

Optimal curves differing by a 3-isogeny

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1. Introduction. For a positive integer N , let $X_1(N) = \mathbb{H}^*/\Gamma_1(N)$ and $X_0(N) = \mathbb{H}^*/\Gamma_0(N)$ denote the usual modular curves. Let \mathcal{C} denote an isogeny class of elliptic curves defined over \mathbb{Q} of conductor N . For $i = 0, 1$, there is a unique curve $E_i \in \mathcal{C}$ and a parametrization $\phi_i : X_i(N) \rightarrow E_i$ such that for any $E \in \mathcal{C}$ and parametrization $\phi'_i : X_i(N) \rightarrow E$, there is an isogeny $\pi_i : E_i \rightarrow E$ such that $\pi_i \circ \phi_i = \phi'_i$. For $i = 0, 1$, the curve E_i is called the $X_i(N)$ -optimal curve.

It seems that for most isogeny classes \mathcal{C} , E_0 and E_1 are the same. However, there are examples where they differ. For example, $E_0 = X_0(11)$ and $E_1 = X_1(11)$ differ by a 5-isogeny. Stein and Watkins [SW] have made a precise conjecture about when E_0 and E_1 differ by a 2-isogeny or a 3-isogeny, based on numerical observations. For the 3-isogeny case, the conjecture is the following.

CONJECTURE (Stein and Watkins). *For $i = 0, 1$, let E_i be the $X_i(N)$ -optimal curve of an isogeny class \mathcal{C} of elliptic curves defined over \mathbb{Q} of conductor N . Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (A) *There is an elliptic curve $E \in \mathcal{C}$ given by $E : y^2 + axy + y = x^3$ with discriminant $a^3 - 27 = (a - 3)(a^2 + 3a + 9)$, where a is an integer such that no prime factors of $a - 3$ are congruent to 1 modulo 6 and $a^2 + 3a + 9$ is a power of a prime number.*
- (B) *E_0 and E_1 differ by a 3-isogeny.*

REMARK. This conjecture has to be modified because (B) does not imply (A) in general. For example, let \mathcal{C} be the isogeny class consisting of the two elliptic curves 396C1 and 396C2 in Cremona's table. Then $E_0 = 396C1$ and $E_1 = 396C2$ differ by a 3-isogeny, but (A) is not true in this case.

In this paper, we prove the following theorem.

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THEOREM 1.1. *Let (A) and (B) be as in the Conjecture.*

- (i) (A) *implies* (B).
- (ii) *If* N *is square-free and* $3 \nmid N$, *then* (B) *implies* (A).

2. Preliminaries

2.1. For $i = 0, 1$, let E_i be the $X_i(N)$ -optimal curve of an isogeny class \mathcal{C} of elliptic curves of conductor N . Stein and Watkins [SW] conjectured that E_0 and E_1 differ by a 3-isogeny if and only if there is an elliptic curve $E \in \mathcal{C}$ parametrised by

$$c_4 = (n + 3)(n^3 + 9n^2 + 27n + 3)$$

and

$$c_6 = -(n^6 + 18n^5 + 135n^4 + 504n^3 + 891n^2 + 486n - 27)$$

with the discriminant being $n(n^2 + 9n + 27)$, where n is an integer such that no prime factors of n are congruent to 1 modulo 6 and $n^2 + 9n + 27$ is a power of a prime number.

Let E be an elliptic curve defined over \mathbb{Q} with a rational torsion point of order 3. As a minimal model for E , we can take

$$(1) \quad E : y^2 + axy + by = x^3$$

with $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$, $b > 0$ such that neither $q \mid a$ nor $q^3 \mid b$ for any prime number q . The discriminant of E is

$$\Delta = b^3(a^3 - 27b)$$

and $T = \{(0, 0), (0, -b), \infty\}$ is the torsion group of order 3. If we take $b = 1$ and put $n = a - 3$ in (1), then we obtain the curve in (A) of the Conjecture.

There is an isogeny defined over \mathbb{Q} of degree 3 from E to the quotient curve E' of E by T and the curve E' is given by a model

$$E' : y^2 + axy + by = x^3 - 5abx - a^3b - 7b^2$$

with discriminant

$$\Delta' = b(a^3 - 27b)^3.$$

Hadano [Ha] obtained the following theorem.

