# ON SECOND 2-DESCENT AND NON-CONGRUENT NUMBERS

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ABSTRACT. We use the so-called second 2-decent method to find several series of non-congruent numbers. We consider three different 2-isogenies of the congruent elliptic curves and their duals, and find a necessary condition to estimate the size of the images of the 2-Selmer groups in the Selmer groups of the isogeny.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION AND MAIN RESULTS

Let n be a fixed positive square-free integer and let  $E_i$  and  $E'_i$  (i = 1, 2, 3) be the elliptic curves

$$E_1: y^2 = x^3 - n^2 x, \quad E'_1: y^2 = x^3 + 4n^2 x,$$
  

$$E_2: y^2 = x(x+n)(x+2n), \quad E'_2: y^2 = x^3 - 6nx^2 + n^2 x,$$
  

$$E_3: y^2 = x(x-n)(x-2n), \quad E'_3: y^2 = x^3 + 6nx^2 + n^2 x.$$

It is well known that n is a non-congruent number if and only if any one (or equivalently all) of the above elliptic curves has Mordell-Weil rank zero. In this paper we shall use the so-called second 2-descent to bound the rank by the image of 2-Selmer groups in the Selmer groups of the isogenies. As a consequence we find several series of non-congruent numbers.

We start with an overview of notation. For p a prime and x a rational or p-adic number such that  $\operatorname{ord}_p(x)$  is even, the modified Legendre symbol is

$$\left(\frac{x}{p}\right) := \left(\frac{xp^{-\operatorname{ord}_p(x)}}{p}\right).$$
(1.1)

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Thus  $(\frac{1}{p})$  defines a homomorphism from  $\{x \in \mathbb{Q}^{\times}/\mathbb{Q}^{\times 2} : \operatorname{ord}_{p}(x) \text{ is even}\}$  to  $\{\pm 1\}$ . Similarly for an integer  $m \geq 2$ , the Jacobi symbol  $(\frac{1}{m})$  is modified to be a multiplicative homomorphism from  $\{x \in \mathbb{Q}^{\times}/\mathbb{Q}^{\times 2} : \operatorname{ord}_{p}(x) \text{ even for all } p \mid m\}$  to  $\{\pm 1\}$ . Let

$$\left[\frac{x}{m}\right] := \left(1 - \left(\frac{x}{m}\right)\right)/2. \tag{1.2}$$

The symbol  $\left[\frac{1}{m}\right]$  defines an additive homomorphism from  $\{x \in \mathbb{Q}^{\times}/\mathbb{Q}^{\times 2} : \operatorname{ord}_{p}(x)$  even for all  $p \mid m\}$  to  $\mathbb{F}_{2}$ , which we call the additive Jacobi (or Legendre if m = p) symbol.

We let *m* be the odd-part of *n*, i.e., n = (2, n)m, where (a, b) denotes the greatest common divisor of nonzero integers *a* and *b*. Suppose  $m = p_1 \cdots p_k$  is the prime decomposition of *m*.

We let A be the  $k \times k$  matrix with (i, j)-entries  $\left\lfloor \frac{p_j}{p_i} \right\rfloor$  for  $i \neq j$  and (i, i)-entries  $\left\lfloor \frac{m/p_i}{p_i} \right\rfloor$ , and

$$C = \operatorname{diag}\left\{\left[\frac{-1}{p_1}\right], \cdots, \left[\frac{-1}{p_k}\right]\right\}, \ \mathsf{D} = \operatorname{diag}\left\{\left[\frac{2}{p_1}\right], \cdots, \left[\frac{2}{p_k}\right]\right\}, \\ \overrightarrow{\mathbf{0}} = (0, \cdots, 0)^{\mathrm{T}}, \overrightarrow{\mathbf{1}} = (1, \cdots, 1)^{\mathrm{T}}.$$

Moreover, all matrices and vectors in this paper are defined over  $\mathbb{F}_2$ . For  $\overrightarrow{v} = (v_1, \cdots, v_k)^T \in \mathbb{F}_2^k$ , we set

$$d(\overrightarrow{v}) := \prod_{i: v_i=1} p_i.$$

In particular,  $d(\vec{0}) = 1$  and  $d(\vec{1}) = m$ . Conversely, for d a factor of 2m, we let  $\vec{v}(d) := (v_1, \cdots, v_k)^T$  such that  $v_i = 1$  if  $p_i \mid d$ .

**Theorem 1.1.** (1) Assume  $n \equiv 1 \mod 8$ ,  $p_i \equiv 1 \mod 4$  and rank A = k-1. Assume  $\overrightarrow{v}$  is a root of the equation  $A\overrightarrow{x} = D\overrightarrow{1}$  and let  $d = d(\overrightarrow{v})$ . Write  $2d = \tau^2 + \mu^2$  and choose  $\sqrt{-1}$  in  $\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$  such that  $p \mid \tau - \sqrt{-1}\mu$  for all  $p \mid d$ . If  $\left[\frac{\tau + \sqrt{-1}\mu}{n}\right] + \left[\frac{2}{d}\right] = 1$ , then n is a non-congruent number.

In particular, if  $p_i \equiv 1 \mod 8$ , rank A = k - 1 and  $\left(\frac{1+\sqrt{-1}}{n}\right) = -1$ , then n is a non-congruent number.

(2) Assume  $m \equiv 1 \mod 8$ ,  $p_i \equiv 1 \mod 8$  and rank A = k - 1. Write  $m = 2\mu^2 - \tau^2$ . If  $\left(\frac{2+\sqrt{2}}{m}\right) = -1$ , then n = 2m is a non-congruent number.

*Remark.* Note that A is singular since  $\overrightarrow{A1} = 0$ . Thus the condition rank  $\overrightarrow{A} = k - 1$ in (1) implies that the image of A in  $\mathbb{F}_2^k$  is the hyperplane  $x_1 + \cdots + x_k = 0$ , in which  $\overrightarrow{D1}$  lies. Hence the equation  $\overrightarrow{Ax} = \overrightarrow{D1}$  is solvable and  $\overrightarrow{v}$  and  $\overrightarrow{v} + \overrightarrow{1}$  are its two roots. If we replace  $\overrightarrow{v}$  by  $\overrightarrow{v} + \overrightarrow{1}$ , then  $d, \tau, mu, i = \sqrt{-1}$  will be replaced by  $d' = n/d, \tau', \mu'$  and  $i' = \sqrt{-1}$  respectively. One can check that

$$\left[\frac{\tau' + \sqrt{-1}\mu'}{n}\right] + \left[\frac{2}{d'}\right] = \left[\frac{\tau + \sqrt{-1}\mu}{n}\right] + \left[\frac{2}{d}\right],$$

(see [OZ14] Remark 4.7).

Example 1.2. In (1), let  $n = 5 \times 13 \times 41$ , then  $\mathsf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  is of rank 2,  $\overrightarrow{d} = (1, 0, 0)^{\mathrm{T}}$ ,  $d = 5, n/d = 533, 2d = 3^2 + 1^2, 2n/d = 29^2 + 15^2$ ,

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{3+\sqrt{-1}}{5} \end{bmatrix} = 0, \ \begin{bmatrix} \frac{3+\sqrt{-1}}{13} \end{bmatrix} = 1, \ \begin{bmatrix} \frac{3+\sqrt{-1}}{41} \end{bmatrix} = 1, \\ \begin{bmatrix} \frac{29+15\sqrt{-1}}{5} \end{bmatrix} = 0, \ \begin{bmatrix} \frac{29+15\sqrt{-1}}{13} \end{bmatrix} = 1, \ \begin{bmatrix} \frac{29+15\sqrt{-1}}{41} \end{bmatrix} = 1$$

Thus  $\left\lfloor \frac{3+\sqrt{-1}}{n} \right\rfloor + \left\lfloor \frac{2}{5} \right\rfloor = \left\lfloor \frac{29+15\sqrt{-1}}{n} \right\rfloor + \left\lfloor \frac{2}{533} \right\rfloor = 1$  and  $5 \times 13 \times 41$  is non-congruent.

