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Abstract. We determine equations of the modular curves $X_1(N)$ for N = 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17and 18. Except for N = 17, these are the only existing elliptic or hyperelliptic $X_1(N)$. Applying these $X_1(N)$, we calculate tables of elliptic curves E over quadratic fields K with torsion groups of one of the following isomorphism types:

$$E_{\text{tor}}(K) \cong \mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z}, \quad m = 11, 13, 14, 15, 16 \text{ and } 18.$$

1. Introduction. Let E denote an elliptic curve defined over an algebraic number field K of finite degree over the rationals Q. We shall assume that the curve E is given in Weierstrass normal form:

(1) $E: Y^2 + a_1 XY + a_3 Y = X^3 + a_2 X^2 + a_4 X + a_6;$ $a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, a_6 \in K.$

Designate by E(K) the group of rational points of E over K. Mordell and Weil proved that E(K) is finitely generated. Hence, E(K) may be written as a direct sum,

$$E(K) = E_{tor}(K) \oplus E_{fr}(K),$$

of the torsion group $E_{tor}(K)$ and a free group $E_{fr}(K)$. The number of free generators of $E_{fr}(K)$ is called the *rank* of *E* over *K*. Of course, $E_{tor}(K)$ is finite, and it is conjectured that the order of $E_{tor}(K)$ is bounded by a constant N(K) depending only on *K*.

Boundedness Conjecture:

$$|E_{\rm tor}(K)| \leq N(K).$$

In 1969 Manin [7] proved this conjecture for the *p*-component of $E_{tor}(K)$, *p* being a prime. In 1979 Kenku [2] explicitly determined this Manin-bound for the case p = 2 and K a quadratic field over **Q**. He proved that the maximal 2-power order of a K-rational torsion point of an elliptic curve over K is 16. This bound is sharp. We have computed elliptic curves over quadratic fields K over **Q** with K-rational points of order 16.

In 1977 Mazur [8] proved the boundedness conjecture in the case K = Q. He determined that N(Q) equals 16, and more precisely he obtained

$$E_{\text{tor}}(\mathbf{Q}) \cong \begin{cases} \mathbf{Z}/m\mathbf{Z}; & m = 1, 2, \dots, 10 \text{ or } 12, \\ \mathbf{Z}/2\mathbf{Z} \times \mathbf{Z}/m\mathbf{Z}; & m = 1, 2, 3, 4. \end{cases}$$

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2. Determination of Nontrivial Torsion Structures. When speaking of nontrivial torsion structures, we think of structures which do not exist over Q. We have calculated tables of elliptic curves E over quadratic fields K whose torsion group is isomorphic to one of the following groups:

$$E_{\text{tor}}(K) \cong \mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z}, \qquad m = 11, 13, 14, 15, 16 \text{ and } 18$$

These tables were computed by a modification of a method of Kubert [4] which in turn is extending the method of Billing and Mahler [1] leading to the modular curves $X_1(N)$. Our first result is

THEOREM 1. For N = 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18 the modular curves $X_1(N)$ are given by the following equations:

(i)
$$X_1(11)$$
: $V^2 + V = U^3 - U^2$,
(ii) $X_1(13)$: $V^2 + (U^3 - U^2 - 1)V - U^2 + U = 0$,
(iii) $X_1(14)$: $V^2 + UV + V = U^3 - U$,
(iv) $X_1(15)$: $V^2 + UV + V = U^3 + U^2$,
(v) $X_1(16)$: $(U^2 + 3U + 2)V^2 + (U^3 + 4U^2 + 4U)V - U = 0$,
(vi) $X_1(17)$: $V^4 + (U + 2)V^3 + (U^3 + 1)V^2 + (-U^5 - 2U^4 - U^3 - U^2 - U)V - U^5 - 2U^4 - U^3 = 0$,
(vii) $X_1(18)$: $(U^2 - 2U + 1)V^2 + (-U^3 + U - 1)V + U^3 - U^2 = 0$.

Except for N = 17, these are the only existing elliptic or hyperelliptic $X_1(N)$ [9]. In the literature, these $X_1(N)$ are partially known, but nobody as yet seems to have used them for calculating examples of nontrivial torsion structures.

Proof. To prove Theorem 1, we start from a special form of the elliptic curve E over K:

$$E(b,c): Y^{2} + (1-c)XY - bY = X^{3} - bX^{2}; \quad b,c \in K.$$

This is called the E(b, c)-form. We obtain it from the Weierstrass normal from (1) of E by imposing on E the following three conditions:

- (i) $P = (0, 0) \in E_{tor}(K)$,
- (ii) the straight line X = 0 is a tangent to E at P,
- (iii) ord(P) \neq 2, 3.

(i) implies that $a_6 = 0$, and from (ii) and (iii) one deduces that a_2 , $a_3 \neq 0$, and $a_4 = 0$. Now the equation for E assumes the form

$$E: Y^2 + a_1 XY + a_3 Y = X^3 + a_2 X^2; \qquad a_2, a_3 \neq 0.$$

Applying the birational transformation

$$X = \left(\frac{a_3}{a_2}\right)^2 X', \qquad Y = \left(\frac{a_3}{a_2}\right)^3 Y',$$

we get the equation

$$E: Y'^{2} + \frac{a_{1}a_{2}}{a_{3}}X'Y' + \frac{a_{2}^{3}}{a_{3}^{2}}Y' = X'^{3} + \frac{a_{2}^{3}}{a_{3}^{2}}X'^{2}.$$

On substituting

(2)
$$1 - c = \frac{a_1 a_2}{a_3}$$
 and $-b = \frac{a_2^3}{a_3^2} \neq 0$

we obtain the E(b, c)-form of the elliptic curve. We shall carry out in detail the necessary calculations relating to $X_1(N)$ in the most simple case N = 11 and outline the remaining cases of N = 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18, which are treated in a similar manner. (See [11] for more details.)

The Case of $X_1(11)$. To calculate $X_1(11)$, we assume that ord(P) = 11. Then 5P = -6P, and

(3)
$$x_{5P} = x_{-6P} = x_{6P}$$
.

