

Exercise sheet 4

Elliptic Curves ¹

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- Exercise 3.1.** (1) Let C be a smooth projective curve of genus 0 over a field and assume that $C(k) \neq \emptyset$. Show that there is an isomorphism of k -schemes $C \cong \mathbb{P}_k^1$. (*Hint:* Take $P \in C(k)$ and use Riemann-Roch to show that there exists a function $f \in k(C)^\times$ which is not algebraic over k and lies in $H^0(C, \mathcal{O}(P))$. Then use Exercise 3.3, (6) to conclude.)
- (2) Let \mathbb{R} be the field of real numbers. Show that the scheme $C := \text{Proj } \mathbb{R}[X, Y, Z]/(X^2 + Y^2 + Z^2)$ is a smooth projective curve which is geometrically connected but is not isomorphic to $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{R}}^1$.

Exercise 3.2. Let k be an algebraically closed field and E an elliptic curve over k . Choose a point $O \in E(k)$.

- (1) Show that the map (of sets) $E(k) \rightarrow \text{Pic}^0(E)$, $P \mapsto \mathcal{O}_E([P] - [O])$ is injective. (*Hint:* Else there exists a function $f \in k(E)$ with $\text{div}(f) = [P] - [O]$. Use Exercise 3.3, (6) to get a contradiction.)
- (2) Let D be a non-zero divisor of degree 0 on E . Show that there exists a function $f \in k(E)^\times$ such that $\text{div}(f) + D + [O] \geq 0$
- (3) Conclude that there exists a point $P \in E$ such that $\text{div}(f) + D + [O] = [P]$.
- (4) Show that the map from (1) is bijective.

Exercise 3.3. Let k be a field and $F : (\text{schemes}/k)^{\text{op}} \rightarrow (\text{sets})$ be a contravariant functor. Show that the following are equivalent:

- (1) There exists a scheme X over k and an isomorphism of functors $\text{Hom}_k(-, X) \rightarrow F$ (i.e. X represents F).
- (2) There exists an element $\xi \in F(X)$ such that for all S/k and all $a \in F(S)$ there exists a unique k -morphism $f : S \rightarrow X$ with $a = f^*\xi$, where we write $f^* = F(f)$.

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Exercise 3.4. Let X be a k -scheme. Show that X is a group scheme over k if and only if there exist k -morphisms

$$\mu : X \times_k X \rightarrow X, \quad i : X \rightarrow X, \quad e : \operatorname{Spec} k \rightarrow X$$

such that

$$\mu \circ (\operatorname{id}_X \times i) = e \circ \pi = \mu \circ (i \times \operatorname{id}_X),$$

where $\pi : X \rightarrow \operatorname{Spec} k$ is the structure map, and

$$\mu \circ (e \times \operatorname{id}_X) = \operatorname{id}_X = \mu \circ (\operatorname{id}_X \times e), \quad \mu \circ (\operatorname{id}_X \times \mu) = \mu \circ (\mu \times \operatorname{id}_X).$$