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DIOPHANTINE TRIPLE WITH FIBONACCI NUMBERS AND ELLIPTIC CURVE

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Abstract. A Diophantine m-tuple is a set $\{a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_m\}$ of positive integers such that $a_i a_j + 1$ is a perfect square for all $1 \leq i < j \leq m$. Let E_k be the elliptic curve induced by Diophantine triple $\{F_{2k}, 5F_{2k+2}, 3F_{2k} + 7F_{2k+2}\}$. In this paper, we find the structure of a torsion group of E_k, and find all integer points on E_k under assumption that $\mathrm{rank}(E_k(\mathbb{Q})) = 1$ and some further conditions.

1. Introduction

A Diophantine m-tuple is a set which consists of m distinct positive integers satisfying the property that the product of any two of them is one less than a perfect square. If the set which consists of rational numbers satisfy the same property, then we call it a rational Diophantine m-tuple. Fermat first found the Diophantine triple $\{1, 3, 8, 120\}$. Many famous mathematicians made lots of results related to the problems of a Diophantine m-tuple, but still there are many open problems. An old conjecture was that there does not exist a Diophantine quintuple. Recently, the conjecture has been proved by B. He, A. Togbé and V. Ziegler [11]. For any Diophantine triple $\{a, b, c\}$ with $a < b < c$, the set $\{a, b, c, d_\pm\}$ is a Diophantine quadruple, where

$$d_\pm = a + b + c + 2abc \pm 2rst$$

and r, s, t are the positive integers satisfying

$$ab + 1 = r^2, \quad ac + 1 = s^2, \quad bc + 1 = t^2.$$

The strong version of the conjecture states that if $\{a, b, c, d\}$ is a Diophantine quadruple and $d > \max\{a, b, c\}$, then $d = d_+$. These Diophantine quadruples are called regular.

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In 1969, A. Baker and H. Davenport [1] proved that the Diophantine triple $\{1,3,8\}$ is regular, which implies that it cannot be extended to a quintuple and not the other way round. In 1998, A. Dujella and A. Pethö [8] proved that if the set $\{1,3,c_k\}$ is the Diophantine triple, where

$$c_k = \frac{1}{6}[(2+\sqrt{3})(7+4\sqrt{3})^k + (2-\sqrt{3})(7-4\sqrt{3})^k - 4],$$

then there are only two numbers c_{k-1} and c_{k+1} which make the set $\{1,3,c_k\}$ to the Diophantine quadruple.

Let F_n be the n-th Fibonacci number, defined by $F_0 = 0, F_1 = 1$ and $F_{n+2} = F_{n+1} + F_n$. In 1977, V. E. Hoggatt and G. E. Bergum [12] conjectured that if $\{F_{2k}, F_{2k+2}, F_{2k+4}, d\}$ is a Diophantine quadruple, then d is a unique. The conjecture was proved by Dujella [4] in 1999. There are many papers which contain generalizations of the result of Hoggatt and Bergum [7, 10, 16]. The reason why the extendibility is important is related to the elliptic curves. We should solve the equations

$$ax+1 = \square,\ bx+1 = \square,\ cx+1 = \square$$

to extend the Diophantine triple $\{a,b,c\}$ to a Diophantine quadruple. This leads naturally to the following elliptic curve

$$y^2 = (ax+1)(bx+1)(cx+1).$$

Then we have always integer points

$$(0,\pm 1),\ (d_+, \pm(at+rs)(bs+rt)(cr+st)),\ (d_-, \pm((at-rs)(bs-rt)(cr-st))),$$

and also $(-1,0)$ if $1 \in \{a,b,c\}$. Dujella [5] proved that the elliptic curve

$$E : y^2 = ((k-1)x+1)((k+1)x+1)(4kx+1)$$

has four integer points

$$(0,\pm 1),\ (16k^3-4k, \pm(128k^6-112k^4-20k^2-1))$$

under assumption that $\mathrm{rank}(E(\mathbb{Q})) = 1$. In [18], the author found all integer points on the elliptic curve

$$y^2 = (F_{2k}x+1)(F_{2k+2}x+1)(4F_{2k+1}F_{2k+2}F_{2k+3}x+1)$$

under assumption that the rank of the elliptic curve is 2. There are various papers which contain similar results [6, 9, 10].

