

ON CUBIC THUE EQUATIONS AND THE INDICES OF ALGEBRAIC INTEGERS IN CUBIC FIELDS

*Dedicated to Academician Professor Gradimir Milovanović
on the occasion of his 70th birthday.*

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Let $F(x, y) = ax^3 + bx^2y + cxy^2 + dy^3 \in \mathbb{Z}[x, y]$ be an irreducible cubic form. In this paper, we investigate arithmetic properties of the common indices of algebraic integers in cubic fields. For each integer k such that $v_2(k) \not\equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ and $2v_2(-2b^3 - 27a^2d + 9abc) = 3v_2(b^2 - 3ac)$, we prove that the cubic Thue equation $F(x, y) = k$ has no solution $(x, y) \in \mathbb{Z}^2$. As application, we construct parametrized families of twisted elliptic curves $E : ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d = ey^2$ without integer points (x, y) .

1. INTRODUCTION

Let $f(x, y) \in \mathbb{Z}[x, y]$ be a homogeneous irreducible polynomial of degree $n \geq 3$ and k be a non-zero integer. In 1909, Thue proved the following fundamental result.

Theorem 1 ([37]). *The diophantine equation*

$$(1) \quad f(x, y) = k$$

has only finitely many solutions $(x, y) \in \mathbb{Z}^2$.

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However, Thue’s proof is not effective. The problem of estimating the number of solutions of (1) has rich history, see for example Siegel [34], Mahler [24], Erdős-Mahler [12], Davenport-Roth [11] and Lewis-Mahler [23].

For each integer k , $w(k)$ denote the number of distinct prime factors of k . In 1933, Mahler [24] proved that if f is irreducible then (1) has at most $C^{1+w(k)}$ primitive solutions where C depending only on f .

Studying linear forms in logarithms of algebraic numbers, Baker could give an effective upper bound for the solutions of the equation (1). Precisely, in 1968 [3] Baker proved the following result: let $\kappa > n + 1$ and $(x, y) \in \mathbb{Z}^2$ be a solution of (1). Then

$$\max\{|x|, |y|\} < Ce^{\log^\kappa k},$$

where $C = C(n, \kappa, f)$ is an effectively computable number.

Since that time, these bounds have been improved by Bugeaud and Györy [7]. Note that the bounds obtained by Baker’s method are rather large, thus the solutions practically cannot be found by simple enumeration. Baker and Davenport [11] proposed for a similar problem a method to reduce drastically the bound by using continued fraction reduction. Pethö and Schulenberg [32] replaced the continued fraction reduction by the *LLL*-algorithm and gave a general method to solve equation (1) in the totally real case for $k = 1$ and arbitrary n . Tzanakis and De Weger [41] describe the general case. Finally, Bilu and Hanort [6] observed that Thue equations imply not only one, but $r - 1$ independent linear forms in logarithms of algebraic number in the same very small size. They were able to replace the *LLL*-algorithm by much faster continued fraction method and solve Thue equations up to degree 1000.

If $f(x, y)$ is an irreducible binary cubic form with negative discriminant, Delauney [10] and Nagell [30] showed that the equation $f(x, y) = 1$ has at most five integer solutions (x, y) . Now if its discriminant is positive, then Evertse [13] showed that the equation $f(x, y) = 1$ has at most twelve integer solutions (x, y) . Recently, Bennett [4] refined Delauney-Nagell-Evertse result as follows: if $f(X, 1)$ has at least two distinct complex roots, then the equation $f(x, y) = 1$ possess at most 10 solutions in integers x and y . Again, let $f(x, y)$ be an irreducible binary cubic form, the general equation $f(x, y) = k$ with $|D(f)| > \gamma k^{33}$, k non-negative integer, and γ certain positive constant, Siegel proved there are at most 18 solutions if $D(f)$ is positive (resp. Fjellstedt proved there is at most 14 solutions when $D(f)$ is negative). See [30, p.208].