**Theorem 1.3.** Let  $n = (2, n)m \equiv 1, 2, 3 \mod 8$ ,  $m = p_1 \cdots p_k$ .

(1) Assume  $p_i \equiv 3 \mod 4$ . If the equations  $(A^2 + A + D)\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ ,  $\vec{1}$  have together at most 2 solutions, then m is non-congruent. If the equations  $((A + D)^2 + A)\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ ,  $\vec{1}$ ,  $D\vec{1}$ ,  $D\vec{1}$ ,  $D\vec{1}$  +  $\vec{1}$  have together at most 2 solutions, then n = 2m is noncongruent.

(2) Assume  $p_i \equiv \pm 3 \mod 8$ . If the equations  $(\mathsf{A}^2 + \mathsf{A}\mathsf{C} + \mathsf{C})\overrightarrow{x} = \overrightarrow{0}, \overrightarrow{1}, \mathbf{C}\overrightarrow{1}, \mathbf{C}\overrightarrow{1}$ + $\overrightarrow{1}$  have together at most 2 solutions, then n = m is non-congruent. If the equations  $(\mathsf{A}^2 + \mathsf{A}\mathsf{C} + \mathsf{I})\overrightarrow{x} = \overrightarrow{0}, \overrightarrow{1}, \mathbf{C}\overrightarrow{1}, \mathbf{C}\overrightarrow{1} + \overrightarrow{1}$  have together at most 2 solutions, then n = 2m is non-congruent.

(3) Assume  $p_i \equiv \pm 3 \mod 8$ . If the equations  $(A^2 + CA + C)\vec{x} = \vec{0}, \vec{1}$  have together at most 2 solutions, then n = m is non-congruent. If the equations  $(A^2 + CA + I)\vec{x} = \vec{0}, C\vec{1}$  have together at most 2 solutions, then n = 2m is non-congruent.

A special case of the above Theorem is the following theorem:

**Theorem 1.4.** Suppose  $n = (2, n)m \equiv 1, 2, 3 \mod 8$  and  $m = p_1 \cdots p_k$ .

(1) If  $p_i \equiv 3 \mod 4$  and  $A^2 + A + D$  is invertible, then n = m is a non-congruent number.

(2) If  $p_i \equiv \pm 3 \mod 8$  and  $A^2 + CA + C$  is invertible, then n = m is a non-congruent number.

(3) If  $p_i \equiv \pm 3 \mod 8$  and  $A^2 + CA + I$  is invertible, then n = 2m is a noncongruent number.

Example 1.5. Suppose  $p_i \equiv 3 \mod 8$  in the above theorem, then n = m or 2m are non-congruent numbers if  $A^2 + A + I$  is invertible. In particular, if  $\left(\frac{p_i}{p_j}\right) = 1$  for  $1 \le i < j \le k$ , then A is upper triangular and  $A^2 + A + I$  is invertible, thus m is a non-congruent number and so is 2m if k is even. The odd case was first discovered by Iskra in [Isk96].

Moreover, in this way, we can construct an infinite set T of primes congruent to 3 (mod 8), such that the product of any finite subset of primes in T is a non-congruent number, for example,

 $T = \{3, 11, 83, 107, 347, 2939, 3539, 10667, 12539, 29147, \dots \}.$ 

# 2. Computation of the Selmer groups

2.1. Second 2-descent method. We first recall the second 2-descent method of computing the Selmer groups of elliptic curves (cf. [LT00] pp. 232–233, [BSD65] §5 and [Sil09] X.4).

For an isogeny  $\varphi: E \to E'$  of elliptic curves defined over a number field K, the Mordell-Weil group, the Selmer group and the Shafarevich-Tate group are related by the fundamental exact sequence

$$0 \to E'(K)/\varphi E(K) \to S^{(\varphi)}(E/K) \to \operatorname{III}(E/K)[\varphi] \to 0.$$
(2.1)

Moreover, if  $\psi: E' \to E$  is another isogeny, for the composition  $\psi \circ \varphi: E \to E$ , we have a commutative diagram of exact sequences (cf. [XZ09] p. 24):

We denote by  $\tilde{S}^{(\psi)}(E'/K)$  the image of res :  $S^{(\psi\varphi)}(E/K) \to S^{(\psi)}(E'/K)$ . If  $\varphi$  is of degree n and  $\psi$  is its dual isogeny, then by the above diagram, the computation of the Selmer groups S and  $\tilde{S}$  provides a way to obtain the (weak) Mordell-Weil groups and Shafarevich-Tate groups of E and E'.

In the sequel we suppose  $K = \mathbb{Q}$ , and for  $a, b \in \mathbb{Q}$ , suppose

$$E = E_{a,b}: \quad y^2 = x^3 + ax^2 + bx,$$
  

$$E' = E_{-2a,a^2-4b}: \quad y^2 = x^3 - 2ax^2 + (a^2 - 4b)x.$$

Then

$$\varphi = \varphi_{a,b} : E \to E', \quad (x,y) \mapsto \left(\frac{y^2}{x^2}, \frac{y(b-x^2)}{x^2}\right)$$

is an isogeny of degree 2. Let  $\psi$  be the dual isogeny of  $\varphi$ , then  $\psi = \lambda \circ \varphi_{-2a,a^2-4b}$ where  $\lambda : E_{4a,16b} \to E_{a,b}, (x, y) \mapsto (\frac{x}{4}, \frac{y}{8})$  is an isomorphism.

Remark. We shall compute the Selmer groups  $S^{(\varphi)}(E/\mathbb{Q})$ ,  $\tilde{S}^{(\varphi)}(E/\mathbb{Q})$  (for the isogeny  $\varphi \circ \psi$  in the above diagram),  $S^{(\psi)}(E'/\mathbb{Q})$  and  $\tilde{S}^{(\psi)}(E'/\mathbb{Q})$  (for the isogeny  $\psi \circ \varphi$ ) in the following. However, because of the fact  $\psi = \lambda \circ \varphi_{-2a,a^2-4b}$ , the computation for  $\psi$  is more or less the same as for  $\varphi$ , just interchanging (a, b) with  $(-2a, a^2 - 4b)$ .

Let S be the finite set of places  $\{\infty, p \mid 2b(a^2 - 4b)\}$  and  $\mathbb{Q}(S, 2) := \{b \in \mathbb{Q}^{\times}/\mathbb{Q}^{\times 2} \mid \operatorname{ord}_p(b) \equiv 0 \mod 2 \text{ for all } p \notin S\}$ . The set  $\mathbb{Q}(S, 2)$  is represented by the set of squarefree factors of  $2b(a^2 - 4b)$ . From now on we identify these two sets.

Lemma 2.1 ([Sil09], X.4). Let  $C_d$  and  $C'_d$  be the curves

$$C_d: dw^2 = d^2 - 2adz^2 + (a^2 - 4b)z^4, \qquad C'_d: dw^2 = d^2 + adz^2 + bz^4.$$

Then the Selmer groups  $S^{(\varphi)}(E/\mathbb{Q})$  and  $S^{(\psi)}(E'/\mathbb{Q})$  can be identified with

$$S^{(\varphi)}(E/\mathbb{Q}) = \{ d \in \mathbb{Q}(S,2) : C_d(\mathbb{Q}_v) \neq \emptyset, \forall v \in S \}, \\ S^{(\psi)}(E'/\mathbb{Q}) = \{ d \in \mathbb{Q}(S,2) : C'_d(\mathbb{Q}_v) \neq \emptyset, \forall v \in S \}.$$

**Lemma 2.2.** Let  $d \in S^{(\varphi)}(E_{a,b}/\mathbb{Q})$ . Suppose  $(\sigma, \tau, \mu)$  is a nonzero integer solution of  $d\sigma^2 = d^2\tau^2 - 2ad\tau\mu + (a^2 - 4b)\mu^2$  which is guaranteed by Hasse-Minkowski's Theorem (cf. [Ser73]). Let  $\mathcal{M}_s$  be the curve corresponding to  $s \in \mathbb{Q}^{\times}/\mathbb{Q}^{\times^2}$  defined by

$$\mathcal{M}_s: \begin{cases} dw^2 = d^2t^4 - 2adt^2z^2 + (a^2 - 4b)z^4, \\ d\sigma w - (d\tau - a\mu)(dt^2 - az^2) - 4b\mu z^2 = su^2. \end{cases}$$
(2.3)

Then  $d \in \tilde{S}^{(\varphi)}(E/\mathbb{Q})$  if and only if there exists  $s \in \mathbb{Q}(S,2)$  such that  $\mathcal{M}_s$  is locally solvable everywhere.

