

TRINOMIALS $ax^8 + bx + c$ WITH GALOIS GROUPS OF ORDER 1344

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ABSTRACT. Bruin and Elkies ([7]) obtained the curve of genus 2 parametrizing trinomials $ax^8 + bx + c$ whose Galois group is contained in $G_{1344} = (\mathbb{Z}/2)^3 \rtimes G_{168}$. They found some rational points of small height and computed the associated trinomials. They conjecture that the only \mathbb{Q} -rational points of the hyperelliptic curve

$$Y^2 = 2X^6 + 28X^5 + 196X^4 + 784X^3 + 1715X^2 + 2058X + 2401$$

are given by $(X, Y) = (0, \pm 49), (-1, \pm 38), (-3, \pm 32)$, and $(-7, \pm 196)$. In this paper we prove that the above points are the only S -integral points with $S = \{2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19\}$.

1. INTRODUCTION

In the literature there are many interesting results dealing with trinomials having certain Galois group. Bremner and Spearman ([3]) proved that up to scaling $x^6 + 133x + 209$ is the only irreducible sextic trinomial with Galois group C_6 . Brown, Spearman and Yang ([5, 6]) characterized rational trinomials with Galois group $A_4, A_4 \times C_2, S_3$ and $C_3 \times S_3$. Brown, Spearman and Yang ([5]) proved that to obtain some cyclic sextic trinomial (other than the previously mentioned $x^6 + 133x + 209$) over some number field K a rational point on the genus 2 curve $Y^2 = X^6 + 105X^4 + 2400X^2 - 19200$ should exist (other than the ones with $X = \pm 4$). Bruin and Elkies ([7]) determined the set of rational points on the hyperelliptic curve $Y^2 = X(81X^5 + 396X^4 +$

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$738X^3 + 660X^2 + 269X + 48$) via covering techniques and the so-called elliptic Chabauty's method ([8, 9]) and they concluded that every trinomial $ax^7 + bx + c$ over \mathbb{Q} with Galois group contained in G_{168} is equivalent to one of the following trinomials

$$\begin{aligned} x^7 - 7x + 3, \\ x^7 - 154x + 99, \\ 37^2x^7 - 28x + 9, \\ 499^2x^7 - 23956x + 3^4 \cdot 113. \end{aligned}$$

They conjecture that the only \mathbb{Q} -rational points of the hyperelliptic curve $Y^2 = 2X^6 + 28X^5 + 196X^4 + 784X^3 + 1715X^2 + 2058X + 2401$ are given by $(X, Y) = (0, \pm 49), (-1, \pm 38), (-3, \pm 32),$ and $(-7, \pm 196)$. From the above list of rational points they recover the following degree-8 trinomials with Galois group contained in G_{1344}

$$\begin{aligned} x^8 + 16x + 28, \\ x^8 + 576x + 1008, \\ 19^4 \cdot 53x^8 + 19x + 2, \\ x^8 + 324x + 567. \end{aligned}$$

They remark that the Mordell-Weil group of the Jacobian of the hyperelliptic curve $Y^2 = 2X^6 + 28X^5 + 196X^4 + 784X^3 + 1715X^2 + 2058X + 2401$ has rank 2, so classical Chabauty cannot be applied. To apply elliptic Chabauty one has to find rational points on elliptic curves over a degree 15 extension of \mathbb{Q} .

In this paper we provide a partial result related to the above conjecture. We prove the following statement.

THEOREM 1.1. *Let $S = \{2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19\}$. The only S -integral points on the hyperelliptic curve*

$$\mathcal{C}_1 : Y^2 = 2X^6 + 28X^5 + 196X^4 + 784X^3 + 1715X^2 + 2058X + 2401$$

are given by $(X, Y) = (0, \pm 49), (-1, \pm 38), (-3, \pm 32),$ and $(-7, \pm 196)$.

The proof is based on techniques developed in [11] for integral points on hyperelliptic curves and [13, 14] for S -integral points.