In 1984, Ayad [2] proved that if $f(x, y)$ is a binary form of degree 3 with coefficients in \mathbb{Z} , $Aut(f)$ its automorphisms group and $H(f)$ its Hessian, then $Aut(f)$ is trivial except when $H(f) = \lambda g(x, y)$, $\lambda \in \mathbb{Z}^*$ and $g(x, y)$ is equivalent to $x^2 - xy - y^2$. In this last case, $Aut(f)$ is cyclic of order 3 and f is equivalent to one binary form

of type :

$$f_{m,n}(x, y) = mx^3 - nx^2y - (n + 3m)xy^2 - my^3, \quad m, n \in \mathbb{Z},$$

so, the number of representations of integer k by $f(x, y)$ is divisible by 3. Note that the case $m = k = 1$ is proved by Avanesov [1].

Recently, in [43] Wakabayashi proved that for $k = 1$, the Thue equation $f_{m,n}(x, y) = 1$ has at most three integer solutions except for a few known cases. Using the Padé approximation method he obtained an upper bound for the size of solutions.

However, only few results are known when the group of automorphisms is trivial. The family of cubic Thue equations $f_{1,n}(x, y) = \pm 1$, with $n \geq -1$, was studied by Thomas in [35]. Using Baker's method, Thomas proved that it has only trivial solutions except for a finite number of values of the parameter n , explicitly for $n < 10^8$. Later, Mignotte solved the remaining cases for this family of equations in [25].

Let n be a rational integer and $\mathbb{K}_n = \mathbb{Q}(\theta)$ be a cyclic cubic number field generated by a root θ of $f_{1,n}(X, 1) = X^3 - nX^2 - (n+3)X - 1$ and let $\mathbb{O}_{\mathbb{K}_n}$ be its ring of integers. The polynomial $f_{1,n}(X, 1)$ has discriminant $(n^2 + 3n + 9)^2$. If $n^2 + 3n + 9$ is square-free, then we have the discriminant of \mathbb{K}_n , $D(\mathbb{K}_n) = (n^2 + 3n + 9)^2$ and $\mathbb{O}_{\mathbb{K}_n} = \mathbb{Z}[\theta]$ (there exists infinitely many such n , cf. Cusick [9, pp. 63-73]).

For θ a root of $f_{1,n}(X, 1)$, Pêtho and Lemmermeyer in [20] proved that for all $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}[\theta]$ either $|N(\alpha)| \geq 2n + 3$, or α is associated to an integer. Moreover, if $|N(\alpha)| = 2n + 3$, then α is associated to one of the conjugates of $\alpha - 1$. In [26], Mignotte, Pêtho and Lemmermeyer, by Baker's method and used the results of [20] and [9, pp.63-73] solved completely the case $m = 1$, $n \geq -1$ and $1 \leq k \leq 2n + 3$. Lettl, Pêtho and Voutier [21], following an idea of Chudnovsky [8], improved the usual estimate of the Padé approximation and gave a good upper bound for the size of solutions for $f_{1,n}(x, y) = k$, $n \geq 30$ and k is arbitrary. Wakabayashi [44] studied Thue inequality $|f_{m,n}(x, y)| \leq k$ with two parameters m, n .

In 2011, A. Hoshi [15] studied the case when k is a positive divisor of $n^2 + 3n + 9$, and gave a correspondence between integer solutions to the parametric family of cubic Thue equations

$$x^3 - nx^2y - (n + 3)xy^2 - y^3 = k$$

and isomorphism classes of the simplest cubic fields. For more details on the study of simplest cubic fields see [33].

Lee [19] and independently Mignotte and Tzanakis [27] proved for $n \geq 3.33 \cdot 10^{23}$, the family of Thue equations

$$x^3 - nx^2y - (n + 1)xy^2 - y^3 = 1$$

has only trivial solutions $(x, y) = (1, 0), (0, -1), (1, -1), (-n - 1, -1), (1, -n)$. Recently, Mignotte [28] could solve this equation completely.

Thomas [36] proved that for $0 < a < b$ and $n \geq (2 \cdot 10^6 \cdot (a + 2b))^{4.85/(b-a)}$ the family of Thue equations

$$x(x - n^a y)(x - n^b y) \pm y^3 = 1$$

has only trivial solutions $(x, y) = (1, 0), (0, \pm 1), (\pm n^a, \pm 1), (\pm n^b, \pm 1)$. He also investigated this family with n^a and n^b replaced by polynomials in n of degree a and b , respectively.

