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# Torsion growth over cubic fields of rational elliptic curves with complex multiplication

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**Abstract.** This article is a contribution to the project of classifying the torsion growth of elliptic curves upon base-change. In this article, we treat the case of elliptic curves defined over the rationals with complex multiplication. For this particular case, we give a description of the possible torsion growth over cubic fields, and a completely explicit description of this growth in terms of some invariants attached to a given elliptic curve.

#### 1. Introduction

The arithmetic of elliptic curves is one of the most fascinating areas of arithmetic geometry. Let E be an elliptic curve defined over a number field K, then the Mordell–Weil Theorem asserts that the set of K-rational points on E, denoted by E(K), forms a finitely generated abelian group. The subgroup of points of finite order, denoted by  $E(K)_{\text{tors}}$ , is called the torsion subgroup, and it is well known that is isomorphic to  $C_n \times C_m$  for some positive integers n, m, where  $C_n = \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$  denotes the cyclic group of order n. Over the past several years, many people have been actively studying torsion subgroups of elliptic curves. Thanks to MEREL [25], it is known that given a positive integer d, the set  $\Phi(d)$  of possible groups (up to isomorphism) that can appear as the torsion subgroup  $E(K)_{\text{tors}}$ , where K runs through all number fields K of degree d and E runs through all

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elliptic curves over K, is finite. Only the cases d = 1 and d = 2 are known (by [24]; and [22]–[23], respectively). A few years ago, DERICKX, ETROPOLSKI, VAN HOEIJ, MORROW and ZUREICK-BROWN announced the solution of the case d = 3, but the results are still in preparation [8]. For d > 3, the problem remains open.

This paper focuses on a particular approach concerning torsion growth: we are interested in studying how the torsion subgroup of an elliptic curve defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$  changes when we consider the elliptic curve over a number field of degree d. We denote the set of possible groups, up to isomorphism, that can appear as the torsion subgroup over a number field of degree d, of an elliptic curve defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$  (resp. such that  $E(\mathbb{Q})_{\text{tors}} \simeq G$ ) by  $\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}(d)$  (resp.  $\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}(d,G)$ , where  $G \in \Phi(1)$  is fixed). Thanks to Merel's theorem on the boundedness of the torsion of elliptic curves, we know that for a given integer d, the set  $\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}(d)$  is finite.

Note that if E is an elliptic curve defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$ , and K a number field such that the torsion of E grows from  $\mathbb{Q}$  to K, then of course the torsion of E also grows from  $\mathbb{Q}$  to any extension of K. We say that the torsion growth over K is primitive if  $E(K')_{\text{tors}} \subsetneq E(K)_{\text{tors}}$  for any subfield  $K' \subsetneq K$ .

Given an elliptic curve E defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$  and a positive integer d, there is an obvious algorithm<sup>1</sup> that computes all the pairs (K, H) (up to isomorphism), where K is a number field of degree dividing d, E has primitive torsion growth over K, and  $E(K)_{\text{tors}} \simeq H$ . We denote the list formed by the groups H in the above computation by  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{Q}}(d, E)$ . Note that we are allowing the possibility of two (or more) of the torsion subgroups H being isomorphic if the corresponding number fields K are not isomorphic. Furthermore, the set  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{Q}}(d, E)$  is finite. We call the set  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{Q}}(d, E)$  the set of torsion configurations of degree d of the elliptic curve  $E/\mathbb{Q}$ . We let  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{Q}}(d)$  (resp.  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{Q}}(d, G)$ , where  $G \in \Phi(1)$  is fixed) denote the set of  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{Q}}(d, E)$  as E runs over all elliptic curves defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$  (resp. such that  $E(\mathbb{Q})_{\text{tors}} \simeq G$ ). Let  $h_{\mathbb{Q}}(d)$  denote the maximum cardinality of S when  $S \in \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{Q}}(d)$ . Then  $h_{\mathbb{Q}}(d)$  is the maximum number of field extensions of degree dividing d where there is primitive torsion growth.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>By Merel's theorem, there exists an effective bound B(d) such that  $\#E(K)_{\text{tors}} \leq B(d)$ . So to determine the number fields of degree d' dividing d where torsion grows, one checks whether there are any irreducible factor of degree d' of the  $p^n$ -division polynomial of E where  $p^n \leq B_d$ . We point out here that in practice this algorithm would not be very useful. For this reason, we have developed a fast algorithm usable in practice [17].

The sets  $\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}(d)$ ,  $\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}(d, G)$  and  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{Q}}(d, G)$ , for any  $G \in \Phi(1)$ , have been completely determined for d = 2, 3, 5, 7 and for any positive integer d whose prime divisors are greater than 7 (cf. [27], [19], [20], [18], [11] and [16]). The set  $\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}(4)$  is also known (see [4] and [16]), and the set  $\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}(6)$  has been studied in [7] and [21]. The other sets have been treated for d = 4 in [15], and d = 6 in [7].

We define  $\Phi^{\text{CM}}(d)$ ,  $\Phi^{\text{CM}}_{\mathbb{Q}}(d)$ ,  $\Phi^{\text{CM}}_{\mathbb{Q}}(d,G)$ ,  $\mathcal{H}^{\text{CM}}_{\mathbb{Q}}(d,G)$ , to be the sets analogue to the ones above, but restricted to elliptic curves with complex multiplication (CM).