2. AUXILIARY RESULTS

We recall some notation and results from [11, 13] related to S -integral points on hyperelliptic curves that will be used later on. Consider the hyperelliptic curve

$$(2.1) \quad \mathcal{C} : ay^2 = F(x) := x^6 + b_5x^5 + b_4x^4 + b_3x^3 + b_2x^2 + b_1x + b_0,$$

where $a \neq 0, b_i \in \mathbb{Z}$. Let α be a root of F and $J(\mathbb{Q})$ be the Jacobian of the curve \mathcal{C} . We have that

$$x - \alpha = \kappa \xi^2$$

where $\kappa, \xi \in K = \mathbb{Q}(\alpha)$ and κ comes from a finite set. By knowing the Mordell-Weil group of the curve \mathcal{C} it is possible to provide a method to compute such a finite set. We assume that a rational point P_0 on \mathcal{C} is known. Let $\epsilon_0 = 1$ if P_0 is one of the two points at infinity and $\epsilon_0 = \gamma_0 - \alpha d_0^2$, where $x(P_0) = \gamma_0/d_0^2, \gamma_0 \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $d_0 \in \mathbb{N}$. Every coset of $J(\mathbb{Q})/2J(\mathbb{Q})$ can be represented by a point of the form $\sum_{i=1}^m (P_i - P_0)$ where the set $\{P_1, \dots, P_m\}$ is stable under the action of the Galois group $Gal(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q})$, and such that all $y(P_i)$ are non-zero. Let $x(P_i) = \gamma_i/d_i^2$, where γ_i is an algebraic integer and $d_i \in \mathbb{N}$. An algebraic number $\epsilon = \epsilon_0^{(m \bmod 2)} \prod_{i=1}^m (\gamma_i - \alpha d_i^2)$ is associated to such a coset. The following result is [13, Lemma 3.1.2].

LEMMA 2.1. *Let \mathcal{E} be a set of ϵ associated as above to a complete set of coset representatives for $J(\mathbb{Q})/2J(\mathbb{Q})$. Let Δ be the discriminant of the polynomial F . For each $\epsilon \in \mathcal{E}$ let B_ϵ be the set of square-free rational integers supported only by primes dividing $a\Delta Norm_{K/\mathbb{Q}}(\epsilon) \prod_{p \in S} p$. Let $\mathcal{K} = \{\epsilon b : \epsilon \in \mathcal{E}, b \in B_\epsilon\}$. Then \mathcal{K} is a finite subset of \mathcal{O}_K and if (x, y) is an S -integral point on (2.1), then $x - \alpha = \kappa \xi^2$ for some $\kappa \in \mathcal{K}, \xi \in K$.*

We introduce some notation we need to provide upper bounds for the size of S -integral solutions of hyperelliptic equations. Let α be an algebraic integer of degree at least 3, and let κ be a integer belonging to K . Let $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3$ be distinct conjugates of α and $\kappa_1, \kappa_2, \kappa_3$ be the corresponding conjugates of κ . Let

$$K_1 = \mathbb{Q}(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \sqrt{\kappa_1 \kappa_2}), \quad K_2 = \mathbb{Q}(\alpha_1, \alpha_3, \sqrt{\kappa_1 \kappa_3}), \quad K_3 = \mathbb{Q}(\alpha_2, \alpha_3, \sqrt{\kappa_2 \kappa_3}),$$

and

$$L = \mathbb{Q}(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3, \sqrt{\kappa_1 \kappa_2}, \sqrt{\kappa_1 \kappa_3}).$$

Let S be a finite set of rational primes with $|S| = s$. If $S = \emptyset$, then let $P = 1$, otherwise $P = \max S$. Let d be the degree of L . Let d_1, d_2, d_3 and r_1, r_2, r_3 be the degrees and the unit ranks of K_1, K_2, K_3 respectively. Let R be an upper bound for the regulators of K_1, K_2, K_3 and R_S an upper bound for the respective S_{K_i} -regulators of K_1, K_2, K_3 . Let s_i be the number of places in S_{K_i} . Let h_{K_i} be an upper bound for the class numbers of the K_i . For a positive real number a let $\log^*(a) = \max\{1, \log a\}$. Let $c_j^* = \max_{i=1,2,3} c_j(s_i, d_i), j = 1, 2, \dots, 5$, where

