

## Torsion of rational elliptic curves over quadratic fields II

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**Abstract** Let  $E$  be an elliptic curve defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$  and let  $G = E(\mathbb{Q})_{\text{tors}}$  be the associated torsion group. In a previous paper, the authors studied, for a given  $G$ , which possible groups  $G \leq H$  could appear such that  $H = E(K)_{\text{tors}}$ , for  $[K : \mathbb{Q}] = 2$ . In the present paper, we go further in this study and compute, under this assumption and for every such  $G$ , all the possible situations where  $G \neq H$ . The result is optimal, as we also display examples for every situation we state as possible. As a consequence, the maximum number of quadratic number fields  $K$  such that  $E(\mathbb{Q})_{\text{tors}} \neq E(K)_{\text{tors}}$  is easily obtained.

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### 1 Introduction

Let  $E$  be an elliptic curve defined over a number field  $L$ . The Mordell-Weil Theorem states that the set of  $L$ -rational points,  $E(L)$ , is a finitely generated abelian group. So it can be

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written as  $E(L) = E(L)_{\text{tors}} \oplus \mathbb{Z}^r$ , for some non-negative integer  $r$  (called the rank of  $E(L)$ ) and some finite torsion subgroup  $E(L)_{\text{tors}}$ . It is well known that there exist two positive integers  $n, m$  such that  $n|m$  and  $E(L)_{\text{tors}}$  is isomorphic to  $C_n \times C_m$ , where  $C_n$  is the cyclic group of order  $n$  [20].

Through this paper, we will often write  $G = H$  (respectively  $G \leq H$  or  $G < H$ ) for the fact that  $G$  is *isomorphic* to  $H$  (repectively, isomorphic to a subgroup of  $H$  or to a proper subgroup of  $H$ ) without further detail on the precise isomorphism.

We define some useful sets for the sequel:

- Let  $\Phi(d)$  be the set of possible groups that can appear as the torsion subgroup of an elliptic curve defined over any number field  $L$  of degree  $d$ .
- Let  $\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}(d)$  be the set of possible groups that can appear as the torsion subgroup over a number field of degree  $d$ , of an elliptic curve  $E$  defined over the rationals.
- Let  $G \in \Phi(1)$ . We will write  $\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}(d, G)$  the set of possible groups that can appear as the torsion subgroup over any number field  $L$  of degree  $d$ , of an elliptic curve  $E$  defined over the rationals, such that  $E(\mathbb{Q})_{\text{tors}} = G$ .

Connected to these sets, some known results are:

- Mazur's landmark papers [16, 17] established that

$$\Phi(1) = \{C_n | n = 1, \dots, 10, 12\} \cup \{C_2 \times C_{2m} | m = 1, \dots, 4\}.$$

- After this, in a long series of papers by Kenku, Momose and Kamienny ending in [10, 11], the quadratic case was given a description:

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi(2) = \{C_n | n = 1, \dots, 16, 18\} \cup \{C_2 \times C_{2m} | m = 1, \dots, 6\} \\ \cup \{C_3 \times C_{3r} | r = 1, 2\} \cup \{C_4 \times C_4\}. \end{aligned}$$

- The sets  $\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}(d)$  have been completely described by Najman [18] for  $d = 2, 3$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}(2) = \{C_n | n = 1, \dots, 10, 12, 15, 16\} \cup \{C_2 \times C_{2m} | m = 1, \dots, 6\} \\ \cup \{C_3 \times C_{3r} | r = 1, 2\} \cup \{C_4 \times C_4\}, \end{aligned}$$

$$\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}(3) = \{C_n | n = 1, \dots, 10, 12, 13, 14, 18, 21\} \cup \{C_2 \times C_{2m} | m = 1, \dots, 4, 7\}.$$

- The work of Fujita [5] gave the precise list (building upon previous work of Laska and Lorenz [15]) of torsion groups over the maximal elementary abelian 2-extension of  $\mathbb{Q}$ , of elliptic curves defined over the rationals. The full list of such groups will be denoted by  $\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}(2^\infty)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}(2^\infty) = \{C_n | n = 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 15\} \cup \{C_2 \times C_{2m} | m = 1, \dots, 6, 8\} \\ \cup \{C_3 \times C_3\} \cup \{C_4 \times C_{4r} | r = 1, \dots, 4\} \cup \{C_{2s} \times C_{2s} | s = 3, 4\}. \end{aligned}$$

- The set  $\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}(2, G)$ , for non-cyclic  $G$  was characterized by Kwon [14].

Finally, in [7], we gave a precise description of the set  $\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}(2, G)$ , for all  $G \in \Phi(1)$ .

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

$G$	$\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}(2, G)$
$C_1$	$\{C_1, C_3, C_5, C_7, C_9\}$
$C_2$	$\{C_2, C_4, C_6, C_8, C_{10}, C_{12}, C_{16}, C_2 \times C_2, C_2 \times C_6, C_2 \times C_{10}\}$
$C_3$	$\{C_3, C_{15}, C_3 \times C_3\}$
$C_4$	$\{C_4, C_8, C_{12}, C_2 \times C_4, C_2 \times C_8, C_2 \times C_{12}, C_4 \times C_4\}$
$C_5$	$\{C_5, C_{15}\}$
$C_6$	$\{C_6, C_{12}, C_2 \times C_6, C_3 \times C_6\}$
$C_7$	$\{C_7\}$
$C_8$	$\{C_8, C_{16}, C_2 \times C_8\}$
$C_9$	$\{C_9\}$
$C_{10}$	$\{C_{10}, C_2 \times C_{10}\}$
$C_{12}$	$\{C_{12}, C_2 \times C_{12}\}$
$C_2 \times C_2$	$\{C_2 \times C_2, C_2 \times C_4, C_2 \times C_6, C_2 \times C_8, C_2 \times C_{12}\}$
$C_2 \times C_4$	$\{C_2 \times C_4, C_2 \times C_8, C_4 \times C_4\}$
$C_2 \times C_6$	$\{C_2 \times C_6, C_2 \times C_{12}\}$
$C_2 \times C_8$	$\{C_2 \times C_8\}$

Let us fix now some useful notations:

- We will use letters  $L$  and  $F$  for generic number fields, whereas  $K$  will be reserved for proper quadratic extensions of  $\mathbb{Q}$ .
- We will denote by  $\mathbb{Q}(2^\infty) = \mathbb{Q}(\{\sqrt{m} | m \in \mathbb{Z}\})$ , the maximal elementary abelian 2-extension of  $\mathbb{Q}$ .
- Let  $E$  be an elliptic curve defined over a number field  $L$ . Without loss of generality we can assume  $E$  is defined by a short Weierstrass form

$$E : Y^2 = X^3 + AX + B; \quad A, B \in L,$$

and we will then write,

$$E(L) = \{(x, y) \in L^2 | y^2 = x^3 + Ax + B\} \cup \{\mathcal{O}\},$$

the set of  $L$ -rational points of  $E$ , and  $\mathcal{O}$  its point at infinity.

- For an elliptic curve  $E$ , let  $\Delta_E$  be, as customary, its discriminant.
- For an elliptic curve  $E$  and an integer  $n$ , let  $E[n]$  be the subgroup of all points whose order is a divisor of  $n$  (over  $\mathbb{Q}$ ), and let  $E(L)[n]$  be the set of points in  $E[n]$  with coordinates in  $L$ , for any number field  $L$  (including the case  $L = \mathbb{Q}$ ).
- Under the same conditions, let  $\mathbb{Q}(E[n])$  be the extension generated by all the coordinates of points in  $E[n]$ .
- For an elliptic curve  $E$  defined over the rationals given by a short Weierstrass equation  $E : Y^2 = X^3 + AX + B$ , and a squarefree integer  $D$ , let  $E_D$  denote its quadratic twist. That is, the elliptic curve with the Weierstrass equation  $E_D : DY^2 = X^3 + AX + B$ .

Please mind that, in the sequel, for examples and particular curves we will use the Antwerp–Cremona tables and labels [1, 2].

Our aim in this paper is to go further than we did in [7]. More precisely, at the end of [7] we posed three questions (named Problems 1, 2 and 3). Problems 1 and 3 are generalized in the following question:

**Question** For a given  $G \in \Phi(1)$ , let  $S = \{H_1, \dots, H_n\} \subset \Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}(2, G)$ . Find if there exists a fixed elliptic curve  $E$  defined over the rationals and squarefree integers  $D_1, \dots, D_n$  such that:

- $E(\mathbb{Q})_{\text{tors}} = G$ ,
- $E(\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{D_i}))_{\text{tors}} = H_i$ , for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ ,

- $G = E(K)_{\text{tors}}$  for every other quadratic extension  $K/\mathbb{Q}$ .

We will answer this question, which will imply the solution to Problems 1 and 3 in [7] as a direct corollary.