In this paper, we find the structure of the torsion subgroup of

$$E_k : y^2 = (F_{2k}x+1)(5F_{2k+2}x+1)((3F_{2k}+7F_{2k+2})x+1)$$

and find all integer points on the E_k under assumption that $\mathrm{rank}(E_k(\mathbb{Q})) = 1$ and k is a positive even integer with $k \not\equiv 4 \pmod 6$. It is obvious that every solution of system

$$F_{2k}x+1 = \square, \quad 5F_{2k+2}x+1 = \square, \quad (3F_{2k}+7F_{2k+2})x+1 = \square \tag{1.1}$$

induce an integer point on the elliptic curve E_k. The aim of this paper is to prove that the converse of this statement, that is the x-coordinates of all integer points on E_k satisfy the system (1.1) under the same conditions.

2. Preliminaries

2.1. Points on the elliptic curve

Let $\{a, b, c\}$ be a Diophantine triple. We should solve the system

$$ax + 1 = \square, \quad bx + 1 = \square, \quad cx + 1 = \square \tag{2.1}$$

to extend the Diophantine triple to a Diophantine quadruple. According to this system, we have the following elliptic curve

$$E : y^2 = (ax + 1)(bx + 1)(cx + 1).$$

There are two obvious rational points

$$P = (0, 1), \quad R = \left(\frac{1}{abc}, \frac{rst}{abc}\right),$$

where $r = \sqrt{ab + 1}, s = \sqrt{ac + 1}$ and $t = \sqrt{bc + 1}$. Then we wonder which points on E satisfy the system (2.1). We get the answer by the following Propositions.

Proposition 2.1 ([6, Proposition 1])**.** *The x-coordinate of the point $T \in E(\mathbb{Q})$ satisfies* (2.1) *if and only if $T - P \in 2E(\mathbb{Q})$.*

The following Proposition is called 2-descent proposition which can confirm $T \in 2E(\mathbb{Q})$.

Proposition 2.2 ([13, 4.1, p. 37], [15, 4.2, p. 85])**.** *Let $P = (x', y')$ be a $\mathbb{Q}$-rational point on E, an elliptic curve over $\mathbb{Q}$ given by*

$$y^2 = (x - \alpha)(x - \beta)(x - \gamma),$$

where $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \mathbb{Q}$. Then there exists a $\mathbb{Q}$-rational point $Q = (x, y)$ on E such that $2Q = P$ if and only if $x' - \alpha, x' - \beta, x' - \gamma$ are all $\mathbb{Q}$-rational squares.

2.2. Structure of torsion group

Let $E_{\mathbb{Q}}(M, N)$ be the elliptic curve defined by

$$y^2 = x^3 + (M + N)x^2 + MNx.$$

Then we can find that the torsion group is classified according to the following Theorem.

Theorem 2.3 ([17, Main Theorem 1])**.** *The torsion subgroups of $E_{\mathbb{Q}}(M, N)$ are uniquely determined by*:

- *The torsion subgroup of $E_{\mathbb{Q}}(M, N)$ contains $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_4$ if M and N are both squares, or $-M$ and $N - M$ are both squares, or if $-N$ and $M - N$ are both squares.*

- *The torsion subgroup of* $E_{\mathbb{Q}}(M,N)$ *is* $\mathbb{Z}_2\times\mathbb{Z}_8$ *if there exists a non-zero integer* d *such that* $M=d^2u^4$ *and* $N=d^2v^4$, *or* $M=-d^2v^4$ *and* $N=d^2(u^4-v^4)$, *or* $M=d^2(u^4-v^4)$ *and* $N=-d^2v^4$ *where* (u,v,w) *forms a Pythagorean triple* (*i.e.*, $u^2+v^2=w^2$).
- *The torsion subgroup of* $E_{\mathbb{Q}}(M,N)$ *is* $\mathbb{Z}_2\times\mathbb{Z}_6$ *if there exist integers* a *and* b *such that*
$$\frac{a}{b}\notin\{-2,-1,-\frac{1}{2},0,1\}$$
and $M=a^4+2a^3b$ *and* $N=2ab^3+b^4$.
- *In all other cases, the torsion subgroup of* $E_{\mathbb{Q}}(M,N)$ *is* $\mathbb{Z}_2\times\mathbb{Z}_2$.

