

HW Exercises:

1. Let E be a Weierstrass elliptic curve. Prove that a point on E has order 3 if and only if it is an inflection point.
2. Let Λ_1 and Λ_2 be two lattices in C . Prove that C/Λ_1 and C/Λ_2 are isomorphic groups. (Hint: They are all isomorphic to R^2/Z^2).
3. Let p be a prime number. Prove that there are p^2 points of order p in the group C/Λ and that these points form a subgroup. Conclude from Problem 1 that if E has a Weierstrass uniformization (meaning that E is isomorphic to C/Λ as a group) then E has 9 inflection points.
4. Let $a, b \in Q$ and let E_K be the Weierstrass elliptic curve defined by $y^2 - (x^3 + ax + b)$ defined over the field K . Suppose K is a splitting field for some polynomial in $Q[x]$. Prove that each Galois automorphism $\phi \in \text{Gal}(K, Q)$ induces a bijection $B_\phi : E_K \rightarrow E_K$ in such a way that $B_{\phi_1} \circ B_{\phi_2} = \phi_1 \circ \phi_2$.
5. Suppose that Λ is a lattice that is symmetric with respect to complex conjugation. That is, $\lambda \in \Lambda$ if and only if $\bar{\lambda} \in \Lambda$. Prove that the Weierstrass uniformization map $\Psi = (P, P')$ maps C/Λ onto an elliptic curve whose equation has the form $4y^2 - (x^3 + ax + b)$ where $a, b \in R$. Moreover, prove that Ψ maps $R/(\Lambda \cap R)$ into the set of real points of the elliptic curve.
6. The map $f(x, y) = (Ax, By)$ is a perfectly good transformation from C to C . Here $A, B \in R$ are positive numbers. (The positivity restriction is just to make the picture nicer.) Prove that f is a holomorphic map from C to C if and only if $A = B$.