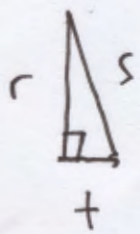


# Integer points on $E_m: y^2 = x^3 - mx$

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- $m = n^2$ ,  $E_{n^2}$  is a congruent number curve



$r, s, t$  rational  
AREA =  $n$

iff  $\text{rank}(E_{n^2}) > 0$

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- Determine  $E_m(\mathbb{Z})$

- W:  $m = p^a$

- Bennett:  $m = 2^a p^b$

- THIS TALK:  $m = p^a q^b$   $p, q$  odd primes

## CHEEKY SOLUTIONS on $E_m(\mathbb{Z})$

If  $p|m$  and  $(x, y) \in E_m(\mathbb{Z})$   
then  $(p^2x, p^3y) \in E_{p^4m}(\mathbb{Z})$ .

Def'n  $(x, y) \in E_m(\mathbb{Z})$  is primitive if  
 $p^2 \nmid x$  for any  $p|m$ .

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Problem Determine the set of  $(a, b) \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \times \mathbb{Z}^+$   
for which there exist curves

$$E_{p^a q^b} \quad (p, q \text{ distinct odd primes})$$

with primitive solutions.

$$\underline{(a, b) = (1, 1)}$$

$$y^2 = x^3 - pqx$$

$$= x(x^2 - pq) = du^2 \cdot dv^2$$

Let  $x = du^2$ ,  $d$  square-free  $\rightarrow$

$$\text{So } d \in \{ \pm 1, \pm p, \pm q, \pm pq \}$$

$$\underline{d=1} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} u^4 - pq = v^2 \end{array} \right.$$

$$u^2 \pm v = p, \quad pq$$

$$u^2 \mp v = q, \quad 1$$

$\hookrightarrow$

$$2u^2 = p+q \quad \text{or} \quad pq+1$$



Point : Conjecturally, there infinitely many

$(p, q)$  which satisfy ~~the~~ .

$$\underline{d = -1}$$

$$u^4 + v^2 = pq$$

- A modification to Friedlander & Iwaniec's Theorem would give infinitely many

$$E_{pq}$$

with a primitive integer point.

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### (TENTATIVE) THEOREM

There are infinitely many odd prime pairs

$p, q$  s.t.

$$E_{pq}$$

has a primitive integer point.

$$\underline{(a, b) = (1, t)} \quad t > 1.$$

$$y^2 = x^3 - pq^t x$$

$$= x(x^2 - pq^t)$$

$$x = du^2, \quad d \in \{ \pm 1, \pm p, \pm q, \pm pq \}$$

Case  $d=1$

$$\text{Same reduction} \longrightarrow 2u^2 = p + q^t$$

- Select a prime  $q$

- Put  $u = \lceil \sqrt{q^t/2} \rceil$

- Test  $2(u+i)^2 - q^t$  for PRIMALITY.

Gives  $E_{pq^t}$  with a primitive integer point.

- SIMILARLY for  $p^2 q^t$ ,  $t \geq 2$ .



$$\underline{(a, b) = (3, 3)}$$

As before, with  $\underline{d=1}$  gives

$$2u^2 = p^3 + q^3$$

$$f_1 = 4c^4 + 12c^2d^2 - 3d^4$$

$$f_2 = -4c^4 + 12c^2d^2 + 3d^4$$

$$f_3 = 24c^5d + 18cd^5$$

Then  $2f_3^2 = f_1^3 + f_2^3$

AND MOREOVER :  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  are irreducible!

Conjecture

Infinitely many odd  
prime pairs  $(p, q)$  <sup>exist</sup> such that

$E_{p^3q^3}$  contains a prim. int. pt.

$$(a, b) = (3, 4), (3, 5)$$

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$$d=1 \rightarrow 2u^2 = p^3 + q^4$$

$$2u^2 = p^3 + q^5$$

Corresponding curves can ALSO be parametrized

BUT TBD whether irreducibility holds.

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### OPEN PROBLEM

Are there infinitely odd prime pairs  $(p, q)$  for which

$$E_{p^3q^4} \quad \text{resp.} \quad E_{p^3q^5}$$

contains a primitive integer point?



$$\underline{(a, b) = (3, 6)}$$

$$\text{Rank} = 1$$

$$d=1 \rightarrow 2u^2 = p^3 + 9^6 \rightarrow y^2 = x^3 + 8$$

$$\text{Need } X = \frac{2p}{9^2} \quad \text{none found!!}$$

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$$d=-1 \rightarrow u^4 + v^2 = p^3 9^6$$

$$X^4 + Y^2 = Z^3 \quad \text{parametrizable}$$

$$\text{need } Z = p 9^2$$

OPEN PROBLEM

are there any  $(p, 9)$

such that  $E_{p^3 9^6}$  has a prim. int. pt.?

ABC IMPLIES (VIA Darmon & Granville)

$$\mathbb{L}x^r + \mathbb{M}y^s = \mathbb{N}z^t$$



$$\frac{1}{r} + \frac{1}{s} + \frac{1}{t} > 1$$

Spherical case  $g=0$   
(parametrizable)

$$\frac{1}{r} + \frac{1}{s} + \frac{1}{t} = 1$$

Euclidean Case  $g=1$

Eg  $(a,b) = (3,6)$   
 $(a,b) = (4,4)$

$$\frac{1}{r} + \frac{1}{s} + \frac{1}{t} < 1$$

Hyperbolic Case  $g > 1$

ABC Conjecture  $\Rightarrow$  for any  $(\mathbb{L}, \mathbb{M}, \mathbb{N})$  there are

only finitely many  $(x, y, z, r, s, t)$

satisfying  and .

$$\underline{(a, b) = (3, 7)}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{7} < 1}$$

$$\underline{d=1} \rightarrow 2z^2 = p^3 + q^7$$

has a sol'n :  $(p, q, z) = (5, 3, 34)$ .

$$2 \cdot 34^2 = 5^3 + 3^7$$

← "Good"  
ABC EXAMPLE

Note  $\frac{\log(2 \cdot 34^2)}{\log(2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 17)} = 1.242\dots$

**BOLD**  
**Conjecture**

AND  $(a, b) \neq (3, 6)$

$$\text{If } \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} \leq \frac{1}{2}$$

and  $(x, y)$  is a PRIM. int. point on  $E_{p^a, q^b}$ ,

$$\text{then } p^a = 5^3, q^b = 3^7, x = 2 \cdot 34^2$$

How ABOUT A THEOREM? (DIAGONAL CASE)

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If  $a = b$  and  $a, b \geq 4$  then

$$E_{p^a, q^b}$$

does NOT HAVE any primitive int. points.

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Direct APPLICATION of

• BENNETT & SKINNER

$$2z^2 = x^n + y^n \quad (n \geq 4)$$

• BENNETT, ELLENBERG, NG

$$x^2 + y^4 = z^n \quad (n \geq 4)$$