The coordinate transformation
$$x\to\frac{x}{abc},\quad y\to\frac{y}{abc}$$
applied on the curve E leads to the elliptic curve
$$E':y^2=(x+bc)(x+ac)(x+ab).$$
The following Theorem is more specific to find the structure of a torsion group.

Theorem 2.4 ([6, Theorem 2])**.** $E'(\mathbb{Q})_{tors}\cong\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}\times\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ *or* $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}\times\mathbb{Z}/6\mathbb{Z}$.

3. Torsion group on elliptic curve

Let E_k be the elliptic curve induced by Diophantine triple
$$\{F_{2k},5F_{2k+2},3F_{2k}+7F_{2k+2}\},$$
that is
$$E_k:y^2=(F_{2k}x+1)(5F_{2k+2}x+1)(3F_{2k}+7F_{2k+2}x+1).$$
Then we have the elliptic curve
$$E_k':y^2=(x+5F_{2k+2}(3F_{2k}+7F_{2k+2}))(x+F_{2k}(3F_{2k}+7F_{2k+2}))(x+5F_{2k}F_{2k+2})$$
by coordinate transformation
$$x\to\frac{x}{5F_{2k}F_{2k+2}(3F_{2k}+7F_{2k+2})},\quad y\to\frac{y}{5F_{2k}F_{2k+2}(3F_{2k}+7F_{2k+2})}.$$
Using Theorem 2.3 and Theorem 2.4, we can find the structure of torsion group of E_k'.

Lemma 3.1. *The torsion group of* E_k' *is isomorphic to* $\mathbb{Z}_2\times\mathbb{Z}_2$, *that is*
$$E_k'(\mathbb{Q})_{tors}\cong\mathbb{Z}_2\times\mathbb{Z}_2.$$

Proof. It is sufficient to show that there do not exist α and β such that
$$\frac{\alpha}{\beta}\notin\{-2,-1,-\frac{1}{2},0,1\},$$
$$M=F_{2k}(3F_{2k}+2F_{2k+2})=\alpha^4+2\alpha^3\beta$$

and

$$N = 5F_{2k+2}(2F_{2k} + 7F_{2k+2}) = 2\alpha\beta^3 + \beta^4.$$

Then we have

$$M + N = (\alpha^2 + \alpha\beta + \beta^2)^2 - 3\alpha^2\beta^2. \tag{3.1}$$

Since

$$F_{2k} \equiv \begin{cases} 0 \pmod 8 & \text{if} \quad k \equiv 0 \pmod 6, \\ 1 \pmod 8 & \text{if} \quad k \equiv 1 \pmod 6, \\ 3 \pmod 8 & \text{if} \quad k \equiv 2 \pmod 6, \\ 0 \pmod 8 & \text{if} \quad k \equiv 3 \pmod 6, \\ 5 \pmod 8 & \text{if} \quad k \equiv 4 \pmod 6, \\ 7 \pmod 8 & \text{if} \quad k \equiv 5 \pmod 6, \end{cases}$$

the left side of (3.1) is congruent to 2 or 3 modulo 8. However, the right side is congruent to $0, 1, 5$ or 6 modulo 8. Therefore,

$$E'_k(\mathbb{Q})_{tors} \cong \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2. \qquad \square$$

There are integer points on E'_k such that

$$A'_k = (-5F_{2k+2}(3F_{2k} + 7F_{2k+2}), 0), \ B'_k = (-F_{2k}(3F_{2k} + 7F_{2k+2}), 0),$$

and

$$C'_k = (-5F_{2k}F_{2k+2}, 0)$$

of order 2, and the obvious integer point

$$P'_k = (0, 5F_{2k}F_{2k+2}(3F_{2k} + 7F_{2k+2})).$$

Hence, we have the following results.

Corollary 3.2. *$E'_k(\mathbb{Q})_{tors} = \{O, A'_k, B'_k, C'_k\}$ and rank$(E'_k(\mathbb{Q})) \geq 1$.*

Proof. The point P'_k is not finite order. Hence, $\text{rank}(E'_k(\mathbb{Q})) \geq 1$ by Lemma 3.1. $\square$

4. Integer points on E_k

Using Proposition 2.2, we find all integer points on E'_k under the assumption that $\text{rank}(E'_k(\mathbb{Q})) = 1$ and some further conditions.