THEOREM 2.1 (Hadano). *The quotient curve* E' *of an elliptic curve* $E : y^2 + axy + by = x^3$ *by* $T = \{(0, 0), (0, -b), \infty\}$ *has a rational point of order 3 if and only if* b *is a cubic number* t^3 *with* $t > 0$. *Moreover the curve* E' *is given by*

$$E' : y^2 + (a + 6t)xy + (a^2 + 3at + 9t^2)ty = x^3.$$

2.2. Let \mathcal{C} be an isogeny class of elliptic curves defined over \mathbb{Q} . For any $E \in \mathcal{C}$, we let $E_{\mathbb{Z}}$ be the Néron model over \mathbb{Z} and ω_E a Néron differential on E . Let $\pi : E \rightarrow E'$ be an isogeny with $E, E' \in \mathcal{C}$. We say that π is *étale* if the extension $E_{\mathbb{Z}} \rightarrow E'_{\mathbb{Z}}$ to Néron models is étale. Equivalently, π is étale if $\ker \pi$ is an étale group scheme. So one can show that an isogeny $\pi : E \rightarrow E'$ is étale when $\ker \pi \simeq \mathbb{Z}/l\mathbb{Z}$ and E has good reduction at l for an odd prime l . If $\pi : E \rightarrow E'$ is an isogeny over \mathbb{Q} , then $\pi^*(\omega_{E'}) = n\omega_E$ for some nonzero integer n . The isogeny π is étale if and only if $n = \pm 1$.

Stevens [St] proved that in every isogeny class \mathcal{C} of elliptic curves defined over \mathbb{Q} , there exists a unique curve $E_{\min} \in \mathcal{C}$ such that for every $E \in \mathcal{C}$, there is an étale isogeny $\pi : E_{\min} \rightarrow E$. The curve E_{\min} is called the *minimal curve* in \mathcal{C} . Stevens conjectured that $E_{\min} = E_1$ and Vatsal [Va] proved the following theorem.

THEOREM 2.2 (Vatsal). *Suppose that the isogeny class \mathcal{C} consists of semi-stable curves. The étale isogeny $\pi : E_{\min} \rightarrow E_1$ has degree a power of two.*

2.3. As representatives of the cusps of $X_0(N)$, we use the rational numbers x/d where $d \mid N$, $d > 0$ and $(x, d) = 1$ with x taken modulo $(d, N/d)$. We say that such a cusp x/d is of *level* d , and we know that the cusp is defined over $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_m)$, where $m = (d, N/d)$. Let (P_d) denote the divisor on $X_0(N)$ defined as the sum of all the cusps of level d (each with multiplicity one). Then (P_d) is invariant under $\text{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q})$, and the \mathbb{Q} -rational cuspidal subgroup $C(N)$ of $J_0(N)$ is generated by the divisor classes of all divisors of the kind

$$\phi((d, N/d))(P_1) - (P_d),$$

as d runs through the positive divisors of N .

Let f be the newform associated with the elliptic curve E of conductor N , and for each positive $d \mid N$, let $w_d = \pm 1$ be such that $W_d f = w_d f$, where W_d is the Atkin–Lehner involution. Let G be the product of those primes such that $w_p = 1$. Define a divisor Q supported on the cusps of $X_0(N)$ by

$$Q := \sum_{d \mid (N/G)} w_d (P_d G).$$

Let $r = \prod_{p \mid G} (p^2 - 1) \prod_{p \mid (N/G)} (p - 1)$, $h = (r, 24)$, and $n = r/h$.

Dummigan [Du] proved the following theorem under an additional condition, and later Byeon and Yhee [BY] proved it unconditionally.

THEOREM 2.3 (Dummigan). *Let $E \in \mathcal{C}$ be an elliptic curve defined over \mathbb{Q} of square-free conductor N with a rational point of order $l \nmid N$. Then $E_0 \in \mathcal{C}$ has a rational point P of order l . Furthermore the image of P*

under the injective map from E_0 to $J_0(N)$ induced by a parametrization $\phi_0 : X_0(N) \rightarrow E_0$ is $(2n/l)[Q]$.

