

# On the Finiteness of the Number of Expansions into a Continued Fraction of $\sqrt{f}$ for Cubic Polynomials over Algebraic Number Fields

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**Abstract**—We obtain a complete description of cubic polynomials  $f$  over algebraic number fields  $\mathbb{K}$  of degree 3 over  $\mathbb{Q}$  for which the continued fraction expansion of  $\sqrt{f}$  in the field of formal power series  $\mathbb{K}((x))$  is periodic. We also prove a finiteness theorem for cubic polynomials  $f \in K[x]$  with a periodic expansion of  $\sqrt{f}$  for extensions of  $\mathbb{Q}$  of degree at most 6. Additionally, we give a complete description of such polynomials  $f$  over an arbitrary field corresponding to elliptic fields with a torsion point of order  $N \geq 30$ .

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Consider a square-free polynomial  $f(x) \in \mathbb{K}[x]$  of degree  $2g + 1$  over an algebraic number field  $\mathbb{K}$ . Assume that  $f(x)$  is not divisible by  $x$  and its smallest coefficient is a complete square. Then the valuation  $v_x$  corresponding to the linear polynomial  $x$  has two extensions  $v_x^+$  and  $v_x^-$  to the field  $\mathbb{K}(x)(\sqrt{f(x)})$ . Therefore,  $\sqrt{f(x)}$  (and, hence,  $\mathbb{K}(x)(\sqrt{f(x)})$ ) can be embedded in the field of formal Laurent series  $\mathbb{K}((x))$ , which makes it possible to consider a continued fraction expansion of this element or any other element of  $\mathbb{K}(x)(\sqrt{f(x)})$  (for more details, see [1]). Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a smooth compactification of the hyperelliptic curve  $y^2 = f(x)$ . Consider the embedding of the point  $P = (0, \sqrt{f(0)})$  in the Jacobian of  $\mathcal{C}$  that maps  $P$  into the class  $P - \infty$ . If  $P - \infty$  has a finite order in the Jacobian, then there exist elements of  $\mathbb{K}(x)(\sqrt{f(x)})$  for which the continued fraction expansion is periodic. These expansions have interesting properties, which are described in [1–3].

Note that, under the indicated assumptions on the pair  $(\mathcal{C}, P)$ , some elements are a fortiori periodic, for example,  $\sqrt{f(x)}/x^g$  and  $\sqrt{f(x)}/x^{g+1}$ . In turn, the element  $\sqrt{f(x)}$  is not always periodic, which is a substan-

tial difference from the case of continued fraction expansions in  $\mathbb{K}((1/x))$ . In this context, the problem of describing all polynomials  $f(x) \in \mathbb{K}[x]$  of degree  $2g + 1$  for various classes of algebraic number fields  $\mathbb{K}$  with a quasi-periodic continued fraction expansion of  $\sqrt{f(x)}$  was raised in [3] (the quasi-periodicity of  $\sqrt{f}$  is equivalent to periodicity, see [2]). This problem was completely solved in [3] for cubic polynomials over the rational number field by applying a theorem on the boundedness of torsion and using a rational parametrization of a pair consisting of an elliptic curve and a torsion point (see [4]). A similar result for the case of polynomials  $f$  of degree 4 was obtained in [5]. In [6] the case of algebraic number fields used as a coefficient field was studied and a generalization of the method of [3] was proposed. As a result, the problem of periodicity of  $\sqrt{f}$  was completely solved for quadratic number fields and cubic polynomials  $f$ . Namely, a complete description of periodic expansions of pairs consisting of a quadratic number field and a periodic element  $\sqrt{f}$  was obtained and a finiteness theorem for such polynomials  $f$  over third- and fourth-degree extensions of  $\mathbb{Q}$  was proved. In [7] the periodicity of the expansion of  $\sqrt{f(x)}$  was examined without using parametrizations, by assuming that its period is bounded, which was reached by bounding the order of a torsion point (which is equivalent to the assumption that the degree of a fundamental  $S$ -unit is bounded) and by finding solutions of a system of equations, for which the solvability condition is equivalent to the periodicity of  $\sqrt{f(x)}$ .

