

# Simplest quartic and simplest sextic Thue equations over imaginary quadratic fields

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Let  $F(x, y) \in \mathbb{Z}[x, y]$  be an irreducible binary form of degree  $\geq 3$  and let  $0 \neq \mu \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Then equation of the form

$$F(x, y) = \mu \text{ in } x, y \in \mathbb{Z},$$

is called a **Thue equation**.

- In 1909 A. Thue proved that these equations admit only finitely many solutions.
- In 1967 A. Baker gave effective upper bounds for the solutions.
- Later on authors constructed numerical methods to reduce the bounds and to explicitly calculate the solutions.
- In 1990 Thomas investigated for the first time a parametrized family of Thue equations. Since then, several families have been studied.

Let  $M$  be an algebraic number field with ring of integers  $\mathbb{Z}_M$ . As a generalization of Thue equations we consider **relative Thue equations** of type

$$F(x, y) = \mu \text{ in } x, y \in \mathbb{Z}_M,$$

where  $F(x, y) \in \mathbb{Z}_M[x, y]$  is an irreducible binary form of degree  $\geq 3$  and  $0 \neq \mu \in \mathbb{Z}_M$ .

- Using Baker's method S. V. Kotov and V. G. Sprindžuk gave the first effective upper bounds for the solutions of relative Thue equations. Their theorem was extended by several authors.
- Applying Baker's method, reduction and enumeration algorithms I. Gaál and M. Pohst gave an efficient algorithm for solving relative Thue equations.
- Authors considered infinite parametric families of Thue equations in the relative case, as well. Up to now all these families were considered mostly over imaginary quadratic fields.

# Totally real Thue inequalities over imaginary quadratic fields

- Let  $m \geq 1$  be a square-free positive integer and let  $M = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-m})$  be an imaginary quadratic field with ring of integers  $\mathbb{Z}_M$ .
- Let  $F(x, y) \in \mathbb{Z}_M[x, y]$  be an irreducible binary form of degree  $n \geq 3$  where **the roots of  $F(x, 1)$  are all real**.
- In 2018 Gaál, Remete and J. gave an efficient algorithm to reduce the resolution of relative Thue inequalities of type

$$|F(x, y)| \leq K \text{ in } x, y \in \mathbb{Z}_M$$

to the resolution of (absolute) Thue inequalities of type

$$|F(x, y)| \leq k \text{ in } x, y \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

- Let  $K \geq 1$ . We consider the relative Thue inequality

$$|F(x, y)| \leq K \text{ in } x, y \in \mathbb{Z}_M.$$

- Let  $f(x) = F(x, 1)$ . Assume  $f(x)$  that has leading coefficient 1 and distinct real roots  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n$ . Set

$$A = \min_{i \neq j} |\alpha_i - \alpha_j|, \quad B = \min_i \prod_{j \neq i} |\alpha_j - \alpha_i|.$$

- Let  $0 < \varepsilon < 1$ ,  $0 < \eta < 1$ . Set

$$C = \max \left\{ \frac{K}{(1 - \varepsilon)^{n-1} B}, 1 \right\},$$

$$C_1 = \max \left\{ \frac{K^{1/n}}{\varepsilon A}, (2C)^{1/(n-2)} \right\}, \quad C_2 = \max \left\{ \frac{K^{1/n}}{\varepsilon A}, C^{1/(n-2)} \right\},$$

$$D = \left( \frac{K}{\eta(1 - \varepsilon)^{n-1} AB} \right)^{1/n}, \quad E = \frac{(1 + \eta)^{n-1} K}{(1 - \varepsilon)^{n-1}}.$$

## Remark 1

For given Thue inequality  $|F(x, y)| \leq K$ , parameters  $A, B, K$  and  $n$  are constants and

$$\begin{aligned}C_1 &= C_1(\varepsilon), & C_2 &= C_2(\varepsilon), \\D &= D(\varepsilon, \eta), & E &= E(\varepsilon, \eta).\end{aligned}$$

