

Example If C/k is a curve which admits an embedding $C \hookrightarrow \mathbb{P}_k^2$ so that C is of degree 3, then by the genus-degree formula, C has genus 1.
(AG3, Problem 37)

(But note that $C(k)$ could be empty.)

Conversely, we have the following theorem.

Theorem Let E/k be an elliptic curve. Then there exist $a_i \in k$ s.t.

$$E \cong V_+ (Y^2Z + a_1XYZ + a_3YZ^2 - X^3 - a_2X^2Z - a_4XZ^2 - a_6Z^3)$$

$$0 \longmapsto (0:1:0)$$

$$\subseteq \mathbb{P}_k^2$$

("Weierstrass form" / "Weierstrass equation for E ")

Proof. By Riemann-Roch, we have

$$\dim H^0(E, \mathcal{O}(n[O])) = n \text{ for all } n > 0.$$

We view $\mathcal{O}(n[0]) \subset K_E$ \leftarrow Constant sheaf attached to $K(E)$

as usual, in particular,

$$H^0(E, \mathcal{O}(n[0])) = \{ f \in K(E); \underbrace{\operatorname{div}(f) \geq -n[0]} \}$$

no poles on $E \setminus \{0\}$,
pole of order at most n at x

\rightarrow there exist $x, y \in K(E)^\times$ st.

• $1, x$ basis of $H^0(E, \mathcal{O}(2[0]))$

• $1, x, y$ basis of $H^0(E, \mathcal{O}(3[0]))$

It follows that

• $1, x, y, x^2$ basis of $H^0(E, \mathcal{O}(4[0]))$,

• $1, x, y, x^2, xy$ basis of $H^0(E, \mathcal{O}(5[0]))$,

• $1, x, y, x^2, xy, x^3, y^2 \in H^0(E, \mathcal{O}(6[0]))$

linearly dependent

look at pole orders

$\rightarrow \exists a, b \in k^\times$,
aick:

$$a y^2 + a_1 xy + a_3 y = b x^3 + a_2 x^2 + a_4 x + a_6$$

After change of coordinates (replace x by ax , y by ay),
divide equation by $a^3 b^4$,

may assume $a=b=1$.

Write $F = Y^2 Z + a_1 XY Z + a_3 Y Z^2 - (X^3 + a_2 X^2 Z + a_4 Z^2 + a_6 Z^3)$.

Since there is no $p \in E$ st. the sections $1, x, y$

$\eta \in \mathcal{O}(3[0])$ all vanish in the fiber $\mathcal{O}(3[0])(p)$

(... iow $\mathcal{O}(3[0])$ globally generated ...)

* each $\eta \in 1, x, y$ defines eff. divisor lin-equiv. to $3[0]$.

$1 \mapsto 3[0] \rightsquigarrow 1$ has zero of order 3 at o

$x \mapsto [0] + [?] + [?]$

$y \mapsto [?] + [?] + [?]$

y has no zero at o

OK

we obtain a morphism $E \rightarrow \mathbb{P}_k^2$

" $p \mapsto (x(p) : y(p) : 1(p))$ "

(on $U = E \setminus \{o\}$, $\mathcal{O}(3[0])|_U \cong \mathcal{O}_U$)

$\rightsquigarrow x, y$ define $U \rightarrow \mathbb{A}_k^1$

and the above morphism is

given by $p \mapsto (x(p) : y(p) : 1)$;

for o we get, since y has higher pole order at o

then 1 and x , $o \mapsto (0 : 1 : 0)$

The morphism $E \rightarrow \mathbb{P}_k^2$ factors through the closed subscheme $V_+(F)$ by construction.

Claim The morphism $E \rightarrow V_+(F)$ is a closed immersion.

Admitting the claim, we get that $E \rightarrow V_+(F)$ is even an isomorphism because (as one checks by an elementary computation) F is irreducible, so that $V_+(F)$ is integral.

Then $E \rightarrow V_+(F)$ is a closed immersion of integral proper k -schemes of the same dimension, hence an isomorphism.

