

Introduction to mathematical cryptography
Homework problems
Week 12

23. Let E be the real elliptic curve given by the equation $Y^2Z = X^3 - XZ^2$. Solve the equation $P + P = \mathcal{O}$ (where \mathcal{O} is the unit element in $(E, +)$).
24. Let $p > 3$ be a prime number. Prove that an elliptic curve over \mathbf{F}_p has at most $2p + 1$ points. (The proof must be elementary, e.g. you cannot refer to Hasse's theorem.)

Note: Please, provide complete arguments everywhere, and explain how you arrived at your answer/solution. Giving the result without explanation leads to score deduction.