If  $m \equiv 1, 2 \pmod{4}$ , then  $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}_M$  can be written as

$$x = x_1 + x_2 i \sqrt{m}, \quad y = y_1 + y_2 i \sqrt{m}, \quad \text{with } x_1, x_2, y_1, y_2 \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

If  $m \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ , then  $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}_M$  can be written as

$$x = \frac{(2x_1 + x_2) + x_2 i \sqrt{m}}{2}, \quad y = \frac{(2y_1 + y_2) + y_2 i \sqrt{m}}{2}$$

with  $x_1, x_2, y_1, y_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

## Theorem 1 (Gaál, Remete and J.)

Let  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{Z}_M^2$  be a solution of  $|F(x, y)| \leq K$ . Assume that

$$\begin{aligned} |y| > C_1 & \quad \text{if } m \equiv 3 \pmod{4}, \\ |y| > C_2 & \quad \text{if } m \equiv 1, 2 \pmod{4}. \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$x_2 y_1 = x_1 y_2.$$

1. Let  $m \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ .

IA1. If  $2y_1 + y_2 = 0$ , then  $2x_1 + x_2 = 0$  and  $|F(x_2, y_2)| \leq \frac{2^n K}{(\sqrt{m})^n}$ .

IA2. If  $|2y_1 + y_2| \geq 2D$ , then  $|F(2x_1 + x_2, 2y_1 + y_2)| \leq 2^n E$ .

IB1. If  $y_2 = 0$ , then  $x_2 = 0$  and  $|F(x_1, y_1)| \leq K$ .

IB2. If  $|y_2| \geq \frac{2}{\sqrt{m}} D$ , then  $|F(x_2, y_2)| \leq \frac{2^n}{(\sqrt{m})^n} E$ .

II. Let  $m \equiv 1, 2 \pmod{4}$ .

IIA1. If  $y_1 = 0$ , then  $x_1 = 0$  and  $|F(x_2, y_2)| \leq \frac{K}{(\sqrt{m})^n}$ .

IIA2. If  $|y_1| \geq D$ , then  $|F(x_1, y_1)| \leq E$ .

IIB1. If  $y_2 = 0$ , then  $x_2 = 0$  and  $|F(x_1, y_1)| \leq K$ .

IIB2. If  $|y_2| \geq \frac{D}{\sqrt{m}}$ , then  $|F(x_2, y_2)| \leq \frac{E}{(\sqrt{m})^n}$ .



# How to apply Theorem 1

Useful hints for a practical application of Theorem 1 on a totally real relative Thue inequality  $|F(x, y)| \leq K$ :

**Case I.** ( $m \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ ). We distinguish two cases:

1.  $|y| \leq C_1$
2.  $|y| > C_1$  (Theorem 1)

1. Let  $|y| \leq C_1$ .

- If  $|y| \leq C_1$ , then we have only finitely many possible values for  $y$  and hence for  $y_1, y_2$ , as well;
- For each possible  $y$  and for all integers  $\mu \in \mathbb{Z}_M$  with  $|\mu| \leq K$  we calculate the roots of the equation  $F(x, y) - \mu = 0$  in  $x$ ;
- For such a root  $x$  we calculate the corresponding  $x_1, x_2$  from  $x = \frac{(2x_1+x_2)+x_2i\sqrt{m}}{2}$ . If  $x_1, x_2$  are integers, then  $x \in \mathbb{Z}_M$  and  $(x, y)$  is a solution.

2. Let  $|y| > C_1$ .

In this case we can apply **Theorem 1**. We distinguish two cases:

$$\mathbf{2.a} \quad |2y_1 + y_2| < 2D$$

$$\mathbf{2.b} \quad |2y_1 + y_2| \geq 2D$$

**2.a** Let  $|2y_1 + y_2| < 2D$ . Then we have:

- i) If  $|y_2| < 2D/\sqrt{m}$ , then we have only finitely many values for  $y_1, y_2$ , and we proceed as in 1.
- ii) If  $|y_2| \geq 2D/\sqrt{m}$ , then we use **IB2**. We solve

$$F(x_2, y_2) = k$$

for all  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$  with  $|k| \leq 2^n E / (\sqrt{m})^n$ . For each possible  $(x_2, y_2)$  we determine the possible values of  $y_1$  that satisfy  $|2y_1 + y_2| < 2D$ . We substitute  $x_2, y_1, y_2$  into

$$x_2 y_1 = x_1 y_2$$

to see if there exist corresponding integer  $x_1$ .

