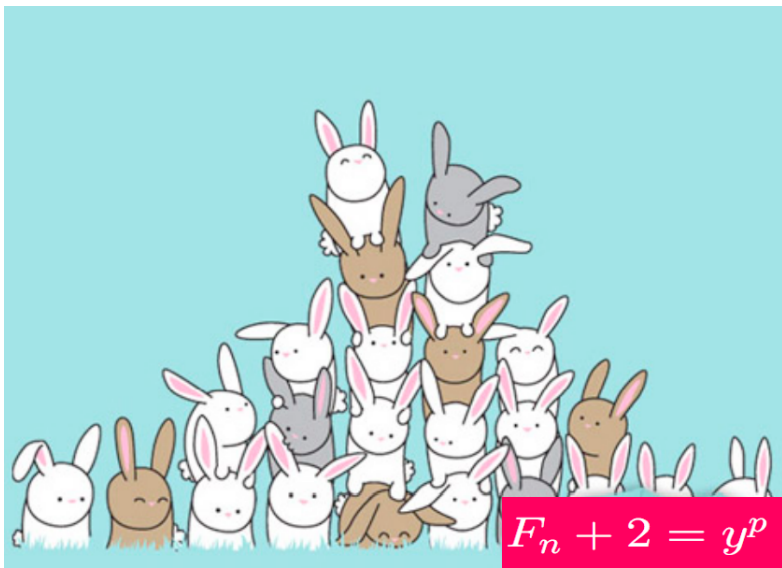


ON THE EQUATION $F_n + 2 = y^p$

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The only perfect powers of the Fibonacci sequence are, for $n \geq 0$,

$$F_0 = 0, F_1 = F_2 = 1, F_6 = 8 \text{ and } F_{12} = 144.$$

Here we find integer solutions (n, y, p) to the equation $F_n = y^p$.

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THEOREM (BUGEAUD, MIGNOTTE AND SIKSEK)

The only non-negative integer solutions (n, y, p) to $F_n \pm 1 = y^p$ are

$$\begin{aligned}F_0 + 1 &= 0 + 1 = 1 \\F_4 + 1 &= 3 + 1 = 2^2 \\F_6 + 1 &= 8 + 1 = 3^2 \\F_1 - 1 &= 1 - 1 = 0 \\F_2 - 1 &= 1 - 1 = 0 \\F_3 - 1 &= 2 - 1 = 1 \\F_5 - 1 &= 5 - 1 = 2^2.\end{aligned}$$



PREVIOUS RESULTS ...

We can use the factorisation:



$$F_{4k} + 1 = F_{2k-1}L_{2k+1} = y^p$$

$$F_{4k+1} + 1 = F_{2k+1}L_{2k} = y^p$$

$$F_{4k+2} + 1 = F_{2k+2}L_{2k} = y^p$$

$$F_{4k+3} + 1 = F_{2k+1}L_{2k+2} = y^p$$

For n odd,
we do have a factorisation for $F_n + 2 = y^p$.

$$F_n = y^p \dots$$

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3.	NewForm Associated to it	NewForm Level 20 (1)
4.	Corresponding Elliptic Curve	$E := Y^2 = X^3 + X^2 - X$
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3.	NewForm Associated to it	Hilbert Newform
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PRELIMINARIES

Let $\epsilon = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}$ and $\bar{\epsilon} = \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}$. By Binet's formula,

$$F_n = \frac{\epsilon^n - \bar{\epsilon}^n}{\sqrt{5}}.$$

$$F_n + 2 = y^p$$

$$\frac{\epsilon^n - \bar{\epsilon}^n}{\sqrt{5}} + 2 = y^p$$

$$\epsilon^{2n} - (\epsilon\bar{\epsilon})^n + 2\epsilon^n\sqrt{5} = \epsilon^n\sqrt{5}y^p$$

$$(\epsilon^n - \sqrt{5})^2 - 1 - 5 = \epsilon^n\sqrt{5}y^p$$

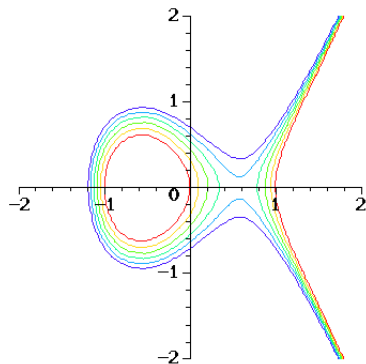
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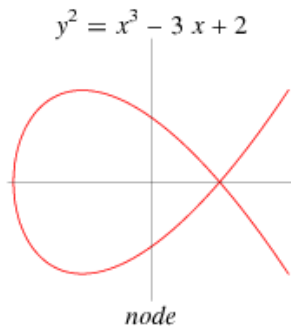
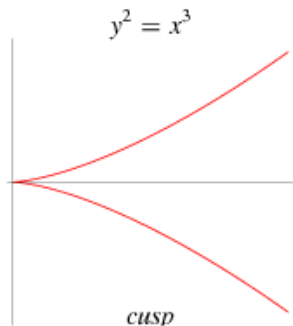
How do we find an elliptic curve?

What is an elliptic curve?

$$Y^2 = X^3 + aX + b$$

where the curve is
non-singular (smooth)
and $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$.

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NEWFORMS ...

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A *NewForm* lives in a finite dimensional space, namely $S_k(N)$.

$$f(z) = q + \sum_{n \geq 2} a_n q^n, \quad a_n \in \mathbb{C}, \quad q = e^{2\pi iz}$$

DEFINITION

A *Hilbert NewForm* is a generalisation of newforms to functions of 2 or more variables.

RIBET'S LEVEL LOWERING ...

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Hilbert Newform that is new with level

$$\mathcal{N} = (2)^7 \cdot (3) \cdot (\sqrt{5}).$$

There are 6144 newforms!!!!

FURTHER WORK ...

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3. NewForm Associated to it	Hilbert Newform (6144)
4. Corresponding Elliptic Curve(s)	? E_α
5. Congruences	? Points mod m on E_α
6. Lower Bounds for solutions	?
7. Upper Bounds for solutions	?

$$a_m(E_n) \equiv a_m(E_\alpha) \pmod{p}$$

THANK YOU FOR LISTENING...