*Proof.* Let  $w = \frac{1}{\sqrt{d}}(x_1 - \frac{b}{x_1}), t = \frac{y_1}{\sqrt{d}x_1}, z = 1$  where  $(x_1, y_1) \in E$ , then homogeneous space of  $d \in S^{(\varphi)}(E/\mathbb{Q})$  is

$$C_d: dw^2 = d^2t^4 - 2adt^2z^2 + (a^2 - 4b)z^4.$$

If  $d \in \tilde{S}^{(\varphi)}(E/\mathbb{Q})$ , let  $\psi$  map  $(x_2, y_2)$  to  $(x_1, y_1)$ , then  $x_1 = \frac{y_2^2}{4x_2^2}$ .



Take

$$u = \sqrt{\frac{\sqrt{d\sigma} - (d\tau - a\mu)}{s}} \cdot \frac{x_2(2x_1\mu + \sqrt{d\sigma} + d\tau - a\mu)}{\mu y_2}$$

then after some calculations, we get Equation (2.3). The remainder of the lemma follow from [BSD65] §5, Lemma 8 and 10.

2.2. Our situation. Let  $(a, b) = (0, -n^2)$ ,  $(3n, 2n^2)$  and  $(-3n, 2n^2)$ , then  $(-2a, a^2 - 4b) = (0, 4n^2)$ ,  $(-6n, n^2)$  and  $(6n, n^2)$  respectively, we get the elliptic curves  $E_i$  and  $E'_i$  in the beginning of this paper. In our case,  $S = \{\infty, \text{prime factors of } 2m\}$  and  $\mathbb{Q}(S, 2)$  is identified with the factor set of 2m.

We apply the diagram (2.2) to the isogenies  $\psi \circ \varphi : E_i \to E_i$  and  $\varphi \circ \psi : E'_i \to E'_i$ , for the first case,  $\psi$  and  $\psi_S$  are both injective; for the second one,

$$\ker\left(\varphi: \frac{E(\mathbb{Q})}{\psi E'(\mathbb{Q})} \to \frac{E'(\mathbb{Q})}{2E'(\mathbb{Q})}\right) = \ker\left(\varphi_S: S^{(\psi)}(E'/\mathbb{Q}) \to S^{(2)}(E'/\mathbb{Q})\right)$$

is  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ . The proposition below shows that if the images of Selmer groups are minimal, then n is a non-congruent number.

**Proposition 2.3.** Let  $E = E_i$  and  $E' = E'_i$ .

(1) If  $\#\tilde{S}^{(\varphi)}(E/\mathbb{Q}) = 1$  and  $\#\tilde{S}^{(\psi)}(E'/\mathbb{Q}) = 4$ , then we have

$$\operatorname{rank} E(\mathbb{Q}) = \operatorname{rank} E'(\mathbb{Q}) = 0.$$
(2.4)

Moreover, if  $\#S^{(\varphi)}(E/\mathbb{Q}) = 1$ , then

$$\operatorname{III}(E/\mathbb{Q})[2^{\infty}] = 0, \quad \operatorname{III}(E'/\mathbb{Q})[2^{\infty}] \cong S^{(\psi)}(E'/\mathbb{Q})/(\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})^2; \tag{2.5}$$

 $if \# S^{(\psi)}(E'/\mathbb{Q}) = 4,$ 

$$\operatorname{III}(E/\mathbb{Q})[2^{\infty}] \cong S^{(\varphi)}(E/\mathbb{Q}), \quad \operatorname{III}(E'/\mathbb{Q})[2^{\infty}] = 0.$$
(2.6)

(2) If  $\#\tilde{S}^{(\varphi)}(E/\mathbb{Q}) < 4$  and  $\operatorname{rank}_{\mathbb{F}_2} S^{(\varphi)}(E/\mathbb{Q})$  is even, then  $\#\tilde{S}^{(\varphi)}(E/\mathbb{Q}) = 1$ ; if  $\#\tilde{S}^{(\psi)}(E'/\mathbb{Q}) < 16$  and  $\operatorname{rank}_{\mathbb{F}_2} S^{(\psi)}(E'/\mathbb{Q})$  is even, then  $\#\tilde{S}^{(\psi)}(E'/\mathbb{Q}) = 4$ .

*Proof.* (1) Since  $E(\mathbb{Q})_{tor} \cap \psi E'(\mathbb{Q}) = \{O\}$  and  $\#E(\mathbb{Q})_{tor} = 4$ , by the diagram, we have

$$4 \le \# E(\mathbb{Q})/\psi E'(\mathbb{Q}) \le \# S^{(\psi)}(E'/\mathbb{Q}),$$

$$1 \le \#E'(\mathbb{Q})/\varphi E(\mathbb{Q}) \le \#\hat{S}^{(\varphi)}(E/\mathbb{Q}).$$

Now if  $\#\tilde{S}^{(\varphi)}(E/\mathbb{Q}) = 1$  and  $\#\tilde{S}^{(\psi)}(E'/\mathbb{Q}) = 4$ , all inequalities above become equalities, which implies  $\#E(\mathbb{Q})/2E(\mathbb{Q}) = 4$  and rank  $E(\mathbb{Q}) = \operatorname{rank} E'(\mathbb{Q}) = 0$ .

If moreover  $\#S^{(\varphi)}(E/\mathbb{Q}) = 1$ , then

$$S^{(2)}(E/\mathbb{Q}) = (\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})^2, \qquad \operatorname{III}(E/\mathbb{Q})[2] = 0,$$

$$S^{(2)}(E'/\mathbb{Q}) = \frac{S^{(\psi)}(E'/\mathbb{Q})}{\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}}, \qquad \text{III}(E'/\mathbb{Q})[2] = \frac{S^{(\psi)}(E'/\mathbb{Q})}{(\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})^2}$$

Hence  $\operatorname{III}(E/\mathbb{Q})[2^{\infty}] = 0$  and  $\operatorname{III}(E/\mathbb{Q})[2^{k}\varphi] = 0$ . By the exact sequence

$$0 \to \operatorname{III}(E'/\mathbb{Q})[\psi] \to \operatorname{III}(E'/\mathbb{Q})[2^k] \to \operatorname{III}(E/\mathbb{Q})[2^{k-1}\varphi],$$

we have for every  $k \in \mathbb{N}_+$ ,  $\operatorname{III}(E'/\mathbb{Q})[2^k] \cong \operatorname{III}(E'/\mathbb{Q})[\psi]$ , and thus

$$\operatorname{III}(E'/\mathbb{Q})[2^{\infty}] \cong \operatorname{III}(E'/\mathbb{Q})[\psi] \cong S^{(\psi)}(E'/\mathbb{Q})/(\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})^2.$$

Ditto for  $\#S^{(\psi)}(E'/\mathbb{Q}) = 4.$ 

(2) By the existence of the Cassels' skew-symmetric bilinear form on III (cf. [BSD65] P95 or[Cas62]), the  $\mathbb{F}_2$ -ranks of  $S^{(\varphi)}(E/\mathbb{Q})$  and  $\tilde{S}^{(\varphi)}(E/\mathbb{Q})$  have the same parity, which implies  $\tilde{S}^{(\varphi)}(E) = \{1\}$ . Ditto for  $S^{(\psi)}(E'/\mathbb{Q})$ .

Proposition 2.3 is crucial in this paper. In the following we shall give explicit computation of the Selmer groups such that the assumptions of the Proposition are satisfied in the cases corresponding to our Main Theorems.

2.3. The Selmer groups  $S^{(\varphi)}$  and  $S^{(\psi)}$ . For any  $d \mid 2m$ , we let d' = d/(2, d) be the odd part of d. We list the conditions for  $C_{i,d}, C'_{i,d}$  locally solvable below. For the computation, one only needs to consider the valuations and use Hensel's Lemma. We omit the details here (cf. [OZ14, XZ09]).

**Proposition 2.4.** (1) The sets  $C_{1,d}(\mathbb{Q}_{\infty}), C_{2,d}(\mathbb{Q}_{\infty})$  and  $C'_{3,d}(\mathbb{Q}_{\infty})$  are non-empty if and only if d > 0, the sets  $C'_{1,d}(\mathbb{Q}_{\infty}), C'_{2,d}(\mathbb{Q}_{\infty})$  and  $C_{3,d}(\mathbb{Q}_{\infty})$  are always non-empty.

