

ON THE TORSION OF RATIONAL ELLIPTIC CURVES OVER QUARTIC FIELDS

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ABSTRACT. Let E be an elliptic curve defined over \mathbb{Q} and let $G = E(\mathbb{Q})_{\text{tors}}$ be the associated torsion subgroup. We study, for a given G , which possible groups $G \subseteq H$ could appear such that $H = E(K)_{\text{tors}}$, for $[K : \mathbb{Q}] = 4$ and H is one of the possible torsion structures that occur infinitely often as torsion structures of elliptic curves defined over quartic number fields.

Let K be a number field, and let E be an elliptic curve over K . The Mordell-Weil theorem states that the set $E(K)$ of K -rational points on E is a finitely generated abelian group. It is well known that $E(K)_{\text{tors}}$, the torsion subgroup of $E(K)$, is isomorphic to $\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z}$ for some positive integers n, m with $n|m$. In the rest of the paper we shall write $\mathcal{C}_n = \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$ for brevity, and we call $\mathcal{C}_n \times \mathcal{C}_m$ the torsion structure of E over K .

The characterization of the possible torsion structures of elliptic curves has been of considerable interest over the last few decades. Since Mazur's proof [36] of Ogg's conjecture,¹ and Merel's proof [37] of the uniform boundedness conjecture, there have been several interesting developments in the case of a number field K of fixed degree d over \mathbb{Q} . The case of quadratic fields ($d = 2$) was completed by Kamienny [29], and Kenku and Momose [31] after a long series of papers. However, there is no complete characterization of the torsion structures that may occur for any fixed degree $d > 2$ at this time.² Nevertheless, there has been significant progress to characterize the cubic case [3, 23, 24, 27, 39, 50] and the quartic case [25, 26, 28, 40]. Let us define some useful notation to describe more precisely what is known for $d \geq 2$:

- Let $S(d)$ be the set of primes that can appear as the order of a torsion point of an elliptic curve defined over a number field of degree $\leq d$.
- Let $\Phi(d)$ be the set of possible isomorphism torsion structures $E(K)_{\text{tors}}$, where K runs through all number fields K of degree d and E runs through all elliptic curves over K .
- Let $\Phi^\infty(d)$ be the subset of isomorphic torsion structures in $\Phi(d)$ that occur infinitely often. More precisely, a torsion structure G belongs to $\Phi^\infty(d)$ if there are infinitely many elliptic curves E , non-isomorphic over $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}$, such that $E(K)_{\text{tors}} \simeq G$.

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¹See [47], which established all of the torsion structures over the rationals, for a discussion of the authorship of this conjecture.

²See [48] for a very nice survey on the subject.

Mazur established that $S(1) = \{2, 3, 5, 7\}$ and

$$\Phi(1) = \{\mathcal{C}_n \mid n = 1, \dots, 10, 12\} \cup \{\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_{2m} \mid m = 1, \dots, 4\}.$$

Kamienny, Kenku and Momose established that $S(2) = \{2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13\}$ and

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi(2) = \{\mathcal{C}_n \mid n = 1, \dots, 16, 18\} \cup \{\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_{2m} \mid m = 1, \dots, 6\} \\ \cup \{\mathcal{C}_3 \times \mathcal{C}_{3r} \mid r = 1, 2\} \cup \{\mathcal{C}_4 \times \mathcal{C}_4\}. \end{aligned}$$

The elliptic curves with torsion structure $\mathcal{C}_n \times \mathcal{C}_m$ are parametrized by the modular curve $X_1(n, m)$. In the cases of $d = 1, 2$, the corresponding modular curves for each $G \in \Phi(d)$ have infinitely many points over the rationals and over quadratic fields, respectively. Therefore, $\Phi^\infty(d) = \Phi(d)$ for $d = 1, 2$.

The characterization of $\Phi(d)$ for $d \geq 3$ is still open. Nevertheless, the uniform boundedness theorem, proved by Merel (and made effective by Oesterlé, and later by Parent [46]), states that there exists a constant $B(d)$, that only depends on d , such that $|G| \leq B(d)$, for all $G \in \Phi(d)$. Therefore, for a given d , only finitely many groups can appear as torsion subgroups of elliptic curves over a number field of degree d , that is, $\Phi(d)$ is finite for all $d \geq 1$. For the case of cubic fields ($d = 3$) there is recent progress [3, 50] to compute $\Phi(3)$.

The set $S(d)$ is slightly better understood. Parent [45] has obtained $S(3)$ and Derickx, Kamienny, Stein and Stoll [7] have established the sets $S(d)$ for $d = 4, 5$, and 6. The set $\Phi^\infty(d)$ has been determined for $d = 3, 4$ by Jeon et al. [27, 28], and for $d = 5, 6$ by Derickx and Sutherland [8]. In particular,

$$\Phi^\infty(3) = \{\mathcal{C}_n \mid n = 1, \dots, 16, 18, 20\} \cup \{\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_{2m} \mid m = 1, \dots, 7\},$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi^\infty(4) = \{\mathcal{C}_n \mid n = 1, \dots, 18, 20, 21, 22, 24\} \cup \{\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_{2m} \mid m = 1, \dots, 9\} \\ \cup \{\mathcal{C}_3 \times \mathcal{C}_{3m} \mid m = 1, 2, 3\} \cup \{\mathcal{C}_4 \times \mathcal{C}_{4m} \mid m = 1, 2\} \\ \cup \{\mathcal{C}_5 \times \mathcal{C}_5\} \cup \{\mathcal{C}_6 \times \mathcal{C}_6\}. \end{aligned}$$

Recently, Najman [41] has found that the elliptic curve 162b1 (in Cremona's notation [6]) has torsion \mathcal{C}_{21} over the cubic field $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_9)^+$. Therefore, $\Phi^\infty(3) \subsetneq \Phi(3)$. However, we do not know of any such example for the case of quartic fields, so it is not known whether $\Phi(4) = \Phi^\infty(4)$. It is worth pointing out that the fact that $\Phi(d)$ is finite together with the definition of $\Phi^\infty(d)$ implies that there are only finitely many isomorphism classes of elliptic curves over cubic and quartic fields such that their torsion subgroups are not isomorphic to one in the set $\Phi^\infty(3)$ or $\Phi^\infty(4)$, respectively. This remark justifies the following definition:

- We define $J(d) \subset \overline{\mathbb{Q}}$ as the finite set defined by the following property: $j \in J(d)$ if and only if there exists a number field K of degree d , and an elliptic curve E/K with $j(E) = j$, such that $E(K)_{\text{tors}}$ is isomorphic to a group in $\Phi(d)$ that is not in $\Phi^\infty(d)$. We denote by $J_{\mathbb{Q}}(d) \subset \mathbb{Q}$ the subset of $J(d)$ where we restrict to the case of elliptic curves E defined over \mathbb{Q} .

Since $\Phi(d) = \Phi^\infty(d)$ for $d = 1, 2$, it follows that $J(1) = J(2) = \emptyset$. Najman's example shows that $-140625/8 \in J_{\mathbb{Q}}(3)$.

In the case of elliptic curves with complex multiplication, we denote by $\Phi^{\text{CM}}(d)$ the analogue of the set $\Phi(d)$ but restrict to elliptic curves with complex multiplication. The set $\Phi^{\text{CM}}(1)$ was determined by Olson [43], the quadratic and cubic cases by Zimmer et al. [14, 38, 44], and recently, Clark et al. [5] have computed the sets $\Phi^{\text{CM}}(d)$ for $4 \leq d \leq 13$.

In this paper we are interested in the question of how the torsion subgroup of an elliptic curve grows when we enlarge the field of definition. In particular, we consider elliptic curves defined over \mathbb{Q} , base extend to a quartic field, and study the growth in their torsion subgroup. For our purposes let us define the following sets:

- Let $\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}(d)$ be the subset of $\Phi(d)$ such that $H \in \Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}(d)$ if there is an elliptic curve E/\mathbb{Q} and a number field K of degree d such that $E(K)_{\text{tors}} \simeq H$. We define $S_{\mathbb{Q}}(d) \subseteq S(d)$, and $\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}^{\infty}(d) \subseteq \Phi^{\infty}(d)$, similarly.
- Let $\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}^*(d)$ be the intersection of the sets $\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}(d)$ and $\Phi^{\infty}(d)$.
- For each $G \in \Phi(1)$, let $\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}(d, G)$ be the subset of $\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}(d)$ such that E runs through all elliptic curves over \mathbb{Q} such that $E(\mathbb{Q})_{\text{tors}} \simeq G$. Also, let $\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}^*(d, G) = \Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}(d, G) \cap \Phi^{\infty}(d)$.

Remark. It is important to notice that, a priori, $\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}^{\infty}(d) \subseteq \Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}^*(d) = \Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}(d) \cap \Phi^{\infty}(d)$ can be distinct sets. The set $\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}^{\infty}(d)$ characterizes those torsion structures that appear infinitely often for elliptic curves defined over \mathbb{Q} , base extended to a degree d number field. However, $\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}^*(d)$ characterizes torsion structures that occur infinitely often for elliptic curves defined over a degree d number field, and also occur for elliptic curves defined over \mathbb{Q} and base extended to some degree d number field, but *perhaps* only for finitely many \mathbb{Q} -rational j -invariants. As we shall prove in Theorem 1, we have $\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}^{\infty}(4) \subsetneq \Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}^*(4)$ because $\mathcal{C}_{15} \in \Phi^{\infty}(4)$ and $\mathcal{C}_{15} \in \Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}(4)$, but \mathcal{C}_{15} does not belong to $\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}^{\infty}(4)$, i.e., there are only finitely many $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}$ -isomorphism classes of elliptic curves E/\mathbb{Q} such that there is a quartic field K/\mathbb{Q} with $E(K)_{\text{tors}} \simeq \mathcal{C}_{15}$.

