

A database of genus 3 curves over \mathbb{Q}

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Tables of elliptic curves over \mathbb{Q} have a rich history...

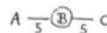
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B	0	-1	1	-10
C	0	-1	1	-7820

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I1
I5
I1

1	5	0
5	5	0
1	1	0



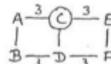
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C	1	0	1	-4
D	1	0	1	-36
E	1	0	1	-171
F	1	0	1	-2731

0	-	2, 1
12	+	1, 2
-6	-	6, 3
-70	+	3, 6
-874	-	18, 1
-55146	+	9, 2

I2, I1
I1, I2
I6, I3
I3, I6
I18, I1
I9, I2

2, 1	6	0
1, 2	6	0
6, 3	6	0
3, 6	6	0
18, 1	2	0
9, 2	2	0



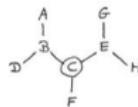
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C	1	1	1	-10
D	1	1	1	-80
E	1	1	1	-135
F	1	1	1	35
G	1	1	1	-110
H	1	1	1	-2160

0	-	1, 1
2	+	2, 2
-10	+	4, 4
242	+	1, 1
-660	+	8, 2
-28	-	2, 8
-880	-	16, 1
-39540	+	4, 1

I1, I1
I2, I2
I4, I4
I1, I1
I8, I2
I2, I8
I16, I1
I4, I1

1, 1	4	0
2, 2	8	0
4, 4	8	0
1, 1	4	0
8, 2	8	0
2, 8	4	0
16, 1	2	0
4, 1	2	0



8

17 = 17

A	1	-1	1	-1
B	1	-1	1	-6
C	1	-1	1	-1
D	1	-1	1	-91

0	+	1
-4	+	2
-14	-	4
-310	+	1

I1
I2
I4
I1

1	4	0
2	4	0
4	4	0
1	2	0



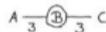
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B	0	1	1	-9
C	0	1	1	-769

0	-	1
-15	-	3
-8470	-	1

I1
I3
I1

1	3	0
3	3	0
1	1	0



20 = 2.2.5

A	0	1	0	-1
B	0	1	0	4
C	0	1	0	-41
D	0	1	0	-36

0	+	4, 1
4	-	8, 2
-116	+	4, 3
-140	-	8, 6

IV, I1
IV, I2
IV, I3
IV, I6

0, 1	6	0
0, 2	6	0
0, 3	2	0
0, 6	2	0



Building a database of genus 1 curves over \mathbb{Q}

- 1 Prove modularity ✓
- 2 Enumerate rational weight 2 newforms by conductor ✓
- 3 Construct corresponding elliptic curves ✓
- 4 Walk the isogeny graph ✓
- 5 Compute L -functions ✓
- 6 Test BSD ✓* (well, mostly)
- 7 Find integer and rational points ✓ (in practice, if not in theory)
- 8 Compute endomorphism rings and Sato-Tate groups ✓ (trivial)
- 9 Images of Galois representations ✓ (mod- ℓ and mod- 2^∞)

Building a database of genus 2 curves over \mathbb{Q}

- 1 Prove modularity ✗
- 2 Enumerate rational degree 2 Siegel modular forms by conductor ✗
- 3 Construct corresponding genus 2 curves ✗
- 4 Walk the isogeny graph ✗* (some progress)
- 5 Compute L -functions ✓* (this is very feasible!)
- 6 Test BSD ✓* (this is feasible!)
- 7 Find integer and rational points ✓* (feasible in many cases)
- 8 Compute endomorphism rings and Sato-Tate groups ✓ (rigorous)
- 9 Compute images of Galois representations ✗* (some progress)

How do we organize curves if we can't enumerate them by conductor?
We need small conductors to compute L -functions!

Discriminants

Every hyperelliptic curve X/\mathbb{Q} of genus g has a minimal Weierstrass model

$$y^2 + h(x)y = f(x)$$

with $\deg f \leq 2g + 2$ and $\deg h \leq g + 1$. The discriminant of X is then

$$\Delta(X) = 2^{4g} \operatorname{disc}_{2g+2}(f + h^2/4) \in \mathbb{Z}$$

The curve X has bad reduction at a prime p if and only if $p|\Delta(X)$.

This needn't apply to $\operatorname{Jac}(X)$, but if $p|N(\operatorname{Jac}(X)) =: N(X)$, then $p|\Delta(X)$.

In general, one expects $N(X)|\Delta(X)$; this is known for $g = 2$ (Liu 1994), and for curves with a rational Weierstrass point (Srinivasan 2015).

