

TORSION OF RATIONAL ELLIPTIC CURVES OVER CUBIC FIELDS

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ABSTRACT. Let E be an elliptic curve defined over \mathbb{Q} . We study the relationship between the torsion subgroup $E(\mathbb{Q})_{\text{tors}}$ and the torsion subgroup $E(K)_{\text{tors}}$, where K is a cubic number field. In particular, We study the number of cubic number fields K such that $E(\mathbb{Q})_{\text{tors}} \neq E(K)_{\text{tors}}$.

1. INTRODUCTION

Let K be a number field. The Mordell-Weil Theorem states that the set of K -rational points of an elliptic curve E defined over K is a finitely generated abelian group. That is, $E(K) \simeq E(K)_{\text{tors}} \oplus \mathbb{Z}^r$, where $E(K)_{\text{tors}}$ is the torsion subgroup and r is the rank. Moreover, it is well known that $E(K)_{\text{tors}} \simeq \mathcal{C}_m \times \mathcal{C}_n$ for two positive integers n, m , where m divides n and where \mathcal{C}_n is a cyclic group of order n from now on.

Let d be a positive integer. The set $\Phi(d)$ of possible torsion structures of elliptic curves defined over number fields of degree d has been deeply studied by several authors. The case $d = 1$ was obtained by Mazur [15, 16]:

$$\Phi(1) = \{\mathcal{C}_n \mid n = 1, \dots, 10, 12\} \cup \{\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_{2m} \mid m = 1, \dots, 4\}.$$

The case $d = 2$ was completed by Kamienny [9] and Kenku and Momose [13]. There are not any other cases where $\Phi(d)$ has been completely determined.

The second author [18] has extended this study to the set $\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}(d)$ of possible torsion structures over a number field of degree d of an elliptic curve defined over \mathbb{Q} . He has obtained a complete description of $\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}(2)$ and $\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}(3)$. For convenience, we will write here only the latter set:

$$\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}(3) = \{\mathcal{C}_n \mid n = 1, \dots, 10, 12, 13, 14, 18, 21\} \cup \{\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_{2m} \mid m = 1 \dots, 4, 7\}.$$

Fix a possible torsion structure over \mathbb{Q} , say $G \in \Phi(1)$. Recently, in [5] the set $\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}(2, G)$ of possible torsion structures over a quadratic number field of an elliptic curve defined over \mathbb{Q} such that $E(\mathbb{Q})_{\text{tors}} \simeq G \in \Phi(1)$ was determined. The first goal of this paper is giving a complete description (see Theorem 2) of $\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}(3, G)$, as was done in [5, Theorem 2] for the case $d = 2$.

Moreover, in [6] the first and third author obtained, for $d = 2$ and for all $G \in \Phi(1)$, the set

$$\mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{Q}}(d, G) = \{S_1, \dots, S_n\}$$

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where, for any $i = 1, \dots, n$, $S_i = [H_1, \dots, H_m]$ is a list, with $H_i \in \Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}(d, G) \setminus \{G\}$, and there exists an elliptic curve E_i defined over \mathbb{Q} such that:

- $E_i(\mathbb{Q})_{\text{tors}} = G$.
- There are number fields K_1, \dots, K_m (non-isomorphic pairwise) of degree d with $E_i(K_j)_{\text{tors}} = H_j$, for all $j = 1, \dots, m$.

Note that we are allowing the possibility of two (or more) of the H_j being isomorphic. From these results, it follows [6, 19]:

Corollary 1. *If E is an elliptic curve defined over \mathbb{Q} , then there are at most four quadratic fields K_i , $i = 1, \dots, 4$ (non-isomorphic pairwise), such that $E(K_i)_{\text{tors}} \neq E(\mathbb{Q})_{\text{tors}}$. That is,*

$$\max_{G \in \Phi(1)} \left\{ \#S \mid S \in \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{Q}}(2, G) \right\} = 4.$$

Here, we obtain the equivalent description for the case $d = 3$. That is, we give a complete description of $\mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{Q}}(3, G)$ for a given $G \in \Phi(1)$ (see Theorem 3). Precisely, the main results of this paper are the following:

Theorem 2. *For $G \in \Phi(1)$, the set $\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}(3, G)$ is the following:*

G	$\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}(3, G)$
\mathcal{C}_1	$\{\mathcal{C}_1, \mathcal{C}_2, \mathcal{C}_3, \mathcal{C}_4, \mathcal{C}_6, \mathcal{C}_7, \mathcal{C}_{13}, \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_2, \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_{14}\}$
\mathcal{C}_2	$\{\mathcal{C}_2, \mathcal{C}_6, \mathcal{C}_{14}\}$
\mathcal{C}_3	$\{\mathcal{C}_3, \mathcal{C}_6, \mathcal{C}_9, \mathcal{C}_{12}, \mathcal{C}_{21}, \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_6\}$
\mathcal{C}_4	$\{\mathcal{C}_4, \mathcal{C}_{12}\}$
\mathcal{C}_5	$\{\mathcal{C}_5, \mathcal{C}_{10}\}$
\mathcal{C}_6	$\{\mathcal{C}_6, \mathcal{C}_{18}\}$
\mathcal{C}_7	$\{\mathcal{C}_7, \mathcal{C}_{14}\}$
\mathcal{C}_8	$\{\mathcal{C}_8\}$
\mathcal{C}_9	$\{\mathcal{C}_9, \mathcal{C}_{18}\}$
\mathcal{C}_{10}	$\{\mathcal{C}_{10}\}$
\mathcal{C}_{12}	$\{\mathcal{C}_{12}\}$
$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_2$	$\{\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_2, \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_6\}$
$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_4$	$\{\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_4\}$
$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_6$	$\{\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_6\}$
$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_8$	$\{\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_8\}$

The sets $\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}(3, G)$ were first implied by the computations that can be found in the appendix. These computations also prove that all the listed groups actually are in $\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}(3, G)$.

