

Orders of reductions of an elliptic curve in arithmetic progressions

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Let E be an elliptic curve defined over a number field K with ring of integers R . We consider the set S of all the orders of reductions of E modulo the primes of R . Given an integer $m > 1$, one may ask how many residue classes modulo m have an intersection of positive density with S . Using results of Serre and Katz, we show that there are at least two such residue classes; except for explicit families of elliptic curves and corresponding values of m . We then describe this exceptional set of elliptic curves and list the values of m when K is of degree at most 3; or K is Galois of degree 4.