

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

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

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

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

## 1. INTRODUCTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## 2. AUXILIARY RESULTS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Let

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The following result is [13, Theorem 3.7.1].

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

LEMMA 2.3. *Let  $W$  be a finite subset of  $J(\mathbb{Q})$ , and let  $L$  be a sublattice of  $\mathbb{Z}^r$ . Suppose that  $j(C(\mathbb{Q})) \subset W + \phi(L)$ . Let  $\mu_1$  be such that*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### 3. PROOF OF THEOREM 1.1

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For these values we have the following bounds

$\kappa$	$\kappa_1$	$\kappa_2$	$\kappa_3$	$\kappa_4$
Bound for the S-regulator	$3.102 \times 10^{123}$	$3.102 \times 10^{123}$	$1.001 \times 10^{292}$	$9.457 \times 10^{292}$
S-unit rank	64	64	113	113
bound for $h(x)$	$1.741 \times 10^{1792}$	$1.741 \times 10^{1792}$	$3.449 \times 10^{4165}$	$3.449 \times 10^{4165}$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

and

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

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

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

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

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

for an unknown rational point  $P$ . Hence

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

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

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

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