In Eq. (3), x_{nP} means the x-coordinate of the n-multiple nP of P. Now we calculate the multiples of P on E(b, c). They are:

$$\underline{P} = (0,0),
 \underline{2P} = (b, bc),
 \underline{3P} = (c, b - c),
 \underline{4P} = (r(r-1), r^2(c+r-1)); b = cr,
 \underline{5P} = (rs(s-1), rs^2(r-s)); c = s(r-1),
 \underline{6P} = (-mt, m^2(m+2t-1)); m(1-s) = s(1-r) and
 r - s = t(1-s).$$

Equation (3) implies that

rs(s-1) = -mt.

Without loss of generality, the cases s = 1 and s = 0 may be excluded. Reversing the substitutions made when calculating 6*P*, we obtain from Eq. (4):

(5)
$$X_1(11): r^2 - 4sr + 3s^2r - s^3r + s = 0.$$

This is one of the equations for $X_1(11)$, called the "raw form" of $X_1(11)$. This equation has to be transformed birationally into the equation of the $X_1(11)$ given in Theorem 1. The goal of this transformation is to get an equation of $X_1(11)$ with as few singularities as possible. This transformation is done in three steps. When computing the other $X_1(N)$ we can take roughly the same steps to get the desired transformations.

1. Step: Translation. We translate the point Q = (1, 1) on $X_1(11)$ according to Eq. (5) to obtain Q' = (0, 0) by the birational transformation:

$$s = U_1 + 1, \qquad r = V_1 + 1.$$

Equation (5) implies

(5.1)
$$V_1^2 - U_1 V_1 - U_1^3 V_1 - U_1^3 = 0.$$

2. Step: Quadratic transformation. By this transformation we remove the singularity at (0, 0). We put

$$U_1 = \frac{1}{U_2}, \qquad V_1 = \frac{1}{V_2},$$

to obtain from Eq. (5.1)

(5.2)
$$V_2^2 + U_2^2 V_2 + V_2 - U_2^3 = 0.$$

3. Step: Separation of variables. We set

$$U_2 = \frac{U}{V}, \qquad V_2 = \frac{1}{V}.$$

From Eq. (5.2), one derives

(6)
$$X_1(11): V^2 + V = U^3 - U^2.$$

Up until now, we made the calculations by hand. The subsequent calculations were performed by means of the computer algebra system SAC-2, which we implemented on a "Siemens 7.561" at the "Rechenzentrum der Universität des Saarlandes". First of all, we give a list of the multiples nP for n = 7, ..., 10. We shall write nP = (Nx/Dx, Ny/Dy) and exhibit Nx, Dx, Ny and Dy.

$$Nx = 2mt^{3} + (5m^{2} - 3m)t^{2} + (4m^{3} - 5m^{2} + m)t + m^{4} - 2m^{3} + m^{2},$$

$$Dx = -t^{3} + t^{2},$$

$$Ny = -mt^{6} + (-4m^{2} + 4m)t^{5} + (-6m^{3} + 15m^{2} - 6m)t^{4} + (-4m^{4} + 22m^{3} - 20m^{2} + 4m)t^{3} + (-m^{5} + 16m^{4} - 25m^{3} + 11m^{2} - m)t^{2} + (6m^{5} - 14m^{4} + 10m^{3} - 2m^{2})t + m^{6} - 3m^{5} + 3m^{4} - m^{3},$$

$$Dy = t^{5} - 2t^{4} + t^{3}.$$

8*P*:

$$\begin{aligned} Nx &= -t^5 + (-2m+3)t^4 + (-m^2+6m-3)t^3 + (4m^2-5m+1)t^2 \\ &+ (m^3-2m^2+m)t, \\ Dx &= -4t^3 + (-4m+8)t^2 + (-m^2+6m-5)t + m^2 - 2m+1, \\ Ny &= -t^7 + (-6m+3)t^6 + (-13m^2+14m-3)t^5 \\ &+ (-13m^3+22m^2-10m+1)t^4 \\ &+ (-6m^4+14m^3-10m^2+2m)t^3 + (-m^5+3m^4-3m^3+m^2)t^2, \\ Dy &= 8t^4 + (12m-20)t^3 + (6m^2-24m+18)t^2 \\ &+ (m^3-9m^2+15m-7)t - m^3 + 3m^2 - 3m + 1. \end{aligned}$$

9**P**:

$$Nx = 2mt^{4} + (9m^{2} - 5m)t^{3} + (12m^{3} - 16m^{2} + 4m)t^{2} + (6m^{4} - 13m^{3} + 18m^{2} - m)t + m^{5} - 3m^{4} + 3m^{3} - m^{2},$$

$$Dx = t^{4} - 4t^{3} + (-2m + 6)t^{2} + (4m - 4)t + m^{2} - 2m + 1,$$

$$Ny = 4m^{2}t^{7} + (12m^{3} - 16m^{2})t^{6} + (13m^{4} - 30m^{3} + 25m^{2})t^{5} + (6m^{5} - 3m^{4} + 16m^{3} - 19m^{2})t^{4} + (m^{6} + 28m^{5} - 52m^{4} + 16m^{3} + 7m^{2})t^{3} + (24m^{6} - 71m^{5} + 69m^{4} - 21m^{3} - m^{2})t^{2} + (8m^{7} - 32m^{6} + 48m^{5} - 32m^{4} + 8m^{3})t + m^{8} - 5m^{7} + 10m^{6} - 10m^{5} + 5m^{4} - m^{3}$$

