Integrality of twisted L-values of elliptic curves

Hanneke Wiersema and Christian Wuthrich

27th April 2020

Abstract

Under suitable, fairly weak hypotheses on an elliptic curve E/\mathbb{Q} and a primitive non-trivial Dirichlet character χ , we show that the algebraic *L*-value $\mathscr{L}(E,\chi)$ at s = 1is an algebraic integer. For instance, for semistable curves $\mathscr{L}(E,\chi)$ is integral whenever E admits no isogenies defined over \mathbb{Q} .

Contents

1	Introduction	1
2	Integrality using the geometry of modular symbols	3
3	Integrality using the Galois action	8
4	Torsion points over abelian extensions	10
5	Integrality of modular symbols	12
6	Integrality of the modular <i>L</i> -values	13
7	Comparison of the <i>L</i> -functions	14
8	Examples	15

1 Introduction

Let E/\mathbb{Q} be an elliptic curve. The value of the *L*-function of *E* twisted by a primitive Dirichlet character χ at s = 1 can be normalised by periods in order to obtain an algebraic value $\mathscr{L}(E, \chi)$. We aim to investigate what conditions on *E* and χ guarantee the integrality of $\mathscr{L}(E, \chi)$.

Let us first define $\mathscr{L}(E,\chi)$. For a given χ , we will write m for the conductor of χ and d for its order. Set $\epsilon = \chi(-1) \in \{\pm 1\}$ depending on whether we deal with an even or odd character. The Gauss sum of χ is

$$G(\chi) = \sum_{a \bmod m} \chi(a) \exp(2\pi i a/m).$$

Fix a global Néron differential ω on E. Let c_{∞} denote the number of connected components of $E(\mathbb{R})$. We use the following definition for the periods of E, which is best suited for Artin formalism as in [6]:

$$\Omega_+(E) = \int_{E(\mathbb{R})} \omega = c_\infty \cdot \int_{\gamma^+} \omega$$
 and $\Omega_-(E) = \int_{\gamma^-} \omega$

where we picked a generator γ^+ of the subgroup of $H_1(E(\mathbb{C}), \mathbb{Z})$ fixed by complex conjugation and a generator γ^- for the subgroup where complex conjugation acts by multiplication by -1 in such a way that $\Omega_+(E) > 0$ and $\Omega_-(E) \in i\mathbb{R}_{>0}$.

We will use the motivic definition of the *L*-function $L(E, \chi, s)$ given in full detail in Section 7. If *m* is coprime to *N*, then it coincides with the following definition $L^a(E, \bar{\chi}, s)$ commonly used for modular forms: If we write the *L*-function L(E, s) of *E* as the Dirichlet series $\sum_{n\geq 1} a_n n^{-s}$, then $L^a(E, \chi, s) = \sum_{n\geq 1} \chi(n) a_n n^{-s}$.

The algebraic L-value is

$$\mathscr{L}(E,\chi) = \frac{L(E,\chi,1) \cdot m}{G(\chi) \cdot \Omega_{\epsilon}(E)} = \epsilon \cdot \frac{L(E,\chi,1) \cdot G(\bar{\chi})}{\Omega_{\epsilon}(E)}.$$
(1)

In Section 7 we will deduce from the theorem of Manin and Drinfeld [10, 7] that $\mathscr{L}(E,\chi)$ is an algebraic number in the field $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_d)$ of values of χ .

These values appear in many places in the literature. In Iwasawa theory one interpolates them *p*-adically as the conductor of χ is of the form $M \cdot p^n$ with n > 0 varying to get the *p*-adic *L*-function; see [11]. In a recent paper, which was the starting point for this work [6], Dokchitser, Evans and the first named author study the Artin formalism of such *L*-values and draw surprising conclusions assuming conjectures like the Birch and Swinnerton-Dyer conjecture.

First a result if one is willing to assume that the curve is semistable:

Theorem 1. Suppose E/\mathbb{Q} is a semistable X_0 -optimal elliptic curve. Then $\mathscr{L}(E, \chi) \in \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_d]$ for all non-trivial primitive Dirichlet characters χ of order d.

In particular, $\mathscr{L}(E,\chi)$ is integral if E admits no isogenies defined over \mathbb{Q} .

Below we will give more general results with more elaborate conditions. We should point out that one has to expect that these values $\mathscr{L}(E,\chi)$ are often integral. By the Birch and Swinnerton-Dyer conjecture for elliptic curves over abelian extensions of \mathbb{Q} and its generalisations (like the equivariant Tamagawa number conjecture), one expects an arithmetic interpretation of $\mathscr{L}(E,\chi)$. We may expect that the value $\mathscr{L}(E,\chi)$ is not integral when there is a torsion point on E whose field of definition is the abelian field K_{χ} , which is the field fixed by the kernel of χ . We will give explicit examples in the last section.

To state a more general result, we need to recall the definition of the Manin constant. Let f be the newform of level N, equal to the conductor of E, and weight 2 associated to the isogeny class of E. Also write $\varphi_0: X_0(N) \to E$ for a modular parametrisation of E of minimal degree such that the Manin constant $c_0 = c_0(E)$ defined by $\varphi_0^*(\omega) =$ $c_0(E) \cdot 2\pi i f(\tau) d\tau$ is positive. It is known that c_0 is an integer. The original conjecture by Manin states that the Manin constant of the X_0 -optimal curve in the isogeny class of Eis 1. See [1] for details on the conjecture and an overview of some results. The conjecture is verified routinely for all curves in Cremona's database [4]. Yet there are non-optimal curves for which $c_0 > 1$. If one uses the Manin constant $c_1 = c_1(E)$ analogously defined with respect to the minimal modular parametrisation $\varphi_1: X_1(N) \to E$ one has the following weaker conjecture (see Conjecture I in [15]):

Stevens's Manin constant conjecture. For any elliptic curve E/\mathbb{Q} , the Manin constant $c_1(E)$ is 1.

Our main result is the following theorem.

Theorem 2. Let E be an elliptic curve defined over \mathbb{Q} .

a) Assume the conjecture that $c_1(E) = 1$ holds. Then $\mathscr{L}(E, \chi) \in \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_d]$ for all non-trivial

primitive Dirichlet characters χ of order d > 1 whose conductor m is not divisible by a prime of bad reduction for E.

b) Suppose the Manin constant $c_0(E)$ is 1. Then $\mathscr{L}(E,\chi) \in \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_d]$ for all non-trivial primitive Dirichlet characters χ of order d > 1 whose conductor m is not divisible by a prime of additive reduction for E.

One can further relax the restriction on the conductor m. We will prove in Theorem 16 the integrality in more generality but for the value of the *L*-function $L^a(E, \chi, s)$ instead. To conclude the same for $\mathscr{L}(E, \chi)$ one still needs to check that no prime of additive reduction becomes semistable over K_{χ} as explained in Section 7. Theorem 1 follows from Theorem 2 because $c_0(E) = 1$ is know for the X_0 -optimal curve by [3] if E is semistable.

Corollary 3. Let E be an elliptic curve defined over \mathbb{Q} . Assume the conjecture that $c_1(E) = 1$ holds. Then there are only finitely many χ such that $\mathcal{L}(E, \chi)$ is non-integral.

We will prove the theorem using modular symbols by studying their integrality property. A similar question was discussed in [17]. The closely related question of the integrality of the Stickelberger elements is discussed by Stevens in [14]; in Section 3 we will refine his methods.

Though even when there are torsion points defined over the field cut out by the character χ , one may still get an integral value for $\mathscr{L}(E,\chi)$. This is for instance predicted by the main conjecture in Iwasawa theory where the *p*-adic *L*-function turns out to be an integral power series. On the arithmetic side the explanation for integrality comes from the cancellation of terms in the Birch and Swinnerton-Dyer formula as studied for instance in [9]. In the opposite direction, the very last example in Section 8 shows that one can have a non-integral *L*-value, yet no new torsion points appearing in the corresponding field.

Overview

The setup of the paper is as follows. In Section 2 we prove some first integrality results using Birch's formula and the geometry of modular symbols. In Section 3 we obtain further integrality results but now using the Galois action on cusps in $X_1(N)$. In Section 4, we briefly depart from the modular symbols and record some results about acquiring torsion points in abelian extensions of \mathbb{Q} . We use these and other results from previous sections to prove some results about integrality of modular symbols in Section 5. In Section 6 we prove one of our main integrality results. In the penultimate section, Section 7, we compare the motivic definition of the *L*-function to the arithmetic definition. Finally in Section 8 we include some detailed examples to demonstrate why the assumptions in our main theorems can not be weakened. We finish with a table containing all examples of non-integral *L*-values for elliptic curves with conductor below 100.

Acknowledgements

The authors would like to thank Vladimir Dokchitser and Robert Evans. The first named author was supported by the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council, through the EPSRC Centre for Doctoral Training in Geometry and Number Theory [EP/L015234/1] (the London School of Geometry and Number Theory) at University College London.

2 Integrality using the geometry of modular symbols

We aim to show that the algebraic L-value for the L-function $L^a(E, \chi, s)$ is integral in two steps. First, we will write it as a sum involving only elements in the Néron lattice Λ . The second step takes care of the possible denominator 2 by splitting the sum into two equal parts.

