

## Modular automorphisms of the Drinfeld modular curves $X_0(\mathfrak{n})$

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### ABSTRACT

For  $\mathfrak{n} \in \mathbb{F}_q[T]$ , we determine the group of modular automorphisms of the Drinfeld modular curve  $X_0(\mathfrak{n})$  or equivalently, the normalizer of the Hecke congruence subgroup  $\Gamma_0(\mathfrak{n})$  in  $GL_2(\mathbb{F}_q((T^{-1})))$ . Some applications to the strong Weil uniformization of elliptic curves over  $\mathbb{F}_q(T)$  are given.

Let  $\mathbb{F}_q$  be the finite field with  $q$  elements,  $A = \mathbb{F}_q[T]$  the polynomial ring,  $K = \mathbb{F}_q(T)$  the rational function field, and  $K_\infty$  the completion of  $K$  at the place  $\infty = \frac{1}{T}$ . These are the characteristic  $p$  analogues of  $\mathbb{Z}$ ,  $\mathbb{Q}$ , and  $\mathbb{R}$ . As an analogue of the complex numbers  $\mathbb{C}$  we take  $C$ , the completion of the algebraic closure of  $K_\infty$ . Throughout this paper,  $\mathfrak{n}$  will denote a monic element of  $A$  and  $\mathfrak{p}$  and  $\mathfrak{p}_i$  will be primes (i.e., monic irreducible elements of  $A$ ).

The group  $GL_2(K_\infty)$  acts by fractional linear transformations on the Drinfeld upper halfplane  $\Omega := C - K_\infty$ . The quotient space  $\Gamma_0(\mathfrak{n}) \backslash \Omega$  by the Hecke congruence subgroup

$$\Gamma_0(\mathfrak{n}) := \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in GL_2(A) : \mathfrak{n} | c \right\}$$

is a rigid analytic space that can be compactified by adding the finite set of cusps  $\Gamma_0(\mathfrak{n}) \backslash \mathbb{P}^1(K)$ . As in the classical situation, we thus obtain the Drinfeld modular curve

$$X_0(\mathfrak{n}) = \Gamma_0(\mathfrak{n}) \backslash \Omega \dot{\cup} \Gamma_0(\mathfrak{n}) \backslash \mathbb{P}^1(K),$$

which as a curve is defined over  $K$ . Without further explanation we mention that  $X_0(\mathfrak{n})$  is a coarse moduli scheme for rank 2 Drinfeld  $A$ -modules with a fixed cyclic  $\mathfrak{n}$ -isogeny. For all this and more information on  $X_0(\mathfrak{n})$ , see [2].

We also need the Bruhat-Tits tree  $\mathcal{T}$  of  $GL_2(K_\infty)$ . This is a  $(q+1)$ -valent tree, whose vertices are the cosets  $GL_2(K_\infty)/K_\infty^\times \cdot GL_2(\mathcal{O}_\infty)$ , where  $\mathcal{O}_\infty$  is the valuation ring of  $K_\infty$ . Its oriented edges are the cosets  $GL_2(K_\infty)/K_\infty^\times \cdot \mathcal{J}$ , where  $\mathcal{J}$  is the group  $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in GL_2(\mathcal{O}_\infty) : v_\infty(c) > 0 \right\}$ , and the canonical reduction maps an oriented edge to its terminal vertex. Inversion of an edge is given by multiplication from the right with  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ T^{-1} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ . Thus  $GL_2(K_\infty)$  acts in an obvious way on  $\mathcal{T}$ .

There is a  $GL_2(K_\infty)$ -invariant mapping from  $\Omega$  to  $\mathcal{T}$  (see [4] or [3] for an exact treatment), which makes it possible to reduce some questions concerning Drinfeld modular curves to graph-theoretic problems.

The quotient graph  $\Gamma_0(\mathfrak{n}) \backslash \mathcal{T}$  may be considered as a rough picture of  $X_0(\mathfrak{n})$ . It is a finite graph with a finite number of half-lines (i.e., graphs of the form  $\bullet \text{---} \bullet \text{---} \bullet \text{---} \dots$ ) attached to it. These are in one-to-one correspondence with the cusps of  $X_0(\mathfrak{n})$  and hence are also called cusps.