$$Dy = t^7 - 7t^6 + (-3m + 21)t^5 + (15m - 35)t^4 + (3m^2 - 30m + 35)t^3 + (-9m^2 + 30m - 21)t^2 + (-m^3 + 9m^2 - 15m + 7)t + m^3 - 3m^2 + 3m - 1.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{10P}:\\ Nx &= -mt^7 + (-2m^2 + 4m)t^6 + (-m^3 + 6m^2 - 6m)t^5 + (-4m^2 + 4m)t^4 \\ &+ (-3m^4 + 11m^3 - 3m^2 - m)t^3 + (-m^5 + 14m^4 - 17m^3 + 4m^2)t^2 \\ &+ (6m^5 - 13m^4 + 8m^3 - m^2)t + m^6 - 3m^5 + 3m^4 - m^3, \end{aligned} \\ Dx &= t^6 + (6m - 4)t^5 + (11m^2 - 20m + 6)t^4 + (6m^3 - 30m^2 + 24m - 4)t^3 \\ &+ (m^4 - 14m^3 + 28m^2 - 12m + 1)t^2 + (-2m^4 + 10m^3 - 10m^2 + 2m)t \\ &+ m^4 - 2m^3 + m^2, \end{aligned} \\ Ny &= 3m^2t^{10} + (13m^3 - 21m^2)t^9 + (22m^4 - 91m^3 + 64m^2)t^8 \\ &+ (18m^5 - 160m^4 + 271m^3 - 111m^2)t^7 \\ &+ (7m^6 - 146m^5 + 472m^4 - 449m^3 + 120m^2)t^6 \\ &+ (m^7 - 73m^6 + 438m^5 - 744m^4 + 453m^3 - 83m^2)t^5 \\ &+ (-19m^7 + 235m^6 - 654m^5 + 687m^4 - 285m^3 + 36m^2)t^4 \\ &+ (-2m^8 + 74m^7 - 330m^6 + 537m^5 - 379m^4 + 109m^3 - 9m^2)t^3 \\ &+ (13m^8 - 96m^7 + 230m^6 - 245m^5 + 120m^4 - 23m^3 + m^2)t^2 \\ &+ (m^9 - 15m^8 + 52m^7 - 78m^6 + 57m^5 - 19m^4 + 2m^3)t \\ &- m^9 + 5m^8 - 10m^7 + 10m^6 - 5m^5 + m^4, \end{aligned} \\ Dy &= t^9 + (9m - 6)t^8 + (30m^2 - 48m + 15)t^7 \\ &+ (45m^3 - 141m^2 + 105m - 20)t^6 \\ &+ (30m^4 - 186m^3 + 267m^2 - 120m + 15)t^5 \\ &+ (9m^5 - 111m^4 + 303m^3 - 258m^2 \\ &+ 75m - 6)t^4 + (m^6 - 30m^5 + 156m^4 - 244m^3 + 132m^2 - 24m + 1)t^3 \\ &+ (-3m^6 + 36m^5 - 102m^4 + 99m^3 - 33m^2 + 3m)t^2 \\ &+ (3m^6 - 18m^5 + 30m^4 - 18m^3 + 3m^2)t - m^6 + 3m^5 - 3m^4 + m^3. \end{aligned}$$

Next we calculate the equation of $X_1(13)$. On putting

$$6P=-7P,$$

we obtain

$$m(t^{4}-3t^{3}+(-5m+3)t^{2}+(-4m^{2}+5m-1)t-m^{3}+2m^{2}-m)=0.$$

Without loss of generality, the case m = 0 can be excluded. We get for $X_1(13)$ the "raw form":

 $t^{4} - 3t^{3} + (-5m + 3)t^{2} + (-4m^{2} + 5m - 1)t - m^{3} + 2m^{2} - m = 0.$

By the birational transformation

$$m = rac{V + U^3 - U}{V}, \qquad t = rac{-U^2 + U}{V},$$

we arrive at the equation for $X_1(13)$ claimed in the theorem:

$$X_1(13): V^2 + (U^3 - U^2 - 1)V - U^2 + U = 0.$$

The case of $X_1(14)$. For the calculation of $X_1(14)$, one must make sure that P is not a point of order 7. From the equation

$$6P = -8P$$

one obtains

$$t^{5} + (6m - 3)t^{4} + (5m^{2} - 14m + 3)t^{3} + (m^{3} - 10m^{2} + 10m - 1)t^{2} + (-2m^{3} + 4m^{2} - 2m)t = 0.$$

The case t = 0 and $m \neq 0, 1$ implies that P has order 7. On the other hand, if t = 0 and m = 0, 1, one obtains b = 0. This is a contradiction to (2). Without loss of generality, t may be assumed different from zero. Then we get for $X_1(14)$ the "raw form":

$$t^{4} + (6m - 3)t^{3} + (5m^{2} - 14m + 3)t^{2} + (m^{3} - 10m^{2} + 10m - 1)t$$
$$-2m^{3} + 4m^{2} - 2m = 0.$$

By the substitution

$$m = \frac{8V - 24U + 32}{(2U - 8)V - U^3 + 6U^2 - 32}, \qquad t = \frac{2V - U^2 - 2U + 8}{2V - U^2 + 2U + 8},$$

we transform this equation birationally into

$$V^2 = U^3 + U^2 - 8U + 16$$

Applying now the algorithm of Laska [6], we get the form of $X_1(14)$ given in the theorem:

$$X_1(14): V^2 + UV + V = U^3 - U.$$

The case of $X_1(15)$. To calculate $X_1(15)$, we put

$$7P = -8P.$$

This implies the condition

$$t^{8} + (2m - 4)t^{7} + (m^{2} + 6)t^{6} + (33m^{2} - 17m - 4)t^{5} + (37m^{3} - 78m^{2} + 32m + 1)t^{4} + (25m^{4} - 94m^{3} + 93m^{2} - 24m)t^{3} + (8m^{5} - 50m^{4} + 84m^{3} - 50m^{2} + 8m)t^{2} + (m^{6} - 12m^{5} + 31m^{4} - 31m^{3} + 12m^{2} - m)t - m^{6} + 4m^{5} - 6m^{4} + 4m^{3} - m^{2} = 0;$$

or, equivalently,

$$(m + t - 1)(t - 1)(m + t)$$

(t⁵ - 2t⁴ + (7m + 1)t³ + (12m² - 12m)t²
+ (6m³ - 12m² + 6m)t + m⁴ - 3m³ + 3m² - m) = 0.

