

Modularity of elliptic curves over totally real cubic fields

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Remarkably, they manage to show that all the quadratic points on these curves correspond to modular elliptic curves.

The modular curves we need to consider

We will prove

- (1) All elliptic curves over $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_7)^+$ are modular.
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It turns out that all such curves are twists of elliptic curves defined over \mathbb{Q} , which are known to be modular.

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Theorem (Abramovich and Harris)

A curve defined over a number field K has infinitely many points of degree $d = 2$ or 3 over K iff it has a degree d map to \mathbb{P}^1 or an elliptic curve with positive rank over K .

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Proof: By modularity over \mathbb{Q} , if such an elliptic curve existed, it would have to have conductor dividing 35, and we check in LMFDB that the curves with conductor dividing 35 do not have positive rank.

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Le Hung (2014): $J \sim A_1 \times A_2 \times A_3$, where A_i are absolutely simple modular abelian surfaces defined over \mathbb{Q} .

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