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# On perfect powers that are sums of cubes of a five term arithmetic progression

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## ABSTRACT

We prove that the equation  $(x - 2r)^3 + (x - r)^3 + x^3 + (x + r)^3 + (x + 2r)^3 = y^p$  only has solutions which satisfy  $xy = 0$  for  $1 \leq r \leq 10^6$  and  $p \geq 5$  prime.

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## 1. Introduction

Finding perfect powers that are sums of terms in an arithmetic progression has received much interest; recent contributions can be found in [1], [2], [3], [4], [5], [9], [10], [14], [15], [16], [17], [19], [21], [22] and [23].

We are interested in solutions  $(x, y, r)$  where  $x, y$  and  $r$  are coprime.

In this paper, we prove the following:

**Theorem 1.1.** *Let  $p \geq 5$  be a prime. The equation*

$$(x - 2r)^3 + (x - r)^3 + x^3 + (x + r)^3 + (x + 2r)^3 = y^p \quad x, r, y, p \in \mathbb{Z}, \gcd(x, r) = 1, \quad (1)$$

*with  $0 < r \leq 10^6$  only has solutions which satisfy  $xy = 0$ .*

The restriction  $\gcd(x, r) = 1$  is natural one, for otherwise it is easy to construct artificial solutions by scaling. We use a combination of techniques in the resolution of (1), the main ones being; a result of Mignotte based on linear form in logarithms ([8, Chapter 12, p. 423]); the method of Chabauty ([18,20,11]), the theorem due to Bilu, Hanrot and Voutier on primitive divisors ([6]), as well as some various elementary techniques.

## 2. Background

Here, we record some essential Theorems and Lemmas which are necessary for the computations in Section 4.

**Theorem 2.1.** *(Mignotte) Assume that the exponential Diophantine inequality*

$$|ax^n - by^n| \leq c, \quad \text{with } a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} \text{ and } a \neq b$$

*has a solution in strictly positive integers  $x$  and  $y$  with  $\max\{x, y\} > 1$ . Let  $A = \max\{a, b, 3\}$ . Then*

$$n \leq \max \left\{ 3 \log(1.5 |c/b|), \frac{7400 \log A}{\log(1 + \log A / \log(|a/b|))} \right\}.$$

### 2.1. Criteria for eliminating equations of signature $(p, 2p, 2)$

We first apply a descent to equation (1) in Section 3. We are left with equations of the form:

$$aw_2^p - bw_1^{2p} = cr^2 \quad (2)$$

where  $p$  is an odd prime and  $a, b, c$  are positive integers satisfying  $\gcd(a, b, c) = 1$ .

The criteria to follow in order to determine whether (2) has solutions was previously presented in [13,4,1]. We start with the following lemma that gives us a criterion for the nonexistence of solutions.

**Lemma 2.2.** *Let  $p \geq 3$  be a prime. Let  $a, b$  and  $c$  be positive integers such that  $\gcd(a, b, c) = 1$ . Let  $q = 2kp + 1$  be a prime that does not divide  $a$ . Define*

$$\mu(p, q) = \{\eta^{2p} : \eta \in \mathbb{F}_q\} = \{0\} \cup \{\zeta \in \mathbb{F}_q^* : \zeta^k = 1\} \quad (3)$$

and

$$B(p, q) = \{\zeta \in \mu(p, q) : ((b\zeta + c)/a)^{2k} \in \{0, 1\}\}.$$

If  $B(p, q) = \emptyset$ , then equation (2) does not have integral solutions.

## 2.2. Local solubility

After reducing the number of equations using Lemma 2.2, we give the next step and use classical local solubility methods to conclude nonexistence of solutions for many tuples  $(a, b, c, p)$  in equation (2).

