

Number Theory Seminar

Elliptic curves with 2-torsion contained in the 3-torsion field

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Abstract: There is a modular curve $X'(6)$ of level 6 defined over $\mathbb{Q}$ whose rational points correspond to j -invariants of elliptic curves E over $\mathbb{Q}$ for which $\mathbb{Q}(E[2])$ is a subfield of $\mathbb{Q}(E[3])$. In this talk I will characterize the j -invariants of elliptic curves with this property by exhibiting an explicit model of $X'(6)$. The motivation is two-fold: on the one hand, $X'(6)$ belongs to the list of modular curves which parametrize non-Serre curves (and is not well-known), and on the other hand, the set of rational points of $X'(6)$ gives an infinite family of examples of elliptic curves with non-abelian "entanglement fields," which is relevant to the systematic study of correction factors of various conjectural constants for elliptic curves over $\mathbb{Q}$. This is based on joint work with J. Brau (Cambridge University, UK).

The seminar ends at 12:30.

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