Lemma 4.1. *$P'_k, P'_k + A'_k, P'_k + B'_k, P'_k + C'_k \notin 2E'_k(\mathbb{Q})$.*

Proof. We have

$$\begin{aligned} x(P'_k) &= 0, \\ x(P'_k + A'_k) &= -F_{2k}(2F_{2k} + 12F_{2k+2}), \\ x(P'_k + B'_k) &= -5F_{2k+2}(4F_{2k} + 2F_{2k+2}), \\ x(P'_k + C'_k) &= 2(F_{2k} + F_{2k+2})(3F_{2k} + 7F_{2k+2}). \end{aligned}$$

(1) The case P'_k.
If $P'_k \in 2E(\mathbb{Q})$, then the numbers

$$\begin{cases} 5F_{2k}F_{2k+2}, \\ F_{2k}(3F_{2k}+7F_{2k+2}), \\ 5F_{2k+2}(3F_{2k}+7F_{2k+2}) \end{cases}$$

are all squares.

(a) For $k \equiv 0 \pmod 3$, $5F_{2k+2}(3F_{2k}+7F_{2k+2})$ is congruent to 3 modulo 4. So, this number cannot be a square.
(b) For $k \equiv 1 \pmod 3$, $5F_{2k}F_{2k+2}$ is congruent to 3 modulo 4, which means this number cannot be a square.
(c) For $k \equiv 2 \pmod 3$, $F_{2k}(3F_{2k}+7F_{2k+2})$ is congruent to 3 modulo 4. Therefore, this number cannot be a square.

Hence, we have $P'_k \notin 2E(\mathbb{Q})$.
(2) The case $P'_k + A'_k$.
Suppose that $P'_k + A'_k \in 2E(\mathbb{Q})$. Then the numbers

$$\begin{cases} -2F_{2k}^2+3F_{2k}F_{2k+2}+35F_{2k+2}^2, \\ F_{2k}^2-5F_{2k}F_{2k+2}, \\ -2F_{2k}^2-7F_{2k}F_{2k+2} \end{cases}$$

are all squares, but there is a contradiction by following results.

(a) For $k \equiv 0 \pmod 3$, $-2F_{2k}^2+3F_{2k}F_{2k+2}+35F_{2k+2}^2$ is congruent to 3 modulo 4. This means this number cannot be a square.
(b) For $k \equiv 1 \pmod 3$, $F_{2k}^2-5F_{2k}F_{2k+2}$ is congruent to 2 modulo 4. This means this number cannot be a square.
(c) For $k \equiv 2 \pmod 3$, $-2F_{2k}^2-7F_{2k}F_{2k+2}$ is congruent to 2 modulo 4. This means this number cannot be a square.

Hence, we have $P'_k + A'_k \notin 2E(\mathbb{Q})$.
(3) The case $P'_k + B'_k$.
Assume that $P'_K + B'_k \in 2E(\mathbb{Q})$. Then we have

$$\begin{cases} 5F_{2k+2}(-F_{2k}+5F_{2k+2}), \\ 3F_{2k}^2-13F_{2k}F_{2k+2}-10F_{2k+2}^2, \\ -15F_{2k}F_{2k+2}-10F_{2k+2} \end{cases}$$

are all squares.

(a) For $k \equiv 0 \pmod 3$, $3F_{2k}^2-13F_{2k}F_{2k+2}-10F_{2k+2}^2$ is congruent 2 modulo 4. Hence, this number cannot be a square.
(b) For $k \equiv 1, 2 \pmod 3$, $5F_{2k+2}(-F_{2k}+5F_{2k+2})$ is congruent to 2 modulo 4. Hence, this number also cannot be a square.

Hence, we have $P'_K + B'_k \notin 2E(\mathbb{Q})$.