Note: If  $2y_1 + y_2 = 0$  or  $y_2 = 0$ , then it is useful to apply **IA1** or **IB1**, respectively.

**2.b** If  $|2y_1 + y_2| \geq 2D$ , then we use **IA2**. We calculate the solutions

$$X = 2x_1 + x_2, \quad Y = 2y_1 + y_2$$

of

$$F(X, Y) = k$$

for all  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$  with  $|k| \leq 2^n E$ . For each possible  $(X, Y)$  we have:

- i) If  $|y_2| < 2D/\sqrt{m}$ , then there are only finitely many possible values for  $y_2$ . We determine corresponding  $y_1$  from  $Y$ . Then we substitute  $y_1, y_2, x_2 = X - 2x_1$  into

$$x_2 y_1 = x_1 y_2$$

and test if a corresponding  $x_1$  is in  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

- ii) If  $|y_2| \geq 2D/\sqrt{m}$ , then we use **IB2**. We solve

$$F(x_2, y_2) = k$$

for  $|k| \leq 2^n E / (\sqrt{m})^n$ . We determine  $x_1, y_1$  from  $x_2, y_2$  and  $X, Y$ .

Note: If  $y_2 = 0$ , then we can also use **IB1**.

## Remark 2

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- For solving absolute Thue equations  $F(x, y) = k$  for certain values  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$  one can efficiently apply Kash and Magma.
- An appropriate choice of the parameters  $\varepsilon$  and  $\eta$  of Theorem 1 makes the resolution much easier:
  - It is worthy to keep  $C_1 = C_1(\varepsilon)$  and also  $D = D(\varepsilon, \eta)$  small, to avoid extensive tests of small possible solutions. On the other hand, if  $E = E(\varepsilon, \eta)$  is small, then there are fewer Thue equations (over  $\mathbb{Z}$ ) to be solved.
  - We can not make all these parameters simultaneously small, therefore we need to make a compromise, taking into consideration also the value of  $K$ , the degree  $n$  of the binary form  $F(x, y)$  and the value of  $m$  (which also determines the number of Thue equations to be solved).
  - Usually it is worthy to try several values of  $\varepsilon$  and  $\eta$  before applying Theorem 1.

# Simplest quartic and simplest sextic Thue inequalities over imaginary quadratic fields

Let  $t$  be a rational integer parameter and let

$$f_t^{(3)}(x) = x^3 - (t-1)x^2 - (t+2)x - 1,$$

$$f_t^{(4)}(x) = x^4 - tx^3 - 6x^2 + tx + 1,$$

$$f_t^{(6)}(x) = x^6 - 2tx^5 - (5t+15)x^4 - 20x^3 + 5tx^2 + (2t+6)x + 1.$$

The infinite parametric families of number fields generated by the roots of these polynomials are called **simplest cubic**, **simplest quartic** and **simplest sextic fields**, respectively.

- It was shown by G. Lettl, A. Pethő and P. Voutier that these are all parametric families of number fields which are **totally real cyclic** with Galois group generated by a mapping of type  $x \mapsto \frac{ax+b}{cx+d}$  with  $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

Let  $t$  be an rational integer parameter and let

$$F_t^{(3)}(x, y) = x^3 - (t - 1)x^2y - (t + 2)xy^2 - y^3,$$

$$F_t^{(4)}(x, y) = x^4 - tx^3y - 6x^2y^2 + txy^3 + y^4,$$

$$F_t^{(6)}(x, y) = x^6 - 2tx^5y - (5t + 15)x^4y^2 - 20x^3y^3 + 5tx^2y^4 + (2t + 6)xy^5 + y^6.$$

be corresponding binary forms.

