Explicit points on elliptic curves of high rank over function fields

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Let
$$u=t^{1/d}$$
 and $K_d=k(u).$ Then for $i=0,\ldots,d-1$
 $P(\zeta_d^i u)\in E(K_d),$

they are almost independent (1 relation), and they generate a finite index subgroup of $E(K_d)$ which has rank d - 1.

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Example:

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This gives many examples of (simple, non-isotrivial) abelian varieties of every dimension with large rank.

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Project: Find less rigid constructions of surfaces DPCT.

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Cor: For $k = \mathbb{F}_q$, there are families with parameters of elliptic curves over $\mathbb{F}_q(t)$ with arbitrarily large rank in the tower $\mathbb{F}_q(t^{1/d})$.

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The numerical formula comes from a connection between homomorphisms and points which in good cases can be made very explicit.

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If k is finite of characteristic p, let $d = p^n + 1$ and note that $Fr_{p^n} \circ \zeta_d = \zeta_d^{-1} \circ Fr_{p^n}$. Similarly,

$$(Fr_{p^n} \circ \zeta_d^i) \circ \zeta_d = \zeta_d^{-1} \circ (Fr_{p^n} \circ \zeta_d^i)$$

for all *i*. This gives many independent endomorphisms in $\operatorname{End}_{k-av}(J_{\mathcal{C}_d})^{anti-\mu_d}$. Tracing through the geometry leads to many independent points in $E(K_d)$.

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The term -d cancels out the obvious endomorphisms $\zeta_d^i : J_{\mathcal{C}_d} \to J_{\mathcal{D}_d}$. To get rank we need some extra endomorphisms, i.e., CM.

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A-O: for fixed d only finitely many good a. But what about if d varies?