The L-functions and modular forms database (LMFDB)



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This example of a genus 2 curve whose Jacobian has a rational 39-torsion point was discovered by Noam Elkies; see [this page](#).

Minimal equation

$$y^2 + (x^3 + 1)y = x^4 + 2x^3 + x^2 - x$$

Invariants

$$\begin{aligned} N &= 1116 &= 2^2 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 31 \\ \Delta &= -214272 &= -1 \cdot 2^8 \cdot 3^3 \cdot 31 \end{aligned}$$

Igusa-Clebsch invariants

$$\begin{aligned} I_2 &= 104 &= 2^3 \cdot 13 \\ I_4 &= 88804 &= 2^2 \cdot 149^2 \\ I_6 &= 1906280 &= 2^3 \cdot 5 \cdot 47657 \\ I_{10} &= -877658112 &= -1 \cdot 2^{20} \cdot 3^3 \cdot 31 \end{aligned}$$

Alternative geometric invariants: Igusa, G2

Automorphism group

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Aut}(X) &\cong C_2 \quad (\text{GAP Id : [2,1]}) \\ \text{Aut}(X_{\mathbb{Q}}) &\cong C_2 \quad (\text{GAP Id : [2,1]}) \end{aligned}$$

Rational points

This curve is locally solvable everywhere.

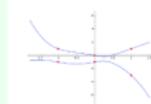
All rational points:

$$(-1 : -1 : 1), (-1 : 1 : 1), (0 : -1 : 1), (0 : 0 : 1), (1 : -3 : 1), (1 : -1 : 0), (1 : 0 : 0), (1 : 1 : 1)$$

Number of rational Weierstrass points: 0

Properties

Label 1116.a.214272.1



Conductor 1116
Discriminant -214272
Sato-Tate group $USp(4)$
 $\text{End}(L_{\mathbb{Q}}) \otimes \mathbb{R}$ \mathbb{R}
 $\bar{\rho}$ -simple yes
 GL_2 -type no

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Smooth plane curves

The discriminant of a smooth plane curve $f(x, y, z) = 0$ of degree d is the resultant of the three partial derivatives f_x, f_y, f_z , with suitable powers of $p|d$ removed so that discriminants are integers and generate the unit ideal. (divide by the GCD of the coefficients of the discriminant polynomial).

For $d = 4$ the discriminant can be computed as the determinant of a 15×15 matrix whose entries are homogeneous polynomials in 15 variables (corresponding to the 15 homogeneous monomials of degree 4).

The discriminant polynomial for $d = 4$ is a homogeneous polynomial of degree 27 in 15 variables with 50,767,957 terms. With a suitable ordering of variables the monomial tree has 246,798,254 nodes.

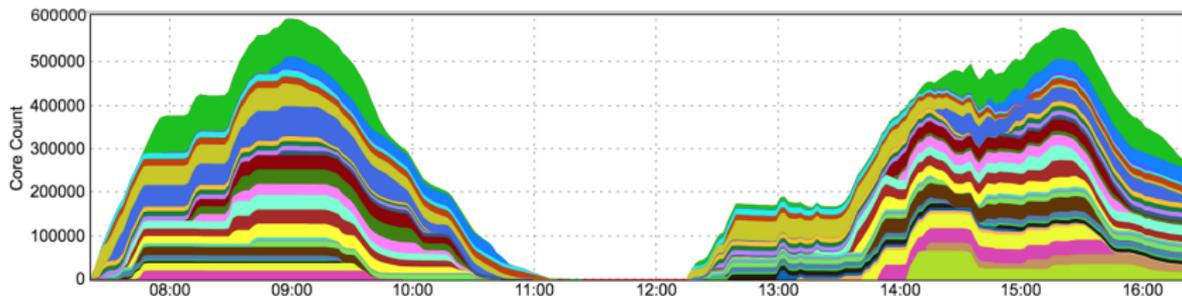
Remarkably, using a monomial tree is not only feasible, but dramatically faster than computing discriminants individually (for a big enough box).

The inner loop boils down to ten 64-bit word operations (22 clock cycles).

Parallel computation

The computation was parallelized by dividing boxes into sub-boxes then run on Google's Cloud Platform. We spread the load across multiple data-centers in ten geographic zones.

For the smooth plane quartic search we used a total of approximately 19,000 pre-emptible 32-core compute instances. At peak usage we had 580,000 cores running at full load (a [new record](#)).



This 300 core-year computation took about 10 hours.

The boxes we searched and what we found therein

For genus 3 hyperelliptic curves $y^2 + h(x)y = f(x)$ we used a flat box with $h_i \in \{0, 1\}$ and $|f_i| \leq 31$, approximately 3×10^{17} equations, as in genus 2.

