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## Torsion points on abelian varieties of CM-type

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### 1. Introduction

Given an abelian variety  $A$  of dimension  $d$  of CM-type defined over a number field  $k$ , and a point  $t$  of  $A$  of order  $N$ , let  $D$  be the number of conjugates of  $t$  over  $k$ . Write  $\nu(N)$  for the number of prime divisors of  $N$ ,  $\phi$  for Euler's  $\phi$ -function, and  $C_d(N) = \phi(N)/((12)^d d! 2^{(d-1)\nu(N)+1})$ . In §5 (Corollaries 4 and 5) we show that for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is a positive constant  $C_{k,d,\varepsilon}$  so that

$$D \geq C_d(N)[k:\mathbf{Q}]^{-1} \geq C_{k,d,\varepsilon} N^{1-\varepsilon}. \tag{1.1}$$

The constant depends only on  $\varepsilon$ ,  $d$ , and  $k$ , not on the abelian variety  $A$ , and can be made explicit. Thus, for a given number field  $k$  and dimension  $d$ , there are only finitely many possibilities for  $A(k)_{\text{torsion}}$ , where  $A$  is an abelian variety of CM-type and dimension  $d$  defined over  $k$ .

More specifically, suppose  $A$  is an abelian variety of dimension  $d$ ,  $(A, \theta)$  is of type  $(M_{n_1}(K_1) \times \cdots \times M_{n_m}(K_m), \Psi)$  (see §2 for definitions) where  $K_1, \dots, K_m$  are CM-fields and  $\sum_{i=1}^m n_i [K_i:\mathbf{Q}] = 2d$ ,  $C$  is a polarization of  $A$  compatible with the embedding  $\theta$  of  $M_{n_1}(K_1) \times \cdots \times M_{n_m}(K_m)$  into  $\text{End}(A) \otimes \mathbf{Q}$ , and  $t$  is a point of  $A$  of order  $N$ . Let  $k_0$  and  $k_t$  be the fields of moduli of  $(A, C, \theta)$  and  $(A, C, \theta, t)$  respectively, let  $\mu$  be the number of roots of unity in  $K_1 \times \cdots \times K_m$ , and let  $r_b(N) = \#\{m \in (\mathbf{Z}/N\mathbf{Z})^\times : m \equiv 1 \pmod{N}\}$  where  $b = [\tilde{K}:\mathbf{Q}]/2$  and  $\tilde{K}$  is the compositum of the reflex fields of the  $K_i$ 's. In §4 (Theorems 1 and 2) we show:

$$[k_t:k_0] \geq \phi(N)/r_b(N)\mu \geq \phi(N)/(2^{(d-1)\nu(N)+1} 6^d). \tag{1.2}$$

We will show that (1.2) implies (1.1).

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For comparison, results of Masser, Bertrand, and Serre give lower bounds for the degree of a torsion point which hold for all abelian varieties, but have constants which *depend on the abelian variety*. For example, transcendence theory leads to the result:

**THEOREM (Bertrand [1]).** *If  $A$  is a simple abelian variety of dimension  $d$  defined over a number field  $k$ , and  $t$  is a point of  $A$  of degree  $D$  over  $k$  and order  $N$ , then for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is a positive constant  $C_{A,k,\varepsilon}$  so that  $D \geq C_{A,k,\varepsilon} N^{1/(d+2+\varepsilon)}$ .*

Here, the constant  $C_{A,k,\varepsilon}$  is effectively computable in terms of  $\varepsilon$ ,  $[k : \mathbf{Q}]$ , and the height of the equations defining  $A$ . (See also [3]).

Using the theory of  $l$ -adic Galois representations, Serre can show (with notation as above):

**THEOREM (Serre [5]).** *If  $A$  contains no abelian subvariety of CM-type, then for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is a positive constant  $C_{A,k,\varepsilon}$  so that  $D \geq C_{A,k,\varepsilon} N^{2-\varepsilon}$ . If  $A$  does contain an abelian subvariety of CM-type, one must replace  $2 - \varepsilon$  by  $1 - \varepsilon$ .*

Serre's inequalities are stronger than Bertrand's, but Serre's constants are ineffective.