The set  $\Phi^{\text{CM}}(1)$  was determined by OLSON [28]:

$$\Phi^{\mathrm{CM}}(1) = \{\mathcal{C}_1, \mathcal{C}_2, \mathcal{C}_3, \mathcal{C}_4, \mathcal{C}_6, \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_2\}.$$

To the best of the author's knowledge<sup>2</sup>, the first to classify the quadratic and cubic case was CLARK [5, Theorem 4], although this result appears in print for the first time in [6], where CLARK, CORN, RICE and STANKEWICZ computed the sets  $\Phi^{\text{CM}}(d)$ , for  $2 \leq d \leq 13$ . In particular, they show that

$$\Phi^{\rm CM}(3) = \Phi^{\rm CM}(1) \cup \{ C_9, C_{14} \}.$$

Moreover, BOURDON, CLARK and STANKEWICZ [2] determine  $\Phi^{\text{CM}}(p)$  for any prime p, and BOURDON and POLLACK [3] generalize to  $\Phi^{\text{CM}}(d)$  for all odd d, showing the answer explicitly for all odd d < 100.

In the present paper, our main results correspond to the study of torsion subgroups of elliptic curves with complex multiplication defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$  under base change to cubic fields:

Theorem 1.  $\Phi_{\mathbb{O}}^{\text{CM}}(3) = \Phi^{\text{CM}}(3)$ .

**Theorem 2.** Let be  $G \in \Phi^{CM}(1)$ .

• If  $G \in \{\mathcal{C}_4, \mathcal{C}_6, \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_2\}$ , then  $\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}^{CM}(3, G) = \{G\}$ . In particular,  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{Q}}^{CM}(3, G) = \emptyset$ .

• If  $G \in \{\mathcal{C}_1, \mathcal{C}_2, \mathcal{C}_3\}$ , then the sets  $\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}^{\mathrm{CM}}(3, G)$  and  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{Q}}^{\mathrm{CM}}(3, G)$  are the following:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>MÜLLER, STRÖHER and ZIMMER in [26]; and FUNG, MÜLLER, PETHŐ, STRÖHER, WEIS, WILLIAMS and ZIMMER in [10] and [29] determine all torsion subgroups of elliptic curves with algebraic integer *j*-invariant over quadratic and cubic fields respectively. Note that elliptic curves with CM form a subclass of elliptic curves with integral *j*-invariant. But they do not identify the CM case within this larger classification problem.

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G	$\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}^{\mathrm{CM}}\left(3,G ight)\setminus\left\{G ight\}$	$\mathcal{H}^{\mathrm{CM}}_{\mathbb{Q}}(3,G)$
		$\mathcal{C}_2$
$\mathcal{C}_1$	$\left\{\begin{array}{c} \left\{\begin{array}{c} \mathcal{C}_2, \mathcal{C}_3, \mathcal{C}_6 \right\} \\ \\ \left\{\begin{array}{c} \mathcal{C}_6 \\ \mathcal{C}_{14} \end{array}\right\} \end{array}\right.$	$\mathcal{C}_6$
		$\mathcal{C}_2,\mathcal{C}_3$
C		$\mathcal{C}_6$
$c_2$		$\mathcal{C}_{14}$
$\mathcal{C}_3$	$\begin{cases} C_{\alpha} & C_{\alpha} \end{cases}$	$\mathcal{C}_6$
	$\{c_6, c_9\}$	$\mathcal{C}_6,\mathcal{C}_9$

In particular,  $h_{\mathbb{Q}}^{\mathrm{CM}}(3) = 2$ .

*Remark 3.* Theorem 2 shows that there is no torsion growth to  $C_4$  or  $C_2 \times C_2$  over cubic fields.

Our aim in this paper is to go further and gather more detailed information about torsion growth in these cases. More precisely, once we have given a description of the possible torsion growth over cubic fields, we give a completely explicit description of this growth in terms of invariants attached to the elliptic curve in question. The case of quadratic growth is solved in [13]. In an ongoing paper [14], we will solve the problem for number fields of low degree.

**Theorem 4.** Table 1 gives an explicit description of torsion growth over cubic fields of any elliptic curve defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$  with CM depending only in its corresponding CM-invariants (see §2.4 for the definition).

Notation. Given a number field K and an elliptic curve  $E: y^2 = x^3 + Ax + B$ ,  $A, B \in K$ , we denote its *j*-invariant by j(E), the discriminant of that short Weierstrass model by  $\Delta(E)$ , and the torsion subgroup of the Mordell–Weil group of E over K by  $E(K)_{\text{tors}}$ . For a positive integer n, we denote by  $C_n = \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$  the cyclic group of order n.