Recently, Wakabayashi [42], using Baker's method, proved that for any integer $n \geq 1.35 \cdot 10^{14}$, the family of parametrized Thue equations

$$x^3 - n^2 xy^2 + y^3 = 1$$

has only trivial solutions $(x, y) = (0, 1), (1, 0), (1, n^2), (n, 1), (-n, 1)$.

A. Togbé [38], using Baker's method and the results obtained by L. C. Washington [45] and O. Lecacheux [18], solved the family of parametrized Thue equations

$$x^3 - (n^3 - 2n^2 + 3n - 3)x^2 y - n^2 xy^2 - y^3 = \pm 1, \quad \text{when } n \geq 1.$$

A. Togbé [40, 39] using Baker's method and the results obtained by Y. Kishi [17], solved the two families of parametrized Thue equations

$$\begin{aligned} x^3 - n(n^2 + n + 3)(n^2 + 2)x^2 y - (n^3 + 2n^2 + 3n + 3)xy^2 - y^3 &= \pm 1, \\ x^3 + (n^8 + 2n^6 - 3n^5 + 3n^4 - 4n^3 + 5n^2 - 3n + 3)x^2 y \\ - (n^3 - 2)n^2 xy^2 - y^3 &= \pm 1, \quad \text{when } n \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Very recently, Bennett and Ghadermarzi [5] using lower bounds for linear forms in logarithms and lattice-basis reduction, solved completely the family of Thue equations

$$x^3 - (n^4 - n)x^2 y + (n^5 - 2n^2)xy^2 + y^3 = 1.$$

Let a, b, c, d, e be integers. The equation $ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d = ey^2$ was studied by Mordell [29, pp.255-261]. He proved the following important result: if the polynomial $ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$ has no squared linear factor in x , then the equation $ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d = ey^2$ has only a finite number of integer solutions.

Now we state our main result.

2. MAIN RESULTS

Let N be any integer. We denote by $v_2(N)$ the greatest exponent s such that 2^s divides N .

The discriminant of the form

$$F(x, y) = ax^3 + bx^2y + cxy^2 + dy^3$$

is the invariant

$$(2) \quad D = 18abcd + b^2c^2 - 4ac^3 - 4b^3d - 27a^2d^2.$$

The binary form F has the quadratic and cubic covariants

$$(3) \quad H(x, y) = A_0x^2 + B_0xy + C_0y^2,$$

$$(4) \quad G(x, y) = A_1x^3 + B_1x^2y + C_1xy^2 + D_1y^3.$$

where

$$(5) \quad \begin{aligned} A_0 &:= b^2 - 3ac, B_0 := bc - 9ad, C_0 := c^2 - 3bd; \\ A_1 &:= -2b^3 - 27a^2d + 9abc, B_1 = 3(b^2c - 9abd + 6b^2d), \\ C_1 &:= 3(bc^2 + 9acd - 6b^2d), D_1 = (2c^3 + 27ad^2 - 9bcd). \end{aligned}$$

the quadratic form H is the Hessian and G is the gradient of F , see [29, pp.213].

Throughout this paper, we assume that $D \neq 0$ and $\gcd(a, b, c, d) = 1$. Now we state our main result.

Theorem 2. *Let a, b, c, d and k be integers such that*

$$2v_2(A_1) = 3v_2(A_0), \quad v_2(k) \equiv 1, 2 \pmod{3}.$$

Then the cubic Thue Diophantine equations

$$ax^3 + bx^2y + cxy^2 + dy^3 = k$$

has no integer solution (x, y) .

Corollary 1. *Let $(n, k) \in \mathbb{Z}^2$ where $3 \nmid v_2(k)$. Then the following two families of cubic Thue equations*

1. $x^3 - (n^3 - 2n^2 + 3n - 3)x^2y - n^2xy^2 - y^3 = k, \quad n \not\equiv 1 \pmod{4},$
2. $x^3 - n(n^2 + n + 3)(n^2 + 2)x^2y - (n^3 + 2n^2 + 3n + 3)xy^2 - y^3 = k.$

have no integer solution.

Corollary 2. *Let a, b, c, d, k as in Theorem 2. Then the homogeneous form*

$$ax^3 + bx^2y + cxy^2 + dy^3 = kz^3$$

has only the integer solution $(x, y, z) = (0, 0, 0)$.