Let us review what is known for $S_{\mathbb{Q}}(d)$ and $\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}(d)$. For $d \leq 4$ we have:

$$S_{\mathbb{Q}}(1) = S_{\mathbb{Q}}(2) = \{2, 3, 5, 7\} \text{ and } S_{\mathbb{Q}}(3) = S_{\mathbb{Q}}(4) = \{2, 3, 5, 7, 13\}.$$

Moreover, the set $S_{\mathbb{Q}}(d)$ has been determined for $d \leq 42$ by the second author [34], together with a conjectural description for all $d \geq 1$ that holds if Serre’s uniformity question is answered positively. The sets $\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}(d)$ have been completely described by Najman [41] for $d = 2, 3$:

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}(2) = & \{ \mathcal{C}_n \mid n = 1, \dots, 10, 12, 15, 16 \} \cup \{ \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_{2m} \mid m = 1, \dots, 6 \} \\ & \cup \{ \mathcal{C}_3 \times \mathcal{C}_{3r} \mid r = 1, 2 \} \cup \{ \mathcal{C}_4 \times \mathcal{C}_4 \}, \end{aligned}$$

$$\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}(3) = \{ \mathcal{C}_n \mid n = 1, \dots, 10, 12, 13, 14, 18, 21 \} \cup \{ \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_{2m} \mid m = 1, \dots, 4, 7 \}.$$

Chou [4] has completed a first step to determine $\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}(4)$ by classifying the possible torsion structures that may occur over Galois quartic fields.³ Moreover, Chou splits this classification depending on the Galois group of the quartic field. Let us denote by $\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}^{V_4}(4)$ (resp. $\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}^{C_4}(4)$) when the quartic field has Galois group isomorphic to the Klein group V_4 (resp. the cyclic group of order four, C_4). Then [4, Theorem 1.3 and 1.4] shows that

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}^{V_4}(4) = & \{ \mathcal{C}_n \mid n = 1, \dots, 10, 12, 15, 16 \} \cup \{ \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_{2m} \mid m = 1, \dots, 6, 8 \} \\ & \cup \{ \mathcal{C}_3 \times \mathcal{C}_{3m} \mid m = 1, 2 \} \cup \{ \mathcal{C}_4 \times \mathcal{C}_{4m} \mid m = 1, 2 \} \cup \{ \mathcal{C}_6 \times \mathcal{C}_6 \}, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}^{C_4}(4) = & \{ \mathcal{C}_n \mid n = 1, \dots, 10, 12, 13, 15, 16 \} \\ & \cup \{ \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_{2m} \mid m = 1, \dots, 6, 8 \} \cup \{ \mathcal{C}_5 \times \mathcal{C}_5 \}. \end{aligned}$$

³After this article was submitted, the sets $\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}(d)$ were determined for $d = 4$ (using results from this paper) by the first author and Najman [18], for $d = 5$ by the first author [15], for $d = 7$, and if d is only divisible by primes > 7 by the first author and Najman [18].

Our first result determines $\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}^*(4)$ and $\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}^\infty(4)$.

Theorem 1. *The set $\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}^*(4)$ is given by*

$$\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}^*(4) = \{\mathcal{C}_n \mid n = 1, \dots, 10, 12, 13, 15, 16, 20, 24\} \cup \{\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_{2m} \mid m = 1, \dots, 6, 8\} \\ \cup \{\mathcal{C}_3 \times \mathcal{C}_{3m} \mid m = 1, 2\} \cup \{\mathcal{C}_4 \times \mathcal{C}_{4m} \mid m = 1, 2\} \cup \{\mathcal{C}_5 \times \mathcal{C}_5\} \cup \{\mathcal{C}_6 \times \mathcal{C}_6\},$$

and $\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}^\infty(4) = \Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}^*(4) \setminus \{\mathcal{C}_{15}\}$. In particular, if E/\mathbb{Q} is an elliptic curve with $j(E) \notin J_{\mathbb{Q}}(4)$ (a finite subset of \mathbb{Q} defined above), then $E(K)_{\text{tors}} \in \Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}^*(4)$, for any number field K/\mathbb{Q} of degree 4. Moreover, if E/\mathbb{Q} is an elliptic curve with $E(K)_{\text{tors}} \simeq \mathcal{C}_{15}$ over some quartic field K , then $j(E) \in \{-5^2/2, -5^2 \cdot 241^3/2^3, -5 \cdot 29^3/2^5, 5 \cdot 211^3/2^{15}\}$.

The set $\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}(d)$ can be studied in more detail by analyzing the sets $\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}(d, G)$ for each $G \in \Phi(1)$. Indeed, note that by definition we have $\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}(d) = \bigcup_{G \in \Phi(1)} \Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}(d, G)$. The sets $\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}(d, G)$ have been calculated for $d = 2, 3$ in [19, 20, 33]. Our second result determines $\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}^*(4, G)$ for each $G \in \Phi(1)$.

Theorem 2. *For each $G \in \Phi(1)$, the set $\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}^*(4, G)$ is given in the following table:*

G	$\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}^*(4, G)$
\mathcal{C}_1	$\{\mathcal{C}_1, \mathcal{C}_3, \mathcal{C}_5, \mathcal{C}_7, \mathcal{C}_9, \mathcal{C}_{13}, \mathcal{C}_{15}, \mathcal{C}_3 \times \mathcal{C}_3, \mathcal{C}_5 \times \mathcal{C}_5\}$
\mathcal{C}_2	$\{\mathcal{C}_2, \mathcal{C}_4, \mathcal{C}_6, \mathcal{C}_8, \mathcal{C}_{10}, \mathcal{C}_{12}, \mathcal{C}_{16}, \mathcal{C}_{20}, \mathcal{C}_{24}, \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_2, \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_4, \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_6, \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_8, \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_{10}, \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_{12}, \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_{16}, \mathcal{C}_3 \times \mathcal{C}_6, \mathcal{C}_4 \times \mathcal{C}_4, \mathcal{C}_4 \times \mathcal{C}_8, \mathcal{C}_6 \times \mathcal{C}_6\}$
\mathcal{C}_3	$\{\mathcal{C}_3, \mathcal{C}_{15}, \mathcal{C}_3 \times \mathcal{C}_3\}$
\mathcal{C}_4	$\{\mathcal{C}_4, \mathcal{C}_8, \mathcal{C}_{12}, \mathcal{C}_{16}, \mathcal{C}_{24}, \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_4, \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_8, \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_{12}, \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_{16}, \mathcal{C}_4 \times \mathcal{C}_4, \mathcal{C}_4 \times \mathcal{C}_8\}$
\mathcal{C}_5	$\{\mathcal{C}_5, \mathcal{C}_{15}, \mathcal{C}_5 \times \mathcal{C}_5\}$
\mathcal{C}_6	$\{\mathcal{C}_6, \mathcal{C}_{12}, \mathcal{C}_{24}, \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_6, \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_{12}, \mathcal{C}_3 \times \mathcal{C}_6, \mathcal{C}_6 \times \mathcal{C}_6\}$
\mathcal{C}_7	$\{\mathcal{C}_7\}$
\mathcal{C}_8	$\{\mathcal{C}_8, \mathcal{C}_{16}, \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_8, \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_{16}, \mathcal{C}_4 \times \mathcal{C}_8\}$
\mathcal{C}_9	$\{\mathcal{C}_9\}$
\mathcal{C}_{10}	$\{\mathcal{C}_{10}, \mathcal{C}_{20}, \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_{10}\}$
\mathcal{C}_{12}	$\{\mathcal{C}_{12}, \mathcal{C}_{24}, \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_{12}\}$
$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_2$	$\{\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_2, \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_4, \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_6, \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_8, \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_{12}, \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_{16}, \mathcal{C}_4 \times \mathcal{C}_4, \mathcal{C}_4 \times \mathcal{C}_8\}$
$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_4$	$\{\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_4, \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_8, \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_{16}, \mathcal{C}_4 \times \mathcal{C}_4, \mathcal{C}_4 \times \mathcal{C}_8\}$
$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_6$	$\{\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_6, \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_{12}\}$
$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_8$	$\{\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_8, \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_{16}, \mathcal{C}_4 \times \mathcal{C}_8\}$

Further, for each $G \in \Phi(1)$, there is a finite set $J_{\mathbb{Q}}(4, G) \subset \mathbb{Q}$ of j -invariants such that if E/\mathbb{Q} is an elliptic curve with $E(\mathbb{Q})_{\text{tors}} \simeq G$ and $j(E) \notin J_{\mathbb{Q}}(4, G)$, then $E(K)_{\text{tors}} \in \Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}^*(4, G)$, for any number field K/\mathbb{Q} of degree 4.

The finite sets $J_{\mathbb{Q}}(4)$ and $J_{\mathbb{Q}}(4, G)$ satisfy $J_{\mathbb{Q}}(4) = \bigcup_{G \in \Phi(1)} J_{\mathbb{Q}}(4, G)$. We finish the introduction with the following remark: if it turns out that $\Phi(4) = \Phi^\infty(4)$ (equivalently, $J(4) = \emptyset$) or if $J_{\mathbb{Q}}(4) = \emptyset$, then our results would determine $\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}(4)$ and $\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}(4, G)$ as well.

Corollary 3. *If $\Phi(4) = \Phi^\infty(4)$ or $J_{\mathbb{Q}}(4) = \emptyset$, then $\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}(4) = \Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}^*(4)$ and $\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}(4, G) = \Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}^*(4, G)$ for any $G \in \Phi(1)$.*

1. AUXILIARY RESULTS

We will use the Antwerp–Cremona tables and labels [1, 6] when referring to specific elliptic curves over \mathbb{Q} . The \mathbb{Q} -rational points on the modular curves $X_0(N)$ or, equivalently, the cyclic \mathbb{Q} -rational isogenies of elliptic curves over \mathbb{Q} , have been described completely in the literature, for all $N \geq 1$. One of the most important milestones in their classification was [36], where Mazur dealt with the case when N is prime. The complete classification of \mathbb{Q} -rational points on $X_0(N)$, for any N , was completed due to work of Fricke, Kenku, Klein, Kubert, Ligozat, Mazur and Ogg, among others (see [10, eq. (80)]; [11]; [12], [13, pp. 370-458]; [22, p. 1889]; [35]; [1]; [36]; [30]; or the summary tables in [34]).

Theorem 4. *Let $N \geq 2$ be a number such that $X_0(N)$ has a non-cuspidal \mathbb{Q} -rational point or, equivalently, let E/\mathbb{Q} be an elliptic curve with a cyclic \mathbb{Q} -rational isogeny of degree N . Then:*

- (1) $N \leq 10$, or $N = 12, 13, 16, 18$ or 25 . In this case $X_0(N)$ is a curve of genus 0 and its \mathbb{Q} -rational points form an infinite 1-parameter family, or
- (2) $N = 11, 14, 15, 17, 19, 21$, or 27 . In this case $X_0(N)$ is a curve of genus 1, i.e., $X_0(N)$ is an elliptic curve over \mathbb{Q} , but in all cases the Mordell-Weil group $X_0(N)(\mathbb{Q})$ is finite, or
- (3) $N = 37, 43, 67$ or 163 . In this case $X_0(N)$ is a curve of genus ≥ 2 and (by Faltings’ theorem) there are only finitely many \mathbb{Q} -rational points.

Table 1 lists the relevant cases of the sets $\Phi^{\text{CM}}(d)$ (i.e., $d \leq 7$ [5, 14, 38, 43, 44]) that we will use in this article.

