

The quintic, the icosahedron and elliptic curves

1. Solving a quintic using elliptic curves

1.1. Set up the invariant forms

```
In[*]:= zeta = Exp [2 * Pi * I / 5];  
m = zeta + zeta^4;  
n = zeta^2 + zeta^3;
```

```
In[*]:= VForm = u * v * (u^10 + 11 * u^5 * v^5 - v^10);  
FForm =  
-u^20 - v^20 + 228 * (u^15 * v^5 - u^5 * v^15) - 494 * u^10 * v^10;  
EForm = u^30 + v^30 + 522 * (u^25 * v^5 - u^5 * v^25) -  
10 005 * (u^20 * v^10 + u^10 * v^20);
```

Check they satisfy the correct relation.

```
In[*]:= Expand [EForm^2 - (1728 * VForm^5 - FForm^3 )]
```

```
Out[*]=  
0
```

1.2. Set up the octahedral functions

```
In[*]:= AA[k_] := zeta^k * u^2 + zeta^(4 * k) * v^2;  
BB[k_] := zeta^k * u^2 - 2 * n * u * v - zeta^(4 * k) * v^2;  
CC[k_] := zeta^k * u^2 - 2 * m * u * v - zeta^(4 * k) * v^2;  
t[k_] := AA[k] * BB[k] * CC[k];  
x[k_] := -VForm^2 / EForm * t[k];
```

1.3. First choose a Brioschi quintic.

Choose a random Brioschi parameter B.

```
In[*]:= B = -5
```

```
Out[*]= -5
```

So the quintic polynomial whose roots we are finding is:

```
In[*]:= Q = X^5 + 10 * B * X^3 + 45 * B^2 * X + B^2
```

```
Out[*]= 25 + 1125 X - 50 X^3 + X^5
```

Here are the five roots of our quintic, calculated numerically.

```
In[*]:= N[Solve [Q == 0, X ]]
```

```
Out[*]= {{X -> -0.0222227 }, {X -> -5.40465 - 2.06028 i}, {X -> -5.40465 + 2.06028 i},
        {X -> 5.41576 - 2.07271 i}, {X -> 5.41576 + 2.07271 i}}
```

1.4. Now compute the associated elliptic curve

The j -invariant of the associated elliptic curve is:

```
In[*]:= j = 1728 + 1/B
```

```
Out[*]= 
$$\frac{8639}{5}$$

```

To put this in Weierstrass form we calculate coefficients c_2 and c_3 consistent with j (there is a 1-parameter family of choices, we have fixed a specific formula)

```
In[*]:= g2 = -3 * j / (1728 - j);
        g3 = j / (1728 - j);
```

So the elliptic curve is $E : y^2 = 4x^3 - g_2x - g_3$.

```
In[*]:= Epoly = 4 * x^3 - g2 * x - g3
```

```
Out[*]= -8639 + 25917 x + 4 x^3
```

Confirm that the j -invariant of this elliptic curve is j :

```
In[*]:= 1728 * g2^3 / (g2^3 - 27 g3^2 )
```

```
Out[*]=
      8639
      5
```

1.5. Calculate the roots of the cubic

```
In[*]:= rootsCubic = Solve [Epoly == 0, x ]
```

```
Out[*]=
{{x ->  $\sqrt[3]{0.333\dots}$ }, {x ->  $\sqrt[3]{-0.167\dots - 80.5\dots i}$ }, {x ->  $\sqrt[3]{-0.167\dots + 80.5\dots i}$ }}
```

The roots, explicitly.

```
In[*]:= e1 = x /. rootsCubic [[1]]
e2 = x /. rootsCubic [[2]]
e3 = x /. rootsCubic [[3]]
```

```
Out[*]=
 $\sqrt[3]{0.333\dots}$ 
```

```
Out[*]=
 $\sqrt[3]{-0.167\dots - 80.5\dots i}$ 
```

```
Out[*]=
 $\sqrt[3]{-0.167\dots + 80.5\dots i}$ 
```

1.6. Define Cremona and Thongjunthug's complex AGM

```

In[*]:= AGM[a_, b_, numSteps_]:=
Module[{i, a0, b0, acur, bcur, anext, bnext, sqrt},
  acur = a;
  bcur = b;

  For[i = 1, i <= numSteps, i++,
    anext = N[1/2*(acur + bcur)];
    sqrt = N[Sqrt[acur*bcur]];
    bnext = If[Re[sqrt] >= 0, sqrt, -sqrt];
    acur = anext;
    bcur = bnext;
  ];
  acur
];