Corollary 3. *Let a, b, c, d as in Theorem 2, and e be integers such that $v_2(e) \geq v_2(A_1)$ and $v_2(e) \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$. Then the family of twisted elliptic curves*

$$(6) \quad E : ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d = ey^2$$

have no integer points (x, y) .

3. PROOF OF THEOREM 2:

Our strategy of proof is different to the previous methods in literature. Our method is based on the index theory of algebraic integers and ramification of prime number p in cubic fields. Before proving Theorem 2 we state some auxiliary lemmas.

Let \mathbb{K} be an algebraic number field of degree n and let $\mathbb{O}_{\mathbb{K}}$ be its ring of integers. Denote by $\hat{\mathbb{O}}_{\mathbb{K}}$ the set of primitive elements of $\mathbb{O}_{\mathbb{K}}$. For any $\theta \in \hat{\mathbb{O}}_{\mathbb{K}}$ we denote $F_{\theta}(x)$ the characteristic polynomial of θ over \mathbb{Q} . Let $D(\mathbb{K})$ be the absolute discriminant of \mathbb{K} . It is well known that if $\theta \in \hat{\mathbb{O}}_{\mathbb{K}}$, the discriminant of F_{θ} has the form

$$(7) \quad D(F_{\theta}) = D(1, \theta, \dots, \theta^{n-1}) = I(\theta)^2 \times D(\mathbb{K}),$$

where $I(\theta) = \text{Card}(\mathbb{O}_{\mathbb{K}}/\mathbb{Z}[\theta])$ is called the index of θ . Let

$$(8) \quad I(\mathbb{K}) = \gcd_{\theta \in \hat{\mathbb{O}}_{\mathbb{K}}} I(\theta).$$

$I(\mathbb{K})$ is called the index of \mathbb{K} . A prime number p is called a common index divisor of \mathbb{K} if $p \mid I(\mathbb{K})$.

Every cubic field \mathbb{K} can be written in the form $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{Q}(\theta)$ where θ is a root of an irreducible polynomial of the type

$$(9) \quad f(X) = X^3 + AX + B, \quad A, B \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

The discriminant of $f(X)$ is $D(f) = -4A^3 - 27B^2$. If for any prime number p we have

$$v_p(A) \geq 2 \quad \text{and} \quad v_p(B) \geq 3$$

then θ/p is an algebraic integer whose equation is $x^3 + (A/p^2)x + B/p^3 = 0$. Therefore, we can assume that for any prime number p ,

$$(10) \quad v_p(A) < 2 \quad \text{or} \quad v_p(B) < 3.$$

We state the next lemmas which give the index of integers in cubic fields.

To prove the main result we need the following lemmas.

Lemma 1. *Let \mathbb{K} be a cubic field defined by polynomial (9) such that A and B are odd. If $\theta \in \mathbb{O}_{\mathbb{K}}$ has even index then $(\theta + k)/2 \in \mathbb{O}_{\mathbb{K}}$ for some $k \in \mathbb{Z}$.*

Proof. Let \mathbb{K} be a cubic field defined by the polynomial (9) where A and B are odd. Then by [22, Theorem 1], 2 is inert. Suppose that there exists $\theta \in \mathbb{O}_{\mathbb{K}}$ with even index, so there exists $a_0, b_0, c_0 \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that θ is a root of $g(X) = X^3 + a_0X^2 + b_0X + c_0$. We then have $3\theta + a_0 \in \mathbb{O}_{\mathbb{K}}$ is a root of $h(X) = X^3 + a_1X + b_1$, where $a_1 = -3a_0^2 + 9b_0$ and $b_1 = 2a_0^3 - 9a_0b_0 + 27c_0$. We note that $D(h) = 3^6 \cdot D(g)$. As $I(\theta) \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$, we have $D(g) \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ and $-4a_1^3 - 27b_1^2 = D(h) \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$. We obtain b_1 is even. Moreover, if $v_2(a_1) < 2$ or $v_2(b_1) < 3$, by [22, Theorem 1], 2 is not inert. So we deduce that $v_2(a_1) \geq 2$ and $v_2(b_1) \geq 3$. Therefore we can write $((3\theta + a_0)/2)^3 + (a_1/4)(3\theta + a_0)/2 + b_1/8 = 0$, which implies that $(3\theta + a_0)/2 \in \mathbb{O}_{\mathbb{K}}$, thus we have $(\theta + a_0)/2 = (3\theta + a_0)/2 - \theta \in \mathbb{O}_{\mathbb{K}}$. \square