More precisely, we will prove two main results. First, we will compute explicitly how many quadratic extensions  $K/\mathbb{Q}$  one can have with a proper extension of the torsion group for a given curve, depending only on the rational torsion structure. This will be done in the following result:

**Theorem 2** *Let be  $G \in \Phi(1)$  and  $H \in \Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}(2, G)$  such that  $G \neq H$ . Then the number  $h$  of possible quadratic fields  $K$  such that  $E(\mathbb{Q})_{\text{tors}} = G$  and  $E(K)_{\text{tors}} = H$  for a fixed rational elliptic curve  $E$  is given in the following table:*

$G$	$H$	$h$
$\mathcal{C}_1$	$\mathcal{C}_3$	1, 2
	$\mathcal{C}_5$	1
	$\mathcal{C}_7$	1
	$\mathcal{C}_9$	1
$\mathcal{C}_2$	$\mathcal{C}_4$	1, 2
	$\mathcal{C}_6$	1, 2
	$\mathcal{C}_8$	1, 2
	$\mathcal{C}_{10}$	1
	$\mathcal{C}_{12}$	1
	$\mathcal{C}_{16}$	1
	$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_2$	1
	$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_6$	1
$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_{10}$	1	
$\mathcal{C}_3$	$\mathcal{C}_{15}$	1
	$\mathcal{C}_3 \times \mathcal{C}_3$	1
$\mathcal{C}_4$	$\mathcal{C}_8$	2
	$\mathcal{C}_{12}$	1
	$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_4$	1
	$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_8$	1
	$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_{12}$	1
$\mathcal{C}_4 \times \mathcal{C}_4$	1	
$\mathcal{C}_5$	$\mathcal{C}_{15}$	1
$\mathcal{C}_6$	$\mathcal{C}_{12}$	2
	$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_6$	1
	$\mathcal{C}_3 \times \mathcal{C}_6$	1
$\mathcal{C}_8$	$\mathcal{C}_{16}$	2
	$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_8$	1
$\mathcal{C}_{10}$	$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_{10}$	1
$\mathcal{C}_{12}$	$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_{12}$	1
$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_2$	$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_4$	1, 2, 3
	$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_6$	1
	$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_8$	1
	$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_{12}$	1
$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_4$	$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_8$	1, 2
	$\mathcal{C}_4 \times \mathcal{C}_4$	1
$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_6$	$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_{12}$	1

Once this is done, we will solve a more delicate problem. We will compute, for a given  $G \in \Phi(1)$ , all the possibilities for  $\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}(2, G)$  that actually appear. That is, the full set:

$$\mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{Q}}(2, G) = \{S_1, \dots, S_n\}$$

satisfying, for all  $i = 1, \dots, n$ , that

$$S_i = [H_1, \dots, H_m]$$

is a list, with  $H_j \in \Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}(2, G) \setminus \{G\}$ , and there exists an elliptic curve  $E_i$  defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$  such that:

- $E_i(\mathbb{Q})_{\text{tors}} = G$ ,
- there are quadratic fields  $K_1, \dots, K_m$  with  $E_i(K_j)_{\text{tors}} = H_j$ , for all  $j = 1, \dots, m$ ,
- $E_i(K)_{\text{tors}} = G$ , for any other quadratic extension  $K/\mathbb{Q}$ .

Note that we are admitting the possibility of two (or more) of the  $H_j$  being identical. We describe explicitly  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{Q}}(2, G)$  in Theorem 3.

**Theorem 3** *Let be  $G \in \Phi(1)$  such that  $\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}(2, G) \neq \{G\}$ . Then:*

$G$	$\mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{Q}}(2, G)$
$\mathcal{C}_1$	$\mathcal{C}_3$ $\mathcal{C}_5$ $\mathcal{C}_7$ $\mathcal{C}_9$ $\mathcal{C}_3, \mathcal{C}_3$ $\mathcal{C}_3, \mathcal{C}_5$
$\mathcal{C}_2$	$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_2$ $\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_6$ $\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_{10}$ $\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_2, \mathcal{C}_6$ $\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_2, \mathcal{C}_{10}$ $\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_6, \mathcal{C}_6$ $\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_2, \mathcal{C}_4, \mathcal{C}_4$ $\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_2, \mathcal{C}_6, \mathcal{C}_6$ $\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_2, \mathcal{C}_8, \mathcal{C}_8$ $\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_2, \mathcal{C}_4, \mathcal{C}_8$ $\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_2, \mathcal{C}_4, \mathcal{C}_{12}$ $\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_2, \mathcal{C}_4, \mathcal{C}_{16}$ $\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_6, \mathcal{C}_4, \mathcal{C}_4$ $\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_2, \mathcal{C}_4, \mathcal{C}_4, \mathcal{C}_6$
$\mathcal{C}_3$	$\mathcal{C}_{15}$ $\mathcal{C}_3 \times \mathcal{C}_3$
$\mathcal{C}_4$	$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_4$ $\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_8$ $\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_{12}$ $\mathcal{C}_4 \times \mathcal{C}_4$ $\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_4, \mathcal{C}_{12}$ $\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_4, \mathcal{C}_8, \mathcal{C}_8$ $\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_8, \mathcal{C}_8, \mathcal{C}_8$

(continued)	
$\mathcal{C}_5$	$\mathcal{C}_{15}$
$\mathcal{C}_6$	$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_6$ $\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_6, \mathcal{C}_3 \times \mathcal{C}_6$ $\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_6, \mathcal{C}_{12}, \mathcal{C}_{12}$
$\mathcal{C}_8$	$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_8$ $\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_8, \mathcal{C}_{16}, \mathcal{C}_{16}$
$\mathcal{C}_{10}$	$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_{10}$
$\mathcal{C}_{12}$	$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_{12}$
$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_2$	$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_4$ $\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_6$ $\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_8$ $\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_{12}$ $\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_4, \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_4$ $\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_4, \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_6$ $\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_4, \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_8$ $\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_4, \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_4, \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_4$ $\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_4, \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_4, \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_8$
$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_4$	$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_8$ $\mathcal{C}_4 \times \mathcal{C}_4$ $\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_8, \mathcal{C}_4 \times \mathcal{C}_4$ $\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_8, \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_8$ $\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_8, \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_8, \mathcal{C}_4 \times \mathcal{C}_4$
$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_6$	$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_{12}$

In particular, we obtain the following corollary:

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

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

We would like to mention this last result has also been proved independently by Najman [19]. His proof uses a very different kind of argument and, in particular, Theorems 2 and 3 do not follow from his results.

## 2 Some technical results

Aside from the above main results, a number of auxiliary results are needed for our arguments.

We already mentioned this result by Fujita:

**Theorem 5** [5, Theorem 2] *Let  $E$  be an elliptic curve over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Then, the torsion subgroup  $E(\mathbb{Q}(2^\infty))_{\text{tors}}$  is isomorphic to one of the following 20 groups:*

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{C}_N & \quad \text{for } N = 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 15; \\ \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_{2N} & \quad \text{for } N = 1, \dots, 6, 8; \\ \mathcal{C}_4 \times \mathcal{C}_{4N} & \quad \text{for } N = 1, \dots, 4; \\ \mathcal{C}_{2N} \times \mathcal{C}_{2N} & \quad \text{for } N = 3, 4; \\ \mathcal{C}_3 \times \mathcal{C}_3. & \end{aligned}$$

In the same paper one can find the following useful result:

**Proposition 6** [5, Proposition 11] *Let  $E$  be an elliptic curve over  $\mathbb{Q}$  such that  $E(\mathbb{Q})_{\text{tors}}$  is cyclic. Then  $\mathcal{C}_8 \times \mathcal{C}_8 \not\subseteq E(\mathbb{Q}(2^\infty))_{\text{tors}}$ .*

A classical result which could be found, for instance, in [20, Corollary 8.1.1] is the following:

**Proposition 7** *Let  $E$  be an elliptic curve over a number field  $L$ . If  $\mathcal{C}_m \times \mathcal{C}_m = E[m] \leq E(L)$ , then  $L$  contains the cyclotomic field generated by the  $m$ -th roots of unity.*

In another paper by Fujita [4], the following two results can be found:

**Theorem 8** [4, Theorem 1] *Let  $E$  be an elliptic curve over  $\mathbb{Q}$  such that  $E(\mathbb{Q})_{\text{tors}}$  is non-cyclic.*

- *If  $E(\mathbb{Q})_{\text{tors}} = \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_8$ , then  $E(\mathbb{Q}(2^\infty))_{\text{tors}} = \mathcal{C}_4 \times \mathcal{C}_{16}$ .*
- *If  $E(\mathbb{Q})_{\text{tors}} = \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_6$ , then  $E(\mathbb{Q}(2^\infty))_{\text{tors}} = \mathcal{C}_4 \times \mathcal{C}_{12}$ .*
- *If  $E(\mathbb{Q})_{\text{tors}} = \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_4$ , then  $E(\mathbb{Q}(2^\infty))_{\text{tors}} \in \{\mathcal{C}_4 \times \mathcal{C}_8, \mathcal{C}_8 \times \mathcal{C}_8\}$ .*
- *If  $E(\mathbb{Q})_{\text{tors}} = \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_2$ , then  $E(\mathbb{Q}(2^\infty))_{\text{tors}} \in \{\mathcal{C}_4 \times \mathcal{C}_4, \mathcal{C}_4 \times \mathcal{C}_8, \mathcal{C}_8 \times \mathcal{C}_8, \mathcal{C}_4 \times \mathcal{C}_{12}, \mathcal{C}_4 \times \mathcal{C}_{16}\}$ .*

**Proposition 9** [4, Final remark] *The minimal  $d$  for which the following groups can be realized as  $E(L_d)_{\text{tors}}$  with some elliptic curve  $E$  defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$ , having non-cyclic rational torsion, and some polyquadratic field  $L_d$  with  $[L_d : \mathbb{Q}] = 2^d$ , is:*

1.  $d = 4$  for  $\mathcal{C}_4 \times \mathcal{C}_{16}$ .
2.  $d = 3$  for  $\mathcal{C}_4 \times \mathcal{C}_{12}$ .
3.  $d = 4$  for  $\mathcal{C}_8 \times \mathcal{C}_8$ .
4. For all other types, we have  $d = 2$ .

### 3 On 2-divisibility

In this section we are going to use two methods that allow us to decide when there exists a point (or where to look for it) which divides by two a given point of some order. The first method is classical in the literature of elliptic curves [12, Theorem 4.2]. It allows us to decide if a point defined over a number field  $L$  containing  $\mathbb{Q}(E[2])$  is half a point over  $L$  too.