REMARK. Vatsal [Va] also proved that if there is an elliptic curve $E \in \mathcal{C}$ of conductor N defined over \mathbb{Q} with a rational point of order l such that $l^2 \nmid N$, then $E_0 \in \mathcal{C}$ has a rational point P of order l , without explicit description of the point P .

2.4. For a prime p , $X_0(N)$ and its Jacobian $J_0(N)$ are also defined over \mathbb{Q}_p . When $p \nmid N$, $J_0(N)$ has good reduction modulo p . When $p \mid N$, the special fibre $J_0(N)_{\mathbb{F}_p}$ in the Néron model $J_0(N)$ over \mathbb{Z}_p is the extension of a finite étale group scheme $\Phi_{N,p}$ by the connected component of identity $J_0(N)_{\mathbb{F}_p}^0$. The finite group $\Phi_{N,p}$ is called the *group of components* of the special fibre of the Néron model $J_0(N)$ over \mathbb{Z}_p .

Let $M \geq 1$ be a positive integer and let $p \geq 5$ be a prime such that $p \nmid M$. Consider the modular curve $X_0(Mp)$ over \mathbb{Q}_p . The model of the reduction modulo p of $X_0(Mp)$ consists of two irreducible components C_0 and C_1 , each a copy of the modular curve $X_0(N)_{\mathbb{F}_p}$, glued together at the supersingular points. For each supersingular point x , let $e(x) = \frac{1}{2}|\text{Aut}(x)|$. A regular minimal model of $X_0(Mp)$ may be obtained by replacing each supersingular point x with $e(x) > 1$ by a chain of $e(x) - 1$ copies of the projective line \mathbb{P}^1 . Label these additional components by C_2, \dots, C_n . For cusps of $X_0(Mp)$, we have $P_d \in C_0$ and $P_{dp} \in C_1$, where $d \mid M$.

Let $L = \bigoplus_{i=0}^n \mathbb{Z}[C_i]$ be the free abelian group generated by these components. Let $\iota : L \rightarrow L$ be the map defined by $\iota([C_i]) = \sum_{j=0}^n (C_i \cdot C_j)[C_j]$. Let $\text{deg} : L \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ be the degree map. Then $\Phi_{Mp,p} = \ker(\text{deg})/\text{im}(\iota)$. The component group $\Phi_{Mp,p}$ contains a canonical cyclic subgroup generated by the image $(0) - (\infty)$ in $\Phi_{Mp,p}$ of $C_0 - C_1 \in L$. The order of $(0) - (\infty)$ in $\Phi_{Mp,p}$ is precisely computed in [Ed], [Ma, Appendix].

THEOREM 2.4 (Mazur and Rapoport). *Let $N = Mp = q_1 \cdots q_s p$ be a positive square-free integer, where $p \geq 5$ and q_i are different prime integers. Then the order of $(0) - (\infty)$ in $\Phi_{Mp,p}$ is*

$$\frac{p-1}{\alpha} \prod_{i=1}^s (q_i + 1),$$

where $\alpha = 2, 4, 6$, or 12 .

3. Proof of Theorem 1.1

LEMMA 3.1. *Let $E : y^2 + axy + by = x^3$ be an elliptic curve, where a, b are integers such that $(a, b) = 1$. Let $p \nmid 3$ be a prime number such that $p \mid \Delta = b^3(a^3 - 27b)$.*

- (i) If $p \mid b$, then $w_p = -1$.
- (ii) If $p \mid a^3 - 27b$ and $p \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$, then $w_p = -1$.
- (iii) If $p \mid a^3 - 27b$ and $p \equiv -1 \pmod{3}$, then $w_p = 1$.

Proof. Since $c_4 := a(a^3 - 24b)$, E has multiplicative reduction at p for every prime factor $p \neq 3$ of Δ . For every prime factor p of b , E has a split multiplicative reduction at p , so $w_p = -1$. For every prime factor $p \equiv -1 \pmod{3}$ of $a^3 - 27b$, E has a nonsplit multiplicative reduction at p , so $w_p = 1$, and for every prime factor $p \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ of $a^3 - 27b$, E has a split multiplicative reduction at p , so $w_p = -1$ because the slopes of the tangent lines at the node $(-a^2/9, a^3/27) \in E(\mathbb{F}_p)$ are $(-3a \pm a\sqrt{-3})/6$ when $p \neq 2$. Similarly we can show that $w_2 = 1$ if $2 \mid a^3 - 27b$. ■