Theorem 3. *Let E be an elliptic curve defined over \mathbb{Q} . Then:*

- (i) *There is at most one cubic number field K , up to isomorphism, such that*

$$E(K)_{\text{tors}} \simeq H \neq E(\mathbb{Q})_{\text{tors}},$$

for a fixed $H \in \Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}(3)$.

- (ii) *There are at most three cubic number fields K_i , $i = 1, 2, 3$ (non-isomorphic pairwise), such that*

$$E(K_i)_{\text{tors}} \neq E(\mathbb{Q})_{\text{tors}}.$$

Moreover, the elliptic curve 162b2 is the unique rational elliptic curve where the torsion grows over three non-isomorphic cubic fields.

- (iii) Let be $G \in \Phi(1)$ such that $\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}(3, G) \neq \{G\}$. Then the set $\mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{Q}}(3, G)$ consists of the following elements (third row is $h = \#S$, for each $S \in \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{Q}}(3, G)$):

G	$\mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{Q}}(3, G)$	h
\mathcal{C}_1	\mathcal{C}_2	1
	\mathcal{C}_4	
	\mathcal{C}_6	
	$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_2$	
	$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_{14}$	
	$\mathcal{C}_2, \mathcal{C}_3$	2
	$\mathcal{C}_2, \mathcal{C}_7$	
	$\mathcal{C}_2, \mathcal{C}_{13}$	
	$\mathcal{C}_3, \mathcal{C}_4$	
	$\mathcal{C}_3, \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_2$	
	$\mathcal{C}_4, \mathcal{C}_7$	
	$\mathcal{C}_7, \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_2$	
	$\mathcal{C}_2, \mathcal{C}_3, \mathcal{C}_7$	

G	$\mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{Q}}(3, G)$	h
\mathcal{C}_2	\mathcal{C}_6	1
	\mathcal{C}_{14}	
\mathcal{C}_3	\mathcal{C}_6	1
	\mathcal{C}_{12}	
	$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_6$	
	$\mathcal{C}_6, \mathcal{C}_9$	2
$\mathcal{C}_6, \mathcal{C}_{21}$		
\mathcal{C}_4	\mathcal{C}_{12}	1
\mathcal{C}_5	\mathcal{C}_{10}	1
\mathcal{C}_6	\mathcal{C}_{18}	1
\mathcal{C}_7	\mathcal{C}_{14}	1
\mathcal{C}_9	\mathcal{C}_{18}	1
$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_2$	$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_6$	1

The best result previously known [8, Lemma 3.3] stated that the torsion subgroup of a rational elliptic curve grows strictly in only finitely many cubic number fields.

Notation: Please mind that, in the sequel, for examples and precise curves we will use the Antwerp–Cremona tables and labels [1, 2]. We will write $G = H$ (respectively $G < H$ or $G \leq H$) for the fact that G is *isomorphic* to H (or to a subgroup of H) without further detail on the precise isomorphism.

2. AUXILIARY RESULTS

We will fix once and for all some notations. We will use a short Weierstrass equation for an elliptic curve E ,

$$E : Y^2 = X^3 + AX + B, \quad A, B \in \mathbb{Z},$$

with discriminant Δ .

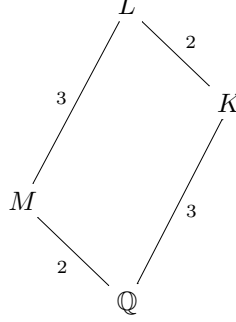
For such an elliptic curve E and an integer n , let $E[n]$ be the subgroup of all points which order is a divisor of n (over $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}$), and let $E(K)[n]$ be the set of points in $E[n]$ with coordinates in K , for a number field K . Let us recall the following well-known result [21, Ch. III, 8.1.1]

Proposition 4. *Let E be an elliptic curve over a number field K . If $\mathcal{C}_m \times \mathcal{C}_m \leq E(K)$, then K contains the cyclotomic field $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_m)$ generated by the m -th roots of unity.*

Let us fix the set-up, following [18]. Let K/\mathbb{Q} be a cubic extension, and L the normal closure of K over \mathbb{Q} . Finally, let M be the only subextension $\mathbb{Q} \subset M \subset L$ such that $[L : M] = 3$. Therefore, we have two possible situations:

- The extension K/\mathbb{Q} is Galois. Then $\mathbb{Q} = M$ and $K = L$.

- The extension K/\mathbb{Q} is not Galois. Then we have



Remark. Let $\alpha \in \mathbb{Q}$. If there is some $\beta \in K$ with $\alpha = \beta^2$, then $\beta \in \mathbb{Q}$.

