

This is the fifth set of exercises, based on the material in Chapter III, as well as material in Chapter II (concerning Frobenius morphisms).

- (1) Let  $E$  be an elliptic curve defined over a field  $K$ . Let  $\omega$  be the invariant differential associated to a Weierstrass equation of  $E$ . Let  $Q \in E$  be a point different from the identity point  $O_E$ , with affine coordinates  $(x(Q), y(Q))$ . Consider the “translation by  $Q$ ” morphism

$$\tau_Q : E \rightarrow E$$

and the induced map of differentials

$$\tau_Q^* : \Omega_E \rightarrow \Omega_E.$$

Show that  $\tau_Q^* \omega = a_Q \cdot \omega$ , and that there exists a rational function

$$a = a(x, y) \in \overline{K}(E)$$

such that  $a_Q = a(x(Q), y(Q))$ . (You may assume that  $\text{char}(K) \neq 2, 3$  so that the Weierstrass equation is as simple as possible.)

- (2) Let  $E$  be an elliptic curve defined over a field  $K$  of characteristic  $\text{char}(K) = p$ , for a prime  $p$ . Let  $q = p^r$  for some integer  $r \in \mathbb{N}$ . Let

$$\phi_q : E \rightarrow E^{(q)}$$

be the  $q$ th Frobenius morphism. Then  $E^{(q)}$  is a cubic curve in  $\mathbb{P}^2$  given by a Weierstrass equation. Prove that

$$\Delta(E^{(q)}) = \Delta(E)^q$$

and that

$$j(E^{(q)}) = j(E)^q.$$

Show also that  $E^{(q)}$  is again an elliptic curve.

- (3) We keep the assumptions and notation from (2), but assume in addition that  $K = \mathbb{F}_p$ , so that  $E = E^{(q)}$ . Show that we can factor the  $q$ th Frobenius  $\phi_q$  as

$$E \rightarrow E \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow E$$

( $r$  arrows) where each map is  $\phi_p$ , the  $p$ th Frobenius. In other words, show that  $\phi_q = \phi_p \circ \dots \circ \phi_p$  (composition  $r$  times). We often write this as  $\phi_q = (\phi_p)^r$ .

- (4) We keep the assumptions and notation from (2) and (3). For any endomorphism

$$\psi : E \rightarrow E$$

we say that  $Q \in E$  is a *fixed point* of  $\psi$  if  $\psi(Q) = Q$ .

What are the fixed points of  $\phi_p$ ? What are the fixed points of  $\phi_q$ , where  $q = p^r$ ?