```

Test it out.

```

In[*]:= AGM[1, 1 + I, 10]

```

```

Out[*]= 1.04916 + 0.478156 i

```

1.7. Calculate the periods of the associated lattice via complex AGM

We need to calculate the periods ω_1 and ω_2 of the elliptic curve.

```

In[*]:= a0 = Sqrt[e1 - e3];
b0 = Sqrt[e1 - e2];
b0 = If[Re[b0/a0] >= 0, b0, -b0];
w1 = Pi / AGM[a0, b0, 10]

```

```

Out[*]= 0.41272 + 0. i

```

```
In[*]:= a0 = Sqrt [e2 - e3];
b0 = Sqrt [e2 - e1];
b0 = If [Re [b0 / a0] >= 0, b0, -b0];
w2 = Pi / AGM [a0, b0, 10 ]
```

```
Out[*]= 0.20636 + 0.206947 i
```

```
In[*]:= tau = If [Im [w2 / w1] >= 0, w2 / w1, w1 / w2]
```

```
Out[*]= 0.5 + 0.501421 i
```

1.8. Compute j_5 of tau using Rogers-Ramanujan identity

```
In[*]:= FiniteRR [q_, numTerms _] :=
  q^(1/5) * ContinuedFractionK [q^i, 1, {i, 0, numTerms }]
```

```
In[*]:= q = Exp [2 * Pi * I * tau ]
```

```
Out[*]= -0.0428298 - 8.9856 × 10-17 i
```

```
In[*]:= prefactor = Exp [2 * Pi * I * tau / 5]
```

```
Out[*]= 0.430831 + 0.313017 i
```

So, the point Z on the round icosahedron (i.e. S^2) associated to our elliptic curve E and its primitive basis is:

```
In[*]:= Z = N[prefactor * ContinuedFractionK [q^i, 1, {i, 0, 10 }], 10 ]
```

```
Out[*]= 0.450072 + 0.326996 i
```

Check how quickly it is converging (should be quadratic convergence).

```
In[*]:= TableForm [Table [
  {n, N [prefactor * ContinuedFractionK [q^i, 1, {i, 0, n}], 40]}, {n, 1, 5}]]
```

```
Out[*]//TableForm=
1    0.450109 + 0.327023 i
2    0.450072 + 0.326996 i
3    0.450072 + 0.326996 i
4    0.450072 + 0.326996 i
5    0.450072 + 0.326996 i
```

1.9. Calculate the octahedral functions - hopefully equals the roots!

We now calculate the octahedral functions $x_i(\tau)$ for the parameter $\tau = \omega_2 / \omega_1$

```
In[*]:= calcRoots = Table [x[i] /. {u -> Z, v -> 1}, {i, 1, 5}]
```

```
Out[*]=
{5.41576 + 2.07271 i, -0.0222227 - 7.89299 × 10-16 i,
 5.41576 - 2.07271 i, -5.40465 - 2.06028 i, -5.40465 + 2.06028 i}
```

```
In[*]:= actualRoots = X /. N[Solve [Q == 0, X]]
```

```
Out[*]=
{-0.0222227, -5.40465 - 2.06028 i,
 -5.40465 + 2.06028 i, 5.41576 - 2.07271 i, 5.41576 + 2.07271 i}
```

It worked!!

2. Monodromy of the roots of a Brioschi quintic

Click and drag the Brioschi parameter below to see the dance of the roots.

```
In[*]:= Clear [a]
```

```
In[*]:= F[x_, a_] := x^5 + 10 * a * x^3 + 45 * a^2 * x + a^2
```

```

In[*]:= RootsOfPoly [a_] := (
  (* Takes a point {a_1,a_2} and returns
  the root {x,y} where F (a_1 + a_2*I, x +yI) = 0 *)
  Relm [x /. NSolve [F[x, a [[1]] + I * a [[2]]] == 0, x]]
);

```

```

In[*]:= axmin = -0.001;
ajumps = 2; (* jumps between a = 0 and a = -1/1728 *)
astepx = 1/(1728 * ajumps);
astepy = 1/(1728 * ajumps);
axmax = 0.0005;
aymin = -0.001;
aymax = 0.001;
adefaultx = -ajumps * astepx / 2;
adefaulty = ajumps * astepy / 2; (*ajumps * astepy; *)
rootsxmin = -0.1;
rootsxmax = 0.1;
rootsymin = -0.1;
rootsymax = 0.1;

