

# THE WEAK! MORDELL-WEIL THEOREM

Thm Let  $K$  be a number field, and  $m \geq 2$ , and  $E/K$  an ell. curve.

Then,  $E(K)/mE(K)$  is finite.

Lemma If  $K'/K$  is finite Galois, and  $E(K)/mE(K)$  is finite, then  $E(K)/mE(K)$  is finite

**UPSHOT:** ASSUME  $E[m] \subseteq E(K)$ .

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- PROP
- (a)  $\kappa$  is well-defined. ✓
  - (b)  $\kappa$  is bilinear. ✓
  - (c) Kernel on the left is  $mE(K)$ .
  - (d) Kernel on the right is  $\text{Gal}(\bar{K}/L)$  where  $L = K([m]^\perp E(K))$
- Hence,  $\kappa$  induces a perfect bilinear pairing
- $$E(K)/mE(K) \times \text{Gal}(L/K) \rightarrow E[m].$$
- = composition of  $\kappa(Q)$   
s.t.  $[m]Q \in E(K)$ .

DEF.  $\varphi : A \times B \rightarrow C$  is perfect if  $A \xrightarrow{\varphi_A} \text{Hom}(B, C)$  and  $B \xrightarrow{\varphi_B} \text{Hom}(A, C)$  are injective.

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Proof (c) (Kernel on the left of  $K$  is  $mE(K)$ )

- $P \in mE(K)$ ,  $P = [m]Q$ ,  $Q \in E(K)$   
then  $K(P, \sigma) = Q^\sigma - Q = 0 \quad \forall \sigma \in \text{Gal}(\bar{K}/K) \Rightarrow P \in \ker.$
- $P \in \ker \Rightarrow K(P, \sigma) = 0 \quad \forall \sigma$ . Let  $Q$  s.t.  $[m]Q = P$   
 $Q^\sigma - Q \stackrel{''}{=} Q^\sigma = Q \quad \forall \sigma \Rightarrow Q \in E(K) \rightarrow P \in mE(K)$ .

(d) (Kernel on the right  $\underbrace{L}_{\text{Gal}(\bar{K}/L) \text{ where}} = \text{comp. of } K(Q) \text{ for all } [m]Q \in E(K)$ )

- $\sigma \in \text{Gal}(\bar{K}/L)$  then  $K(P, \sigma) = Q^\sigma - Q$  and  $Q \in E(L)$   
 $= 0 \quad \forall P \in E(K) \Rightarrow \sigma \in \ker.$
- $\sigma \in \text{Gal}(\bar{K}/K)$  in kernel  $\Rightarrow K(P, \sigma) = 0 \quad \forall P \in E(K)$   
 $Q^\sigma - Q \stackrel{''}{=} Q^\sigma = Q \quad \forall Q \text{ s.t. } [m]Q \in E(K)$   
 $\Rightarrow \sigma \text{ fixes } K(Q)$   
 $\Rightarrow \sigma \text{ fixes } L \Rightarrow \sigma \in \text{Gal}(\bar{K}/L)$

Then:  $\kappa : \frac{E(k)}{mE(k)} \times \frac{\text{Gal}(\bar{k}/k)}{\text{Gal}(\bar{k}/L)} \longrightarrow E[m]$

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Gal(L/k)

is perfect!

- $\varphi : \frac{E(k)}{mE(k)} \longrightarrow \text{Hom}(\text{Gal}(L/k), E[m])$

$P \longmapsto \kappa(P, \cdot)$  is injective!

If  $\kappa(P, \cdot)$  in kernel  $\Rightarrow \kappa(P, \cdot) = 0 \quad \forall \sigma$

non deg  $\rightarrow P \in mE(k) \rightarrow P = 0$  in  $\frac{E(k)}{mE(k)}$  ✓

**NOTE:** If  $\varphi : A \times B \rightarrow C$  is perfect w/ C finite.

then A is finite  
 $\iff$  B is finite

$b \in C$

$A \xrightarrow{\quad} \text{Hom}(B, C)$   
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**UPSHOT:**  $\kappa : \frac{E(k)}{mE(k)} \times \text{Gal}(L/k) \rightarrow E[m]$  is perfect

$L$        $\Rightarrow E(k)/\frac{mE(k)}{}$  is finite iff  $\text{Gal}(L/k)$  is finite  
 $|$       iff  $L/k$  is a finite extension  
 $K$        $G_L \otimes G_L = (Q_1 \dots Q_r)^e$   
 $|$       unramified  $\Leftrightarrow e=1$ .  
 $G_K \otimes$       iff  $K(E[m]^{-1}E(k))/K$  is finite.