(2) The conditions on d for  $C_d(\mathbb{Q}_2) \neq \emptyset$  are listed as follows:

	n	$d \hspace{0.1cm} odd$	d  even
$C_{1,d}$	odd	$d \equiv 1 \bmod 4$	$d' \equiv 1 \bmod 4, n \equiv \pm 1 \bmod 8$
	even	$d \equiv 1 \bmod 8$	impossible
$C_{2,d}$	odd	$n\equiv 1 \bmod 4, d\equiv 1 \bmod 8$	imnossihle
		$or \ n \equiv 3 \bmod 4, d \equiv \pm 1 \bmod 8$	impossioic
	even	$d \equiv 1 \bmod 8$	$m \equiv 7, d' \equiv 1 \mod 8$
			$or \ m \equiv 5, d' \equiv 7 \bmod 8$
	odd	$n \equiv 3 \bmod 4, d \equiv 1 \bmod 8$	imnossible
$C_{3,d}$		$or \ n \equiv 1 \bmod 4, d \equiv \pm 1 \bmod 8$	inipossible
	even	$d \equiv 1 \bmod 8$	$m \equiv 1 \mod 4, d' \equiv 1 \mod 8$

The conditions of d for  $C'_d(\mathbb{Q}_2) \neq \emptyset$  are listed as follows:

	n	d  odd	d even	
$C_{1,d}'$	odd	$d \text{ or } n/d \equiv \pm 1 \mod 8$	impossible	
	even	arbitrary	arbitrary	
$C_{2,d}'$	odd	$d' \text{ or } -n/d' \equiv 1 \mod 4$		
	even	$m \equiv 1, 3 \text{ or } m \equiv 5, d' \equiv 1, 3 \text{ or } m \equiv 7, d' \equiv \pm 1 \mod 8$		
$C_{3,d}'$	odd	$d' \text{ or } n/d' \equiv 1 \mod 4$		
	even	$m \equiv 5,7 \ or \ m \equiv 3,d' \equiv$	$\equiv 1,3 \text{ or } m \equiv 1, d' \equiv \pm 1 \mod 8$	

(3) The conditions of d for  $C_d(\mathbb{Q}_p)$  or  $C'_d(\mathbb{Q}_p) \neq \emptyset$  for odd prime  $p \mid n$  are listed as follows:

	$p \mid d$	$p \mid (2n/d)$
$C_{1,d}$	$p \equiv 1 \mod 4, \left(\frac{n/d}{p}\right) = 1$	
$C_{2,d}$	$p \equiv \pm 1 \mod 8, \left(\frac{n/d}{p}\right) = 1$	$\left(\frac{d}{p}\right) = 1$
$C_{3,d}$	$p \equiv \pm 1 \mod 8, \left(\frac{-n/d}{p}\right) = 1$	
$C_{1,d}'$	$\left(\frac{n/d}{p}\right) = 1 \text{ for all } p \equiv 1 \mod 4$	$\left(\frac{d}{p}\right) = 1 \text{ for all } p \equiv 1 \mod 4$
$C'_{2,d}$	$\left(\frac{-n/d}{p}\right) = 1 \text{ for all } p \equiv \pm 1 \mod 8$	$\left(\frac{d}{p}\right) = 1 \text{ for all } p \equiv \pm 1 \mod 8$
$C'_{3,d}$	$\left(\frac{n/d}{p}\right) = 1 \text{ for all } p \equiv \pm 1 \mod 8$	$\left(\frac{d}{p}\right) = 1 \text{ for all } p \equiv \pm 1 \mod 8$

**Corollary 2.5.** (1) Assume  $n \equiv 1 \mod 8$ ,  $p_i \equiv 1 \mod 4$  and rank A = k - 1. Assume  $\overrightarrow{v}$  is a root of the equation  $A\overrightarrow{x} = D\overrightarrow{1}$  and let  $d = d(\overrightarrow{v})$ . Then

$$S^{(\varphi)}(E_1/\mathbb{Q}) = \{1, n, 2d, 2n/d\}, \quad S^{(\psi)}(E_1'/\mathbb{Q}) = \{\pm 1, \pm n\}.$$

(2) Assume  $m \equiv 1 \mod 8$ ,  $p_i \equiv \pm 1 \mod 8$ , and rank  $\mathsf{A} = \operatorname{rank}(\mathsf{A} + \mathsf{C}) = k - 1$ . Assume  $\overrightarrow{v}$  is the nonzero root of the equation  $(\mathsf{A} + \mathsf{C})\overrightarrow{x} = \overrightarrow{0}$  and let  $d = d(\overrightarrow{v})$ .

(i) If n = m, then

 $S^{(\varphi)}(E_3/\mathbb{Q}) = \{1, d, -n, -n/d\}, \quad S^{(\psi)}(E'_3/\mathbb{Q}) = \{1, 2, n, 2n\}.$ 

(ii) If n = 2m, then

$$S^{(\varphi)}(E_3/\mathbb{Q}) = \begin{cases} \{1, 2, d, 2d\}, & \text{if } d \equiv 1 \mod 8; \\ \{1, 2, -m/d, -n/d\}, & \text{if } d \equiv -1 \mod 8, \end{cases}$$

and  $S^{(\psi)}(E'_3/\mathbb{Q}) = \{1, 2, m, n\}.$ 

*Proof.* We only show (1). The rest is similar.

Suppose  $d \in S^{(\varphi)}(E_1/\mathbb{Q})$ . Since  $C_{1,d}(\mathbb{Q}_{\infty})$  and  $C_{1,d}(\mathbb{Q}_2)$  are both nonempty,  $0 < d \mid 2n$ . If d is odd, then Proposition 2.4(3) implies  $A\overrightarrow{v}(d) = \overrightarrow{0}$ . Thus  $\overrightarrow{v} = \overrightarrow{0}$  or  $\overrightarrow{1}$  and d = 1, n. If d = 2d' is even, Proposition 2.4(3) implies that  $A\overrightarrow{v}(d') = D\overrightarrow{1}$ , thus  $d = 2d(\overrightarrow{v})$  or  $2n/d(\overrightarrow{v})$  for  $\overrightarrow{v}$  a solution of  $A\overrightarrow{x} = D\overrightarrow{1}$ .

Suppose  $d \in S^{(\psi)}(E'_1/\mathbb{Q})$ . By Proposition 2.4(1) and (2),  $d \mid n$  and  $d \equiv \pm 1 \mod d$ 8. By Proposition 2.4(3),  $A\overrightarrow{v}(d) = \overrightarrow{0}$ . Hence  $\overrightarrow{v}(d) = \overrightarrow{0}$  or  $\overrightarrow{1}$  as rank A = k - 1and  $d = \pm 1$  or  $\pm n$ .

**Corollary 2.6.** Suppose  $m = p_1 \cdots p_k$  is a squarefree odd positive integer and n = m or 2m such that  $n \equiv 1, 2$  or  $3 \mod 8$ .

(1) Assume  $p_i \equiv 3 \mod 4$ . If n = m and  $\mathsf{D} \neq \mathsf{O}$ , then  $S^{(\varphi)}(E_1/\mathbb{Q}) = \{1\}$  and

$$S^{(\psi)}(E'_1/\mathbb{Q}) = \begin{cases} \{d : d \mid n, d \equiv \pm 1 \mod 8\}, & \text{if } n \equiv 1 \mod 8; \\ \langle -1, p_i \rangle & \text{if } n \equiv 3 \mod 8. \end{cases}$$

If n = 2m, then  $S^{(\varphi)}(E_1/\mathbb{Q}) = \{1\}$  and  $S^{(\psi)}(E'_1/\mathbb{Q}) = \langle -1, 2, p_i \rangle$ . (2) Assume  $p_i \equiv \pm 3 \mod 8$ . If n = m, then  $S^{(\varphi)}(E_2/\mathbb{Q}) = \{1\}$  and

$$S^{(\psi)}(E'_2/\mathbb{Q}) = \begin{cases} \langle -1, 2, p_i \rangle, & \text{if } n \equiv 1 \mod 8; \\ \{d, 2d : d \equiv 1 \mod 4, d \mid n\} & \text{if } n \equiv 3 \mod 8. \end{cases}$$