**Lemma 10** *Let  $E$  be an elliptic curve defined over a number field  $L$  given by*

$$E : Y^2 = (X - \alpha)(X - \beta)(X - \gamma),$$

*with  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in L$ . For  $P = (x_0, y_0) \in E(L)$ , there exists  $Q \in E(L)$  such that  $2Q = P$  if and only if  $x_0 - \alpha, x_0 - \beta$  and  $x_0 - \gamma$  are all squares in  $L$ .*

For our concerns, this will apply specifically to the following situation:

**Proposition 11** *Assume we have an elliptic curve*

$$E : Y^2 = X(X - A)(X - B), \quad A, B \in \mathbb{Q}$$

and  $C_2 \times C_2 \leq E(\mathbb{Q})_{\text{tors}}$  and there are no points of order 4 in  $E(\mathbb{Q})$ . Then, there are 1, 2 or 3 quadratic fields  $K$  with  $C_2 \times C_4 \leq E(K)_{\text{tors}}$ . All three cases can appear:

*Proof* Assume that the elliptic curve has  $C_2 \times C_4 \leq E(K)_{\text{tors}}$ , with  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{D})$ . Let us first assume that the point who gets divided by two is  $(0, 0)$ . That is, there is a certain  $Q \in E(K)$  such that  $2Q = (0, 0)$ . By the previous lemma 0,  $-A$ ,  $-B$  are then squares in  $K$ . This amounts to the existence of  $a, b \in \mathbb{Q}$  such that one of the mutually exclusive pairs of equalities holds:

$$\{-A = a^2D, -B = b^2\} \quad \text{or} \quad \{-A = a^2, -B = b^2D\} \quad \text{or} \quad \{-A = a^2D, -B = b^2D\}.$$

Of these cases, there is only one possible squarefree  $D$  satisfying the conditions. The same goes if the divided point is  $(A, 0)$  (change  $\{A, B\}$  for  $\{A, A - B\}$ ) and if it is  $(B, 0)$ . All in all there can be 1, 2 or 3 quadratic extensions where the torsion contains  $C_2 \times C_4$ .

In Table 1 (see the appendix for an explanation of the table) one can find an example for each of the three circumstances. □

The second technique is taken from Jeon et al. [9]. This method allows to find, given a point defined over a number field  $F$ , an extension  $L/F$  and a point defined over  $L$  such that it is half of the given point.

**Proposition 12** *Let  $E$  be an elliptic curve defined over a number field  $F$  given by the Weierstrass equation:*

$$E : Y^2 = X^3 + AX^2 + BX + y_0^2,$$

and  $P = (0, y_0) \in E(F)$ . Let  $\alpha$  be a root of the quartic polynomial

$$q(x) = x^4 - 2Ax^2 - 8y_0x + A^2 - 4B.$$

Then the point  $Q = ((\alpha^2 - A)/2, \alpha(\alpha^2 - A)/2 - y_0) \in E(L)$ , where  $L = F(\alpha)$ , and  $2Q = P$ .

It is not difficult to check that the elliptic curve  $E$  and the one defined by the quartic polynomial  $q(x)$ ,  $v^2 = q(u)$ , are isomorphic over  $F$ . Then, thanks to [6, Appendix A.2], we know that  $q(x)$  splits over a quadratic extension of  $F$  for each 2-torsion point of  $E$  defined over  $F$ .

We will apply this procedure to points of even order  $N$ . Note that if  $E(\mathbb{Q})_{\text{tors}}$  is cyclic and  $P, P'$  are two generators of this cyclic group, then if there exist a number field  $L$  and a point  $Q \in E(L)$  with  $2Q = P$ , then there must also be some  $Q' \in E(L)$  with  $2Q' = P'$ . That is, the 2-divisibility holds for either all generators or for none of them.

### 3.1 The case $N = 2$

**Lemma 13** *Let*

$$E : Y^2 = X(X^2 + AX + B)$$

be an elliptic curve defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$  with  $E(\mathbb{Q})_{\text{tors}} = C_2$ . Then, there exists a quadratic field  $K$  with  $C_4 \leq E(K)_{\text{tors}}$  if and only if  $B = s^2$  for some  $s \in \mathbb{Q}$ .

Moreover,  $K = K_{\pm} := \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{A \pm 2s})$  in this situation and  $K_+ \neq K_-$ .



*Proof* Using Proposition 12, with the point  $(0, 0)$ , we get the roots of the corresponding quartic polynomial  $q(x)$  which are

$$\pm\sqrt{A \pm 2\sqrt{B}}.$$

A necessary and sufficient condition then for a point  $Q$  to exist over a quadratic field, with  $2Q = (0, 0)$ , is  $B = s^2$  for a certain  $s \in \mathbb{Q}$ . Should this be the case,  $Q \in E(K)[4]$ , with  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{A \pm 2s})$ .

Please note that we have implicitly assumed that there are no points of order 2 in  $E(K')$  other than  $(0, 0)$  that could be divided by 2 over any quadratic field  $K'$ . In fact, this must always be the case, as from [7, Thm. 5 (ii)],  $G = C_2$  implies  $C_2 \times C_4 \not\leq E(K')_{\text{tors}}$  for any quadratic field  $K'$ .

Let us check  $K_+ \neq K_-$  for all  $s$ . Assume  $K_+ = K_-$ . Then,  $A^2 - 4s^2$  is a rational square. Therefore,  $X^2 + AX + s^2$  has two different rational roots. That is,  $C_2 \times C_2 \leq E(\mathbb{Q})$ , which is a contradiction.  $\square$

### 3.2 The cases $N = 4, 6, 8$

Let  $N \geq 4$  be an integer. We are given a curve  $E$  defined over a number field  $L$  (for our purposes it will mostly be  $\mathbb{Q}$ , but the result is more general) and a point  $P \in E(L)$  of order  $N$ , and then we take the Tate normal form of  $E$ :

$$\mathcal{T}_{b,c} : Y^2 + (1-c)XY - bY = X^3 - bX^2,$$

where  $P = (0, 0)$ . Changing coordinates by means of

$$X \mapsto X, \quad Y \mapsto Y + \frac{c-1}{2}x + \frac{b}{2};$$

we obtain a Weierstrass model:

$$\mathcal{T}_{b,c} : Y^2 = X^3 + AX^2 + BX + C,$$

with

$$A = \frac{(c-1)^2 - 4b}{4}, \quad B = \frac{b(c-1)}{2}, \quad C = \frac{b^2}{4}.$$

In particular  $P = (0, -b/2)$ . Then the quartic polynomial  $q(x)$  which characterizes the existence of  $Q$  such that  $2Q = P$  (see Proposition 12) is now:

$$\begin{aligned} q(x) &= x^4 + \frac{1}{2}(-1 + 4b + 2c - c^2)x^2 + 4bx \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{16}(1 + 24b + 16b^2 - 4c - 16bc + 6c^2 - 8bc^2 - 4c^3 + c^4). \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

The Tate normal form also has an important feature, as it parametrizes the different curves defined over the rationals with a common torsion structure [8]. Precisely, if  $C_N \leq E(\mathbb{Q})$ , there exists  $t \in \mathbb{Q}$  such that  $E$  is  $\mathbb{Q}$ -isomorphic to  $\mathcal{T}_{b,c}$  where:

- $c = 0$  and  $b = t$  if  $N = 4$ ;
- $c = t$  and  $b = t^2 + t$  if  $N = 6$ ;
- $c = (2t - 1)(t - 1)/t$  and  $b = (2t - 1)(t - 1)$  if  $N = 8$ .

**Lemma 14** *Let  $E$  be an elliptic curve defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$  with  $E(\mathbb{Q})_{\text{tors}} = C_4$ . Let  $t \in \mathbb{Q}$  such that  $E$  is  $\mathbb{Q}$ -isomorphic to  $T_{t,0}$ . Then, there exists a quadratic field  $K$  with  $E(K)_{\text{tors}} = C_8$  if and only if  $t = -s^2$  for some  $s \in \mathbb{Q}$ .*

*Moreover,  $K = K_{\pm} := \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{1 \pm 4s})$  in this situation and  $K_+ \neq K_-$ .*

*Proof* In this case, the roots of the quartic polynomial given at (1) are

$$\sqrt{-t} \pm \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{1 + 4\sqrt{-t}}, \quad -\sqrt{-t} \pm \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{1 - 4\sqrt{-t}}.$$

A necessary and sufficient condition then for a point  $Q$  to exist over a quadratic field, with  $2Q = (0, 0)$ , is  $t = -s^2$  for a certain  $s \in \mathbb{Q}$ . Should this be the case,  $Q \in E(K_{\pm})[8]$ , with  $K_{\pm} = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{1 \pm 4s})$ .

As above, it must be  $(0, 0)$  the point in  $E[4]$  who gets divided by 2. If there were a non-rational point  $P \in E(K')$  of order 4 over some quadratic field  $K'$  such that there exists  $Q \in E(K')$  with  $2Q = P$ , then  $E(K')_{\text{tors}}$  must be a group with an element  $Q$  of order 8 which does not generate the whole group (it does not generate  $(0, 0)$  in particular), which contradicts our assumption  $E(K')_{\text{tors}} = C_8$ .

If  $K_+ = K_-$ , then  $(1 + 4s)(1 - 4s)$  is a rational square. Therefore,  $\Delta_E$  is a rational square. That is,  $C_2 \times C_2 \leq E(\mathbb{Q})$ , which is a contradiction.  $\square$

*Remark* Note that the assumption  $E(K)_{\text{tors}} = C_8$  is indeed necessary. Since if we relax this hypothesis to  $E(K)_{\text{tors}} \leq C_8$ , Lemma 14 is false: the elliptic curve 240d6 has torsion subgroup  $C_4$  (resp.  $C_2 \times C_8, C_8, C_8$ ) over  $\mathbb{Q}$  (resp.  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-1}), \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{6}), \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-6})$ ) (see Table 1).

**Lemma 15** *Let  $E$  be an elliptic curve defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$  with  $E(\mathbb{Q})_{\text{tors}} = C_6$ . Let  $t \in \mathbb{Q}$  such that  $E$  is  $\mathbb{Q}$ -isomorphic to  $T_{t^2+t,t}$ . Then, there exists a quadratic field  $K$  with  $C_{12} \leq E(K)_{\text{tors}}$  if and only if  $t = -s^2$  for some  $s \in \mathbb{Q}$ .*

*Moreover,  $K = K_{\pm} := \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{(1 \pm s)(1 \mp 3s)})$  in this situation and  $K_+ \neq K_-$ .*

*Proof* In this case, the roots of the polynomial given at (1) are

$$\sqrt{-t} \pm \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{(1+t)(1-4\sqrt{-t}-3t)}, \quad -\sqrt{-t} \pm \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{(1+t)(1+4\sqrt{-t}-3t)}.$$

A necessary and sufficient condition then for a point  $Q$  to exist over a quadratic field, with  $2Q = P$ , is  $t = -s^2$  for a certain  $s \in \mathbb{Q}$ . Should this be the case:  $Q \in E(K_{\pm})[12]$ , with  $K_{\pm} = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{(1 \pm s)(1 \mp 3s)})$ .