These methods work as follows: let  $g = \text{Rad}(\gcd(a, c))$  and suppose that  $g > 1$ . Recall the condition  $\gcd(a, b, c) = 1$ . Then  $g \mid w_1$ , and we can write  $w_1 = gw'_1$ . Thus

$$aw_2^p - bg^{2p}w_1'^{2p} = c.$$

Removing a factor of  $g$  from the coefficients, we obtain

$$a'w_2^p - b'w_1'^{2p} = c',$$

where  $a' = a/c$  and  $c' = c/g < c$ . Similarly, if  $h = \gcd(b, c) > 1$ , we obtain

$$a'w_2'^p - b'w_1'^{2p} = c',$$

where  $c' = c/h < c$ . Applying these operations repeatedly, we arrive at an equation of the form

$$A\rho^p - B\sigma^{2p} = C \quad (4)$$

where  $A, B, C$  are now pairwise coprime. A necessary condition for the existence of solutions is that for any odd prime  $q \mid A$ , the residue  $-BC$  modulo  $q$  is a square. Besides this basic test, we also check for local solubility at the primes dividing  $A, B, C$ , and all primes  $q \leq 19$ .

2.3. A descent

If local techniques previously presented failed to rule out solutions to equation (2) for particular coefficients and exponent  $(a, b, c, p)$  then we may perform a further descent to rule out solutions. With  $A, B, C$  as in (4) we let

$$B' = \prod_{\text{ord}_q(B) \text{ is odd}} q.$$

Thus  $BB' = v^2$ . Write  $AB' = u$  and  $CB' = mn^2$  with  $m$  squarefree. Rewrite (4) as

$$(v\sigma^p + n\sqrt{-m})(v\sigma^p - n\sqrt{-m}) = u\rho^p.$$

Let  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-m})$  and  $\mathcal{O}$  be its ring of integers. Let  $\mathfrak{S}$  contain the prime ideals of  $\mathcal{O}$  that divide  $u$  or  $2n\sqrt{-m}$ . Clearly  $(v\sigma^p + n\sqrt{-m})K^{*p}$  belongs to the “ $p$ -Selmer group”

$$K(\mathfrak{S}, p) = \{\epsilon \in K^*/K^{*p} : \text{ord}_{\mathcal{P}}(\epsilon) \equiv 0 \pmod p \text{ for all } \mathcal{P} \notin \mathfrak{S}\}.$$

This is an  $\mathbb{F}_p$ -vector space of finite dimension can be computed by Magma using the command `pSelmerGroup`. Let

$$\mathcal{E} = \{\epsilon \in K(\mathfrak{S}, p) : \text{Norm}(\epsilon)/u \in \mathbb{Q}^{*p}\}.$$

It follows that

$$v\sigma^p + n\sqrt{-m} = \epsilon\eta^p, \tag{5}$$

where  $\eta \in K^*$  and  $\epsilon \in \mathcal{E}$ .

We end up with the last criteria.

**Lemma 2.3.** *Let  $\mathfrak{q}$  be a prime ideal of  $K$ . Suppose one of the following holds:*

- (i)  $\text{ord}_{\mathfrak{q}}(v), \text{ord}_{\mathfrak{q}}(n\sqrt{-m}), \text{ord}_{\mathfrak{q}}(\epsilon)$  are pairwise distinct modulo  $p$ ;
- (ii)  $\text{ord}_{\mathfrak{q}}(2v), \text{ord}_{\mathfrak{q}}(\epsilon), \text{ord}_{\mathfrak{q}}(\bar{\epsilon})$  are pairwise distinct modulo  $p$ ;
- (iii)  $\text{ord}_{\mathfrak{q}}(2n\sqrt{-m}), \text{ord}_{\mathfrak{q}}(\epsilon), \text{ord}_{\mathfrak{q}}(\bar{\epsilon})$  are pairwise distinct modulo  $p$ .

Then there is no  $\sigma \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $\eta \in K$  satisfying (5).