For smooth plane quartics $f(x, y, z) = 0$ we used a flat box with $|f_i| \leq 9$, more than 10^{19} equations, but after taking advantage of the 48 symmetries the number we considered was approximately 3×10^{17} .

In both cases we used a discriminant bound of 10^7 (versus 10^6 in genus 2). We found about two million hyperelliptic and ten million non-hyperelliptic equations meeting this bound.

Among the hyperelliptic curves we found 67,879 non-isomorphic curves in (at least) 67,830 isogeny classes of Jacobians.

Among the non-hyperelliptic curves we found 82,240 non-isomorphic curves in (at least) 82,011 isogeny classes of Jacobians.

Isomorphism testing

From a practical perspective, isomorphism testing of curves over number fields is an unsolved problem (even for smooth plane quartics over \mathbb{Q}).

Some open problems in this area:

- Practical isomorphism testing with *certifiable* results.
(This is non-trivial even over finite fields).
- Exhibit non-isomorphic genus g curves X_1, X_2 over \mathbb{Q} with isomorphic reductions at all good primes. For which g is this possible?
- Let $S(g, K)$ be the set of genus g curves over a number field K . Give an effectively computable map $\varphi: S \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^*$ such that:
 - 1 $\varphi(X_1) = \varphi(X_2)$ if and only if $X_1 \simeq X_2$ (over K);
 - 2 $|\varphi(X)| = \tilde{O}(|X|)$.

Such a φ would have many other applications.

A few hyperelliptic highlights

- 65,272 conductors, including 10 below 10,000, and 6992 primes.
- Smallest conductor found is 3993 for the Jacobian of the curve:

$$y^2 + (x^4 + x^2 + 1)y = x^7 + x^6 + x^5 + x^3 + x^2 + x$$

which is isogenous (but not isomorphic) to $X_0(33)$.

- Analytic rank bounds (conditional on Selberg class assumption):

rank	count	proportion
0	7,700	11%
1	30,840	46%
2	25,486	37%
3	3,723	5%
4	8	0%

- Rank computations for 52 curves still in progress.

A few non-hyperelliptic highlights

- Smallest conductor is 2940, for the Jacobian of the curve

$$-x^3y + x^2y^2 + 5x^2yz - x^2z^2 + 4xy^3 + 5xy^2z + xyz^2 + 4xz^3 + 2y^4 + y^2z^2 + 3z^4 = 0$$

- 7056 prime conductors, smallest of which, 8233, arising for the curve

$$x^3z - x^2y^2 + 2x^2yz - x^2z^2 - xy^3 + 2xy^2z - yz^3.$$

This is also the conductor of the Jacobian of the hyperelliptic curve

$$y^2 + (x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + 1)y = x^7 - 8x^5 - 4x^4 + 18x^3 - 3x^2 - 16x + 8.$$

In fact, the two Jacobians are isogenous.

- Conductor computations and isomorphism testing still in progress, rank computations to follow.

The L -function of a curve

Let X be a **nice** (smooth, projective, geometrically integral) curve of genus g over \mathbb{Q} . The **L -series** of X is the Dirichlet series

$$L(X, s) = L(\text{Jac}(X), s) := \sum_{n \geq 1} a_n n^{-s} := \prod_p L_p(p^{-s})^{-1}.$$

For primes p of good reduction for X we have the **zeta function**

$$Z(X_p; s) := \exp \left(\sum_{r \geq 1} \#X(\mathbb{F}_{p^r}) \frac{T^r}{r} \right) = \frac{L_p(T)}{(1-T)(1-pT)},$$

and the **L -polynomial** $L_p \in \mathbb{Z}[T]$ in the numerator satisfies

$$L_p(T) = T^{2g} \chi_p(1/T) = 1 - a_p T + \cdots + p^g T^{2g}$$

where $\chi_p(T)$ is the charpoly of the Frobenius endomorphism of $\text{Jac}(X_p)$.

The Selberg class with polynomial Euler factors

The **Selberg class** S^{poly} consists of Dirichlet series $L(s) = \sum_{n \geq 1} a_n n^{-s}$:

- 1 $L(s)$ has an **analytic continuation** that is holomorphic at $s \neq 1$;
- 2 For some $Q > 0$, $\lambda_i > 0$, $\text{Re}(\mu_i) \geq 0$, $|\varepsilon| = 1$. Define $\deg L := 2 \sum_i \lambda_i$. For some $\gamma(s) = Q^s \prod_{i=1}^r \Gamma(\lambda_i s + \mu_i)$ and ε , the completed L -function $\Lambda(s) := \gamma(s)L(s)$ satisfies the **functional equation**

$$\Lambda(s) = \overline{\varepsilon \Lambda(1 - \bar{s})},$$

where $Q > 0$, $\lambda_i > 0$, $\text{Re}(\mu_i) \geq 0$, $|\varepsilon| = 1$. Define $\deg L := 2 \sum_i \lambda_i$.