Again, the point in  $E[6]$  who gets divided by 2 must be rational. This time it is easier, as the only group in  $\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}(2, C_6)$  with elements of order 12 is precisely  $C_{12}$ , so the only two available points are  $(0, 0)$  and its inverse, which yield the same situation.

If  $K_+ = K_-$  for some  $s$ , there exists  $r \in \mathbb{Q}$  with

$$(1 + s)(1 - 3s) = r^2(1 - s)(1 + 3s).$$

That is to say, the equation

$$C : z^2 = (1 - s^2)(1 - 9s^2)$$

has a non-trivial rational solution,  $s \neq 0, \pm 1, \pm 1/3$  (these solutions correspond to Tate models which do not yield elliptic curves).  $C$  defines then an elliptic curve with at least 8 rational points: 6 trivial ones, and 2 more at infinity. But  $C$  is  $\mathbb{Q}$ -isomorphic to 24a1, whose Mordell group is  $C_2 \times C_4$ . Therefore, the affine points in  $C(\mathbb{Q})$  correspond to the trivial points.  $\square$

**Lemma 16** *Let  $E$  be an elliptic curve defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$  with  $E(\mathbb{Q})_{\text{tors}} = C_8$ . Let  $t \in \mathbb{Q}$  such that  $E$  is  $\mathbb{Q}$ -isomorphic to  $T_{(2t-1)(t-1), (2t-1)(t-1)/t}$ . Then, there exists a quadratic field  $K$  with  $C_{16} \leq E(K)_{\text{tors}}$  if and only if  $t = s^2/(s^2 + 1)$  for some  $s \in \mathbb{Q}$ .*

*Moreover,  $K = K_{\pm} := \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{(s^4 - 1)(-1 \pm 2s + s^2)})$  in this situation and  $K_+ \neq K_-$ .*

*Proof* In this case, the roots of the polynomial given at (1) are

$$\begin{aligned} & \sqrt{t(1-t)} \pm \frac{1}{2t} \sqrt{(1-2t)(1-6t+4t^2-4t\sqrt{t(1-t)})}, \\ & -\sqrt{t(1-t)} \pm \frac{1}{2t} \sqrt{(1-2t)(1-6t+4t^2-4t\sqrt{t(1-t)})}. \end{aligned}$$

A necessary and sufficient condition then for a point  $Q$  to exist over a quadratic field, with  $2Q = P$ , is  $t(1-t) = s^2$  for a certain  $s \in \mathbb{Q}$ . This equation is a genus zero curve again, parametrized by:

$$t = \frac{r^2}{r^2 + 1}, \quad s = \frac{r}{r^2 + 1},$$

for some  $r \in \mathbb{Q}$ . Should this be the case,  $Q \in E(K_{\pm})[12]$ , with

$$K_{\pm} = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{(r^4 - 1)(-1 \pm 2r + r^2)}).$$

Once more, the point in  $E[8]$  who gets divided by 2 must be rational, as the only group in  $\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}(2, C_8)$  with elements of order 16 is  $C_{16}$ .

Finally, let us check  $K_+ \neq K_-$  for all  $s$ . If not, there is some  $r \in \mathbb{Q}$  with

$$(s^4 - 1)(-1 + 2s + s^2) = r^2(s^4 - 1)(-1 - 2s + s^2)$$

for a certain  $s$ . That implies the equation

$$C : z^2 = (-1 + 2s + s^2)(-1 - 2s + s^2)$$

has a non-trivial rational solution (non-trivial meaning  $s \neq 0$ ), as the trivial solutions match the Tate models which do not yield elliptic curves.  $C$  defines an elliptic curve with at least 4 rational points (2 trivial, 2 at infinity), but in fact it is isomorphic to the curve 32a2 whose Mordell group is  $C_2 \times C_2$ . Hence the affine points in  $C(\mathbb{Q})$  are just the trivial points and we are done. □

## 4 Proof of Theorem 2

For a given  $G \in \Phi(1)$  and  $H \in \Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}(2, G)$ , we calculate the number  $h$  of possible quadratic fields  $K$  such that, for a given rational elliptic curve  $E$  with  $E(\mathbb{Q})_{\text{tors}} = G$ , we have  $E(K)_{\text{tors}} = H$ .

### 4.1 The cyclic case

- Clearly, if  $H = C_2 \times C_{2m}$  for some integer  $m$ , this can only happen over the quadratic field  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{\Delta_E})$ . Note that  $K$  is actually always a quadratic extension, as  $\mathbb{Q}(E[2]) \neq \mathbb{Q}$ . This rules out the cases:

- $G = C_2, H = C_2 \times C_{2m}$ , with  $m = 1, 3, 5$ ;
- $G = C_4, H = C_2 \times C_{4m}$ , with  $m = 1, 2, 3$ ;
- $G = C_r, H = C_2 \times C_r$ , with  $r = 6, 8, 10, 12$ .

- Assume  $G = C_2$  and  $H \leq C_{4n}$ . Lemma 13 shows that there can be 1 or 2 quadratic fields in which this situation holds. When  $H = C_4, C_8$  in fact both things can happen (see examples in Table 1 at the appendix). However, for the remaining cases, the situation can only hold in one quadratic field. Let us do with a little detail the case  $H = C_{12}$ , as the case  $H = C_{16}$  is analogous. So we are assuming  $G = C_2$  and  $H = C_{12}$  for two different quadratic fields. Then, as we also have a quadratic field where the full 2-torsion appears,  $C_6 \times C_{12}$  should be a subgroup of one of the groups in  $\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}(2^{\infty})$ , and that is not possible from Theorem 5.
- If  $G = C_{2n}$  and  $H = C_{4n}$  for  $n = 2, 3, 4$ , Lemmas 14, 15, 16 (respectively) show that there are exactly two quadratic fields where the appropriate torsion extension occurs.
- If  $H = C_4 \times C_4$  (resp.  $H = C_3 \times C_{3n}, n = 1, 2$ ) the quadratic field must be  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-1})$  (resp.  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-3})$ ) by 7. This proves the cases
  - $G = C_4, H = C_4 \times C_4$ ;
  - $G = C_3, H = C_3 \times C_3$ ;
  - $G = C_6, H = C_3 \times C_6$ .
- For any given  $G = C_n, H = G \times C_m$  with  $\gcd(n, m) = 1$  can appear at most twice, since  $E[m] = C_m \times C_m$ . More precisely, if  $m = 5, 7, 9$  then only one quadratic field may extend the torsion in this way since, if there were two such quadratic fields, the cyclotomic field generated by the  $m$ -th roots of unity,  $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_m)$ , should be a subfield of the corresponding biquadratic case from Proposition 7, and that is not possible. This proves the cases:
  - $G = C_1, H = C_m$ , with  $m = 5, 7, 9$ ;
  - $G = C_2, H = C_{10}$ ;
  - $G = C_3, H = C_{15}$ .

Now if  $m = 3$  then  $H$  may appear once or twice. It actually happens twice in the following cases (see examples in Table 1 at the appendix):

- $G = C_1, H = C_3$ ;
- $G = C_2, H = C_6$ .
- There are only two cases remaining:  $G = C_n, H = C_{3n}$  for  $n = 4, 5$ . Only one quadratic field is possible in these instances. If there were two quadratic fields where  $H$  appears, then  $C_n \times C_3 \times C_3$  should be a subgroup of one of the groups in  $\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}(2^{\infty})$  for  $n = 4, 5$ ; and that is impossible from Theorem 5.

## 4.2 The non-cyclic case

Let  $E$  be an elliptic curve defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$  such that  $E(\mathbb{Q})_{\text{tors}} = G$  where  $G$  is the following:

- $G = C_2 \times C_2$ . If  $H = C_2 \times C_4$  there might be 1, 2 or 3 quadratic extensions, following Proposition 11 in the previous section.  
If  $H = C_2 \times C_{2n}$  with  $n = 3, 6$  appears in two different quadratic extensions, then there are two independent points of order 3 in  $\mathbb{Q}(2^{\infty})$ . As a result,  $C_6 \times C_6 \leq E(\mathbb{Q}(2^{\infty}))_{\text{tors}}$ , which contradicts Theorem 8.  
If  $H = C_2 \times C_8$  for two different quadratic extensions, we must have two different points of order 8. Let us call  $L$  the composition field of these two quadratic extensions. There are two groups in  $\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}(2^{\infty})$  with more than one element of order 8:  $C_4 \times C_8$  and  $C_8 \times C_8$ . But the first one is not our case: looking at the lattice of subgroups of  $C_4 \times C_8$  one can realize that both  $C_2 \times C_8$  have a common subgroup  $C_2 \times C_4$ , while the intersection (in our case) should only be  $G = C_2 \times C_2$ . This implies  $E(L)_{\text{tors}}$  had to be  $C_8 \times C_8$  and

Proposition 9 tells us that under these circumstances  $[L : \mathbb{Q}] \geq 16$ . Hence only one quadratic extension with  $H = \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_8$  can occur.

- $G = \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_4$ . As we mentioned above, if  $H = \mathcal{C}_4 \times \mathcal{C}_4$  the only possible extension is  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-1})/\mathbb{Q}$ .

When  $H = \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_8$  the first part of Lemma 14 can be applied verbatim and it shows that 1 or 2 extensions can appear (both things occur).