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Let  $E$  be an elliptic curve over an algebraic number field  $\mathbb{K}$ . By the Mordell–Weil theorem, the set of  $\mathbb{K}$ -points on  $E$  is a finitely generated Abelian group  $E(\mathbb{K})$ . In particular, its torsion subgroup  $E(\mathbb{K})_{\text{tors}}$  is finite. Merel showed that  $\#E(\mathbb{K})_{\text{tors}} \leq B(d)$  for each elliptic curve  $E$  over a field  $\mathbb{K}$  of degree  $d$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . However, the estimate for  $B(d)$  that can be derived from Parent’s result (see [8]) is too large for the current state of computational tools, and, in an attempt to generalize the theorem describing periodic  $\sqrt{f}$  for cubic polynomials over  $\mathbb{Q}$  to more general algebraic number fields  $\mathbb{K}$ , its use is inefficient. A complete description of orders of torsion points is available only for extensions of  $\mathbb{Q}$  of degree at most 3 (see [9, 10]).

In this paper, the results of [6] and new results of other authors are used to obtain a complete solution of the problem of periodicity of  $\sqrt{f}$  for cubic number fields. By optimizing algorithms and computer calculations, we prove a finiteness theorem for cubic polynomials  $f$  with a periodic expansion of  $\sqrt{f}$  over algebraic number fields of degree at most 6 and give a complete description of such polynomials  $f$  over an arbitrary field corresponding to elliptic fields with a torsion point of order  $N \leq 30$ .

Since the periodicity of the continued fraction expansion of  $\sqrt{f(x)}$  is equivalent to the periodicity of  $\sqrt{f^\sigma(x)}$ , where  $\sigma \in \text{Aut}(\mathbb{K}/\mathbb{Q})$ , and also to the periodicity of  $\sqrt{a^2 f(bx)}$  for any  $a, b \in \mathbb{K}^\times$ , we consider polynomials up to this equivalence.

Our results are stated as the following theorems.

**Theorem 1.** *For square-free cubic polynomials  $f \in \mathbb{K}[x]$  different from  $cx^3 + 1$  over an algebraic number field  $\mathbb{K}$  of degree  $d = 3$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$  that have a periodic continued fraction expansion of  $\sqrt{f(x)}$  over  $\mathbb{K}$ , the number of equivalence classes is finite and is determined by the following representatives:*

$$\begin{aligned} &12x^3 - 8x^2 + 4x + 1, \quad 12x^3 - 5x^2 + 2x + 1, \\ &\quad -120x^3 + 25x^2 + 2x + 1, \\ &x^3 + (-6z^2 - 6)x^2 + (249z^2 + 105z + 360)x \\ &\quad + \frac{2397}{2}z^2 + \frac{2055}{4}z + \frac{3495}{2}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $z$  is a root of the polynomial  $t^3 - t^2 + \frac{1}{2}t - \frac{1}{12}$ ;

$$(x + 9z^2 - 6z + 2)(x^2 + (-48z^2 + 36z - 14)x + 216z^2 - 156z + 65),$$

where  $z$  is a root of the polynomial  $t^3 - 3t^2 - 5$ ; and

$$\begin{aligned} &x^3 + \frac{1}{84}(64z^2 - 40z - 123)x^2 \\ &+ \frac{1}{49}(-32z^2 + 32z + 39)x + \frac{1}{343}(216z - 369), \end{aligned}$$

where  $z$  is a root of the polynomial  $t^3 + t^2 - 2t - \frac{9}{2}$ .

This theorem is a corollary of the following more technical result, which provides a complete description of periodic  $\sqrt{f}$  corresponding to an elliptic curve with torsion point  $(0, \sqrt{f(0)})$  of order at most 30.