TABLE 1. $\Phi^{\text{CM}}(d)$, for $d \leq 7$.

d	$\Phi^{\text{CM}}(d)$
1	$\{\mathcal{C}_1, \mathcal{C}_2, \mathcal{C}_3, \mathcal{C}_4, \mathcal{C}_6, \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_2\}$
2	$\Phi^{\text{CM}}(1) \cup \{\mathcal{C}_7, \mathcal{C}_{10}, \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_4, \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_6, \mathcal{C}_3 \times \mathcal{C}_3\}$
3	$\Phi^{\text{CM}}(1) \cup \{\mathcal{C}_9, \mathcal{C}_{14}\}$
4	$\Phi^{\text{CM}}(2) \cup \{\mathcal{C}_5, \mathcal{C}_8, \mathcal{C}_{12}, \mathcal{C}_{13}, \mathcal{C}_{21}, \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_8, \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_{10}, \mathcal{C}_3 \times \mathcal{C}_6, \mathcal{C}_4 \times \mathcal{C}_4\}$
5	$\Phi^{\text{CM}}(1) \cup \{\mathcal{C}_{11}\}$
6	$\Phi^{\text{CM}}(2) \cup \Phi^{\text{CM}}(3) \cup \{\mathcal{C}_{18}, \mathcal{C}_{19}, \mathcal{C}_{26}, \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_{14}, \mathcal{C}_3 \times \mathcal{C}_6, \mathcal{C}_3 \times \mathcal{C}_9, \mathcal{C}_6 \times \mathcal{C}_6\}$
7	$\Phi^{\text{CM}}(1)$

Let E/\mathbb{Q} be a non-CM elliptic curve. For each prime p , let $\rho_{E,p}$ be the mod- p Galois representation that describes the action of $\text{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q})$ on the p -torsion $E[p] \simeq \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$ of E . Sutherland [49] and Zywina [51] have described all known (and conjecturally all) proper subgroups of $\text{GL}(2, \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})$ that occur as the image of $\rho_{E,p}$ up to conjugacy. In particular, Sutherland [49] gives for each $G_p = \rho_{E,p}(\text{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q})) \subsetneq \text{GL}(2, \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})$ the following data:

- d_0 : the index of the largest subgroup of G_p that fixes a linear subspace of $E[p]$; equivalently, the degree of the minimal extension L/\mathbb{Q} over which E admits a L -rational p -isogeny.

TABLE 2. Image groups $G_p = \rho_{E,p}(\text{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q}))$, for $p = 3, 5$, for non-CM elliptic curves E/\mathbb{Q} .

G_3	d_0	d_1	d	G_5	d_0	d_1	d	G_5	d_0	d_1	d
3Cs.1.1	1	1	2	5Cs.1.1	1	1	4	5B.1.4	1	2	20
3Cs	1	2	4	5Cs.1.3	1	2	4	5B.1.3	1	4	20
3B.1.1	1	1	6	5Cs.4.1	1	2	8	5Ns	2	8	32
3B.1.2	1	2	6	5Ns.2.1	2	8	16	5B.4.1	1	2	40
3Ns	2	4	8	5Cs	1	4	16	5B.4.2	1	4	40
3B	1	2	12	5B.1.1	1	1	20	5Nn	6	24	48
3Nn	4	8	16	5B.1.2	1	4	20	5B	1	4	80
								5S4	6	24	96

d_1 : is the index of the largest subgroup of G_p that fixes a non-zero vector in $E[p]$; equivalently, the degree of the minimal extension L/\mathbb{Q} over which E has an L -rational point of order p .

d : is the order of G_p ; equivalently, the degree of the minimal extension L/\mathbb{Q} for which $E[p] \subseteq E(L)$.

Table 2 is extracted from Table 3 of [49], and it lists the values d_0, d_1 , and d for $p = 3$, and 5, for each possible image group $G_p \subseteq \text{GL}(2, \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})$, where the groups are labeled as in [49, §6.4].

In addition to Chou’s classification of $\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}^{V_4}(4)$ and $\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}^{C_4}(4)$ already described in the introduction, we shall make use of the following result.

Proposition 5 ([4], Prop. 3.8). *Let $p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ be a prime with $p \geq 7$. Let E/\mathbb{Q} be an elliptic curve and let K/\mathbb{Q} be a quartic field such that $E(K)_{\text{tors}}$ contains a point P of order p . Then, either:*

- P is defined over \mathbb{Q} , i.e., $P \in E(\mathbb{Q})[p]$, or
- there is a subfield $F \subseteq K$, $[F : \mathbb{Q}] = 2$ such that $P \in E(F)[p]$.

We will also quote the following result of Najman.

Proposition 6 ([41], Lemma 5). *Let F be a quadratic field, n an odd positive integer, and E/\mathbb{Q} an elliptic curve such that $E(F)$ contains \mathcal{C}_n . Then E/\mathbb{Q} has an n -isogeny.*

The determination of $\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}^{\infty}(4)$, $\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}^{\star}(4)$ and $\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}^{\star}(4, G)$ will rest on the following result.

Theorem 7. *Let E/\mathbb{Q} be an elliptic curve and K/\mathbb{Q} a quartic number field such that $E(\mathbb{Q})_{\text{tors}} \simeq G$ and $E(K)_{\text{tors}} \simeq H$.*

- (1) *If $\mathcal{C}_2 \not\subseteq G$, then $\mathcal{C}_2 \not\subseteq H$.*
- (2) *11 and 17 do not divide the order of H .*
- (3) *$\mathcal{C}_{14}, \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_{14} \notin \Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}(4)$.*
- (4) *$\mathcal{C}_{21} \not\subseteq H$.*
- (5) *If $\mathcal{C}_4 \subseteq G$, then $\mathcal{C}_{20} \not\subseteq H$.*
- (6) *If $\mathcal{C}_8 \subseteq G$, then $\mathcal{C}_{24} \not\subseteq H$.*
- (7) *If $\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_2 \subseteq G$, then $\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_{10} \not\subseteq H$.*
- (8) *If $\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_4 \subseteq G$, then $\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_{12} \not\subseteq H$.*
- (9) *If $H = \mathcal{C}_6 \times \mathcal{C}_6$, then $G = \mathcal{C}_2$ or $G = \mathcal{C}_6$.*
- (10) *If $P \in E(K)[9]$, then there exists a subfield $F \subsetneq K$ such that $P \in E(F)[9]$.*
- (11) *If $\mathcal{C}_{18}, \mathcal{C}_3 \times \mathcal{C}_9 \not\subseteq H$.*
- (12) *If $G = \mathcal{C}_3$, then $\mathcal{C}_9 \not\subseteq H$.*

Remark. If in the statements (5)–(8) the quartic field K is replaced by a number field such that $4 \leq [K : \mathbb{Q}] \leq 7$, then those statements still hold true. The reason is that in the proofs of these statements in the non-CM cases we use that $d_1 \leq 4$, but in fact in all those cases $d_1 \leq 7$ (here d_1 is the quantity associated to $\rho_{E,p}$ that appears in Table 2). For the CM case, in the proof of (5) (resp. (6), (8)) we used that $\mathcal{C}_{20} \subseteq H$ (resp. $\mathcal{C}_{24}, \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_{12}$) is not a subgroup of one of the groups in $\Phi^{\text{CM}}(4)$, but the same is true for $d \leq 7$ (see Table 1).

Proof. (1) If E has a short Weierstrass equation of the form $y^2 = f(x)$, where $f(x) \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$ is a monic cubic polynomial, the hypothesis $\mathcal{C}_2 \not\subseteq G$ implies the irreducibility of $f(x)$ over \mathbb{Q} , hence over K .

(2) By [34] we have $11, 17 \notin S_{\mathbb{Q}}(4) = \{2, 3, 5, 7, 13\}$.

(3) By [4, Prop. 3.9] we have $\mathcal{C}_{14}, \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_{14} \notin \Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}(4)$.

(4) Suppose that $\langle P \rangle \oplus \langle Q \rangle \subseteq E(K)_{\text{tors}}$, where P and Q are points of order 3 and 7, respectively, and let $F_3 = \mathbb{Q}(P)$ and $F_7 = \mathbb{Q}(Q)$ be the fields of definition of each point. By Proposition 5, the field $F_7 \subset K$ is at most quadratic. Since \mathcal{C}_{21} is not a subgroup of one of the groups in $\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}(1) \cup \Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}(2)$, it follows that P is not defined over F_7 , and if $F_7 = \mathbb{Q}$, then F_3 cannot be quadratic. If F_3 was quadratic, then F_7 would be quadratic also with $F_3 \neq F_7$, and so K would be a biquadratic field. But Chou’s classification of $\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}^{V_4}(4)$ (see our introduction) shows that \mathcal{C}_{21} is not a subgroup of one of the groups in $\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}^{V_4}(4)$. It follows that F_3 must be a quartic, and so $K = F_3$. Finally, notice that the same argument shows that if $R \in E[3]$ is any other non-trivial point of order 3, then $[\mathbb{Q}(R) : \mathbb{Q}] \geq 3$. Hence, if d_1 is the quantity associated to the image of $\rho_{E,3}$ in the notation of [49], then $3 \leq d_1 \leq 4$. We consider two cases depending on whether E has CM.

Let E/\mathbb{Q} be without CM. Since $3 \leq d_1 \leq 4$, looking at Table 2 we conclude that the image of the Galois representation $\rho_{E,3}$ must be isomorphic to 3Ns (G_2 in Zywina notation [51, §1.2]), that is, a normalizer of split Cartan. Zywina [51, Theorem 1.2] has determined the j -invariant of elliptic curves with 3Ns image:

$$J_2(t) = 27 \frac{(t+1)^3(t-3)^3}{t^3}, \quad \text{for some } t \in \mathbb{Q}.$$

On the other hand, E/\mathbb{Q} has a \mathbb{Q} -rational 7-isogeny since $\mathcal{C}_7 \subset E(F_7)$ and $[F_7 : \mathbb{Q}] \leq 2$, by Proposition 6. Then, we observe in [34, Table 3] that its j -invariant must be of the form:

$$j_7(h) = \frac{(h^2 + 13h + 49)(h^2 + 5h + 1)^3}{h}, \quad \text{for some } h \in \mathbb{Q}.$$

The above j -invariants should be equal, so $J_2(t) = j_7(h)$. In particular, since $J_2(t)$ is a cube, we must have

$$hs^3 = h^2 + 13h + 49, \quad \text{for some } h, s \in \mathbb{Q}.$$

This equation defines a curve C of genus 2, which in fact transforms (according to Magma [2]) to $C' : y^2 = x^6 - 26x^3 - 27$.⁴ The jacobian of C' has rank 0, so we can use the Chabauty method, and determine that the points on C' are

$$C'(\mathbb{Q}) = \{(-1, 0), (3, 0)\} \cup \{(1 : \pm 1 : 0)\}.$$

Therefore

$$C(\mathbb{Q}) = \{(7, 3), (-7, -1)\} \cup \{(0 : 1 : 0), (1 : 0 : 0)\}.$$

⁴A remarkable fact is that this genus 2 curve is *new modular* of level 63 (see [16]).

