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TORSION POINTS ON ELLIPTIC CURVES DEFINED OVER QUADRATIC FIELDS

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Let k be a quadratic field and E an elliptic curve defined over k. The authors [8, 12, 13] [23] discussed the k-rational points on E of prime power order. For a prime number p, let n = n(k, p) be the least non negative integer such that

$$E_{p^{\infty}}(k) = \bigcup_{m \geq 0} \ker (p^m \colon E \longrightarrow E)(k) \subset E_{p^n}$$

for all elliptic curves E defined over a quadratic field k ([15]). For prime numbers p < 300, $p \neq 151$, 199, 227 nor 277, we know that n(k, 2) = 3 or 4, n(k, 3) = 2, n(k, 5) = n(k, 7) = 1, n(k, 11) = 0 or 1, n(k, 13) = 0 or 1, and n(k, p) = 0 for all the prime numbers $p \ge 17$ as above (see loc. cit.). It seems that n(k, p) = 0 for all prime numbers $p \ge 17$ and for all quadratic fields k. In this paper, we discuss the N-torsion points on E for integers N of products of powers of 2, 3, 5, 7, 11 and 13. Let $N \ge 1$ be an integer and m a positive divisor of N. Let $X_1(m, N)$ be the modular curve which corresponds to the finite adèlic modular group

$$arGamma_1(m,N) = \left\{ egin{pmatrix} a & b \ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in \operatorname{GL}_2(m{\hat{Z}}) | a-1 \equiv c \equiv 0 \ \mathrm{mod} \ N, \ b \equiv d-1 \equiv 0 \ \mathrm{mod} \ m
ight\},$$

where $\hat{Z} = \lim_{n \to \infty} Z/nZ$. Then $X_1(m, N)$ is defined over $Q(\zeta_m)$, where ζ_m is a primitive *m*-th root of 1. Put $Y_1(m, N) = X_1(m, N) \setminus \{\text{cusps}\}$, which is the coarse moduli space $(/Q(\zeta_m))$ of the isomorphism classes of elliptic curves E with a pair (P_m, P_N) of points P_m and P_N which generate a subgroup $\simeq Z/mZ \times Z/NZ$, up to the isomorphism $(-1)_E : E \simeq E$. For m = 1, let $X_1(N) = X_1(1, N), \Gamma_1(N) = \Gamma_1(1, N)$ and $Y_1(N) = Y_1(1, N)$. For the integers $N = 2^4$, 11 and 13, $X_1(N)$ are hyperelliptic and n(k, 2), n(k, 11) and n(k, 13)depend on k [23] (3.3). Our result is the following.

THEOREM (0.1). Let N be an integer of a product of powers of 2, 3, 5, Received September 29, 1986.