Denote by  $\mathcal{N}_{GL_2(K_\infty)}(\Gamma_0(\mathfrak{n}))$  the normalizer of  $\Gamma_0(\mathfrak{n})$  in  $GL_2(K_\infty)$ . It is not too difficult to show that the operation of  $GL_2(K_\infty)$  on  $\Omega$  resp.  $\mathcal{T}$  induces an injective mapping from

$$\mathcal{M}(\mathfrak{n}) := \mathcal{N}_{GL_2(K_\infty)}(\Gamma_0(\mathfrak{n})) / (K_\infty^\times \cdot \Gamma_0(\mathfrak{n}))$$

into  $Aut(X_0(\mathfrak{n}))$  resp.  $Aut(\Gamma_0(\mathfrak{n}) \backslash \mathcal{T})$ . Its image is called the subgroup of *modular automorphisms* of  $X_0(\mathfrak{n})$  resp.  $\Gamma_0(\mathfrak{n}) \backslash \mathcal{T}$ .

For example, fix a monic  $\mathfrak{m} \in A$  with  $\mathfrak{m} | \mathfrak{n}$  and  $(\mathfrak{m}, \frac{\mathfrak{n}}{\mathfrak{m}}) = 1$ . Then all the matrices  $\begin{pmatrix} ma & b \\ nc & md \end{pmatrix}$  with determinant  $\varepsilon \mathfrak{m}$  ( $a, b, c, d \in A$  and  $\varepsilon \in \mathbb{F}_q^\times$ ) are in  $\mathcal{N}_{GL_2(K)}(\Gamma_0(\mathfrak{n}))$ . They are even all in the same coset modulo  $\Gamma_0(\mathfrak{n})$ , so they all induce the same modular automorphism of  $X_0(\mathfrak{n})$  or  $\Gamma_0(\mathfrak{n}) \backslash \mathcal{T}$ , the so-called (partial) Atkin-Lehner involution  $W_{\mathfrak{m}}$ .

Clearly,  $W_{\mathfrak{m}}^2 = id$ , and for divisors  $\mathfrak{m}_1$  and  $\mathfrak{m}_2$  of  $\mathfrak{n}$  as above, we have  $W_{\mathfrak{m}_1} W_{\mathfrak{m}_2} = W_{\mathfrak{m}_3}$  with  $\mathfrak{m}_3 = \frac{\mathfrak{m}_1 \mathfrak{m}_2}{(\mathfrak{m}_1, \mathfrak{m}_2)^2}$ . Hence the Atkin-Lehner involutions form a 2-elementary abelian subgroup  $\mathcal{W}(\mathfrak{n})$  of  $\mathcal{M}(\mathfrak{n})$  of cardinality  $2^s$ , where  $s$  is the number of different prime divisors of  $\mathfrak{n}$ . As automorphisms of  $X_0(\mathfrak{n})$  the Atkin-Lehner involutions are rational over  $K$ . For their interpretation on the moduli problem ‘‘Drinfeld modules plus  $\mathfrak{n}$ -isogeny’’ see [8].

By  $\underline{H}_1(\mathcal{T}, \mathbb{R})^{\Gamma_0(\mathfrak{n})}$  we denote the space of  $\mathbb{R}$ -valued, alternating, harmonic,  $\Gamma_0(\mathfrak{n})$ -invariant functions on the oriented edges of  $\mathcal{T}$ , having finite support modulo  $\Gamma_0(\mathfrak{n})$ . Its dimension is  $g(X_0(\mathfrak{n}))$ , the genus of  $X_0(\mathfrak{n})$ . There exists a Petersson scalar product  $(\cdot, \cdot)$  on  $\underline{H}_1(\mathcal{T}, \mathbb{R})^{\Gamma_0(\mathfrak{n})}$ , taking integral values on  $\underline{H}_1(\mathcal{T}, \mathbb{Z})^{\Gamma_0(\mathfrak{n})}$ .