Let E/\mathbb{Q} be an elliptic curve of conductor N. Let f be the newform of weight 2 associated to the isogeny class of E. For $r \in \mathbb{Q}$, define

$$\lambda(r) = 2\pi i \int_{i\infty}^{r} f(\tau) d\tau = \frac{1}{c_0} \cdot \int_{\gamma(r)} \omega$$
⁽²⁾

where the first integral follows the vertical line in the upper half plane from $i\infty$ to $r \in \mathbb{Q}$ and $\gamma(r)$ is the image in $E(\mathbb{C})$ of this path under φ_0 . Let Λ be the Néron lattice of E, i.e., the set of all values of $\int_{\gamma} \omega$ as γ runs through closed loops in $E(\mathbb{C})$. This can have two possible shapes. If $E(\mathbb{R})$ has $c_{\infty} = 2$ connected components (which is illustrated in the picture on the left in Figure 1 below), then $\Lambda = \frac{1}{2}\Omega_+(E)\mathbb{Z} \oplus \Omega_-(E)\mathbb{Z}$. Instead if $c_{\infty} = 1$ as in the picture on the right in Figure 1, then Λ is spanned by $\Omega_+(E)$ and $\frac{1}{2}(\Omega_+(E) + \Omega_-(E))$. Note the periods in [17, 16] are differently normalised: there $\Omega_+(E)/c_{\infty}$ is used instead of $\Omega_+(E)$.



Figure 1: The two types of Néron lattice

We note that in both cases we have the following

$$\left\{\operatorname{Re}(z) \mid z \in \Lambda\right\} = \frac{1}{2}\Omega_+(E)\mathbb{Z}$$

and

$$\left\{ \operatorname{Im}(z) \, i \mid z \in \Lambda \right\} = \frac{1}{2} \, c_{\infty} \, \Omega_{-}(E) \, \mathbb{Z} \subset \frac{1}{2} \Omega_{-}(E) \, \mathbb{Z},$$

which we will use frequently to prove our results.

We fix a non-trivial primitive character χ of conductor m and order d. Set D = gcd(m, N)and $\delta = \text{gcd}(D, N/D)$. Write $m = D \cdot \tilde{m}$ and note that \tilde{m} is coprime to δ .

Assume first that $\delta \neq 2$. For any invertible *a* modulo *m*, we define $\alpha(a, m)$ to be the least residue of $a \tilde{m}$ modulo δ ; by definition this means that $-\delta/2 < \alpha(a, m) < \delta/2$ and $\alpha(a, m) \equiv a \tilde{m} \pmod{\delta}$. Note that $a \tilde{m} \not\equiv \delta/2 \pmod{\delta}$ unless $\delta = 2$ which is why we will treat this case separately. We define

$$\mu\left(\frac{a}{m}\right) = \lambda\left(\frac{a}{m}\right) - \lambda\left(\frac{\alpha(a,m)}{D}\right) = 2\pi i \int_{\alpha(a,m)/D}^{a/m} f(\tau) d\tau.$$

If $\delta = 2$, we set simply set $\mu\left(\frac{a}{m}\right) = \lambda\left(\frac{a}{m}\right)$.

We note here that if m is even, which is necessarily the case when $\delta = 2$, m must be divisible by 4 since we are interested in non-trivial primitive characters only.

Lemma 4. If $\delta \neq 2$, then for all r, we have $\mu(r) \in c_0^{-1} \Lambda$. If $\delta = 2$, then $\mu(r) \in (2c_0)^{-1} \Lambda$ for all r.

Proof. First if $\delta \neq 2$. By Proposition 2.2 in Manin [10] any cusp $\frac{a}{m}$ is $\Gamma_0(N)$ -equivalent to the cusp $\frac{\alpha(a,m)}{D}$. Since these two cusps are equivalent, the path between them maps to a loop in $X_0(N)(\mathbb{C})$. Therefore its image γ in $E(\mathbb{C})$ will be closed as well. Hence

$$\mu(r) = 2\pi i \int_{\alpha(a,m)/D}^{a/m} f(\tau) d\tau = \frac{1}{c_0} \int_{\gamma} \omega \in c_0^{-1} \Lambda$$

for all $r \in \mathbb{Q}$.

The case $\delta = 2$ is different. First N has to be divisible by 4 and, since m is even, also m is divisible by 4. It follows that the second Hecke operator annihilates the newform f. For the modular symbols λ , this means that $\lambda(\frac{r}{2}) + \lambda(\frac{r+1}{2}) = 0$ (see e.g. [11, (4.2)]). Applied to $r = \frac{2a}{m}$, one finds the relation

$$\lambda\left(\frac{a}{m}\right) = -\lambda\left(\frac{a}{m} + \frac{1}{2}\right) \quad \text{if } \delta = 2. \tag{3}$$

Since the cusps $\frac{a}{m}$ and $\frac{a}{m} + \frac{1}{2}$ are both $\Gamma_0(N)$ -equivalent to $\frac{1}{D}$, the difference

$$2\mu\left(\frac{a}{m}\right) = 2\lambda\left(\frac{a}{m}\right) = \lambda\left(\frac{a}{m}\right) - \lambda\left(\frac{a}{m} + \frac{1}{2}\right)$$

belongs to $c_0^{-1} \Lambda$.

Lemma 5. For all $r \in \mathbb{Q}$, we have $\mu(-r) = \overline{\mu(r)}$.

Proof. The equality $\lambda(-r) = \overline{\lambda(r)}$ can be verified through explicit computation using the action $\tau \mapsto -\overline{\tau}$ on the upper half plane and that the modular form f has real coefficients. This proves already the case $\delta = 2$.

If $\delta \neq 2$, our choice of representative $\alpha(a, m)$ modulo δ implies that $\alpha(-a, m) = -\alpha(a, m)$. We obtain

$$\overline{\mu\left(\frac{a}{m}\right)} = \overline{\lambda\left(\frac{a}{m}\right)} - \lambda\left(\frac{\alpha(a,m)}{D}\right) = \lambda\left(-\frac{a}{m}\right) - \lambda\left(-\frac{\alpha(a,m)}{D}\right)$$
$$= \lambda\left(\frac{-a}{m}\right) - \lambda\left(\frac{\alpha(-a,m)}{D}\right) = \mu\left(\frac{-a}{m}\right).$$

Write $L(E,s) = \sum_{n\geq 1} a_n n^{-s}$ for the Dirichlet series for the *L*-function of *E*, which converges absolutely for $\operatorname{Re}(s) > \frac{3}{2}$. We define $L^a(E,\chi,s)$ as the analytic continuation of the Dirichlet series

$$L^{a}(E,\chi,s) = \sum_{n \ge 1} \frac{a_n \chi(n)}{n^s}$$

This is the *L*-function of the modular form f twisted by χ as in [11].

Lemma 6. Suppose $\delta \neq m$. Then

$$L^{a}(E,\bar{\chi},1) = \frac{G(\bar{\chi})}{m} \sum_{a} \chi(a) \,\mu\left(\frac{a}{m}\right)$$

where the sum runs over all invertible a modulo m.

Note that the condition $m \neq \delta$ is satisfied as soon as χ is non-trivial and (m, N) = 1 or, more generally, if no additive place ramifies in K_{χ}/\mathbb{Q} .

Proof. We use the Birch's formula (see formula (8.6) in [11]):

$$L^{a}(E,\bar{\chi},1) = \frac{G(\bar{\chi})}{m} \sum_{a} \chi(a) \lambda\left(\frac{a}{m}\right)$$
(4)

where the sum runs over $a \in \mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z}$. Again, this proves already the case $\delta = 2$. Suppose now that $\delta \neq 2$. The sum can be rewritten as

$$\sum_{a} \chi(a) \lambda\left(\frac{a}{m}\right) = \sum_{a} \chi(a) \, \mu\left(\frac{a}{m}\right) + \sum_{a} \chi(a) \, \lambda\left(\frac{\alpha(a,m)}{D}\right)$$

and we are left to show that the second summand on the right is equal to zero. This sum is equal to

$$\sum_{\substack{-\delta/2 < x < \delta/2}} \lambda\left(\frac{x}{D}\right) \sum_{\substack{a \bmod m \\ a\tilde{m} \equiv x \pmod{\delta}}} \chi(a).$$
(5)

For a fixed x, we wish to show that the last sum on the right is zero. As \tilde{m} and a are coprime to δ it is possible to pick an invertible y modulo m such that $a\tilde{m} \equiv y \pmod{\delta}$. Then every a modulo m such that $a\tilde{m} \equiv y \pmod{\delta}$ can be written uniquely as $a = y(1 + k\delta)$ for one $0 \leq k < m/\delta$. Therefore

$$\sum_{\substack{a \bmod m \\ a\tilde{m} \equiv x \pmod{\delta}}} \chi(a) = \sum_{k=0}^{\frac{m}{\delta}-1} \chi(y(1+k\delta)) = \chi(y) \cdot \sum_{h \in H} \chi(h)$$

where H is the kernel of $(\mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z})^{\times} \to (\mathbb{Z}/\delta\mathbb{Z})^{\times}$. Since $m \neq \delta$, the kernel H is non-trivial as it is impossible that δ is odd and $m = 2\delta$ since m is the conductor of a character. Now the above sum is $\sum_{h \in H} \chi|_H(h)$ and by character theory this is 0 unless χ restricts to the trivial character on H. But the latter is impossible as χ is assumed to be primitive modulo m. \Box

We define

$$\mathscr{L}^{a}(E,\chi) = \frac{L^{a}(E,\bar{\chi},1) \cdot m}{G(\bar{\chi}) \cdot \Omega_{\epsilon}(E)}$$

analogous to the definition in (1).