Remark (1) If $\text{char}(k) \neq 2, 3$, then by a suitable change of variables, the form of the eqn can be simplified to

$$Y^2 Z - X^3 - a X Z^2 - b Z^3 = 0$$

(2) Often one only writes the affine equation

$$\text{for } E, \text{ e.g., } y^2 - x^3 - ax - b = 0$$

(3) The point $(0:1:0)$ is the unique pt on $V_+(F) \cap V_+(Z)$.

(4) Given an eqn in Weierstrass form, the pt $(0:1:0)$ is always smooth, and the whole curve is smooth if and only

$$\Delta := \underbrace{-16(4a^3 + 27b^2)} \neq 0.$$

(We give the formula only for the simplified eqn.

See [Fate, The Arithm. of Ell.C.] or [Silverman]

or [AW2, Lemma 26.96] for the general case.

For $\text{char}(k) \neq 2, 3$ (and the simplified form)

this is equivalent to asking that the polynomial

$X^3 + aX + b$ is separable.

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Reminder let E/k be an ell. curve.

- Any two W-equations for E are related by a change of coordinates of the form

$$X = u^2 X' + r$$

$$Y = u^3 Y' + su^2 X' + t$$

$$u \in k^\times, r, s, t \in k.$$

(see e.g. [Silverman, Arithm. of Ell. C.]

Ch III Prop. 3.1 (b)).

- For a change of coord. of the special

form

$$X = u^2 X'$$

$$Y = u^3 Y'$$

we have

$$a'_i = u^{-i} a_i.$$

Still need to prove above 'claim': $E \rightarrow \mathbb{P}_E^2$ closed immersion.

Prop Let k be an alg. closed field and let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be a proper morphism of k -schemes of finite type, such that

(a) f induces an injection $X(k) \hookrightarrow Y(k)$

(b) for all $x \in X$, f induces an injection $T_x X \hookrightarrow T_{f(x)} Y$ on the tangent spaces.

Then f is a closed immersion.

Remk If f is a closed immersion, then (a) and (b) hold.

Proof

- (a) $\Leftrightarrow f$ injective

- Since f is proper + quasi-finite, it is finite.

(Below we will apply the prop. to a morphism we know already to be finite.)

- Since f is injective and closed, it is a homeom. onto its image. It is therefore enough to show that the sheaf homomorphism $\mathcal{O}_Y \rightarrow f_* \mathcal{O}_X$ is surjective. We can check this on stalks where the result follows from the following lemma.

Lemma Let $\varphi: A \rightarrow B$ be a finite local homomorphism of noetherian local rings.

Suppose that φ induces an isom. $A/\mathfrak{m}_A \rightarrow B/\mathfrak{m}_B$ of the residue class fields and a surjection

$\mathfrak{m}_A/\mathfrak{m}_A^2 \rightarrow \mathfrak{m}_B/\mathfrak{m}_B^2$ on the "cotangent spaces".

Then φ is surjective.

Proof Since $\mathfrak{m}_A/\mathfrak{m}_A^2 \rightarrow \mathfrak{m}_B/\mathfrak{m}_B^2$ is surjective,

we find that $\varphi(\mathfrak{m}_A)B = \mathfrak{m}_B$ by Nakayama's

lemma ($\varphi(\mathfrak{m}_A)B + \mathfrak{m}_B^2 = \mathfrak{m}_B \Rightarrow \varphi(\mathfrak{m}_A)B = \mathfrak{m}_B$).

Hence $B/\varphi(\mathfrak{m}_A)B = B/\mathfrak{m}_B = A/\mathfrak{m}_A$.

Applying Nakayama's lemma again, we see that

B is generated as an A -module by the elt $1 = \varphi(1)$.

Reminder Ample line bundles.

[AW1] sections

(13.11), (13.12), (13.15)

Let S be a scheme.

[AW2] section (23.2)

To simplify the situation a little,

we assume that S is affine.

Let X be an S -scheme of finite type.

Def A line bundle \mathcal{L} on X is called very ample

(for $X \rightarrow S$), if there exist $n \geq 0$ and an

immersion $X \hookrightarrow \mathbb{P}_S^n$ of S -schemes s.t.

$$\mathcal{L} \cong \mathcal{O}_X(1)$$

(and then \mathcal{L} is "given by" a family of $n+1$ global sections of \mathcal{L} that generate \mathcal{L}).

