

# Computing modular forms

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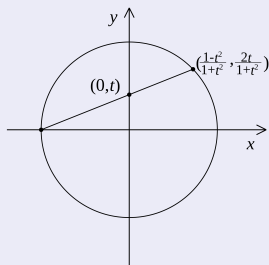
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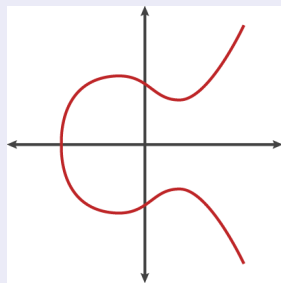
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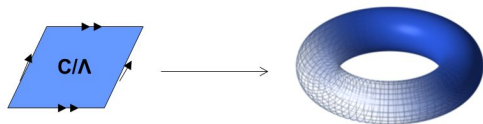
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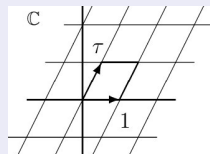
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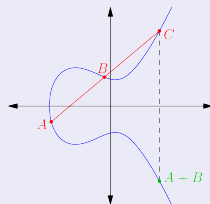


$$\mathbb{C}/\Lambda \longrightarrow E : y^2 = x^3 + Ax + B$$
$$z \longmapsto (\wp(z), -\wp'(z)/2)$$

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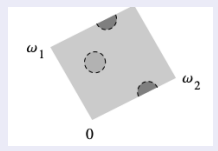
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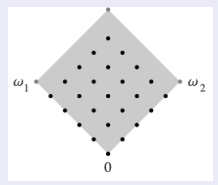
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$E[5]$



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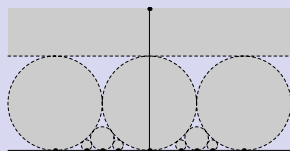
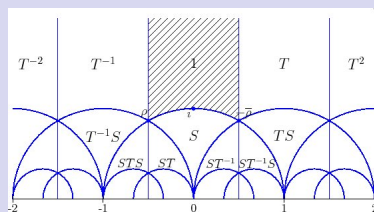


Figure 2.5. Neighborhoods of  $\infty$  and of some rational points

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*For  $p > 13$ ,  $H \subseteq GL_2(\mathbb{F}_p)$  exceptional, the modular curve  $X_{\Gamma_H}$  has no rational points.*

### Theorem (Mazur, 1978)

*For  $p > 37$ , the modular curve  $X_0(p)$  has no non-CM, non-cuspidal rational points.*

### Theorem (Bilu, Parent, Rebolledo, 2011)

*For  $p > 13$ , the modular curve  $X_s^+(p)$  has no non-CM, non-cuspidal rational points.*

### Conjecture (Serre's uniformity conjecture)

*For  $p > 11$ , the only  $\mathbb{Q}$ -points of the modular curve  $X_{ns}^+(p)$  are CM.*

# Numerical Evidence

Theorem (Balakrishnan, Dogra, Müller, Tuitman, Vonk, 2017)

*The modular curve  $X_{ns}^+(13)$  has exactly 7 rational points, all of which are CM.*

Theorem (Mercuri, Schoof, 2018)

*For  $p = 17, 19, 23$ , there are no "small" rational points on  $X_{ns}^+(p)$ , other than the seven CM points.*

Explicit equations

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## Problem

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## Theorem (A., 2020)

*There exists an algorithm that given a group  $H \subseteq GL_2(\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z})$  satisfying (\*), an integer  $k \geq 2$ , and a positive integer  $L$ , returns the  $q$ -expansions of a basis of  $S_k(\Gamma_H)$  up to precision  $q^L$ .*

## Corollary (Banwait, Cremona, 2014)

*The modular curve  $X_{S_4}(13)$  is a genus 3 curve whose canonical embedding in  $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{Q}}^2$  has the model*

$$4x^3y - 3x^2y^2 + 3xy^3 - x^3z + 16x^2yz - 11xy^2z + \\ + 5y^3z + 3x^2z^2 + 9xyz^2 + y^2z^2 + xz^3 + 2yz^3 = 0.$$

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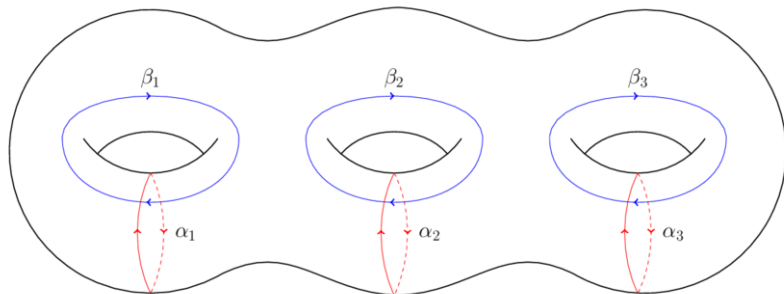
Similar results for  $X_{ns}^+(17)$ ,  $X_{ns}^+(19)$  and  $X_{ns}^+(23)$ .