Lemma 2. *Let \mathbb{K} be a cubic field defined by the polynomial (9) such that A and B are odd. Let $\theta \in \mathbb{O}_{\mathbb{K}}$ be such that $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{Q}(\theta)$. Then*

$$v_2(I(\theta)) \equiv 0 \pmod{3}.$$

Proof. Let \mathbb{K} be a cubic field defined by polynomial (9) such that A and B are odd and let $\Omega = \{t \in \mathbb{N} \mid \exists \theta \in \mathbb{O}_{\mathbb{K}} \text{ with } \mathbb{K} = \mathbb{Q}(\theta) \text{ and } v_2(I(\theta)) = t \not\equiv 0 \pmod{3}\} \subseteq \mathbb{N}$. Let t^* the least value of Ω , so there exists $\theta^* \in \mathbb{O}_{\mathbb{K}}$ such that $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{Q}(\theta^*)$ and $v_2(I(\theta^*)) = t^* \not\equiv 0 \pmod{3}$. By Lemma 1, there exists $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $\beta = (\theta^* + k)/2 \in \mathbb{O}_{\mathbb{K}}$, so we get $I(\beta) = 2^{-3}I(\theta^*)$, then we obtain $v_2(I(\beta)) = t^* - 3$, hence $t^* - 3 \geq 0$ and $v_2(I(\beta)) \not\equiv 0 \pmod{3}$, moreover we have $v_2(I(\beta)) < t^*$. This contradicts the minimality of t^* . Hence for every $\theta \in \mathbb{O}_{\mathbb{K}}$ with $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{Q}(\theta)$, we have $v_2(I(\theta)) = t \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$. \square

Lemma 3. *Let a, b, c, d are integers such that $\gcd(a, b, c, d) = 1$ and*

$$v_2(3ac - b^2) = 2t \quad \text{and} \quad v_2(27a^2d - 9abc + 2b^3) = 3t,$$

where t is a non-negative integer. Then we have

$$v_2(a) \equiv 0 \pmod{3}.$$

Note that $3ac - b^2$ and $27a^2d - 9abc + 2b^3$ are the leading coefficients of the covariants H and G .

Proof. Let $P(X) = aX^3 + bX^2 + cX + d$ be a polynomial such that $v_2(A) = 2t$ and $v_2(B) = 3t$, $t \in \mathbb{N}$ where $A = 9ac - 3b^2$ and $B = 27a^2d - 9abc + 2b^3$. • We claim that the $P(X)$ is irreducible over \mathbb{Q} . For this we consider the cubic fields $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{Q}(\theta')$ generated by a root θ' of P . Write $\alpha = (3a\theta' + b)/2^t$, we have $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{Q}(\alpha)$ and α is a root of the polynomial $X^3 + (A/2^{2t})X + (B/2^{3t})$ where $A/2^{2t}$ and $B/2^{3t}$ are odd. Modulo 2 the polynomial $X^3 + (A/2^{2t})X + (B/2^{3t})$ is irreducible. Then the claim follows.

• **Valuation of quotient of indices.** The number field \mathbb{K} is generated by θ a root of the irreducible polynomial $X^3 + bX^2 + acX + da^2$. Let $\beta = (ax + by)\theta + y\theta^2 \in \mathbb{Z}[\theta]$ be a primitive integer. By Lemma 2, we have

$$(11) \quad v_2(I(\theta)) \equiv 0 \pmod{3} \text{ and } v_2(I(\beta)) \equiv 0 \pmod{3}.$$

Let $\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3$ (resp. $\beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_3$) be a conjugates of $\theta = \theta_1$ (resp. $\beta = \beta_1$). We get exactly

$$D(1, \beta, \beta^2) = I(\beta)^2 \times D(\mathbb{K}) = - \prod_{i < j} (\beta_i - \beta_j)^2,$$

$$D(1, \theta, \theta^2) = I(\theta)^2 \times D(\mathbb{K}) = - \prod_{i < j} (\theta_i - \theta_j)^2,$$

on the other hand,

$$\frac{\beta_i - \beta_j}{\theta_i - \theta_j} = \frac{(ax + by)(\theta_i - \theta_j) + y(\theta_i^2 - \theta_j^2)}{\theta_i - \theta_j} = ax + by + y(\theta_i + \theta_j).$$