In 2019, by using Theorem 1 and the corresponding results in the absolute case, Gaál, Remete and J. gave all solutions of [the infinite parametric family of simplest quartic](#) and [simplest sextic relative Thue inequalities](#)

$$|F_t^{(4)}(x, y)| \leq 1 \text{ in } x, y \in \mathbb{Z}_M$$

and

$$|F_t^{(6)}(x, y)| \leq 1 \text{ in } x, y \in \mathbb{Z}_M,$$

where  $\mathbb{Z}_M$  is a ring of integers of an imaginary quadratic number field  $M = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-m})$ .

The infinite parametric family of simplest cubic relative Thue inequalities

$$|F_t^{(3)}(x, y)| \leq 1$$

was already solved. More generally, the family of relative Thue equations

$$x^3 - (t-1)x^2y - (t+2)xy^2 - y^3 = \mu,$$

where the parameters  $t$ , the root of unity  $\mu$  and the solutions  $x$  and  $y$  are integers in the same imaginary quadratic number field  $M = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-m})$  was completely solved:

- In 2002, C.Heuberger, A. Pethő and R.F.Tichy gave the solutions for large values of  $|t|$ ;
- In 2006, C.Heuberger gave the solutions for all parameters  $t$ ;
- Heuberger's result was extended by P. Kirschenhofer, C.M. Lampl and J. Thuswaldner in 2007 involving also a wider class of rights hand sides.

# Simplest quartic Thue inequalities over imaginary quadratic fields

## Theorem 2 (Gaál, Remete and J.)

Let  $t \in \mathbb{Z}$  with  $t \neq -3, 0, 3$ . All solutions of

$$|F_t^{(4)}(x, y)| \leq 1 \text{ in } x, y \in \mathbb{Z}_M,$$

up to sign, are given by:

for any  $m$  and any  $t$ :  $(x, y) = (0, 0), (0, 1), (1, 0)$ ;

for any  $m$  and  $t = 1$ :  $(x, y) = (1, 2), (2, -1)$ ;

for any  $m$  and  $t = -1$ :  $(x, y) = (2, 1), (-1, 2)$ ;

for any  $m$  and  $t = 4$ :  $(x, y) = (2, 3), (3, -2)$ ;

for any  $m$  and  $t = -4$ :  $(x, y) = (3, 2), (-2, 3)$ ;

for  $m = 1$  and any  $t$ :  $(x, y) = (0, i), (i, 0)$ ;

for  $m = 3$  and any  $t$ :  $(x, y) = (\omega, 0), (0, \omega), (1 - \omega, 0), (0, 1 - \omega)$ ;



for  $m = 1$  and  $t = 1$ :  $(x, y) = (i, 2i), (2i, -i)$ ;

for  $m = 1$  and  $t = -1$ :  $(x, y) = (2i, i), (-i, 2i)$ ;

for  $m = 1$  and  $t = 4$ :  $(x, y) = (2i, 3i), (3i, -2i)$ ;

for  $m = 1$  and  $t = -4$ :  $(x, y) = (3i, 2i), (-2i, 3i)$ ;

for  $m = 3$  and  $t = 1$ :

$(x, y) = (2\omega - 2, -\omega + 1), (\omega - 1, 2\omega - 2), (-2\omega, \omega), (\omega, 2\omega)$ ;

for  $m = 3$  and  $t = -1$ :

$(x, y) = (-\omega + 1, 2\omega - 2), (2\omega - 2, \omega - 1), (\omega, -2\omega), (2\omega, \omega)$ ;

for  $m = 3$  and  $t = 4$ :

$(x, y) = (3\omega - 3, -2\omega + 2), (2\omega - 2, 3\omega - 3), (2\omega, 3\omega), (3\omega, -2\omega)$ ;

for  $m = 3$  and  $t = -4$ :

$(x, y) = (-2\omega + 2, 3\omega - 3), (3\omega - 3, 2\omega - 2), (3\omega, 2\omega), (-2\omega, 3\omega)$ ,

where  $\omega = (1 + i\sqrt{3})/2$ .