# 2. Proof of the Theorems

**2.1. Preliminaries.** Let E be an elliptic curve, and n a positive integer. Denote by E[n] the set of points on E of order dividing n. The x-coordinates of the points on E[n] correspond to the roots of the n-division polynomial  $\Psi_n(x)$  of E (cf. [31, §3.2]). By abuse of notation, in this paper we use  $\Psi_n(x)$  to denote the primitive n-division polynomial of E, that is, the classical n-division polynomial divided by the m-division polynomials of E for proper factors m of n. Then  $\Psi_n(x)$  is

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cm	k such that $E = E_{\mathfrak{cm}}^k$	$G \simeq E(\mathbb{Q})_{\text{tors}}$	$\mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{Q}}(E,3)$	cubics $\mathbb{Q}(\alpha)$
	1	$\mathcal{C}_6$	_	_
	16		$\mathcal{C}_6, \mathcal{C}_9$	$\sqrt[3]{2}, \ \alpha^3 - 3\alpha - 1 = 0$
	-432	$\mathcal{C}_3$	$\mathcal{C}_6$	$\sqrt[3]{2}$
3	$r^2 \ (r \neq \pm 1, \pm 4)$		$\mathcal{C}_6$	$\sqrt[3]{k}$
	-27	Ca	$\mathcal{C}_6$	$\sqrt[3]{2}$
	$r^3 \ (r \neq 1, -3)$	$c_2$	_	_
	-108		$\mathcal{C}_6$	$\sqrt[3]{2}$
	$-3r^2 \ (r \neq \pm 6)$	$\mathcal{C}_1$	$\mathcal{C}_2, \mathcal{C}_3$	$\sqrt[3]{3r^2}, \sqrt[3]{12r^2}$
	$\neq r^2, r^3, -3r^2$		$\mathcal{C}_2$	$\sqrt[3]{k}$
	1	$\mathcal{C}_6$	_	_
12	-3	Ca	$\mathcal{C}_6$	$\sqrt[3]{2}$
	$\neq 1, -3$	$c_2$	_	_
	1	$\mathcal{C}_3$	$\mathcal{C}_6,\mathcal{C}_9$	$\sqrt[3]{2}, \ \alpha^3 - 3\alpha - 1 = 0$
27	-3	C.	$\mathcal{C}_2, \mathcal{C}_3$	$\sqrt[3]{2}, \sqrt[3]{3}$
	$\neq 1, -3$		$\mathcal{C}_2$	$\sqrt[3]{2}$
	4	$\mathcal{C}_4$	_	_
4	$-r^{2}$	$\mathcal{C}_2  imes \mathcal{C}_2$	_	_
	$\neq 4, -r^2$	$\mathcal{C}_2$	_	_
16	1,2	$\mathcal{C}_4$	_	_
10	$\neq 1, 2$	$\mathcal{C}_2$	_	_
7	-7	Ca	$\mathcal{C}_{14}$	$\alpha^3 + \alpha^2 - 2\alpha - 1 = 0$
	$\neq -7$	02	_	_
28	7	Ca	$\mathcal{C}_{14}$	$\alpha^3 + \alpha^2 - 2\alpha - 1 = 0$
28	$\neq 7$	02	_	_
8	_	$\mathcal{C}_2$	_	
11	_	$\mathcal{C}_1$	$\mathcal{C}_2$	$\alpha^3 - \alpha^2 + \alpha + 1 = 0$
19	_	$\mathcal{C}_1$	$\mathcal{C}_2$	$\alpha^3 - \alpha^2 + 3\alpha - 1 = 0$
43	-	$\mathcal{C}_1$	$\mathcal{C}_2$	$\alpha^3 - \alpha^2 - \alpha + 3 = 0$
67	-	$\mathcal{C}_1$	$\mathcal{C}_2$	$\alpha^3 - \alpha^2 - 3\alpha + 5 = 0$
163	-	$\mathcal{C}_1$	$\mathcal{C}_2$	$\alpha^3 - 8\alpha - 10 = 0$

Table 1. Explicit description of torsion growth over cubic fields of elliptic curves defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$  with complex multiplication.

characterized by the property that its roots are the x-coordinates of the points of exact order n of E. In particular, if  $E(\mathbb{Q})$  has no points of order n, then a necessary condition to have points of order n over a cubic field is that  $\Psi_n(x)$ has an irreducible factor of degree 3.

Let  $E: y^2 = x^3 + Ax + B$  be an elliptic curve defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$ , and  $d \in \mathbb{Q}$ square-free. The *d*-quadratic twist of *E* is defined by  $E^d: y^2 = x^3 + Ad^2x + Bd^3$ . Attached to  $E^d$ , we have the  $\mathbb{Q}$ -isomorphic curve  $E^{(d)}: dy^2 = x^3 + Ax + B$ . The isomorphism maps the point  $(x, y) \in E^{(d)}$  to  $(dx, d^2y) \in E^d$ . Now, let *n* be a positive integer, and  $\Psi_n(x)$  the *n*-division polynomial of *E*. So, to determine if there exists a square-free integer *d* such that the *d*-quadratic twist of *E* has a point of order *n* defined over some number field *K*, it is enough to check if one of the roots of  $\Psi_n(x)$ , say  $\alpha$ , belongs to *K* and  $\alpha^3 + A\alpha + B = d\beta^2$  for some  $\beta \in K$ . Note that if  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Q}$ , then a necessary condition for the existence of *d* is that the degree of *K* is even.

In the Appendix, we give the necessary background information about elliptic curves defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$  with CM. This information will be used to prove Theorems 1, 2 and 4.

