

## DIOPHANTINE TRIPLE WITH FIBONACCI NUMBERS AND ELLIPTIC CURVE

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ABSTRACT. A Diophantine  $m$ -tuple is a set  $\{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_m\}$  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  $\text{rank}(E_k(\mathbb{Q})) = 1$  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

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

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  $\text{rank}(E(\mathbb{Q})) = 1$ . 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  $\text{rank}(E_k(\mathbb{Q})) = 1$  and  $k$  is a positive even integer with  $k \not\equiv 4 \pmod{6}$ . It is obvious that every solution of system

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

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

$$(2.1) \quad ax + 1 = \square, \quad bx + 1 = \square, \quad cx + 1 = \square$$

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

$$x \rightarrow \frac{x}{abc}, \quad y \rightarrow \frac{y}{abc}$$

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

$$x \rightarrow \frac{x}{5F_{2k}F_{2k+2}(3F_{2k} + 7F_{2k+2})}, \quad y \rightarrow \frac{y}{5F_{2k}F_{2k+2}(3F_{2k} + 7F_{2k+2})}.$$

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  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  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

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

Since

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

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,

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

There are integer points on  $E'_k$  such that

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

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  $\text{rank}(E'_k(\mathbb{Q})) \geq 1$ .

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

#### 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

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

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.  $\square$

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  $\varphi : E'_k(\mathbb{Q}) \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}^*/\mathbb{Q}^{*2}$  defined by

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

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

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

It means that

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

where  $X = (abcu, abc v)$ ,  $X_1 = (abcu_1, abc v_1)$ . Hence, if

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

then

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

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

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

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  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  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.

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

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  $X_1 \in \mathcal{S} \setminus \{P'_k\}$ . For  $X_1 = \{A'_k, B'_k, P'_k + A'_k, P'_k + B'_k\}$  exactly two of the numbers  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

From the above congruence equation, we have

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

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.  $\square$

*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  $\text{rank}(E_k(\mathbb{Q}))$  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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