$$c_1(s_i, d_i) = \frac{((s_i - 1)!)^2}{2^{s_i - 2} d_i^{s_i - 1}}, \quad c_2(s_i, d_i) = 29e\sqrt{s_i - 2} c_1(s_i, d_i) d_i^{s_i - 1} \log^*(d_i),$$

$$c_3(s_i, d_i) = \frac{((s_i - 1)!)^2}{2^{s_i - 1}} \begin{cases} 2/\log 2 & \text{if } d_i = 1, \\ (\log(3d_i))^2 & \text{if } d_i \geq 2, \end{cases}$$

$$c_4(s_i, d_i) = d_i \pi^{s_i - 2} c_2(s_i, d_i), \quad c_5(s_i, d_i) = 2d_i c_3(s_i, d_i).$$

Let $c_6^* = \max_{i=1,2,3} c_6(r_i, d_i)$, where

$$c_6(r_i, d_i) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } r_i = 0, \\ 1/d_i & \text{if } r_i = 1, \\ 29er_i! \sqrt{r_i - 1} \log(d_i) & \text{if } r_i \geq 2. \end{cases}$$

Let

$$N = \max_{1 \leq i, j \leq 3} \left| \text{Norm}_{\mathbb{Q}(\alpha_i, \alpha_j)/\mathbb{Q}}(\kappa_i(\alpha_i - \alpha_j)) \right|^2,$$

$$H^* = \max \left\{ \pi/d, \frac{\log N}{\min_{1 \leq i \leq 3} d_i} + c_6^* R + h(\kappa) + h \left(\sum_{p \in S} \log p \right) \right\},$$

$$c_7(n, d) = \min\{1.451(30\sqrt{2})^{n+4}(n+1)^{5.5}, \pi 2^{6.5n+27}\} d^2 \log(ed),$$

$$c_8(n, d) = (16ed)^{2(n+1)} n^{3/2} \log(2nd) \log(2d),$$

$$c_9(n, d) = (2d)^{2n+1} \log(2d) \log^3(3d),$$

$$c_{10}^* = 2H^* + 2H^* d(s+1)(1 + 2(c_4^*)^2 c_7(s_1 + s_2 - 1, d) R_S^2 \times \\ \times \log(\sqrt{2}e \max\{(s_1 + s_2 - 2)\pi/\sqrt{2}, c_2^* R_S\})),$$

$$c_{11}^* = 4d(s+1)H^*(c_4^*)^2 c_7(s_1 + s_2 - 1, d) R_S,$$

$$c_{12}^* = 2H^* + 2H^* d(s+1) + c_{11}^* \log \left(\frac{\max\{c_5^*, 1\}}{2\sqrt{2}dH^*} \right),$$

$$c_{13}^* = \log 2 + 2H^* + 4(s_1 + s_2 - 2)H^*(c_1^*)^2 c_2^* c_9(s_1 + s_2 - 1, d) R_S^3,$$

$$c_{14}^* = \frac{2H^* d^{s_1+s_2-2} P^d}{\log(2) \log^*(P^d)} (c_1^*)^2 c_8(s_1 + s_2, d) R_S^2,$$

$$c_{15}^* = 2H^* + 2H^* d(s+1) + \\ + c_{14}^* \log \left(\frac{\max\{c_5^*, 1\} e^{(s_1+s_2)(6(s_1+s_2)-1)} d^{3(s_1+s_2-1)} \log(2d) P^{d(s_1+s_2)}}{H^* c_9(s_1 + s_2 - 1, d)} \right).$$

The following result is [13, Theorem 3.7.1].

LEMMA 2.2. *If $x \in \mathbb{Q} \setminus \{0\}$ is a S -integer satisfying $x - \alpha = \kappa \xi^2$ for some $\xi \in K$, then*

$$h(x) \leq 20 \log 2 + 13 h(\kappa) + 19 h(\alpha) + H^* + \\ + 8 \max\{c_{10}^*/2, c_{13}^*/2, c_{12}^* + c_{11}^* \log c_{11}^*, c_{15}^* + c_{14}^* \log c_{14}^*\}.$$

The previous result provides an upper bound for the size of S -integral solutions, the next one gives lower bound for the size of rational solutions that is not contained in a given set W , the set of known points. This is