**PROP** Let  $L = K(E[m]^{-1}E(k))$ . ( $E[m] \subseteq E(k)$ .)  $G_L$

(a)  $L/k$  is an abelian extension of exponent  $m$ , i.e.,  $\text{Gal}(L/k)$  is abelian and every element of  $G_L$  has order dividing  $m$ .

(b) Let  $S = \{v \in M_k^{\circ} : E \text{ has bad red'n at } v\} \cup \{v \in M_k^{\circ} : v(m) \neq 0\} \cup M_k^{\infty}$

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Proof.

(a)  $k$  is perfect  $\rightarrow \text{Gal}(L/k) \hookrightarrow \text{Hom}\left(E(k)/E(k)^m, E[m]\right)$

$$\sigma \mapsto k(\cdot, \sigma)$$

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finite!

(b) Let  $v \in M_K$ ,  $v \notin S$ , let  $Q \in E(\bar{k})$  w/  $[m]Q \in E(k)$ , let  $k' = k(Q)$ .

Suffices to show  $k'/k$  is unramified at  $v$  b/c  $L$  is comp. of all such  $k'$ .

Let  $v' \in M_{k'}$  be a place above  $v$ , let  $K_{v'}/K_v$  be the extension of completions and let  $k'_{v'}/k_v$  be the ext'n of residue fields.

Since  $E$  has good red'n at  $v$  ( $v \notin S$ ),  $E_{k_v}$  has good red'n at  $v'$ .

stable!

Now let  $I_{v'/v} \subseteq \text{Gal}(k'_{v'}/k_v)$  be inertia for  $v'/v$   
 and let  $\sigma \in I_{v'/v}$ .

By def'n of inertia,  $\tilde{\sigma}$  acts as  $\text{Id} \in \text{Gal}(\bar{k}'_{v'}/\bar{k}_v)$  so

$$\widetilde{Q^\sigma - Q} = \widetilde{Q}^{\tilde{\sigma}} - \widetilde{Q} = \widetilde{Q} - \widetilde{Q} = \widetilde{0}$$

and  $[m](Q^\sigma - Q) = (\underbrace{[m]Q}_{\in E(k)})^\sigma - [m]Q = [m]Q - [m]Q = 0$

Thus  $Q^\sigma - Q \in E[m]$  AND  $Q^\sigma - Q \in \text{Kernel of red'n.}$

But  $E(k'_{v'})[m] \longrightarrow \tilde{E}_{v'}(k'_{v'})$  is injective!  $\left( \begin{smallmatrix} b/c \\ v'(m)=0 & b/c \vee S \end{smallmatrix} \right)$

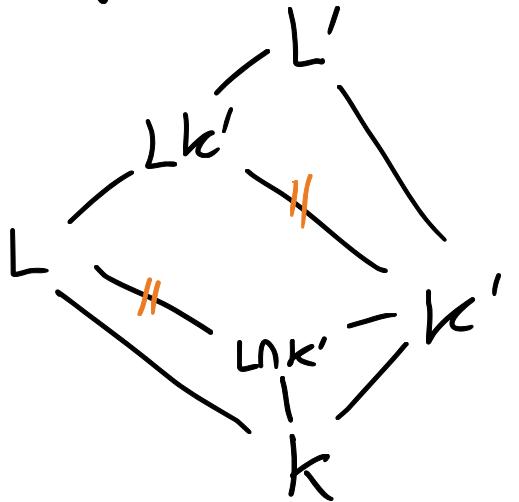
$$\Rightarrow Q^\sigma - Q = 0 \quad \forall \sigma \in I_{v'/v} \Rightarrow Q^\sigma = Q \quad \forall \sigma \in I_{v'/v}$$

$\Rightarrow k_v(Q) \subseteq k_v^{nr} \Rightarrow k_v(Q)$  is unramified at  $v$   $\rightarrow k'/k$  unramified  $\blacksquare$   
 $\Rightarrow K' = k(Q)/k$  is unramified at  $v$  outside of  $S$ .