## Sketch of proof:

We use Theorem 1 and the corresponding results in the absolute case:

### Lemma 1 (Chen and Voutier)

Let  $t \in \mathbb{Z}$  with  $t \geq 1, t \neq 3$ . All solutions of

$$F_t^{(4)}(x, y) = \pm 1 \quad \text{in } x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$$

are given by

$$(x, y) = (\pm 1, 0), (0, \pm 1).$$

Further, for  $t = 1$  we have

$$(x, y) = (1, 2), (-1, -2), (2, -1), (-2, 1),$$

and for  $t = 4$  we have

$$(x, y) = (2, 3), (-2, -3), (3, -2), (-3, 2).$$

## Lemma 2 (Lettl, Pethő and Voutier)

Let  $t \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $t \geq 58$  and consider the *primitive solutions* of

$$\left| F_t^{(4)}(x, y) \right| \leq 6t + 7 \quad \text{in } x, y \in \mathbb{Z}. \quad (1)$$

If  $(x, y)$  is a solution of (1), then every pair in the orbit

$$\{(x, y), (y, -x), (-x, -y), (-y, x)\}$$

is also a solution. Every such orbit has a solution with  $y > 0$ ,  $-y \leq x \leq y$ . If such an orbit contains a primitive solution, then all solutions in this orbit are primitive. All solutions of the above inequality with  $y > 0, -y \leq x \leq y$  are

$$(x, y) = (0, 1), (\pm 1, 1), (\pm 1, 2).$$

- We exclude the parameters  $t = -3, 0, 3$  for which the binary form  $F_t^{(4)}(x, y)$  is reducible over  $\mathbb{Z}$ .
- Since

$$F_t^{(4)}(x, y) = F_{-t}^{(4)}(y, x),$$

it is enough to solve Thue inequality only for  $t > 0$ .

Also, for given  $t$ , we have

$$F_t^{(4)}(x, y) = F_t^{(4)}(-x, -y) = F_t^{(4)}(y, -x) = F_t^{(4)}(-y, x).$$

Therefore, if  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{Z}_M^2$  is a solution, then  $(y, -x)$ ,  $(-y, x)$ ,  $(-x, -y)$  are solutions, too.

- In order to apply Theorem 1 first we need to determine

$$A = \min_{i \neq j} |\alpha_i - \alpha_j| \quad \text{and} \quad B = \min_i \prod_{j \neq i} |\alpha_j - \alpha_i|.$$

Using the estimates for the roots  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_4$  of the polynomial  $F_t^{(4)}(x, 1)$  given by G. Lettl, A. Pethő and P. Voutier, we obtain

$$A > 0.9833 \quad \text{and} \quad B > 58.1 \quad \text{for} \quad t \geq 58.$$

Calculating the roots for  $0 < t < 58$  we obtain

$$A > 0.8320 \quad \text{and} \quad B > 4.6114 \quad \text{for any} \quad t > 0, \quad t \neq 3.$$

- By Theorem 1, the resolution of our relative Thue inequality reduces to the resolution of (absolute) Thue inequalities of type

$$\left| F_t^{(4)}(x, y) \right| < k,$$

where

$$k = \frac{2^4}{(\sqrt{m})^4}, \frac{2^4 E}{(\sqrt{m})^4}, \dots \quad (\text{or } \frac{1}{(\sqrt{m})^4}, \frac{E}{(\sqrt{m})^4}, \dots) \quad (2)$$

- We want to use Lemma 1 and Lemma 2 for as many pairs  $(t, m)$  as possible in order to have fewer (absolute) Thue equations to solve in Magma.
- Since the values of  $k$  in (2) are decreasing functions in  $m$ , the cases:
  - $m \neq 1, 3$
  - $m = 1$
  - $m = 3$

are considered separately with an appropriate choice of the parameters  $\varepsilon$  and  $\eta$ .