**Theorem 2.** *There exists only a finite number of equivalence classes of square-free cubic polynomials  $f \in \mathbb{K}[x]$  over an arbitrary field  $\mathbb{K}$  such that*

- (i) *the point  $P = (0, \sqrt{f(0)})$  of the corresponding elliptic curve has an order  $5 \leq N \leq 30$ ;*
- (ii) *the continued fraction expansion of  $\sqrt{f(x)} \in \mathbb{K}((x))$  is periodic.*

Moreover, for each torsion order  $5 \leq N \leq 30$ ,  $N \neq 6$ , there exists a unique polynomial  $f$  of this kind up to equivalence, while for  $N = 6$  there is no such polynomial.

The degrees  $d$  of extensions of the coefficient field  $\mathbb{K}$  and the period length  $\Pi$  of the continued fraction expansion of  $\sqrt{f}$  for polynomials  $f$  from Theorem 2 are given in Table 1. Note that the quasi-period  $\sqrt{f}$  in all cases given above is equal to a half of the period.

Relying on Theorem 2, we conclude that the number of periodic  $\sqrt{f} \in \mathbb{K}[x]$  is finite if  $\mathbb{K}$  is an algebraic number field of degree at most 6.

**Theorem 3.** *For square-free cubic polynomials  $f \in \mathbb{K}[x]$  different from  $cx^3 + 1$  over an algebraic number field  $\mathbb{K}$  of degree  $d \leq 6$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$  that have a periodic continued fraction expansion of  $\sqrt{f(x)}$  over  $\mathbb{K}$ , the number of equivalence classes is finite.*

The proof sketch of Theorem 2 is similar to the one for the main theorems in [6]. For a fixed  $N$ , consider a modular curve  $X_1(N)$  defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$  such that its  $\mathbb{K}$ -points correspond to sets of pairs  $(\mathcal{E}, P)$  consisting of an elliptic curve  $\mathcal{E}$  over  $\mathbb{K}$  and a  $\mathbb{K}$ -point of finite  $P$  order  $N$  on  $\mathcal{E}$ . The curves  $X_1(N)$  can be described by equations  $g_N(t, u) = 0$  in two variables, which were presented in [11]. Each pair  $(t, u)$ , except for  $(t, u) \in X_1(N)$  corresponding to cuspidal points, gives an elliptic curve in the Tate form:

$$y^2 + c(t, u)xy + b(t, u)y = x^3 + b(t, u)x^2. \tag{1}$$

For such a curve, the point  $(0, 0)$  is a torsion point of order  $N$  if and only if  $g_N(t, u) = 0$ .

For all curves, the coefficients  $b$  and  $c$  are given in a unified manner by the formulas

$$\begin{aligned} c &= s - rs + 1, \\ b &= rs - r^2s, \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

where  $r := r_N(t, u)$  and  $s := s_N(t, u)$  depend on  $N$ .

Replacing  $y$  by  $y - \frac{cx + b}{2}$ , we pass to the curve  $y^2 = f(x)$

with the torsion point  $(0, \frac{b}{2})$ , where

$$f = x^3 + \left(b + \frac{c^2}{4}\right)x^2 + \frac{bc}{2x} + \frac{b^2}{4}. \tag{3}$$

As was noted above, the continued fraction expansion of  $\sqrt{f}/x^2$  is periodic. The  $n$ th step of this expansion is associated with a polynomial  $L_n = (-1)^{n+1}(x^4 P_n^2 - fQ_n^2)$ , where  $P_n/Q_n$  is the  $n$ th convergent of the continued fraction of  $\sqrt{f}/x^2$ . It was shown in [2] that the point  $(0, \sqrt{f(0)})$  is a torsion point if and only if, for some  $n$ , the polynomial  $L_n$  is proportional to  $x^{2g+1}$  or  $x^{2g+2}$ . The degree of the  $S$ -unit equals the order of the torsion point and determines the parity of the degree of  $L_n$  for a minimal  $n$  such that  $L_n$  has the indicated property.

Thus, we have an equation  $y^2 = f_N(x, t, u)$  in which the coefficients of  $x$  depend on the parameters  $(t, u)$ , where  $t$  and  $u$  satisfy the relation  $g_N(t, u) = 0$ .