# = ALGEBRAIC NUMBER THEORY INTERMISSION =

Prop Let  $K$  be a number field,  $S \subseteq M_K$  a finite set of places containing  $M_K^\infty$ , and let  $m \geq 2$  be an integer. Let  $L/K$  ( $L = K_{S,m}^{ab}$ ) be the maximal abelian extension of  $K$  having exponent  $m$  which is unramified outside of  $S$ . Then,  $L/K$  is a finite extension.

(sketch) Proof • If  $k'/k$  is finite and result is true for  $k'$ , then it is true for  $K$ .



$$\text{b/c } L \subseteq Lk' \subseteq L'$$

$$\Rightarrow L'/k' \text{ and } k'/k \text{ are finite} \\ \rightarrow L/k \text{ is finite.}$$

So assume  $\mu_m \subseteq K$  (or replace  $K$  by  $k' = k(\mu_m)$ ).

- May increase  $S$  b/c  $K_{S,m}^{ab} \subset K_{S',m}^{ab}$  (allow MORE ramification)

$$L_S'' \quad S \subseteq S' \quad "L_{S'}$$



Increase  $S$  so that

$$R_S = \{a \in K : v(a) \geq 0 \text{ } \forall v \in M_K, v \notin S\} \quad S\text{-units}$$

is a PID.

**FACT:** This can be done b/c  $\text{Cl}(K)$  is a finite group.

→ Enlarge  $S$  so that  $v(m) = 0 \quad \forall v \notin S$ .

- **FACT:** KUMMER THEORY : if  $\mu_m \subseteq K$ , then the maximal abelian ext'n of  $K$  of exp.  $m$  must be obtained by adj.  $m$ -th roots of elts in  $K$ .

$$K_m^{ab} = K(\sqrt[m]{a : a \in K})$$

→  $L = K_{S,m}^{ab}$  is the largest subfield of  $K_m^{ab}$  unramified outside  $S$ .

- $K(\sqrt[m]{a})/K \quad a \in K.$

$$x^m - a = 0, \quad v \in M_K, v \notin S, \quad v(m) = 0.$$

FACT:  $K_v(\sqrt[m]{a})/K_v$  unramified  $\iff \text{ord}_v(a) \equiv 0 \pmod{m}$

- Thus,  $L = K(\sqrt[m]{a} : a \in T_S)$

where  $T_S = \left\{ a \in K^{\times}/(K^{\times})^m : \text{ord}_v(a) \equiv 0 \pmod{m} \quad \forall v \in M_K, v \notin S \right\}$

- Need to prove  $T_S$  is finite.

There is a map  $R_S^{\times} \rightarrow T_S, u \mapsto u \in K^{\times}/(K^{\times})^m$

Prove injective: Let  $a \in T_S$ , then  $aR_S$  is an ideal and  
 $aR_S = b^m R_S$  it is the  $m$ -th power of an ideal in  $R_S$ !  $R_S$  is a P/D!

$$aR_S = b^m R_S \Rightarrow u \in R_S^{\times} \text{ s.t. } a = u \cdot b^m$$

and  $u \in R_S^{\times} \rightarrow a \in T_S \checkmark$

- Recap:  $L = K_{S,m}^{ab} \implies L \subseteq K(\sqrt[m]{a} : a \in K)$   
 $\implies L = K(\sqrt[m]{a} : a \in T_S)$
- $T_S = \left\{ a \in K^{\times} / (K^{\times})^m : \text{ord}_v(a) \equiv 0 \pmod{m} \right\}$   
 $\forall v \in M_K, v \notin S$
- and  $R_S^{\times} \xrightarrow{\psi} T_S$

Moreover  $(R_S^{\times})^m$  is in kernel of  $\psi \implies R_S^{\times} / (R_S^{\times})^m \longrightarrow T_S$

- DIRICHLET'S S-UNIT THM:  $R_S^{\times} / \text{TORSION}$  is free of rank  $|S| - 1$ .  
 $(M_K^{\infty} \subseteq S)$

$\implies R_S^{\times} / (R_S^{\times})^m$  is finite!  $\implies T_S$  is finite  $\implies L/K$   
is FINITE!  $\square$