More visible is the homology of the graph  $\Gamma_0(\mathfrak{n}) \backslash \mathcal{T}$ , denoted by

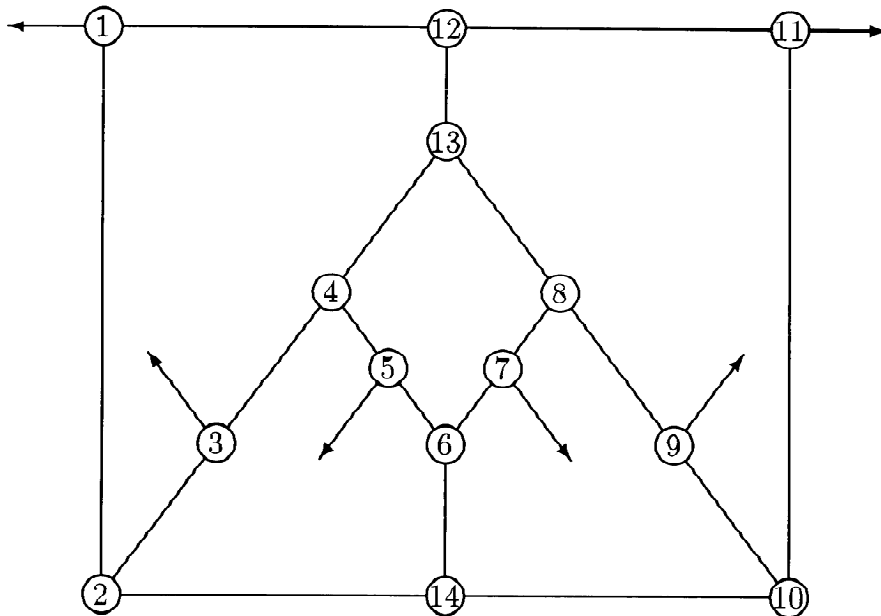
$$H_1(\Gamma_0(\mathfrak{n}) \backslash \mathcal{T}, \mathbb{R}).$$

The modules  $\underline{H}_1(\mathcal{T}, \mathbb{Z})^{\Gamma_0(\mathfrak{n})}$  and  $H_1(\Gamma_0(\mathfrak{n}) \backslash \mathcal{T}, \mathbb{Z})$  are isomorphic. If  $q = 2$ , the isomorphism is induced by the canonical mapping from  $\mathcal{T}$  to  $\Gamma_0(\mathfrak{n}) \backslash \mathcal{T}$  and the scalar product of  $\varphi$  and  $\psi$  in  $H_1(\Gamma_0(\mathfrak{n}) \backslash \mathcal{T}, \mathbb{R})$  is just  $\frac{1}{2} \sum_e \varphi(e)\psi(e)$ , the sum being taken over the oriented edges of  $\Gamma_0(\mathfrak{n}) \backslash \mathcal{T}$ . If  $q > 2$ , one has to introduce weight factors (see [4] or [3] for more details).

In any case the modular automorphisms operate from the right on  $\underline{H}_1(\mathcal{T}, \mathbb{R})^{\Gamma_0(\mathfrak{n})}$  and on  $H_1(\Gamma_0(\mathfrak{n}) \backslash \mathcal{T}, \mathbb{R})$  by acting from the left on the edges. Further, for  $G \leq \mathcal{M}(\mathfrak{n})$  the dimension of the subspaces of  $G$ -invariants equals the genus of  $G \backslash X_0(\mathfrak{n})$ .

EXAMPLE: For  $q = 2$  and  $\mathfrak{n} = T^2(T^2 + T + 1)$  the graph  $\Gamma_0(\mathfrak{n}) \backslash \mathcal{T}$  is given in the picture below. The cusps are abbreviated by arrows.

We see that the curve  $X_0(\mathfrak{n})$  has 6 cusps and that its genus is 5. The full Atkin-Lehner involution  $W_{\mathfrak{n}}$  is the reflection at the middle axis, so the genus of the curve  $W_{\mathfrak{n}} \backslash X_0(\mathfrak{n})$  is 2.