The element  $\frac{\sqrt{f_N(x, t, u)}}{x^2}$  with  $(t, u)$  treated as formal variables is expanded into a continued fraction with respect to  $x^{-1}$  until the step at which  $L_n$  is proportional to  $x^3$  or  $x^4$ . Next, according to the periodicity criterion for  $\sqrt{f}$  given in [6], on the polynomials  $P_n = p_0(t, u) + p_1(t, u)x^{-1} + \dots$  and  $Q_n = q_0(t, u) + q_1(t, u)x^{-1} + \dots$ , we impose the constraint  $q_0(t, u) = 0$  or  $p_1(t, u) = 0$ , depending on the parity of the degree of  $L_n$ , which (under the condition  $g_N(t, u) = 0$ ) implies the periodicity of  $\sqrt{f}$ . Finally, we solve the system consisting of  $g_N(t, u) = 0$  and one of the following equations:  $q_0(t, u) = 0$  or  $p_1(t, u) = 0$ .

Note that the free term in  $Q_n$  and the coefficient of  $x^{-1}$  in  $P_n$  depend only on the free terms and the coefficients of  $x^{-1}$  in  $P_m, Q_m$ , and  $A_m$  for  $m < n$ . Due to this circumstance, the number of arithmetic operations required for applying the periodicity criterion for  $\sqrt{f}$  can be reduced significantly. The reduction in the number of arithmetic operations and the optimization of the algorithm and its software implementation made it possible to complete the computation for  $N \leq 30$ , which, in turn, allowed us to complete the proof of the main results.

In the case of curves with a torsion point of order  $N \geq 20$ , we used the elimination of a variable based on

**Table 1.** Orders  $N$  and degrees of the field  $\mathbb{K}$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$  for which  $\sqrt{f}$  has a periodic expansion with period  $\Pi$

$N$	$\Pi$	$\text{deg } \mathbb{K}$
5	6	1
6	—	—
7	10	2
8	6	1
9	14	3
10	10	1
11	18	5
12	10	3
13	22	7
14	14	3
15	26	8
16	14	6
17	30	12
18	18	6
19	34	15
20	18	10
21	38	16
22	22	10
23	42	22
24	22	14
25	46	25
26	26	15
27	50	27
28	26	21
29	54	35
30	30	20

Gröbner bases, which reduces the problem to a single equation in  $t$ .

**Proof sketch for Theorems 1 and 3.** If  $\sqrt{f}$  is periodic, then  $\sqrt{f}/x^2$  is periodic as well and the point  $(0, \sqrt{f(0)})$  on the curve  $y^2 = f(x)$  has a finite order  $N$  (for more details, see [2]). We will use the following results on the finiteness of possible orders  $N$ . For the reader's convenience, they are stated in the form of a single theorem.

**Theorem 4.** *Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be an elliptic curve over an algebraic number field  $\mathbb{K}$  of degree  $d \leq 6$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Then, for  $\mathbb{K}$  and a torsion  $\mathbb{K}$ -point of order  $N$  on  $\mathcal{C}$ , the following assertions hold:*

- (i) *If  $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{Q}$ , then  $N \leq 12$  and  $N \neq 11$  (see [12]).*
- (ii) *If  $d = 2$ , then  $N \leq 18$  and  $N \neq 17$  (see [9]).*
- (iii) *If  $d = 3$ , then  $N \leq 21$  and  $N \neq 17, 19$  (see [10]).*

(iv) If  $d = 4$ , then the number of fields  $\mathbb{K}$  and nonisomorphic elliptic curves  $\mathcal{C}_{\mathbb{K}}$  with a torsion point of order distinct from  $N \leq 24$ ,  $N \neq 19, 23$ , is finite (see [13]).

(v) If  $d = 5$ , then the number of fields  $\mathbb{K}$  and nonisomorphic elliptic curves  $\mathcal{C}_{\mathbb{K}}$  with a torsion point of order distinct from  $N \leq 25$ ,  $N \neq 23$ , is finite (see [14]).