LEMMA 3.2. *If $E : y^2 + axy + y = x^3$ is an elliptic curve with discriminant $a^3 - 27 = (a - 3)(a^2 + 3a + 9)$, where a is an integer such that no prime factors of $a - 3$ are congruent to 1 modulo 6 and $a^2 + 3a + 9$ is a power of a prime number, then the conductor N of E is a square-free integer such that $3 \nmid N$ except $a = -6, -3, 0$ and there is only one prime divisor p of N such that $w_p = -1$.*

Proof. Suppose that E is as in the statement and $a^2 + 3a + 9$ is a power of a prime number p .

If $3 \mid a$, then $a^2 + 3a + 9$ must be a power of 3. So $a = -6, -3, 0$ and we have the following table:

a	E	N	w_p
-6	27A4	$27 = 3^3$	$w_3 = -1$
-3	54A3	$54 = 2 \cdot 3^3$	$w_2 = 1, w_3 = -1$
0	27A3	$27 = 3^3$	$w_3 = -1$

where 27A4, 54A3, 27A3 are in Cremona’s table.

If $3 \nmid a$, then $3 \nmid a^3 - 27$ and for any prime divisor of N , E has multiplicative reduction. So the conductor N of E is a square-free integer such that $3 \nmid N$. Suppose that $a^2 + 3a + 9 = p^k$. Then k is odd unless $a = 5, p = 7$ and $a = -8, p = 7$. So $p \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$. By Lemma 3.1, $w_p = -1$ and $w_q = 1$ for every $q \mid a - 3$. ■

Now we can prove Theorem 1.1.

Proof of Theorem 1.1. (i) First we assume that $a \neq -6, -3, 0$. Let $E \in \mathcal{C}$ be an elliptic curve given by

$$E : y^2 + axy + y = x^3$$

with discriminant $\Delta = a^3 - 27 = (a - 3)(a^2 + 3a + 9)$, where a is an integer such that no prime factors of $a - 3$ are congruent to 1 modulo 6 and

$a^2 + 3a + 9 = p^r$ is a power of a prime integer p . Let $T = \{(0, 0), (0, -1), \infty\}$ be the torsion group of order 3 in $E(\mathbb{Q})$.

By Theorem 2.1, the quotient curve E' of E by T has a rational point of order 3 and the equation of E' is

$$E' : y^2 + (a + 6)xy + (a^2 + 3a + 9)y = x^3.$$

The discriminant of Δ' of E' is $\Delta' = (a^3 - 27)^3$, and $T' = \{(0, 0), (0, -(a^2 + 3a + 9)), \infty\}$ is the torsion group of order 3 in $E'(\mathbb{Q})$. Since E' also has a rational point of order 3, we have the following étale 3-isogenies of elliptic curves:

$$E \rightarrow E' \rightarrow E''.$$

Since $(a + 6)^3 - (a - 3)^3 = 3^3(a^2 + 3a + 9)$, $a^2 + 3a + 9$ cannot be a cube, by the case $n = 3$ of Fermat's Last Theorem. So E'' has no rational points of order 3. Since $4x^3 + a^2x + 2ax + 1 = 0$ has no rational solutions, E has no rational points of order 2 by the duplication formula.

Let $C(E)$ denote the number of \mathbb{Q} -isomorphism classes of elliptic curves in the isogeny class \mathcal{C} of E . For a prime p , let $C_p(E)$ be the number of \mathbb{Q} -isomorphism classes of elliptic curves p -power isogenous to E . Then we have the product formula

$$C(E) = \prod_p C_p(E).$$

Kenku [Ke] proved that $Y_0(N)(\mathbb{Q}) = \mathbb{H}/\Gamma_0(N)(\mathbb{Q})$ is empty except for $N \leq 10$, and $N = 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21, 25, 27, 37, 43, 67$, and 163. This result implies that $C_3(E) \leq 4$. (For details, see the table in the proof of Theorem 2 in [Ke].) If there is an étale 3-isogeny $E''' \rightarrow E$ with $E''' : y^2 + Axy + B^3y = x^3$, then the discriminant $\Delta = a^3 - 3^3$ of E should be equal to $u^{-12}B^3(A^3 - 27B^3)^3$ for some $u \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$, which is impossible because $a \neq 0$. Since E'' has no rational points of order 3, we have $C_3(E) = 3$. So Kenku's result above implies that $C_2(E) \leq 2$ and $C_p(E) = 1$ for any prime $p \neq 2, 3$, because 9, 18 and 27 are the only multiples of 9 on Kenku's list. Since E has no rational points of order 2, there is no 2-isogenous curve of E and we have $C_2(E) = 1$. By the above product formula we have $C(E) = 3$. So the isogeny class \mathcal{C} of E is