Now we will recall some results from [18] which will come in handy.

Proposition 5. *Let E be an elliptic curve defined over \mathbb{Q} , K , L and M as above, $G \in \Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}(1)$ and $H \in \Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}(3)$ such that $E(\mathbb{Q})_{\text{tors}} \simeq G$ and $E(K)_{\text{tors}} \simeq H$.*

- (i) *If G has a non-trivial 2-Sylow subgroup, G and H have the same 2-Sylow subgroup [18, Lemma 8].*
- (ii) *If $\mathcal{C}_4 \not\leq G$, then $\mathcal{C}_8 \not\leq H$ and, if $\mathcal{C}_4 \leq H$, then $M = \mathbb{Q}(i)$ and $\Delta \in (-1) \cdot (\mathbb{Q}^*)^2 [4]$, [18, Corollary 12].*
- (iii) *$E(K)[5] = E(\mathbb{Q})[5]$ [18, Lemma 21].*
- (iv) *If $H = \mathcal{C}_{21}$, then E is the elliptic curve **162b1** and $K = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_9)^+$ [18, Theorem 2].*
- (v) *If $G = \mathcal{C}_7$ then $H \neq \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_{14}$ [18, Proof Prop. 29].*
- (vi) *If $E(M)$ has no points of order 3, neither does $E(L)$ [18, Lemma 13]*

Also some results on isogenies will be needed:

Proposition 6. *Let E be an elliptic curve defined over \mathbb{Q} , K and L as above.*

- (i) *Assume E has a rational n -isogeny. Then either $1 \leq n \leq 19$, or $n \in \{21, 25, 27, 37, 43, 67, 163\}$ [16, 10, 11, 12].*
- (ii) *Assume n is odd and not divisible by 3. If $E(K)$ has a point of order n , then E has a rational isogeny of degree n [18, Lemma 18].*
- (iii) *If F is a number field and E has two independent isogenies over F with degrees n and m , E is isogeneous (over F) to an elliptic curve with an mn -isogeny [18, Lemma 7].*
- (iv) *If $K = L$, n is an odd integer and $E(K)$ has a point of order n , then E has a rational n -isogeny [18, Lemma 19].*
- (v) *Let F be a quadratic number field, n an odd integer and E/\mathbb{Q} an elliptic curve such that $\mathcal{C}_n \leq E(F)$. Then E has a rational n -isogeny [18, Lemma 5].*
- (vi) *Assume $E(K)$ has a point of order 9. Then either E/\mathbb{Q} has a 9-isogeny or it has two independent 3-isogenies [18, Proposition 14].*

Lemma 7. *Let p be prime, f a p -isogeny on E/\mathbb{Q} , and let $\ker(f)$ be generated by P . Then the field of definition $\mathbb{Q}(P)$ of P (and all of its multiples) is a cyclic (Galois) extension of \mathbb{Q} of order dividing $p - 1$.*

Proof. First note that the fact that $F = \mathbb{Q}(P)$ is Galois over \mathbb{Q} follows immediately from the Galois-invariance of $\langle P \rangle$. Let χ be the character of the isogeny,

$$\chi : \text{Gal}(F/\mathbb{Q}) \longrightarrow \text{Aut}(\langle P \rangle).$$

which, to each element of $\text{Gal}(F/\mathbb{Q})$, adjoins its action on $\langle P \rangle$. It is easy to check that this is a homomorphism.

Suppose that χ is not an injection. Then there exists an element σ , not the identity, such that $\chi(\sigma) = \text{id}$, so $\langle \sigma \rangle$ acts trivially on P . Denoting $F_0 = F^\sigma$ (the fixed field of $\langle \sigma \rangle$), every automorphism of $\text{Gal}(F/F_0)$ fixes P , and hence P is F_0 -rational, which is in contradiction with the minimality of F .

Since $\text{Gal}(F/\mathbb{Q})$ is isomorphic to a subgroup of $\text{Aut}(\langle P \rangle)$, which is isomorphic to \mathcal{C}_{p-1} , we are finished. \square

Lemma 8. *If $E(K)$ has a point of order 3 over a cubic field K , then E has a 3-isogeny over \mathbb{Q} .*

Proof. $E(L)$ has a point of order 3, so $E(M)$ has a point of order 3 from Proposition 5 (vi). And by Proposition 6 (v), E has a 3-isogeny over \mathbb{Q} . \square

Lemma 9. *If $E(K)$ has a point of order 9, then $E(\mathbb{Q})$ has a point of order 3.*

Proof. By Proposition 6 (vi) E/\mathbb{Q} has either an isogeny of degree 9 or 2 isogenies of degree 3.

First suppose it has 2 isogenies of degree 3 and no 3-torsion. Then it follows that $\mathbb{Q}(E[3])$ is a biquadratic field and the intersection of $\mathbb{Q}(E[3])$ and K must be trivial (that is, \mathbb{Q}), which contradicts the fact that $E(K)$ has non-trivial 3-torsion. Hence $E(\mathbb{Q})$ has a 3-torsion point.