Taking the product we obtain the following equation

$$\frac{I(\beta)}{I(\theta)} = \left| \prod_{i < j} (ax + by + y(\theta_i + \theta_j)) \right|.$$

Hence we obtain the following equality

$$\begin{aligned} (ax + by + y(\theta_1 + \theta_2))(ax + by + y(\theta_1 + \theta_3))(ax + by + y(\theta_2 + \theta_3)) = \\ (ax + by)^3 + 2(\theta_1 + \theta_2 + \theta_3)(ax + by)^2y \\ + ((\theta_1 + \theta_2)(\theta_2 + \theta_3) + (\theta_1 + \theta_3)(\theta_2 + \theta_3) + (\theta_1 + \theta_2)(\theta_1 + \theta_3))y^2(ax + by) \\ + (\theta_1 + \theta_2)(\theta_1 + \theta_3)(\theta_2 + \theta_3)y^3. \end{aligned}$$

In the other hand we have the following equations

$$(12) \quad \theta_1 + \theta_2 + \theta_3 = -b,$$

$$(13) \quad \theta_1\theta_2 + \theta_1\theta_3 + \theta_2\theta_3 = ac,$$

$$(14) \quad \theta_1\theta_2\theta_3 = -a^2d.$$

We now use equations (12), (13) and (14) to compute $(\theta_1 + \theta_2)(\theta_2 + \theta_3) + (\theta_1 + \theta_3)(\theta_2 + \theta_3) + (\theta_1 + \theta_2)(\theta_1 + \theta_3)$ and $(\theta_1 + \theta_2)(\theta_1 + \theta_3)(\theta_2 + \theta_3)$.

First we have

$$\begin{aligned} & (\theta_1 + \theta_2)(\theta_2 + \theta_3) + (\theta_1 + \theta_3)(\theta_2 + \theta_3) + (\theta_1 + \theta_2)(\theta_1 + \theta_3) \\ &= 3(\theta_1\theta_2 + \theta_1\theta_3 + \theta_2\theta_3) + \theta_1^2 + \theta_2^2 + \theta_3^2 \\ &= 3(\theta_1\theta_2 + \theta_1\theta_3 + \theta_2\theta_3) + (\theta_1 + \theta_2 + \theta_3)^2 - 2(\theta_1\theta_2 + \theta_1\theta_3 + \theta_2\theta_3) \\ &= (\theta_1\theta_2 + \theta_1\theta_3 + \theta_2\theta_3) + (\theta_1 + \theta_2 + \theta_3)^2 \\ &= ac + b^2. \end{aligned}$$

Secondly we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} (\theta_1 + \theta_2)(\theta_1 + \theta_3)(\theta_2 + \theta_3) &= 2\theta_1\theta_2\theta_3 + \theta_1\theta_3(\theta_1 + \theta_3) + \theta_1\theta_2(\theta_1 + \theta_2) + \theta_2\theta_3(\theta_2 + \theta_3) \\ &= 2\theta_1\theta_2\theta_3 + (\theta_1\theta_2 + \theta_1\theta_3 + \theta_2\theta_3)(\theta_1 + \theta_2 + \theta_3) - 3\theta_1\theta_2\theta_3 \\ &= (\theta_1\theta_2 + \theta_1\theta_3 + \theta_2\theta_3)(\theta_1 + \theta_2 + \theta_3) - \theta_1\theta_2\theta_3 \\ &= -abc + a^2d. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, we deduce

$$(15) \quad \frac{I(\beta)}{I(\theta)} = | a^3x^3 + a^2bx^2y + a^2cxy^2 + a^2dy^3 |.$$

To end the proof we write

$$(16) \quad \frac{I(\beta)}{a^2I(\theta)} = | ax^3 + abx^2y + a^2cxy^2 + a^3dy^3 |.$$

By (11), we get

$$v_2(a^3x^3 + a^2bx^2y + a^2cxy^2 + a^2dy^3) \equiv 0 \pmod{3}.$$

For $t = 0$, we have immediately $v_2(a) = 0$. Now, suppose that $t > 0$ and prove that $v_2(a) \equiv 1, 2 \pmod{3}$ can not show up.