## Case $m = 3$

We consider the cases  $t \geq 58$  and  $0 < t < 58$  separately since for  $t \geq 58$  we can use Lemma 2.

- First we assume  $t \geq 58$ . Then

$$A > 0.9833 \quad \text{and} \quad B > 58.1.$$

We set

$$\varepsilon = 0.6273, \quad \eta = 0.0361,$$

and obtain

$$C_1 < 1.622.$$

Now, Theorem 1 implies:

## Corollary 1

Let  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{Z}_M^2$  be a solution of  $|F_t^{(4)}(x, y)| \leq 1$  and  $m = 3$ . Assume that  $t \geq 58$  and

$$|y| > 1.622.$$

Then

$$x_2 y_1 = x_1 y_2.$$

Further

IA1. If  $2y_1 + y_2 = 0$ , then  $2x_1 + x_2 = 0$  and  $|F_t^{(4)}(x_2, y_2)| \leq 1.778$ .

IA2. If  $|2y_1 + y_2| \geq 3.499$ , then  $|F_t^{(4)}(2x_1 + x_2, 2y_1 + y_2)| \leq 343.754$ .

IB1. If  $y_2 = 0$ , then  $x_2 = 0$  and  $|F_t^{(4)}(x_1, y_1)| \leq 1$ .

IB2. If  $|y_2| \geq 0.989$ , then  $|F_t^{(4)}(x_2, y_2)| \leq 38.95$ .



1. Assume  $|y| > 1.622$ . Then, by the **Corollary 1**, we have:

a) If  $2y_1 + y_2 = 0$ , then by **IA1**,  $2x_1 + x_2 = 0$  and

$$|F_t^{(4)}(x_2, y_2)| \leq 1.778.$$

By **Lemma 1** this inequality implies

$$(x_2, y_2) = (0, 0), (0, \pm 1), (\pm 1, 0).$$

Since  $2y_1 + y_2 = 0$  and  $2x_1 + x_2 = 0$  we obtain that only possibility is  $(x, y) = (0, 0)$  which contradicts  $|y| > 1.622$ .

If  $|2y_1 + y_2| \geq 3.499$ , then **IA2** implies

$$\left| F_t^{(4)}(2x_1 + x_2, 2y_1 + y_2) \right| \leq 343.754.$$

Using **Lemma 2** we can easily list all primitive and non-primitive solutions of this inequality and we always have  $|2y_1 + y_2| \leq 4$ .

Therefore only  $|2y_1 + y_2| = 1, 2, 3, 4$  is possible.

b) Using **IB1** and **IB2** we similarly obtain that only  $|y_2| = 1, 2$  is possible.

c) The equations  $|2y_1 + y_2| = 1, 2, 3, 4$  and  $|y_2| = 1, 2$  leave only a few possible values for  $(y_1, y_2)$ .

2. If  $|x| > 1.622$ , then we similarly obtain  $|2x_1 + x_2| = 1, 2, 3, 4$  and  $|x_2| = 1, 2$  since if  $(x, y)$  is a solution, then also is  $(y, -x)$ .

3. Therefore we have:

i) If  $|x| > 1.622$  and  $|y| > 1.622$ , then we test the finite set

$$|2x_1 + x_2| = 1, 2, 3, 4, \quad |x_2| = 1, 2, \quad |2y_1 + y_2| = 1, 2, 3, 4, \quad |y_2| = 1, 2.$$

ii) If  $|x| > 1.622$  and  $|y| \leq 1.622$ , then we test the finite set

$$|2x_1 + x_2| = 1, 2, 3, 4, \quad |x_2| = 1, 2, \quad |y| \leq 1.622.$$

iii) If  $|x| \leq 1.622$  and  $|y| > 1.622$ , then we test the finite set

$$|2y_1 + y_2| = 1, 2, 3, 4, \quad |y_2| = 1, 2, \quad |x| \leq 1.622.$$

iv) If  $|x| \leq 1.622$  and  $|y| \leq 1.622$ , then we have to test only finitely many possibilities for  $(x, y)$ .