(4) The case $P'_k + C'_k$.
Suppose that $P'_k + C'_k \in 2E(\mathbb{Q})$. Then we have

$$\begin{cases} (3F_{2k} + 7F_{2k+2})(2F_{2k} + 7F_{2k+2}), \\ (3F_{2k} + 7F_{2k+2})(3F_{2k} + 2F_{2k+2}), \\ 6F_{2k}^2 + 25F_{2k}F_{2k+2} + 14F_{2k+2}^2 \end{cases}$$

are all squares. Let us find a contradiction for each cases of k. For $k \equiv 0, 2 \pmod 3$ and $k \equiv 1 \pmod 3$, the number

$$6F_{2k}^2 + 25F_{2k}F_{2k+2} + 14F_{2k+2}^2$$

is congruent to 2 and 3 modulo 4, respectively. Hence, this number cannot be a square. This means $P'_k + C'_k \notin 2E(\mathbb{Q})$. Therefore, we proved the lemma. □

Let $E'_k(\mathbb{Q})/E'_k(\mathbb{Q})_{tors} = \langle U \rangle$ and $X \in E'_k(\mathbb{Q})$. Then we can represent X in the form $X = mU + T$, where m is an integer and T is a torsion point, that is $T \in \{O, A'_k, B'_k, C'_k\}$. Similarly, $P'_k = m_P U + T_P$ for an integer m_P and a torsion point $T_P \in \{O, A'_k, B'_k, C'_k\}$. By Lemma 4.1, m_P is an odd. Therefore, we have $X \equiv X_1 \pmod{2E'_k(\mathbb{Q})}$, where

$$X_1 \in \mathcal{S} = \{O, A'_k, B'_k, C'_k, P'_k, P'_k + A'_k, P'_k + B'_k, P'_k + C'_k\}.$$

Let $\{a, b, c\} = \{F_{2k}, 5F_{2k+2}, 3F_{2k} + 7F_{2k+2}\}$. By [15, 4.6, p. 89], the function $\varphi : E'_k(\mathbb{Q}) \to \mathbb{Q}^*/\mathbb{Q}^{*2}$ defined by

$$\varphi(X) = \begin{cases} (x + bc)\mathbb{Q}^{*2} & \text{if} \quad X = (x, y) \neq O, (-bc, 0), \\ (ac - bc)(ab - bc)\mathbb{Q}^{*2} & \text{if} \quad X = (-bc, 0), \\ \mathbb{Q}^{*2} & \text{if} \quad X = O \end{cases}$$

is a group homomorphism. All integer points have the form $X = X_1 + 2X_2$, where $X_1 \in \mathcal{S}$. Since φ is a homomorphism, we have

$$\varphi(X) = \varphi(X_1).$$

It means that

$$\begin{aligned} (abcu + ab)(abcu_1 + ab) &= \square, \\ (abcu + ac)(abcu_1 + ac) &= \square, \\ (abcu + bc)(abu_1 + bc) &= \square, \end{aligned}$$

where $X = (abcu, abcv), X_1 = (abcu_1, abcv_1)$. Hence, if

$$au_1 + 1 = \alpha\square,\ bu_1 + 1 = \beta\square,\ cu_1 + 1 = \gamma\square,$$

then

$$au + 1 = \alpha\square,\ bu + 1 = \beta\square,\ cu + 1 = \gamma\square.$$

Thus, it suffice to solve the systems induced by points X_1, since all other points X induce the same systems. More precisely, we should solve in integers all systems of the form

$$F_{2k}x + 1 = \alpha\square, \quad 5F_{2k+2}x + 1 = \beta\square, \quad (3F_{2k} + 7F_{2k+2})x + 1 = \gamma\square, \tag{4.1}$$

where for $X_1 = (5F_{2k}F_{2k+2}(3F_{2k}+7F_{2k+2})u, 5F_{2k}F_{2k+2}(3F_{2k}+7F_{2k+2})v) \in \mathcal{S}$, the numbers α, β, γ are defined by

$$\alpha = F_{2k}u + 1, \quad \beta = 5F_{2k+2}u + 1, \quad \gamma = (3F_{2k} + 7F_{2k+2})u + 1$$

if all of these three expressions are nonzero, and satisfy the following condition.

$$\begin{cases} \alpha = \beta\gamma & \text{if} \quad F_{2k}u + 1 = 0, \\ \beta = \alpha\gamma & \text{if} \quad 5F_{2k+2}u + 1 = 0, \\ \gamma = \alpha\beta & \text{if} \quad (3F_{2k} + 7F_{2k+2})u + 1 = 0. \end{cases}$$

Using these facts, we get the following theorem.