Proposition 7. Assume that the Manin constant c_0 for E is 1 and suppose $m^2 \nmid N$. Then $\mathscr{L}^a(E,\chi) \in \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_d].$

Proof. Note first that the assumption $m^2 \nmid N$ is equivalent to $m \neq \delta$. By the definition of $\mathscr{L}^a(E,\chi)$ and Lemma 6, we have

$$\mathscr{L}^{a}(E,\chi) = \frac{1}{\Omega_{\epsilon}(E)} \sum_{a \bmod m} \chi(a) \, \mu\left(\frac{a}{m}\right).$$

If m is even then $\chi(m/2) = 0$ since m cannot be equal to 2. Therefore for all m we may split the above sum into two sums as

$$\mathcal{L}^{a}(E,\chi) = \frac{1}{\Omega_{\epsilon}(E)} \sum_{a=1}^{\left[\frac{m-1}{2}\right]} \chi(a) \,\mu\left(\frac{a}{m}\right) + \frac{1}{\Omega_{\epsilon}(E)} \sum_{a=1}^{\left[\frac{m-1}{2}\right]} \chi(-a) \,\mu\left(\frac{-a}{m}\right)$$
$$= \frac{1}{\Omega_{\epsilon}(E)} \sum_{a=1}^{\left[\frac{m-1}{2}\right]} \left(\chi(a) \,\mu\left(\frac{a}{m}\right) + \epsilon \cdot \chi(a) \,\mu\left(-\frac{a}{m}\right)\right).$$

Using Lemma 5, one obtains

$$\mathscr{L}^{a}(E,\chi) = \frac{1}{\Omega_{\epsilon}(E)} \sum_{a=1}^{\left[\frac{m-1}{2}\right]} \chi(a) \cdot \left(\mu\left(\frac{a}{m}\right) + \epsilon \cdot \overline{\mu\left(\frac{a}{m}\right)}\right).$$
(6)

Assume now first that $\delta \neq 2$. If $\epsilon = +1$, then $\mu(r) + \epsilon \overline{\mu(r)} = 2 \cdot \operatorname{Re}(\mu(r))$. By Lemma 4, $\mu(r) \in \Lambda$. In either case, whether Λ is rectangular or not, the set of $\operatorname{Re}(z)$ for $z \in \Lambda$ is $\frac{1}{2}\Omega_+(E)\mathbb{Z}$. Therefore, if $\epsilon = +1$

$$\frac{\mu\left(\frac{a}{m}\right) + \epsilon\,\mu\left(\frac{a}{m}\right)}{\Omega_{\epsilon}(E)}$$

belongs to \mathbb{Z} . If $\epsilon = -1$ the same argument also works since $\mu(r) - \mu(r) = 2 \cdot \operatorname{Im}(\mu(r)) i \in \Omega_{-}(E) \mathbb{Z}$ for both forms of the lattice. Since χ takes values in $\mathbb{Z}[\zeta_d]$ when χ has order d, this proves that $\mathscr{L}^a(E,\chi) \in \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_d]$.

The case $\delta = 2$, requires more as $\mu(r) = \lambda(r)$ does not necessarily belong to Λ , but only to $\frac{1}{2}\Lambda$ as seen in Lemma 4. We now split the sum in equation (6) once more, using the fact that m is divisible by 4 in this case.

$$\mathcal{L}^{a}(E,\chi) = \frac{1}{\Omega_{\epsilon}(E)} \sum_{a=1}^{\frac{m}{4}-1} \chi(a) \cdot \left(\lambda\left(\frac{a}{m}\right) + \epsilon \cdot \overline{\lambda\left(\frac{a}{m}\right)}\right) + \frac{1}{\Omega_{\epsilon}(E)} \sum_{a=1}^{\frac{m}{4}-1} \chi(\frac{m}{2}-a) \cdot \left(\lambda\left(\frac{1}{2}-\frac{a}{m}\right) + \epsilon \cdot \overline{\lambda\left(\frac{1}{2}-\frac{a}{m}\right)}\right)$$

We concentrate on the second sum. First $\chi(\frac{m}{2}-a) = \chi(-1)\chi(a)\chi(1+\frac{m}{2})$ (recall that a must be odd and therefore $\frac{am}{2}$ is congruent to $\frac{m}{2}$ modulo m). Since $1+\frac{m}{2}$ is of order two and because χ has conductor m, we must have $\chi(1+\frac{m}{2}) = -1$. Further we use (3) and reach

$$\mathcal{L}^{a}(E,\chi) = \frac{1}{\Omega_{\epsilon}(E)} \sum_{a=1}^{\frac{m}{4}-1} \chi(a) \cdot \left(\lambda\left(\frac{a}{m}\right) + \epsilon \cdot \overline{\lambda\left(\frac{a}{m}\right)} - \epsilon \cdot \left(\overline{-\lambda\left(\frac{a}{m}\right)} + \epsilon \cdot \lambda\left(\frac{a}{m}\right)\right)\right)$$
$$= \sum_{a=1}^{\frac{m}{4}-1} \chi(a) \cdot 2 \cdot \frac{\lambda\left(\frac{a}{m}\right) + \epsilon \cdot \overline{\lambda\left(\frac{a}{m}\right)}}{\Omega_{\epsilon}(E)}.$$

With the extra factor of 2 and knowing that $\lambda(\frac{a}{m}) \in \frac{1}{2}\Lambda$, we can conclude again.

For curves with $c_0 > 1$, we can use the modular parametrisation by $X_1(N)$ instead. The result will be a bit weaker but it should apply to all curves. Recall that the Manin constant c_1 satisfies $\varphi_1^*(\omega) = c_1 \cdot 2\pi i f d\tau$, where $\varphi_1 : X_1(N) \to E$ is the modular parametrisation of minimal degree, and that it is conjectured to be 1.

Proposition 8. Assume that $c_1 = 1$. Then $\mathscr{L}^a(E, \chi) \in \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_d]$ for all non-trivial primitive characters χ of conductor $m \nmid N$.

Proof. We define an analogue of $\alpha(a, m)$ in this proof to account for our change in parametrisation. We let $\beta(a, m)$ be the least residue of a modulo D, where $D = \gcd(m, N)$ as before. For any a and b that are coprime to m, the cusps $\frac{a}{m}$ and $\frac{b}{m}$ are $\Gamma_1(N)$ -equivalent if and only if $a \equiv b \pmod{D}$; see for instance Proposition 3.8.3 in [5]. Assume first that $D \neq 2$ which assures that the least residue $\beta(a, m)$ of $a \mod D$ is well-defined. Set $\mu\left(\frac{a}{m}\right) = \lambda\left(\frac{a}{m}\right) - \lambda\left(\frac{\beta(a,m)}{m}\right)$. Then it is not hard to check that $\mu\left(\frac{a}{m}\right) \in 1/c_1 \Lambda = \Lambda$ and that $\mu(-r) = \overline{\mu(r)}$ for all $r = \frac{a}{m}$. With these two properties one can now follow precisely the proof of Proposition 7. The corresponding sum that replaces the sum in (5) is

$$\sum_{\substack{-D/2 < x < D/2 \\ (x,m)=1}} \lambda\left(\frac{x}{m}\right) \sum_{\substack{a \bmod m \\ a \equiv x \pmod{D}}} \chi(a)$$

which is 0 as long as χ is a primitive character modulo m and $D \neq m$.

Now to the case when D = 2. Since *m* is even, it must be divisible by 4. All cusps $\frac{a}{m}$ with *a* coprime to *m* are $\Gamma_1(N)$ -equivalent. Write $w = \lambda(\frac{1}{m})$. Then $w - \overline{w} = \lambda(\frac{1}{m}) - \lambda(\frac{-1}{m})$ is an element of $1/c_1 \Lambda = \Lambda$. More generally $\lambda(\frac{a}{m}) = w + \nu(a)$ with $\nu(a) \in \Lambda$. We compute

$$\mathscr{L}^{a}(E,\chi)\cdot\Omega_{\epsilon}(E) = \sum_{a \bmod m} \chi(a)\cdot\left(w+\nu(a)\right) = \sum_{a=1}^{m/2} \chi(a)\cdot\left(\nu(a)+\epsilon \overline{\nu(a)}\right) + \left(\sum_{a=1}^{m/2} \chi(a)\right)\cdot\left(w+\epsilon \overline{w}\right)$$

The first sum in the last expression belongs to $\mathbb{Z}[\zeta_d]$ because $\nu(a) \in \Lambda$. Finally

$$\sum_{a=1}^{m/2} \chi(a) = \sum_{a=1}^{m/4} (\chi(a) + \chi(\frac{m}{2} - a)) = \sum_{a=1}^{m/4} \chi(a) \cdot (1 - \epsilon)$$

shows that the second sum in this expression is zero if $\epsilon = 1$. Instead if $\epsilon = -1$ then

$$2\left(w-\overline{w}\right)\cdot\sum_{a=1}^{m/4}\chi(a)$$

also belongs to $\mathbb{Z}[\zeta_d]$ because $w - \overline{w} \in \Lambda$.

3 Integrality using the Galois action

In this section we will use the Galois action on cusps to obtain further cases when $\mathscr{L}^{a}(E,\chi)$ is integral. As the statements are a bit stronger, we will use the modular parametrisation $\varphi_{1}: X_{1}(N) \to E$, but the argument works the same for $X_{0}(N)$. For a cusp r, we will denote by $P_{r} = \varphi_{1}(r) \in E(\overline{\mathbb{Q}})$. Under the isomorphism $E(\mathbb{C}) \cong \mathbb{C}/\Lambda$ this point corresponds to $c_{1} \cdot \lambda(r) + \Lambda$. Throughout the section we will assume that $c_{1} = 1$. Also, since we know the integrality already when $m \nmid N$ by Proposition 8, in this section we will prove results for $m \mid N$.