The proof of (1.2) essentially appears in [9] (proof of Proposition 7.3), where only a weaker result was explicitly stated, namely:

$$[k_i : k_0] \geq C_d N^s \quad \text{with} \quad s = 2/3 - \log_3 2$$

(with an explicit positive constant  $C_d$  depending *only* on  $d$ ). Also, in [9] we had  $n_i = 1$  for  $i = 1, \dots, m$ .

## 2. Definitions

Suppose  $K_1, \dots, K_m$  are CM-fields, and  $d, n_1, \dots, n_m$  are positive integers so that

$$2d = \sum_{i=1}^m n_i [K_i : \mathbf{Q}]. \tag{2.1}$$

Let  $Z = M_{n_1}(K_1) \times \dots \times M_{n_m}(K_m)$ ,  $W = K_1^{n_1} \times \dots \times K_m^{n_m}$ ,  $K = K_1 \times \dots \times K_m$ , and  $W_{\mathbf{R}} = W \otimes_{\mathbf{Q}} \mathbf{R}$ . Then  $W$  is a left  $Z$ -module. Suppose  $\Psi$  is a faithful complex representation of  $Z$  of dimension  $d$ ,  $\mathfrak{J}$  is a  $Z$ -lattice

in  $W$ ,  $U: W \times W \rightarrow \mathbf{Q}$  is an alternating form, and  $v_1, \dots, v_s$  are elements of  $W$ . Also, suppose  $A$  is an abelian variety over  $\mathbf{C}$  of dimension  $d$ ,  $\theta$  is an embedding of  $Z$  in  $\text{End}(A) \otimes \mathbf{Q}$ ,  $C$  is a polarization on  $A$ , and  $t_1, \dots, t_s$  are points of  $A$  of finite order. Let  $\varrho$  be the involution of  $\text{End}(A) \otimes \mathbf{Q}$  determined by  $C$ , and write  $\bar{a}$  for the complex conjugate of  $a \in K$ .

**DEFINITION 1.**  $C$  is an admissible polarization for  $(A, \theta)$  if  $\theta(a)^{\varrho} = \theta(\bar{a})$  whenever  $a \in K$ .

**DEFINITION 2.**  $(A, C, \theta, t_1, \dots, t_s)$  is of type  $(Z, \Psi, \mathfrak{J}, U, v_1, \dots, v_s)$  if  $C$  is an admissible polarization for  $(A, \theta)$  and there is a commutative diagram with exact rows:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & \mathfrak{J} & \longrightarrow & W_{\mathbf{R}} & \longrightarrow & W_{\mathbf{R}}/\mathfrak{J} \longrightarrow 0 \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow u & & \downarrow \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & D & \longrightarrow & \mathbf{C}^d \xrightarrow{\xi} & A & \longrightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

where  $D$  is a lattice in  $\mathbf{C}^d$ ,  $\xi$  gives an isomorphism of  $\mathbf{C}^d/D$  onto  $A$ ,  $u$  is an  $\mathbf{R}$ -linear isomorphism of  $W_{\mathbf{R}}$  onto  $\mathbf{C}^d$  which maps  $W$  onto  $\mathbf{Q}D$ ,  $\mathfrak{J} = u^{-1}(D)$ , and:

- (a)  $\theta(a) \circ \xi = \xi \circ \Psi(a)$  for every  $a \in Z$ ,
- (b)  $u(ax) = \Psi(a)u(x)$  for every  $a \in Z$  and  $x \in W_{\mathbf{R}}$ ,
- (c)  $U(x, y) = E(u(x), u(y))$  for every  $x, y \in W$ , where  $E$  is a Riemann form on  $\mathbf{C}^d/D$ , induced by the polarization  $C$ , and
- (d)  $\xi(u(v_j)) = t_j$  for  $j = 1, \dots, s$ .