Theorem 4.2. *Let k be a positive even integer and $k \not\equiv 4 \pmod 6$. If Diophantine pair $\{F_{2k}, 5F_{2k+2}\}$ is regular and the rank of elliptic curve*

$$E_k : y^2 = (F_{2k}x + 1)(5F_{2k+2}x + 1)((3F_{2k} + 7F_{2k+2})x + 1)$$

is 1, then the x-coordinates of all integer points on E_k are given by

$$x \in \{-1,\ 0,\ d_+\},$$

where $d_+ = 4(F_{2k}(F_{2k}^2+1)+3F_{2k+2}(F_{2k+2}^2+1)+F_{2k}F_{2k+2}(15F_{2k}+27F_{2k+2}))$.

Proof. First, let us consider that for $X_1 = P'_k$. Then we obtain the system

$$F_{2k}x + 1 = \square, \quad 5F_{2k+2}x + 1 = \square, \quad (3F_{2k} + 7F_{2k+2})x + 1 = \square.$$

This system is solved by regularity of Diophantine pair $\{F_{2k}, 5F_{2k+2}\}$. Hence, we have to prove that the system (4.1) has no integer solution for $X_1 \in \mathcal{S}\backslash\{P'_k\}$. For $X_1 = \{A'_k, B'_k, P'_k + A'_k, P'_k + B'_k\}$ exactly two of the numbers α, β, γ are negative and accordingly the system (4.1) has no integer solution. Therefore, we have to check three cases, that is $X_1 = \{O, C'_k, P'_k + C'_k\}$. Here, N'' denotes the square-free part of N and $N''' = \min\{|N''|, |2N|''\}$.

• The case $X_1 = O$.

For $X_1 = O$, the system (4.1) becomes

$$\begin{cases} F_{2k}x + 1 = 5F_{2k+2}(3F_{2k} + 7F_{2k+2})\square, \\ 5F_{2k+2}x + 1 = F_{2k}(3F_{2k} + 7F_{2k+2})\square, \\ (3F_{2k} + 7F_{2k+2})x + 1 = 5F_{2k}F_{2k+2}\square. \end{cases}$$

From the second and third equations, we see that F''_{2k} divides $7(5F_{2k+2}x + 1) - 5((3F_{2k} + 7F_{2k+2})x + 1)$. It means that F''_{2k} divides 2, so, F_{2k} is a square or twice a square. In [2], J. H. E. Cohn proved that the Fibonacci number F_n can be a square or twice of a square when only $n = 0, 1, 2, 12$ or $n = 0, 3, 6$, respectively. In our situation, the only possible cases are $F_{2k} = 1, 8$ and 144.

(1) The case $F_{2k} = 1$.
We obtain the system

$$\begin{cases} x + 1 = 5 \cdot 3 \cdot 24\square, \\ 15x + 1 = 24\square, \\ 24x + 1 = 15\square. \end{cases}$$

The left side of third equation is congruent to 1 modulo 8, but the right side is congruent to 0, 4 and 7 modulo 8. Therefore, we get a contradiction.

(2) The case $F_{2k} = 8$.
We obtain the system

$$\begin{cases} 8x + 1 = 105 \cdot 171\square, \\ 105x + 1 = 8 \cdot 171\square, \\ 171x + 1 = 8 \cdot 105\square. \end{cases}$$

The left side of first equation is congruent to 1 modulo 8, but the right side is congruent to 0, 3 and 4 modulo 8. Therefore, we get a contradiction.

(3) The case $F_{2k} = 144$.
We obtain the system

$$\begin{cases} 144x + 1 = 1885 \cdot 3071\square, \\ 1885x + 1 = 144 \cdot 3071\square, \\ 3071x + 1 = 144 \cdot 1885\square. \end{cases}$$

The left side of first equation is congruent to 1 modulo 8, but the right side is congruent to 0, 3 and 4 modulo 8. Therefore, we get a contradiction.