If $\mathscr{L}^{a}(E,\chi)$ is not integral, then there is some *a* for which $\lambda(\frac{a}{m})$ does not belong to Λ . We will see that this implies that the point $P_{a/m}$ is a non-trivial torsion point.

Lemma 9. For any $r = \frac{a}{m}$ with $m \mid N$, the torsion point P_r is defined over $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_m)$.

Proof. In the proof of Lemma 3.11 in [15] the action of the Galois group on the cusps in $X_1(N)$ is explicitly given. The cusps are defined over $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_N)$ and the element $\sigma_b \in$ $\operatorname{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_N)/\mathbb{Q})$ sending ζ_N to ζ_N^b acts on the cusp represented by $\frac{a}{m}$ by sending it to the cusp $\frac{ab^*}{m}$ where $bb^* \equiv 1 \pmod{N}$. If $b \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$, then $b^* \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$ and hence the cusp $\frac{ab^*}{m}$ is $\Gamma_1(N)$ -equivalent to $\frac{a}{m}$. Hence these σ_b fix the cusp $\frac{a}{m}$ on $X_1(N)$ and hence P_r in $E(\mathbb{Q})$.

If one uses the parametrisation $\varphi_0: X_0(N) \to E$ instead, one can show that the points $P^0_{a/m} = \varphi_0(a/m)$ are defined over $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{\delta})$ using Theorem 1.3.1 in [14]. In particular $P^0_r \in E(\mathbb{Q})$ for all r if E is semistable.

Proposition 10. Assume that $c_1 = 1$. Let χ be a non-trivial primitive character of conductor m and order d such that $m \mid N$. Let K_{χ} be the field fixed by the kernel of χ . Suppose $K_{\chi} \not\subset \mathbb{Q}(P_{1/m})$. Then $\mathscr{L}^a(E, \chi) \in \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_d]$.

Before we start with the proof, we introduce the standard notation for the normalised modular symbols $[r]^{\pm}$; which we define by

$$[r]^+ = \frac{\operatorname{Re}(\lambda(r))}{\Omega_+(E)}$$
 and $[r]^- = \frac{\operatorname{Im}(\lambda(r))i}{\Omega_-(E)} = \frac{\operatorname{Im}(\lambda(r))}{|\Omega_-(E)|}$

for any $r \in \mathbb{Q}$.

From formula (4), we get that

$$\Omega_{\epsilon}(E) \cdot \mathscr{L}^{a}(E,\chi) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{a \mod m} \left(\chi(a) \,\lambda\left(\frac{a}{m}\right) + \chi(-a) \,\lambda\left(\frac{-a}{m}\right) \right) = \sum_{a \mod m} \chi(a) \,\frac{\lambda\left(\frac{a}{m}\right) + \epsilon \lambda\left(\frac{-a}{m}\right)}{2}$$

which can be rewritten as

$$\mathscr{L}^{a}(E,\chi) = \sum_{a \bmod m} \chi(a) \cdot \left[\frac{a}{m}\right]^{\epsilon}.$$
(7)

From $\lambda(-r) = \overline{\lambda(r)}$, it follows that $\left[\frac{-a}{m}\right]^{\epsilon} = \epsilon \cdot \left[\frac{a}{m}\right]^{\epsilon}$.

Proof. From the above lemma, we know that $P_{a/m}$ belongs to $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_m)$ and how its Galois group acts on these points: if b is in $(\mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z})^{\times}$ then $\sigma_b(P_{a/m}) = P_{ab^*/m}$ where b^* is the inverse of b. In particular the Galois group acts transitively on the set of (not necessarily distinct) points $P_{a/m}$ as a varies through invertible elements modulo m.

Let H be the stabiliser of $P_{a/m}$ viewed as a subgroup of $(\mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z})^{\times}$ and F the field fixed by H, so that $P_{a/m} \in E(F)$. Pick a set of coset representatives U of G/H.

Because each $h \in H$ fixes $P_{a/m}$, we find the following relations: For each invertible a modulo m and $h \in H$

$$\lambda\left(\frac{ah}{m}\right) - \lambda\left(\frac{a}{m}\right) \in \frac{1}{c_1}\Lambda = \Lambda.$$
(8)

Let $u \in U$ and for $a \in uH$ define

$$\kappa(a) = \left[\frac{a}{m}\right]^{\epsilon} - \left[\frac{u}{m}\right]^{\epsilon}$$

From the above equation (8), we see that $\kappa(a) \in \frac{1}{2}\mathbb{Z}$ and, if $\epsilon = -1$ and $c_{\infty} = 2$ then even $\kappa(a) \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Using (7), the algebraic *L*-value becomes

$$\mathscr{L}^{a}(E,\chi) = \sum_{a \bmod m} \chi(a) \left(\kappa(a) + \left[\frac{u}{m}\right]^{\epsilon} \right) = \sum_{a \bmod m} \chi(a) \kappa(a) + \sum_{u \in U} \sum_{h \in H} \chi(uh) \left[\frac{u}{m}\right]^{\epsilon}.$$

The last sum on the right is is equal to

$$\sum_{u \in U} \chi(u) \left[\frac{u}{m}\right]^{\epsilon} \cdot \sum_{h \in H} \chi(h).$$

By our hypothesis, χ is not trivial on H as otherwise $K_{\chi} \subset F$ and hence this last sum is zero giving $\mathscr{L}^{a}(E,\chi) = \sum_{a} \chi(a) \kappa(a)$. This already proves the lemma in case $\epsilon = -1$ and $c_{\infty} = 2$.

Otherwise, as before, we are left with trying to eliminate the possible denominator 2. First we assume that $-1 \notin H$ or equivalently that $P_{1/m} \notin E(\mathbb{R})$. Then $-a \in uH$ for all $a \in uH$. Therefore

$$\kappa(-a) = \left[\frac{-a}{m}\right]^{\epsilon} - \left[\frac{-u}{m}\right]^{\epsilon} = \epsilon \cdot \kappa(a).$$

We get

$$\mathscr{L}^{a}(E,\chi) = \sum_{a=1}^{\left[\frac{m-1}{2}\right]} \left(\chi(a)\kappa(a) + \chi(-a)\kappa(-a) \right) = \sum_{a=1}^{\left[\frac{m-1}{2}\right]} \chi(a) \cdot 2\kappa(a).$$

Since $\kappa(a) \in \frac{1}{2}\mathbb{Z}$, we can conclude that $\mathscr{L}^a(E,\chi) \in \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_d]$.

We may now assume that -1 belongs to H. Then we may choose U such that, if $u \in U$ then $-u \in U$. Therefore

$$\kappa(-a) = \epsilon \left[\frac{a}{m}\right]^{\epsilon} - \left[\frac{u}{n}\right]^{\epsilon} = \begin{cases} \kappa(a) & \text{if } \epsilon = +1\\ \kappa(a) - 2\left[\frac{u}{m}\right]^{-} & \text{if } \epsilon = -1. \end{cases}$$

Therefore if χ is even, the same argument as for $-1 \notin H$ works. Otherwise, if χ is odd, then, by the earlier conclusion, we may assume that $c_{\infty} = 1$. In that case, the lattice is not rectangular and so $P_{u/m} \in E(\mathbb{R})$ implies that $\left\lfloor \frac{u}{m} \right\rfloor^{-}$ is in $\frac{1}{2}\mathbb{Z}$ for all $u \in U$. Hence in that case $\kappa(-a)$ differs from $\kappa(a)$ by an integer and we can prove the integrality again.

This argument uses ingredients similar to those in the result in Theorem 3.14 in [15]. In this theorem, Stevens proves an integrality statement for the Stickelberger elements which is a bit weaker than our refined result here.

Note that Proposition 10 implies the following. If $c_1 = 1$ and $\mathscr{L}^a(E, \chi)$ is non-integral for some non-trivial χ of conductor m then $E(\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_m))$ contains a torsion point that is not defined over \mathbb{Q} .

4 Torsion points over abelian extensions

We gather some statements about the possibility of acquiring a new torsion point in an abelian extension of \mathbb{Q} . In our proofs we make use of Kenku's classification [8] of cyclic isogenies defined over \mathbb{Q} .

Lemma 11. Let E/\mathbb{Q} be an elliptic curve and p an odd prime number and $n \ge 1$. Suppose P is a point of order p^n defined over an abelian extension K/\mathbb{Q} . Then $\mathbb{Q}(P)$ is contained in a field obtained by adjoining points in the kernel of cyclic isogenies $\phi: E \to E'$ defined over \mathbb{Q} whose degree are powers of p.

This is a generalisation of Lemma 5 in [17].

Proof. Let $G = \operatorname{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}(E[p^n])/\mathbb{Q})$ and N its subgroup corresponding to the intermediate field $\mathbb{Q}(P, \zeta_{p^n})$. Since $\mathbb{Q}(P)$ and $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{p^n})$ are abelian extensions of \mathbb{Q} so is $\mathbb{Q}(P, \zeta_{p^n})$. Therefore N is a normal subgroup of G with abelian quotient.

Pick a basis $\{P, Q\}$ of $E[p^n]$ and use it to identify G as a subgroup of $\operatorname{GL}_2(\mathbb{Z}/p^n\mathbb{Z})$. The subgroup N is then formed by the elements in G of the form $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & * \\ 0 & * \end{pmatrix}$ that belong to $\operatorname{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}/p^n\mathbb{Z})$. Therefore it is a subgroup of matrices of the form $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & * \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$. We have two cases: the special case when N is trivial and the non-trivial case.

