.

Def. A point or divisor on  $E$  is called  $k$ -rational if it is fixed by  $\text{Gal}(\overline{k}/k)$ .

For a point, this means coordinates are in  $k$ .

For a divisor, all conjugates of any point must be counted with multiplicity.

So, by definition, these correspond to <sup>sums of</sup> closed pts. on  $E/k$ .

Example.  $V = V(x^2 + y^2 + 1) \subseteq \mathbb{A}^2(\mathbb{R})$ .

$\{(i, 0), (-i, 0)\}$  is a closed point over  $\mathbb{R}$ , of deg 2, and  $(i, 0) + (-i, 0)$  is the corresponding divisor on  $V(\mathbb{C})$ .  $\text{Gal}(\mathbb{C}/\mathbb{R}) = \{1, \text{cpx conj.}\}$  and c.c. fixes this divisor.

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Now define (if  $D$  is  $k$ -rational, i.e. defined /  $k$ )

$$L_k(D) := \{0\} \cup \{f \in k(E) \mid (f) + D \geq 0\},$$

$$l_k(D) := \dim L_k(D).$$

Then  $l_k(D) \leq l(D) (= l_{\bar{k}}(D))$  because if various  $f$  are  $k$ -linearly independent then they are still so over  $\bar{k}$ .

Theorem. If  $D$  is  $k$ -rational then  
 $l_k(D) = l(D).$

See Sil. II. 5.8.1. Hilbert 90!

Indeed if  $V$  is a  $\bar{k}$ -vector space with an action of  $\text{Gal}(\bar{k}/k)$ , there is a basis of  $G_k$ -invariant elements.

Equivalently,  ~~$\dim_k V^{G_k}$~~   $\dim_k V^{G_k} = \dim_{\bar{k}} V.$

And so  $|L_k(D)| = q^{l_k(D)} \stackrel{\text{rationality}}{=} q^{l(D)} \stackrel{\text{Riemann-Roch}}{=} q^{\deg(D)}$

and so  $|\mathbb{P}(L_k(D))| = q^{\frac{\deg(D) - 1}{q - 1}}$

and so  $\sum_{\substack{D \geq 0 \\ \deg(D) = d}} 1$  is this times the number of equivalence classes of  $\mathbb{F}_q$ -rational divisors of degree  $d$ .

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Proposition. Let  $h_d(E)$  be the number of  $\mathbb{F}_q$ -equiv classes of rational divisors of degree  $d$ . Then  $h_d(E) = h_0(E) \forall d$ , and  $|h_d(E)| = |E(\mathbb{F}_q)|$ .

Proof. The first claim is easy. Pick any divisor  $D_d$  of degree  $d$ , then

$$D \sim E \implies D + D_d \sim E + D_d.$$

In degree 0, the classes  $P - \infty$  are all inequivalent, had an isomorphism

$$\begin{aligned} E &\longrightarrow \text{Pic}^0(E) \\ P &\longrightarrow (P) - (\infty). \end{aligned}$$

Suppose you have  $(P_1) + (P_2) - (P_3) - (P_4)$

can replace with  $-(P_{1,2}) + (P_3, 4)$

where  $P_1, P_2, P_{1,2}$  are the three collinear points on the line through  $P_1$  and  $P_2$ .

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Theorem. Let  $E/\mathbb{F}_q$  be an EC. Then

$$|\#E(\mathbb{F}_q) - q - 1| \leq 2\sqrt{q}.$$

Idea of the proof. Want to do AG, so work in  $\overline{\mathbb{F}_q}$ .

~~A point~~ An element  $x \in \overline{\mathbb{F}_q}$  is in fact in  $\mathbb{F}_q$  if and only if  $x^q = x$ .

Indeed, for each  $n \geq 1$ ,

$\text{Gal}(\mathbb{F}_{q^n}/\mathbb{F}_q) \cong \mathbb{Z}/n$  and is generated by the Frobenius endomorphism  $x \rightarrow x^q$ .

By Galois theory its fixed field is  $\mathbb{F}_q$ .

If  $E/\mathbb{F}_q$  is an EC, then we obtain the Frobenius map on  $E$  (an endomorphism)

$$\text{Frob} : E \rightarrow E$$

$$(x, y) \rightarrow (x^q, y^q)$$

whose fixed points are precisely the  $\mathbb{F}_q$ -rational points.

So

$$\#E(\mathbb{F}_q) = |\text{Ker}(1 - \text{Frob})|$$

where  $1 - \text{Frob}$  is also an endomorphism.

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The idea: if  $\phi: E \rightarrow E$  is any endomorphism, there exists a dual  $\hat{\phi}: E \rightarrow E$  with  $\phi \circ \hat{\phi} = \hat{\phi} \circ \phi = [\deg \phi]$ .

(Essentially  $\deg \phi = |\text{Ker } \phi|$  but there are technicalities.)

This commutes with addition, i.e.  $\widehat{\phi + \psi} = \hat{\phi} + \hat{\psi}$ .  
(This is not trivial)

$$\text{So } \# E(\mathbb{F}_q) = \widehat{(1 - \text{Frob})} \circ (1 - \text{Frob}) \quad (\text{i.e. this is the endomorphism mult. by } \# E(\mathbb{F}_q))$$

$$= (1 - \widehat{\text{Frob}}) \circ (1 - \text{Frob})$$
$$= 1 - (\widehat{\text{Frob}} + \text{Frob}) + \underbrace{\widehat{\text{Frob}} \circ \text{Frob}}$$

This is  $\deg(\text{Frob}) = q$ .  
Note  $|\text{Ker}(\text{Frob})| = 1$ .