If n = 2m, then  $S^{(\varphi)}(E_2/\mathbb{Q}) = \{1\}$  and

$$S^{(\psi)}(E'_2/\mathbb{Q}) = \begin{cases} \langle -1, 2, p_i \rangle, & \text{if } m \equiv 1 \mod 8; \\ \{d, 2d : d \equiv 1, 3 \mod 8, d \mid n\} & \text{if } m \equiv 5 \mod 8. \end{cases}$$

(3) Assume  $p_i \equiv \pm 3 \mod 8$ . If  $n = m, m \equiv 3 \mod 8$  or  $\mathsf{C} \neq \mathsf{O}$ , then  $S^{(\varphi)}(E_3/\mathbb{Q}) = \{1\}$  and

$$S^{(\psi)}(E'_3/\mathbb{Q}) = \begin{cases} \{d, 2d : 0 < d \mid n, d \equiv 1 \mod 4\} & \text{if } n \equiv 1 \mod 8; \\ \{\langle 2, p_i \rangle\} & \text{if } n \equiv 3 \mod 8. \end{cases}$$

If n = 2m, then  $S^{(\varphi)}(E_3/\mathbb{Q}) = \{1\}$  and

$$S^{(\psi)}(E'_3/\mathbb{Q}) = \begin{cases} \langle 2, p_i \rangle, & \text{if } m \equiv 5 \mod 8; \\ \langle 2, p_1 p_2, p_1 p_3, \cdots, p_1 p_k \rangle, & \text{if } m \equiv 1 \mod 8. \end{cases}$$

In particular, in all cases,  $S^{(\varphi)} = \{1\}$  and  $S^{(\psi)}$  has even  $\mathbb{F}_2$ -rank.

Proof. We only pick one case to prove, the remaining cases are similar. In (1), if n = m is odd, by Proposition 2.4,  $S^{(\varphi)}(E_1/\mathbb{Q}) \subseteq \{1,2\}$ . But if  $2 \in S^{(\varphi)}(E_1/\mathbb{Q})$ ,  $C_{1,2}(\mathbb{Q}_p) \neq \emptyset$  implies  $\left(\frac{2}{p}\right) = 1$  and then  $\mathsf{D} = \mathsf{O}$ . By the same Proposition,  $d \in S^{(\psi)}(E'_1/\mathbb{Q})$  if and only if d is odd and d or  $n/d \equiv \pm 1 \mod 8$ . If n = 2m is even, then  $S^{(\varphi)}(E_1/\mathbb{Q}) = \{1\}$  and  $S^{(\psi)}(E'_1/\mathbb{Q}) = \langle -1, 2, p_i \rangle$  follow from Proposition 2.4 directly.

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2.4. The images  $\tilde{S}^{(\varphi)}$  and  $\tilde{S}^{(\psi)}$ . We first suppose  $(a,b) = (a_1n,b_1n^2)$  where  $a_1, b_1 \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $b_1 \mid 2^{\infty}$ . Let  $E = E_{a,b}$  and  $d \in S^{(\varphi)}(E/\mathbb{Q})$ . We want to find a necessary condition for  $d \in \tilde{S}^{(\varphi)}(E/\mathbb{Q})$ .

By abuse of notation, write  $d = \tau^2 - b_1 \mu^2$  and select the triple  $(\sigma, \tau, \mu)$  in Lemma 2.2 to be  $(d, \tau + \frac{1}{2}a_1\mu, \frac{d\mu}{2n})$ . Then the defining equations in (2.3) can be written as

$$\mathcal{M}_{s}: \begin{cases} w^{2} = d\left(\left(t^{2} - a_{1}(nz^{2}/d)\right)^{2} - 4b_{1}(nz^{2}/d)^{2}\right), \\ w - \tau\left(t^{2} - a_{1}(nz^{2}/d)\right) - 2b_{1}\mu(nz^{2}/d) = su^{2}. \end{cases}$$
(2.7)

**Proposition 2.7.** Suppose  $d \in S^{(\varphi)}(E/\mathbb{Q})$  and  $p \mid m$  an odd prime number. If  $p \mid d$ , then  $\sqrt{b_1} \in \mathbb{Q}_p$ . The curve  $\mathcal{M}_s$  is locally solvable

(1) at  $p \mid d$  if and only if for  $\sqrt{b_1} \in \mathbb{Q}_p$  chosen such that  $p \mid \tau - \sqrt{b_1}\mu$ , either

$$p \mid s, \ \left(\frac{n/d}{p}\right) = \left(\frac{a_1 - 2\sqrt{b_1}}{p}\right), \ \left(\frac{n/s}{p}\right) = \left(\frac{\mu}{p}\right),$$

or

$$p \nmid s, \ \left(\frac{n/d}{p}\right) = \left(\frac{a_1 + 2\sqrt{b_1}}{p}\right), \quad \left(\frac{s}{p}\right) = \left(\frac{-\mu}{p}\right) \left(\frac{n/d}{p}\right);$$

(2) at  $p \mid \frac{2m}{d}$  if and only if either

$$p \mid s, \ \left(\frac{d}{p}\right) = \left(\frac{a_1^2 - 4b_1}{p}\right), \ \left(\frac{n/s}{p}\right) = \left(\frac{d}{p}\right) \left(\frac{\pm\sqrt{d(a_1^2 - 4b_1)} + a_1\tau - 2b_1\mu}{p}\right),$$

or

$$p \nmid s, \ \left(\frac{d}{p}\right) = 1, \ \left(\frac{s}{p}\right) = \left(\frac{\pm\sqrt{d}-\tau}{p}\right).$$

Here  $\pm$  means one of them.

*Proof.* The proof and calculation are similar to [OZ14] §3.2. We use the notation x = O(y) if the *p*-adic valuation of  $v(x) \ge v(y)$ .

The case  $p \mid d$ . We may assume z = 1, v(t) = 0, v(w) > 0. It's easy to see  $t^2 \equiv (a_1 \pm 2\sqrt{b_1}) \frac{n}{d} \pmod{p}$ .

(i) If  $v(su^2) \ge 3$ , then by combining the two expressions of  $w^2$ , we obtain

$$\left(\mu(t^2 - \frac{a_1n}{d}) + \frac{2n\tau}{d}\right)^2 = O(su^2).$$

Then  $t^2 \equiv \frac{(a_1\mu - 2\tau)n}{d\mu} \equiv (a_1 - 2\sqrt{b_1})\frac{n}{d} \pmod{p}$  and  $\left(\frac{n/d}{p}\right) = \left(\frac{a_1 - 2\sqrt{b_1}}{p}\right)$ . Set  $\beta = t^2 - \frac{(a_1\mu - 2\tau)n}{d\mu}$ , then

$$w^{2} = d\left(\frac{4\tau^{2}n^{2}}{\mu^{2}d^{2}} - \frac{4n\tau\beta}{d\mu} + \beta^{2} - 4b_{1}(\frac{n}{d})^{2}\right)$$
$$= \frac{4n^{2}}{\mu^{2}}\left(1 - \frac{\tau\mu\beta}{n} + \frac{d\mu^{2}\beta^{2}}{4n^{2}}\right).$$

Take the square root on both sides,

$$w = \pm \left(\frac{2n}{\mu} - \tau\beta - b_1 n\mu \left(\frac{\mu\beta}{2n}\right)^2 + O(\beta^3/p^2)\right).$$

On the other hand,  $w = -\frac{2n}{\mu} + \tau\beta + su^2$ . Hence the sign must be negative and  $su^{2} = b_{1}n\mu(\frac{\mu\beta}{2n})^{2} + O(\frac{\beta^{3}}{p^{2}}), \text{ thus } p \mid s, \left(\frac{n/s}{p}\right) = \left(\frac{\mu}{p}\right).$ (ii) If  $v(bu^{2}) \leq 2$  and  $t^{2} \equiv \frac{(a_{1}-2\sqrt{b_{1}})n}{d} \pmod{p}, \text{ then } \left(\frac{n/d}{p}\right) = \left(\frac{a_{1}-2\sqrt{b_{1}}}{p}\right).$  Let  $t^{2} = \frac{(a_{1} - 2\sqrt{b_{1}})n}{d} - \frac{p^{2}\alpha}{n\sqrt{b_{1}}},$ 

then one can see

$$w^2 = 4p^2\alpha(1 + \frac{p^2d\alpha}{4n^2b_1}),$$
$$w = \pm 2p\sqrt{\alpha}(1 + \frac{p^2d\alpha}{8n^2b_1} + O(p^2))$$

and

$$su^{2} = \frac{p^{2}\tau}{n\sqrt{b_{1}}}(\sqrt{\alpha} \pm \frac{n\sqrt{b_{1}}}{p\tau})^{2} + \frac{n\sqrt{b_{1}}}{d\tau}(\tau - \sqrt{b_{1}}\mu)^{2} \pm \frac{p^{3}d}{4n^{2}b_{1}}\alpha^{3/2} + O(p^{3}).$$