- $G = \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_6$ . The only group extension, by Theorem 1 is  $H = \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_{12}$ . Lemma 15 tells us (the first part) that either one or two relevant quadratic extensions may appear. Also, from Theorem 8 we know that  $E(\mathbb{Q}(2^\infty))_{\text{tors}} = \mathcal{C}_4 \times \mathcal{C}_{12}$ , and by Proposition 9 that  $E(L)_{\text{tors}} = \mathcal{C}_4 \times \mathcal{C}_{12}$  implies  $[L : \mathbb{Q}] \geq 8$ .

But, if there were two quadratic extensions,  $K_1, K_2$  with  $E(K_i)_{\text{tors}} = \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_{12}$ , let us write  $F$  the composite of  $K_1$  and  $K_2$  (in particular,  $[F : \mathbb{Q}] = 4$ ). Then clearly  $E(F)_{\text{tors}} = \mathcal{C}_4 \times \mathcal{C}_{12}$ , because it must be contained in  $E(\mathbb{Q}(2^\infty))_{\text{tors}}$  and it should be strictly bigger than both  $E(K_i)_{\text{tors}}$ .

This is a contradiction and therefore, only one quadratic extension  $K$  can appear with  $E(K)_{\text{tors}} = H = \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_{12}$ .

*Remark* These two last cases can also be found in [14], but the proofs there are longer, as we can take advantage of the many results which have appeared concerning this matter since (specially those in [4,5]).

## 5 Proof of Theorem 3

Now we are going to prove Theorem 3. For this purpose, for a given  $G \in \Phi(1)$  let us build a set  $\mathcal{S}(G)$  consisting of the groups  $H \in \Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}(2, G) \setminus \{G\}$ , repeated as many times as the number of possible quadratic fields where  $H$  appears in Theorem 2. Our task is checking, for any subset  $S \in \mathcal{S}(G)$  if  $S$  belongs to  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{Q}}(2, G)$  or not.

*Example* As

$$\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}(2, \mathcal{C}_1) = \{\mathcal{C}_1, \mathcal{C}_3, \mathcal{C}_5, \mathcal{C}_7, \mathcal{C}_9\}$$

and Theorem 2 tells us that two quadratic extensions can appear with torsion group  $\mathcal{C}_3$ , we have

$$\mathcal{S}(\mathcal{C}_1) = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} [\mathcal{C}_3]; [\mathcal{C}_5]; [\mathcal{C}_7]; [\mathcal{C}_9]; [\mathcal{C}_3, \mathcal{C}_3]; [\mathcal{C}_3, \mathcal{C}_5]; [\mathcal{C}_3, \mathcal{C}_7]; [\mathcal{C}_3, \mathcal{C}_9]; \\ [\mathcal{C}_5, \mathcal{C}_7]; [\mathcal{C}_5, \mathcal{C}_9]; [\mathcal{C}_7, \mathcal{C}_9]; [\mathcal{C}_3, \mathcal{C}_3, \mathcal{C}_5]; [\mathcal{C}_3, \mathcal{C}_3, \mathcal{C}_7]; [\mathcal{C}_3, \mathcal{C}_3, \mathcal{C}_9]; \\ [\mathcal{C}_3, \mathcal{C}_5, \mathcal{C}_7]; [\mathcal{C}_3, \mathcal{C}_5, \mathcal{C}_9]; [\mathcal{C}_3, \mathcal{C}_7, \mathcal{C}_9]; [\mathcal{C}_5, \mathcal{C}_7, \mathcal{C}_9]; [\mathcal{C}_3, \mathcal{C}_3, \mathcal{C}_5, \mathcal{C}_7]; \\ [\mathcal{C}_3, \mathcal{C}_3, \mathcal{C}_5, \mathcal{C}_9]; [\mathcal{C}_3, \mathcal{C}_3, \mathcal{C}_7, \mathcal{C}_9]; [\mathcal{C}_3, \mathcal{C}_5, \mathcal{C}_7, \mathcal{C}_9]; [\mathcal{C}_3, \mathcal{C}_3, \mathcal{C}_5, \mathcal{C}_7, \mathcal{C}_9] \end{array} \right\}.$$

Mind that at Table 1 we have (for all  $G \in \Phi(1)$ ) examples of elliptic curves over  $\mathbb{Q}$  satisfying the conditions in Theorem 3, for any  $S \in \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{Q}}(2, G)$ . Therefore, now we have to prove that there does not exist any other possible  $S \in \mathcal{S}(G)$ .

*Remark* Let be  $G \in \Phi(1)$  cyclic and of even order. Then, for any  $S \in \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{Q}}(2, G)$  there always exists a unique non-cyclic  $H \in S$ , the one corresponding to  $\mathbb{Q}(E[2])$  (a quadratic extension in this case), where  $E$  is the elliptic curve associated to  $S$ .

### 5.1 The groups $\mathcal{C}_7, \mathcal{C}_9, \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_8$

These are the easiest cases, since by Theorem 1 we have that these groups are stable under all quadratic extensions. Therefore, in these cases,

$$\mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{Q}}(2, G) = \emptyset.$$

### 5.2 The groups $\mathcal{C}_5, \mathcal{C}_{10}, \mathcal{C}_{12}, \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_6$

Using Theorem 2, these cases are almost as easy as the previous ones, since we have that  $S(G)$  has only one element and we have examples in Table 1 for any of those cases, we obtain that

$$\mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{Q}}(2, G) = S(G).$$

### 5.3 The group $\mathcal{C}_1$

Consider the groups in  $\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}(2, \mathcal{C}_1)$ . Mind that the intersection of two groups must be trivial in this case, hence we must look for (two or more) elements in  $\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}(2, \mathcal{C}_1)$ , other than  $\mathcal{C}_1$ , such that their product lies in  $\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}(2^{\infty})$ . From that, we easily deduce that

$$\mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{Q}}(2, \mathcal{C}_1) = \{[\mathcal{C}_3]; [\mathcal{C}_5]; [\mathcal{C}_7]; [\mathcal{C}_9]; [\mathcal{C}_3, \mathcal{C}_3]; [\mathcal{C}_3, \mathcal{C}_5]\}.$$

### 5.4 The group $\mathcal{C}_3$

From all cases in  $S(\mathcal{C}_3)$ , the only case to discard is  $S = [\mathcal{C}_3 \times \mathcal{C}_3, \mathcal{C}_{15}]$ . In that case,  $\mathcal{C}_3 \times \mathcal{C}_{15}$  should be a subgroup of some group in  $\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}(2^{\infty})$ . But this does not happen.

$$\mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{Q}}(2, \mathcal{C}_3) = \{[\mathcal{C}_3 \times \mathcal{C}_3]; [\mathcal{C}_{15}]\}.$$

### 5.5 The group $\mathcal{C}_8$

By the previous remark, Theorem 2 and Lemma 16 we have that the only possible subsets in  $S(\mathcal{C}_8)$  are  $[\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_8]$  and  $[\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_8, \mathcal{C}_{16}, \mathcal{C}_{16}]$ . Mind that  $\mathcal{C}_{16}$  appears twice or it does not appear at all, from Lemma 16. Since we have examples in Table 1 for those cases, we have proved:

$$\mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{Q}}(2, \mathcal{C}_8) = \{[\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_8]; [\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_8, \mathcal{C}_{16}, \mathcal{C}_{16}]\}.$$

### 5.6 The group $\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_4$

As previously, we have examples in Table 1 for any subset in  $S(\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_4)$ , which proves:

$$\mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{Q}}(2, \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_4) = \{[\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_8]; [\mathcal{C}_4 \times \mathcal{C}_4]; [\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_8, \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_8]; [\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_8, \mathcal{C}_4 \times \mathcal{C}_4];$$

$$[\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_8, \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_8, \mathcal{C}_4 \times \mathcal{C}_4]\}.$$

### 5.7 The group $\mathcal{C}_6$

From the examples in Table 1 the only case to discard is  $S = [\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_6, \mathcal{C}_3 \times \mathcal{C}_6, \mathcal{C}_{12}, \mathcal{C}_{12}]$  (as above, Lemma 15 implies that  $\mathcal{C}_{12}$  appears twice if it does). But if there exists an elliptic curve  $E$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$  such that over four quadratic fields has those torsion subgroups, then  $\mathcal{C}_3 \times \mathcal{C}_{12}$

is a subgroup of  $E(\mathbb{Q}(2^\infty))_{\text{tors}}$ . But no group of  $\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}(2^\infty)$  has such subgroups from Theorem 5. Therefore we have proved:

$$\mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{Q}}(2, C_6) = \left\{ [C_2 \times C_6]; [C_2 \times C_6, C_3 \times C_6]; [C_2 \times C_6, C_{12}, C_{12}] \right\}.$$

### 5.8 The group $C_4$

There must always be exactly one non-cyclic group, and Lemma 14 tells us that  $C_8$ , if it appears in a quadratic extension, then it appears in two quadratic extensions. So, a quick comparison between  $\mathcal{S}(C_4)$  and  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{Q}}(2, C_4)$  in Theorem 3 tells us that it suffices to prove two assertions.

First, there does not exist  $S \in \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{Q}}(2, C_4)$  such that one of the following facts happens:

- $H_1, H_2 \in S$  such that  $C_8 \leq H_1$  and  $C_{12} \leq H_2$ ;
- $H_1, H_2 \in S$  such that  $H_1 = H_2 = C_{12}$ .

Note that there does not exist  $H \in \Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}(2^\infty)$  with elements of order 8 and 12. This proves the first point. On the other hand,  $C_{12}$  cannot appear twice in an element in  $S$ , since that would imply there should exist  $H \in \Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}(2^\infty)$  with  $C_3 \times C_{12} \leq H$ . But that is impossible too from Theorem 5.