$$E \xrightarrow{3} E' \xrightarrow{3} E'',$$

where each arrow denotes an étale 3-isogeny. Thus E is E_{\min} in \mathcal{C} .

By Theorem 2.2, E is E_1 in \mathcal{C} . By Theorem 2.3, E'' cannot be E_0 in \mathcal{C} . To prove (i), it is enough to show that E cannot be E_0 in \mathcal{C} . Suppose it is. Let $\phi : X_0(N) \rightarrow E$ be the modular parametrization and $\psi : J_0(N) \rightarrow E$ be the induced homomorphism. Then the dual $\hat{\psi} : E \rightarrow J_0(N)$ is injective. Let $E(\mathbb{Q}_p)/E^0(\mathbb{Q}_p)$, where $E^0(\mathbb{Q}_p)$ is the subgroup of points which have nonsin-

gular reduction modulo p , and $\Phi_{N,p}$ be the component groups of E and $J_0(N)$ respectively. Let $\lambda : E(\mathbb{Q}) \rightarrow E(\mathbb{Q}_p)/E^0(\mathbb{Q}_p)$ and $\lambda' : J_0(N)(\mathbb{Q}) \rightarrow \Phi_{N,p}$ be their canonical reduction maps. Then we have the following commutative diagram:

$$(2) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} E(\mathbb{Q})_{\text{tors}} & \xrightarrow{\lambda} & E(\mathbb{Q}_p)/E^0(\mathbb{Q}_p) \\ \downarrow \hat{\psi} & & \downarrow \hat{\psi}' \\ J_0(N)(\mathbb{Q})_{\text{tors}} & \xrightarrow{\lambda'} & \Phi_{N,p} \end{array}$$

where $\hat{\psi}'$ is the injective homomorphism induced by $\hat{\psi}$.

By Lemma 3.2, the conductor N of E is a square-free integer such that $3 \nmid N$ and there is only one prime divisor p of N such that $w_p = -1$. Write $N = Mp$, where $M = q_1 \cdots q_s$ and q_i are different primes. Then $q_i \mid a - 3$ and $q_i \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ for all $i = 1, \dots, s$.

By Theorem 2.3, if E is E_0 in \mathcal{C} , then E has a point P of order 3 such that

$$\hat{\psi}(P) = \frac{2(p-1)}{3h} \prod_{i=1}^s (q_i^2 - 1) [(P_M) - (P_N)]$$

in $J_0(N)$, where $h = (r, 24)$ and $r = (p-1) \prod_{i=1}^s (q_i^2 - 1)(p-1)$. We note that $3 \mid h$. Since $P_M \in C_0$ and $P_N \in C_1$, $\lambda'((P_M) - (P_N)) = (0) - (\infty)$.

Theorem 2.4 and $3 \nmid \prod_{i=1}^s (q_i - 1)$ imply that

$$\lambda'(\hat{\psi}(P)) = \frac{2(p-1)}{3h} \prod_{i=1}^s (q_i + 1) \prod_{i=1}^s (q_i - 1) [(0) - (\infty)]$$

is not trivial in $\Phi_{N,p}$. So $P \in E$ has singular reduction modulo p . But the points $(0, 0)$ and $(0, -1)$ in E have nonsingular reduction modulo p . Thus E cannot be E_0 in \mathcal{C} .

Finally we assume that $a = -6, -3$, or 0 . If $a = -6$ ($E = 27A4$) or $a = 0$ ($E = 27A3$), then $E_0 = 27A1$ and $E_1 = 27A3$ differ by a 3-isogeny in the isogeny class \mathcal{C} of E by [St, §7. Numerical evidence]. If $a = -3$ ($E = 54A3$), then $E_0 = 54A1$ and $E_1 = 54A3$ differ by a 3-isogeny in the isogeny class \mathcal{C} of E by Cremona's table. So we complete the proof of (i).