Now, the corresponding j -invariants are $j = 3^3 \cdot 5^3 \cdot 17^3$ and $j = -3^3 \cdot 5^3$, that belong to CM elliptic curves. This finishes the proof in the non-CM case.

Now, suppose E/\mathbb{Q} has CM. As seen above, E/\mathbb{Q} must have a \mathbb{Q} -rational 7-isogeny, and the only curves with CM and a 7-isogeny have CM by $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-7})$ (see for example Section 7.1, Table 1, of [17]). Moreover, since -7 is a quadratic non-residue modulo 3, it follows that the image of $\rho_{E,3}$ is 3Nn by Theorem 7.6 of [34]. However, $d_1 = 8$ by Table 2, which contradicts the fact that E/\mathbb{Q} has a point of order 3 defined over $K = F_3$, a quartic field. Thus, there is no elliptic curve E/\mathbb{Q} with CM and a 21-torsion point defined over a quartic number field, which concludes the proof of part (4).

(5) Suppose for a contradiction that $\mathcal{C}_4 \subseteq G$ and $\mathcal{C}_{20} \subseteq H$. E has no CM since \mathcal{C}_{20} is not a subgroup of one of the groups in $\Phi^{\text{CM}}(4)$, by Table 1. Moreover, there exists $P \in E(K)[5]$ not defined over \mathbb{Q} . That is, $d_1 \leq 4$ for the image of $\rho_{E,5}$. Looking at Table 2 we check that in all the possible images with $d_1 \leq 4$ we have $d_0 = 1$. Therefore E has a \mathbb{Q} -rational 5-isogeny. Then, since E has a point of order 4 defined over \mathbb{Q} , there exists a 20-isogeny defined over \mathbb{Q} , which contradicts Theorem 4.

(6) Suppose for a contradiction that $\mathcal{C}_8 \subseteq G$ and $\mathcal{C}_{24} \subseteq H$. As in case (5) we conclude that E has no CM and $d_1 \leq 4$ for the image of $\rho_{E,3}$. In this case, Table 2 shows that $d_0 \in \{1, 2\}$. If $d_0 = 1$, then there exists a 24-isogeny defined over \mathbb{Q} , in contradiction with Theorem 4. If $d_0 = 2$, then the image of the Galois representation $\rho_{E,3}$ is labelled 3Ns. Similar to the proof of (4) the j -invariant of E/\mathbb{Q} is a perfect cube. On the other hand, since E/\mathbb{Q} has a point of order 8 defined over \mathbb{Q} , the curve E/\mathbb{Q} has a rational 8-isogeny. Looking at Table 3 in [34] we have that its j -invariant is of the form:

$$j_8(h) = \frac{(h^4 - 16h^2 + 16)^3}{(h^2 - 16)h^2}, \quad \text{for some } h \in \mathbb{Q}.$$

Then we must have $j_8(h) = s^3$ for some $s \in \mathbb{Q}$, and this gives us the equation:

$$(h^2 - 16)h^2 = s^3, \quad \text{for some } h, s \in \mathbb{Q}.$$

This equation defines a curve C of genus 2, which in fact transforms (according to Magma [2]) to $C' : y^2 = x^6 + 1$. The jacobian of C' has rank 0, so we can use the Chabauty method, and determine that the points on C' are

$$C'(\mathbb{Q}) = \{(0, \pm 1)\} \cup \{(1 : \pm 1 : 0)\}.$$

Therefore

$$C(\mathbb{Q}) = \{(\pm 4, 0), (0, 0)\} \cup \{(0 : 1 : 0)\}.$$

These are cusps in $X_0(8)$, and so we have reached a contradiction to the existence of such a curve E . This finishes the proof.

(7) Suppose that $\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_2 \subseteq G$ and $\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_{10} \subseteq H$. If E has no CM, then we can conclude that E/\mathbb{Q} has a \mathbb{Q} -rational 5-isogeny as in the proof of case (5). However, since $\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_2 \subseteq G \simeq E(\mathbb{Q})_{\text{tors}}$, then E is 2-isogenous to two curves E' and E'' , such that $E, E',$ and E'' are all non-isomorphic pairwise. It follows that there is a \mathbb{Q} -rational 4-isogeny from E' to E'' that is necessarily cyclic. Moreover, since E has a 5-isogeny, it follows that E' also has a \mathbb{Q} -rational 5-isogeny, and therefore E' would have a \mathbb{Q} -rational 20-isogeny which is impossible by Theorem 4.

If E has CM, with $\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_2 \subseteq E(\mathbb{Q})_{\text{tors}}$, then by counting independent \mathbb{Q} -rational 2-isogenies, we see that $j(E) = 1728$ and E has a Weierstrass model of the form

$y^2 = x^3 - r^2x$, for some $r \in \mathbb{Q}$ (see [17], Section 7.1, Table 1). In particular, E has CM by $\mathbb{Q}(i)$ and, since -1 is a square modulo 5, the image of $\rho_{E,5}$ must be isomorphic to $5Ns$ (that is, the normalizer of split Cartan) by Theorem 7.6 of [34]. However, Table 2 shows that $d_1 = 8$ for such image, i.e., a point of order 5 is defined in an extension of degree ≥ 8 , which contradicts the fact that there is a point defined over K , an extension of degree 4. This finishes the proof.

(8) Suppose that $\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_4 \subseteq G$ and $\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_{12} \subseteq H$. We first note that E does not have CM because $\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_{12}$ is not a subgroup of one of the groups in $\Phi^{CM}(4)$, by Table 1. As in case (6), we have $d_1 \leq 4$ for the image of $\rho_{E,3}$ and Table 2 shows that $d_0 \in \{1, 2\}$. Moreover, the case $d_0 = 1$ is not possible because E is 2-isogenous to a curve E' that would have a \mathbb{Q} -rational 24-isogeny, which do not exist by Theorem 4. If $d_0 = 2$, then the image of $\rho_{E,3}$ is $3Ns$ and, as pointed out in case (4), this implies that E has j -invariant $J_2(t)$ for some $t \in \mathbb{Q}$. Therefore E is $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}$ -isomorphic to the elliptic curve

$$E'_t : y^2 + xy = x^3 - \frac{36}{J_2(t) - 1728}x - \frac{1}{J_2(t) - 1728}.$$

In particular, E and E'_t are quadratic twists of each other, and their discriminants satisfy $\Delta(E) = u^6\Delta(E'_t)$, for some non-zero $u \in \mathbb{Q}$. On the other hand, since the full 2-torsion is defined over \mathbb{Q} we have that $\Delta(E)$ is a square (and hence so is $\Delta(E'_t)$). That is:

$$3t(t^2 - 6t - 3) = r^2, \quad \text{for some } r \in \mathbb{Q}.$$

This equation defines an elliptic curve (36a4) with only two rational points, namely $(r, t) = (0, 0)$ and $(1 : 0 : 0)$. These points do not correspond to elliptic curves. This finishes the proof.

(9) Suppose that $H = \mathcal{C}_6 \times \mathcal{C}_6$. By Table 1, the curve E/\mathbb{Q} cannot have CM, so let us assume that E is not CM. Since $\mathcal{C}_3 \times \mathcal{C}_3 \subseteq H$, we have that $d|4$ for the image of $\rho_{E,3}$. Looking at the Table 2 we check that $d = 2$ (3Cs.1.1) or $d = 4$ (3Cs), so we treat each case separately.

For the case 3Cs.1.1 we have $d_1 = 1$, that is $\mathcal{C}_3 \subseteq G$. Now, since $|H|$ is even, it follows that $|G|$ must be even by (1), and so $\mathcal{C}_6 \subseteq G$. On the other hand, since $d = 2$ for 3Cs.1.1, there exists a quadratic field $F \subset K$ such that $\mathcal{C}_3 \times \mathcal{C}_3 \subseteq E(F)_{\text{tors}}$. Then [21, Theorem 2] shows that $G = \mathcal{C}_6$.

Now suppose that the image of $\rho_{E,3}$ is 3Cs. We have $d_1 = 2$, therefore $\mathcal{C}_3 \not\subseteq G$. As before, $|G|$ is even (since $|H|$ is even) and $G \subseteq H$, then $G = \mathcal{C}_2$ or $G = \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_2$. We are going to discard the latter case. Zywina [51, Theorem 1.2] has determined the j -invariant of curves with mod 3 image conjugate to 3Cs (G_1 in Zywina notation [51, §1.2]):

$$J_1(t) = 27 \frac{(t+1)^3(t+3)^3(t^2+3)^3}{t^3(t^2+3t+3)^3}, \quad \text{for some } t \in \mathbb{Q}.$$

As in the case of (8), the fact that the full 2-torsion is defined over \mathbb{Q} implies that the discriminant of E must be a square. This implies:

$$3t(t^2 + 3t + 3) = r^2, \quad \text{for some } r \in \mathbb{Q}.$$

This equation defines an elliptic curve (36a3) which has only the rational points $(0, 0)$ and $(1 : 0 : 0)$, which do not correspond to elliptic curves. This finishes the proof.

(10) Let $P \in E(K)[9]$ be a point of order 9 on E/\mathbb{Q} , with $[K : \mathbb{Q}] = 4$. We shall assume that $\mathbb{Q}(P) = K$ because, otherwise, $\mathbb{Q}(P)$ is trivial or quadratic over \mathbb{Q} . In particular, this implies that $K \subseteq \mathbb{Q}(E[9])$. Consider $m = [K : K \cap \mathbb{Q}(E[3])]$. On one hand, we have that

$$m = [K : K \cap \mathbb{Q}(E[3])] = [K\mathbb{Q}(E[3]) : \mathbb{Q}(E[3])],$$

and, therefore, m divides $[\mathbb{Q}(E[9]) : \mathbb{Q}(E[3])]$, which is a power of 3 (because $\text{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}(E[9])/\mathbb{Q}(E[3])) \subseteq \text{GL}(2, \mathbb{Z}/9\mathbb{Z})/\text{GL}(2, \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}) \cong (\mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z})^4$). On the other hand, m is a divisor of $[K : \mathbb{Q}] = 4$. It follows that $m = 1$ and $K \subseteq \mathbb{Q}(E[3])$.

Since $\mathbb{Q}(E[3])/\mathbb{Q}$ is Galois, it follows that the Galois closure \widehat{K} of K in $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}$ is also contained in $\mathbb{Q}(E[3])$. Since $K \subseteq \widehat{K}$, we know that $E(\widehat{K})$ contains P . We distinguish three cases according to whether $E(\widehat{K})[9]$ is isomorphic to $\mathbb{Z}/9\mathbb{Z}$, $\mathbb{Z}/9\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$, or $\mathbb{Z}/9\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/9\mathbb{Z}$, and we shall prove that all cases lead to a contradiction.