All solutions, up to sign, for  $m = 3$  and  $t \geq 58$  are:

$$(x, y) = (0, 0), (1, 0), (0, 1), (\omega, 0), (0, \omega), (1 - \omega, 0), (0, 1 - \omega),$$

where  $\omega = \frac{1+i\sqrt{3}}{2}$ .

- Now we assume  $m = 3$  and  $0 < t < 58$ . Then  $A > 0.8320$  and  $B > 4.6114$ . If we set

$$\varepsilon = 0.0348, \quad \eta = 0.0005,$$

then Theorem 1 implies:

## Corollary 2

Let  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{Z}_M^2$  be a solution of  $|F_t^{(4)}(x, y)| \leq 1$  and  $m = 3$ . Assume that  $0 < t < 58$  and

$$|y| > 34.539.$$

Then

$$x_2 y_1 = x_1 y_2.$$

Further

- IA1. If  $2y_1 + y_2 = 0$ , then  $2x_1 + x_2 = 0$  and  $|F_t^{(4)}(x_2, y_2)| \leq 1.778$ .
- IA2. If  $|2y_1 + y_2| \geq 9.814$ , then  $|F_t^{(4)}(2x_1 + x_2, 2y_1 + y_2)| \leq 17.821$ .
- IB1. If  $y_2 = 0$ , then  $x_2 = 0$  and  $|F_t^{(4)}(x_1, y_1)| \leq 1$ .
- IB2. If  $|y_2| \geq 5.666$ , then  $|F_t^{(4)}(x_2, y_2)| \leq 1.981$ .

1. Assume  $|y| > 34.539$ . Then by the **Corollary 2** we have:

a) If  $y_2 = 0$  or  $|y_2| \geq 5.666$ , then by **Lemma 1** and **IB1** or **IB2**, respectively, we obtain a contradiction.

Therefore only  $|y_2| = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$  is possible.

b) If  $2y_1 + y_2 = 0$  then by **Lemma 1** and **IA1**, we obtain a contradiction with  $|y| > 34.539$ . If  $|2y_1 + y_2| \geq 9.814$ , then **IA2** implies

$$|F_t^{(4)}(2x_1 + x_2, 2y_1 + y_2)| \leq 17.821.$$

Using **Magma** we solve this inequality for all  $0 < t < 58$ . All these solutions contradict  $|2y_1 + y_2| \geq 9.814$ .

Therefore only  $|2y_1 + y_2| = 1, 2, \dots, 9$  is possible.

c) In the set  $|y_2| = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$ ,  $|2y_1 + y_2| = 1, 2, \dots, 9$ , all corresponding  $y$  have absolute values less than 34.539 which is in contradiction with  $|y| > 34.539$ .

Therefore only  $|y| \leq 34.539$  is possible.

2. Similarly as in previous case we obtain  $|x| \leq 34.539$ .
3. Enumerating all  $x, y$  with properties  $|x| \leq 34.539$  and  $|y| \leq 34.539$ , we obtain, up to sign, the following solutions:

for  $m = 3$  and any  $0 < t < 58$  :

$$(x, y) = (0, 0), (1, 0), (0, 1), (\omega, 0), (0, \omega), (1 - \omega, 0), (0, 1 - \omega),$$

for  $m = 3$  and  $t = 1$  :

$$(x, y) = (1, 2), (2, -1), (2\omega - 2, -\omega + 1), (\omega - 1, 2\omega - 2), \\ (-2\omega, \omega), (\omega, 2\omega)$$

for  $m = 3$  and  $t = 4$  :

$$(x, y) = (2, 3), (3, -2), (3\omega - 3, -2\omega + 2), (2\omega - 2, 3\omega - 3), \\ (2\omega, 3\omega), (3\omega, -2\omega).$$

Therefore we have proved Theorem 2 for all  $t \in \mathbb{Z}$  with  $t \neq -3, 0, 3$  and  $m = 3$ .