Case 1: N is trivial. In this case G itself is abelian. In order to prove the lemma for N trivial we will explicitly create the field that contains $\mathbb{Q}(P)$. Consider the complex conjugation $g \in G$. Since p is odd, there is a basis $\{T_+, T_-\}$ of $E[p^n]$ such that $g(T_{\pm}) = \pm T_{\pm}$. For any $h \in G$ we have $h(T_{\pm}) = \pm hg(T_{\pm}) = \pm gh(T_{\pm})$ as G is abelian. Therefore $h(T_{\pm})$ is a multiple of T_{\pm} and this shows that all elements in G fix the subgroups generated by T_{\pm} . We have therefore found two isogenies ϕ_{\pm} defined over \mathbb{Q} and G is contained in the group of diagonal matrices with respect to the new basis $\{T_+, T_-\}$. The lemma is then proven in this case as $\mathbb{Q}(P) \subset \mathbb{Q}(E[p^n]) = \mathbb{Q}(T_+, T_-)$. (It turns out that in this Case 1, we are in a very special situation: Having two cyclic isogenies of degree p^n leaving E, there is a curve in the isogeny class of E over \mathbb{Q} with an isogeny of degree p^{2n} defined over \mathbb{Q} . By Kenku's classification [8], we know that this only occurs if p^n is 3 or 5.)

Case 2: N is non-trivial. It is generated by $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & p^k \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ for some $0 \le k < n$. We consider the action of G and N on the set of cyclic p^n -isogenies leaving from E, which we may identify with $\mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{Z}/p^n\mathbb{Z})$ via our chosen basis $\{P,Q\}$ of $E[p^n]$. Let X be the set of points fixed by N. The above generator fixes (x : y) if and only if $y^2 p^k = 0$ in $\mathbb{Z}/p^n\mathbb{Z}$. Therefore X is a set containing p^m elements with $m = \lfloor \frac{n-k}{2} \rfloor$ all of which have the same reduction as $\langle P \rangle = (1:0)$ modulo p. Since #X is odd, the complex conjugation g has precisely one fixed point on X, say $x_0 = \langle U \rangle$. The quotient G/N acts on X. Since G/N is abelian, we can again conclude that x_0 is fixed by all elements in G/N. Therefore x_0 is fixed by all of G.

First, we can treat the easier situation when $x_0 = \langle P \rangle$: The isogeny with P in its kernel is then defined over \mathbb{Q} and the lemma is proven again. Since we assume that N is non-trivial, we are in this situation if n = 1 because then X only contains $\langle P \rangle$.

Therefore, we are left with the more complicated situation when n > 1, the group N is non-trivial and $x_0 \neq \langle P \rangle$. Set N' to be the subgroup of G corresponding to the field $\mathbb{Q}(P, U, \zeta_{p^n})$. Again this is a normal subgroup of G with abelian quotient. If N' is trivial, then G is abelian and we can conclude as above. Therefore we assume that N' is not trivial and hence it is generated by $h = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & p^m \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \in N'$ for some $k \leq m < n$. For any two $g = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & d \end{pmatrix}$ and $g' = \begin{pmatrix} a' & b' \\ 0 & d' \end{pmatrix}$ in G, we must have $gh \in hgN'$. This is equivalent to $ab' + bd' \equiv a'b + b'd$ (mod p^m). This implies that $b'(a - d) \equiv b(a' - d') \pmod{p}$. Let \overline{G} be the image of G in $\operatorname{GL}_2(\mathbb{F}_p)$, which is the Galois group of $\mathbb{Q}(E[p])/\mathbb{Q}$. Pick any $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & d \end{pmatrix} \in \overline{G}$ with $a \neq d$ which exists because the determinant is surjective onto \mathbb{F}_p^{\times} . The above congruence implies that the line generated by $\begin{pmatrix} b \\ d-a \end{pmatrix}$ is fixed by \overline{G} . In other words besides $p^{n-1}U$ there is a second point S in E[p] whose subgroup is fixed by G.

As the isogeny class of E over \mathbb{Q} now contains a cyclic isogeny of degree $p^{n+1} \ge p^3$, we see that p = 3 and n = 2 from Kenku's classification [8].

We now change the basis of $E[p^n] = E[p^2]$ by taking $\{U, S'\}$ such that pS' = S. Then G is in the subgroup of matrices of the form $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & d \end{pmatrix}$ with $p \mid b$. The elements in G that fix both U and S are of the form $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & b \\ 0 & d \end{pmatrix}$ for which $p \mid b$ and $d \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$. The point P is of the form uU + pvS' for units u and v. Therefore all elements that fix U and S also fix P. We conclude finally that $\mathbb{Q}(P) \subset \mathbb{Q}(U,S)$. Since both $\langle U \rangle$ and $\langle S \rangle$ are defined over \mathbb{Q} we have completed the proof in the last case, too.

Lemma 12. Let E/\mathbb{Q} be an elliptic curve. Suppose P is a point of exact order 4 defined over an abelian extension K/\mathbb{Q} . Then there is an cyclic isogeny on E defined over \mathbb{Q} of degree 2.

Proof. Let Q = 2P. Since $\operatorname{GL}_2(\mathbb{F}_2) \cong S_3$, there are three possibilities that Q is defined over an abelian extension of \mathbb{Q} . For the first two of the possibilities, when $\mathbb{Q}(Q)$ is either of degree 1 or of degree 2, there is already a 2-isogeny defined over \mathbb{Q} . Therefore we assume we are in the third case, that $\mathbb{Q}(Q)/\mathbb{Q}$ is a cyclic cubic extension, and show that this contradicts the assumption.

Consider $G = \operatorname{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}(E[4])/\mathbb{Q})$ as a subgroup of $\operatorname{GL}_2(\mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z})$ with P as the first element of the basis of E[4]. The image of G in $\operatorname{GL}_2(\mathbb{F}_2)$ is the subgroup generated by $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$. Let $H = \operatorname{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}(E[4])/\mathbb{Q}(P,i))$ which is a normal subgroup of G contained in the matrices of determinant 1 and in those that have the form $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & * \\ 0 & * \end{pmatrix}$. Hence H is contained in the cyclic subgroup of order 2 generated by $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \in \operatorname{GL}_2(\mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z})$.

If H is non-trivial then G must belong to the normaliser of H in $\operatorname{GL}_2(\mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z})$, but that would mean that G is contained in the stabiliser of P which contradicts our assumption on the image of G in $\operatorname{GL}_2(\mathbb{F}_2)$.

We may suppose that H is trivial and hence $\mathbb{Q}(E[4]) = \mathbb{Q}(P, i)$ is abelian over \mathbb{Q} . Since all points in E[2] are defined over \mathbb{R} , the Néron lattice is rectangular. Therefore the complex conjugation must be $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \in \operatorname{GL}_2(\mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z})$ under a suitable, possibly different choice of a basis for E[4]. All the matrices commuting with that matrix reduce to the identity matrix modulo 2, which contradicts again our assumption on $\mathbb{Q}(Q)$.

It is tempting to hope that Lemma 11 could be generalised to include p = 2. However this turns out to be far from possible. The possible Galois groups of $\mathbb{Q}(E[2^{\infty}])/\mathbb{Q}$ were determined and listed in [12]. We find that of the 1208 possible groups only 582 satisfy the property that the field of definition of all abelian torsion point can be obtained using isogenies over \mathbb{Q} . In particular this fails for the three groups with the property that $\mathbb{Q}(E[2])/\mathbb{Q}$ is cyclic of order 3. But there are other more surprising examples: There is a curve with the 2-primary torsion subgroup defined over the maximal abelian extension of \mathbb{Q} equal to $\mathbb{Z}/16\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}$.

Corollary 13. Let E/\mathbb{Q} be an elliptic curve. Suppose P is a torsion point of exact order t defined over an abelian extension K/\mathbb{Q} . Then there exists a cyclic isogeny $E \to E'$ of degree p defined over \mathbb{Q} for each odd prime divisor p of t. Further if t is even, either

- $4 \nmid t$ and the minimal discriminant Δ is a square or
- there is a non-trivial cyclic isogeny $E \to E'$ of degree 2 defined over \mathbb{Q} .

Moreover if t is odd then $\mathbb{Q}(P)$ is contained in a field obtained by adjoining points in kernels of cyclic isogenies defined over \mathbb{Q} .

Proof. First, P can be written as a linear combination of torsion points Q_p over abelian extensions whose orders are powers of $p \mid t$. From the above proof we learn that the only option for Q_2 to be defined over an abelian extension without having a rational 2-isogeny is when $\mathbb{Q}(E[2])$ is a cyclic extension of degree 3. It is know that this only occurs when the discriminant Δ is a square, see for instance 5.3a) in [13].

Therefore, if t is odd or Δ is not a square then the previous two lemmas imply the existence of p-isogenies defined over \mathbb{Q} . The last sentence is a consequence of Lemma 11 and $\mathbb{Q}(P) = \mathbb{Q}(\{Q_p \mid p \mid t\})$.

5 Integrality of modular symbols

We record here an auxiliary result that may be of independent interest. Recall first that modular symbols are the unique rational numbers such that

$$\lambda(r) = [r]^+ \cdot \Omega_+(E) + [r]^- \cdot \Omega_-(E)$$

for any $r \in \mathbb{Q}$.