Def A line bundle \mathcal{L} on X is called ample, if the following equivalent conditions are satisfied:

(i) for every quasi-coh. \mathcal{F} -module of finite type, there exists $n_0 \in \mathbb{Z}$ st. for all $n \geq n_0$,

$\mathcal{F} \otimes \mathcal{L}^{\otimes n}$ is generated by global sections

(i') same for all quasi-coh. ideal sheaves

$\mathcal{I} \subset \mathcal{O}_X$ of finite type

(ii) there exist $d \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1}$ and finitely many sections $f_i \in \Gamma(X, \mathcal{L}^{\otimes d})$ st. all

$X_{f_i} := \{x \in X; f_i(x) \neq 0\} \quad \left(\underset{\text{open}}{\subseteq} X \right)$

are affine and $X = \bigcup_i X_{f_i}$.

(iii) [if S aff. + noeth. + X/S proper] for every coherent \mathcal{O}_X -module

of there ex. $n_0 \geq 0$ st. $H^i(X, \mathcal{F} \otimes \mathcal{L}^{\otimes n}) = 0 \quad \forall n \geq n_0, i > 0$

(iii') same for all coh. ideal sheaves $\mathcal{I} \subset \mathcal{O}_X$

(iv) there ex. $n > 0$ st. $\mathcal{L}^{\otimes n}$ is very ample.

Remarks. The "correct" def'n is (i). We will mostly use (iv).

We have proved (iv) \Rightarrow (iii) in A2. (iv) \Rightarrow (i) is easy.

Prop Let k be a field, k'/k a field extension,
 X a k -scheme of finite type,
 \mathcal{L} a line bundle on X .

Then

\mathcal{L} is (very) ample $\iff \mathcal{L} \otimes_k k'$ is (very) ample
(for $X \rightarrow \text{Spec } k$) (for $X \otimes_k k' \rightarrow \text{Spec } k'$).

(' \implies ') is easy, for ' \impliedby ' see [AW1] Prop. 14.58).

Prop. Let k be an alg.-cl. field,

[AW2]

Prop. 26.58

C a curve/ k ,

D a divisor on C , $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{O}_C(D)$.

(1) The foll. are equivalent:

(i) \mathcal{L} is generated by global sections

(ii) $\forall x \in C$ closed:

$$\Gamma(C, \mathcal{O}(D - [x])) \subseteq \Gamma(C, \mathcal{O}(D))$$

is a proper inclusion

(iii) $\forall x \in C$ closed:

$$\dim \Gamma(C, \mathcal{O}(D)) - \dim \Gamma(C, \mathcal{O}(D - [x])) = 1.$$

(2) The foll. are equivalent:

(i) \mathcal{L} very ample

(ii) $\forall x, y \in C$ closed:

$$\Gamma(C, \mathcal{O}(D - [x] - [y])) \subseteq \Gamma(C, \mathcal{O}(D - [x])) \subseteq \Gamma(C, \mathcal{O}(D))$$

are proper inclusions

(iii) $\forall x, y \in C$ closed:

$$\dim \Gamma(C, \mathcal{O}(D)) - \dim \Gamma(C, \mathcal{O}(D - [x] - [y])) = 2.$$

Proof (see [AWL] for details)

- (ii) \Leftrightarrow (iii) :

$$RR \Rightarrow 0 \leq \underbrace{\dim \Gamma(C, \mathcal{O}(D)) - \dim \Gamma(C, \mathcal{O}(D - [x]))}_{// RR} \leq 1$$

here inclusion

$$\underbrace{\dim \Gamma(C, \mathcal{O}(-D + K_C)) - \dim \Gamma(\mathcal{O}(-D + [x] + K_C))}_{\leq 0} + 1$$

$$\mathcal{O}(-D + K_C) \subset \mathcal{O}(-D + [x] + K_C) \subset K_C$$

- \mathcal{L} glob. gen $\Leftrightarrow \forall x \exists s \in \Gamma(C, \mathcal{L}) : \underbrace{s(x) \neq 0}$
 \downarrow
 $s \notin \Gamma(C, \mathcal{L} \otimes \mathcal{O}(-[x]))$