Second and last, we need to prove that if  $C_4 \times C_4 \in S$ , then  $S = [C_4 \times C_4]$ . That is, we have to discard the following elements in  $\mathcal{S}(C_4)$ :

$$[C_4 \times C_4, C_{12}], \quad [C_4 \times C_4, C_8, C_8].$$

Let us prove first  $[C_4 \times C_4, C_{12}] \notin \mathcal{S}(C_4)$ . Suppose that there exists an elliptic curve  $E$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$  and a squarefree integer  $D$  such that  $E(\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{D}))_{\text{tors}} = C_{12}$  and  $E(\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-1}))_{\text{tors}} = C_4 \times C_4$ . Let us denote by  $L = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{D}, \sqrt{-1})$ . In our situation  $C_6 \leq E_D(\mathbb{Q})_{\text{tors}}$  from [7, Cor. 4] and  $C_2 \times C_6 \leq E_D(\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-1}))_{\text{tors}}$ . Let  $t \in \mathbb{Q}$  be the relevant parameter in the Tate model of  $E_D$  (the one we recalled in Sect. 3.1). That is, we can find a  $\mathbb{Q}$ -isomorphism such that a model for  $E_D$  is:

$$Y^2 = (X - t) \left( X^2 - \frac{1}{4}(3t^2 + 2t - 1)X - \frac{t}{4}(t^2 + 2t + 1) \right).$$

Now, since  $C_2 \times C_2 < E_D(\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-1}))_{\text{tors}}$ , this means the discriminant of  $E_D$  is a square in  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-1})$  (and not in  $\mathbb{Q}$ ), which implies  $(1+t)(1+9t) = -r^2$  for some  $r \in \mathbb{Q}$ . Parametrizing this conic we obtain

$$t = -\frac{81m^2 + 1}{9(9m^2 + 1)}$$

for some  $m \in \mathbb{Q}$ . Taking this back to the equation above we have the points of order 2:  $(A \pm B\sqrt{-1}, 0), (t, 0)$  where

$$A = -\frac{4(1 + 36m^2 + 243m^4)}{27(1 + 9m^2)^3} \text{ and } B = -\frac{24(m + 9m^3)}{27(1 + 9m^2)^3}. \tag{2}$$

Using

$$E(\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{D}))_{\text{tors}} = C_{12}, \quad E(\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-1}))_{\text{tors}} = C_4 \times C_4,$$

we have  $E(L)_{\text{tors}} = C_4 \times C_{12}$  from Theorem 5. Therefore

$$E_D(L)_{\text{tors}} = C_4 \times C_{12},$$

since  $E$  and  $E_D$  are isomorphic over  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{D})$ . Let us prove that this is impossible. Assume that all the points of order 2 can be divided by two in  $L$ . In particular, there should exist  $\gamma \in L$  such that  $A \pm B\sqrt{-1} = \gamma^2$ . If

$$\gamma = a_0 + a_1\sqrt{-1} + a_2\sqrt{D} + a_3\sqrt{-D},$$

then it is a straightforward computation to check that a necessary condition is that  $\gamma = a + b\sqrt{-1}$  or  $\gamma = a\sqrt{D} + b\sqrt{-D}$  for some  $a, b \in \mathbb{Q}$ . Assuming that  $\gamma$  is of one of the forms above, the equality  $A \pm B\sqrt{-1} = \gamma^2$  holds if and only if  $A = (a^2 - b^2)r$  and  $B = 2abr$ , where  $r = 1$  or  $r = D$ . Solving this equations on the variables  $a$  and  $b$  and using the definition of  $A$  and  $B$  from (2) we obtain

$$a = \pm \frac{2m}{1 + 9m^2} \sqrt{\frac{2}{3r}} \left( 1 + 27m^2 \pm \sqrt{(1 + 9m^2)(1 + 81m^2)} \right)^{-\frac{1}{2}}.$$

Then a necessary condition for  $a \in \mathbb{Q}$  is that  $(1 + 9m^2)(1 + 81m^2) = s^2$  for some  $s \in \mathbb{Q}$ . This equation defines an elliptic curve (48a.1) over  $\mathbb{Q}$ , whose Mordell group is  $\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_2$ . But apart from the points at infinity, these points correspond to  $m = 0$ , and this value gives us a Tate model which does not yield an elliptic curve (it corresponds to  $t = -1/9$ ). This proves  $[\mathcal{C}_4 \times \mathcal{C}_4, \mathcal{C}_{12}] \notin \mathcal{S}(\mathcal{C}_4)$ .

Finally then, let us prove  $[\mathcal{C}_4 \times \mathcal{C}_4, \mathcal{C}_8, \mathcal{C}_8] \notin \mathcal{S}(\mathcal{C}_4)$ . That is, we have to prove that, if an elliptic curve  $E$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$  has  $E(\mathbb{Q})_{\text{tors}} = \mathcal{C}_4$  then there does not exist a squarefree integer  $D$  such that  $E(\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{D}))_{\text{tors}} = \mathcal{C}_8$  and  $E(\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-1}))_{\text{tors}} = \mathcal{C}_4 \times \mathcal{C}_4$ .

If  $\mathcal{C}_8 = E(K)_{\text{tors}}$  for some quadratic field  $K$  then  $t = -s^2$  for some  $s \in \mathbb{Q}$  from Lemma 14; where  $t$  is the relevant parameter in the Tate model of  $E$ . That is:

$$E : Y^2 = X^3 + \frac{1}{4} (1 + 4s^2) X^2 + \frac{s^2}{2} X + \frac{s^4}{4}.$$

As  $E(\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-1}))_{\text{tors}} = \mathcal{C}_4 \times \mathcal{C}_4$  it must have full 2-torsion over  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-1})$  and that means  $\Delta_E$  is a square in  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-1})$ . This implies  $1 - 16s^2$  is a square in  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-1})$  (and not in  $\mathbb{Q}$ ), and hence we can write

$$1 - 16s^2 = -r^2,$$

for some  $r \in \mathbb{Q}$ . Parametrizing this conic we obtain

$$s = \frac{m^2 + 4m + 5}{4(m + 1)(m + 3)}, \quad r = \frac{2(2 + m)}{(m + 1)(m + 3)},$$

for some  $m \in \mathbb{Q}$ . Taking this back to the equation of  $E$  we find that the full 2-torsion is given by points  $(\alpha_i, 0)$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3$ , where

$$\alpha_1 = -\frac{(m + 2 + \sqrt{-1})^2}{8(m + 1)(m + 3)}, \quad \alpha_2 = -\frac{(m + 2 - \sqrt{-1})^2}{8(m + 1)(m + 3)}, \quad \alpha_3 = -\frac{(5 + 4m + m^2)^2}{16(m + 1)^2(m + 3)^2}.$$

As  $E(\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-1}))_{\text{tors}} = \mathcal{C}_4 \times \mathcal{C}_4$ , all these points can be halved in  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-1})$ , so, by Lemma 13,  $\alpha_i - \alpha_j$  must be a square in  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-1})$  for all  $i, j \in \{1, 2, 3\}$ . In particular

$$\alpha_1 - \alpha_2 = -\frac{(m + 2)}{2(m + 1)(m + 3)} \sqrt{-1}.$$



That is  $\alpha_1 - \alpha_2 = r\sqrt{-1}$  where  $r \in \mathbb{Q}$ . So, if  $\alpha_1 - \alpha_2 = \beta^2$  for some  $\beta = a + b\sqrt{-1} \in \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-1})$ , it must be  $b = \pm a$ , and  $\beta = a \pm a\sqrt{-1}$ . Then

$$-\frac{(m+2)}{2(m+1)(m+3)} = \pm 2a^2,$$

otherwise said,

$$(m+1)(m+2)(m+3) = \pm z^2,$$

for some  $z \in \mathbb{Q}$ . These two equations define elliptic curves over  $\mathbb{Q}$  and in fact both are isomorphic to  $32a2$ , whose Mordell group is  $C_2 \times C_2$ . So, the only available solutions are the trivial ones ( $z = 0$ ) given by  $m = -1, -2, -3$ . But  $m = -1, -3$  are not available in the parametrization above (as they divide the numerator of  $s$ ), while  $m = -2$  gives us a Tate model which does not yield an elliptic curve (it corresponds to  $t = -1/16$ ).

Therefore we have proved:

$$\mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{Q}}(2, C_4) = \left\{ [C_2 \times C_4]; [C_2 \times C_8]; [C_2 \times C_{12}], [C_4 \times C_4]; [C_2 \times C_4, C_{12}]; [C_2 \times C_4, C_8, C_8]; [C_2 \times C_8, C_8, C_8] \right\}.$$

### 5.9 The group $C_2 \times C_2$

As before, a comparison between  $S(C_2 \times C_2)$  and  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{Q}}(2, C_2 \times C_2)$  (shown in Table 1 at the appendix) tells us that the proof for this case amounts to proving that, for any  $S \in S(C_2 \times C_2)$ :

1. If  $C_2 \times C_{12} \in S$ , then  $S = [C_2 \times C_{12}]$ : Suppose that there exists another  $H \in \Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}(2, C_2 \times C_2)$  such that  $H \in S$ . Then there exists an elliptic curve defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$  and two squarefree integers  $D, D'$  such that  $E(\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{D}))_{\text{tors}} = C_2 \times C_{12}$  and  $E(\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{D'}))_{\text{tors}} = H$ .
  - Suppose that  $H = C_2 \times C_4$ . Then there is a point of order 12 and a point of order 4 in different fields, and therefore they generate different rational points of order 4. That implies we may have  $C_4 \times C_{12}$  over the biquadratic field  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{D}, \sqrt{D'})$ , but Proposition 9 tells us that this group can only appear at degree  $2^3$  or larger.
  - Suppose that  $H = C_2 \times C_6$ . Then we would have  $C_6 \times C_6 \leq E(\mathbb{Q}(2^\infty))_{\text{tors}}$ . This contradicts Theorem 8.
  - Finally, assume that  $H = C_2 \times C_8$ . Then  $C_8 \times C_{12} \leq E(\mathbb{Q}(2^\infty))_{\text{tors}}$ . This again contradicts Theorem 8.
2.  $[C_2 \times C_6, C_2 \times C_8] \notin S$ . Were this the case we would have  $C_6 \times C_8 \leq E(\mathbb{Q}(2^\infty))_{\text{tors}}$  which is not possible (Theorem 8).
3.  $S \neq [C_2 \times C_6, C_2 \times C_4, C_2 \times C_4]$ . We will not give full details here, as they are similar to those in the previous subsection. Let  $E$  be an elliptic curve defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$  such that  $E(\mathbb{Q})_{\text{tors}} = C_2 \times C_2$  and there exist three squarefree integers  $D_1, D_2, D$  such that

$$E(\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{D_i}))_{\text{tors}} = C_2 \times C_4 \text{ for } i = 1, 2, \\ E(\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{D}))_{\text{tors}} = C_2 \times C_6.$$