Without loss of generality, we can exclude the case that the first three factors are equal to zero. Then the "raw form" of $X_1(15)$ is given by

$$t^{5} - 2t^{4} + (7m + 1)t^{3} + (12m^{2} - 12m)t^{2} + (6m^{3} - 12m^{2} + 6m)t + m^{4} - 3m^{3} + 3m^{2} - m = 0.$$

By the transformation

$$m = \frac{-V^2 + (U^2 - U)V + U^3}{-V^2 + (U^2 + U)V + U^3 + U^2}, \qquad t = \frac{UV}{-V^2 + (U^2 + U)V + U^3 + U^2},$$

we get the form of $X_1(15)$ required in the theorem:

$$X_1(15): V^2 + UV + V = U^3 + U^2.$$

The case of $X_1(16)$. To calculate $X_1(16)$, we put

$$7P = -9P.$$

This implies the following condition:

$$4mt^{7} + (14m^{2} - 18m)t^{6} + (16m^{3} - 54m^{2} + 34m)t^{5} + (7m^{4} - 53m^{3} + 89m^{2} - 35m)t^{4} + (m^{5} - 21m^{4} + 80m^{3} - 81m^{2} + 21m)t^{3} + (-3m^{5} + 34m^{4} - 68m^{3} + 42m^{2} - 7m)t^{2} + (8m^{5} - 25m^{4} - 27m^{3} - 11m^{2} + m)t + m^{6} - 4m^{5} + 6m^{4} - 4m^{3} + m^{2} = 0.$$

Equivalently,

$$m(m + t - 1)(m + 2t - 1)$$

$$(2t^{5} + (4m - 6)t^{4} + (m^{2} - 10m + 7)t^{3} + (-3m^{2} + 11m - 4)t^{2}$$

$$+ (5m^{2} - 6m + 1)t + m^{3} - 2m^{2} + m) = 0.$$

Once more we can exclude that the first three factors are zero, and therefore the "raw form" of $X_1(16)$ is:

$$2t^{5} + (4m - 6)t^{4} + (m^{2} - 10m + 7)t^{3} + (-3m^{2} + 11m - 4)t^{2} + (5m^{2} - 6m + 1)t + m^{3} - 2m^{2} + m = 0.$$

By the following birational transformation

$$m = \frac{V^2 + (U-1)V}{V^2 + (U-1)V - U}, \qquad t = \frac{-1}{V-1},$$

this form is equivalent to

$$X_1(16): (U^2 + 3U + 2)V^2 + (U^3 + 4U^2 + 4U)V - U = 0.$$

The case of $X_1(17)$. We calculate the equation of $X_1(17)$ by setting

$$8P = -9P$$

and obtain the condition

$$\begin{aligned} -t^{9} + (-2m + 7)t^{8} + (-m^{2} + 24m - 21)t^{7} + (56m^{2} - 87m + 35)t^{6} \\ + (89m^{3} - 213m^{2} + 151m - 35)t^{5} \\ + (81m^{4} - 291m^{3} + 332m^{2} - 143m + 21)t^{4} \\ + (40m^{5} - 212m^{4} + 365m^{3} - 261m^{2} + 75m - 7)t^{3} \\ + (10m^{6} - 81m^{5} + 200m^{4} - 215m^{3} + 105m^{2} - 20m + 1)t^{2} \\ + (m^{7} - 15m^{6} + 52m^{5} - 78m^{4} + 57m^{3} - 19m^{2} + 2m)t \\ - m^{7} + 5m^{6} - 10m^{5} + 10m^{4} - 5m^{3} + m^{2} = 0. \end{aligned}$$

This is equivalent to

$$(m + t - 1)^{2}$$

$$(t^{7} - 5t^{6} + (-12m + 10)t^{5} + (-27m^{2} + 33m - 10)t^{4}$$

$$+ (-23m^{3} + 59m^{2} - 33m + 5)t^{3} + (-8m^{4} + 40m^{3} - 45m^{2} + 14m - 1)t^{2}$$

$$+ (-m^{5} + 11m^{4} - 21m^{3} + 13m^{2} - 2m)t + m^{5} - 3m^{4} + 3m^{3} - m^{2}) = 0.$$

The case m + t - 1 = 0 can be excluded without loss of generality, and the "raw form" of $X_1(17)$ is

$$t^{7} - 5t^{6} + (-12m + 10)t^{5} + (-27m^{2} + 33m - 10)t^{4} + (-23m^{3} + 59m^{2} - 33m + 5)t^{3} + (-8m^{4} + 40m^{3} - 45m^{2} + 14m - 1)t^{2} + (-m^{5} + 11m^{4} - 21m^{3} + 13m^{2} - 2m)t + m^{5} - 3m^{4} + 3m^{3} - m^{2} = 0.$$

By virtue of the transformation

$$m = rac{V+1}{V+U^2}, \qquad t = rac{U^2+U}{V+U^2},$$

the above form of $X_1(17)$ is birationally equivalent to the form required in the theorem:

$$X_1(17): \quad V^4 + (U+2)V^3 + (U^3+1)V^2 + (-U^5 - 2U^4 - U^3 - U^2 - U)V \\ -U^5 - 2U^4 - U^3 = 0.$$

The case of $X_1(18)$. To calculate the equation of $X_1(18)$, we set

$$8P = -10P.$$

This equation implies the condition:

$$\begin{aligned} -t^{11} + (-12m + 7)t^{10} + (-36m^2 + 76m - 21)t^9 \\ + (-47m^3 + 209m^2 - 204m + 35)t^8 \\ + (-30m^4 + 251m^3 - 497m^2 + 300m - 35)t^7 \\ + (-9m^5 + 151m^4 - 508m^3 + 617m^2 - 260m + 21)t^6 \\ + (-m^6 + 44m^5 - 222m^4 + 462m^3 - 416m^2 + 132m - 7)t^5 \\ + (5m^6 - 10m^5 + 44m^4 - 140m^3 + 136m^2 - 36m + 1)t^4 \\ + (26m^6 - 120m^5 + 162m^4 - 64m^3 - 8m^2 + 4m)t^3 \\ + (9m^7 - 67m^6 + 153m^5 - 147m^4 + 58m^3 - 6m^2)t^2 \\ + (m^8 - 14m^7 + 47m^6 - 68m^5 + 47m^4 - 14m^3 + m^2)t \\ - m^8 + 5m^7 - 10m^6 + 10m^5 - 5m^4 + m^3 = 0; \end{aligned}$$

or, equivalently,

$$(m+t)(t-1)(m+t-1)^{2}(t^{2}-2t-m+1)$$

$$(t^{5}+(9m-2)t^{4}+(6m^{2}-11m+1)t^{3}+(m^{3}+3m)t^{2}$$

$$+(4m^{3}-4m^{2})t+m^{4}-2m^{3}+m^{2})=0$$

Without loss of generality, the first four factors can be omitted, and we get for $X_1(18)$ the "raw form":

$$X_1(18): t^5 + (9m-2)t^4 + (6m^2 - 11m + 1)t^3 + (m^3 + 3m)t^2 + (4m^3 - 4m^2)t + m^4 - 2m^3 + m^2 = 0.$$