Here we see the technicality: inseparability

$$= 1 - \underbrace{\text{Tr}(\text{Frob})} + q$$

the "trace of Frobenius".

Easy parts: \* Show  $|\text{Tr}(\text{Frob})| \leq 2\sqrt{q}$  (play with above)  
\* Get a complete proof of the Weil conjectures.

Harder parts: Explain what  $\hat{\phi}$  is and why it exists (easier over  $\mathbb{C}$ )  
Understand the complications regarding degree.



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The dual isogeny.

Theorem. Let  $\phi: E_1 \rightarrow E_2$  be an isogeny of degree  $m$ . Then there exists a <sup>unique</sup> isogeny  $\hat{\phi}: E_2 \rightarrow E_1$ , also of degree  $m$ , with

$$\hat{\phi} \circ \phi = [m] \quad (\text{multiplication by } m).$$

Properties: Let  $\phi: E_1 \rightarrow E_2$  be an isogeny. Then,

(1)  $\phi \circ \hat{\phi} = [m]$  also (this one on  $E_2$ )

(2) For any isogeny  $\lambda: E_2 \rightarrow E_3$ ,

$$\widehat{\lambda \circ \phi} = \hat{\phi} \circ \hat{\lambda}.$$

(3) For any isogeny  $\psi: E_1 \rightarrow E_2$ ,

$$\widehat{\phi + \psi} = \hat{\phi} + \hat{\psi}.$$

(4) For any  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,

$$\widehat{[m]} = [m], \quad \deg [m] = m^2.$$

(5)  $\widehat{\hat{\phi}} = \phi.$

This is especially interesting if  $E_1 = E_2$ , the set of isogenies forms a ring, the endomorphism ring  $\text{End}(E)$ .

Duality gives this ring some additional structure.

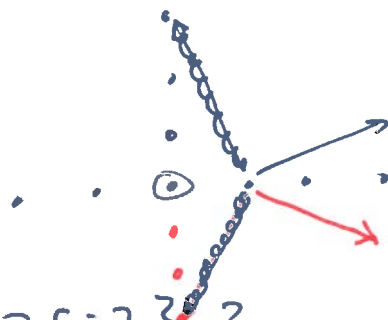
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Example. Consider  $E: y^2 = x^3 - x \quad / \mathbb{C}$ .  
 Then this is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{C} / \mathbb{Z}[i]$  as a complex manifold and as an abelian group.

Recall,  $\text{End}(E) \cong \{ \alpha \in \mathbb{Z}[i] : \alpha \mathbb{Z}[i] \subseteq \mathbb{Z}[i] \}$   
 $= \mathbb{Z}[i]$ .

The map  $z \rightarrow \alpha z$  is the isogeny.

Suppose  $\alpha = (\text{mult. by } 2+i)$

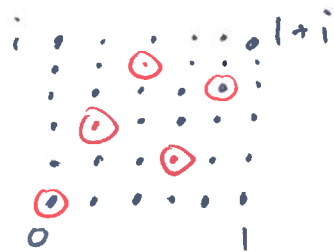


What is the kernel?

What is  $\{ z \in \mathbb{C} : (2+i)z \in \mathbb{Z}[i] \}$ ?

A necessary condition is that  $5z \in \mathbb{Z}[i]$ ,  
 because  $2-i$  also maps  $\mathbb{Z}[i] \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}[i]$ .

Indeed, the kernel is generated by  $\frac{2-i}{5}$ .



We have unique factorization of ideals in  $\mathbb{Z}[i]$

$$(5) = (2+i)(2-i)$$

and ideals are invertible in a Dedekind domain

$$\{ z \in \mathbb{Z}[i] : z(2+i) \in (5) \}$$

$$= \{ z \in \mathbb{Z}[i] : z \in (5)(2+i)^{-1} = (2-i) \}, \text{ and}$$

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$$\{z \in \mathbb{Z}[i] : z(2+i) \in (1)\}$$
$$= \{z \in \mathbb{Z}[i] : z \in (2+i)^{-1} = \frac{(2-i)}{(5)} = \left\{ \frac{1}{5}(a+bi)(2-i) : a, b \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}.$$

So if  $2+i$  is the isogeny, what is its dual?  
 $2-i$ . By everything we've described.

So  $\text{End}(E) = \mathbb{Z}[i]$  has: multiplication (composition)  
addition (group law)  
complex conjugation (duality).

Theorem. Let  $E$  be an elliptic curve over ~~an arbitrary~~ field  $K$ .

(Here  $K$  is any perfect field - every alg. extension is separable - so  $\mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{Q}_p, \mathbb{F}_p, \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}$ , any alg. extension  
main exception:  $\mathbb{F}_q(t)$ .)

Then  $\text{End}(E)$  is one of the following:

(1)  $\text{End}(E) \cong \mathbb{Z}$ . (e.g. only multiplication by  $n$ )  
(2)  $\text{End}(E)$  is an order in an imaginary quadratic field.  
(i.e.  $\text{End}(E) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Q}$  is an  $\mathbb{Q}(F)$ .)

(3)  $\text{End}(E)$  is an order in a quaternion algebra /  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

$$\text{i.e. } \mathbb{Q} + \mathbb{Q}\alpha + \mathbb{Q}\beta + \mathbb{Q}\alpha\beta : \\ \alpha^2, \beta^2 \in \mathbb{Q}, \alpha^2 < 0, \beta^2 < 0, \beta\alpha = -\alpha\beta.$$

Need to use duality to get this structure.