(vi) If  $d = 6$ , then the number of fields  $\mathbb{K}$  and nonisomorphic elliptic curves  $\mathcal{C}_{\mathbb{K}}$  with a torsion point of order distinct from  $N \leq 30$ ,  $N \neq 23, 25, 29$ , is finite (see [14]).

In the formulation of Theorem 4 and in the proof of Theorem 1, we used the results of the recent preprint [10], which, according to one of its authors, is being prepared for publication. Earlier, it was shown in [15] that the number of cubic number fields  $\mathbb{K}$  and nonisomorphic elliptic curves  $\mathcal{C}_{\mathbb{K}}$  with a torsion point of order distinct from  $N \leq 20$ ,  $N \neq 17, 19$ , is finite.

According to Theorem 4, to prove that the number of classes of polynomials  $f$  over algebraic number fields of degree  $\leq 6$  is finite, it suffices to examine the periodicity of  $\sqrt{f}$  only on curves with a torsion order  $N \leq 30$ ,  $N \neq 23, 29$ , which was done in Theorem 2.

**Proof of Theorem 2.** For reasons of space and due to the complexity of the numerical results, the complete proof is presented only for the case  $N = 11$ , which corresponds to expressions with moderate coefficients and gives a unique solution over an extension of degree 5, and for the case  $N = 20$ , which relies heavily on Gröbner bases. In all cases, except for  $N = 6$ , the system for  $(t, u)$  has exactly one solution (up to the choice of a root of an irreducible polynomial over  $\mathbb{Q}$ ) for which the denominators of the coefficients of  $f_N$  and the free term of  $f_N$  do not vanish. Additionally, it should be noted that the cases  $N \leq 12$ ,  $N \neq 11$ , for which the parametrization  $X_1(N)$  is rational were analyzed in [3]. The cases  $N = 11, 13, 14, \dots, 22, 24$  were announced in [6], where it was shown that, for  $d = 2$ , a nontrivial periodic root exists only for  $N = 7$ .

Theorem 4 and Table 1 show that nontrivial cases for  $d = 3$  occur only for  $N = 9, 12, 14$ . Additionally, it has been shown that a periodic root occurs for  $N = 11$  in the case  $d = 5$  and for  $N = 16, 18$  in the case  $d = 6$ .

**Case  $N = 11$ .** The curve  $X_1(11)$  is defined by the relation  $g_{11}(t, u) = u^2 - \frac{1}{4}t^4 - \frac{1}{2}t^2 + t - \frac{1}{4} = 0$ , and the formulas

$$r(t, u) = tu - \frac{1}{2}t^3 - \frac{1}{2}t + 1, s(t, u) = -t + 1, \tag{4}$$

which are substituted into (2) and (3), determine the corresponding elliptic curve:

$$\begin{aligned} f_{11} = & x^3 + \left(\frac{1}{8}(t^8 + 2t^7 - t^6 + 2t^5 - 15t^4 + 14t^3 - 9t^2 + 6t + 2) - \frac{1}{4}(t-1)t(t^4 + 3t^3 + t^2 + 3t - 6)u\right)x^2 + \left(\frac{1}{2}(t-1)t(t^7 - t^6 + 2t^5 - 4t^4 + 2t^3 - 2t^2 + 1)u - \frac{1}{4}(t-1)^2t(t^8 + 3t^6 - 4t^5 + 2t^4 - 6t^3 - t - 1)\right)x + \left(\frac{1}{8}(t-1)^3t^2(t^9 + t^8 + 5t^7 - t^6 + 5t^5 - 9t^4 + 4t^3 - 6t^2 + 3t - 1) - \frac{1}{4}(t-1)^3t^2(t^3 + t - 1)(t^4 + t^3 + 3t^2 + 1)u\right). \end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

Consider a continued fraction expansion of the quadratic irrationality  $\frac{\sqrt{f_{11}}}{x^2}$  in  $\mathbb{K}(t, u)((x))$ . In this case,

$$L_4 = t^{-2} \left( (-t^4 + 2t^3 - 2t + 1)u + \frac{1}{2}t^6 - t^5 + \frac{1}{2}t^4 - t^3 + \frac{5}{2}t^2 - 2t + \frac{1}{2} \right) x^3,$$

and  $L_n$  is not proportional to  $x^k$  for  $0 \leq n < 4$ . The degree of an  $S$ -unit of the hyperelliptic field defined by the polynomial  $f_{11}$  coincides with the order of the torsion point with  $x = 0$  and equals 11.