Transforming now this equation birationally by means of the transformation

$$m = \frac{(-U+1)V + U^2}{-V^2 + (U+1)V + U^2}, \qquad t = \frac{UV}{-V^2 + (U+1)V + U^2}.$$

we obtain the form of $X_1(18)$ asserted in the theorem:

$$X_1(18): (U^2 - 2U + 1)V^2 + (-U^3 + U - 1)V + U^3 - U^2 = 0.$$

The $X_1(N)$ are elliptic for N = 11, 14 and 15. The form of these $X_1(N)$ as given in the theorem is called an *equation of restricted type* for $X_1(N)$ [6].

In the following table, we compile the characteristics of these $X_1(N)$. In the first row we list the values of N, in the second the discriminant of $X_1(N)$, then the *j*-invariant, the conductor of $X_1(N)$, the torsion group of $X_1(N)$ over **Q**, and in the last row we display a generator of $X_1(N)_{tor}(\mathbf{Q})$.

N	11	14	15
Δ	-11	-2 · 14	-15
j	$-\frac{2^{12}}{11}$	$-\frac{5^6}{2\cdot 14}$	$-\frac{1}{15}$
$C_{\chi_1(N)}$	11	14	15
$X_1(N)_{tor}(\mathbf{Q})$	Z /5 Z	Z/6Z	Z/4Z
Generator of $X_1(N)_{tor}(\mathbf{Q})$	(1, -1)	(1, -2)	(15, 108)

For calculating an elliptic curve with a point of order 11, we transform $X_1(11)$ into the form $Y^2 = f(X)$ for $f(X) \in \mathbb{Z}[X]$. The corresponding equation for $X_1(11)$ is

(7) $Y^2 = X^3 - 4X^2 + 16.$

Inserting, e.g., X = 2 yields

$$Y = \pm 2\sqrt{2} \, .$$

We now carry out our calculations over the ground field $Q(\sqrt{2})$. If we set X = 2 and $Y = 2\sqrt{2}$ in the birational transformations, performed to obtain $X_1(11)$ in the form of Eq. (7), and reverse these transformations, we get the coefficients b and c as

$$b = -\frac{1}{16}\sqrt{2}, \qquad c = \frac{1}{4}(1 - 2\sqrt{2}),$$

giving the elliptic curve E in E(b, c)-form

$$E: Y^{2} + \left(\frac{3}{4} + \frac{1}{4}\sqrt{2}\right)XY + \frac{1}{16}\sqrt{2} Y = X^{3} + \frac{1}{16}\sqrt{2} X^{2}$$

with P = (0, 0) as a point of order 11.

Not much is known concerning the question: Over which quadratic fields K are there elliptic curves with a K-rational point of order 11 and over which are there none? With regard to this question, we have examined the fields $Q(\sqrt{-1})$ and $Q(\sqrt{-11})$ and have proved

THEOREM 2. Over the quadratic fields $K = \mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{-1})$ and $K = \mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{-11})$, there are no elliptic curves having a K-rational point of order 11.

Proof. One must find the rational points of $X_1(11)$ and the rational points of $X_1(11)$ twisted by -1 or -11. Then one proves Theorem 2 by means of theorems of Nagell [10] and Kramer [3]. (See [11] for details.)

We shall now establish tables of elliptic curves E with torsion groups of one of the following isomorphism types:

$$E_{\text{tor}}(K) \cong \mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z}; \qquad m = 11, 13, 14, 15, 16 \text{ and } 18.$$

K is a proper quadratic number field over Q. The only K-rational points which we have found on $X_1(17)$ over quadratic number fields K over Q are cusps. Therefore, we do not expect that there are examples of elliptic curves over K with K-rational points of order 17. This is also suggested by the fact that $X_1(17)$ has genus 5.* In our list of examples, the curve E will be given in short Weierstrass normal form:

$$E: Y^2 = X^3 + AX + B; \qquad A, B \in K,$$

which is quasi-minimal. This means that there are no rational primes p such that

$$p^4|A$$
 and $p^6|B$.

Each example in the tables is separated from the other by a row of stars. The examples are printed according to the following scheme:

$$\begin{array}{cccc} X & D \\ A \\ B \\ j \\ p \\ x \\ p \\ p \\ \mu_{p} \end{array} type of decomposition$$

Here: "X" is the X-value which we insert into the equation $Y^2 = f(X)$ of $X_1(N)$ for getting the desired elliptic curve E over K. "D" is, up to a factor 4, the discriminant of the quadratic ground field $K = Q(\sqrt{D})$. "A" and "B" are the coefficients of the elliptic curve E given in short Weierstrass normal form. In addition, we have calculated the *j*-invariant and a prime decomposition of *j*. Here *p* denotes the rational prime that divides the prime divisor \mathfrak{p} , $v_{\mathfrak{p}}$ is the normalized \mathfrak{p} -adic exponential valuation and $v_{\mathfrak{p}}(j)$ is the \mathfrak{p} -value of *j*. The last column contains the type of decomposition of *p* in *K*. "D" denotes decomposed, "I" inert and "R" ramified. "x" and "y" are the x- and y-coordinates of a generator of $E_{tor}(K)$. Finally, we calculated the $\mu_{\mathfrak{p}}$ -values of *E* and determined the coefficient divisor *m* (see [14]). The $\mu_{\mathfrak{p}}$ -values are important with respect to the determination of the torsion structure of an elliptic curve over an algebraic number field [14] and with respect to height-calculations [5]. For each rational prime *p*, we display the $\mu_{\mathfrak{p}}$ -value and the type of decomposition of *p* in *K*, if $\mu_{\mathfrak{p}}$ is different from zero. If the $\mu_{\mathfrak{p}}$ -values are zero for all prime divisors \mathfrak{p} of *K*, we leave the space empty.