Proposition 14. Let E/\mathbb{Q} be an elliptic curve which does not admit any non-trivial isogenies defined over \mathbb{Q} . Assume that the Manin constant conjecture $c_0 = 1$ holds. Then $[r]^{\pm}$ belongs to $\frac{1}{4}\mathbb{Z}$ for any $r \in \mathbb{Q}$. Furthermore, if the minimal discriminant Δ is not a square then $[r]^{\pm} \in \frac{1}{2}\mathbb{Z}$.

Proof. Consider the image P_r of the cusp $r \in X_0(N)$ under the modular parametrisation φ_0 . Lemma 9 implies that P_r is a torsion point defined over an abelian extension. From the Lemmas 11 and 12, we conclude that P_r has either order 2 or $P_r = O$. Hence the endpoint of the path γ in the definition (2) of $\lambda(r)$ ends at a point in E[2]. So $\lambda(r) \in \frac{1}{2}\Lambda$ and the comparison with the periods gives $[r]^{\pm} \in \frac{1}{4}\mathbb{Z}$.

If Δ is not a square, then Corollary 13 shows that P_r has to be O and hence $\lambda(r) \in \Lambda$. \Box

We recall here that one can use the modular parametrisation φ_0 to prove the following, as per our comment after Lemma 9.

Proposition 15. Let E/\mathbb{Q} be a semistable X_0 -optimal elliptic curve with no non-trivial torsion point defined over \mathbb{Q} . Then $[r]^{\pm} \in \frac{1}{2}\mathbb{Z}$ for all $r \in \mathbb{Q}$.

Proof. The Manin constant conjecture $c_0 = 1$ for E is known in the semistable case by [3]. All points P_r^0 must be defined over \mathbb{Q} , but since there are no torsion points defined over \mathbb{Q} , we get that $P_r^0 = O$.

It is easy to find examples, even of semistable curves, which have denominator 2 among the modular symbols: For instance the curve, labelled 43a1 in Cremona's table [4], has $\left[\frac{1}{5}\right]^+ = \left[\frac{1}{5}\right]^- = \frac{1}{2}$, despite having no isogenies defined over \mathbb{Q} . Proposition 14 does not rule out that there are examples with denominator 4. However it seems very difficult to find any such examples, if they exist at all.

6 Integrality of the modular *L*-values

In this short section we prove our main integrality result for $\mathscr{L}^{a}(E,\chi)$ by combining the results from the previous sections.

Theorem 16. Let E/\mathbb{Q} be an elliptic curve of conductor N and χ a non-trivial character of order d and conductor m. Assume that $c_1(E) = 1$ as conjectured.

Suppose that $\mathscr{L}^{a}(E,\chi) \notin \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_{d}]$. Then the minimal discriminant Δ is a square or there is a cyclic isogeny $E \to E'$ defined over \mathbb{Q} . Moreover either

- $c_0 > 1$ and $m \mid N$ or
- $m^2 \mid N$.

Finally, the field K_{χ} fixed by χ is contained in the extension of \mathbb{Q} obtained by adjoining the points of the kernels of all cyclic isogenies defined over \mathbb{Q} and all torsion points of order a power of 2 that are defined over an abelian extension of \mathbb{Q} .

In the last section, we will give examples explaining why these conditions can not be weakened.

Proof. By Proposition 10, we know that K_{χ} is contained in the field of definition of $P_{1/m}$, where $P_{1/m} = \varphi_1(\frac{1}{m})$. This point is defined over an abelian extension by Lemma 9. Corollary 13 implies that Δ is a square or there is a cyclic isogeny defined over \mathbb{Q} . Proposition 8 proves that $m \mid N$. Proposition 7 shows that either $m^2 \mid N$ or $c_0 > 1$. The statement about K_{χ} is a consequence of Lemma 11.

7 Comparison of the *L*-functions

In this section, we compare the motivic definition of the *L*-function to the arithmetic definition. This allows us to prove our main theorems.

We may view a primitive Dirichlet character χ as usual as a character on the absolute Galois group of \mathbb{Q} via setting $\chi(\operatorname{Fr}_p) = \chi(p)$ where Fr_p is an arithmetic Frobenius element for a prime p. For any prime ℓ , let V_{χ} be the 1-dimensional \mathbb{Q}_{ℓ} -vector space on which the absolute Galois group acts by χ . Let V_E be the dual of $T_{\ell}E \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}_{\ell}} \mathbb{Q}_{\ell}$ where $T_{\ell}E$ is the Tate-module of E.

Given such a compatible system of Galois representations V, we define its L-function as usual by

$$L(V,s) = \prod_{p} \det\left(1 - \operatorname{Fr}_{p}^{-1} p^{-s} \mid V^{I_{p}}\right)$$

where I_p is the inertia subgroup for p and for each prime p we take V with respect to any prime $\ell \neq p$. For our definitions of V_{χ} and V_E above, we obtain $L(\bar{\chi}, s) = L(V_{\chi}, s) = \sum_{n\geq 1} \chi(n) n^{-s}$ and $L(E, s) = L(V_E, s) = \sum_{n\geq 1} a_n n^{-s}$. We set $L(E, \chi, s) = L(V_E \otimes V_{\chi}, s)$.

Recall that $L^{a}(E,\chi,s) = \sum_{n} a_{n}\chi(n)n^{-s}$, but $\mathscr{L}^{a}(E,\chi)$ is obtained from $L^{a}(E,\bar{\chi},s)$. The following is not difficult to prove by looking at each local factor in the product.

Lemma 17. If E does not have semistable reduction at any prime of K_{χ} above a prime p of additive reduction over \mathbb{Q} , then $L(E, \chi, s) = L^{a}(E, \overline{\chi}, s)$.

As a consequence of modularity, we obtain that $L(E, \chi, s)$ admits an analytic continuation to all $s \in \mathbb{C}$.

Proof of Theorem 1 and Theorem 2. If no prime of additive reduction divides m, then $m^2 \nmid N$ and so $c_0 = 1$ implies that $\mathscr{L}^a(E, \chi) \in \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_d]$ by Theorem 16. Part b) of Theorem 2 then follows from the above lemma as it implies $\mathscr{L}(E, \chi) = \mathscr{L}^a(E, \chi)$.

If no prime of bad reduction divides m then $m \nmid N$ and so $c_1 = 1$ implies part a) of Theorem 2. As mentioned before, Theorem 1 is a consequence of Theorem 2 and the fact that we know $c_0 = 1$ for the X_0 -optimal curve as shown in [3].

The case when the above lemma does not apply is trickier; the two Euler products differ by a finite number of local factors. We have

$$\mathscr{L}(E,\chi) = \mathscr{L}^a(E,\chi) \cdot \prod_{p \in S} \mathfrak{C}(E,\chi,p)$$

where S is the set of primes p for which the reduction becomes semistable over K_{χ} and the correction factor $\mathfrak{C}(E,\chi,p)$ is the local factor of the Euler product of $L(E,\chi,s)$ at p evaluated at s = 1.

For instance if χ is a quadratic character and E achieves good reduction at p, then $\mathfrak{C}(E,\chi,p)$ is p/N_p where N_p is the number of points on the reduction of $E \times K_{\chi}$ at the unique prime above p. It is therefore not clear that $\mathscr{L}(E,\chi)$ is integral as these correction factors may introduce new denominators. In fact, it is not even obvious that the value of $\mathscr{L}(E,\chi)$ is still in the correct field. However, Vladimir Dokchitser kindly provided us with the argument to complete this.

Proposition 18. For any Dirichlet character χ of order d, we have $\mathscr{L}(E,\chi) \in \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_d)$.

Proof. The Manin-Drinfeld theorem [10, 7] implies that the modular symbols are rational numbers. Putting this theorem together with Birch's formula (4) we obtain that $\mathscr{L}^{a}(E,\chi) \in \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_d)$.

Let χ be a Dirichlet character of order d such that the local factor of the Euler product at a prime p for $L(E, \chi, s)$ is non-trivial, while the factor for L(E, s) is trivial. So E is an elliptic curve with additive reduction at p, yet does not have additive reduction over K_{χ} any more.

Assume first that E has good reduction at primes above p in K_{χ} . Pick a prime \mathfrak{p} above p in K_{χ} and fix $\ell \neq p$. The inertia group $I_{\mathfrak{p}}$ inside the Galois group of K_{χ}/\mathbb{Q} acts on the \mathbb{Q}_{ℓ} -vector space V_E through the character χ and its inverse χ^{-1} as the determinant must be trivial by the Weil pairing. Therefore the action of $I_{\mathfrak{p}}$ on $V_E \otimes \mathbb{Q}_{\ell}(\zeta_d)$ will be diagonal for a suitable basis.

If $\mathbb{Q}_p^{\mathrm{nr}}$ denotes the maximal unramified extension of \mathbb{Q}_p , then $(K_{\chi})_{\mathfrak{p}} \mathbb{Q}_p^{\mathrm{nr}}/\mathbb{Q}_p$ is abelian. Therefore the action of Fr_p on V_E commutes with the action by $I_{\mathfrak{p}}$. We conclude that Fr_p is also diagonal on $V_E \otimes \mathbb{Q}_{\ell}(\zeta_d)$ and hence the characteristic polynomial of Fr_p has roots in $\mathbb{Q}_{\ell}(\zeta_d)$ for all ℓ . Since the local factor of the Euler product of $L(E,\chi,s)$ at p is a factor of the one of $L(E/K_{\chi},s)$, the correction term $\mathfrak{C}(E,\chi,p)$ is the evaluation of a polynomial over $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_d)$ at p^{-1} .

The case when E acquires multiplicative reduction over K_{χ} works the same if V_E in the above argument is replaced by its subspace fixed by the inertia subgroup of K_{χ} at p. We note that since χ is quadratic in this case, the argument before the statement of this proposition also applies.