Now suppose E/\mathbb{Q} has a 9-isogeny f , such that $\ker(f) = \langle P \rangle$, and such that P is K -rational. Then the isogeny character

$$\chi : \text{Gal}(K/\mathbb{Q}) \longrightarrow \text{Aut}(\langle P \rangle)$$

sends the generator σ of $\text{Gal}(K/\mathbb{Q})$ into an element of order 3 in $\text{Aut}(\langle P \rangle)$, i.e. into [4] or [7]. Both of these act trivially on $\langle 3P \rangle$, implying that $E(\mathbb{Q})$ has non-trivial 3-torsion. \square

Remark. Now and then we will consider the case where we have K_1 and K_2 two different cubic number fields. Let us write as usual K_1K_2 for the compositum field of both extensions. Then one of these two situations hold:

- $[K_1K_2 : \mathbb{Q}] = 9$.
- $[K_1K_2 : \mathbb{Q}] = 6$. In this case, K_1 and K_2 are isomorphic and K_1K_2 is the Galois closure of both fields over \mathbb{Q} .

3. PROOF OF THEOREM 2

Note that from Proposition 5 (i), if $G = \mathcal{C}_{2n}$, for some $n \neq 0$, then $\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_2 \not\subseteq H$.

Also from Proposition 5 (i) and the description of $\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}(3)$, we can solve the non-cyclic cases from Theorem 2 easily, as we know that

$$\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}(3, \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_{2n}) \leq \begin{cases} \{\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_2, \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_6, \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_{14}\} & \text{if } n = 1, \\ \{\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_{2n}\} & \text{if } n \neq 1. \end{cases}$$

The only case that will not happen and we cannot discard already is $G = \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_2$, $H = \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_{14}$. But this case cannot happen as, from Proposition 6 (ii) and (iii),

that would imply E has a 28-isogeny, contradicting Proposition 6 (i). This finishes the non-cyclic case.

Let us move therefore to the cyclic case. The groups H from $\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}(3)$ that do not appear in some $\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}(3, G)$, with a $G < H$ and G cyclic can be ruled out from $\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}(3, G)$ most of the times using the previous results. In the table below we indicate:

- With (i) - (vi), which part of Proposition 5 is used,
- With **(9)**, the case is ruled out from Lemma 9,
- With $-$, the case is ruled out because $G \not\subset H$,
- With \checkmark , the case is possible (and in fact, it occurs).

The table (row= H , column= G) deals with the case G cyclic.

	\mathcal{C}_1	\mathcal{C}_2	\mathcal{C}_3	\mathcal{C}_4	\mathcal{C}_5	\mathcal{C}_6	\mathcal{C}_7	\mathcal{C}_8	\mathcal{C}_9	\mathcal{C}_{10}	\mathcal{C}_{12}
\mathcal{C}_1	\checkmark	$-$	$-$	$-$	$-$	$-$	$-$	$-$	$-$	$-$	$-$
\mathcal{C}_2	\checkmark	\checkmark	$-$	$-$	$-$	$-$	$-$	$-$	$-$	$-$	$-$
\mathcal{C}_3	\checkmark	$-$	\checkmark	$-$	$-$	$-$	$-$	$-$	$-$	$-$	$-$
\mathcal{C}_4	\checkmark	(i)	$-$	\checkmark	$-$	$-$	$-$	$-$	$-$	$-$	$-$
\mathcal{C}_5	(iii)	$-$	$-$	$-$	\checkmark	$-$	$-$	$-$	$-$	$-$	$-$
\mathcal{C}_6	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	$-$	$-$	\checkmark	$-$	$-$	$-$	$-$	$-$
\mathcal{C}_7	\checkmark	$-$	$-$	$-$	$-$	$-$	\checkmark	$-$	$-$	$-$	$-$
\mathcal{C}_8	(ii)	(i)	$-$	(i)	$-$	$-$	$-$	\checkmark	$-$	$-$	$-$
\mathcal{C}_9	(9)	$-$	\checkmark	$-$	$-$	$-$	$-$	$-$	\checkmark	$-$	$-$
\mathcal{C}_{10}	(iii)	(iii)	$-$	$-$	\checkmark	$-$	$-$	$-$	$-$	\checkmark	$-$
\mathcal{C}_{12}	(?)	(i)	\checkmark	\checkmark	$-$	(i)	$-$	$-$	$-$	$-$	\checkmark
\mathcal{C}_{13}	\checkmark	$-$	$-$	$-$	$-$	$-$	$-$	$-$	$-$	$-$	$-$
\mathcal{C}_{14}	(?)	\checkmark	$-$	$-$	$-$	$-$	\checkmark	$-$	$-$	$-$	$-$
\mathcal{C}_{18}	(9)	(9)	(?)	$-$	$-$	\checkmark	$-$	$-$	\checkmark	$-$	$-$
\mathcal{C}_{21}	(iv)	$-$	\checkmark	$-$	$-$	$-$	$-$	$-$	$-$	$-$	$-$
$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_2$	\checkmark	(i)	$-$	$-$	$-$	$-$	$-$	$-$	$-$	$-$	$-$
$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_4$	(?)	(i)	$-$	(i)	$-$	$-$	$-$	$-$	$-$	$-$	$-$
$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_6$	(?)	(i)	$-$	$-$	$-$	(i)	$-$	$-$	$-$	$-$	$-$
$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_8$	(ii)	(i)	$-$	(i)	$-$	$-$	$-$	(i)	$-$	$-$	$-$
$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_{14}$	\checkmark	(i)	$-$	$-$	$-$	$-$	(v)	$-$	$-$	$-$	$-$

Let us now discard the remaining cases.