- for (2), all cond. imply \mathcal{L} glob. gen.

$$\leadsto \mathcal{L} \text{ defines } C \xrightarrow{f} \mathbb{P}(\Gamma(C, \mathcal{L}))$$

- first incl. as (ii) for $x \neq y \Leftrightarrow f$ injective
(m h-val. pts)

- " " " " for $x = y \Leftrightarrow f$ injⁱ on
(*) h^h spaces

$$(*) \quad a \in C \text{ closed} \rightsquigarrow T_x C \rightarrow T_{f(x)} \mathbb{P}^N$$

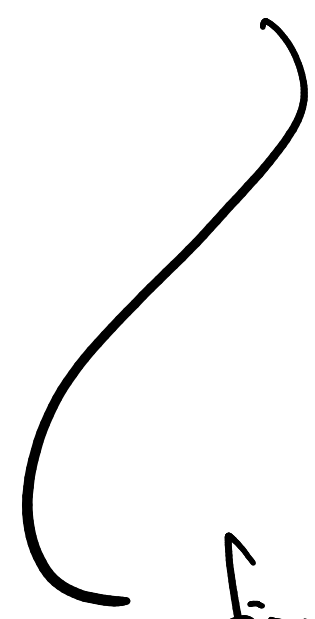
$$\text{inj. } (\Rightarrow) \quad \mathfrak{m}_{f(x)} / \mathfrak{m}_{f(x)}^2 \rightarrow \mathfrak{m}_x / \mathfrak{m}_x^2 \text{ surjection}$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{\substack{\text{1-dim} \\ \text{h.v.s.}}}$

$$(\Rightarrow) \quad \text{---} \quad \text{---} \quad \text{non-zero}$$

$$(\Rightarrow) \quad \exists s \in \Gamma(C, \mathcal{L}),$$

$$s \in \mathfrak{m}_x \mathcal{L}, \quad s \notin \mathfrak{m}_x^2 \mathcal{L}.$$



$$\text{fix } \mathcal{O}(1)_{f(x)} \cong \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1, f(x)} \rightsquigarrow \mathcal{L}_x \cong \mathcal{O}_{C, x} \text{ and cover. dir.}$$

$$\mathfrak{m}_{f(x)} / \mathfrak{m}_{f(x)}^2 \longrightarrow \mathfrak{m}_x / \mathfrak{m}_x^2$$

$$\cong \uparrow$$

$$\uparrow$$

$$\{s \in \Gamma(\mathbb{P}^N, \mathcal{O}(1)), s(f(x)) = 0\} \rightsquigarrow \{s \in \Gamma(C, \mathcal{L}), s(x) = 0\}$$

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Cor. Let k be a field, and let C/k be a curve of genus g .

Let \mathcal{L} be a line bundle on C .

(1) If $\deg(\mathcal{L}) \geq 2g$, then \mathcal{L} is generated by global sections.

(2) If $\deg(\mathcal{L}) \geq 2g + 1$, then \mathcal{L} is very ample.

(3) \mathcal{L} is ample if (and only if) $\deg(\mathcal{L}) > 0$.

Proof Use Riemann-Roch,

$$\dim H^0(C, \mathcal{L}) = 0 \quad \text{if} \quad \deg(\mathcal{L}) < 0$$

$$\deg K_C = 2g - 2$$

Alternative proof:

need to show:

$$E \rightarrow V_+(F) \rightarrow K(E) \leftarrow K(V_+(F))$$

nonconstant map
of projective curves \otimes

\parallel
 $k(x, y)$

$$\text{Now } k(x) \leftarrow k(x, y) \leftarrow K(E)$$

Corresponds to $E \rightarrow \mathbb{P}_k^1$ of degree 2 (fiber over ∞
is $2 \cdot [0]$)

$$\rightarrow [K(E) : k(x, y)] \mid 2$$

Similarly, from $k(y)$ we get $[K(E) : k(x, y)] \mid 3$.

\otimes At this point we do not know yet whether $V_+(F)$ is normal.