If  $v(su^2) = 2$ , then  $\sqrt{\alpha} \equiv \mp \frac{n\sqrt{b_1}}{p\tau} \pmod{p}$ , and

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$$su^{2} = \frac{n\sqrt{b_{1}}}{4d\tau^{3}}(\tau - \sqrt{b_{1}}\mu)^{3}(3\tau + \sqrt{b_{1}}\mu) + O(p^{3}) = O(p^{3})$$

that is a contradiction! Thus  $v(su^2) = 1$  and  $p \mid s$ ,  $\left(\frac{n/s}{p}\right) = \left(\frac{\tau\sqrt{b_1}}{p}\right) = \left(\frac{\mu}{p}\right)$ . (iii) If  $v(su^2) \le 2$  and  $t^2 \equiv \frac{(a_1 + 2\sqrt{b_1})n}{d} \pmod{p}$ , then  $\left(\frac{n/d}{p}\right) = \left(\frac{a_1 + 2\sqrt{b_1}}{p}\right)$  and

$$su^{2} = -2\sqrt{b_{1}}\tau n/d - 2b_{1}\mu n/d + O(p) = -4b_{1}n\mu/d + O(p),$$
  
$$\binom{s}{2} = \binom{-\mu}{2}\binom{n/d}{2}.$$

thus  $p \nmid s$ ,  $\left(\frac{s}{p}\right) = \left(\frac{-\mu}{p}\right) \left(\frac{n/a}{p}\right)$ 

The case  $p \mid \frac{2m}{d}$ . (i) If  $v(z) \ge v(t) = v(w)/2$ , we may assume  $t = 1, v(w) = 0, v(z) \ge 0$ . Then

$$w = \pm \sqrt{d} (1 - a_1 (nz^2/d) - 2b_1 (nz^2/d)^2 + \cdots)$$
$$= \tau - (a_1 \tau + 2b_1 \mu) \frac{nz^2}{d} + su^2.$$

Notice that  $(\sqrt{d} - \tau)(-\sqrt{d} - \tau) = b_1 \mu^2$  and  $\pm \sqrt{d} - \tau$  are co-prime. Choose suitable  $\sqrt{d}$  or  $\tau$  such that  $\sqrt{d} - \tau \neq 0$ , then  $v(\sqrt{d} - \tau)$  is even and  $\left(\frac{\sqrt{d} - \tau}{p}\right)$  is well defined. We may assume that  $p \nmid (\sqrt{d} + \tau)$ . If  $w \equiv -\sqrt{d} \mod p$  or  $p \nmid \mu$ , then  $su^2 =$  $-\sqrt{d} - \tau + O(p)$ . Otherwise  $w \equiv \sqrt{d} \mod p$  and  $v(\mu) \ge 1$ , then

$$b_1 \left( \mu (1 - \frac{a_1 n z^2}{d}) + 2\tau \frac{n z^2}{d} \right)^2 = -s u^2 (2\tau + O(p))$$

thus  $p \nmid s$  and  $\left(\frac{s}{p}\right) = \left(\frac{-2\tau}{p}\right) = \left(\frac{\pm\sqrt{d}-\tau}{p}\right)$ . (ii) If v(z) < v(t), we may assume  $z = 1, w = pw_1, t = pt_1$ , then

$$w_1^2 = (a_1^2 - 4b_1)d(\frac{n}{pd})^2 + O(p),$$

thus 
$$\left(\frac{d}{p}\right) = \left(\frac{a_1^2 - 4b_1}{p}\right)$$
 and  

$$w_1 = \pm \sqrt{(a_1^2 - 4b_1)d}(\frac{n}{pd}) + O(p),$$

$$su^2 = \frac{n}{d}(a_1\tau - 2b_1\mu \pm \sqrt{(a_1^2 - 4b_1)d} + O(p)).$$
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$$(a_1\tau - 2b_1\mu + \sqrt{(a_1^2 - 4b_1)d})(a_1\tau - 2b_1\mu - \sqrt{(a_1^2 - 4b_1)d}) = b_1(a_1\mu - 2\tau)^2.$$
  
Thus  $p \mid s, \left(\frac{n/s}{p}\right) = \left(\frac{d}{p}\right) \left(\frac{a_1\tau - 2b_1\mu \pm \sqrt{(a_1^2 - 4b_1)d}}{p}\right).$ 

To compute  $\tilde{S}^{(\varphi_i)}(E_i/\mathbb{Q})$ , we are in the cases  $(a_1, b_1) = (0, -1), (3, 2)$  and (-3, 2)respectively.

**Corollary 2.8.** Suppose 
$$d \in S^{(\varphi_i)}(E_i/\mathbb{Q})$$
. Write  $d = \tau^2 - b_1\mu^2$ , and assume  $\left(\frac{b_1}{p}\right) = 1$  and  $\left(\frac{-a_1 + 2\sqrt{b_1}}{p}\right) = \left(\frac{-a_1 - 2\sqrt{b_1}}{p}\right) = 1$  for all  $p \mid m$ .

Choose  $\sqrt{b_1} \in \mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z}$  such that  $p \mid \tau - \sqrt{b_1}\mu$  for all  $p \mid d'$ . Then  $\mathcal{M}_s$  is locally solvable

(1) at  $p \mid d'$  only if either

$$p \mid s, \ \left(\frac{n/d}{p}\right) = \left(\frac{-1}{p}\right), \ \left(\frac{n/s}{p}\right) = \left(\frac{-2(\tau + \sqrt{b_1}\mu)}{p}\right) \left(\frac{-\sqrt{b_1}}{p}\right),$$
$$p \nmid s, \ \left(\frac{n/d}{p}\right) = \left(\frac{-1}{p}\right), \ \left(\frac{s}{p}\right) = \left(\frac{-2(\tau + \sqrt{b_1}\mu)}{p}\right) \left(\frac{-\sqrt{b_1}}{p}\right);$$

or

$$p / p / p / p / p / p / at p \mid \frac{m}{d'}$$
 only if either

$$p \mid s, \ \left(\frac{d}{p}\right) = 1, \ \left(\frac{n/s}{p}\right) = \left(\frac{-2(\tau + \sqrt{b_1}\mu)}{p}\right),$$

(2)

$$p \nmid s, \left(\frac{d}{p}\right) = 1, \left(\frac{s}{p}\right) = \left(\frac{-2(\tau + \sqrt{b_1}\mu)}{p}\right).$$

In particular, if  $E_i = E_1$  or  $E_3$  for n as in Theorem 1.1(1) or (3), then  $\left[\frac{-\sqrt{b_1}}{d'}\right] +$  $\left[\frac{-2(\tau+\sqrt{b_1}\mu)}{m}\right] = 1 \text{ implies } d \notin \tilde{S}^{(\varphi)}(E_i/\mathbb{Q}).$ 

*Proof.* For  $p \mid d$ , we have

$$\left(\frac{\mu}{p}\right) = \left(\frac{4b_1\mu}{p}\right) = \left(\frac{-\sqrt{b_1}}{p}\right) \left(\frac{-2(\tau + \sqrt{b_1}\mu)}{p}\right)$$

For  $p \mid \frac{n}{d}$ , if  $p \mid s$ ,

$$-2(\sqrt{d}-\tau)(\tau+\sqrt{b_1}\mu) = (\tau+\sqrt{b_1}\mu-\sqrt{d})^2, \qquad (2.8)$$
$$\left(\frac{n/s}{p}\right) = \left(\frac{-2(\tau+\sqrt{b_1}\mu)}{p}\right).$$

If  $p \nmid s$ , notice that

$$(a_1^2 - 4b_1)d = (-a_1\tau + 2b_1\mu)^2 - b_1(2\tau - a_1\mu)^2,$$

$$\left(\frac{s}{p}\right) = \left(\frac{-2(-a_1\tau + 2b_1\mu + \sqrt{b_1}(2\tau - a_1\mu))}{p}\right) = \left(\frac{-2(\tau + \sqrt{b_1}\mu)}{p}\right)$$

Then the local solvability follows from Proposition 2.7.