[11, Lemma 12.1]. Let P_0 be a fixed rational point on the curve (2.1) and let j be the corresponding Abel-Jacobi map given by

$$j : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow J, \quad P \rightarrow [P - P_0].$$

Let D_1, \dots, D_r be generators of the free part of $J(\mathbb{Q})$ and

$$\phi : \mathbb{Z}^r \rightarrow J(\mathbb{Q}), \quad (a_1, \dots, a_r) = \sum_{k=1}^r a_k D_k.$$

LEMMA 2.3. *Let W be a finite subset of $J(\mathbb{Q})$, and let L be a sublattice of \mathbb{Z}^r . Suppose that $j(C(\mathbb{Q})) \subset W + \phi(L)$. Let μ_1 be such that*

$$\mu_1 \leq h(D) - \hat{h}(D),$$

where \hat{h} denotes the canonical height and h is an appropriately normalized logarithmic height on J . Let

$$\mu_2 = \max \left\{ \sqrt{\hat{h}(w)} : w \in W \right\}.$$

Let M be the height-pairing matrix for the Mordell–Weil basis D_1, \dots, D_r and let $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_r$ be its eigenvalues. Let

$$\mu_3 = \min \left\{ \sqrt{\lambda_j} : j = 1, \dots, r \right\}.$$

Let $m(L)$ be the Euclidean norm of the shortest non-zero vector of L . Then, for any $P \in C(\mathbb{Q})$, either $j(P) \in W$ or

$$h(j(P)) \geq (\mu_3 m(L) - \mu_2)^2 + \mu_1.$$

3. PROOF OF THEOREM 1.1

To obtain an upper bound for the size of the S -integral points we use the following model

$$\mathcal{C}_2 : y^2 = F(x) := x^6 + 20x^4 + 12x^3 + 25x^2 + 24x + 16,$$

which is isomorphic to the curve \mathcal{C}_1 over $\mathbb{Z}[\frac{1}{7}]$, hence they have the same S -integral points. As an application of his theory of lower bounds for linear forms in logarithms, Baker ([1]) gave an explicit upper bound for the size of integral solutions of hyperelliptic curves. This result has been improved by many authors (see e.g. [4, 10, 18, 22]). In [11] an improved completely explicit upper bound for integral points were proved combining ideas from [10, 12, 15–17, 22] and in [13, 14] for S -integral points, the main results stated in Section 2. Let α be a root of F . We have that

$$x - \alpha = \kappa \xi^2$$

where $\kappa, \xi \in K = \mathbb{Q}(\alpha)$ and κ comes from a finite set. An appropriate finite set can be determined using Lemma 2.1. Using MAGMA ([2]) we get that $J(\mathbb{Q})$ is free of rank 2 with Mordell-Weil basis given by

$$D_1 = \langle x^2 - 2x + 8, 7x - 28 \rangle,$$

$$D_2 = \langle x^2 + 1/2x + 2, 7/4x + 7 \rangle$$

in Mumford representation, the torsion subgroup is trivial. The MAGMA procedures used to compute these data are based on Stoll's papers [19–21]. We obtain that

$\mathcal{E} = \{1, \alpha^2 - 2\alpha + 8, 256\alpha^2 + 32\alpha + 32, 256\alpha^4 - 480\alpha^3 + 2016\alpha^2 + 192\alpha + 256\}$, the discriminant of F is $-2^{24}7^8$ and the primes dividing the norms of the elements of \mathcal{E} are $\{2, 7, 59, 8839\}$.

According to the Remark at page 42 in [13] we only need to compute bounds for some of these possible values. In our case only 4 values remain

$$\begin{aligned} \kappa_1 &= 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 11 \cdot 13 \cdot 17 \cdot 19 \cdot 59 \cdot 8839, \\ \kappa_2 &= 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 11 \cdot 13 \cdot 17 \cdot 19 \cdot 59 \cdot 8839 \cdot (\alpha^2 - 2\alpha + 8), \\ \kappa_3 &= 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 11 \cdot 13 \cdot 17 \cdot 19 \cdot 59 \cdot 8839 \cdot (256\alpha^2 + 32\alpha + 32), \\ \kappa_4 &= 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 11 \cdot 13 \cdot 17 \cdot 19 \cdot 59 \cdot 8839 \cdot \\ &\quad \cdot (256\alpha^4 - 480\alpha^3 + 2016\alpha^2 + 192\alpha + 256). \end{aligned}$$