```

```

In[*]:= DynamicModule [
  {a = {adefaultx, adefaulty}},
  Row [
    {
      LocatorPane [
        Dynamic [a],
        Graphics [
          {
            {PointSize [Large], Blue, Point [{{-1/1728, 0}, {0, 0}}]},
            Dynamic [Text [" a=" <> ToString [a[[1]] <>
              "+" <> ToString [a[[2]] <> "i", a, {-1, 0}]]
          },
          PlotRange -> {{axmin, axmax}, {aymin, aymax}},
          Axes -> True, ImageSize -> 400,
          Frame -> True,
          FrameTicks -> {None, None},
          FrameLabel -> "a plane" ],

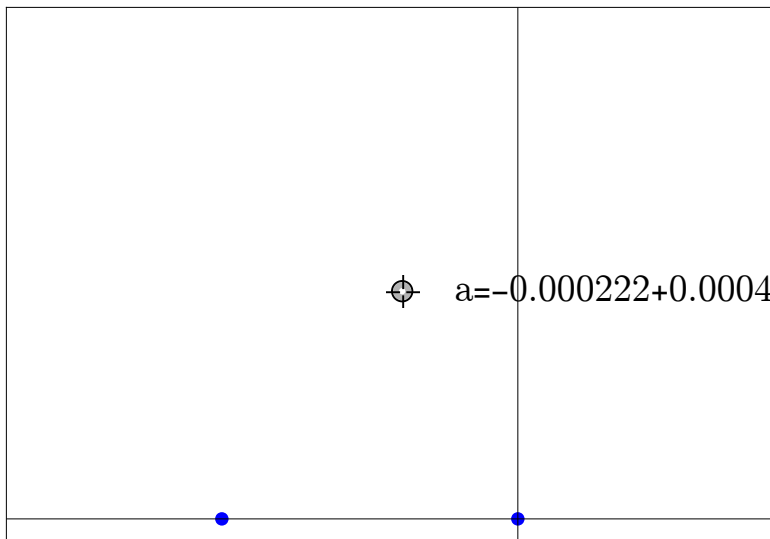
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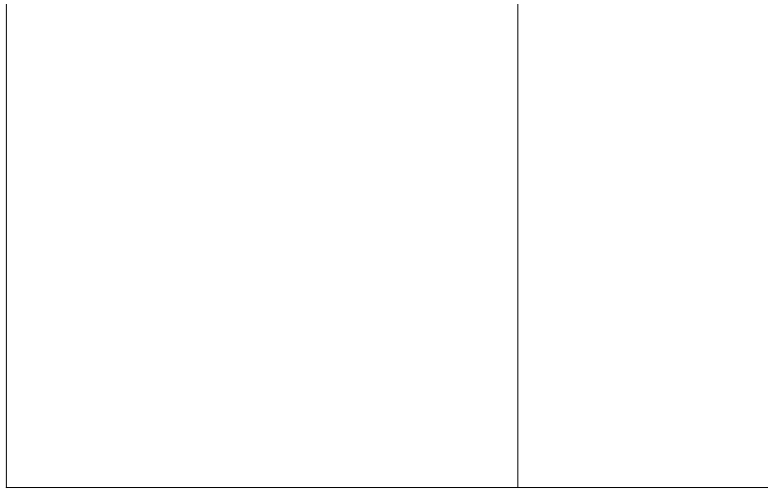
```

    {{axmin, aymin }, {axmax, aymax }},
Graphics [
  {
    {
      PointSize [Large ], Pink, Dynamic [Point [RootsOfPoly [a]]]
    },
    Dynamic [Text [Style [" 1", 20, FontFamily -> "CMU Serif" ],
      RootsOfPoly [a][[1]]],
    Dynamic [Text [Style [" 2", 20, FontFamily -> "CMU Serif" ],
      RootsOfPoly [a][[2]]],
    Dynamic [Text [Style [" 3", 20, FontFamily -> "CMU Serif" ],
      RootsOfPoly [a][[3]]],
    Dynamic [Text [Style [" 4", 20, FontFamily -> "CMU Serif" ],
      RootsOfPoly [a][[4]]],
    Dynamic [Text [Style [" 5", 20, FontFamily -> "CMU Serif" ],
      RootsOfPoly [a][[5]]]
  },
  PlotRange -> {{rootsxmin, rootsxmax }, {rootsymin, rootsymax }},
  Frame -> True,
  FrameLabel -> "Roots of  $x^5 + 10 a x^3 + 45 a^2 x + a^2 = 0$ ",
  Axes -> True,
  ImageSize -> 600 ]
(*RootsOfPoly [Dynamic [a]]*)
}
]
]

```

Out[]=





a plane