If  $E_i = E_1$ ,  $(a_1, b_1) = (0, -1)$ , then for any  $p \mid d, p \equiv 1 \mod 4$ ,  $\left(\frac{2\sqrt{-1}}{p}\right) = 1$ ; if  $E_i = E_3$ ,  $(a_1, b_1) = (-3, 2)$ , then for any  $p \mid d, p \equiv 1 \mod 8$ ,  $\left(\frac{3\pm 2\sqrt{2}}{p}\right) = 1$ . If  $d \in \tilde{S}^{(\varphi_i)}(E_i/\mathbb{Q})$ , then there exists  $s \in \mathbb{Q}(S, 2)$  satisfying the above conditions. Write  $\varepsilon = s/d(\overrightarrow{v}(s)) = \pm 1, \pm 2$ . Then

the *i*-th entry of 
$$A\overrightarrow{v}(s) = \begin{cases} \left[\frac{-2(\tau+\sqrt{b_1}\mu)}{p}\right] + \left[\frac{-\sqrt{b_1}}{p}\right] + \left[\frac{\varepsilon}{p}\right], & \text{if } p_i \mid d\\ \frac{-2(\tau+\sqrt{b_1}\mu)}{p}\right] + \left[\frac{\varepsilon}{p}\right], & \text{if } p_i \mid \frac{m}{d}. \end{cases}$$

But the image space of A is a subspace of  $x_1 + \dots + x_k = 0$  and notice that  $m \equiv 1 \mod 8, \sum \left[\frac{\varepsilon}{p}\right] = \left[\frac{\varepsilon}{m}\right] = 0$ , thus  $\left[\frac{-\sqrt{b_1}}{d'}\right] + \left[\frac{-2(\tau + \sqrt{b_1}\mu)}{m}\right] = 0$ .

To compute  $\tilde{S}^{(\psi_i)}(E'_i/\mathbb{Q})$ , we are in the cases  $(a_1, b_1) = (0, 4)$ , (-6, 1) and (6, 1) respectively. In these cases  $b_1$  is a square number. We will fix the pair  $(\tau, \mu)$ .

**Corollary 2.9.** Suppose  $d \in S^{(\psi_i)}(E'_i/\mathbb{Q})$  and  $p \mid m$  an odd prime number. (1) If i = 1, then  $\mathcal{M}_s$  for  $(\tau, \mu) = (\frac{d+1}{2}, \frac{d-1}{4})$  is locally solvable:

(i) at  $p \mid d$  if and only if

$$p \mid s, \ \left(\frac{n/d}{p}\right) = 1, \ \left(\frac{n/s}{p}\right) = \left(\frac{-1}{p}\right);$$
$$p \nmid s, \ \left(\frac{n/d}{p}\right) = \left(\frac{-1}{p}\right), \ \left(\frac{s}{p}\right) = \left(\frac{-1}{p}\right);$$

(ii) at  $p \mid \frac{n}{d}$  if and only if

$$p \mid s, \ \left(\frac{d}{p}\right) = \left(\frac{-1}{p}\right), \ \left(\frac{n/s}{p}\right) = \left(\frac{-2}{p}\right);$$
$$p \nmid s, \ \left(\frac{d}{p}\right) = 1, \ \left(\frac{s}{p}\right) = \left(\frac{-2}{p}\right).$$

(2) If i = 2, then M<sub>s</sub> for (τ, μ) = (<sup>d+1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>, <sup>d-1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>) is locally solvable:
(i) at p | d if and only if

$$p \mid s, \ \left(\frac{n/d}{p}\right) = \left(\frac{-1}{p}\right), \ \left(\frac{n/s}{p}\right) = \left(\frac{-2}{p}\right);$$
$$p \nmid s, \ \left(\frac{n/d}{p}\right) = \left(\frac{-2}{p}\right), \ \left(\frac{s}{p}\right) = \left(\frac{-1}{p}\right);$$

(ii) at  $p \mid \frac{n}{d}$  if and only if

$$p \mid s, \ \left(\frac{d}{p}\right) = \left(\frac{2}{p}\right), \ \left(\frac{n/s}{p}\right) = \left(\frac{-1}{p}\right);$$
$$p \nmid s, \ \left(\frac{d}{p}\right) = 1, \ \left(\frac{s}{p}\right) = \left(\frac{-2}{p}\right).$$

(3) For i = 3, then  $\mathcal{M}_s$  for  $(\tau, \mu) = (\frac{d+1}{2}, \frac{d-1}{2})$  is locally solvable

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(i) at  $p \mid d$  if and only if

$$p \mid s, \ \left(\frac{n/d}{p}\right) = \left(\frac{2}{p}\right), \ \left(\frac{n/s}{p}\right) = \left(\frac{-2}{p}\right);$$
$$p \nmid s, \ \left(\frac{n/d}{p}\right) = 1, \ \left(\frac{s}{p}\right) = \left(\frac{2}{p}\right);$$

(ii) at  $p \mid \frac{n}{d}$  if and only if

$$p \mid s, \ \left(\frac{d}{p}\right) = \left(\frac{2}{p}\right), \ \left(\frac{n/s}{p}\right) = \left(\frac{2}{p}\right);$$
$$p \nmid s, \ \left(\frac{d}{p}\right) = 1, \ \left(\frac{s}{p}\right) = \left(\frac{-2}{p}\right).$$

*Proof.* This follows from Proposition 2.7 easily, one only needs to use the fact  $-2d(\pm\sqrt{d}-\tau) = (d \mp \sqrt{d})^2$ .

# 3. Proof of the main theorems

*Proof of Theorem 1.1.* (1) One can find a detailed argument in [OZ14]. Under the assumption, by Corollary 2.5(1),

$$S^{(\varphi)}(E_1/\mathbb{Q}) = \{1, n, 2d, 2n/d\}, \ S^{(\psi)}(E'_1/\mathbb{Q}) = \{\pm 1, \pm n\}$$

where  $d = d(\vec{v})$  for  $A\vec{v} = D\vec{1}$ . Write  $2d = \tau^2 + \mu^2$  and choose  $\sqrt{-1}$  in  $\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$ such that  $p \mid \tau - \sqrt{-1}\mu$  for all  $p \mid d$ . By Corollary 2.8, if  $\left[\frac{\tau + \sqrt{-1}\mu}{n}\right] + \left[\frac{2}{d}\right] = 1$ , then  $2d \notin \tilde{S}^{(\varphi)}(E_1/\mathbb{Q})$ . By Proposition 2.3,  $\tilde{S}^{(\varphi)}(E_1/\mathbb{Q}) = \{1\}$  and n is non-congruent. (2) By Corollary 2.5(2),

$$S^{(\varphi)}(E_3/\mathbb{Q}) = S^{(\psi)}(E'_3/\mathbb{Q}) = \{1, 2, m, n\}$$

Write  $2 = 2^2 - 2 \times 1^2$ ,  $\tau = 2, \mu = 1$ ,  $\left[\frac{-2(2+\sqrt{2})}{m}\right] = \left[\frac{2+\sqrt{2}}{m}\right]$ . By Corollary 2.8,  $\left(\frac{2+\sqrt{2}}{m}\right) = -1$  implies  $2 \notin \tilde{S}^{(\varphi)}(E_3/\mathbb{Q})$ . By Proposition 2.3,  $\tilde{S}^{(\varphi)}(E_3/\mathbb{Q}) = \{1\}$  and n is non-congruent.

Proof of Theorem 1.3. We first show (1).

(1) For n = m odd, if  $(A^2 + A + D)\overrightarrow{x} = \overrightarrow{0}$ ,  $\overrightarrow{1}$  has at most 2 solutions, then  $D \neq O$ . Indeed, if D = O, then  $p_i \equiv 7 \mod 8$  and k is even. If rank A < k - 1, then  $A\overrightarrow{x} = \overrightarrow{0}$  and  $(A^2 + A)\overrightarrow{x} = \overrightarrow{0}$  have more than 4 solutions. If rank A = k - 1, let  $\overrightarrow{v}$  be a solution of  $A\overrightarrow{x} = \overrightarrow{1}$ , then  $\overrightarrow{0}$ ,  $\overrightarrow{1}$ ,  $\overrightarrow{v}$  and  $\overrightarrow{v} + \overrightarrow{1}$  all satisfy  $(A^2 + A)\overrightarrow{x} = \overrightarrow{0}$  or  $\overrightarrow{1}$ . Hence we can apply Corollary 2.6(1).