- $E(\widehat{K})[9] \cong \mathbb{Z}/9\mathbb{Z}$. Then, $\langle P \rangle$ is a Galois-stable subgroup of order 9. In particular, the field of definition of P , that is, $K = \mathbb{Q}(P)$, is Galois and it is isomorphic to a subgroup of $(\mathbb{Z}/9\mathbb{Z})^\times \cong \mathbb{Z}/6\mathbb{Z}$. Since $[K : \mathbb{Q}] = 4$, this is impossible.
- $E(\widehat{K})[9] \cong \mathbb{Z}/9\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$. Since \widehat{K}/\mathbb{Q} is Galois, this implies that $\langle 3P \rangle$ is a Galois-stable subgroup of order 3. In particular, the Galois representation associated to $E[3]$ has an image isomorphic to an upper triangular subgroup G of

$$B = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & c \end{pmatrix} \right\} \subseteq \text{GL}(2, \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}).$$

Since $K \subseteq \widehat{K} \subseteq \mathbb{Q}(E[3])$, $[K : \mathbb{Q}] = 4$, and $|B| = 4 \cdot 3$, it follows that the subgroup H of G that fixes K must be trivial or of order 3. Since such a group H is normal in G , as a consequence we obtain $K = \widehat{K}$ and $\text{Gal}(K/\mathbb{Q}) \cong \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$. However, by Theorem 1.4 of [4], it is impossible for a biquadratic extension K to have a torsion subgroup $E(K)[9] \cong \mathbb{Z}/9\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$.

- $E(\widehat{K})[9] \cong \mathbb{Z}/9\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/9\mathbb{Z}$. Since $\widehat{K} \subseteq \mathbb{Q}(E[3])$, then this means that $\mathbb{Q}(E[9]) = \mathbb{Q}(E[3])$. In particular, $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_9) \subseteq \mathbb{Q}(E[3])$. Let $G \subseteq \text{GL}(2, \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z})$ be the image of $\rho_{E,3}$. If $G \neq \text{GL}(2, \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z})$ and E has no CM, then G is one of the groups labelled 3Cs.1.1, 3Cs, 3B.1.1, 3B.1.2, 3Ns, 3B, or 3Nn (see Table 2). If E has CM, then by Proposition 1.14 of [51], G is one of 3Ns, 3Nn, G, H1, or H2. However, none of these groups have a subgroup H such that $G/H \cong \text{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_9)/\mathbb{Q}) \cong \mathbb{Z}/6\mathbb{Z}$. It follows that $G = \text{GL}(2, \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z})$.

Thus, E/\mathbb{Q} is a curve such that $\rho_{E,3}$ is surjective, but $\rho_{E,9}$, the representation associated to $E[9]$ is *not* surjective. Moreover, the image of $\rho_{E,3}$ and $\rho_{E,9}$ are isomorphic (because $\mathbb{Q}(E[3]) = \mathbb{Q}(E[9])$ in our case). However, the elliptic curves over \mathbb{Q} such that $\rho_{E,3}$ is surjective but $\rho_{E,9}$ is not surjective where classified by Elkies [9] and for such curves $\text{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}(E[3])/\mathbb{Q})$ has size 48, while $\text{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}(E[9])/\mathbb{Q})$ has size 144. Therefore, this third possibility is also impossible in our setting.

(11) By (10) we know that if $P \in E(K)[9]$, then there exists a subfield $F \subsetneq K$ such that $P \in E(F)[9]$.

- Suppose that $\mathcal{C}_3 \times \mathcal{C}_9 \simeq \langle P \rangle \oplus \langle Q \rangle \subseteq E(K)_{\text{tors}}$, where P and Q are points of order 3 and 9 respectively, and Q is defined over the quadratic field

$F \subset K$. The point $P + Q$ also has order 9, and it is therefore defined over a quadratic field $F' \subset K$. If $F' = F$, then $\mathcal{C}_3 \times \mathcal{C}_9 \subseteq E(F)_{\text{tors}}$. But $\mathcal{C}_3 \times \mathcal{C}_9$ is not a subgroup of one of the groups in $\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}(2)$. If $F' \neq F$, then $\mathcal{C}_3 \times \mathcal{C}_9 \subseteq E(FF')_{\text{tors}}$. But $K = FF'$ is a biquadratic field and $\mathcal{C}_3 \times \mathcal{C}_9$ is not a subgroup of one of the groups in $\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}^{V_4}(4)$.

- Suppose that $\mathcal{C}_{18} \subseteq H$. By (1) we have $G = \mathcal{C}_2$, or \mathcal{C}_6 . Then $\mathcal{C}_{18} \subseteq E(F)_{\text{tors}}$, but \mathcal{C}_{18} is not a subgroup of one of the groups in $\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}(2)$.

(12) Suppose that $G = \mathcal{C}_3$ and $\mathcal{C}_9 \subseteq H$. By (10) there exists a quadratic field $F \subset K$ such that $\mathcal{C}_9 \subseteq E(F)_{\text{tors}}$. But this is impossible by [21, Theorem 2]. \square

Theorem 8. *Let E/\mathbb{Q} be an elliptic curve. If $E(K)_{\text{tors}} \simeq \mathcal{C}_{15}$ over some quartic field K , then $j(E) \in \{-5^2/2, -5^2 \cdot 241^3/2^3, -5 \cdot 29^3/2^5, 5 \cdot 211^3/2^{15}\}$. Moreover, the field of definition of the torsion point of order 15 is abelian over \mathbb{Q} .*

Proof. Let E/\mathbb{Q} and K be as in the statement of the theorem, such that $E(K)_{\text{tors}} = \langle R \rangle$, where $R \in E$ is a point of exact order 15. We will first show that $\mathbb{Q}(R)$ is abelian.

Let $P_3 = 5R$ and $P_5 = 3R$. By Table 1, we know that $\mathcal{C}_{15} \notin \Phi^{\text{CM}}(4)$, so E/\mathbb{Q} does not have CM. Let G_5 be the image of $\rho_{E,5}$. Since R is defined over K , the point P_5 of order 5 is defined in degree 1, 2, or 4, and so $d_1(G_5) \leq 4$. By Table 2, the image G_5 is a subgroup of the Borel

$$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} * & * \\ 0 & * \end{pmatrix} \right\} \subset \text{GL}(2, \mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z}).$$

Since P_5 is defined over a quartic field K , it follows that P_5 is contained in the fixed field of the subgroup

$$G_5 \cap \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & * \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \subset \text{GL}(2, \mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z}).$$

In particular, $\mathbb{Q}(P_5)$ is contained in a Galois extension with Galois group $\subseteq (\mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z})^\times \oplus (\mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z})^\times$. It follows that $\mathbb{Q}(P_5)$ is Galois and abelian.

Similarly, consider G_3 , the image of $\rho_{E,3}$. By Table 2, either G_3 is a subgroup of the Borel of $\text{GL}(2, \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z})$, or G_3 is 3Ns . If G_3 is contained in a Borel, then as in the case of $p = 5$, we conclude that $\mathbb{Q}(P_3)$ is abelian, and therefore $\mathbb{Q}(P_3, P_5) = \mathbb{Q}(R)$ is abelian. Otherwise, suppose that the image of $\rho_{E,3}$ is 3Ns . By [51], the j -invariant of E is of the form $j(E) = J_2(t)$ for some $t \in \mathbb{Q}$, with

$$J_2(t) = 27 \frac{(t+1)^3(t-3)^3}{t^3}.$$

On the other hand, we know that G_5 is contained in a Borel subgroup of $\text{GL}(2, \mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z})$ and therefore E/\mathbb{Q} has a \mathbb{Q} -rational 5-isogeny. Using the tables of [34], we see that $j(E) = j(h)$ for some $h \in \mathbb{Q}$, where

$$j_5(h) = \frac{(h^2 + 10h + 5)^3}{h}.$$

Thus, $j_5(h) = J_2(t)$. Since $J_2(t)$ is a perfect cube we must have $h = s^3$ and the pair (s, t) is a point on

$$C : (s^6 + 10s^3 + 5)t = 3(t+1)(t-3)s.$$

The curve C has genus 1, and there is a degree 1 rational map $\phi : C \rightarrow E'$, where E' is the elliptic curve 15a3. Now, the curve E' has finite Mordell-Weil group, isomorphic to $\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_4$. The rational points

$$S = \{(-5/2, 9/32), (-5/2, -32/3), (-2, -2/3), (0, 0), (-2, 9/2)\} \cup \{(1 : 0 : 0)\}$$

on C map to 6 rational points on E' , while $(0 : 1 : 0) \in C$ is singular (a node) and once the singularity is resolved, the two points on the desingularization \widehat{C} of C map to the two remaining rational points on E' . It follows that $C(\mathbb{Q}) = S \cup \{(0 : 1 : 0)\}$. The non-cuspidal points on $C(\mathbb{Q})$ correspond to the following j -invariants:

$$\{11^3/2^3, -29^3 \cdot 41^3/2^{15}\}.$$

Examples of curves with j -invariants $11^3/2^3$ and $-29^3 \cdot 41^3/2^{15}$, respectively, are 338d1 and 338d2. For both curves, $\mathbb{Q}(P_5)$ is a cyclic quartic, and by Lemma 9.6, part (3), of [34], every curve with such j -invariants has the same property. It follows that $\mathbb{Q}(P_5) = \mathbb{Q}(R) = K$ is Galois, and abelian.

Therefore, we have shown that in all cases $\mathbb{Q}(R)$ is Galois, abelian, and of degree dividing 4. If so, then E/\mathbb{Q} must have a \mathbb{Q} -rational 15-isogeny. By [34], Table 4, there are only 4 possible j -invariants, namely,

$$\{-5^2/2, -5^2 \cdot 241^3/2^3, -5 \cdot 29^3/2^5, 5 \cdot 211^3/2^{15}\}.$$

Elliptic curves with these j -invariants that reach \mathcal{C}_{15} in a quartic extension are 50a1, 450b2, 50a3, and 50a4, respectively. This completes the proof of the theorem. \square

We will use the following result, known as the 2-divisibility method.

Theorem 9 ([25], Theorem 3.1; [21], Prop. 12). *Let E be an elliptic curve over a number field k with a k -rational N -torsion point P . Then E has a K -rational $2N$ -torsion point Q , where K is a quartic extension field of k . Moreover, the same result holds if we replace k by $k(t)$, and $K/k(t)$ a quartic extension.*

Now we apply the 2-divisibility method to the cases of \mathcal{C}_{20} and \mathcal{C}_{24} .