The quasi-period of the continued fraction expansion of  $\sqrt{f_{11}}/x^2$  coincides with its period and equals 10. Applying the periodicity criterion for a square root (see [6]) in the case of an  $S$ -unit of odd degree, we conclude that  $\sqrt{f_{11}}$  is periodic if and only if the coefficient of  $x^{-1}$  in the Laurent polynomial  $P_n$  vanishes:

$$p_1(t, u) = \frac{2(t^5 - 3t^3 + 4t^2 - 9t + 7)u - (t^7 - 2t^5 + 2t^4 - 12t^3 + 13t^2 + 5t - 7)}{4t} = 0.$$

Expressing  $u$  in terms of  $t$  by using this equation and substituting the result into  $g_{11}(t, u) = 0$ , we obtain

$$(3t^5 - 3t^4 - 12t^3 + 9t^2 - 35t + 63)(t-1)^3t = 0. \tag{6}$$

Let us find irreducible factors of (6) associated with periodic expansions of  $\sqrt{f_{11}}$ . The roots  $z = 0, 1$  do not

correspond to  $f$  with a periodic expansion of  $\sqrt{f}$ , since the substitution of  $t = z$  yields  $f_{11}(0, z) = 0$ , so  $P = (0, 0)$  is a second-order point.

A root  $z$  of the polynomial  $t^5 - t^4 - 4t^3 + 3t^2 - \frac{35}{3}t + 21$ , which is irreducible over  $\mathbb{Q}$ , is associated with

$u = \frac{6}{55}z^4 + \frac{3}{11}z^3 - \frac{53}{110}z^2 - \frac{6}{55}z - \frac{127}{110}$ , and these values correspond to

$$f_{11}(x, z) = x^3 + \frac{1}{11}(-24z^4 + 72z^3 - 70z^2 + 112z - 76)x^2 + \frac{1}{11}(2877z^4 - 9984z^3 + 13080z^2 - 23436z + 24318)x + \frac{1}{4}(10224z^4 - 35451z^3 + 46509z^2 - 83811z + 87129). \tag{7}$$

The expansion of  $\sqrt{f_{11}(x, z)}$  over an algebraic number field of degree 5 has a period of 18, a quasi-period of 9, and the quasi-periodicity coefficient

$$-\frac{56419}{33075}z^4 - \frac{77114}{33075}z^3 + \frac{43201}{33075}z^2 - \frac{3181}{1575}z + \frac{1501463}{99225}.$$

**Case  $N = 20$ .** The curve  $X_1(20)$  is defined by the relation  $g_{20}(u, t) = u^3 + (t^2 + 3)u^2 + (t^3 + 4)u + 2$  and, after substituting the expressions for  $r(t, u)$  and  $s(t, u)$  into (2) and (3), the corresponding elliptic curve is given by

$$f_{20} = x^3 + \frac{1}{4}(t-1)^{-6}(t^2-2t+2)^{-2}(t^2-t-1)^{-2} \times ((t-1)^{-1}t(t^{13} + \dots)u + (t^{14} + \dots))x^2 + (t-1)^{-10} \times t(t^2-2t+2)^{-2}(t^2-t-1)^{-3}((t^{15} + \dots)u - \frac{1}{2}(t^{18} + \dots))x + \frac{1}{4}(t-1)^{-11}t^2(t^2-2t+2)^{-2} \times (t^2-t-1)^{-4}((t^{19} + \dots) - 3(t-1)^{-1}(t^{17} + \dots)u). \tag{8}$$

