

Integral points on elliptic curves

Elliptic curve / \mathbb{Q} $E: y^2 = x^3 + Ax + B$, $A, B \in \mathbb{Z}$

Assume $p \nmid A \Rightarrow p \nmid B$ (quasi-minimal)

$$\Delta(E) = -16(4A^2 + 27B^3) \neq 0$$

Integral points $E(\mathbb{Z}) = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{Z}^2 : y^2 = x^3 + Ax + B\}$

Theorem (Mordell) $\#E(\mathbb{Z})$ is finite

Conjecture (Lang) $\#E(\mathbb{Z})$ can be bounded above only in terms of $r = \text{rank } E(\mathbb{Q})$

Theorem (Hindry-Silverman) $\#E(\mathbb{Z}) \ll C^{(r+1)\sigma}$, $\sigma = \frac{\log \Delta}{\log \text{conductor}}$
(Szpiro ratio)

Average / density results

Order by height $H(E) = \max(4|A|^3, 27B^2)$

Theorem (Alpoge) ① 100% of curves satisfy $\#E(\mathbb{Z}) \ll 3^r$

$$\textcircled{2} \overline{\text{Av}}(\#E(\mathbb{Z})) = \limsup_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\#\{H(E) \leq N\}} \sum_{H(E) \leq N} \#E(\mathbb{Z}) < 66$$

Idea Average pointwise bound ① then apply

$$\overline{\text{Av}}(S^r) \leq \overline{\text{Av}}(S\text{-Selmer}) = 6 \quad (\text{Bhargava-Shankar})$$

Conjecture ① 100% of curves $\#E(\mathbb{Z}) = 0$

$$\textcircled{2} \overline{\text{Av}} \#E(\mathbb{Z}) = 0$$

Note ② \Rightarrow ①

Expect the conj. to hold for any "reasonable" family after removing any "trivial" points

Related open question: Estimate $\#\{E/\mathbb{Q} : |\Delta(E)| \leq N\} = o(N)$
 Equivalent to counting integral points $y^2 = x^3 - 1728\Delta$, $|\Delta| \leq N$
Heuristics (Brunner - McGuinness) $\sim cN^{5/6}$

Restricting to quadratic twists families

Fix $E: y^2 = x^3 + Ax + B$, consider $E_d: y^2 = x^3 + Ad^2x + Bd^3$

Order by size of $d \in \mathbb{Z}$, $d > 0$ sqfree

Define the non-trivial integral points $E^*(\mathbb{Z}) := \{(x, y) \in E(\mathbb{Z}) : y \neq 0\}$

Example $E_d: y^2 = x^3 - d^2x$, $(0, 0), (\pm d, 0) \in E_d(\mathbb{Z})$

Conjecture Fix E , ① 100% of E_d satisfy $\#E^*(\mathbb{Z}) = 0$
 (Granville)

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \text{Av}(\#E_d^*(\mathbb{Z})) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\#\{d \leq N \text{ sqfree}\}} \sum_{\substack{d \leq N \\ \text{sqfree}}} \#E_d^*(\mathbb{Z}) = 0$$

Theorem (Matscke - Mudigonda) Suppose $x^3 + Ax + B$ is reducible/ \mathbb{Q}
 then abc conjecture implies a version of ①

Theorem (C.) Let $E_d: y^2 = x^3 - d^2x$. $\sum_{\substack{d \leq N \\ \text{sqfree}}} \#E_d^*(\mathbb{Z}) \ll N(\log N)^{\frac{1}{8} + \epsilon}$
 so $\text{Av}(\#E_d^*(\mathbb{Z})) = 0$

Proof for $E_d: y^2 = x^3 - d^2x$

Theorem (Heath-Brown) $\text{Av}(\text{Sel}_2(E_d)^k) \sim c_k$

Combine with known cases of Lang's conjecture

$$\#E_d(\mathbb{Z}) \ll c^r$$

Since $\text{rank} \leq 2$ -Selmer rank, $C^r \leq (\text{Sel}_2(E_d))^k$
 as long as k is large enough.

Then $\overline{Av}(\#E_d(\mathbb{Z})^k)$ are all bounded in terms of k

Mordell correspondence

$$\{(E, (x, y)) : (x, y) \in E(\mathbb{Z})\} \leftrightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} f(X, Y) = X^4 + 6cXY^2 + 8dXY^3 + eY^4 \\ c, d, e \in \mathbb{Z}, e \equiv c^2 \pmod{4} \\ \Delta(f) = 2^8 \Delta(E) \end{array} \right\}$$

($SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$ -equivalence of integral binary quartic forms)
 classes that represents 1

Δ -reducing Lemma Suppose $(x, y) \in E_d(\mathbb{Z})$, take f to be the quartic form in the image of (x, y) .

Let p be a prime $p \mid d, p \nmid x$.

Then $\exists k \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that

With $F(X, Y) = \frac{1}{p^3} f(pX + kY, Y)$ is a int. binary quartic

- $\Delta(F) = \frac{\Delta(f)}{p^6} \in \mathbb{Z}$, and $(\Delta(E_d) = (2d)^6)$
- represents p

Main ideas

* Reduce Δ by some large p , then we are left with $o(N)$ quartic forms.

For 100% of E_d , we can find p of good size for every $(x, y) \in E_d^*(\mathbb{Z})$ by Heath-Brown.

* Each Δ -reduced form can only be the image of very few integral points.

Thue's inequality $0 < |F(x, y)| < h$ have very few solutions as long as h is small relative to Δ .

Cubic twists

Theorem (C.) Fix $k \neq 0, 1$ squarefree.

Let $E_d: y^2 = x^3 + kd^2$

then $\#\{1 \leq d \leq N: E_d(\mathbb{Z}) = \emptyset\} \ll_k N(\log N)^{-\frac{1}{2} + \epsilon}$