Theorem 10. *There are infinitely many non-isomorphic (over $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}$) elliptic curves E/\mathbb{Q} such that there is a quartic field K with $E(K)_{\text{tors}} \simeq \mathcal{C}_{20}$ (resp. \mathcal{C}_{24}).*

Proof. Kubert [32, Table 3] gave for each $G \in \Phi(1)$ a one-parameter family

$$\mathcal{T}_t^G : y^2 + (1 - c)xy - by = x^3 - bx^2, \quad \text{where } b, c \in \mathbb{Q}(t),$$

such that $\mathcal{T}_t^G(\mathbb{Q}(t))_{\text{tors}} \simeq G$ and, in fact, for all but finitely many values of $t_0 \in \mathbb{Q}$, the curve $\mathcal{T}_{t_0}^G/\mathbb{Q}$ has a subgroup G in its torsion subgroup over \mathbb{Q} . When $G = \mathcal{C}_{10}$ (resp. \mathcal{C}_{12}), Mazur’s classification of the torsion subgroups that can occur over \mathbb{Q} implies that $\mathcal{T}_{t_0}^G(\mathbb{Q})_{\text{tors}} \simeq G$ for all but finitely many $t_0 \in \mathbb{Q}$. The equation \mathcal{T}_t^G is called the Kubert-Tate normal form. For the cases we are interested in, we have

$$\begin{aligned} G = \mathcal{C}_{10} & : c = (2t^3 - 3t^2 + t)/(t - (t - 1)^2) \quad , \quad b = ct^2/(t - (t - 1)^2), \\ G = \mathcal{C}_{12} & : c = (3t^2 - 3t + 1)(t - 2t^2)/(t - 1)^3 \quad , \quad b = c(2t - 2t^2 - 1)/(t - 1), \end{aligned}$$

and the point $P = (0, 0)$ has order 10 and 12, respectively. Now, we can use the 2-divisibility method (Theorem 9) to halve P . This method allows to build an extension $L/\mathbb{Q}(t)$ of degree 4 and a point $Q \in \mathcal{T}_t^G(L)$ such that $2Q = P$. As mentioned above, for all but finitely many $t_0 \in \mathbb{Q}$ the curve $\mathcal{T}_{t_0}^G/\mathbb{Q}$ satisfies $\mathcal{T}_{t_0}^G(\mathbb{Q})_{\text{tors}} \simeq \mathcal{C}_{10}$ (or \mathcal{C}_{12} , respectively). Then, by the 2-divisibility method we find a number field L_{t_0}/\mathbb{Q} of degree dividing 4 such that $\mathcal{T}_{t_0}^G(L_{t_0})_{\text{tors}} \simeq \mathcal{C}_{20}$ (resp. \mathcal{C}_{24}).

Since $\mathcal{C}_{20}, \mathcal{C}_{24} \notin \Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}(d)$ for $d \leq 3$, we have that $[L_{t_0} : \mathbb{Q}] = 4$ for any $t_0 \in \mathbb{Q}$. Since the j -invariant of $T_{b,c}$ is not constant, this proves that there are infinitely many non- $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}$ -isomorphic elliptic curve over \mathbb{Q} with torsion structures \mathcal{C}_{20} and \mathcal{C}_{24} over quartic fields. \square

Remark. One can construct explicit infinite families of elliptic curves with the properties of Theorem 10 using the recipe described by Proposition 12 in [21].

2. PROOF OF THEOREMS 1 AND 2

We are ready to prove our main theorems. In Theorem 1, we shall first determine the isomorphism classes that appear in $\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}^*(4) = \Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}(4) \cap \Phi^{\infty}(4)$ and then use that information to determine $\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}^{\infty}(4)$.

Proof of Theorem 1. Let E/\mathbb{Q} be an elliptic curve, K a quartic number field, $G \in \Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}(1)$ and $H \in \Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}^*(4)$ such that $G \simeq E(\mathbb{Q})_{\text{tors}} \subseteq E(K)_{\text{tors}} \simeq H$. By definition, $\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}^*(4) \subseteq \Phi^{\infty}(4)$, so our task is to find out what structures in $\Phi^{\infty}(4)$ also appear in $\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}(4)$. We claim that $\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}^*(4) = S$, where

$$S = \{\mathcal{C}_n \mid n = 1, \dots, 10, 12, 13, 15, 16, 20, 24\} \cup \{\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_{2m} \mid m = 1, \dots, 6, 8\} \\ \cup \{\mathcal{C}_3 \times \mathcal{C}_{3m} \mid m = 1, 2\} \cup \{\mathcal{C}_4 \times \mathcal{C}_{4m} \mid m = 1, 2\} \cup \{\mathcal{C}_5 \times \mathcal{C}_5\} \cup \{\mathcal{C}_6 \times \mathcal{C}_6\}.$$

We have examples of torsion structures over quartic fields for all the groups in the list S : on one hand, all those groups that appear in $\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}(2)$ also appear in $\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}(4)$ by extending the corresponding quadratic field to an appropriate biquadratic where the torsion subgroup does not grow (see Lemma 2.2 of [4]) and, on the other hand, we have examples in Table 4 of the remaining groups that occur over quartics. Therefore it remains to prove that if $H \in \Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}^*(4)$, then

$$H \notin \{\mathcal{C}_n \mid n = 11, 14, 17, 18, 21, 22\} \cup \{\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_{2m} \mid m = 7, 9\} \cup \{\mathcal{C}_3 \times \mathcal{C}_9\}.$$

Indeed,

- $H \neq \mathcal{C}_{11}, \mathcal{C}_{17}$, or \mathcal{C}_{22} by Theorem 7, part (2), since either 11 or 17 would divide $|H|$.
- $H \neq \mathcal{C}_{14}$, or $\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_{14}$ by Theorem 7, part (3).
- $H \neq \mathcal{C}_{21}$ by Theorem 7, part (4).
- $H \neq \mathcal{C}_{18}, \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_{18}$, or $\mathcal{C}_3 \times \mathcal{C}_9$ by Theorem 7, part (11).

This concludes the determination of $\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}^*(4)$. It remains to determine $\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}^{\infty}(4)$, i.e., those structures that occur for infinitely many elliptic curves over \mathbb{Q} , that are non-isomorphic (over $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}$). Comparing the list $\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}^*(4)$ and Theorem 1.2 of [4], all but three structures ($\mathcal{C}_{15}, \mathcal{C}_{20}$, and \mathcal{C}_{24}) of appear over Galois quartics, and Chou has shown that each one of those appears infinitely often over \mathbb{Q} . Hence, it remains to see what happens in the three remaining structures. Our Theorem 10 shows that \mathcal{C}_{20} and \mathcal{C}_{24} occur infinitely often, and Theorem 8 shows that \mathcal{C}_{15} occurs only for 4 distinct j -invariants, as claimed. Hence, $\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}^{\infty}(4) = \Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}^*(4) \setminus \{\mathcal{C}_{15}\}$ and this concludes the proof of the theorem. \square

Proof of Theorem 2. The groups $H \in \Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}^*(4)$ that do not appear in some $\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}^*(4, G)$ for any $G \in \Phi(1)$, with $G \subseteq H$, can be ruled out using Theorem 7. In Table 3 below, for each group G at the top of a column, we indicate what groups H (in

$H \backslash G$	\mathcal{C}_1	\mathcal{C}_2	\mathcal{C}_3	\mathcal{C}_4	\mathcal{C}_5	\mathcal{C}_6	\mathcal{C}_7	\mathcal{C}_8	\mathcal{C}_9	\mathcal{C}_{10}	\mathcal{C}_{12}	$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_2$	$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_4$	$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_6$	$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_8$	
\mathcal{C}_{18}	(1)	(11)	(1)	-	-	(11)	-	-	(1)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
\mathcal{C}_{20}	(1)	$\sqrt{4}$	-	(5)	(1)	-	-	-	-	$\sqrt{4}$	-	-	-	-	-	-
\mathcal{C}_{21}	(4)	-	(4)	-	-	-	(4)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
\mathcal{C}_{22}	(1)	(2)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
\mathcal{C}_{24}	(1)	$\sqrt{4}$	(1)	$\sqrt{4}$	-	$\sqrt{4}$	-	(6)	-	-	\checkmark	-	-	-	-	-
$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_2$	(1)	$\sqrt{2}$	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\checkmark	-	-	-	-
$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_4$	(1)	$\sqrt{4}$	-	$\sqrt{2}$	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	$\sqrt{2}$	\checkmark	-	-	-
$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_6$	(1)	$\sqrt{2}$	(1)	-	-	$\sqrt{2}$	-	-	-	-	-	$\sqrt{2}$	-	\checkmark	-	-
$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_8$	(1)	$\sqrt{4}$	-	$\sqrt{2}$	-	-	-	$\sqrt{2}$	-	-	-	$\sqrt{2}$	$\sqrt{2}$	-	-	\checkmark
$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_{10}$	(1)	$\sqrt{2}$	-	-	(1)	-	-	-	-	$\sqrt{2}$	-	(7)	-	-	-	-
$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_{12}$	(1)	$\sqrt{4}$	(1)	$\sqrt{2}$	-	$\sqrt{4}$	-	-	-	-	$\sqrt{2}$	$\sqrt{2}$	(8)	\checkmark	-	-
$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_{14}$	(1)	(3)	-	-	-	-	(3)	-	-	-	-	(3)	-	-	-	-
$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_{16}$	(1)	$\sqrt{4}$	-	$\sqrt{4}$	-	-	-	$\sqrt{2}$	-	-	-	$\sqrt{2}$	$\sqrt{2}$	-	-	$\sqrt{2}$
$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_{18}$	(1)	(11)	(1)	-	-	(11)	-	-	(1)	-	-	(11)	-	(11)	-	-
$\mathcal{C}_3 \times \mathcal{C}_3$	$\sqrt{4}$	-	$\sqrt{2}$	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
$\mathcal{C}_3 \times \mathcal{C}_6$	(1)	$\sqrt{4}$	(1)	-	-	$\sqrt{2}$	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
$\mathcal{C}_3 \times \mathcal{C}_9$	(11)	-	(11)	-	-	-	-	-	(11)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
$\mathcal{C}_4 \times \mathcal{C}_4$	(1)	$\sqrt{4}$	-	$\sqrt{2}$	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	$\sqrt{4}$	$\sqrt{2}$	-	-	-
$\mathcal{C}_4 \times \mathcal{C}_8$	(1)	$\sqrt{4}$	-	$\sqrt{4}$	-	-	-	$\sqrt{4}$	-	-	-	$\sqrt{4}$	$\sqrt{4}$	-	-	$\sqrt{4}$
$\mathcal{C}_5 \times \mathcal{C}_5$	$\sqrt{4}$	-	-	-	$\sqrt{4}$	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
$\mathcal{C}_6 \times \mathcal{C}_6$	(1)	$\sqrt{4}$	(1)	-	-	$\sqrt{4}$	-	-	-	-	-	(9)	-	(9)	-	-

3. EXAMPLES

In this section we describe an algorithm to compute the quartic fields K where the torsion grows for a given elliptic curve E/\mathbb{Q} . First, we compute $G = E(\mathbb{Q})_{\text{tors}}$. By Theorem 2 we know how the set $\Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}^*(4, G)$ of all possible isomorphism types of $E(K)_{\text{tors}}$. Then, we compute the possible orders of points belonging to groups $H \in \Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}^*(4, G)$. Now for each possible order of a torsion point, say n , compute the division polynomial $\psi_n(x)$ (note that here $\psi_n(x)$ is divisible by $\psi_m(x)$ for each divisor m of n). Afterwards, we factor each $\psi_n(x)$, and keep only the factors of degree 1, 2, or 4. It follows that the quadratic and quartic fields where the torsion could grow are contained in the compositum of the fields generated by these factors together with the fields generated by the y -coordinates corresponding to the roots of these factors. Let us explain this method with two examples.

