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## Algebraic independence of periods of elliptic curves

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Several subsequent papers analyzed the performance of other forms of elliptic curves proposed in the mathematical literature. See, e.g., [18] for the speed of several variants of the Weierstrass form, [34] for the speed of Jacobi intersections, [28] for the speed of Hessians, and [9] for the speed of Jacobi quartics; see also [38] and [23], which introduced the Montgomery and Doche/Lcart/Kohel forms and analyzed their speed. An elliptic curve over  $k$  is a nonsingular projective algebraic curve  $E$  of genus 1 over  $k$  with a chosen base point  $O \in E$ . Remark. There is a somewhat subtle point here concerning what is meant by a point of a curve over a non-algebraically-closed field. Any elliptic curve  $E$  over  $k$  is isomorphic to the curve in  $\mathbb{P}^2(k)$  defined by some generalised Weierstrass equation, with the base point  $O$  of  $E$  being mapped to  $(0 : 1 : 0)$ . Conversely any non-singular generalised Weierstrass equation defines an elliptic curve, with this choice of basepoint. Proposition 1.6. Let  $\omega_1, \omega_2$  be the periods of  $E$  and let  $\Lambda = \mathbb{Z}\omega_1 + \mathbb{Z}\omega_2$ . It can be shown that  $\omega_1, \omega_2$  are linearly independent over  $\mathbb{R}$  and hence  $\Lambda$  is a lattice. Fix a point  $P_0 \in E(\mathbb{C})$  and define the map  $\hat{\cdot} : E(\mathbb{C}) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}/\Lambda$ .

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