*Note 1 :* The reader accustomed to the case of abelian varieties  $A$  with complex multiplication by a CM-field of degree  $2(\dim A)$  may prefer to assume throughout that  $m = 1$  and  $n_1 = 1$ . Then  $Z = W =$  a CM-field.

**DEFINITION 3.**  $(A, \theta)$  is of type  $(Z, \Psi)$  if (a) and (b) of Definition 2 hold for some  $u$  and  $\xi$ . We also say  $(A, \theta)$  is of CM-type if  $(A, \theta)$  is of type  $(Z, \Psi)$  for some  $(Z, \Psi)$  as above (for some positive integers  $m$  and  $n_1, \dots, n_m$ ).

*Note 2:* Every  $(A, \theta)$  of type  $(Z, \Psi)$  has an admissible polarization  $C$  (§6 of [8]).

*Note 3:* Given  $(A, \theta)$  of type  $(Z, \Psi)$ , points of finite order  $t_1, \dots, t_s$ , and an admissible polarization  $C$  for  $(A, \theta)$  there always exist  $\mathfrak{J}, U, v_1, \dots, v_s$  so that  $(A, C, \theta, t_1, \dots, t_s)$  is of type  $(Z, \Psi, \mathfrak{J}, U, v_1, \dots, v_s)$  (see [6]).

**3. Main theorem of complex multiplication**

If  $(A, \theta)$  is of type  $(Z, \Psi)$ , then  $A$  is isogenous to a product  $A_1^{n_1} \times \cdots \times A_m^{n_m}$  where  $A_1, \dots, A_m$  are abelian varieties. The map  $\theta$  induces maps  $\theta_i: K_i \hookrightarrow \text{End}(A_i) \otimes \mathbf{Q}$  so that  $(A_i, \theta_i)$  is of type  $(K_i, \Phi_i)$  where  $\Psi|_{K_i}$  is equivalent to  $n_i \Phi_i +$  (a zero representation). Let  $(\tilde{K}_i, \tilde{\Phi}_i)$  be the reflex of  $(K_i, \Phi_i)$ , and let  $\tilde{K}$  be the compositum of  $\tilde{K}_1, \dots, \tilde{K}_m$ . Define  $\eta: \tilde{K}^\times \rightarrow K^\times = K_1^\times \times \cdots \times K_m^\times$  by  $\eta(a) = \bigoplus_{i=1}^m (\det \tilde{\Phi}_i)(N_{\tilde{K}/\tilde{K}_i}(a))$  and extend  $\eta$  to a map from  $\tilde{K}_A^\times$  to  $K_{1A}^\times \times \cdots \times K_{mA}^\times$  where  $M_A^\times$  is the group of ideles in a number field  $M$ . For  $c \in \tilde{K}_A^\times$  write  $N(c)$  for the absolute norm of the ideal of  $\tilde{K}$  associated to  $c$ .

**THEOREM (Shimura) ([6] §4.3).** *Suppose  $c \in \tilde{K}_A^\times, \sigma \in \text{Aut}(\mathbf{C})$ , and  $\sigma = [c, \tilde{K}]$  on  $\tilde{K}_{ab}$ . If  $(A, C, \theta, t_1, \dots, t_s)$  is of type  $(Z, \Psi, \mathfrak{J}, U, v_1, \dots, v_s)$  then  $(A^\sigma, C^\sigma, \theta^\sigma, t_1^\sigma, \dots, t_s^\sigma)$  is of type  $(Z, \Psi, \eta(c)^{-1} \mathfrak{J}, N(c)U, \eta(c)^{-1} v_1, \dots, \eta(c)^{-1} v_s)$ .*

**COROLLARY 1 (Shimura).** *If  $Q = (A, C, \theta, t_1, \dots, t_s)$  is of type  $(Z, \Psi, \mathfrak{J}, U, v_1, \dots, v_s)$  then the field of moduli of  $Q$  is the subfield of  $\tilde{K}_{ab}$  corresponding under class field theory to the subgroup  $\{c \in \tilde{K}_A^\times : \exists q \in K^\times \subset Z$  with  $q\bar{q}N(c) = 1, q\eta(c)\mathfrak{J} = \mathfrak{J}, (q\eta(c) - 1)v_i \in \mathfrak{J}\}$  of  $\tilde{K}_A^\times$ .*

The corollary follows directly from the theorem. The special case of full complex multiplication is stated in [7].