- 3 $a_1 = 1$ and $a_n = O(n^\varepsilon)$ for all $\varepsilon > 0$ (**Ramanujan conjecture**).
- 4 $L(s) = \prod_p L_p(p^{-s})^{-1}$ for some $L_p \in \mathbb{Z}[T]$ with $\deg L_p \leq \deg L$ (has an **Euler product**).

The Dirichlet series $L_{\text{an}}(s, X) := L(X, s + \frac{1}{2})$ satisfies (3) and (4), and conjecturally lies in S^{poly} ; for $g = 1$ this is known (via modularity).

Strong multiplicity one

Theorem (Kaczorowski-Perelli 2001)

If $A(s) = \sum_{n \geq 1} a_n n^{-s}$ and $B(s) = \sum_{n \geq 1} b_n n^{-s}$ lie in S^{poly} and $a_p = b_p$ for all but finitely many primes p , then $A(s) = B(s)$.

Corollary

If $L_{\text{an}}(s, X)$ lies in S^{poly} then it is completely determined by (any choice of) all but finitely many coefficients a_p .

Henceforth we assume that $L_{\text{an}}(s, X) \in S^{\text{poly}}$.

Let $\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}}(s) = 2(2\pi)^s \Gamma(s)$ and define $\Lambda(X, s) := \Gamma_{\mathbb{C}}(s)^g L(X, s)$. Then

$$\Lambda(X, s) = \varepsilon N^{1-s} \Lambda(X, 2-s).$$

where the **analytic root number** $\varepsilon = \pm 1$ and the **analytic conductor** $N \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1}$ are determined by the a_p values (take these as definitions). This theorem can be made completely effective with $p = O(N^{1/2+\varepsilon})$.

Algorithms to compute zeta functions

Given X/\mathbb{Q} of genus g , we want to compute $L_p(T)$ for all good $p \leq B$.

algorithm	complexity per prime (ignoring factors of $O(\log \log p)$)		
	$g = 1$	$g = 2$	$g = 3$
point enumeration	$p \log p$	$p^2 \log p$	$p^3 (\log p)^2$
group computation	$p^{1/4} \log p$	$p^{3/4} \log p$	$p (\log p)^2$
p -adic cohomology	$p^{1/2} (\log p)^2$	$p^{1/2} (\log p)^2$	$p^{1/2} (\log p)^2$
CRT (Schoof-Pila)	$(\log p)^5$	$(\log p)^8$	$(\log p)^{12?}$
average poly-time	$(\log p)^4$	$(\log p)^4$	$(\log p)^4$

For $L(X, s) = \sum a_n n^{-s}$, we only need a_{p^2} for $p^2 \leq B$, and a_{p^3} for $p^3 \leq B$.
For $1 < r \leq g$ we can compute all a_{p^r} with $p^r \leq B$ in time $O(B \log B)$.

The bottom line: it boils down to efficiently computing lots of a_p 's.

Genus 3 curves

The canonical embedding of a genus 3 curve into \mathbb{P}^2 is either

- 1 a degree-2 cover of a smooth conic (hyperelliptic case)
 - ▶ conic has a rational point (rationally hyperelliptic);
 - ▶ conic has no rational points (only geometrically hyperelliptic).
- 2 a smooth plane quartic (generic case).

Average polynomial-time implementations are available for the first case:

- rational hyperelliptic model [Harvey-S 2014];
- no rational hyperelliptic model [Harvey-Massierer-S 2016].

And now for the second case as well:

- smooth plane quartics [Harvey-S 2017].

Prior work has all been based on p -adic cohomology:

[Lauder 2004], [Castricky-Denef-Vercauteren 2006],
[Abott-Kedlaya-Roe 2006], [Harvey 2010], [Tuitman-Pancretz 2013],
[Tuitman 2015], [Costa 2015], [Tuitman-Castricky 2016], [Shieh 2016]

Cumulative timings for genus 3 curves

Time to compute $L_p(T) \bmod p$ for all good $p \leq B$.