**Theorem 1**

- a)  $\mathcal{N}_{GL_2(K_\infty)}(\Gamma_0(\mathfrak{n})) = K_\infty^\times \cdot \mathcal{N}_{GL_2(K)}(\Gamma_0(\mathfrak{n}))$ .
- b) If  $q > 2$  then  $\mathcal{M}(\mathfrak{n}) = \mathcal{W}(\mathfrak{n})$ , that is, the partial Atkin-Lehner involutions are the only modular automorphisms.
- c) If  $q = 2$  and  $\mathfrak{n} = \prod \mathfrak{p}_i^{e_i}$ , we define  $U_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{\mathfrak{p}} & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $U_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{\mathfrak{p}^2} & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  and

$$\mathcal{M}_T(\mathfrak{n}) = \begin{cases} \langle id \rangle & \text{if } ord_T(\mathfrak{n}) = 0 \\ \langle W_T \rangle \cong C_2 & \text{if } ord_T(\mathfrak{n}) = 1 \\ \langle W_{T^2}, U_1 \rangle \cong S_3 & \text{if } ord_T(\mathfrak{n}) = 2 \\ \langle W_{T^3}, U_1 \rangle \cong D_4 & \text{if } ord_T(\mathfrak{n}) = 3 \\ \langle W_{T^4}, U_1, U_2 \rangle \cong S_4 & \text{if } ord_T(\mathfrak{n}) = 4 \\ \langle W_{T^5}, U_1, U_2 \rangle \cong D_8 \rtimes C_2 & \text{if } ord_T(\mathfrak{n}) = 5 \\ \langle W_{T^\nu}, U_1, U_2 \rangle & \text{if } ord_T(\mathfrak{n}) = \nu > 5. \end{cases}$$

For  $ord_T(\mathfrak{n}) > 5$  the group  $\mathcal{M}_T(\mathfrak{n})$  is non-abelian of order 32. As an automorphism of  $X_0(\mathfrak{n})$  the involution  $U_1$  is rational over  $K$ , whereas the involution  $U_2$  is rational only over  $K(\alpha)$  with  $\alpha^2 + \alpha = T^{-1}$ .

$\mathcal{M}_{T+1}(\mathfrak{n})$  is similarly defined with  $V_i = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{(T+1)^i} & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

The involutions  $U_1, U_2, V_1,$  and  $V_2$  commute with each other. For every  $W_{\mathfrak{m}}$  with  $T \nmid \mathfrak{m}$  we have  $W_{\mathfrak{m}}U_1 = U_1W_{\mathfrak{m}}$  and

$$W_{\mathfrak{m}}U_2 = \begin{cases} U_2W_{\mathfrak{m}} & \text{if } \mathfrak{m} \equiv 1 \pmod{T^2}, \\ U_1U_2W_{\mathfrak{m}} & \text{if } \mathfrak{m} \equiv T + 1 \pmod{T^2}. \end{cases}$$

Analogously for  $V_1$  and  $V_2$ .

There exists a semi-direct product decomposition

$$\mathcal{M}(\mathfrak{n}) = \langle \mathcal{M}_T(\mathfrak{n}), \mathcal{M}_{T+1}(\mathfrak{n}) \rangle \rtimes \langle W_{\mathfrak{p}_i^{e_i}} : \mathfrak{p}_i \neq T, T + 1 \rangle$$

with operation given by the relations above. Moreover,

$$\langle \mathcal{M}_T(\mathfrak{n}), \mathcal{M}_{T+1}(\mathfrak{n}) \rangle = \mathcal{M}_T(\mathfrak{n})\mathcal{M}_{T+1}(\mathfrak{n}),$$

which means that every  $M \in \langle \mathcal{M}_T(\mathfrak{n}), \mathcal{M}_{T+1}(\mathfrak{n}) \rangle$  may be written as  $M = M_T M_{T+1}$  with uniquely determined  $M_T \in \mathcal{M}_T(\mathfrak{n})$  and  $M_{T+1} \in \mathcal{M}_{T+1}(\mathfrak{n})$ .

One sees that  $\mathcal{M}(\mathfrak{n})$  shows a similar feature as in the classical situation (compare [1] Theorem 8), where the existence of modular automorphisms that are not Atkin-Lehner involutions depends on divisibility of  $\mathfrak{n}$  by 4 or 9. As in [6] p. 289, the modular automorphisms  $U_1$  and  $U_2$  can be given a modular interpretation on Drinfeld modules and  $\mathfrak{n}$ -isogenies.

We only give the idea of the proof of b) to show why the situation is different for  $q = 2$ .