Example 3.1. Let E be the elliptic curve 50a2, given by the minimal Weierstrass equation:

$$E : y^2 + xy + y = x^3 - 126x - 552.$$

We compute $E(\mathbb{Q})_{\text{tors}} \simeq \mathcal{C}_1$. Then, by Theorem 2 we only need to compute the division polynomials $\psi_n(x)$ for $n = 5, 7, 9, 13$. We check that for $n = 7, 13$, $\psi_n(x)$ is irreducible over \mathbb{Q} (and degree > 4). For $n = 5, 9$ we have the following irreducible factors of degree 1, 2, or 4:

$$\begin{aligned} n = 5 & \quad f_5(x) = x^2 + 11x + 29, \\ n = 9 & \quad f_9(x) = 9x + 57. \end{aligned}$$

Now for $n \in \{5, 9\}$, let α_n be a root of $f_n(x)$, and let β_n be such that $\beta_n^2 + \alpha_n\beta_n + \beta_n = \alpha_n^3 - 126\alpha_n - 552$ and $K_n = \mathbb{Q}(\alpha_n, \beta_n)$, so that E acquires a point of order n over K_n . It remains to compute the degree of K_5, K_9 and K_5K_9 , and take only those fields of degree ≤ 4 . In our case we obtain:

$$E(\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-3})) \simeq \mathcal{C}_3 \quad \text{and} \quad E(\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_5)) \simeq \mathcal{C}_5.$$

Hence, the torsion subgroup of $E(\mathbb{Q})$ grows over $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_5)$ and quartic fields containing $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-3})$.

Example 3.2. Let E be the elliptic curve 90c4, given by the minimal Weierstrass equation:

$$E : y^2 + xy + y = x^3 - x^2 - 2597x - 50281.$$

In this case we have $E(\mathbb{Q})_{\text{tors}} \simeq \mathcal{C}_2$. Theorem 2 shows that it suffices to factor the division polynomials $\psi_n(x)$ for $n = 3, 5, 16$. The irreducible factors of degree 1, 2, or 4 corresponding to those division polynomials are:

$$\begin{aligned} n = 3 & \quad f_3(x) = x + 30, \\ n = 16 & \quad f_{16,1}(x) = x + 33, \\ & \quad f_{16,2}(x) = 2x + 51, \\ & \quad f_{16,3}(x) = 4x + 117, \\ & \quad f_{16,4}(x) = x^2 - 30x - 1729, \\ & \quad f_{16,5}(x) = x^4 - 60x^3 - 10314x^2 - 351756x - 3697893, \\ & \quad f_{16,6}(x) = 2x^4 + 204x^3 + 10233x^2 + 274806x + 2924667, \\ & \quad f_{16,7}(x) = x^4 + 132x^3 + 5094x^2 + 59508x - 46089. \end{aligned}$$

Doing all the possible compositums of number fields we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} E(\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-1})) &\simeq \mathcal{C}_4, & E(\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{3}, \sqrt{-1})) &\simeq \mathcal{C}_{12}, \\ E(\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-6})) &\simeq \mathcal{C}_4, & E(\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{3}, \sqrt{-2})) &\simeq \mathcal{C}_{12}, \\ E(\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-3})) &\simeq \mathcal{C}_6, & E(\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{6}, \sqrt{-1})) &\simeq \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_4 \simeq E(\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[4]{6})), \\ E(\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{6})) &\simeq \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_2, & E(\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-3}, \sqrt{-2})) &\simeq \mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_6. \end{aligned}$$

Further examples can be found in Table 4. Each row shows the label of an elliptic curve E/\mathbb{Q} such that $E(\mathbb{Q})_{\text{tors}} \simeq G$, in the first column, and $E(K)_{\text{tors}} \simeq H$, in the second column, where $K = \mathbb{Q}(\alpha)$ and α is a root of the irreducible quartic in the third column. Note that these examples correspond to pairs (G, H) such that $G \in \Phi(1)$ and $H \in \Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}^*(4, G)$ but $H \notin \Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}(2, G)$. Examples of curves with $H \in \Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}(2, G)$ can be found in Table 2 of [20].

TABLE 4. Examples of elliptic curves such that $G \in \Phi(1)$ and $H \in \Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}^*(4, G)$ but $H \notin \Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}(2, G)$.

G	H	Quartic K	Label of E/\mathbb{Q}
\mathcal{C}_1	\mathcal{C}_{13}	$x^4 - x^3 - 6x^2 + x + 1$	2890d1
	\mathcal{C}_{15}	$x^4 - 2x^3 + 5x^2 - 4x + 19$	50a4
	$\mathcal{C}_3 \times \mathcal{C}_3$	$x^4 - 2x^3 + 5x^2 - 4x + 19$	175b2
	$\mathcal{C}_5 \times \mathcal{C}_5$	$x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + x + 1$	275b2
\mathcal{C}_2	\mathcal{C}_{20}	$x^4 - 5x^2 + 10$	450a4
	\mathcal{C}_{24}	$x^4 - 18x^2 - 15$	960o3
	$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_4$	$x^4 - 5$	15a5
	$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_8$	$x^4 + 1$	24a6
	$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_{12}$	$x^4 - 2x^3 + 5x^2 - 4x + 19$	30a3
	$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_{16}$	$x^4 - 4x^3 + 17x^2 - 26x + 16$	3150bk1
	$\mathcal{C}_3 \times \mathcal{C}_6$	$x^4 - 2x^3 + 11x^2 - 10x + 4$	98a4
	$\mathcal{C}_4 \times \mathcal{C}_4$	$x^4 + 1$	64a4
	$\mathcal{C}_4 \times \mathcal{C}_8$	$x^4 + 9$	2880r6
	$\mathcal{C}_6 \times \mathcal{C}_6$	$x^4 - 2x^3 + 11x^2 - 10x + 4$	98a3
\mathcal{C}_4	\mathcal{C}_{16}	$x^4 - x^3 - 4x^2 + 4x + 1$	15a7
	\mathcal{C}_{24}	$x^4 - 8x^2 + 10$	960o8
	$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_{16}$	$x^4 - 4x^3 + 17x^2 - 26x + 16$	1470k1
	$\mathcal{C}_4 \times \mathcal{C}_8$	$x^4 + 9$	240d6
\mathcal{C}_5	$\mathcal{C}_5 \times \mathcal{C}_5$	$x^4 - x^3 + x^2 - x + 1$	11a1
\mathcal{C}_6	\mathcal{C}_{24}	$x^4 - 8x^2 + 10$	90c8
	$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_{12}$	$x^4 - 2x^3 + 5x^2 - 4x + 19$	30a1
	$\mathcal{C}_6 \times \mathcal{C}_6$	$x^4 - 2x^3 + 11x^2 - 10x + 4$	14a1
\mathcal{C}_8	$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_{16}$	$x^4 - 4x^3 + 17x^2 - 26x + 16$	210e1
	$\mathcal{C}_4 \times \mathcal{C}_8$	$x^4 + 9$	15a4
\mathcal{C}_{10}	\mathcal{C}_{20}	$x^4 - 2x^3 + x^2 + 2$	66c1
\mathcal{C}_{12}	\mathcal{C}_{24}	$x^4 - 18x^2 - 15$	90c3
$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_2$	$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_{16}$	$x^4 - x^3 - 4x^2 + 4x + 1$	75b2
	$\mathcal{C}_4 \times \mathcal{C}_4$	$x^4 - 2x^3 + x^2 + 5$	15a2
	$\mathcal{C}_4 \times \mathcal{C}_8$	$x^4 - 2x^3 + x^2 + 5$	75b3
$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_4$	$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_{16}$	$x^4 - x^3 - 4x^2 + 4x + 1$	15a3
	$\mathcal{C}_4 \times \mathcal{C}_8$	$x^4 - 2x^3 + x^2 + 5$	15a1
$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_8$	$\mathcal{C}_2 \times \mathcal{C}_{16}$	$x^4 - 2x^3 - 11x^2 + 12x + 186$	210e2
	$\mathcal{C}_4 \times \mathcal{C}_8$	$x^4 - 2x^3 + 7x^2 - 6x + 2$	210e2

4. COMPUTATIONS

Let $G \in \Phi(1)$ and let d be a positive integer. We define the set

$$\mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{Q}}(d, G) = \{S_1, \dots, S_n\},$$

where $S_i = [H_1, \dots, H_m]$ is a list of groups $H_j \in \Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}(d, G) \setminus \{G\}$, such that, for each $i = 1, \dots, n$, there exists an elliptic curve E_i defined over \mathbb{Q} that satisfies the following properties:

- $E_i(\mathbb{Q})_{\text{tors}} \simeq G$.
- There are number fields K_1, \dots, K_m (non-isomorphic pairwise) of degree dividing d with $E_i(K_j)_{\text{tors}} \simeq H_j$, for all $j = 1, \dots, m$; and for each j there does not exist $K'_j \subset K_j$ such that $E_i(K'_j)_{\text{tors}} \simeq H_j$.

We are allowing the possibility of two (or more) of the H_j being isomorphic.

Note that a similar definition was first introduced in [21] for $d = 2$ and generalized in [19]. The second condition is a little bit different here, because of a new behavior that appears only for $d = 4$ but not for $d = 2, 3$ (since they are primes), namely the existence of intermediate fields. For example, let E be the elliptic curve 50a2. Then $E(\mathbb{Q})_{\text{tors}} \simeq C_1$ and $E(\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-3}))_{\text{tors}} \simeq C_3$ (see Example 3.1). In particular, $E(\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-3}, \sqrt{d}))_{\text{tors}} \simeq C_3$ for any squarefree integer $d \neq -3$. For this reason we have made the above change in the definition of $\mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{Q}}(d, G)$.