• The case $X_1 = C'_k$.
Let $a = F_{2k}, b = 5F_{2k+2}, c = 3F_{2k}+7F_{2k+2}$. Then the system (4.1) for $X_1 = C'_k$ becomes

$$\begin{cases} ax + 1 = c(c-a)\square, \\ bx + 1 = c(c-b)\square, \\ cx + 1 = (c-a)(c-b)\square. \end{cases}$$

Assume that a prime p divides c'' and $(c-a)''$. Then we have $p \mid (c-b)''$ from the third equation. Therefore, we have p divides a, b and c. From the equation $c = a + b + 2r$ with $r = \sqrt{ab+1}$, we obtain $p \mid 2r$. Now from $2ab + 2 = 2r^2$ it follows that $p = 2$. Hence, we proved that

$$\gcd(c'', (c-a)'') = 1 \text{ or } 2$$

and in the similar manner, we can prove that

$$\gcd(c'', (c-b)'') = 1 \text{ or } 2 \quad \text{and} \quad \gcd((c-a)'', (c-b)'') = 1 \text{ or } 2.$$

Since c''' divides $b - a = c - 2s$, where $s = \sqrt{ac+1}$ and $2ac + 2 = 2s^2$, we have $c''' \mid 2$. This implies $c = 3F_{2k} + 7F_{2k+2}$ is a square or twice a square. First, let us consider the case $k \equiv 0 \pmod 3$. Then

$$c = 3F_{2k} + 7F_{2k+2} \equiv 3 \pmod 4.$$

This means $c = 3F_{2k}+7F_{2k+2}$ cannot be a square or twice a square. Therefore, we may assume that k is not divisible by 3. Let L_n be the n-th Lucas number,

defined by $L_0 = 2, L_1 = 1$ and $L_{n+2} = L_{n+1} + L_n$. We may use the following congruence equation

$$F_{n+2k} \equiv -F_n \pmod{L_k} \quad \text{if} \quad 2 \mid k, 3 \nmid k.$$

From the above congruence equation, we have

$$F_{2k} \equiv -F_0 = 0 \pmod{L_k},$$
$$F_{2k+2} \equiv -F_2 = -1 \pmod{L_k}.$$

Therefore, $c = 3F_{2k} + 7F_{2k+2} \equiv -7 \pmod{L_k}$, but -7 is non-residue of L_k by [14]. Hence, $c = 3F_{2k} + 7F_{2k+2}$ cannot be a square.

Lastly, c can be an even number only if $k \equiv 1 \pmod 3$, which contradicts $k \not\equiv 4 \pmod 6$. Therefore, c also cannot be twice a square.

• The case $X_1 = P'_k + C'_k$.

For $X_1 = P'_k + C'_k$ the system (4.1) becomes

$$\begin{cases} F_{2k}x + 1 = 5F_{2k+2}(2F_{2k} + 7F_{2k+2})\square, \\ 5F_{2k+2}x + 1 = F_{2k}(3F_{2k} + 2F_{2k+2})\square, \\ (3F_{2k} + 7F_{2k+2})x + 1 = 5F_{2k}F_{2k+2}(2F_{2k} + 7F_{2k+2})(3F_{2k} + 2F_{2k+2})\square. \end{cases}$$

By the second and third equations, F''_{2k} divides $7(5F_{2k+2}x + 1) - 5((3F_{2k} + 7F_{2k+2})x + 1)$. Therefore, F''_{2k} is 1 or 2. Similarly as the case $X_1 = O$, we obtain a contradiction. □

Remark 4.3. As coefficients of E_k grow exponentially, computation of the rank of E_k for large k is difficult. The following values of $\text{rank}(E_k(\mathbb{Q}))$ are computed using the programs **SIMATH**([19]) and *mwrank*([3]).

TABLE 1. Results from rank $(E_k(\mathbb{Q}))$ for small k

Case of k	$E_k(\mathbb{Q})$	$\text{rank}(E_k(\mathbb{Q}))$
$k = 1$	$y^2 = 360x^3 + 399x^2 + 40x + 1$	1
$k = 2$	$y^2 = 7800x^3 + 2915x^2 + 108x + 1$	2
$k = 3$	$y^2 = 143640x^3 + 20163x^2 + 284x + 1$	1
$k = 4$	$y^2 = 2587200x^3 + 138383x^2 + 744x + 1$	1
$k = 5$	$y^2 = 46450800x^3 + 948675x^2 + 1948x + 1$	3

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