The case $G = \mathcal{C}_1, H = \mathcal{C}_{12}$. In this case, from Proposition 5 (ii,vi), we already know that $M = \mathbb{Q}(i)$ and $E(M)[3] \neq \{\mathcal{O}\}$. Again as above, having points of order 3 in both M and K implies that these are independent points and hence $E[3](L) \simeq \mathcal{C}_3 \times \mathcal{C}_3$, from which it follows that $M = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_3)$, which is a contradiction.

The case $G = \mathcal{C}_1, H = \mathcal{C}_{14}$. In this case E must have a rational 7-isogeny, from Proposition 6 (ii). Then, from Lemma 7 we know that K is a cyclic cubic Galois extension, hence $K = L$. Under these circumstances, $E(K)[2]$ cannot be \mathcal{C}_2 , as K is either the splitting field of $X^3 + AX + B$ (in which case $E(K)[2] = \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_2$) or is irreducible over K , in which case there are no points of order 2 in $E(K)$.

The case $G = \mathcal{C}_1, H = \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_4$. Assume our curve is given in Weierstrass short form

$$Y^2 = X^3 + AX + B.$$

If G is cyclic and H is not, K must be the splitting field of $X^3 + AX + B$. So in this case $\mathbb{Q} = M$, and $K = L$, but this contradicts Proposition 5 (ii).

The case $G = \mathcal{C}_1$, $H = \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_6$. As in the previous case, $\mathbb{Q} = M$, and $K = L$. But there are points of order 3 in $E(L)$, so $E(M)[3] \neq \{\mathcal{O}\}$, but this contradicts $G = \mathcal{C}_1$, as $\mathbb{Q} = M$.

The case $G = \mathcal{C}_3$, $H = \mathcal{C}_{18}$. As we gain exactly one 2-torsion point in the passing from \mathbb{Q} to K , we already know that K is not Galois and, in fact, L must be the splitting field of $X^3 + AX + B$. Then, from Lemma 7 and Proposition 6 (vi) we have that $E(\mathbb{Q})$ must have 2 isogenies of degree 3.

Now we look at how $\text{Gal}(L/\mathbb{Q})$ acts on $E[9]$. The L -rational points have to be sent to L -rational points. So if P is an L -rational point of order 9, the generators of $\text{Gal}(L/\mathbb{Q})$ cannot both send P to a multiple of P , because this would imply that $\langle P \rangle$ is $\text{Gal}(L/\mathbb{Q})$ -invariant (and hence $\text{Gal}(\bar{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q})$ -invariant), which would imply a 9-isogeny over \mathbb{Q} . So this means that $E[9](L)$ is strictly larger than C_9 . The only possibility is that $E[9](L) = C_3 \times C_9$ and this implies $M = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-3})$ because of Proposition 4.

As L is the splitting field of $X^3 + AX + B$, this really implies $E(L)_{\text{tors}} \leq C_6 \times C_{18}$. Moreover, as the quadratic subextension of L is $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-3})$, L is a pure cubic field and our curve is a Mordell curve $Y^2 = X^3 + n$, for some $n \in \mathbb{Z}$. But the only elliptic curve with j -invariant 0 defined over \mathbb{Q} which has full 3-torsion over $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-3})$ is 27a1 (and also its -3 twist), and by simply computing that this curve has L -torsion $C_6 \times C_6$, we are finished.

4. PROOF OF THEOREM 3

Proof of (i). Let E be an elliptic curve defined over \mathbb{Q} such that $E(\mathbb{Q})_{\text{tors}} \simeq G \in \Phi(1)$ and $H \in \Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}(3)$. Let us prove that there is at most one cubic number field K such that $E(K)_{\text{tors}} \simeq H \neq G$.

First, let be $H = G \times C_m$ such that $\gcd(|G|, m) = 1$. Suppose that there exist two cubic fields K_1 and K_2 such that $E(K_i)_{\text{tors}} \simeq H$, $i = 1, 2$. Then $C_m \times C_m \leq E(L)_{\text{tors}}$, where L is the degree 9 number field obtained by composition of K_1 and K_2 . Therefore, $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_m) \subset L$, which implies that $\varphi(m)$ divides 9. This eliminates the following possibilities:

- $G = \mathcal{C}_1$ and $H \in \{\mathcal{C}_3, \mathcal{C}_4, \mathcal{C}_6, \mathcal{C}_7, \mathcal{C}_{13}\}$;
- $G = \mathcal{C}_2$ and $H \in \{\mathcal{C}_6, \mathcal{C}_{14}\}$;
- $G = \mathcal{C}_3$ and $H \in \{\mathcal{C}_{12}, \mathcal{C}_{21}\}$;
- $G = \mathcal{C}_4$ and $H = \mathcal{C}_{12}$;
- $G = \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_2$ and $H = \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_6$;

On the other hand, if the order of G is odd then there is at most one H of even order with $G < H$. The cubic field is the one defined by the 2-division polynomial of the elliptic curve. This argument therefore crosses out the cases:

- $G = \mathcal{C}_1$ and $H \in \{\mathcal{C}_2, \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_2, \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_{14}\}$;
- $G = \mathcal{C}_3$ and $H \in \{\mathcal{C}_6, \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_6\}$;
- $G = \mathcal{C}_5$ and $H = \mathcal{C}_{10}$;
- $G = \mathcal{C}_7$ and $H = \mathcal{C}_{14}$;
- $G = \mathcal{C}_9$ and $H = \mathcal{C}_{18}$;

The remaining cases to be dealt with are $G = \mathcal{C}_3$ with $H = \mathcal{C}_9$ and $G = \mathcal{C}_6$ with $H = \mathcal{C}_{18}$. These are essentially the same since $\mathcal{C}_6 = \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_3$ and $\mathcal{C}_{18} = \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_9$. Assume we have $\langle P \rangle \simeq \mathcal{C}_9$, $\langle Q \rangle \simeq \mathcal{C}_9$, where P and Q are defined over two non-isomorphic cubic fields. Therefore P is not a multiple of Q and Q is not a multiple of P and $\mathcal{C}_3 \times \mathcal{C}_3 \leq \langle P, Q \rangle$. This is impossible, since both P and Q would be defined over a field of degree 9, which cannot contain $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_3)$.

This proves the first statement of Theorem 3.

Proof of (ii) and (iii). First note that if

$$E : Y^2 = f(X)$$

is an elliptic curve defined over \mathbb{Q} such that $E(\mathbb{Q})_{\text{tors}} \simeq G$ has odd order, then $f(X)$ is an irreducible cubic polynomial. Now, denote by K the cubic field defined by $f(X)$, then $H = E(K)_{\text{tors}}$ satisfies that $G \neq H$ and H is of even order. Moreover, H is the unique group of even order such that $H \in S$, for any $S \in \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{Q}}(3, G)$ because $f(X)$ is the 2-division polynomial of E .

Now, for any $G \in \Phi(1)$ let us construct the elements $S \in \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{Q}}(3, G)$ in ascending order of $\#S$. In Table 1 (see Appendix) we show examples for all the possible cases of S (after taking into account the preliminary remark) for any $G \in \Phi(1)$. Now, by (i) we know that there are not repeated elements in any $S \in \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{Q}}(3, G)$. Then the possible cases with $\#S > 1$ come from $G = \mathcal{C}_1, \mathcal{C}_2, \mathcal{C}_3$:

$$\boxed{G = \mathcal{C}_1}$$

We have examples in Table 1 for any $S \in \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{Q}}(3, \mathcal{C}_1)$ with $\#S = 2$ except for the cases:

$$[\mathcal{C}_4, \mathcal{C}_{13}], [\mathcal{C}_3, \mathcal{C}_6], [\mathcal{C}_6, \mathcal{C}_7], [\mathcal{C}_6, \mathcal{C}_{13}],$$

$$[\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_2, \mathcal{C}_{13}], [\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_{14}, \mathcal{C}_3], [\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_{14}, \mathcal{C}_7], [\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_{14}, \mathcal{C}_{13}].$$

- As for $[\mathcal{C}_4, \mathcal{C}_{13}]$, if such a curve existed then it would have to have discriminant $-Y^2$ (as it gains 4-torsion - see Proposition 5 (ii)) for some rational Y . On the other hand, the curve must have a 13-isogeny over \mathbb{Q} , which implies its discriminant is of the form [18, Lemma 27]

$$\Delta = \square \cdot t(t^2 + 6t + 13)$$

where \square is a rational square. Therefore such a curve would give a rational non-trivial (meaning $Y \neq 0$) solution of the equation

$$Y^2 = X^3 - 6X^2 + 13X,$$

but one easily checks that there are none.

- Looking at $[\mathcal{C}_3, \mathcal{C}_6]$ we find that E gains full 3-torsion over the compositum of two cubic extensions, K_1 and K_2 , because the fields cannot be isomorphic, hence the points of order 3 in K_1 and K_2 are independent. This implies $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_3) \subset K_1 K_2$, which is impossible as $[K_1 K_2 : \mathbb{Q}] = 9$ in this case.
- Let us look at the pair $[\mathcal{C}_6, \mathcal{C}_7]$. The existence of \mathcal{C}_6 implies a 3-isogeny over \mathbb{Q} and the existence of \mathcal{C}_7 implies a rational 7-isogeny, hence E has a 21-isogeny. Therefore E is a twist of an elliptic curve in the 162b isogeny class. It can be seen that only one elliptic curve in each of the 4 family of twists gains 7-torsion in a cubic extension. Thus there are in fact 4 curves that we need to check, all in all. For each of the 4 curves we can

check whether the curve gains any 3-torsion in the fields where it gains 2-torsion, and discard all the cases.

- The case $[\mathcal{C}_6, \mathcal{C}_{13}]$ can be ruled out as, from Proposition 6 (iii) and Lemma 8, it would imply the existence of a curve with a rational 39-isogeny, contradicting Proposition 6 (i).
- The case $[\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_2, \mathcal{C}_{13}]$ is very similar to the first one, the only difference being that, gaining full 2-torsion over a cubic field, the discriminant must be a square. Anyway, the corresponding equation

$$Y^2 = X^3 + 6X^2 + 13X,$$

still has no solutions with $Y \neq 0$.