We are going to prove that this is impossible. In other words,  $C_4 \times C_{12} \leq E(L)_{\text{tors}}$  is not possible for any triquadratic field  $L$ . This is equivalent to the same statement, but for the elliptic curve  $E_D$ , since  $E$  and  $E_D$  are isomorphic over  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{D})$ . For this purpose, we are going to use the general curve with torsion  $C_2 \times C_6$  by Kubert [13] in the form given by

Elkies [3]:

$$E' : Y^2 = (X + t^2) (X + (t + 1)^2) (X + (t^2 + t)^2)$$

with 3-torsion points at  $X = 0$ . Now mind that, if the curve  $Y^2 = X(X^2 + aX + b)$  has a 4-torsion point  $T$  such that  $2T = (0, 0)$ , then the first coordinate of  $T$  is a square root of  $b$ . For  $E'$ , there are three choices of  $b$ , all equivalent. This is because, projectively,  $E'$  can be written as

$$Y^2 = (X + (tu)^2) (X + (tv)^2) (X + (uv)^2)$$

with  $t + u + v = 0$ . In our case the three possible  $b$ 's are:

$$t^3(2+t)(1+2t), -(-1+t)(1+t)^3(1+2t), (-1+t)t^3(1+t)^3(2+t).$$

Once  $E_D$  has full 4-torsion over some number field  $L$  then  $L$  must contain  $\sqrt{-1}$  from Proposition 7; so there are really only two other square roots that one needs to specify to determine the triquadratic field. If two of the  $b$ 's yield points defined over the same quadratic field then either one of these  $b$ 's is a square or two of them multiply to a square. But this is already enough because each possibility yields an elliptic curve of rank zero (24a1 and 48a1) and the torsion points on both curves correspond to singular curves in the equation  $E'$ .

4. If  $[\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_4, \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_4, \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_4] \subset S$ , then  $S = [\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_4, \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_4, \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_4]$ . A group  $\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_6$  cannot appear in  $S$  from the argument above. And  $\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_8$  cannot appear either because there would be a point of order 8 in a quadratic extension, coming from halving a point of order 4, but we have already obtained all possible quadratic extension where the torsion grows (3, in fact, from Proposition 11). All the remaining cases do happen, as shown in Table 1. Therefore we have proved:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{Q}}(2, \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_2) = & \left\{ [\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_4]; [\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_6]; [\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_8]; [\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_{12}]; \right. \\ & [\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_4, \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_4]; [\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_4, \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_6]; [\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_4, \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_8]; \\ & \left. [\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_4, \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_4, \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_4]; [\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_4, \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_4, \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_8] \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

### 5.10 The group $\mathcal{C}_2$

Some quick remarks on  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{Q}}(2, \mathcal{C}_2)$  beforehand:

First, no element of  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{Q}}(2, \mathcal{C}_2)$  can contain both  $\mathcal{C}_{10}$  (or  $\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_{10}$ ) and  $\mathcal{C}_m$  with some  $m \geq 4$ . The reason for this is that no element in  $\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}(2^\infty)$  has points of order 10 and points of order  $m$ . This, together with the remark at the beginning of the section, shows that:

- $\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_{10}$  can only appear in an element of  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{Q}}(2, \mathcal{C}_2)$  as  $[\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_{10}]$ .
- $\mathcal{C}_{10}$  can only appear as  $[\mathcal{C}_{10}, \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_2]$ .

Second, there are some pairs which cannot appear together in an element of  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{Q}}(2, \mathcal{C}_2)$ :

- $\mathcal{C}_6$  (or  $\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_6$ ) and  $\mathcal{C}_8$ , as there is no  $H \in \Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}(2^\infty)$  with points of order 6 and points of order 8.
- $\mathcal{C}_8$  and  $\mathcal{C}_{16}$ . Assume  $\mathcal{C}_8 = \langle P \rangle$  and  $\mathcal{C}_{16} = \langle Q \rangle$  are the torsion subgroups in two different quadratic extensions. Consider the group homomorphism

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi : \mathcal{C}_8 \times \mathcal{C}_{16} &\longrightarrow E(\mathbb{Q}(2^\infty)) \\ (nP, mQ) &\longmapsto nP + mQ \end{aligned}$$

which verifies  $\ker(\varphi) = \langle (4P, 8Q) \rangle$ , as the rational point of order 2 is the only one who has its inverse in both quadratic extensions. So  $E(\mathbb{Q}(2^\infty))_{\text{tors}}$  contains a group of 64 elements with (at least) an element of order 8 and no elements of order 16. From Theorem 5 this would imply there exists an elliptic curve  $E$  defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$  such that  $E(\mathbb{Q})_{\text{tors}} = C_2$  and  $C_8 \times C_8 \leq E(\mathbb{Q}(2^\infty))_{\text{tors}}$  and this contradicts Proposition 6.

Another important remark here is the following: let  $E$  be an elliptic curve defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$  such that there is a quadratic extension  $K/\mathbb{Q}$  with  $C_n = E(K)_{\text{tors}}$ , and  $4|n$ , then there must be another quadratic extension  $K'/\mathbb{Q}$  with  $C_m = E(K')_{\text{tors}}$  with  $4|m$ . Moreover, there are no more extensions where the torsion grows, apart from the splitting field of  $X^3 + AX + B$  which gives a non-cyclic torsion group. This can be deduced from Lemma 13 as there are either 2 or no quadratic extension where one can get points of order 4 and, therefore, groups  $C_n$  and  $C_m$  with  $n, m \in 4\mathbb{Z}$ . The following pairs may then appear:

$$\{C_4, C_4\}, \{C_4, C_8\}, \{C_4, C_{12}\}, \{C_4, C_{16}\}, \{C_8, C_8\}, \{C_8, C_{12}\}, \{C_8, C_{16}\}, \{C_{12}, C_{16}\},$$

although the last three ones can already be ruled out from the arguments above.

Let us then construct the elements  $S \in \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{Q}}(2, C_2)$  in ascending order of  $\#S$ :

- $\#S = 1$ : In this case  $S \in \{[C_2 \times C_2], [C_2 \times C_6], [C_2 \times C_{10}]\}$ . All of these cases can occur (see examples in Table 1).
- $\#S = 2$ : In Table 1 we can find examples of:

$$[C_2 \times C_2, C_6], [C_2 \times C_2, C_{10}], [C_2 \times C_6, C_6].$$

These are all the possibilities, from Theorem 1 and the previous remarks.

- $\#S = 3$  with  $C_2 \times C_2 \in S$ . We have example for all the possible cases (after taking into account the preliminary remarks), which are:

$$[C_2 \times C_2, C_4, C_4], [C_2 \times C_2, C_4, C_8], [C_2 \times C_2, C_4, C_{12}], \\ [C_2 \times C_2, C_4, C_{16}], [C_2 \times C_2, C_8, C_8], [C_2 \times C_2, C_6, C_6].$$

- $\#S = 3$  with  $C_2 \times C_6 \in S$ . We have examples for  $[C_2 \times C_6, C_4, C_4]$  and the rest can be ruled out. Precisely:

$$[C_2 \times C_6, C_4, C_8], [C_2 \times C_6, C_4, C_{16}], [C_2 \times C_6, C_8, C_8]$$

cannot appear because there is no  $H \in \Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}(2^\infty)$  with points of order 6 and points of order 8. Also

$$[C_2 \times C_6, C_4, C_{12}]$$

is not an option, as that would imply  $C_3 \times C_{12}$  is a subgroup of some  $H \in \Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}(2^\infty)$ . Finally,

$$[C_2 \times C_6, C_6, C_6]$$

is not an option. Were this the case, we would have three  $C_3$  subgroups (different pairwise, as they appear in different quadratic extensions) of some  $H \in \Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}(2^\infty)$ , which is not possible.

- $\#S = 4$  with  $C_2 \times C_2 \in S$ . We have examples (see Table 1 as usual) for

$$S = [C_2 \times C_2, C_4, C_4, C_6],$$

and the remaining possibilities do not happen, in a similar way as the previous case. In fact,

$$[\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_2, \mathcal{C}_4, \mathcal{C}_8, \mathcal{C}_6], [\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_2, \mathcal{C}_4, \mathcal{C}_{16}, \mathcal{C}_6], [\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_2, \mathcal{C}_8, \mathcal{C}_8, \mathcal{C}_6]$$

all have points of order 6 and points of order 8, while

$$[\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_2, \mathcal{C}_4, \mathcal{C}_{12}, \mathcal{C}_6],$$

would imply  $\mathcal{C}_3 \times \mathcal{C}_{12} \leq H$  for some group  $H \in \Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}(2^\infty)$ .

- $\#S = 4$  with  $\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_6 \in S$ . The only case would be  $S = [\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_6, \mathcal{C}_4, \mathcal{C}_4, \mathcal{C}_6]$  and in fact it does not occur, as it would imply  $\mathcal{C}_3 \times \mathcal{C}_{12}$  is a subgroup for a certain  $H \in \Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}(2^\infty)$ .
- $\#S = 5$ . The only possible case would be  $S = [\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_2, \mathcal{C}_4, \mathcal{C}_4, \mathcal{C}_6, \mathcal{C}_6]$ , which would imply, again,  $\mathcal{C}_3 \times \mathcal{C}_{12} \leq H$ , for some  $H \in \Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}(2^\infty)$ .