If  $M \in \mathcal{M}(\mathfrak{n})$  then by a) we may suppose  $M = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$  with  $a, b, c, d \in A$  and  $\gcd(a, b, c, d) = 1$ . With  $D = \det(M)$ , from  $M \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} M^{-1} \in \Gamma_0(\mathfrak{n})$  and  $M \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ \mathfrak{n} & 1 \end{pmatrix} M^{-1} \in \Gamma_0(\mathfrak{n})$  one obtains  $D|\mathfrak{n}$ ,  $D|a^2$ ,  $(D, b) = 1$ ,  $D\mathfrak{n}|c^2$  and  $D|d^2$ .

If  $q > 2$  then  $\mathbb{F}_q^\times$  contains an  $\varepsilon \neq 1$  and from  $M \begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} M^{-1} \in \Gamma_0(\mathfrak{n})$  one can calculate that  $M$  is an Atkin-Lehner involution.

For  $q = 2$  one may give necessary and sufficient conditions for  $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$  to be in  $\mathcal{N}_{GL_2(K)}(\Gamma_0(\mathfrak{n}))$  but several more pages are needed to derive statement c). A complete proof will be included in [7].

In  $\underline{H}_1(\mathcal{T}, \mathbb{R})^{\Gamma_0(\mathfrak{n})}$  there exists the subspace of newforms  $\underline{H}_1^{new}(\mathcal{T}, \mathbb{R})^{\Gamma_0(\mathfrak{n})}$ , the orthogonal complement of certain embeddings of  $\underline{H}_1(\mathcal{T}, \mathbb{R})^{\Gamma_0(\mathfrak{m})}$  for proper divisors  $\mathfrak{m}$  of  $\mathfrak{n}$ . And for every  $\mathfrak{p} \nmid \mathfrak{n}$  there exists a Hecke operator  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathfrak{p}}$  on  $\underline{H}_1(\mathcal{T}, \mathbb{R})^{\Gamma_0(\mathfrak{n})}$  (compare [4] or [3] for exact definitions). These Hecke operators are simultaneously diagonalizable on  $\underline{H}_1^{new}(\mathcal{T}, \mathbb{R})^{\Gamma_0(\mathfrak{n})}$ .

Now in our situation we dispose of the following deep theorem, analogous to the Shimura-Taniyama-Weil conjecture in the classical context.

**Theorem 2** ([4], [3])

a) The  $\mathbb{F}_q(T)$ -isogeny classes of elliptic curves over  $\mathbb{F}_q(T)$  with conductor  $\infty \cdot \mathfrak{n}$  and split multiplicative reduction at  $\infty$  are in one-to-one correspondence with the 1-dimensional simultaneous eigenspaces of  $\underline{H}_1^{new}(\mathcal{T}, \mathbb{R})^{\Gamma_0(\mathfrak{n})}$  with rational eigenvalues for the Hecke operators  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathfrak{p}}$ . Moreover, for  $\mathfrak{p} \nmid \mathfrak{n}$  the number of  $A/\mathfrak{p}$ -rational points of the reduction mod  $\mathfrak{p}$  of any such curve is  $q^{deg(\mathfrak{p})} + 1 - c_{\mathfrak{p}}$ , where  $c_{\mathfrak{p}}$  is the  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathfrak{p}}$ -eigenvalue of the corresponding simultaneous eigenspace.

b) Every such eigenspace contains a (up to sign unique) primitive  $\varphi \in \underline{H}_1^{new}(\mathcal{T}, \mathbb{Z})^{\Gamma_0(\mathfrak{n})}$ . The degree  $-v_{\infty}(j(E))$  of the  $j$ -invariant of the strong Weil curve  $E$  in the corresponding isogeny class is the minimal positive scalar product of  $\varphi$  with elements of  $\underline{H}_1(\mathcal{T}, \mathbb{Z})^{\Gamma_0(\mathfrak{n})}$ . The degree of the strong Weil uniformization  $X_0(\mathfrak{n}) \rightarrow E$  is  $\frac{(\varphi, \varphi)}{-v_{\infty}(j(E))}$ .