**2.2. Proof of Theorem 1.** In Table 1, we give examples for all the cases in  $\Phi^{\text{CM}}(3)$ , therefore all those torsion subgroups appear in  $\Phi^{\text{CM}}_{\mathbb{Q}}(3)$ . This completes the proof of Theorem 1.

Remark 5. Let K be a cubic field, and let E be an elliptic curve defined over K with CM by a quadratic order of discriminant  $-\mathfrak{cm}$  such that  $E(K)_{\text{tors}} \notin \Phi^{\text{CM}}(3) \{\mathcal{C}_1, \mathcal{C}_2, \mathcal{C}_3, \mathcal{C}_4, \mathcal{C}_6, \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_2\}$ . Bourdon, Clark and Stankewicz [2, Theorem 1.4] proved that K is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Q}(\alpha_i)$  where  $\alpha_i$  is listed below

i	$\alpha_i$	$eta_i$	cm	$E(K)_{\rm tors}$
1	$\alpha_1^3 - 15\alpha_1^2 - 9\alpha_1 - 1 = 0$	$(\alpha_1^2 + 10\alpha_1 + 1)/4$	3	$\mathcal{C}_9$
2	$\alpha_2^3 + 105\alpha_2^2 - 33\alpha_2 - 1 = 0$	$(-17\alpha_2^2 + 100\alpha_2 + 1)/76$	27	$\mathcal{C}_9$
3	$\alpha_3^3 - 4\alpha_3^2 + 3\alpha_3 + 1 = 0$	$-2\alpha_3^2 + 4\alpha_3 + 1$	7	$\mathcal{C}_{14}$
4	$\alpha_4^3 - 186\alpha_4^2 + 3\alpha_4 + 1 = 0$	$(2\alpha_4^2 + 10\alpha_4 - 1)/27$	28	$\mathcal{C}_{14}$

and over that field E is isomorphic to  $\mathcal{E}_i : y^2 + (1 - \alpha_i)xy - \beta_i y = x^3 - \beta_i x^2$ . Let  $\delta$  be such that  $\delta^3 - 3\delta - 1 = 0$ , then  $\mathbb{Q}(\delta)$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Q}(\alpha_i)$  for i = 1, 2. Then the elliptic curve  $\mathcal{E}_1$  (resp.  $\mathcal{E}_2$ ) is isomorphic over  $\mathbb{Q}(\delta)$  to  $E_3^{16}$  (resp.  $E_{27}^{1}$ ). Similarly, if  $\gamma$  satisfies  $\gamma^3 + \gamma^2 - 2\gamma - 1 = 0$ , then  $\mathbb{Q}(\gamma)$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Q}(\alpha_i)$  for i = 3, 4 and  $\mathcal{E}_3$  (resp.  $\mathcal{E}_4$ ) is isomorphic over  $\mathbb{Q}(\gamma)$  to  $E_7^{-7}$  (resp.  $E_{28}^7$ ). (See Table 1). Then the torsion subgroups  $\mathcal{C}_9$  and  $\mathcal{C}_{14}$  occur for elliptic curves defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$  base change to cubic fields.

**2.3. Proof of Theorem 2.** For any  $G \in \Phi(1)$ , the set  $\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}(3, G)$  has been characterized in [18, Theorem 1.2]. In particular, for each  $G \in \Phi^{CM}(1)$ , we have:

$$\begin{split} \Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}^{\mathrm{CM}}(3,G) &\subseteq \Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}(3,G) \cap \Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}^{\mathrm{CM}}(3) \\ &= \begin{cases} \{G\} & \text{if } G \in \{\mathcal{C}_4,\mathcal{C}_6,\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_2\}, \\ \mathcal{C}_3,\mathcal{C}_6,\mathcal{C}_9\} & \text{if } G = \mathcal{C}_3, \\ \mathcal{C}_2,\mathcal{C}_6,\mathcal{C}_{14}\} & \text{if } G = \mathcal{C}_2, \\ \mathcal{C}_1,\mathcal{C}_2,\mathcal{C}_3,\mathcal{C}_4,\mathcal{C}_6,\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_2\} & \text{if } G = \mathcal{C}_1. \end{cases} \end{split}$$

Actually, except for  $G = C_1$ , we have  $\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}^{\mathrm{CM}}(3, G) = \Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}(3, G) \cap \Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}^{\mathrm{CM}}(3)$ , since there are explicit examples of each case in Table 1. Furthermore, for  $G = C_1$ , we have examples with torsion growth  $C_2, C_3$ , and  $C_6$  over cubic fields. Then it remains to discard the cases  $C_4$  and  $C_2 \times C_2$ . In Table 2, we check that if E is an elliptic curve defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$  with CM and trivial torsion, then  $\mathfrak{cm} \in \{27, 11, 19, 43, 67, 163\}$  or  $\mathfrak{cm} = 3$  with  $E : y^2 = x^3 + k$  and  $k \neq r^2, r^3, -432$ . With this in mind, we split the proof into cases.