- Let us look at the case $[\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_{14}, \mathcal{C}_3]$. A curve featuring these torsion extensions would have a 21-isogeny from Proposition 6 (ii,iv) and Lemma 8 and also would gain full 2-torsion over a cubic field, so as in the previous case its discriminant must be a square. But the elliptic curves with a 21-isogeny have discriminant $-2 \cdot \square$, where \square is a rational square [1, pp. 78–80]. Hence this case is not possible.
- We can remove the case $[\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_{14}, \mathcal{C}_7]$, similarly as the second case. In this case we would have two cubic extensions K_1 and K_2 which must verify $[K_1 K_2 : \mathbb{Q}] = 9$, as $X^3 + AX + B$ splits completely in one of them and remains irreducible in the other. As $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_7) \subset K_1 K_2$ using Proposition 4 above, we reach a contradiction.
- The last case, that of $[\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_{14}, \mathcal{C}_{13}]$, is also removable as it would similarly imply the existence of a rational elliptic curve with a 91-isogeny.

Now, we need to prove that the only $S \in \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{Q}}(3, \mathcal{C}_1)$ with $\#S = 3$ is $[\mathcal{C}_2, \mathcal{C}_3, \mathcal{C}_7]$. For this purpose we have to remove the cases:

$$[\mathcal{C}_2, \mathcal{C}_3, \mathcal{C}_{13}], [\mathcal{C}_2, \mathcal{C}_7, \mathcal{C}_{13}], [\mathcal{C}_3, \mathcal{C}_4, \mathcal{C}_7], [\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_2, \mathcal{C}_3, \mathcal{C}_7].$$

- The first case can be ruled out as $[\mathcal{C}_6, \mathcal{C}_{13}]$ above, for it implies the existence of a rational curve with a 39-isogeny.
- The second case, as $[\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_{14}, \mathcal{C}_{13}]$ above, would imply the existence of a rational elliptic curve with a 91-isogeny. Hence it cannot happen.
- The third case is eliminated by noting that the discriminant of such a curve should be $-Y^2$ (for it gains 4-torsion) and $-2 \cdot \square$, where \square is a rational square (for it has a 21-isogeny).
- The last case is similar to the case $[\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_{14}, \mathcal{C}_3]$ above.

Looking with greater detail at the case $[\mathcal{C}_2, \mathcal{C}_3, \mathcal{C}_7]$ we find that if a curve gains torsion in such a way in three non-isomorphic cubic fields, it must have a 21-isogeny and in fact (as in the $[\mathcal{C}_6, \mathcal{C}_7]$ case) it can only be a very precise curve a family of twists in the 162b isogeny class. There are only 4 such curves and 162b2 is the only one that grows strictly in three cubic extensions.

$$\boxed{G = \mathcal{C}_2}$$

The only case to discard here is $[\mathcal{C}_6, \mathcal{C}_{14}]$. If such a curve (say E) existed, it would follow that E would have a 3-isogeny and 7-isogeny and hence a 21-isogeny. E would also have to contain \mathcal{C}_2 , since the odd isogeny cannot kill this torsion. But there do not exist elliptic curves with 21-isogenies and non-trivial 2-torsion over \mathbb{Q} [1, pp. 78–80].

$$\boxed{G = \mathcal{C}_3}$$

We have examples in Table 1 for any $S \in \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{Q}}(3, \mathcal{C}_3)$ with $\#S = 2$ except for the cases:

$$[\mathcal{C}_9, \mathcal{C}_{12}], [\mathcal{C}_{12}, \mathcal{C}_{21}], [\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_6, \mathcal{C}_9], [\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_6, \mathcal{C}_{21}]$$

- $[\mathcal{C}_9, \mathcal{C}_{12}]$. From Proposition 6 (vi) our curve has either a 9-isogeny or two independent 3-isogenies and $\mathbb{Q}(E[3]) = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_3)$. Moreover from Proposition 5 (iii) $\Delta \in (-1) \cdot (\mathbb{Q}^*)^2$.

Assume that E has two independent 3-isogenies and $\mathbb{Q}(E[3]) = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_3)$. From [20, p. 147] we get¹

$$\Delta = -216 \frac{b^3(h^6 - 6h^2b^2 + 12b^3)}{h^6}, \quad b, h \in \mathbb{Q}.$$

As $\Delta = -y^2$ for some $y \in \mathbb{Q}$, the existence of E implies there are $b, h, y \in \mathbb{Q}$ with

$$\left(\frac{y}{bh}\right)^2 = 6 \left(\frac{b}{h^2}\right) \left[1 - 6 \left(\frac{b}{h^2}\right)^2 - 12 \left(\frac{b}{h^2}\right)^3\right],$$

that is a rational point on the curve

$$Y^2 = 6X(1 - 6X^2 - 12X^3),$$

but its Mordell–Weil group is trivial, and the trivial point do not yield an elliptic curve E .