Therefore we have proved:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{Q}}(2, \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_2) = & \left\{ [\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_2]; [\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_6]; [\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_{10}]; [\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_2, \mathcal{C}_6]; [\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_2, \mathcal{C}_{10}]; \right. \\ & [\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_6, \mathcal{C}_6]; [\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_2, \mathcal{C}_4, \mathcal{C}_4]; [\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_2, \mathcal{C}_6, \mathcal{C}_6]; \\ & [\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_2, \mathcal{C}_8, \mathcal{C}_8]; [\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_2, \mathcal{C}_4, \mathcal{C}_8]; [\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_2, \mathcal{C}_4, \mathcal{C}_{12}]; \\ & \left. [\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_2, \mathcal{C}_4, \mathcal{C}_{16}]; [\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_6, \mathcal{C}_4, \mathcal{C}_4]; [\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_2, \mathcal{C}_4, \mathcal{C}_4, \mathcal{C}_6] \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

This finishes the proof of Theorem 3.

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### Appendix: Computations

Let  $G \in \Phi(1)$ ,  $S = [H_1, \dots, H_m] \in \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{Q}}(2, G)$ ,  $E$  an elliptic curve defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$  such that  $E(\mathbb{Q})_{\text{tors}} = G$  and let  $D_1, \dots, D_m \in \mathbb{Z}$ , squarefree, such that

$$E(\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{D_i}))_{\text{tors}} = H_i \quad \text{for } i = 1, \dots, m.$$

Let us write

$$F_S = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{D_1}, \dots, \sqrt{D_m}).$$

Table 1 shows an example of every possible situation, where at

- the first column is  $S$ ,
- the second column is  $S \in \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{Q}}(2, G)$ ,
- the third column is  $\#S$ ,
- the fourth column is  $E(F_S)_{\text{tors}}$ ,
- the fifth column is the degree of  $F_S$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$ ,
- the sixth column is the label of the elliptic curve  $E$  with minimal conductor satisfying the conditions above,
- the seventh column displays the  $D$ 's corresponding to the respective  $H$ 's in  $S$ .

**Table 1**  $h = \#S$  for  $S \in \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{Q}}(2, G)$ ,  $d = [F_S : \mathbb{Q}]$

$G$	$\mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{Q}}(2, G)$	$h$	$E(F_S)_{\text{tors}}$	$d$	label	$D'_s$
$\mathcal{C}_1$	$\mathcal{C}_3$	1	$\mathcal{C}_3$	2	19a2	-3
	$\mathcal{C}_5$	1	$\mathcal{C}_5$	2	75a2	5
	$\mathcal{C}_7$	1	$\mathcal{C}_7$	2	208d1	-1
	$\mathcal{C}_9$	1	$\mathcal{C}_9$	2	54a2	-3
	$\mathcal{C}_3, \mathcal{C}_3$	2	$\mathcal{C}_3 \times \mathcal{C}_3$	4	175b2	5, -15
	$\mathcal{C}_3, \mathcal{C}_5$	2	$\mathcal{C}_{15}$	4	50a4	-3, 5
$\mathcal{C}_2$	$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_2$	1	$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_2$	2	46a1	-23
	$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_6$	1	$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_6$	2	36a3	-3
	$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_{10}$	1	$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_{10}$	2	450a3	-15
	$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_2, \mathcal{C}_6$	2	$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_6$	4	14a3	-7, -3
	$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_2, \mathcal{C}_{10}$	2	$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_{10}$	4	150b3	-15, 5
	$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_6, \mathcal{C}_6$	2	$\mathcal{C}_6 \times \mathcal{C}_6$	4	98a3	-7, 21
	$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_2, \mathcal{C}_4, \mathcal{C}_4$	3	$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_4$	4	15a5	5, -1, -5
	$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_2, \mathcal{C}_4, \mathcal{C}_4$	3	$\mathcal{C}_4 \times \mathcal{C}_4$	4	64a4	-1, 2, -2
	$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_2, \mathcal{C}_8, \mathcal{C}_8$	3	$\mathcal{C}_4 \times \mathcal{C}_8$	4	2880r6	-1, 6, -6
	$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_2, \mathcal{C}_4, \mathcal{C}_8$	3	$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_8$	4	24a6	-2, 2, -1
	$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_2, \mathcal{C}_4, \mathcal{C}_{12}$	3	$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_{12}$	4	30a3	-15, 5, -3
	$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_2, \mathcal{C}_4, \mathcal{C}_{16}$	3	$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_{16}$	4	3150bk1	-7, 105, -15
	$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_6, \mathcal{C}_4, \mathcal{C}_4$	3	$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_{12}$	4	450g1	-15, -3, 5
	$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_2, \mathcal{C}_6, \mathcal{C}_6$	3	$\mathcal{C}_6 \times \mathcal{C}_6$	8	98a4	2, -7, 21
$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_2, \mathcal{C}_4, \mathcal{C}_4, \mathcal{C}_6$	4	$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_{12}$	8	30a7	10, -5, -2, -3	
$\mathcal{C}_3$	$\mathcal{C}_{15}$	1	$\mathcal{C}_{15}$	2	50a3	5
	$\mathcal{C}_3 \times \mathcal{C}_3$	1	$\mathcal{C}_3 \times \mathcal{C}_3$	2	19a1	-3
$\mathcal{C}_4$	$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_4$	1	$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_4$	2	17a1	-1
	$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_8$	1	$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_8$	2	192c6	-2
	$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_{12}$	1	$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_{12}$	2	150c3	-15
	$\mathcal{C}_4 \times \mathcal{C}_4$	1	$\mathcal{C}_4 \times \mathcal{C}_4$	2	40a4	-1
	$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_4, \mathcal{C}_{12}$	2	$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_{12}$	4	90c1	-15, -3
	$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_4, \mathcal{C}_8, \mathcal{C}_8$	2	$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_8$	4	15a7	15, 3, 5
	$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_8, \mathcal{C}_8, \mathcal{C}_8$	2	$\mathcal{C}_4 \times \mathcal{C}_8$	4	240d6	-1, 6, -6
$\mathcal{C}_5$	$\mathcal{C}_{15}$	1	$\mathcal{C}_{15}$	2	50b1	5
$\mathcal{C}_6$	$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_6$	1	$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_6$	2	14a4	-7
	$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_6, \mathcal{C}_3 \times \mathcal{C}_6$	2	$\mathcal{C}_6 \times \mathcal{C}_6$	4	14a1	-7, -3
	$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_6, \mathcal{C}_{12}, \mathcal{C}_{12}$	3	$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_{12}$	4	30a1	-15, -3, 5

*Remark* With the previous notation, we have computed for any curve in the Antwerp–Cremona tables [2]:  $G$ ,  $S$  and  $E(F_S)_{\text{tors}}$ . Interestingly, for a given  $S$ , the group  $E(F_S)_{\text{tors}}$  seem to be fully determined, except for the cases

$$G = \mathcal{C}_2; \quad S = [\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_2, \mathcal{C}_4, \mathcal{C}_4];$$

**Table 1** continued

$G$	$\mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{Q}}(2, G)$	$h$	$E(F_S)_{\text{tors}}$	$d$	label	$D's$
$\mathcal{C}_8$	$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_8$	1	$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_8$	2	15a4	-1
	$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_8, \mathcal{C}_{16}, \mathcal{C}_{16}$	3	$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_{16}$	4	210e1	-7, 105, -15
$\mathcal{C}_{10}$	$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_{10}$	1	$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_{10}$	2	66c1	33
$\mathcal{C}_{12}$	$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_{12}$	1	$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_{12}$	2	90c3	-15
$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_2$	$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_4$	1	$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_4$	2	33a1	-11
	$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_6$	1	$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_6$	2	30a6	-3
	$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_8$	1	$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_8$	2	63a2	-3
	$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_{12}$	1	$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_{12}$	2	960o6	6
	$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_4, \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_4$	2	$\mathcal{C}_4 \times \mathcal{C}_4$	4	17a2	17, -1
	$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_4, \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_4$	2	$\mathcal{C}_4 \times \mathcal{C}_8$	4	1200j4	-5, 5
	$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_4, \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_6$	2	$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_{12}$	4	90c2	6, -3
	$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_4, \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_8$	2	$\mathcal{C}_4 \times \mathcal{C}_8$	4	75b3	-5, 5
	$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_4, \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_4, \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_4$	3	$\mathcal{C}_4 \times \mathcal{C}_4$	4	15a2	-5, 5, -1
	$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_4, \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_4, \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_8$	3	$\mathcal{C}_4 \times \mathcal{C}_8$	4	510e5	-34, 34, -1
$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_4$	$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_8$	1	$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_8$	2	15a3	5
	$\mathcal{C}_4 \times \mathcal{C}_4$	1	$\mathcal{C}_4 \times \mathcal{C}_4$	2	195a3	-1
	$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_8, \mathcal{C}_4 \times \mathcal{C}_4$	2	$\mathcal{C}_4 \times \mathcal{C}_8$	4	15a1	5, -1
	$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_8, \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_8$	2	$\mathcal{C}_4 \times \mathcal{C}_8$	4	1230f2	41, -1
	$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_8, \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_8, \mathcal{C}_4 \times \mathcal{C}_4$	3	$\mathcal{C}_4 \times \mathcal{C}_8$	4	210e3	-6, 6, -1
$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_6$	$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_{12}$	1	$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_{12}$	2	90c6	6

$$G = \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_2; \quad S = [\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_4, \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_4]$$

where two different  $E(F_S)$  appear as we run through the entire set of curves in [2]. Given the amount of computations we have carried out, we think it is safe to conjecture that this is precisely the case.

*Remark* Comparing the results in Table 1 with the set  $\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}(2^\infty)$  we can conclude that the only groups in  $\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}(2^\infty)$  which do *not* appear if we consider the groups  $E(F_S)_{\text{tors}}$  are:

$$\mathcal{C}_4 \times \mathcal{C}_{12}, \quad \mathcal{C}_4 \times \mathcal{C}_{16}, \quad \mathcal{C}_8 \times \mathcal{C}_8.$$

These are, precisely, the groups discussed at Proposition 9. Our computations suggest that this is in fact the case, but we have not proved this in detail.

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