Case  $\mathfrak{cm} \in \{27, 11, 19, 43, 67, 163\}$ . Note that for these curves, the corresponding *j*-invariants are neither 0 nor 1728. Then we have just quadratic twists, in particular, it is only necessary to study the *n*-division polynomials for  $E_{\mathfrak{cm}}$ . In the following cases, the *n*-division polynomial  $\Psi_n(x)$  refers to the elliptic curve  $E_{\mathfrak{cm}}$ . We have that the field of definition of the full 2-torsion,  $\mathbb{Q}(E[2])$ , is the splitting field of  $\Psi_2(x) = f_{\mathfrak{cm}}(x)$ . We have that those polynomials are irreducible, and the cubic fields that they define are not a Galois extension. This proves that torsion  $\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_2$  is not possible over a cubic field for those cases. Since  $\Psi_4(x)$  is irreducible of degree 6, there are no points of order 4 over a cubic field for any of the treated cases.

Case  $E: y^2 = x^3 + k$  with  $k \neq r^2, r^3, -432$ . Here  $\Psi_2(x) = x^3 + k$  is irreducible, since  $k \neq r^3$ , and the cubic field it defines never is a Galois extension for any k. Now  $\Psi_4(x) = 2(x^6 + 20kx^3 - 8k^2)$ , and  $z = -(10 \pm 6\sqrt{3})k$  is a root of  $\Psi_4(\sqrt[3]{x})$ . But  $z = x^3$  never occurs for x in a cubic field. We have proved that there are neither points of order 4 nor full 2-torsion over cubic fields.

This finishes the first part of the proof of Theorem 2. The second part is a direct consequence of the classification obtained in [18]. In Table 1, we give examples for each set in  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{Q}}(3, G)$ , showing that all its elements belong to  $\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}^{CM}(3, G)$ , and thus completing the proof of Theorem 2.

**2.4.** Proof of Theorem 4. Let E be an elliptic curve defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$  with CM. We have an explicit description in Table 2 of  $E(\mathbb{Q})_{\text{tors}}$  in terms of its CM-invariants. Now due to the classification of  $\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}^{\text{CM}}(3, G)$  for each  $G \in \Phi^{\text{CM}}(1)$ , we know the possible torsion growth over cubic fields. In this case, we only need to compute the *n*-division polynomials for  $n \in \{2, 3, 7, 9\}$  and check if they have (irreducible) factors of degree 3.

First note that the torsion growth over a cubic field can only be cyclic by Theorem 2. Moreover, if the torsion over  $\mathbb{Q}$  has odd order, then the 2-division polynomial  $\Psi_2(x)$  is irreducible of order 3. Let  $\alpha$  be a root of  $\Psi_2(x)$ , and define  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\alpha)$ . Then over K the torsion is cyclic of even order.

We split the proof depending on whether the twists are quadratic or not. That is, depending on whether  $\mathfrak{cm} \in \{3, 4\}$  or not. We start by supposing that  $\mathfrak{cm} \notin \{3, 4\}$ , and let  $\Psi_n(x)$  denote the *n*-division polynomial of  $E_{\mathfrak{cm}}$ .

Case  $\mathfrak{cm} \in \{11, 19, 43, 67, 163\}$ . The torsion over  $\mathbb{Q}$  is trivial, therefore the torsion can grow to  $\mathcal{C}_2, \mathcal{C}_3$  or  $\mathcal{C}_6$ . We have that all the irreducible factors of  $\Psi_3(x)$  are of even order, so there are no points of order 3 over cubic fields. Only torsion growth to  $\mathcal{C}_2$  over the cubic field  $\mathbb{Q}(\alpha)$  is possible, where  $\Psi_2(\alpha) = 0$ .

Case  $\mathfrak{cm} = 8$ . We have  $E_8^k(\mathbb{Q})_{\text{tors}} \simeq \mathcal{C}_2$  and  $\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}^{\text{CM}}(3, \mathcal{C}_2) = \{\mathcal{C}_2, \mathcal{C}_6, \mathcal{C}_{14}\}$ . Therefore we only need to check if  $\Psi_3(x)$  and  $\Psi_7(x)$  have irreducible factors of degree 3. Again all the factors are of even degree. So there is no torsion growth over cubic fields.

Case  $\mathfrak{cm} \in \{7, 28\}$ . Again  $E^k_{\mathfrak{cm}}(\mathbb{Q})_{tors} \simeq C_2$ . In both cases,  $\Psi_3(x)$  is irreducible (of degree 4), so there are no points of order 3 over cubic fields, and  $\Psi_7(x)$  has only a degree 3 factor. In particular, these factors define cubic fields  $\mathbb{Q}(\beta)$  that are isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Q}(\alpha)$ , where  $\alpha^3 + \alpha^2 - 2\alpha - 1 = 0$ .

- For  $\mathfrak{cm} = 7$ :  $\beta = 36\alpha 9$  and  $f_7(\beta) = -7(2^2 3^3 \alpha)^2$ . That is, only for k = -7 we do have points of order 7 over a cubic field.
- For  $\mathfrak{cm} = 28$ :  $\beta = 4\alpha^2 4\alpha + 13$  and  $f_{28}(\beta) = 7(4(-3\alpha^2 + 3\alpha + 1))^2$ . In this case, we only have 7-torsion for k = 7.