8 Examples

We wish to end by listing a few examples of non-integral values of $\mathscr{L}(E,\chi)$ to demonstrate that the assumptions in the statements of the theorems are really needed.

All computations with modular symbols were done using Sage [16] with the implementation described in [18]. We used Magma [2] for the computation of L-values. For all examples $c_1 = 1$ as expected.

Example 1: For a curve like $X_0(11)$

$$y^2 + y = x^3 - x^2 - 10x - 20,$$

the Manin constant c_0 is 1 and the conductor is square-free. Therefore all values $\mathscr{L}(E,\chi)$ will be integral. This, despite the fact that the modular symbols $[r]^+$ have denominator 10 for many r; for instance $\left[\frac{1}{3}\right]^+ = -\frac{3}{10}$.

Example 2: For the semistable curve $X_1(11)$

$$y^2 + y = x^3 - x^2,$$

which is 11a3 in Cremona's database, the Manin constant is $c_0 = 5$. The modular symbols like $[0]^+ = \frac{1}{25}$ and $[\frac{1}{2}]^+ = -\frac{4}{25}$ have large denominator. By Proposition 8, only for characters of conductor 11, we could have non-integral $\mathscr{L}(E,\chi)$. Indeed, the character χ of conductor 11 and order 5 sending 2 to ζ_5 produces $\mathscr{L}(E,\chi) = \frac{1}{5}(2 + 4\zeta_5 + \zeta_5^2 + 3\zeta_5^3)$. This value and the conjugate ones under Gal $(\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_5)/\mathbb{Q})$ are all values that are non-integral for this curve.

Example 3: Next, let E be the elliptic curve

$$E: \qquad y^2 = x^3 - 7x + 7,$$

with label 392f1. Then E does not admit an isogeny over \mathbb{Q} . This curve is not semistable and $\Delta = 2^4 \cdot 7^2$ is a square. For the Dirichlet character χ of conductor 7 and order 3 sending 3 to ζ_3 , we find $\mathscr{L}^a(E,\chi) = \frac{1}{2}(2+\zeta_3)$. Here E acquires all 2-torsion points over the cyclic cubic field with polynomial $x^3 - 7x + 7$. The two places of additive reduction are still additive over that field. Therefore $\mathscr{L}(E,\chi) = \mathscr{L}^a(E,\chi)$. **Example 4**: Finally, an example with a new torsion points of order 5 over K_{χ} : The curve 75a1 has no torsion points defined over \mathbb{Q} , but there are 5-torsion points defined over $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_5)$ which are not fixed by complex conjugation. For the Dirichlet character χ of conductor 5 and order 4 sending 2 to *i*, we obtain $\mathscr{L}(E,\chi) = \frac{1}{5}(2-i)$. The reduction type IV stays the same in the extension K_{χ}/\mathbb{Q} at p = 5 so that $\mathscr{L}(E,\chi) = \mathscr{L}^a(E,\chi)$.

Now we pass to some examples where the reduction type changes in the extension K_{χ}/\mathbb{Q} .

Example 5: Let *E* be the curve labelled 162b1. This curve has a rational 3-torsion point over \mathbb{Q} . This time the curve acquires a new 7-torsion point over the maximal real sub-field $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_9)^+$ of $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_9)$. For the Dirichlet character of conductor 9 and order 3 sending 2 to ζ_3 , we find $\mathscr{L}^a(E,\chi) = \frac{1}{7}(3+\zeta_3)$. The correction factor here is the local factor $(1+(1-\zeta_3)T)^{-1}$ evaluated at $\frac{1}{3}$ which gives $\mathfrak{C}(E,\chi,3) = \frac{1}{7}(5+\zeta_3)$. We obtain $\mathscr{L}(E,\chi) = \frac{1}{7}(2+\zeta_3)$, which is still not integral.

Example 6: Next we let E be the curve 150a1. This curve has additive reduction of type III over \mathbb{Q} , but has good reduction over $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_5)$ with 10 points in the reduction. The curve has a 2-torsion point defined over \mathbb{Q} and over $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_5)$ the torsion subgroup is of order 10. Take χ to be the character of order 4 and conductor 5 sending 2 to *i*. Then the *L*-values are $\mathscr{L}^a(E,\chi) = \frac{1}{5}(2+i)$ which has norm $\frac{1}{5}$; however $\mathscr{L}(E,\chi) = \frac{1}{10}(3+i)$ of norm $\frac{1}{10}$. The local factor of $\mathscr{L}(E,\chi,s)$ for the prime p = 5 is $(1 + (2-i)T)^{-1}$ with $T = 5^{-s}$. Again, $\mathscr{L}(E,\chi)$ is not integral, but this time we even have a new factor 2 in the denominator.

Example 7: Our final example is the curve 99b1 and the non-trivial character χ of conductor 3. The values $\mathscr{L}^a(E,\chi) = 2$ is integral, but $\mathscr{L}(E,\chi) = \frac{3}{2}$ is not integral. It turns out that the curve does not acquire any new torsion points over $K_{\chi} = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_3)$.

Table

The following table contains all (E, χ) for which the value of $\mathscr{L}^a(E, \chi)$ is not integral and the conductor of E is below 100. Only one character χ for each conjugacy class is listed and the trivial character is omitted for all curves.

The value of $\mathscr{L}^{a}(E,\chi)$ is only mentioned when it differs from $\mathscr{L}(E,\chi)$. The fourth column lists if the minimal discriminant Δ is a square or not. We use $t(\mathbb{Q})$ and $t(K_{\chi})$ to denote the order of the torsion subgroup of $E(\mathbb{Q})$ and $E(K_{\chi})$ respectively.

If the character χ is quadratic corresponding to $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{D})$, we write (D/\cdot) . Otherwise we give the primitive elements that are sent to the *d*-th root of unity.

			10	010 1. 1	in non n	100510	$L \approx (L, \chi)$) 101 1	1 < 100
Curve	c_0	c_{∞}	\Box ?	$t(\mathbb{Q})$	$t(K_{\chi})$	m	χ	\mathscr{L}^a	$\mathscr{L}(E,\chi)$
11a3	5	1	no	5	25	11	$2 \mapsto \zeta_5$		$(2+4\zeta_5+\zeta_5^2+3\zeta_5^3)/5$
14a4	3	1	no	6	18	7	$3 \mapsto \zeta_3$		$(1-\zeta_3)/3$
14a6	3	2	no	6	18	7	$3 \mapsto \zeta_3$		$(1-\zeta_3)/3$
15a3	2	2	yes	8	16	5	$(5/\cdot)$		1/2
15a7	2	2	no	4	8	5	$(5/\cdot)$		1/2
15a8	4	1	no	4	8	3	$(-3/\cdot)$		1/2

Table 1: All non-integral $\mathscr{L}(E,\chi)$ for N < 100

Curve	c_0	c_{∞}	\Box ?	$t(\mathbb{Q})$	$t(K_{\chi})$	m	χ	\mathscr{L}^a	$\mathscr{L}(E,\chi)$
15a8	4	1	no	4	16	5	$2 \mapsto i$		(1+i)/2
15a8	4	1	no	4	8	5	$(5/\cdot)$		1/2
20a2	2	2	no	6	12	5	$(5/\cdot)$		1/2
20a4	2	2	no	2	4	5	$(5/\cdot)$		3/2
21a4	2	1	no	4	8	3	$(-3/\cdot)$		1/2
21a4	2	1	no	4	8	7	$(-7/\cdot)$		1/2
24a4	2	1	no	4	8	4	$(-1/\cdot)$		1/2
24a4	2	1	no	4	8	3	$(-3/\cdot)$		1/2
26a3	3	1	no	3	9	13	$2 \mapsto \zeta_3$		$(2+\zeta_3)/3$
27a1	1	1	no	3	9	3	$(-3/\cdot)$		1/3
27a2	1	1	no	1	3	3	$(-3/\cdot)$		1/3
27a3	3	1	no	3	9	9	$2 \mapsto \zeta_3$		$(2+\zeta_3)/3$
27a3	3	1	no	3	9	3	$(-3/\cdot)$		1/3
27a4	3	1	no	3	9	9	$2 \mapsto \zeta_3$		$(2+\zeta_3)/3$
32a1	1	1	no	4	8	4	$(-1/\cdot)$		1/2
32a2	2	2	yes	4	8	4	$(-1/\cdot)$		1/2
32a2	2	2	yes	4	8	8	$(2/\cdot)$		1/2
32a3	2	2	no	2	4	4	$(-1/\cdot)$		1/2
32a4	2	2	no	4	8	8	$(2/\cdot)$		1/2
33a2	2	2	no	2	4	3	$(-3/\cdot)$		1/2
33a2	2	2	no	2	4	11	(-11/.)		1/2
35a3	3	1	no	3	9	7	$3 \mapsto \zeta_3$		$(1-\zeta_3)/3$
36a1	1	1	no	6	12	3	$(-3/\cdot)$		1/2
36a3	1	1	no	2	12	3	$(-3/\cdot)$		1/2
40a3	2	2	no	4	8	5	$(5/\cdot)$		1/2
45a1	1	1	no	2	8	3	$(-3/\cdot)$	1/4	3/16
45a2	1	2	yes	4	8	3	$(-3/\cdot)$	1/2	3/8
45a3	1	2	no	2	4	3	$(-3/\cdot)$	1/2	3/8
45a4	1	2	yes	4	8	3	$(-3/\cdot)$	1	3/4
45a5	1	2	yes	4	4	3	$(-3/\cdot)$	2	3/2
45a6	1	1	no	2	8	3	$(-3/\cdot)$	1	3/4
45a8	1	1	no	2	2	3	$(-3/\cdot)$	2	3/2
48a1	1	2	yes	4	8	4	$(-1/\cdot)$		1/2
48a2	1	2	no	2	4	4	$(-1/\cdot)$		1/2
48a4	2	1	no	2	8	4	$(-1/\cdot)$		1/4
48a4	2	1	no	2	4	3	$(-3/\cdot)$		1/2
49a1	1	1	no	2	28	7	$3 \mapsto \zeta_3 + 1$		$(3+2\zeta_3)/7$
49a1	1	1	no	2	4	7	$(-7/\cdot)$		1/2
49a2	1	2	no	2	14	7	$3 \mapsto \zeta_3 + 1$		$(6+4\zeta_3)/7$
49a3	1	1	no	2	4	7	(-7/.)		7/2