Suppose  $d \in \tilde{S}^{(\psi)}(E'_1/\mathbb{Q})$ . If d > 0, let  $\overrightarrow{v} = \overrightarrow{v}(d)$ , then

the *i*-th entry of 
$$A\overrightarrow{v} = \begin{cases} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{d}{p_i} \end{bmatrix}, & \text{if } p_i \nmid d; \\ \begin{bmatrix} \frac{n/d}{p_i} \end{bmatrix}, & \text{if } p_i \mid d. \end{cases}$$

Suppose  $s \in \mathbb{Q}(S,2)$  such that  $\mathcal{M}_s$  is locally solvable everywhere. Let  $\overrightarrow{s} = \overrightarrow{v}(s)$ and  $s_0 = d(\overrightarrow{s})$ . Then  $2 \nmid s_0 > 0$  and  $s = \pm s_0, \pm 2s_0$ . If  $s = s_0$ , by Corollary 2.9 (1),

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{if } p \mid d, \ \left[\frac{n/d}{p}\right] = 0, \text{ then } p \mid s, \ \left[\frac{n/s}{p}\right] = 1; \\ &\text{if } p \mid d, \ \left[\frac{n/d}{p}\right] = 1, \text{ then } p \nmid s, \ \left[\frac{s}{p}\right] = 1; \\ &\text{if } p \nmid d, \ \left[\frac{d}{p}\right] = 1, \text{ then } p \mid s, \ \left[\frac{n/s}{p}\right] = 1 + \left[\frac{2}{p}\right]; \\ &\text{if } p \nmid d, \ \left[\frac{d}{p}\right] = 0, \text{ then } p \nmid s, \ \left[\frac{s}{p}\right] = 1 + \left[\frac{2}{p}\right]. \end{aligned}$$

Then  $\vec{s} = (A + I)\vec{v}$  and  $A\vec{s} = \vec{1} + D(\vec{1} + \vec{v})$ . Thus  $(A^2 + A + D)\vec{v} = \vec{1} + D\vec{1}$ . Similarly, for  $s = -s_0, 2s_0, -2s_0$ , we have  $(A^2 + A + D)\vec{v} = D\vec{1}, \vec{1}, \vec{0}$  respectively. If d < 0, then  $\vec{s} = (A + I)\vec{v} + \vec{1}$ ; but  $A\vec{1} = \vec{0}$ , so we still have  $(A^2 + A + D)\vec{v} = \vec{0}, \vec{1}, D\vec{1}, D\vec{1} + \vec{1}$  respectively for  $s = s_0, -s_0, 2s_0, -2s_0$ . Hence  $\pm d, \pm n/d \in \tilde{S}^{(\psi)}(E'_1/\mathbb{Q})$  only if

$$(\mathsf{A}^2 + \mathsf{A} + \mathsf{D})\overrightarrow{v} = \overrightarrow{0}, \overrightarrow{1}.$$

If the equations have together at most 2 solutions, then there are at most 8 elements in  $\tilde{S}^{(\psi)}(E'_1/\mathbb{Q})$ . By Proposition 2.3 and Corollary 2.6,  $\#\tilde{S}^{(\psi)}(E'_1/\mathbb{Q}) = 4$  and n is a non-congruent number.

For n = 2m even, similarly for odd  $d = d_0 = d(\vec{v})$ , if  $s = s_0$ , then  $\vec{s} = (A + D + I)\vec{v}$  and  $A\vec{s} = \vec{1} + D(\vec{v} + \vec{s} + \vec{1})$ . Thus  $((A + D)^2 + A)\vec{v} = \vec{1} + D\vec{1}$ ; if  $s = -s_0, 2s_0, -2s_0$ , then  $((A + D)^2 + A)\vec{v} = D\vec{1}, \vec{1}, \vec{0}$ . For  $d = -d_0$ ,  $((A + D)^2 + A)\vec{v} = \vec{0}, \vec{1}, D\vec{1}, D\vec{1} + \vec{1}$  if  $s = \pm s_0, \pm 2s_0$  respectively; for  $d = \pm 2d_0$ ,  $((A + D)^2 + A)(\vec{v} + \vec{1}) = \vec{0}, \vec{1}, D\vec{1}, D\vec{1} + \vec{1}$  respectively. Hence  $\pm d, \pm 2n/d \in \tilde{S}^{(\psi)}(E'_1/\mathbb{Q})$  only if

$$((\mathsf{A} + \mathsf{D})^2 + \mathsf{A})\overrightarrow{v} = \overrightarrow{0}, \overrightarrow{1}, \mathsf{D}\overrightarrow{1}, \mathsf{D}\overrightarrow{1} + \overrightarrow{1}.$$

If the equations have together at most 2 solutions, then there are at most 8 elements in  $\tilde{S}^{(\psi)}(E'/\mathbb{Q})$ . By Proposition 2.3 and Corollary 2.6,  $\#\tilde{S}^{(\psi)}(E'_1/\mathbb{Q}) = 4$  and n is a non-congruent number.

The proofs of (2) and (3) are similar to (1). We suppose  $2 \nmid d > 0$  and  $\overrightarrow{v} = \overrightarrow{v}(d)$  in the following.

(2) For 
$$n = m$$
, then  $d, 2d, -n/d, -2n/d \in \tilde{S}^{(\psi)}(E'_2/\mathbb{Q})$  only if  
 $(\mathsf{A}^2 + \mathsf{A}\mathsf{C} + \mathsf{C})\overrightarrow{v} = \overrightarrow{0}, \overrightarrow{1}, \mathbf{C}\overrightarrow{1}, \mathbf{C}\overrightarrow{1} + \overrightarrow{1}.$ 

If the equations have together at most 2 solutions, then  $\#\tilde{S}^{(\psi)}(E'_2/\mathbb{Q}) \leq 8$  and n is a non-congruent number.

For 
$$n = 2m$$
, then  $d, 2d, -m/d, -n/d \in S^{(\psi)}(E'_2/\mathbb{Q})$  only if  
 $(\mathsf{A}^2 + \mathsf{A}\mathsf{C} + \mathsf{I})\overrightarrow{v} = \overrightarrow{0}, \overrightarrow{1}, \mathsf{C}\overrightarrow{1}, \mathsf{C}\overrightarrow{1} + \overrightarrow{1}.$ 

If the equations have together at most 2 solutions, then  $\#\tilde{S}^{(\varphi)}(E_2/\mathbb{Q}) \leq 8$  and n is a non-congruent number.

(3) For n = m, if the equations  $(A^2 + CA + C)\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ ,  $\vec{1}$  have together at most 2 solutions, then  $C \neq O$  or  $n \equiv 3 \mod 8$ . Indeed, if C = O and  $n \equiv 1 \mod 8$ , then  $p_i \equiv 5 \mod 8$  and k is even. Similar to the proof of  $D \neq O$  in (1), one can show  $A^2\vec{x} = 0$  has at least 4 solutions.

Thus  $d, 2d, n/d, 2n/d \in \tilde{S}^{(\psi)}(E'_3/\mathbb{Q})$  only if

$$(\mathsf{A}^2 + \mathsf{C}\mathsf{A} + \mathsf{C})\overrightarrow{v} = \overrightarrow{0}, \overrightarrow{1}.$$

If the equations have together at most 2 solutions, then  $\#\tilde{S}^{(\psi)}(E'_3/\mathbb{Q}) \leq 8$  and n is a non-congruent number.

For n = 2m even, then  $d, 2d, m/d, n/d \in \tilde{S}^{(\psi)}(E'_3/\mathbb{Q})$  only if

$$(\mathsf{A}^2 + \mathsf{C}\mathsf{A} + \mathsf{I})\overrightarrow{v} = \overrightarrow{0}, \mathsf{C}\overrightarrow{1}$$

If the equations have together at most 2 solutions, then  $\#\tilde{S}^{(\psi)}(E'_3/\mathbb{Q}) \leq 8$  and n is a non-congruent number.

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