**4. Main theorems**

Suppose  $(A, C, \theta)$  is of type  $(Z, \Psi, \mathfrak{J}, U)$ ,  $d = \dim(A)$ , and  $t \in A$  is a point of order  $N$ . Let  $k_0$  and  $k_t$  be the fields of moduli of  $(A, C, \theta)$  and  $(A, C, \theta, t)$ , respectively. Take  $v \in W$  so that  $\xi(u(v)) = t$ . By Corollary 1,  $k_0$  and  $k_t$  correspond under class field theory to the groups  $S_0 = \{c \in \tilde{K}_A^\times : \exists q \in K^\times$  with  $q\bar{q}N(c) = 1$  and  $q\eta(c)\mathfrak{J} = \mathfrak{J}\}$  and  $S_t = \{c \in \tilde{K}_A^\times : \exists q \in K^\times$  with  $q\bar{q}N(c) = 1, q\eta(c)\mathfrak{J} = \mathfrak{J}$ , and  $(q\eta(c) - 1)v \in \mathfrak{J}\}$ , respectively.

Let  $\mathcal{O} = \theta^{-1}(\text{End}(A) \cap \theta(K)) = \{w \in K : w\mathfrak{J} \subset \mathfrak{J}\}$ , an order in  $K$ . Let  $\tilde{\mathcal{O}}$  be any order in  $\tilde{K}$  so that  $\eta(\tilde{\mathcal{O}} - 0) \subset \mathcal{O} - 0$ . If  $p$  is a rational prime and  $M$  is a  $\mathbf{Z}$ -module, let  $M_p = M \otimes_{\mathbf{Z}} \mathbf{Z}_p$ . Let  $F = \tilde{K}_\infty^\times \cdot \prod_p \tilde{\mathcal{O}}_p^\times \subset \tilde{K}_A^\times$  and let  $L$  be the field corresponding to  $\tilde{K}^\times F$ .

$$\text{If } c \in F \text{ then (a) } N(c) = 1 \text{ and (b) } \eta(c)\mathfrak{J} = \mathfrak{J}. \tag{4.1}$$

LEMMA 1.  $k_0 \subseteq L$ .

*Proof.* By (4.1),  $F \subseteq S_0$ . For  $c \in \tilde{K}^\times$ , letting  $q = \eta(c)^{-1}$  shows  $\tilde{K}^\times \subset S_i \subset S_0$ . Thus  $\tilde{K}^\times F \subseteq S_0$ .  $\square$

Let  $\omega = \{\xi \in \mathcal{O} : \xi v \in \mathfrak{I}\}$ . Then  $\omega \cap \mathbf{Z} = N\mathbf{Z}$  and  $\omega_p = \{\xi \in \mathcal{O}_p : \xi v \in \mathfrak{I}_p\}$ . Let  $E_p = \{c \in \tilde{\mathcal{O}}_p^\times : (\eta(c) - 1)_p \in \omega_p\}$  and let  $E = \tilde{K}^\times \prod_p E_p \subseteq F$ .

Let  $\mu$  be the number of roots of unity in  $K$ . (4.2)

LEMMA 2.  $[k_i : k_0] \geq [F : E] / \mu$ .

*Proof.* By Lemma 1,  $[k_i : k_0] \geq [k_i L : L] = [\tilde{K}^\times F : \tilde{K}^\times F \cap S_i]$ . Also,  $\tilde{K}^\times F / (\tilde{K}^\times F \cap S_i)$  is isomorphic to  $F / (F \cap S_i)$ , since  $\tilde{K}^\times \subset S_i$ . Therefore:

$$[k_i : k_0] \geq [F : F \cap S_i]. \tag{4.3}$$

By (4.1)(b), if  $c \in F$  and  $q \in K^\times$  then the following are equivalent: (i)  $q\eta(c)\mathfrak{I} = \mathfrak{I}$ , (ii)  $q\mathfrak{I} = \mathfrak{I}$ , (iii)  $q \in \mathcal{O}^\times$ . For  $q \in \mathcal{O}^\times$ ,  $q$  is a root of unity exactly when  $q\bar{q} = 1$ . From (4.1)(a) we now conclude that  $F \cap S_i = \{c \in F : \text{for some root of unity } q \in \mathcal{O}^\times \text{ we have } (q\eta(c) - 1)_p \in \omega_p \text{ for every prime } p\}$ . Let  $R = \{\text{roots of unity in } \mathcal{O}^\times\}$ . The map  $(F \cap S_i) / E \rightarrow R / (R \cap (1 + \omega))$  which takes  $c$  to  $q$  is an injection. Therefore  $[F \cap S_i : E] \leq \#(R) \leq \mu$ . By (4.3),  $[k_i : k_0] \geq [F : E] / \mu$ .  $\square$

Let  $b = [\tilde{K} : \mathbf{Q}] / 2$ . (4.4)

If  $r \in \mathbf{Q}$  then  $\eta(r) = r^b$ . Let  $R_b(N) = \{m \in (\mathbf{Z}/N\mathbf{Z})^\times : m^b \equiv 1 \pmod{N}\}$  and let  $r_b(N) = \#R_b(N)$ .

THEOREM 1.  $[k_i : k_0] \geq \phi(N) / r_b(N) \mu$ .

*Proof.* If  $p$  is a rational prime then  $N\mathcal{O}_p \subseteq \omega_p \subseteq \mathcal{O}_p$ . We can then define a homomorphism  $(\mathbf{Z}/N\mathbf{Z})^\times \rightarrow \prod_p \tilde{\mathcal{O}}_p^\times / E_p = F/E$ . The kernel is  $R_b(N)$ , since  $\omega \cap \mathbf{Z} = N\mathbf{Z}$ . Thus  $[F : E] \geq \phi(N) / r_b(N)$ , and the theorem follows from Lemma 2.  $\square$

LEMMA 3. Suppose  $M$  is a CM-field,  $[M : \mathbf{Q}] = 2r$ , and  $m$  is the number of roots of unity in  $M$ . Then  $m \leq 6^r$ .

*Proof.* Since  $M$  is a CM-field,  $\phi(m) \leq [M : \mathbf{Q}] = 2r$ . But  $\phi(n) \geq 2 \log_\delta n$  for all  $n$ , so  $m \leq 6^r$ .  $\square$

From Lemma 3 and (2.1) we can conclude:

$$\mu \leq 6^d. \tag{4.5}$$

We have  $\mu = 6^d$  if  $K = \mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{-3})^d$ .

$$\text{Let } A_{b,\mu}(N) = \phi(N)/r_b(N)\mu. \tag{4.6}$$

*Note 4:* If  $d = 1$  then  $A_{b,\mu}(N) = \phi(N)/\mu \geq \phi(N)/6 \gg N/\log \log(N)$ .

$$\text{Let } D_d(N) = \phi(N)/(2^{(d-1)v(N)}6^d).$$

$$\text{Let } B_d(N) = \begin{cases} D_d(N) & \text{if } 8 \nmid N \\ D_d(N)/2 & \text{if } 8 \mid N. \end{cases} \tag{4.7}$$

LEMMA 4.  $A_{b,\mu}(N) \geq B_d(N)$ .

*Proof.* Writing  $(m, n)$  for the greatest common divisor of  $m$  and  $n$ , we have  $r_b(p^t) = (b, \phi(p^t))$  if  $p$  is an odd prime,  $r_b(2^t) = (b, 2)(b, 2^{t-2})$  if  $t \geq 2$ , and  $r_b(2) = 1$ . Thus  $r_b(N) \leq b^{v(N)}$  if  $8 \nmid N$ , and  $r_b(N) \leq 2b^{v(N)}$  if  $8 \mid N$ . Lemma 4 follows from (4.5) and the inequality:

$$b \leq 2^{d-1} \quad ((1.9.1) \text{ of [6]}). \tag{4.8}$$

□

From Theorem 1 and Lemma 5 we have:

THEOREM 2.  $[k_i : k_0] \geq B_d(N)$ .