The sets $\mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{Q}}(d, G)$ have been determined for $d = 2, 3$ and for any $G \in \Phi(1)$ in [19, 21]. In order to guess what $\mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{Q}}(4, G)$ may look like, we carried out an exhaustive computation in Magma [2] for all elliptic curves over \mathbb{Q} with conductor less than 350.000 from [6] (a total of 2.188.263 elliptic curves) but restricting to the non-sporadic case. That is, we have tried to compute the sets $\mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{Q}}^*(4, G)$, which are similarly defined to the sets $\mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{Q}}(4, G)$ but restricting our attention to $H_j \in \Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}^*(4, G)$.

Moreover, the maximum number of quadratic [21, 42] and cubic [19] fields where the torsion could grow has been determined. In the case of number fields of non-prime degree the situation changes. As the example above of the elliptic curve 50a2 shows, there could be infinitely many non-isomorphic number fields where the torsion grows. Let us define

$$h_{\mathbb{Q}}(d) = \max_{G \in \Phi(1)} \left\{ \#S \mid S \in \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{Q}}(d, G) \right\}.$$

Note that if d is prime, then $h_{\mathbb{Q}}(d)$ coincides with the maximum number of number fields of degree d where the torsion grows for a fixed elliptic curve E/\mathbb{Q} . The cases $h_{\mathbb{Q}}(2) = 4$ and $h_{\mathbb{Q}}(3) = 3$ have been determined in [21, 42] and [19], respectively. Our computations (see Table 5) and in particular Example 3.2 show that

$$h_{\mathbb{Q}}(4) \geq 9.$$

Table 5 gives all the torsion configurations over quartic fields (sets in $\mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{Q}}^*(4, G)$ for any $G \in \Phi(1)$) that we have found. We have found 133 possible configurations. However, we have not tried to determine that those are all the possible cases. But note that the largest conductor where we needed to complete the table was 18.176, far from 350.000.

In Table 5, the third column provides an elliptic curve E/\mathbb{Q} with minimal conductor such that:

- the first column is $G \simeq E(\mathbb{Q})_{\text{tors}} \in \Phi(1)$;
- the second is a torsion configuration $[H_1, \dots, H_m]$, where $H_j \in \Phi_{\mathbb{Q}}^*(4, G) \setminus \{G\}$, such that there are number fields K_1, \dots, K_m (non-isomorphic pairwise) of degree dividing 2 or 4 with $E(K_j)_{\text{tors}} \simeq H_j$, for all $j = 1, \dots, m$; and for each j there does not exist $K'_j \subset K_j$ such that $E_i(K'_j)_{\text{tors}} \simeq H_j$.

In Table 5, we have abbreviated \mathcal{C}_n by (n) , and $\mathcal{C}_n \times \mathcal{C}_m$ by (n, m) . Moreover, if $H = \mathcal{C}_n \times \mathcal{C}_m$ appears for s distinct fields, then we have written $(n, m)^s$ in the table. The corresponding fields K_j for each torsion configuration can be found in the home page of the first author (at <http://www.uam.es/enrique.gonzalez.jimenez>), together with a list of configurations for all curves of conductor up to 350.000.

TABLE 5. Torsion configurations over quartic fields.

G	$\mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{Q}}^*(4, G)$	Label	G	$\mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{Q}}^*(4, G)$	Label	
(1)	(3)	19a2	(2)	(6) ² , (2, 2), (2, 4)	256a1	
	(5)	11a2		(6), (12), (2, 2), (2, 6)	36a4	
	(7)	208d1		(8) ² , (2, 2), (4, 8)	2880r6	
	(9)	54a2		(10), (20), (2, 2), (2, 10)	450a4	
	(13)	2890d1		(4) ² , (8), (2, 2), (2, 4)	33a2	
	(3) ²	121b1		(4), (4), (8), (2, 2), (4, 4)	64a4	
	(3), (5)	50a2		(4) ² , (2, 2), (2, 4) ²	33a4	
	(3), (15)	50b3		(4) ² , (2, 6), (2, 12) ²	960o7	
	(5) ²	18176b2		(4), (6), (2, 2), (2, 4), (2, 6)	130a4	
	(5), (5, 5)	275b2		(4), (8), (12), (2, 2), (2, 12)	960e3	
	(3) ² , (5)	338d1		(4), (8), (16), (2, 2), (2, 8)	63a1	
	(3), (5), (15)	50a4		(4), (8), (2, 2), (2, 4), (2, 8)	24a6	
	(3) ² , (3, 3)	175b2		(4), (12), (24), (2, 2), (2, 12)	960o3	
	(2)	(4), (2, 2)		46a1	(4), (12), (2, 2), (2, 4), (2, 12)	720j3
		(4), (2, 6)		36a3	(4) ² , (8) ² , (2, 2), (2, 4)	45a3
(4), (2, 10)		450a3	(4) ² , (8), (2, 2), (2, 4) ²	17a3		
(2, 2), (2, 4)		200b1	(4), (8), (16) ² , (2, 2), (2, 8)	75b1		
(4), (10), (2, 2)		66c3	(4), (8), (16), (2, 2), (2, 4), (2, 8)	510e7		
(4), (2, 2), (2, 4)		49a1	(4) ² , (8) ² , (2, 2), (2, 4) ²	63a6		
(4), (2, 2), (2, 10)		1014c2	(4), (6) ² , (2, 2), (2, 6) ² , (3, 6)	112c3		
(4), (2, 6), (2, 12)		1040g2	(4), (8), (16) ² , (2, 2), (2, 4), (2, 8)	1470k3		
(8), (2, 2), (2, 4)		294f1	(6) ² , (12), (2, 2), (2, 6) ² , (3, 6)	98a4		
(4) ² , (2, 2), (2, 4)		120b1	(4) ² , (6), (12) ² , (2, 2), (2, 4), (2, 6)	30a7		
(4) ² , (2, 2), (4, 4)		320a4	(4) ² , (8) ⁴ , (2, 2), (2, 4)	630c6		
(4) ² , (2, 6), (2, 12)		450g1	(4) ² , (8) ⁴ , (2, 2), (4, 4)	4410r6		
(4), (6) ² , (2, 2)		726a2	(4) ² , (8) ³ , (2, 2), (2, 4) ²	15a5		
(4), (6), (2, 2), (2, 6)		14a3	(4) ² , (6), (8), (12) ² , (2, 2), (2, 4), (2, 6)	90c5		
(4), (6), (2, 6), (6, 6)		98a3	(4) ² , (6), (12) ² , (2, 2), (2, 4) ² , (2, 6)	90c4		
(4), (8), (2, 2), (2, 8)		45a1	(3)	(15)	50a1	
(4), (10), (2, 2), (2, 10)		150b3	(3, 3)	(3, 3)	19a1	
(4), (12), (2, 2), (2, 12)		30a3				
(4), (16), (2, 2), (2, 16)		3150bk1				

G	$\mathcal{H}_0^*(4, G)$	Label
(4)	(8), (2, 4)	33a3
	(8), (2, 8)	192c6
	(8), (2, 12)	150c3
	(8), (4, 4)	40a4
	(2, 4), (2, 8)	64a3
	(8), (2, 4), (2, 8)	17a4
	(8), (2, 4), (4, 4)	17a1
	(8), (2, 8), (2, 16)	1470k1
	(8) ² , (2, 4), (2, 8)	24a3
	(8) ² , (2, 8), (4, 8)	240d6
	(8), (12), (2, 4), (2, 12)	90c1
	(12), (24), (2, 4), (2, 12)	960o8
	(8), (8), (16), (2, 4), (2, 8)	21a4
	(8) ² , (16) ² , (2, 4), (2, 8)	15a7
	(8) ² , (2, 4), (2, 8) ² , (4, 4)	195a6
	(8) ² , (16) ³ , (2, 4), (2, 8)	1230f4
	(8) ² , (16) ² , (2, 4), (2, 8) ² , (4, 4)	210e6
	(5)	(15)
(5, 5)		11a1
(6)	(12), (2, 6)	14a4
	(12), (2, 6), (2, 12)	130a2
	(12) ² , (2, 6), (2, 12)	30a1
	(12), (2, 6), (3, 6), (6, 6)	14a1
	(12) ² , (24), (2, 6), (2, 12)	90c8
(12) ² , (2, 6), (2, 12) ²	90c7	
(8)	(16), (2, 8)	21a3
	(16), (2, 8), (2, 16)	1230f1
	(16), (2, 8), (4, 8)	15a4
	(16) ² , (2, 8), (2, 16)	210e1
(10)	(20), (2, 10)	66c1
(12)	(24), (2, 12)	90c3

G	$\mathcal{H}_0^*(4, G)$	Label
(2, 2)	(2, 4)	33a1
	(2, 4), (2, 8)	45a5
	(2, 4), (4, 4)	64a1
	(2, 4) ³	120b2
	(2, 4) ² , (2, 8)	63a2
	(2, 4) ² , (2, 12)	960o6
	(2, 4) ² , (4, 4)	17a2
	(2, 4) ² , (4, 8)	1200j4
	(2, 4), (2, 6), (2, 12)	90c2
	(2, 4), (2, 8) ²	45a2
	(2, 4), (2, 8), (4, 8)	75b3
	(2, 4) ³ , (2, 6)	210a6
	(2, 4) ³ , (4, 4)	231a3
	(2, 4) ² , (2, 6), (2, 12)	30a6
	(2, 4) ² , (2, 8), (2, 16)	75b2
	(2, 4) ² , (2, 8), (4, 4)	40a1
	(2, 4) ² , (2, 8), (4, 8)	510e5
	(2, 4), (2, 6), (2, 12) ²	720j6
	(2, 4) ³ , (2, 8), (4, 4)	21a2
	(2, 4) ² , (2, 8) ² , (4, 4)	75b5
(2, 4), (2, 6), (2, 12) ³	150c6	
(2, 4) ³ , (2, 8) ² , (4, 4)	42a3	
(2, 4) ² , (2, 8) ³ , (4, 4)	294c2	
(2, 4) ³ , (2, 8) ³ , (4, 4)	15a2	
(2, 4) ² , (2, 8) ⁴ , (4, 4)	6720cd4	
(2, 4) ³ , (2, 8) ⁴ , (4, 4)	210e5	
(2, 4)	(2, 8), (4, 4)	21a1
	(2, 8) ² , (4, 4)	24a1
	(2, 8) ² , (4, 8)	1230f2
	(2, 8), (2, 16), (4, 4)	15a3
(2, 8)	(2, 8), (4, 4), (4, 8)	15a1
	(2, 8) ² , (4, 4), (4, 8)	210e3
(2, 6)	(2, 12)	90c6
	(2, 12) ³	30a2
(2, 8)	(2, 16) ² , (4, 8)	210e2

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