Case  $\mathfrak{cm} = 16$ . For k = 1, 2 we have no torsion growth over a cubic field, since for those values, we get  $E_{16}^k(\mathbb{Q})_{\text{tors}} \simeq C_4$ . Now suppose  $k \neq 1, 2$ , so that  $E_{16}^k(\mathbb{Q})_{\text{tors}} \simeq C_2$ . We have that there is no torsion growth over cubics, since  $\Psi_3(x)$ and  $\Psi_7(x)$  are irreducible of degrees 4 and 24, respectively.

Case  $\mathfrak{cm} = 27$ . Let k = 1, then  $E_{27}^1(\mathbb{Q})_{\text{tors}} \simeq \mathcal{C}_3$  and  $\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}^{\text{CM}}(3, \mathcal{C}_3) = \{\mathcal{C}_3, \mathcal{C}_6, \mathcal{C}_9\}$ . We have that the torsion grows to  $\mathcal{C}_6$  and  $\mathcal{C}_9$  over  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{2})$  and  $\mathbb{Q}(\alpha)$ , where  $\alpha^3 - 3\alpha - 1 = 0$ , respectively. Now suppose  $k \neq 1$ , then  $E_{27}^k(\mathbb{Q})_{\text{tors}} \simeq \mathcal{C}_1$ . There is a degree 3 irreducible factor of  $\Psi_3(x)$  such that if  $\alpha$  is a root of this factor, then  $\alpha = -4(2\sqrt[3]{9} + 3\sqrt[3]{3} + 1)$ . Since  $f_{27}(\alpha) = -3(4(4\sqrt[3]{9} + 6\sqrt[3]{3} + 9))^2$ , we have that there are points of order 3 over a cubic field if and only if k = -3 and the cubic field is  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{3})$ . On the other hand, the torsion grows to  $\mathcal{C}_2$  over  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{2})$  for any k.

Case  $\mathfrak{cm} = 12$ . For k = 1, we have no torsion growth over a cubic field, since  $E_{12}^1(\mathbb{Q})_{\text{tors}} \simeq \mathcal{C}_6$ . Let  $k \neq 1$ , then  $E_{12}^k(\mathbb{Q})_{\text{tors}} \simeq \mathcal{C}_2$ . There is no torsion growth over a cubic field to  $\mathcal{C}_{14}$ , since all the irreducible factors of  $\Psi_7(x)$  are of degree divisible by 6. Now the 3-division polynomial  $\Psi_3(x)$  satisfies  $\Psi_3(\alpha) = 0$  where  $\alpha = -2\sqrt[3]{4} - 2\sqrt[3]{2} - 1$ . In this case, we have  $f_{12}(\alpha) = -3(2(\sqrt[3]{4} + \sqrt[3]{3} + 1))^2$ . That is, there are points of order 3 over a cubic field K if and only if k = -3 and  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{2})$ .

Finally, the non-quadratic twists:

Case  $\mathfrak{cm} = 4$ . For k = 4 and  $k = -r^2$ , the torsion subgroup over  $\mathbb{Q}$  is isomorphic to  $\mathcal{C}_4$  and  $\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_2$ , respectively. Therefore, for those values, there is no torsion growth over cubic fields. Suppose  $k \neq 4, -r^2$ , then  $E_4^k(\mathbb{Q})_{\text{tors}} \simeq \mathcal{C}_2$ . Then the torsion can grow over a cubic field to  $\mathcal{C}_6$  or  $\mathcal{C}_{14}$ . Let  $\Psi_3(x)$  and  $\Psi_7(x)$ be the 3- and 7-division polynomials, respectively, of  $E_4^k$ . Then:

- $\Psi_3(x) = k^2 g_3(x^2/k)$ , where  $g_3(x) = 3x^2 + 6x 1$  is irreducible.
- $\Psi_7(x) = k^{12}g_7(x^2/k)$ , where  $g_7(x) = 7x^{12} + 308x^{11} 2954x^{10} 19852x^9 35231x^8 82264x^7 111916x^6 42168x^5 + 15673x^4 + 14756x^3 + 1302x^2 + 196x 1$  is irreducible.

Then there cannot be points of order 3 or 7 over cubic fields. We have proved that for the family of curves with  $\mathfrak{cm} = 4$ , there is no torsion growth over cubic fields.

Case  $\mathfrak{cm} = 3$ . In this case, the elliptic curve has the model  $E_3^k : y^2 = x^3 + k$  for  $k \in \mathbb{Q}^*/(\mathbb{Q}^*)^6$ . Note that this case has been studied by DEY and ROY [9], although they used different techniques. We split the proof depending on the torsion over  $\mathbb{Q}$ :