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*The Jacobian of the modular curve  $X_{ns}^+(97)$  decomposes as the direct sum of 13 Hecke irreducible subspaces, of dimensions 3, 4, 4, 6, 7, 7, 12, 14, 24, 24, 24, 56, 168. In particular, it has no elliptic curve factor.*

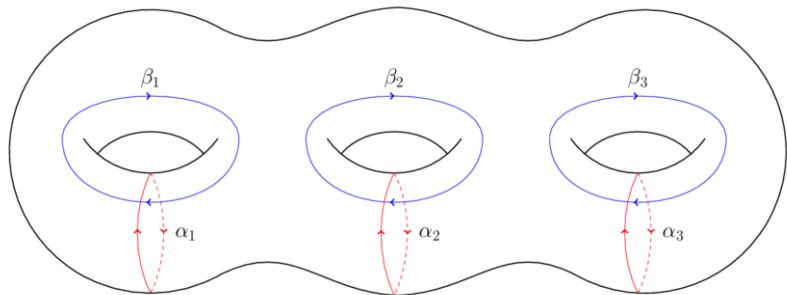
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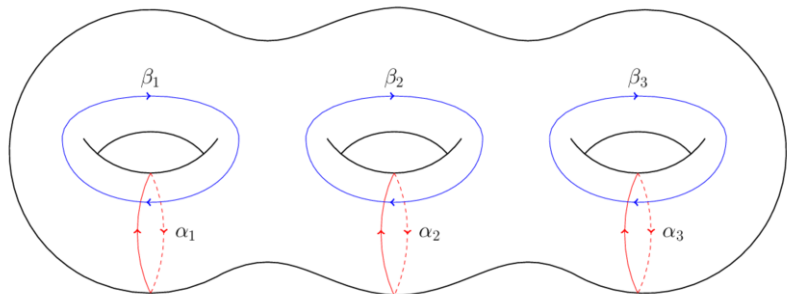


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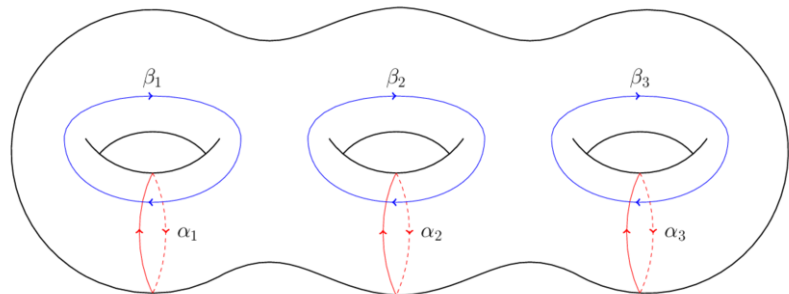
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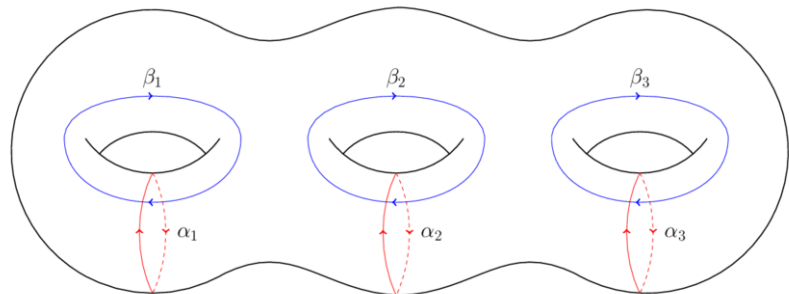
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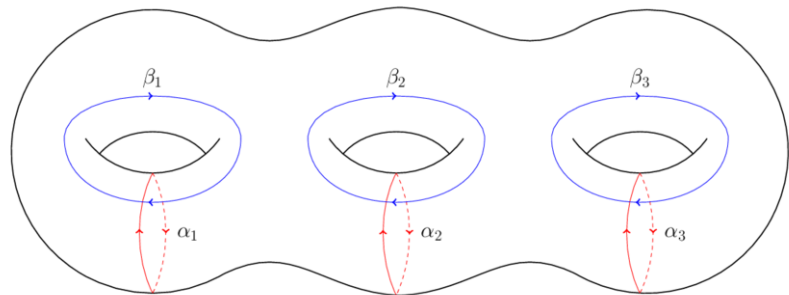
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## Example