EXAMPLE (continued): Take again  $q = 2$  and  $\mathbf{n} = T^2(T^2 + T + 1)$ . Then the space of newforms is 1-dimensional; more precisely  $H_1^{new}(\Gamma_0(\mathbf{n}) \backslash \mathcal{T}, \mathbb{R}) = \mathbb{R} \cdot \varphi$ , where  $\varphi$  takes the value 1 on the edges that form the closed path connecting the vertices 1, 2, 3, ..., 12, 1. So there exists exactly one  $\mathbb{F}_2(T)$ -isogeny class of elliptic curves over  $\mathbb{F}_2(T)$  with conductor  $\infty \cdot \mathbf{n}$  and split multiplicative reduction at  $\infty$ . The minimal positive scalar product of  $\varphi$  with elements of  $H_1(\Gamma_0(\mathbf{n}) \backslash \mathcal{T}, \mathbb{Z})$  is 4. Hence the degree of the  $j$ -invariant of the strong Weil curve  $E$  in this class is 4. Since  $q = 2$  and the curves are Tate curves at  $\infty$ , every curve in this isogeny class is determined by the degree of its  $j$ -invariant. Thus one can verify that

$$E : Y^2 + TXY + TY = X^3 + T^2$$

is the strong Weil curve in this class. The degree of the strong Weil uniformization  $X_0(\mathbf{n}) \rightarrow E$  is  $(\varphi, \varphi)/4 = 3$ .

Now the modular automorphism  $U_1W_{T^2}$  maps the edge from vertex 14 to vertex 2, that is the edge whose double-coset representative in  $GL_2(K_\infty)$  is  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ T+1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ , to the edge with representative  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & T^3 \end{pmatrix}$ , that is the edge from vertex 14 to vertex 6. This determines  $U_1W_{T^2}$  as an automorphism of the graph; namely:  $U_1W_{T^2}$  fixes the vertices 13 and 14 and acts as permutation  $(2, 6, 10)(4, 8, 12)$  on their neighbours. One easily sees that the subspace of  $U_1W_{T^2}$ -invariant elements of  $H_1(\Gamma_0(\mathbf{n}) \backslash \mathcal{T}, \mathbb{R})$  is just  $\mathbb{R} \cdot \varphi$ , so

$$E = \langle U_1W_{T^2} \rangle \backslash X_0(\mathbf{n}).$$

In the same way (i.e., calculation of the graph  $\Gamma_0(\mathbf{n}) \backslash \mathcal{T}$  by computer program as described in [5] and calculation of some Hecke operators and modular automorphisms by hand) one obtains.

### Proposition 1

*There are exactly 24 different  $\mathbb{F}_2(T)$ -isogeny classes of elliptic curves over  $\mathbb{F}_2(T)$  with conductor  $\infty \cdot \mathbf{n}$  and split multiplicative reduction at  $\infty$ , where  $\mathbf{n} \in \mathbb{F}_2[T]$  and  $\deg(\mathbf{n}) \leq 4$ . The table below shows twelve of these, and replacing  $T$  by  $T + 1$  gives the other twelve.*

*Here  $\partial$  denotes the degree of the strong Weil uniformization.  $G$  is a subgroup of  $\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{n})$  such that  $E = G \backslash X_0(\mathbf{n})$ , and  $-$  means that such a subgroup doesn't exist.*

$\mathfrak{n}$	equation of strong Weil curve $E$	$\partial$	$G$
$T^3$	$Y^2 + TXY = X^3 + T^2$	1	$\langle id \rangle$
$T^2(T+1)$	$Y^2 + TXY + TY = X^3$	1	$\langle id \rangle$
$T(T^2+T+1)$	$Y^2 + (T+1)XY + Y = X^3 + T(T^2+T+1)$	2	$\langle W_T \rangle$
	$Y^2 + (T+1)XY + Y = X^3 + X^2 + T + 1$	2	$\langle W_{T^2+T+1} \rangle$
$T^4 + T^3 + 1$	$Y^2 + TXY + Y = X^3 + X^2$	2	$\langle W_{T^4+T^3+1} \rangle$
$T^4$	$Y^2 + TXY = X^3 + TX^2 + T^2$	2	$\langle (W_{T^4}U_1)^2 \rangle$
$T^3(T+1)$	$Y^2 + TXY = X^3 + (T+1)^2X$	4	$\langle W_{T^3}, U_1W_{T^3}U_1 \rangle$
$T^2(T^2+T+1)$	$Y^2 + TXY + TY = X^3 + T^2$	3	$\langle U_1W_{T^2} \rangle$
$T(T^3+T+1)$	$Y^2 + (T+1)XY + TY = X^3 + X^2$	4	$\langle W_T, W_{T^3+T+1} \rangle$
	$Y^2 + (T+1)XY + TY = X^3 + T^3$	4	—
$T(T^3+T^2+1)$	$Y^2 + (T+1)XY + TY = X^3$	2	$\langle W_{T^3+T^2+1} \rangle$
	$Y^2 + (T+1)XY + TY = X^3 + (T+1)X^2 + T^3X + T^2$	14	—

Finding the equations of the strong Weil curves involves some trial and error, but a posteriori they can be proved to be correct.