B	spq-Costa-AKR	spq-HS	ghyp-MHS	hyp-HS	hyp-Harvey
2^{12}	18	1.4	0.3	0.1	1.3
2^{13}	49	2.4	0.7	0.2	2.6
2^{14}	142	4.6	1.7	0.5	5.4
2^{15}	475	9.4	4.6	1.0	12
2^{16}	1,670	21	11	2.1	29
2^{17}	5,880	47	27	5.3	74
2^{18}	22,300	112	62	14	192
2^{19}	78,100	241	153	37	532
2^{20}	297,000	551	370	97	1,480
2^{21}	1,130,000	1,240	891	244	4,170
2^{22}	4,280,000	2,980	2,190	617	12,200
2^{23}	16,800,000	6,330	5,110	1,500	36,800
2^{24}	66,800,000	14,200	11,750	3,520	113,000
2^{25}	244,000,000	31,900	28,200	8,220	395,000
2^{26}	972,000,000	83,300	62,700	19,700	1,060,000

(Intel Xeon E7-8867v3 3.3 GHz CPU seconds).

Computing endomorphism rings and algebras

Given a curve X/\mathbb{Q} one can explicitly compute $\text{End}(\text{Jac}(X)_{\overline{\mathbb{Q}}}) \otimes \mathbb{R}$, $\text{End}(\text{Jac}(X)_{\overline{\mathbb{Q}}}) \otimes \mathbb{Q}$, and even the endomorphism ring $\text{End}(\text{Jac}(X))$:

- Choose a symplectic basis $\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_{2g}$ of $H_1(X, \mathbb{Z})$ and a basis $\omega_1, \dots, \omega_g$ of $H^0(X, \omega_X)$ over \mathbb{Q} ;
- Realize $\text{Jac}(X)(\mathbb{C})$ as a complex torus \mathbb{C}^g/Λ by computing the period matrix $\Pi = (\int_{\gamma_j} \omega_i)_{i,j}$;
- Use LLL to determine a basis of the \mathbb{Z} -module of matrices $R \in M_{2g}(\mathbb{Z})$ such that $\Lambda R = \Lambda$;
- Determine the matrices $M \in M_{2g}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}})$ in the equality $M\Pi = \Pi R$ to obtain the representation of $\text{End}(\text{Jac}(X)_{\overline{\mathbb{Q}}})$ on the tangent space at 0 of $\text{Jac}(X)_{\overline{\mathbb{Q}}}$.

This can be made entirely rigorous (Costa-Mascot-Sijsling-Voight 2017).

Real endomorphism algebras of abelian threefolds

abelian threefold	$\text{End}(\mathbf{A}_K)_{\mathbb{R}}$	$\text{ST}(\mathbf{A})^0$
cube of a CM elliptic curve	$M_3(\mathbb{C})$	$U(1)_3$
cube of a non-CM elliptic curve	$M_3(\mathbb{R})$	$SU(2)_3$
product of CM elliptic curve and square of CM elliptic curve	$\mathbb{C} \times M_2(\mathbb{C})$	$U(1) \times U(1)_2$
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> product of CM elliptic curve and QM abelian surface product of CM elliptic curve and square of non-CM elliptic curve 	$\mathbb{C} \times M_2(\mathbb{R})$	$U(1) \times SU(2)_2$
product of non-CM elliptic curve and square of CM elliptic curve	$\mathbb{R} \times M_2(\mathbb{C})$	$SU(2) \times U(1)_2$
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> product of non-CM elliptic curve and QM abelian surface product of non-CM elliptic curve and square of non-CM elliptic curve 	$\mathbb{R} \times M_2(\mathbb{R})$	$SU(2) \times SU(2)_2$
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CM abelian threefold product of CM elliptic curve and CM abelian surface product of three CM elliptic curves 	$\mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{C}$	$U(1) \times U(1) \times U(1)$
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> product of non-CM elliptic curve and CM abelian surface product of non-CM elliptic curve and two CM elliptic curves 	$\mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{R}$	$U(1) \times U(1) \times SU(2)$
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> product of CM elliptic curve and RM abelian surface product of CM elliptic curve and two non-CM elliptic curves 	$\mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$	$U(1) \times SU(2) \times SU(2)$
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RM abelian threefold product of non-CM elliptic curve and RM abelian surface product of 3 non-CM elliptic curves 	$\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$	$SU(2) \times SU(2) \times SU(2)$
product of CM elliptic curve and abelian surface	$\mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{R}$	$U(1) \times USp(4)$
product of non-CM elliptic curve and abelian surface	$\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$	$SU(2) \times USp(4)$
quadratic CM abelian threefold	\mathbb{C}	$U(3)$
generic abelian threefold	\mathbb{R}	$USp(6)$

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