$$X^3 \otimes \{0, 1/2\} - 17XY^2 \otimes \{\infty, 1/7\} \in \mathbb{M}_5$$

## Theorem (Manin, 1972)

$\varphi : \mathbb{M}_2(\Gamma) \rightarrow H_1(X_{\Gamma}, \text{cusps}, \mathbb{Z})$  is an isomorphism.

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## Theorem (Shokurov, 1980 + Merel, 1994)

*The pairing*

$$\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle : (\mathcal{S}_k(\Gamma) \oplus \bar{\mathcal{S}}_k(\Gamma)) \times \mathcal{S}_k(\Gamma; \mathbb{C}) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$$

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- If  $\Gamma$  is of real type,  $\mathcal{S}_k(\Gamma) = (\mathbb{S}_k(\Gamma)^+)^^\vee$ , so also  $\mathcal{S}_k(\Gamma)$ .

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# Hecke Operators

## Proposition

Assume  $p \nmid N$ . Let  $\alpha \in M_2(\mathbb{Z})$  be such that  $\det(\alpha) = p$  and  $\lambda_N(\alpha) \in H$ . Then  $T_\alpha$  is independent of  $\alpha$ , and if  $f = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n q^n$  is an eigenform of the Hecke algebra then  $T_\alpha f = a_p f$ .

## Question

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## Theorem (Merel, 1994)

$(\Delta_n, \phi_n)$  Merel pair for  $\Gamma$  with  $\Delta_n \subseteq M_2(\mathbb{Z})_n$ . Let  $\sum_M u_M M$  satisfy

$$\sum_{M \in K} u_M ([M\infty] - [M0]) = [\infty] - [0].$$

in  $\mathbb{C}[\mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{Q})]$ . Then in  $\mathbb{M}_k(\Gamma)$

$$T_{\Delta_n}^{\vee}([P, g]) = \sum_M u_M [P|_{\tilde{M}}, \phi_n(gM)]$$

where the sum is over  $M$  such that  $gM \in \tilde{\Delta}_n SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$ .

## Corollary (A., 2020)

*Computation of the Hecke operator  $T_p$  on  $S_k(\Gamma_H)$ , for  $p \in \det(H)$ , can be done in  $O(p \log p)$  basic CosetIndex operations.*

Complexity of  $T_\alpha$  with  $(\det(\alpha), N) > 1$  is dominated by the cost of conjugation, done using Farey symbols -

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*There exists an algorithm that given a congruence subgroup of real type  $\Gamma \subseteq SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$  of level  $N$ , an element  $\alpha \in GL_2^+(\mathbb{Q})$  such that  $\eta^{-1}\alpha\eta \in \Gamma\alpha\Gamma$  and an integer  $k \geq 2$ , computes the Hecke operator  $T_\alpha$  corresponding to the double coset  $\Gamma\alpha\Gamma$ , on the space of cusp forms  $S_k(\Gamma)$ , in complexity*

$$O(C \cdot I_{\alpha, \Gamma} \log(N^2 \cdot D(\alpha)) + [SL_2(\mathbb{Z}) : \Gamma]^2 \cdot \ln).$$

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*There exists an algorithm that given a group of real type  $H \subseteq GL_2(\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z})$  with surjective determinant such that for all  $p \mid N$  the Hecke operator is effectively computable, an integer  $k \geq 2$ , and a positive integer  $L$ , returns the  $q$ -expansions of a basis of eigenforms for  $S_k(\Gamma_H)$  using*

$$O(d(C \log N(L \log L + N) + Nl_H^2 \cdot \ln + kl_H \log(kl_H)) + d^3)$$

*field operations, where  $d := \dim S_k(\Gamma_H)$ ,  $l_H := [SL_2(\mathbb{Z}) : \Gamma_H]$ ,  $C$  is the cost of a CosetIndex operation, and  $\ln$  is the cost of membership testing in  $H$ .*

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