But if $V_+(F)$ is not normal, one shows (using that F is a polynomial in Weierstrass form) that ([Silverman] III. Prop 1.6)

$K(V_+(F)) \cong K(\mathbb{P}_k^1)$ (equivalently: the normalization

of $V_+(F)$ is $\cong \mathbb{P}_k^1$). But of course $K(E) \neq K(\mathbb{P}_k^1)$

since the field of rational functions determines the genus.

Therefore $V_+(F)$ is normal and $K(E) = K(V_+(F))$ implies $E \cong V_+(F)$.

Legendre family and j -invariant

In this section, $\boxed{\text{char } k \neq 2}$

Let E/k be an elliptic curve,

and embed $E \cong V_+(Y^2Z - (X^3 + a_2X^2Z + a_4XZ^2 + a_6Z^3)) \subset \mathbb{P}_k^2$

$\leadsto E \cap \mathbb{A}_k^2 \xrightarrow{a,y} \mathbb{P}_k^1, (x,y) \mapsto (x:1),$

extends to a morphism $f: E \rightarrow \mathbb{P}_k^1$ of degree 2.

Lemma Assume that k is algebraically closed.

The morphism f is ramified over ∞ and over the (three distinct) roots of $x^3 + a_2x^2 + a_4x + a_6$ in k .

Proof There are three points whose fiber contains only one point.

Rmk • The points in E where f is ramified
 are precisely the 2-torsion points of E ,
 i.e., writing $E[m] := \ker(E \xrightarrow{m} E)$, $m \in \mathbb{Z}$
 ($\subseteq E$ closed subgroup scheme),

the 4 points in $E[2](k)$. [Problem 20 (1)]

- All other fibres (over closed points $\in \mathbb{P}^1$)
 have the form $\{P, -P\}$
 for some $P \in E(k)$,

so we can view $E \xrightarrow{f} \mathbb{P}^1$ as the
 "canonical projection to the quotient of E
 by the involution $P \mapsto -P$ "

Proposition Let k be an algebraically closed field.

(1) Let E/k be an elliptic curve.

Then exist $\lambda \in \mathbb{P}^1(k) - \{0, 1, \infty\}$ and
a morphism $f: E \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1_k$ which is surjective
precisely at $0, 1, \lambda, \infty$.

For such λ , E is isomorphic to the curve
 E_λ given by (affine) W. eqn $y^2 - x(x-1)(x-\lambda)$.

(2) Let E, E' be ell. curves/ k and choose
 λ, λ' as in (1) for E, E' , resp. Then

$$E \cong E' \iff \lambda' \in \left\{ \lambda, 1-\lambda, \frac{1}{\lambda}, \frac{1}{1-\lambda}, \frac{\lambda}{\lambda-1}, \frac{\lambda-1}{\lambda} \right\} \quad (*)$$

Proof. (1) Given any three distinct points α, β, γ in
 $\mathbb{P}^1(k)$, there ex. a (unique) elt
 $\sigma \in \text{PGL}_2(k) = \text{GL}_2(k)/\mathbb{G}_m^\times = \text{Aut}_k(\mathbb{P}^1)$
s.t. $\sigma(\alpha) = 0, \sigma(\beta) = 1, \sigma(\gamma) = \infty$.

Now take $f: E \rightarrow P^1$ as in (1), WLOG $f(0) = \infty$.

$\rightarrow f \hat{=} \text{basis of } H^0(E, \mathcal{O}(2[0])),$

WLOG of the form $x, 1$

for some $x \in k(E)$ with a double pole at 0

[We know that $f(E \setminus \{0\}) \subseteq \mathbb{A}^1_k$.

Write the basis as $x, ax+b,$

$a, b \in k$. If $a \neq 0$, then $ax+b$ has

a zero on $E \setminus \{0\}$, $x \in P$, but

then $f(P) = (x(P) : 0) = (1 : 0) = \infty$,

a contradiction. So $a = 0$, and

by scaling we reduce to the case $b = 1$.]

Continuing from this choice of x in the same

way as before, we obtain a Weierstrass

equation for E of the form $y^2 = g(x)$

where the roots of g are the ramification pts $\neq \infty$

of the morphism f , i.e., $0, 1, \lambda$.