Consider the continued fraction expansion of the quadratic irrationality  $\frac{\sqrt{f_{20}}}{x^2}$  in  $\mathbb{K}(t, u)((x))$ . In this case,  $L_8$

is proportional to  $x^4$ , while  $L_n$  is not proportional to  $x^k$  for  $0 \leq n < 8$ . The degree of an  $S$ -unit of the hyperelliptic field defined by the polynomial  $f_{20}$  coincides with the order of the torsion point with  $x = 0$  and equals 20. The expansion of  $\frac{\sqrt{f_{20}}}{x^2}$  is quasi-periodic with a quasi-period of 9 and an expansion period of 18. Applying the periodicity criterion for  $\sqrt{f}$  from [6] in the case of an  $S$ -unit of even degree, we conclude that  $\sqrt{f_{20}}$  is periodic if and only if the free term of  $Q_n$  vanishes. This condition can be written as

$$q_0(t, u) = -(t^{10} - 8t^9 + 30t^8 - 68t^7 + 101t^6 - 100t^5 + 64t^4 - 24t^3 + 4t^2)^{-1}(-3t^{12} - 33t^{11} + 177t^{10} - 606t^9 + 1453t^8 - 2555t^7 + 3362t^6 - 3340t^5 + 2505t^4 - 1413t^3 + 592t^2 - 174t + 28)u^2 - (3t^{13} - 30t^{12} + 141t^{11} - 398t^{10} + 679t^9 - 529t^8 - 533t^7 + 2257t^6 - 3545t^5 + 3488t^4 - 2349t^3 + 1100t^2 - 342t + 56)u + 2t^{11} - 19t^{10} + 111t^9 - 426t^8 + 1126t^7 - 2106t^6 + 2846t^5 - 2800t^4 + 1998t^3 - 1012t^2 + 336t - 56 = 0.$$

The Gröbner basis for the system of two conditions given above consists of three equations and has the form

$$u^2 + \frac{1}{2}(t^2 + 4)u + \frac{1788203968386774417}{1454626383087500}t^{31} + \dots, \\ (t^5 - 4t^4 + 8t^3 - 8t^2 + 4t)u - \frac{1012274029378176552}{51950942253125}t^{31} + \dots, \\ t \cdot (t-1) \cdot (t^2-2t+2)^2 \cdot (t^4-2t^3+4t^2-3t+1)^4 \times (54t^{10} - 525t^9 + 2370t^8 - 6570t^7 + 12300t^6 - 16104t^5 + 14850t^4 - 9510t^3 + 4060t^2 - 1050t + 126).$$

For the last equation in the Gröbner basis, we find irreducible factors associated with periodic expansions of  $\sqrt{f_{20}}$ .

The roots  $z = 0$  and  $z = 1$  do not correspond to  $f_{20}(x, z)$  with a periodic expansion of  $\sqrt{f_{20}(x, z)}$ , since the substitution of  $x = 0$  and  $t = z$  yields  $f_{20}(0, z) = 0$ , so  $P = (0, 0)$  is a second-order point. The case when  $z$  is a root of the polynomial  $t^2 - 2t + 2$  or  $t^4 - 2t^3 + 4t^2 - 3t + 1$  does not correspond to  $f_{20}(x, z)$  with a periodic expansion of  $\sqrt{f_{20}(x, z)}$ , since  $z$  is also a root of the denominator of one of the coefficients of  $f_{20}(x, t)$ .

In turn, a root  $z$  of the polynomial  $t^{10} - 175t^9 + \frac{395}{9}t^8 - \frac{365}{3}t^7 + \frac{2050}{9}t^6 - \frac{2684}{9}t^5 + 275t^4 - \frac{1585}{9}t^3 + \frac{2030}{27}t^2 - \frac{175}{9}t + \frac{7}{3}$  is associated with

$$f_{20}(x, z) = x^3 + \frac{1}{360020}(121532184z^9 + \dots)x^2 + \frac{1}{180010}(-3074046066z^9 + \dots)x + \frac{1}{360020}(-40173695550z^9 + \dots). \tag{9}$$

The expansion of  $\sqrt{f_{20}}$  over a number field of degree 10 has a period of 9 and a quasi-period of 18.

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