Assume that $v_2(a) \equiv 1, 2 \pmod{3}$. It's easy to see that b is even. Now, we can replace $(x, y) = (0, 1)$ in (16), we get $v_2(a^2d) \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$, this implies that $v_2(d) \equiv 1, 2 \pmod{3}$. This gives the following inequalities

$$(17) \quad v_2(a^2b), v_2(a^2d) \geq v_2(a^2) + 1.$$

Secondly, replace $(x, y) = (1, 1)$ in (16), we get the inequality

$$(18) \quad v_2(a^3 + a^2b + a^2c + a^2d) \geq v_2(a^2) + 1.$$

Therefore, from the inequalities (17), (18) we obtain that $v_2(c) \geq 1$. This gives contradiction with $\gcd(a, b, c, d) = 1$.

We conclude that, if $v_2(9ac - 3b^2) = 2t$ and $v_2(27a^2b - 9abc + 2b^3) = 3t$, we then have $v_2(a) \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$.

□

Now we give the proof of our main Theorem.

Proof of Theorem 2: Let a, b, c, d be integers such that $\gcd(a, b, c, d) = 1$ and

$$v_2(3ac - b^2) = 2t \text{ and } v_2(27a^2d - 9abc + 2b^3) = 3t.$$

Let $\gamma = (ax + by)\theta + y\theta^2$ with $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$. By Lemmas 2, 3, we have

$$v_2\left(\frac{I(\gamma)}{a^2I(\theta)}\right) = v_2(ax^3 + bx^2y + cxy^2 + dy^3) \equiv 0 \pmod{3}.$$

This implies that for each integer k where $3 \nmid v_2(k)$ the parametric family of Thue equations $ax^3 + bx^2y + cxy^2 + dy^3 = k$ has no integer solution (x, y) . This completes the proof of Theorem 2.

Proof of Corollary 1:

1. Let $\phi_n(x, y) = x^3 - (n^3 - 2n^2 + 3n - 3)x^2y - n^2xy^2 - y^3$.

We have

$$A_0 = (n^3 - 2n^2 + 3n - 3)^2 + 3n^2, \\ A_1 = 2(n^3 - 2n^2 + 3n - 3)^3 + 9(n^3 - 2n^2 + 3n - 3)n^2 + 27,$$

for n even, we get $A_0 \equiv A_1 \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ and for $n \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ we have $4 \parallel A_0$ and $8 \parallel A_1$. So for any $n \not\equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ we get $3v_2(A_0) = 2v_2(A_1)$. By Theorem 2, for any $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ where $3 \nmid v_2(k)$ and $n \not\equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ the parametric family of Thue cubic equations $\phi_n(x, y) = k$, has no integer solution (x, y) .

2. Let $\varphi_n(x, y) = x^3 - n(n^2 + n + 3)(n^2 + 2)x^2y - (n^3 + 2n^2 + 3n + 3)xy^2 - y^3$.

We have

$$A_0 = n^2(n^2 + n + 3)^2(n^2 + 2)^2 + 3(n^3 + 2n^2 + 3n + 3), \\ A_1 = 2n^3(n^2 + n + 3)^3(n^2 + 2)^3 + 9n(n^2 + n + 3)(n^2 + 2)(n^3 + 2n^2 + 3n + 3) + 27,$$

for n even we get $A_0 \equiv A_1 \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ and for n odd we have $4 \parallel A_0$ and $8 \parallel A_1$. So for any integer n we get $3v_2(A_0) = 2v_2(A_1)$. By Theorem 2, for any $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ where $3 \nmid v_2(k)$ the parametric family of Thue cubic equations $\varphi_n(x, y) = k$, has no integer solution (x, y) .

Proof of Corollary 3: Let a, b, c, d as in Theorem 2, and e be integers such that $v_2(e) \geq v_2(A_1)$ and $v_2(e) \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$. So we have $v_2(e(y^2 + 1)) \equiv 1, 2 \pmod{3}$ and for $v_2(e) \geq v_2(A_1)$ we get $v_2(27a^2(d + e) - 9abc + 2b^3) = v_2(27a^2d - 9abc + 2b^3)$. By Theorem 2, we have the family of twisted elliptic curves

$$E : ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d + e = e(y^2 + 1)$$

have no integer points (x, y) .

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