- $E_3^k(\mathbb{Q})_{\text{tors}} \simeq \mathcal{C}_6$ , then k = 1, and there is no torsion growth over cubic fields.
- $E_3^k(\mathbb{Q})_{\text{tors}} \simeq C_3$ , then k = -432 or  $k = r^2 \neq 1$ . Here the torsion grows to  $C_6$  over  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{k})$ , since the 2-division polynomial is  $x^3 + k$ , and k is not a cube in  $\mathbb{Q}$ . The other possible torsion growth over a cubic is  $C_9$ . First let k = -432, then  $g(x) = x^3 + 36x^2 - 1728$  is the unique degree 3 irreducible

factor of the 9-division polynomial of  $E_3^{-432}$ . Let  $\alpha$  be a root of g(x), then  $\alpha^3 - 432$  is not a square in  $\mathbb{Q}(\alpha)$ . Then there is no torsion growth over  $\mathbb{Q}(\alpha)$ . Now suppose  $k = r^2 \neq 1$  and  $P_3 = (0, r)$  is a point of order 3 over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Then  $P_9 = (\beta, r\gamma) \in \mathbb{Q}(\alpha, \beta)$  satisfies  $3P_9 = P_3$ , where  $\alpha^3 - 3\alpha - 1 = 0$ ,  $\gamma = 2\alpha^2 - 4\alpha - 1$ , and  $\beta^3 - r^2\gamma^2 + r^2 = 0$ . Therefore, the field of definition of  $P_9$  is of degree 3 or 9. We are going to check in which conditions this field is of degree 3 – equivalently, when there is torsion growth to  $C_9$  over a cubic field. We need that  $\beta \in \mathbb{Q}(\alpha)$ . Note that  $\beta^3 = r^2(\gamma^2 - 1) = 4(\alpha^2 - \alpha - 1)^3r^2$ . In other words, the equation  $z^3 = 4r^2$  has solutions over  $\mathbb{Q}(\alpha)$ . But this only happens if and only if  $r = 4s^3$ ,  $s \in \mathbb{Q}$ ; and k = 16 is the unique possibility, since k must belong to  $\mathbb{Q}^*/(\mathbb{Q}^*)^6$ .

- $E_3^k(\mathbb{Q})_{\text{tors}} \simeq \mathcal{C}_2$ , then  $k = r^3 \neq 1$ . In this case,  $E_3^k$  is the *r*-quadratic twist of  $E_3$ . Let  $\Psi_n(x)$  be the *n*-division polynomial of  $E_3$ . In this case, the torsion can grow over a cubic field to  $\mathcal{C}_6$  or  $\mathcal{C}_{14}$ . The last case is not possible, since all the irreducible factors of  $\Psi_7(x)$  are of degree divisible by 6. On the other hand,  $\Psi_3(x) = 3x(x^3+4)$  and  $f_3(\sqrt[3]{4}) = -3$ . Then, there are points of order 3 over a cubic field K if and only if r = -3 (i.e., k = -27) and  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{2})$ .
- $E_3^k(\mathbb{Q})_{\text{tors}} \simeq \mathcal{C}_1$ , then  $k \neq r^2, r^3, -432$ . We have  $\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}^{\text{CM}}(3, \mathcal{C}_1) = \{\mathcal{C}_1, \mathcal{C}_2, \mathcal{C}_3, \mathcal{C}_6\}$ . We are going to study the *n*-division polynomial,  $\Psi_n(x)$ , of  $E_3^k$ :
  - $-\Psi_2(x) = x^3 + k$  is irreducible, then there is a point of order 2 over  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{k})$ .
  - $\Psi_3(x) = 3x(x^3 + 4k)$ . Note that if x = 0, then the equation  $y^2 = k$  has solution over a cubic field if and only if k is a square over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . But we have assumed that  $k \neq r^2$ . Let  $\alpha \neq 0$  be another root of  $\Psi_3(x) = 0$ . Then  $y^2 = \alpha^3 + k = \alpha^3 + 4k - 3k = -3k$  has solution over a cubic field if and only if  $k = -3s^2$  for some  $r \in \mathbb{Q}$ . In particular, the cubic field is  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{12s^2})$ .

Finally, we study the torsion growth over a cubic field K to  $C_6$ . Necessarily,  $k = -3s^2$  and the cubic fields of definition of the points of order 2 and 3 must be equal to K. From the equality  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{3s^2}) = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{12s^2})$ , we obtain  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{4})$ . On the other hand,  $\sqrt[3]{3s^2} \in K$  if and only if  $s = 6t^3$ ; but necessarily,  $t = \pm 1$ , since  $k \in \mathbb{Q}^*/(\mathbb{Q}^*)^6$ . Then we conclude that the torsion grows over a cubic field K to  $C_6$  if and only if k = -108 and  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{2})$ .

*Remark 6.* All the computations in this paper have been done using Magma [1], and the source code is available in the online supplement [12].

# Appendix. Elliptic curve over $\mathbb{Q}$ with CM.

Here we give a summary of the necessary information related to elliptic curves over  $\mathbb{Q}$  with CM used in this paper. Let E be an elliptic curve defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$ with CM by an order  $R = \mathbb{Z} + \mathfrak{f} \mathcal{O}_K$  of conductor  $\mathfrak{f}$  in a quadratic imaginary field  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-D})$ , where  $\mathcal{O}_K$  is the ring of integer of K. Then R is one of the thirteen orders that correspond to the first and second column of Table 2. Each order corresponds to a  $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}$ -isomorphic class of elliptic curves defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$  with CM. The corresponding *j*-invariant appears at the third column. The fourth column,  $\mathfrak{cm}$ , denotes the absolute value of the discriminant of the CM quadratic order R. Note that the integer  $\mathfrak{cm}$  gives the  $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}$ -isomorphic class of E. The fifth column gives a pair of integers  $[A_{\mathfrak{cm}}, B_{\mathfrak{cm}}]$  such that if we denote by  $f_{\mathfrak{cm}}(x) = x^3 + A_{\mathfrak{cm}}x + B_{\mathfrak{cm}}$ , then  $E_{\mathfrak{cm}} : y^2 = f_{\mathfrak{cm}}(x)$  is an elliptic curve with  $j(E_{\mathfrak{cm}})$  equal to the *j*-invariant *j* at the same row. That is,  $E_{\mathfrak{cm}}$  is a representative for each class. Now by the theory of twists of elliptic curves (cf. [30, X §5]) applied to elliptic curves defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$  with CM, we have:

- If  $\mathfrak{cm} \in \{12, 27, 16, 7, 28, 11, 19, 43, 67, 163\}$  (i.e.,  $j(E) \neq 0, 1728$ ), then E is  $\mathbb{Q}$ -isomorphic to the k-quadratic twist of  $E_{\mathfrak{cm}}$  for some square-free integer k. That is, E has a short Weierstrass model of the form  $E_{\mathfrak{cm}}^k$  :  $y^2 = x^3 + k^2 A_{\mathfrak{cm}} x + k^3 B_{\mathfrak{cm}}$ .
- If  $\mathfrak{cm} = 3$  (i.e., j(E) = 0), then E has a short Weierstrass model of the form  $E_3^k : y^2 = x^3 + k$ , where k is an integer such that  $k \in \mathbb{Q}^*/(\mathbb{Q}^*)^6$ .
- If  $\mathfrak{cm} = 4$  (i.e., j(E) = 1728), then E has a short Weierstrass model of the form  $E_4^k : y^2 = x^3 + kx$ , where k is an integer such that  $k \in \mathbb{Q}^*/(\mathbb{Q}^*)^4$ .

Note that k and  $\mathfrak{cm}$  are uniquely determined by E. We call them the CM-invariants of the elliptic curve E.

Finally, given an elliptic curve E defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$  with CM, in the last two columns of Table 2, we give a characterization of its torsion subgroup (over  $\mathbb{Q}$ ) depending on its CM-invariants ( $\mathfrak{cm}, k$ ) (see [13, Table 3, §2]).

-D	f	j	cm	$[A_{\mathfrak{cm}}, B_{\mathfrak{cm}}]$	k	$E^k_{\mathfrak{cm}}(\mathbb{Q})_{\mathrm{tors}}$
	1	1 0	3	[0.1]	$\frac{1}{-432, r^2 \neq 1}$	$rac{\mathcal{C}_6}{\mathcal{C}_3}$
-3				$r^3 \neq 1$ $\neq r^2, r^3, -432$	$\begin{array}{c} \mathcal{C}_2 \\ \mathcal{C}_1 \end{array}$	
	2	$2^4 \cdot 3^3 \cdot 5^3$	12	[-15, 22]	$\frac{1}{\neq 1}$	$rac{\mathcal{C}_6}{\mathcal{C}_2}$
	3	$-2^{15}\cdot 3\cdot 5^3$	27	[-480, 4048]	$\begin{array}{c} 1 \\ \neq 1 \end{array}$	$rac{\mathcal{C}_3}{\mathcal{C}_1}$
-4	1	$2^6 \cdot 3^3 = 1728$	4	[1, 0]	$ \begin{array}{r} 4 \\ -r^2 \\ \neq 4, -r^2 \end{array} $	$egin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{C}_4 & & \ \mathcal{C}_2  imes \mathcal{C}_2 & \ \mathcal{C}_2 & \ \mathcal{C}_2 & \ \end{array}$
-4	2	$2^3 \cdot 3^3 \cdot 11^3$	16	[-11, 14]	$\begin{array}{c} 1,2\\ \hline \neq 1,2 \end{array}$	$egin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{L}_4 & & \\ \mathcal{C}_2 & & \end{array}$
7	1	$-3^{3} \cdot 5^{3}$	7	[-2835, -71442]	—	$\mathcal{C}_2$
	2	$3^3 \cdot 5^3 \cdot 17^3$	28	[-595, 5586]	_	$\mathcal{C}_2$
-8	1	$2^{6} \cdot 5^{3}$	8	[-4320, 96768]	_	$\mathcal{C}_2$
-11	1	$-2^{15}$	11	[-9504, 365904]	_	$\mathcal{C}_1$
-19	1	$-2^{15} \cdot 3^3$	19	[-608, 5776]	_	$\mathcal{C}_1$
-43	1	$-2^{18} \cdot 3^3 \cdot 5^3$	43	[-13760, 621264]	_	$\mathcal{C}_1$
-67	1	$2^{15} \cdot 3^3 \cdot 5^3 \cdot 11^3$	67	[-117920, 15585808]	—	$\mathcal{C}_1$
-163	1	$-2^{18} \cdot 3^3 \cdot 5^3 \cdot 23^3 \cdot 29^3$	163	[-34790720, 78984748304]	—	$\mathcal{C}_1$

Table 2. Elliptic curves defined over  $\mathbb Q$  with CM. Torsion over  $\mathbb Q.$ 

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