LEMMA 5. For  $N \geq 3$  we have  $B_d(N) \geq C'_d N^{1-dC/\log \log(N)}$ , with explicit positive constants  $C'_d$  and  $C$ .

*Proof.* Apply the estimates:

$$\phi(n) \gg n/\log \log(n), \text{ and} \tag{4.9}$$

$$v(n) \ll \log(n)/\log \log(n) \tag{4.10}$$

(see [4] for the explicit constants). □

If  $N$  is a power of a prime  $p$ , we can use the definition of  $B_d(N)$  to obtain:

$$B_d(p^r) \geq p^r/(2(12)^d). \tag{4.11}$$

**5. Applications to degrees of torsion points**

If  $A$  is an abelian variety defined over a number field  $k$ , and  $t \in A(\bar{k})$ , we let  $D_k = [k(t) : k]$ .

**COROLLARY 2.** *Suppose  $(A, \theta)$  is defined over a number field  $k$  and is of CM-type, and  $t \in A(\bar{k})$  is a point of order  $N$ . Then*

$$D_k \geq [k : \mathbf{Q}]^{-1} A_{b,\mu}(N) \geq [k : \mathbf{Q}]^{-1} B_d(N)$$

(with  $b$  and  $\mu$  as in (4.2) and (4.4)).

*Proof.* Let  $C$  be an admissible polarization for  $(A, \theta)$  which is defined over  $k$  (such a  $C$  exists by an argument analogous to that on pp. 128–9 of [2]). Then  $(A, C, \theta, t)$  is defined over  $k(t)$ , and so  $k(t)$  contains the field of moduli of  $(A, C, \theta, t)$ . Thus  $[k(t) : \mathbf{Q}] \geq A_{b,\mu}(N) \geq B_d(N)$ .  $\square$

**COROLLARY 3.** *Suppose  $A$  is a simple abelian variety of dimension  $d$  defined over a number field  $k$ , with complex multiplication by a CM-field  $K$  of degree  $2d$ . Suppose  $t$  is a point of order  $N$ . Then*

$$D_k \geq ([k : \mathbf{Q}][\tilde{K} : \mathbf{Q}])^{-1} A_{b,\mu}(N) \geq (2^d [k : \mathbf{Q}])^{-1} B_d(N)$$

(where  $\tilde{K}$  is the reflex field of  $K$ ,  $2b = [\tilde{K} : \mathbf{Q}]$ , and  $\mu$  is the number of roots of unity in  $K$ ).

*Proof.* For some  $\theta$  and  $\Psi$ ,  $(A, \theta)$  is of type  $(K, \Psi)$ . Since  $A$  is simple,  $(A, \theta)$  is defined over  $\tilde{K}k$  (Prop. 30, §8.5 of [8]). By Corollary 2,  $[\tilde{K}k(t) : \mathbf{Q}] \geq A_{b,\mu}(N)$ . Corollary 3 now follows from (4.8).  $\square$

**LEMMA 6.** *Suppose  $(A, \theta)$  is of type  $(K_1 \times \cdots \times K_m, \Psi)$  for CM-fields  $K_i$  (not necessarily distinct). Let  $L$  be the compositum of the Galois closures of the fields  $K_i$ . If  $A$  is defined over a field  $k$  then  $(A, \theta)$  is defined over  $kL$ .*

*Proof.* The map  $\theta$  induces a representation of  $K_1 \times \cdots \times K_m$  on the space of holomorphic differential forms of  $A$ . This representation can be diagonalized over  $kL$ , showing that the actions of  $\theta$  and  $\theta^\sigma$  are the same for  $\sigma \in \text{Aut}(\mathbf{C}/kL)$ .  $\square$

**COROLLARY 4.** *Suppose  $A$  is an abelian variety defined over a number field  $k$ ,  $(A, \theta)$  is of CM-type for some  $\theta$ , and  $t \in A(\bar{k})$  is a point of order  $N$ . Then*

$$D_k \geq ([k : \mathbf{Q}][L : \mathbf{Q}])^{-1} A_{b,\mu}(N) \geq ([k : \mathbf{Q}]2^d d!)^{-1} B_d(N)$$

(with  $L$  the field generated by the Galois closures of the CM-fields in the type of  $(A, \theta)$ ).