The numbers $\alpha = a + b\sqrt{D} \in \mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{D})$, $a, b \in \mathbf{Q}$, are displayed as follows:

$$\alpha = (a, b).$$

^{*}Recently Kamienny has proved, that there are no elliptic curves over quadratic number fields K over Q having a K-rational point of order 17. (Cf. S. Kamienny, "Torsion points on elliptic curves over all quadratic fields", to appear.)

TABLE I $E_{tor}(K) \cong \mathbf{Z}/11\mathbf{Z}$

-4 -7 (-2187 , -864) (170694 , -87264) (2994657/68608 , 4432109/137216) -11 2 D 67 - 1 D 67 0 D 13729 3 0 D 13729 D (15, -12) (324 , -108) 3 1 Ι 2 2 (-3483 , 1836) (163890 , -108108) (-998961/184 , -4758131/1472) -11 2 R D 23 - 1 0 D 23 7393 3 D 7393 Ó D (0,432) (33,30) Ι 3 1

TABLE II $E_{tor}(K) \cong \mathbb{Z}/13\mathbb{Z}$

-2 193 (-1750172807187 , 125980162056) (1262137402216304190 , -90850638163719672) (-196626675110450473/326517350400 , 0) 2 -13 D 3 5 -13 D -2 Т 3 D 7 83071 3 D (549447 , -39516) (34274664 , -2466936) D 3 1

TABLE II (continued)

- 1 17 (-411864 , 99560) (211240640 , -51226432) (-60698457/406960 , 0) 2 -13 D 3 3 Ι 5 - 1 I 131 Ι 3 (6656 , -1536) (358, -74) 17 2 (-4323 . -1048) (227630 , 55208) (-60698457/40960 , 0) 2 -13 D 3 3 Ι . - 1 5 I 131 3 Ι (-296, -72) (-49, -12)3 313 (2327667525288 , 1315675463376) (1551448970003125440, 87693080563196352) (68633948441807/65303470080 , 0) 2 -13 D 3 -13 D 5 - 1 Ι 7 3 Ι 5849 3 D (-277962 , -15714) (-292750848 , -16547328) 3 D 1 ********************** 4 2257 (-1794164929227099 , -37765616934240)
(40912730980463108972790 , 861177532113128252448) (42299625914661454417/534966026895360 , 0) 2 -26 D -13 D 3 - 1 5 I 13 6 Ι 53 389 3 Ι 3 D (18897603 , 397776) (-6952140576 , -146336544) 1 D 3

TABLE III $E_{tor}(K) \cong \mathbf{Z}/14\mathbf{Z}$

-3 22 (-439986643037381403 , -93803909128605216) (7516285622934343121440566 , 1602474795479465435675232) (19631310746169659224439/53197633242289815552 , 1262333629667 54013038293/434447338145366827008) -28 R 2 3 7 -14 D -7 D 13 D -2 13 0 D 239 - 1 D 239 0 D 11113 0 D 11113 3 0 D 34651 D 34651 D 3 1718011 D 3 Ō 1718011 D (-48820125 , -14300688) (-5334018607008, -1153680851232) 3 1 D -2 7 (-51033138723 , -19289646936) (6265927466034894 , 2368297291386600) (3265635553/11664 , 29548593817/279936) 2 -14 R 3 -7 D 19 3 D õ 19 D 165059 0 D 165059 D 3 (92463 , 27300) (-5429592, -3143448)

 TABLE III (continued)

-16					
(-154171814) (3294898890)	410420731 , -629 896980443280354	9348 2,	871437671616) 13451360607076546447682112)		
(2517315283981159814713529/1498265856000000 , 368307445325827 4149011931/5618496960000000)					
2 3 5 19 49 43 71 71 211 211 211 331 331 503	-28 -7 0 3 -1 0 -2 0 0 3 3 3 0 0	R R D D D D D D D D D D D D D D D D D D			
503 861293	3	D D			
86129 3 (167199699	3 , 61992864)	D	(5543964000 , -21639096000)		
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(-120546623 (1948465656	56347 , 2794167 3306373974 , -5	678 460	816) 161248744831008)		
(2179518798 563/24439765	109295558939/32 6320000)	626	354176000 , -5136542789480266512		
2 3 5 13 13 31 31 41 41	-28 -7 -7 0 -1 3 0 0 -2	R D D D D D D D			
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(-708717 , 5	591792)		(-4394878560 , 1320854688)		
3	1	D			

TABLE III (continued)						
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(-2952963 , (1067436846	, -616284936					
(15792703/22464 , -103368947/134784)						
2 3 13 13 37 37 2269 2269	- 14 -7 - 1 0 0 3 3 0	R R D D D D D				
(-1185 , 684	+)	(-26568 , 15336)				
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	$E_{\rm tor}$	$(K) \cong \mathbf{Z}/15\mathbf{Z}$				
-1 -7	* * * * * * * * * * * * * * *	•••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••				
(53904226269	969151786879	92)				
(-1586581928	369698368 , -14	1784327118177856)				
(-1985321165	55423/6197578950	68 , 8327088487989/108457631744)				
2 7 11 29 179 179 259499 259499	- 15 -5 0 - 3 0 - 1 0 3 0 3	D R D D D D D D D D				
(4155606 , -	-54978)	(8591837184 , -197793792)				
3 -1/2 -95	1	I				
(-3684343882 (39335014279	0539915 , 91297 88825876471430	754598177520) , -1526895018264725064674640)				
(62288764665/152 204391591539998	31233206539812864 , 1634164950316 38 372)				
2 3 5 1 1 1 9 6 1 6 1 267 1 267 1 23189 23189 23259 223259	-15 -15 2 -3 0 -5 -1 0 0 3 0 3 0 3 0 3	D D R D D R R D D D D D D D D D D D D D				

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TABLE IV (continued)