## Case $m = 1$

In this case we set

$$\varepsilon = 0.1792, \quad \eta = 0.0308,$$

for all  $t > 0$ ,  $t \neq 3$ . By **Theorem 1** and **Lemma 1**, we obtain, up to sign, the following solutions:

for  $m = 1$  and any  $t$ :  $(x, y) = (0, 0), (0, 1), (1, 0), (0, i), (i, 0)$ ,

for  $m = 1$  and  $t = 1$ :  $(x, y) = (1, 2), (i, 2i), (2, -1), (2i, -i)$ ,

for  $m = 1$  and  $t = 4$ :  $(x, y) = (2, 3), (2i, 3i), (3, -2), (3i, -2i)$ .

Therefore we have proved Theorem 2 for all  $t \in \mathbb{Z}$  with  $t \neq -3, 0, 3$  and for  $m = 1$ .

## Case $m \neq 1, 3$

In this case we set

$$\varepsilon = 0.1924, \quad \eta = 0.169,$$

for all  $t > 0$ ,  $t \neq 3$  and all  $m \neq 1, 3$ . By **Theorem 1** and **Lemma 1**, we obtain up to sign the following solutions:

for any  $m$  and any  $t$ :  $(x, y) = (0, 0), (0, 1), (1, 0)$ ,

for any  $m$  and  $t = 1$ :  $(x, y) = (1, 2), (2, -1)$ ,

for any  $m$  and  $t = 4$ :  $(x, y) = (2, 3), (3, -2)$ .

Therefore we have proved Theorem 2 for all  $t \in \mathbb{Z}$  with  $t \neq -3, 0, 3$  and for all square-free positive integers  $m$ .

# Simplest sextic Thue inequalities over imaginary quadratic fields

## Theorem 3 (Gaál, Remete and J.)

Let  $t \in \mathbb{Z}$  with  $t \neq -8, -3, 0, 5$ . All solutions of

$$|F_t^{(6)}(x, y)| \leq 1 \text{ in } x, y \in \mathbb{Z}_M,$$

up to sign, are given by:

for any  $m$  and any  $t$ :  $(x, y) = (0, 0), (0, 1), (1, 0), (1, -1)$ ;

for  $m = 1$  and any  $t$ :  $(x, y) = (0, i), (i, 0), (i, -i)$ ;

for  $m = 3$  and any  $t$ :

$(x, y) = (\omega, 0), (0, \omega), (\omega, -\omega), (1 - \omega, 0), (0, 1 - \omega), (\omega - 1, -\omega + 1)$ .

where  $\omega = (1 + i\sqrt{3})/2$ .



We have proved Theorem 3 analogously as Theorem 2. We have used Theorem 1 and the corresponding results in the absolute case:

### Lemma 3 (Hoshi)

Let  $t \in \mathbb{Z}$  with  $t \neq -8, -3, 0, 5$ . All solutions of

$$F_t^{(6)}(x, y) = \pm 1 \quad \text{in } x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$$

are given by

$$(x, y) = (\pm 1, 0), (0, \pm 1), (1, -1), (-1, 1).$$

## Lemma 4 (Lettl, Pethő and Voutier)

Let  $t \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $t \geq 89$  and consider the *primitive solutions* of

$$\left| F_t^{(6)}(x, y) \right| \leq 120t + 323 \quad \text{in } x, y \in \mathbb{Z}. \quad (2)$$

If  $(x, y)$  is a solution of (2), then every pair in the orbit

$$\{(x, y), (-y, x + y), (-x - y, x), (-x, -y), (y, -x - y), (x + y, -x)\}$$

is also a solution. Every such orbit has a solution with  $y > 0$ ,  $-y/2 \leq x \leq y$ . If such an orbit contains a primitive solution, then all solutions in this orbit are primitive. All solutions of the above inequality with  $y > 0$ ,  $-y/2 \leq x \leq y$  are

$$(x, y) = (0, 1), (1, 1), (1, 2), (-1, 3).$$