The first five curves in the table and the corresponding graphs are already in [3]. Some further elliptic curves of the form  $G \backslash X_0(\mathfrak{n})$ , even some with conductor  $\infty \cdot \mathfrak{m}$  for a proper divisor  $\mathfrak{m}$  of  $\mathfrak{n}$ , are listed in [8]. However, all in all there exist only finitely many ones.

### Proposition 2

Let  $\mathfrak{n} = \prod_{i=1}^s \mathfrak{p}_i^{e_i}$  be such that  $G \backslash X_0(\mathfrak{n})$  is elliptic for a subgroup  $G$  of  $\mathcal{M}(\mathfrak{n})$ . Then (with  $d = \deg(\mathfrak{n})$ ) one of the following assertions must hold:

- a)  $q = 2, d \leq 15, s \leq 4,$
- b)  $q = 3, d \leq 7, s \leq 4,$
- c)  $q = 4, d \leq 5, s \leq 4,$
- d)  $q = 5, d \leq 5, s \leq 5,$
- e)  $q = 7, d \in \{3, 4\}, s \in \{3, 4\},$
- f)  $q \in \{8, 9\}, d = 4, s \in \{3, 4\},$
- g)  $q \in \{11, 13\}, d = 4, s = 4.$

*Proof.* Except for the bound  $d \leq 15, s \leq 4$  in case  $q = 2$  this is the statement of Proposition 17 in [8], where the case  $G \leq \mathcal{W}(\mathfrak{n})$  is treated. In case  $q = 2$ , where  $\mathcal{M}(\mathfrak{n})$  can be larger than  $\mathcal{W}(\mathfrak{n})$ , arguments and calculations similar to those developed in section 3 of [8] yield the bound given above.  $\square$

Without proof (compare again [7]) we also state.

**Proposition 3**

Let  $q = 2$ .

- a) If  $T^3 | \mathfrak{n}$  then  $U_1$  acts as  $-1$  on  $\underline{H}_1^{new}(\mathcal{T}, \mathbb{R})^{\Gamma_0(\mathfrak{n})}$ .  
 b) If  $T^5 | \mathfrak{n}$  then  $U_2$  acts on  $\underline{H}_1^{new}(\mathcal{T}, \mathbb{R})^{\Gamma_0(\mathfrak{n})}$  as twist by  $T^{-1}$ , that is: If  $\varphi \in \underline{H}_1^{new}(\mathcal{T}, \mathbb{R})^{\Gamma_0(\mathfrak{n})}$  is a simultaneous eigenform for the Hecke operators with eigenvalues  $c_{\mathfrak{p}}$  then  $\varphi \circ U_2$  has Hecke eigenvalues  $\chi(\mathfrak{p})c_{\mathfrak{p}}$ , where  $\chi$  is the character of the field extension of  $K$  generated by  $X^2 + X = T^{-1}$ .

Similar statements hold for  $V_1$  and  $V_2$ .

Statement b) implies: If  $T^5 | \mathfrak{n}$  and  $E$  belongs to  $\varphi \in \underline{H}_1^{new}(\mathcal{T}, \mathbb{Z})^{\Gamma_0(\mathfrak{n})}$  then  $\varphi \circ U_2$  belongs to the  $T^{-1}$ -twist of  $E$ .

This holds also for  $ord_T(\mathfrak{n}) = 4$ , but then  $\varphi \circ U_2$  is not necessarily a newform, that is, the conductor of the  $T^{-1}$ -twist of  $E$  might be smaller. For example in the table in Proposition 2 one sees that the  $T^{-1}$ -twist of the curve with conductor  $\infty \cdot T^4$  is the curve with conductor  $\infty \cdot T^3$ .

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