..... 964404375 , 2334036) 29444742515700 , 232692977124) (3 5 D 1 2/3 R 3/2 33 (4943582901 . -860567328) (100854159004422 , -17556455592864) (-18967036655308187/8785723392 , -4955692963031933/13178585088) D -15 2 R -5 3 0 D 29 D 3 29 D -3 31 D D 0 12281131 0 D 12281131 3 (-2251476 , 391932) (-8889, 1548) 5 2 (-630315 , 281880) (328392630 , -146861640) (-121945/32 , 0) 2 - 5 Ι R 5 2 29 3 D (-11340, 5076) (-585, 264) 1 Ι 3 2/3 R 5 TABLE V $E_{\rm tor}(K) \cong {\bf Z}/16{\bf Z}$ 10 -4 (-4919326431372 , -540298585008) (4389838223699367504 , 688123047823241184) -540298585008) (378499465220294881/120530818800 , 0) R 2 -8 D -16 3 5 7 -4 R - 1 I 723361 D 3 (-689692320 , 111484512) (84458, 151140) D 1 3

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TABLE V (continued)
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      -15
( 404692008 , 73778280 )
(-1931895059776, -658051602240)
( 1023887723039/928972800 , 0 )
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                       ( 5253120 , -497664 )
-1/2 -15
( 272133 , 0 )
(41173974,0)
( 1023887723039/928972800 , 0 )
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(3, -144)
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( 319281675048 , 22722016968 )
( 63178738374096576 , 5446154665957824 )
( 1023887723039/928972800 , 0 )
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          -8
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          -4
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          -2
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                    ( 934778880 , 78575616 )
( 698502 , 58590 )
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( -69908375342547 , -4919013939420 )
( 254857783665620184714 , 23370400912286838060 )
( 378499465220294881/120530818800 , 0 )
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723361
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                   ( 12615228360 , 1377258876 )
( 7270053 , 456582 )
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TABLE VI $E_{\rm tor}(K) = \mathbf{Z}/18\mathbf{Z}$

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-1 33		
(-162675 , - (35441118 ,	-28296) 6168312)	
(31701473569	9/524288 , 55195	5372 97/ 524288)
2 2 17 17 3329 3329	-9 -18 0 3 3 0	D D D D D
(-285 , -48)	(-4428 , -756)
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-1/4 8241		
(-6681030592 (90412402568	283507 , -697322 33947091006 , 98	28583640) 871441 3787929 0246 8 0)
(56066410524 000000000000000 8260861255680	+761901395411477 000 , -617602893 00000000000000000000	79457771266159521/1782608612556800 36156912169249015730864995075351/1 200)
2 2 5 7 7 17 17 197 197 307 307 1358503 13358503 927720953 927720953	- 18 - 36 - 18 - 9 - 6 - 3 - 2 - 1 0 3 0 3 0 3 0 3 0 0	D D D D D D D D D D D D D D D D D D D
(11499447 ,	88980)	(-2890029240 , -31744440)
1/2 _33	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	•••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••
(-162675 , 2 (35441118 ,	:8296) -6168312)	
(31701473569	/524288 , -5519)537297/524288)
2 2 17 3329 3329 (147 - 24)	- 18 -9 3 0 0 3	D D D D D D D (-540 , 108)
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For the sake of completeness, we mention that Stephens and Stroeker [12], by a different method, have found three elliptic curves with a point of order 11 and one elliptic curve with a point of order 15.

We now give an example of an elliptic curve with a point of order 18, where the coefficients are much bigger than before.

99/2 8691664833337

(-14768222079904599000226787421543491231849193473355 , -1970467345153166758654514839049908324353312)

(21971291534216647623228996207699295223811390610845343944721343491235571462 , 43690982801166816298320513373853689518042 37918513251914616441002976)

(1820771879928064881129012745252230204273591164876834330993 955161082530792489104411320768821434152886994185291068594483 46574971204881791849038369/165171715810521209210213942419805 861455244043038594604419810218087221490524489372242729838653 659246889869907591168, -19530081342348892804570498768647272 039415917364691634885610209665069114446730529340756778918126 0629305849739652435294219105604111310340811/1651717158105212 092102213942419805861455244043038594604419810218037221490524489372242729839653659246889869907591168)

(2476188105984575611665015, -145343913837642036)

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( 680494937500537833832958824599248388 , -764060714620524131 742929250396 )
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D

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Here we were unable to calculate the prime decomposition of the *j*-invariant, because to this end we had to factor the norm of the *j*-invariant over \mathbf{Q} , which is too large a number. Our calculations involved much bigger numbers, the biggest one being one of 5,000 digits.

We have added on microfiches (at the end of this issue) a rather comprehensive table of examples of elliptic curves with torsion points of order 11, 13, 14 15, 16 and 18. For lack of computer time, we have not calculated all the prime decompositions of j in our tables.

3. Algorithms. For finding the transformations needed for the calculation of the $X_1(N)$, no general algorithm exists. The number of steps necessary for carrying out the transformations varies greatly. For calculating an equation of $X_1(11)$, we used 3 steps. In other cases, sometimes more than 15 steps were required. To analyze the algebraic curves and to test the transformations, we wrote a program based on algorithms for the factorization of polynomials, for birational transformations and for computing resultants and singularities [11]. The program works interactively. There are many ways to deduce from the raw form the form of the $X_1(N)$ given in Theorem 1. The user of our program is in the position to interactively test many

birational transformations before fixing the next step. The algorithm for the birational transformation is as follows:

(1) Input an algebraic curve P(X, Y) = 0, $P(X, Y) \in \mathbb{Z}[X, Y]$,

$$P(X,Y) = \sum_{i=0}^{k} \sum_{j=0}^{l} a_{ij} X^{i} Y^{j}.$$

Input the transformation

$$X = \frac{f_1(X_1, Y_1)}{f_2(X_1, Y_1)}, \qquad Y = \frac{g_1(X_1, Y_1)}{g_2(X_1, Y_1)},$$
$$f_i(X_1, Y_i), \ g_i(X_1, Y_1) \in \mathbb{Z}[X_1, Y_1]; \qquad i = 1, 2, \text{ and}$$
$$f_2(X_1, Y_1) \cdot g_2(X_1, Y_1) \neq 0.$$

(2) Determine $P_1(X_1, Y_1)$ in accordance with the equation

$$P(X,Y) = \left(\sum_{i=0}^{k} \sum_{j=0}^{l} a_{ij} f_1(X_1,Y_1)^i f_2(X_1,Y_1)^{k-i} g_1(X_1,Y_1)^j g_2(X_1,Y_1)^{l-j}\right)$$

$$\cdot f_2(X_1,Y_1)^{-k} \cdot g_2(X_1,Y_1)^{-l}$$

$$=: P_1(X_1,Y_1) \cdot f_2(X_1,Y_1)^{-k} \cdot g_2(X_1,Y_1)^{-l},$$

$$P_1(X_1,Y_1) \in \mathbb{Z}[X_1,Y_1].$$

(3) Print out the polynomial $P_1(X_1, Y_1)$. By the above transformation, $P_1(X_1, Y_1) = 0$ is the curve equivalent to P(X, Y) = 0. END.