(2) " \Rightarrow " We may assume $E' = E$. Consider

$$\begin{array}{c} E \\ \downarrow f \\ \mathbb{P}^1 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{rind over} \\ 0, 1, \infty, \lambda \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} E \\ \downarrow f' \\ \mathbb{P}^1 \end{array} \quad \dots 0, 1, \infty, \lambda'$$

Whose $f(0) = \infty = f'(0)$ (compose with suitable translations)

$$\leadsto f^* \mathcal{O}(1) \cong \mathcal{O}_E(2[0]) \cong f'^* \mathcal{O}(1),$$

i.e. f, f' given by $\mathcal{O}_E(2[0])$

+ choice of basis of $H^0(E, \mathcal{O}_E(2[0]))$
(which could differ for f vs. f')

But change of basis \iff autom. of \mathbb{P}_E^1
fixing ∞

$$0 \hat{=} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} b \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$1 \hat{=} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} a+b \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\lambda \hat{=} \begin{pmatrix} \lambda \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} a\lambda+b \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\leadsto \{b, a+b, a\lambda+b\} = \{0, 1, \lambda'\}$$

$\leadsto \#S_3 = 6$ cases...

e.g. $a+b=0, a\lambda+b=1, b=\lambda' \leadsto \lambda' = b = 1 - a\lambda = 1 + \lambda'\lambda \leadsto \lambda' = \frac{1}{1-\lambda}$

$$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in \text{PGL}_2(k); \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

$$= \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & d \end{pmatrix} \in \text{PGL}_2(k) \right\}$$

normalize so that $d=1$

" \Leftarrow " Replacing f, f' by the composition
with a suitable automorphism of \mathbb{P}^1 ,

We may assume that $f(0) = \infty = f'(0)$

and that $l = l'$.

But then $E' \cong E_\lambda \cong E$ by Part (1).

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$$\# \text{Aut}(E) < \infty$$

(h -group where
automorphisms)

(more precisely,

$$\# \text{Aut}(E) \mid 12$$

if $h \neq 2$

$$\# \text{Aut}(E) \mid 24$$

for all h).

(Proof: plane curve)

The j -invariant of an elliptic curve (we still assume $\text{char}(k) \neq 2$)

Def Let k be an alg. closed field of $\text{char} \neq 2$,
 E/k an elliptic curve. Choose λ s.t.

$$E \cong V(y^2 - x(x-1)(x-\lambda)) \xrightarrow{\quad} E_\lambda$$

$$\text{Then } j(E) := 2^8 \frac{(\lambda^2 - \lambda + 1)^3}{\lambda^2(\lambda-1)^2} \in k$$

is called the j -invariant of E .

This is well defined since all possible choices for λ ,
given E , (see above) give rise to the same number.

(We can view $\lambda \mapsto j(\lambda)$ as a morphism $\mathbb{P}^1 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$
of degree 6, ramified over $\infty, 0, 1728$. (in char 3, $0=1728 \dots$)

One can alternatively define $j(E)$ in terms of the

coefficients of a Weierstrass equation for E ,

$$\text{e.g. for } y^2 = x^3 + ax + b, \quad j = \frac{(4a)^3}{(4a^3 + 27b^2)}$$

\leadsto can define $j(E) \in k$ for E over arbitrary field k .

For k'/k , then $j(E \otimes_k k') = j(E)$. (of arbitrary characteristic)

Theorem Let k be a field, \bar{k} an alg. closure of k .

Let E, E' be ell. curves / k . Then

$$E \otimes_k \bar{k} \cong E' \otimes_k \bar{k} \iff j(E) = j(E').$$

Proof (for char $k \neq 2$)

' \Rightarrow ' see above

' \Leftarrow ' We may assume that $E = E_\lambda$,
 $E' = E_{\lambda'}$

Since $\lambda \mapsto j(\lambda)$ has degree 6, one checks that

$j(E') = j(E)$ implies that λ' is

in the list $(*)$ (only need to check the
ramification points), so $E \cong E_\lambda \cong E_{\lambda'} \cong E'$.

In particular, for k alg. closed:

$$\{\text{ell c. / } k\} / \cong \longrightarrow k$$

$$E \longmapsto j(E)$$