For these values we have the following bounds

κ	κ_1	κ_2	κ_3	κ_4
Bound for the S-regulator	3.102×10^{123}	3.102×10^{123}	1.001×10^{292}	9.457×10^{292}
S-unit rank	64	64	113	113
bound for $h(x)$	1.741×10^{1792}	1.741×10^{1792}	3.449×10^{4165}	3.449×10^{4165}

It means that if (x, y) is an S -integral point on the curve \mathcal{C}_2 with $x = x_1/x_2, x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{Z}, \gcd(x_1, x_2) = 1$, then Lemma 2.2 implies that

$$\max\{|x_1|, |x_2|\} \leq \exp(3.449 \times 10^{4165}),$$

here we used the MAGMA code `upperbounds.m` written by Gallegos-Ruiz to obtain bounds for the solutions. We note that the total running time of the calculations was 30.6 hours on an Intel Core i7-6700HQ 2.6GHz PC.

Let W be the image of the set of these known rational points in $J(\mathbb{Q})$, that is $W = \{0 \cdot D_1 + 0 \cdot D_2, -4 \cdot D_1 + 3 \cdot D_2, -5 \cdot D_1 + 0 \cdot D_2, -2 \cdot D_1 + 1 \cdot D_2, -1 \cdot D_1 - 1 \cdot D_2, -3 \cdot D_1 - 1 \cdot D_2, -4 \cdot D_1 + 1 \cdot D_2, -1 \cdot D_1 - 3 \cdot D_2\}$. Applying the Mordell-Weil sieve explained in [11] we obtain that $j(C(\mathbb{Q})) \subseteq W + BJ(\mathbb{Q})$, where

$$B = 2^4 \cdot 3^4 \cdot 5^3 \cdot 11 \cdot 13 \cdot 17 \cdot 19 \cdot 23 \cdot 29 \cdot 31 \cdot 37 \cdot 41$$

$$\cdot 43 \cdot 47 \cdot 53 \cdot 59 \cdot 61 \cdot 67 \cdot 79 \cdot 83 \cdot 103 \cdot 107 \cdot 163 \cdot 167 \cdot 179 \cdot 181.$$

For this computation, we used information modulo good primes $p < 50000$ such that $\#J(\mathbb{F}_p)$ is 300-smooth. The total running time of this calculations was 34 minutes on an Intel Core i7-6700HQ 2.6GHz PC. We have that to 3 decimal places

$$\mu_1 = -7.873, \quad \mu_2 = 1.921, \quad \mu_3 = 0.283.$$

We apply Lemma 2.3 successively to primes of good reduction that satisfy the conditions of the lemma and Criteria (I)(IV) ([11, p. 878]). Using the first 50000 primes we obtain that a lower bound for the size of $j(P)$ for P in the set of unknown rational points is

$$3.483 \times 10^{672}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} B_1 = & 75631701145170013376999268729339294555 \\ & 381746849775503749673996288673221978757 \\ & 263659897853256662351158883713692667920 \\ & 793326000000. \end{aligned}$$

We replace B by B_1 and start to sieve using primes that did not satisfied the criteria in the first application. After the second turn we have that the bound is

$$6.945 \times 10^{2510}$$

and the new value of B is of size 4.87×10^{567} . By applying the Mordell-Weil sieve using the first 50000 primes two more times we get that

$$h(j(P)) \geq 2.157 \times 10^{9124}$$

for an unknown rational point P . Hence

$$h(x) \geq 1.079 \times 10^{9124}.$$

The total running time of this calculations was 21.8 hours on an Intel Core i7-6700HQ 2.6GHz PC. It contradicts the bound obtained earlier, hence the only S -integral points with $S = \{2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19\}$ on the hyperelliptic curve \mathcal{C}_1 are given by

$$(X, Y) = (0, \pm 49), (-1, \pm 38), (-3, \pm 32), (-7, \pm 196).$$

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