We now state the algorithm used for the calculation of the tables.

(1) Input: $-X_1(N)$ given in the form $Y^2 = f(X); f(X) \in \mathbb{Z}[X]$

- the birational transformation to obtain this form of the $X_1(N)$ from the raw form, and the substitution made during the calculation of 6P. - the x-value which we wish to substitute into the equation of $X_1(N)$.
- (2) If f(x) = 0 then go to (7).

Determine the discriminant D of the ground field.

(3) Determine the coefficients b and c.

Calculate the discriminant Δ of a curve E in E(b, c)-form.

If $\Delta = 0$ then go to (7).

If $\Delta \neq 0$ then E is an elliptic curve with the point P = (0, 0) as a point of order N.

- (4) Transform E in short and quasi-minimal Weierstrass normal form such that the coefficients A and B are elements of $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{D}]$.
- (5) Determine E_{tor}(Q(√D)) by the reduction method. Calculate j and the v_p(j)-values. Compute the μ_p-values.
- (6) Print the results in the form described above. Go to (8).
- (7) Print that the point (x, f(x)) on $X_1(N)$ is a cusp.
- (8) END.

There is no difficulty in determining the $v_{\rm b}$ -values in a quadratic field $K = \mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{d})$,

if p lies over a rational prime p which is inert or ramifies in K. In case p is decomposed, we can prove the following lemma [11].

LEMMA. Let $K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})$, $d \in \mathbb{Z}$, be a quadratic field and let p be a rational prime which decomposes in K:

$$p \cong \mathfrak{p}_1 \cdot \mathfrak{p}_2,$$

where \mathfrak{p}_1 and \mathfrak{p}_2 are prime divisors of K. Let $A = a_1 + a_2\sqrt{d} \in \mathbb{Z}(\sqrt{d})$, $a \in \mathbb{Z}$ be such that

$$a = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \gcd(a_1, a_2); \ if \ d \equiv 2, 3 \mod 4 \\ 2 \gcd(a_1, a_2); \ if \ d \equiv 1 \mod 4 \end{array} \right\}.$$

Let $a'_1, a'_2 \in \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{Z}$ be such that

$$A = a(a'_1 + a'_2\sqrt{d}) =: aA'.$$

Then we have

(i) $p \mid p_2 \cdot A'$ implies

$$v_{\mathfrak{p}_1}(A) = v_p(N_{K/\mathbb{Q}}(A)) - v_p(a), \qquad v_{\mathfrak{p}_2}(A) = v_p(a).$$

(ii) $p + p_2 \cdot A'$ implies

$$v_{\mathfrak{p}_1}(A) = v_p(a), \quad v_{\mathfrak{p}_2}(A) = v_p(N_{K/Q}(A)) - v_p(a).$$

 $N_{K/Q}$ denotes the norm function of K/Q, and v_p is the normalized *p*-adic exponential valuation of **Q**. The lemma yields the following algorithm for determining $v_{v_1}(A)$ and $v_{v_2}(A)$.

(1) Input d,
$$a_1$$
, a_2 and p.
(2) Determine a, a'_1 , a'_2 as in the above lemma.
If $p = 2$ then set $p_2 = (1 - \sqrt{d})/2$
else determine $a \in \{1, 2, ..., (p - 1)/2\}$ such that
 $a^2 \equiv 1 \mod d$ and set $p_2 = a - \sqrt{d}$.
(3) Calculate $c = p_2 \cdot (a'_1 + a'_2\sqrt{d})$.
If $p \mid c$ then go to (4)
else go to (5).
(4) Calculate $v_{p_1}(A) = v_p(N_{K/Q}(A)) - v_p(a)$,
 $v_{p_2}(A) = v_p(a)$.
END
(5) Calculate $v_{p_i}(A) = v_p(a)$,
 $v_{p_2}(A) = v_p(a)$,
 $v_{p_2}(A) = v_p(a)$,
END
(5) Calculate $v_{p_i}(A) = v_p(a)$,
 $v_{p_2}(A) = v_p(a)$,
END

The cpu-time used to compute the tables varies greatly because the results are often very large numbers. We experienced cpu-times ranging from 15 seconds to half an hour for one single example.

4. Concluding Remarks. (1) The *j*-invariants of those elliptic curves with a point of order 13 or 16 appearing in our tables turn out to be defined already over Q. This is probably due to the fact that we obtain our elliptic curves by choosing as x-values rational numbers in the equation of $X_1(N)$ for N = 13, respectively 16. Also, we encountered the phenomenon that different x-values in $X_1(N)$, N = 11, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 18, yield elliptic curves with the same *j*-invariant. It would be desirable to

have some more information about the relationship between the x-values and the *j*-invariants.

(2) It is, of course, interesting to ask the question as to whether the order N (N = 11, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 18) of a torsion point of an elliptic curve over a quadratic field K depends on the type of decomposition in K of the rational primes p dividing N. This does not seem to be the case for N = 11, 13, 14 and 15 though, in the case of N = 14, we have only checked this for the prime p = 7. In the case of N = 16, we could not get any result of the desired type. In the case of N = 18, however, the prime p = 2 turned out to decompose, and the prime p = 3 either decomposed or ramified [11].

(3) On the basis of our tables, we could, for the first time, test many important theorems and results of the theory of elliptic curves. We could, e.g., verify the theorem of Nagell [10] already applied for proving Theorem 2. The μ_p -values of the examples coincide with the generalized Nagell-Lutz-Cassels theorem (see [14]).

(4) Almost all the prime divisors dividing the *j*-invariants come from prime numbers which are decomposed in the corresponding quadratic field. In addition, we point out that the exponents of the prime divisors, which occur in the denominators of the *j*-invariants, are as they should be according to the theory of Tate-curves [13].

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