

Elliptic curves

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<https://www.math.wustl.edu/~acuna/content/Elliptic%20curves.html>

An elliptic curve over the complex numbers can be written in the form $V(y^2 - x^3 - ax - b)$, with $a, b \in \mathbb{C}$. And it can be visualized using its associated Weierstrass P-function \wp , this is because it satisfies the differential equation,

$$(y')^2 = 4y^3 - g_2y - g_3 \iff \left(\frac{y'}{2}\right)^2 = y^3 - \frac{g_2}{4}y - \frac{g_3}{4}$$

Since $g_2, g_3 \in \mathbb{C}$ are numbers such that $a = g_2/4, b = g_3/4$, if $x := \wp(z)$, and $y := \wp'(z)/2$ then x , and y satisfy the equation of the elliptic curve $V(y^2 - x^3 - ax - b)$, so they give coordinates on it.

To visualize it we can take the real, and imaginary parts of \wp as the first two coordinates, the real part of $\wp'(z)$ as the third, and the imaginary part of \wp' as the color.

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[ ]: def minus_floor(x):
    return x-floor(x)

def elliptic_curve_graph(e,s,r,precision):
    E = EllipticCurve(e)
    p = E.weierstrass_p(prec=precision).truncate(precision)
    pp = p.derivative()/2
    x = lambda u,v: p(u+i*v).real()
    y = lambda u,v: p(u+i*v).imag()
    z = lambda u,v: pp(u+i*v).real()
    w = lambda u,v: pp(u+i*v).imag()

    cf = lambda u,v: minus_floor(w(u,v))
    cm = colormaps.hsv

    E = parametric_plot3d([x,y,z], (-s,s), (-s,s), aspect_ratio=1,color=(cf,cm))
    E = E.add_condition(lambda x, y, z: x^2+y^2+z^2 < r^2)
    return E
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1.1 $y^2 = x^3 + x$

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[ ]: elliptic_curve_graph([1,0],14/8,2,300).show(frame=false,viewpoint = [[-0.5864,-0.5682,-0.5772],118.44])
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Graphics3d Object

1.2 $y^2 = x^3 - x + 1$

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[ ]: elliptic_curve_graph([-1,1],19/16,2,300).show(frame=false,viewpoint = [[-0.5864,-0.5682,-0.5772],118.44])
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Graphics3d Object

1.3 $y^2 = x^3 + 4$

Fun fact: this is a curve with Mordel-Weil group $\mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$, what that means is it's group of rational points is torsion of order 3.

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[ ]: elliptic_curve_graph([0,4],1,4,300).show(frame=false,viewpoint = [[-0.5652,0.5741,0.5924],119.5])
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Graphics3d Object

1.4 $y^2 = x^3 - 7x + 10$

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[ ]: elliptic_curve_graph([-7,10],3/4,8,300).show(frame=false,viewpoint = [[-0.0587,-0.6777,-0.733],172.73])
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Graphics3d Object

1.5 $y^2 = x^3 - x/4$

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[ ]: elliptic_curve_graph([-1/4,0],2,1,300).show(frame=false,viewpoint = [[-0.9909,0.0937,0.0967],88.73])
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Graphics3d Object

But, we can also use [Donu Arapura's idea](#) of interpolating between the real and imaginary parts of to get the following animation. Here, I'm using the same curve he uses in his website,

$$y^2 = x^3 - \frac{x}{4}$$

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[ ]: def elliptic_curve_frame(w,s,r,precision,t):  
    E = EllipticCurve(w)  
    p = E.weierstrass_p(prec=precision).truncate(precision)  
    pp = p.derivative()/2  
    x = lambda u,v: p(u+i*v).real()
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y = lambda u,v: p(u+i*v).imag()
z = lambda u,v,t: cos(t)*pp(u+i*v).real() + sin(t)*pp(u+i*v).imag()

cf = lambda u,v: minus_floor(sin(t)*pp(u+i*v).real() + cos(t)*pp(u+i*v).
↳imag())
cm = colormaps.hsv

E = parametric_plot3d([x,y,lambda u,v: z(u,v,t)], (-s,s),(-s,s),
↳aspect_ratio=1,color=(cf,cm))
E = E.add_condition(lambda x, y, z: x^2+y^2+z^2 < r^2)
return E

build_frame = lambda t: elliptic_curve_frame([-1/4,0],2,1.5,300,t)
frames = [build_frame(t) for t in srange(0,6.28,0.08)+[6.28]]
plot = animate(frames).interactive()
plot = plot.show(delay=5, auto_play=False, projection='orthographic',
↳frame=false
,viewpoint = [[0.0834,-0.7046,-0.7046],189.53])

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Graphics3d Object

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