*Proof.* If  $(A, \theta)$  is of type  $(Z, \Psi)$ , let  $\theta'$  be  $\theta$  restricted to  $K_1^{n_1} \times \cdots \times K_m^{n_m}$ . By Lemma 6,  $(A, \theta')$  is defined over  $kL$ . Let  $L_i$  be the Galois closure of  $K_i$ , and let  $2d_i = [K_i : \mathbf{Q}]$ . Since  $K_i$  is a CM-field we have  $[L_i : \mathbf{Q}] \leq 2^{d_i}(d_i)!$  and  $[L : \mathbf{Q}] \leq 2^d d!$  by (2.1). From Corollary 2 we know  $[kL(t) : \mathbf{Q}] \geq A_{b,\mu}(N)$ , and Corollary 4 follows. □

For comparison with the results of Bertrand and Serre, we state:

**COROLLARY 5.** *Under the assumptions of Corollary 4, for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is a positive, effectively computable constant  $C_{\varepsilon,d,k}$  so that  $D_k \geq C_{\varepsilon,d,k} N^{1-\varepsilon}$ .*

*Proof.* Follows from Lemma 5 and Corollary 4. □

Using Lemma 5 we can obtain the same results under the hypotheses of Corollaries 2 or 3. If  $N$  is a power of a prime we obtain better inequalities from (4.11).

We now rephrase Corollary 4 in the case  $t \in A(k)$  to give bounds on orders of torsion points of abelian varieties of CM-type.

**COROLLARY 6.** *If  $A$  is an abelian variety of CM-type and dimension  $d$  defined over a number field  $k$ , and  $N$  is the order of a torsion point of  $A(k)$ , then*

$$\phi(N) \leq \begin{cases} [k : \mathbf{Q}](12)^d d! 2^{(d-1)v(N)+1} & \text{if } 8 \mid N \\ [k : \mathbf{Q}](12)^d d! 2^{(d-1)v(N)} & \text{if } 8 \nmid N. \end{cases}$$

As examples of applications of Corollary 6, we state two immediate consequences:

**COROLLARY 7.** *If  $E$  is a CM elliptic curve defined over a number field  $k$ , and  $N$  is the order of a torsion point of  $E(k)$ , then  $\phi(N) \leq 12[k : \mathbf{Q}]$ .*

**COROLLARY 8.** *If  $A$  is a two-dimensional abelian variety of CM-type defined over  $\mathbf{Q}$ , and  $N$  is the order of a torsion point of  $A(\mathbf{Q})$ , then*

- (a)  $\phi(N) \leq 2^{6+v(N)} \cdot 3^2$ ,
- (b)  $\phi(N) \leq 2^{5+v(N)} \cdot 3^2$  if  $8 \nmid N$ .
- (c)  $v(N) \leq 6$ ,
- (d)  $N \leq 2^3 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 13 \cdot 17 = 185\,640$ ,
- (e) if  $N$  is prime then  $N \leq 577$ ,
- (f)  $|A(\mathbf{Q})_{\text{torsion}}| \leq (185\,640)^4$ .

*Proof.* Parts (c), (d), and (e) are elementary computations following from (a) and (b), while (f) follows from the fact that whenever  $A$  is an abelian variety of dimension  $d$  defined over a number field  $k$ , and  $M$  is the maximum order of a torsion point of  $A(k)$ , then  $|A(k)_{\text{torsion}}| \leq M^{2d}$ .

*Note added:* Using transcendence theory, Masser has recently obtained the improvement on Bertrand's theorem (see §1):  $D \geq C_{A,k} N^{1/d} (\log N)^{-1}$ .

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