(ii) Suppose that E_0 and E_1 differ by a 3-isogeny and the conductor N of these curves is a square-free integer such that $3 \nmid N$. By Theorem 2.2, there is an étale 3-isogeny from E_1 to E_0 . So E_1 has a rational point of order 3, and as a minimal model for E_1 we can take

$$E_1 : y^2 + axy + by = x^3$$

with $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$, $b > 0$. The discriminant of E_1 is

$$\Delta_1 = b^3(a^3 - 27b)$$

and $T_1 = \{(0, 0), (0, -b), \infty\}$ is the torsion group of order 3 in $E_1(\mathbb{Q})$.

By Theorem 2.3, E_0 also has a rational point of order 3. By Theorem 2.1, b is a cubic number t^3 with $t > 0$ and E_0 is given by

$$E_0 : y^2 + (a + 6t)xy + (a^2 + 3at + 9t^2)ty = x^3.$$

The discriminant of E_0 is

$$\Delta_0 = (a^2 + 3at + 9t^2)^3((a + 6t)^3 - 27(a^2 + 3at + 9t^2)t) = t^3(a^3 - 27t^3)^3$$

and $T_0 = \{(0, 0), (0, -(a^2 + 3at + 9t^2)t), \infty\}$ is the torsion group of order 3 in $E_0(\mathbb{Q})$.

Consider again the commutative diagram (2). Let $P = (0, 0)$ or $(0, -(a^2 + 3at + 9t^2)t)$ be the point of order 3 in E_0 and p be a prime divisor of $a^2 + 3at + 9t^2$. Write $N = Mp_1 \cdots p_u p$ so that $w_q = 1$ for every prime divisor $q \mid M$, and $w_{p_i} = -1$ for every prime number p_i . We note that $w_p = -1$. By Theorem 2.3,

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\psi}(P) &= \frac{2n}{3} \sum_{d \mid (N/M)} w_d(P_{dM}) \\ &= \frac{2n}{3} \sum_{p_{i_1} \cdots p_{i_v} \mid (N/Mp)} (-1)^v [(P_{p_{i_1} \cdots p_{i_v} M}) - (P_{pp_{i_1} \cdots p_{i_v} M})], \end{aligned}$$

where the number of summands is 2^u and if $u \geq 1$, we have $(-1)^v = 1$ for half of them, and $(-1)^v = -1$ for the other half. Since $P_{p_{i_1} \cdots p_{i_v} M} \in C_0$ and $P_{pp_{i_1} \cdots p_{i_v} M} \in C_1$ for any $p_{i_1} \cdots p_{i_v}$, we have

$$\lambda'((P_{p_{i_1} \cdots p_{i_v} M}) - (P_{pp_{i_1} \cdots p_{i_v} M})) = (0) - (\infty)$$

for any $p_{i_1} \cdots p_{i_v}$. Thus $\lambda'(\hat{\psi}(P))$ is trivial in $\Phi_{N,p}$ if $u \geq 1$. Since the point P in E_0 has singular reduction modulo p , $\lambda'(\hat{\psi}(P))$ is nontrivial in $\Phi_{N,p}$. So p is the only prime such that $w_p = -1$.

By Lemma 3.1, the elliptic curve E_1 in \mathcal{C} is $E_1 : y^2 + axy + y = x^3$ with discriminant $a^3 - 27 = (a - 3)(a^2 + 3a + 9)$, where a is an integer such that no prime factors of $a - 3$ are congruent to 1 modulo 6 and $a^2 + 3a + 9$ is a power of p . This completes the proof of (ii). ■

EXAMPLE. Consider the elliptic curve $E : y^2 - 20xy + y^2 = x^3$ (8027a3 in Cremona's table) of conductor $8027 = 23 \cdot 349$ and the quotient curve $E' : y^2 - 14xy + 349y = x^3$ (8027a1 in Cremona's table) by $T = \{(0, 0), (0, -1), \infty\}$. By Theorem 1.1 and its proof, we know that $E_0 = E'$, $E_1 = E$ and they differ by a 3-isogeny. Watkins [Wa] checked this example in another way.

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