So we are bound to assume E has a 9-isogeny. From [7, Appendix], it follows that E is a twist of $u^2 = v^3 + av + b$, where

$$a = -3x(x^3 - 24), \quad b = 2(x^6 - 36x^6 + 216),$$

for some $x \in \mathbb{Q}$. Then the discriminant of this curve is

$$2^{12}3^6(c^3 - 27)u^{12},$$

where the twelfth power may appear because of twisting. As this should be in $(-1) \cdot (\mathbb{Q}^*)^2$, it should give a point on

$$Y^2 = X^3 - 27.$$

The points in this curve can be easily computed (we have done it with Magma [3]); there is only the point at infinity and a point of order 2 that discriminant 0, so we are done.

- Second and fourth cases are not possible, as the only curve whose torsion grows to \mathcal{C}_{21} is 162b1, and this curve fits neither of these cases (see Table 1).
- $[\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_6, \mathcal{C}_9]$. This case parallels the first one. The only formal change is that, as we gain full 2-torsion in a cubic extension, $\Delta \in (\mathbb{Q}^*)^2$. Hence, the same arguments lead us to state that such a curve must yield either a point on

$$Y^2 = -6X(1 - 6X^2 - 12X^3),$$

if it has two independent rational 3-isogenies, or a point on

$$Y^2 = X^3 + 27,$$

¹Note there is a misprint in the original article, h^4 in the numerator should be replaced by h^6 .

should it have a rational 9-isogeny. As both cases can be checked to be impossible, we are finished.

Finally, we see that there are no $S \in \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{Q}}(3, \mathcal{C}_3)$ with $\#S = 3$. Such S should have two groups of odd order. These must be \mathcal{C}_9 and \mathcal{C}_{21} . But again the unique elliptic curve over \mathbb{Q} with \mathcal{C}_{21} over a cubic field is 162b1 and for this curve, this is not the case (see Table 1).

APPENDIX: COMPUTATIONS

Let $G \in \Phi(1)$, $S = [H_1, \dots, H_m] \in \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{Q}}(3, G)$, E an elliptic curve defined over \mathbb{Q} such that $E(\mathbb{Q})_{\text{tors}} = G$ and let K_1, \dots, K_m cubic fields, such that

$$E(K_i)_{\text{tors}} = H_i \text{ for } i = 1, \dots, m.$$

Table 1 shows an example of every possible situation, where

- the first column is G ,
- the second column is $S \in \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{Q}}(3, G)$,
- the third column is $\#S$,
- the fourth column is the label of the elliptic curve E with minimal conductor satisfying the conditions above,
- the fifth column displays the coefficients of corresponding defining cubic polynomial to the respective H 's in S .

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TABLE 1. $h = \#S$ for $S \in \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{Q}}(3, G)$

G	$\mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{Q}}(3, G)$	h	label	cubics
C_1	C_2	1	11a2	$[-12419196912, -10135152, 0, 1]$
	C_4		338b2	$[872683713, 799551, -513, 1]$
	C_6		108a2	$[-80, -24, -24, 1]$
	$C_2 \times C_2$		196a1	$[-5832, -2916, 18, 1]$
	$C_2 \times C_{14}$		1922c1	$[191319746769, -8017245, -216621, 1]$
	C_2, C_3	2	19a2	$[432, -864, 0, -1],$ $[577, 1155, 2307, 1]$
	C_2, C_7		294a1	$[8909298, -29835, 324, 1],$ $[2000376, -142884, -126, 1]$
	C_2, C_{13}		147b1	$[1928016, -8208, 648, 1],$ $[2000376, -142884, -126, 1]$
	C_3, C_4		162d2	$[-5200640, -19968, -600, 1],$ $[-2020032, 28944, 90, 1]$
	$C_3, C_2 \times C_2$		196b2	$[-4076477, -8565, -6927, 1],$ $[-16003008, -571536, 252, 1]$
	C_4, C_7		338b1	$[100472373, 1906011, -153, 1],$ $[64064520, -492804, -1170, 1]$
	$C_7, C_2 \times C_2$		3969a1	$[30005640, -142884, -1890, 1],$ $[-6578496, -46656, 1269, 1]$
	C_2, C_3, C_7		3	162b2
C_2	C_6	1	14a3	$[-5581197, -3861, -3231, 1]$
	C_{14}		49a3	$[26004888, -142884, -1638, 1]$
C_3	C_6	1	19a1	$[857881, 18003, -69, 1]$
	C_{12}		162d1	$[-95707, -933, -777, 1]$
	$C_2 \times C_6$		196b1	$[2000376, -142884, -126, 1]$
	C_6, C_9	2	19a3	$[-432, 864, 0, 1],$ $[40824, -2916, -126, 1]$
C_6, C_{21}	162b1		$[8882, -267, 132, 1],$ $[14984, -564, -570, 1]$	
C_4	C_{12}	1	90c1	$[-11243584, -11472, -2892, 1]$
C_5	C_{10}	1	11a1	$[-74368, -384, -336, 1]$
C_6	C_{18}	1	14a4	$[5832, -2916, -18, 1]$
C_7	C_{14}	1	26b1	$[44396, -960, 87, 1]$
C_8		0		
C_9	C_{18}	1	54b3	$[-12331008, -13824, -72, 1]$
C_{10}		0		
C_{12}		0		
$C_2 \times C_2$	$C_2 \times C_6$	1	30a6	$[-3621888, -8640, -1476, 1]$
$C_2 \times C_4$		0		
$C_2 \times C_6$		0		
$C_2 \times C_8$		0		