Curve	c_0	c_{∞}	\Box ?	$t(\mathbb{Q})$	$t(K_{\chi})$	m	χ	\mathscr{L}^a	$\mathscr{L}(E,\chi)$
50a1	1	1	no	3	15	5	$2 \mapsto i$		(1+2i)/5
50a2	1	1	no	1	5	5	$2 \mapsto i$		(1+2i)/5
50b1	1	1	no	5	15	5	$(5/\cdot)$		1/3
50b3	1	1	no	1	3	5	$(5/\cdot)$		5/3
52a2	2	2	no	2	4	13	$(13/\cdot)$		3/2
54a3	3	1	no	3	9	9	$2 \mapsto \zeta_3$		$(1+2\zeta_3)/3$
54b1	1	1	no	3	9	3	$(-3/\cdot)$		1/3
54b2	1	1	no	1	3	3	$(-3/\cdot)$		1/3
57b2	2	2	no	2	4	3	$(-3/\cdot)$		1/2
57b2	2	2	no	2	4	19	(-19/.)		1/2
63a1	1	1	no	2	8	3	$(-3/\cdot)$	1/4	3/8
63a2	1	2	yes	4	16	3	$(-3/\cdot)$	1/2	3/4
63a3	1	2	no	2	8	3	$(-3/\cdot)$	1/2	3/4
63a4	1	2	yes	4	8	3	$(-3/\cdot)$	<i>1</i>	3/2
63a6	1	1	no	2	4	3	$(-3/\cdot)$	1	3/2
64a1	1	2	yes	4	8	8	$(2/\cdot)$		1/2
64a3	1	2	no	4	8	8	$(2/\cdot)$		1/2
64a4	2	1	no	2	4	4	$(-1/\cdot)$		1/2
64a4	2	1	no	2	4	8	$(2/\cdot)$		1/2
64a4	2	1	no	2	4	8	$(2/\cdot)$		1/2
72a1	1	1	no	4	8	3	$(-3/\cdot)$	1/2	3/8
72a1	1	1	no	4	4	12	$(3/\cdot)$	1	3/2
72a2	1	2	yes	4	8	3	$(-3/\cdot)$	1	3/4
72a2	1	2	ves	4	8	12	$(3/\cdot)$	1	3/2
72a3	1	2	no	2	4	3	$(-3/\cdot)$	1	3/4
72a4	1	2	yes	4	4	3	$(-3/\cdot)$	2	3/2
72a4	1	2	yes	4	16	12	$(3/\cdot)$	1	3/2
72a5	1	2	no	2	8	12	$(3/\cdot)$	1	3/2
72a6	1	1	no	2	2	3	$(-3/\cdot)$	2	3/2
75a1	1	1	no	1	5	5	$2 \mapsto i$		(2-i)/5
75b1	1	1	no	2	16	5	$2 \mapsto i$		(3+i)/2
75b1	1	1	no	2	8	5	$(5/\cdot)$	1/4	5/16
75b2	1	2	yes	4	16	5	$(5/\cdot)$	1/4	5/16
75b3	1	2	yes	4	16	5	$(5/\cdot)$	1/2	5/8
75b4	1	2	no	2	8	5	$(5/\cdot)$	1'/4	5/16
75b5	1	2	yes	4	8	5	$(5/\cdot)$	<i>.</i> 1	5/4
75b6	1	1	no	2	8	5	$(5/\cdot)$	1	5'/4
75b7	1	2	no	2	4	5	$(5/\cdot)$	2	5/2
75b8	1	1	no	4	4	5	$(5/\cdot)$	2	5/2
77b3	3	1	no	3	9	7	$3 \mapsto \zeta_3$		$(2+\zeta_3)/3$

Curve	c_0	c_{∞}	\Box ?	$t(\mathbb{Q})$	$t(K_{\chi})$	m	χ	\mathscr{L}^a	$\mathscr{L}(E,\chi)$
80a2	2	2	no	2	4	4	$(-1/\cdot)$		1/2
80b1	1	1	no	2	12	4	$(-1/\cdot)$		1/3
80b2	2	2	no	2	6	4	$(-1/\cdot)$		1/3
80b2	2	2	no	2	4	5	$(5/\cdot)$		1/2
80b4	2	2	no	2	4	5	$(5/\cdot)$		1/2
90c1	1	1	no	4	12	3	$(-3/\cdot)$	1/3	1/2
90c3	1	1	no	12	12	3	$(-3/\cdot)$	1	3/2
98a1	1	1	no	2	36	7	$3 \mapsto \zeta_3 + 1$		$(4+5\zeta_3)/3$
98a1	1	1	no	2	12	7	$(-7/\cdot)$	1/3	7/18
98a2	1	2	no	2	18	7	$3 \mapsto \zeta_3 + 1$		$(8+10\zeta_3)/3$
98a2	1	2	no	2	6	7	$(-7/\cdot)$	2/3	7/9
98a3	1	1	no	2	12	7	$(-7/\cdot)$	1	7/6
98a4	1	2	no	2	6	7	$(-7/\cdot)$	2	7/3
98a5	1	1	no	2	4	7	$(-7/\cdot)$	3	7/2
99b1	1	2	no	4	4	3	$(-3/\cdot)$	2	3/2
99b2	1	2	yes	4	4	3	$(-3/\cdot)$	2	3/2
99b3	1	2	no	2	4	3	$(-3/\cdot)$	2	3/2
99b4	1	1	no	2	2	3	$(-3/\cdot)$	2	3/2
99d1	1	1	no	1	5	3	$(-3/\cdot)$	1/5	3/25
99d2	1	1	no	1	5	3	$(-3/\cdot)$	1	3/5

References

- Amod Agashe, Kenneth Ribet, and William A. Stein, *The Manin constant*, Pure Appl. Math. Q. 2 (2006), no. 2, part 2, 617–636.
- [2] Wieb Bosma, John Cannon, and Catherine Playoust, The Magma algebra system. I. The user language, J. Symbolic Comput. 24 (1997), no. 3-4, 235–265, Computational algebra and number theory (London, 1993).
- [3] Kęstutis Česnavičius, The Manin constant in the semistable case, Compos. Math. 154 (2018), no. 9, 1889–1920.
- [4] John E. Cremona, Algorithms for modular elliptic curves, second ed., Cambridge University Press, 1997.
- [5] Fred Diamond and Jerry Shurman, A first course in modular forms, Graduate Texts in Mathematics, vol. 228, Springer-Verlag, New York, 2005.
- [6] Vladimir Dokchitser, Robert Evans, and Hanneke Wiersema, On a BSD-type formula for L-values of Artin twists of elliptic curves, in preparation, 2020.
- [7] Vladimir G. Drinfeld, Two theorems on modular curves, Funkcional. Anal. i Priložen. 7 (1973), no. 2, 83–84.
- [8] M. A. Kenku, On the modular curves X₀(125), X₁(25) and X₁(49), J. London Math. Soc. (2) 23 (1981), no. 3, 415–427.
- [9] Dino Lorenzini, Torsion and Tamagawa numbers, Ann. Inst. Fourier (Grenoble) 61 (2011), no. 5, 1995–2037 (2012).
- [10] Yuri I. Manin, Parabolic points and zeta functions of modular curves, Izv. Akad. Nauk SSSR Ser. Mat. 36 (1972), 19–66.

- [11] Barry Mazur, John Tate, and Jeremy Teitelbaum, On p-adic analogues of the conjectures of Birch and Swinnerton-Dyer, Invent. Math. 84 (1986), no. 1, 1–48.
- [12] Jeremy Rouse and David Zureick-Brown, Elliptic curves over Q and 2-adic images of Galois, Res. Number Theory 1 (2015), Art. 12, 34.
- [13] Jean-Pierre Serre, Propriétés galoisiennes des points d'ordre fini des courbes elliptiques, Invent. Math. 15 (1972), no. 4, 259–331.
- [14] Glenn Stevens, Arithmetic on modular curves, Progress in Mathematics, vol. 20, Birkhäuser Boston Inc., Boston, MA, 1982.
- [15] _____, Stickelberger elements and modular parametrizations of elliptic curves, Invent. Math. 98 (1989), no. 1, 75–106.
- [16] The Sage Developers, Sagemath, the Sage Mathematics Software System (Version 9.1), 2020, https://www.sagemath.org.
- [17] Christian Wuthrich, On the integrality of modular symbols and Kato's Euler system for elliptic curves, Doc. Math. 19 (2014), 381–402.
- [18] _____, Numerical modular symbols for elliptic curves, Math. Comp. 87 (2018), no. 313, 2393–2423.