**Lemma 2.4.** *Let  $q = 2kp + 1$  be a prime. Suppose  $q\mathcal{O} = \mathfrak{q}_1\mathfrak{q}_2$  where  $\mathfrak{q}_1, \mathfrak{q}_2$  are distinct, and such that  $\text{ord}_{\mathfrak{q}_j}(\epsilon) = 0$  for  $j = 1, 2$ . Let*

$$\chi(p, q) = \{\eta^p : \eta \in \mathbb{F}_q\}.$$

Let

$$C(p, q) = \{\zeta \in \chi(p, q) : ((v\zeta + n\sqrt{-m})/\epsilon)^{2k} \equiv 0 \text{ or } 1 \pmod{q_j} \text{ for } j = 1, 2\}.$$

Suppose  $C(p, q) = \emptyset$ . Then there is no  $\sigma \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $\eta \in K$  satisfying (5).

2.4. Thue equations

Finally for the remaining equations that couldn't be ruled out, they can be considered Thue equations by letting  $\sigma = w_2$  and  $\tau = w_1^2$

$$a\sigma^p - b\tau^p = c$$

where the exponent is a prime  $p$ . We use Magma's Thue solver [7] and PARI/GP's *thueinit*, *thue* commands [12] as the final test to determine whether the equations have solutions.

2.5. Prime divisors of Lehmer sequences

A Lehmer pair is a pair  $\alpha, \beta$  of algebraic integers such that  $(\alpha + \beta)^2$  and  $\alpha\beta$  are nonzero coprime rational integers and  $\alpha/\beta$  is not a root of unity. The Lehmer sequence associated to the Lehmer pair  $(\alpha, \beta)$  is

$$\tilde{u}_n = \tilde{u}_n(\alpha, \beta) = \begin{cases} \frac{\alpha^n - \beta^n}{\alpha - \beta} & n \text{ is odd} \\ \frac{\alpha^n - \beta^n}{\alpha^2 - \beta^2} & n \text{ is even} \end{cases} \tag{6}$$

A prime  $p$  is called a primitive divisor of  $\tilde{u}_n$  if it divides  $\tilde{u}_n$  but does not divide  $(\alpha^2 - \beta^2) \cdot \tilde{u}_1 \cdots \tilde{u}_{n-1}$ . We now state the following celebrated theorem due to Bilu, Hanrot and Voutier [6].

**Theorem 2.5.** *Let  $\alpha, \beta$  be a Lehmer pair. Then  $\tilde{u}_n(\alpha, \beta)$  has a primitive root for all  $n > 30$  and for all prime  $n > 13$ .*

It will be necessary to use Lehmer pairs to prove for certain values of  $r$  that (1) has no solutions.

3. Descent to eight cases

Equation (1) can be rewritten as:  $5x(x^2 + 6r^2) = y^p$ . Letting  $y = 5w$ , we can rewrite as:

$$x(x^2 + 6r^2) = 5^{p-1}w^p. \tag{7}$$

Note that  $\gcd(x, x^2 + 6r^2) \in \{1, 2, 3, 6\}$  depending on whether 2, 3 divides  $x$  or not. Thus, we are now able to divide into eight cases.

Case	Conditions on $x$	Descent equations	Equation of signature $(p, p, 2)$
1	$5 \mid x$ and $6 \nmid x$	$x = 5^{p-1}w_1^p$ $x^2 + 6r^2 = w_2^p$	$w_2^p - 5^{2p-2}w_1^{2p} = 6r^2$
2	$5 \mid x$ and $2 \mid x$ and $3 \nmid x$	$x = 2^{p-1}5^{p-1}w_1^p$ $x^2 + 6r^2 = 2w_2^p$	$w_2^p - 2^{2p-3}5^{2p-2}w_1^{2p} = 3r^2$
3	$5 \mid x$ and $3 \mid x$ and $2 \nmid x$	$x = 3^{p-1}5^{p-1}w_1^p$ $x^2 + 6r^2 = 3w_2^p$	$w_2^p - 3^{2p-3}5^{2p-2}w_1^{2p} = 2r^2$
4	$5 \mid x$ and $6 \mid x$	$x = 6^{p-1}5^{p-1}w_1^p$ $x^2 + 6r^2 = 6w_2^p$	$w_2^p - 6^{2p-3}5^{2p-2}w_1^{2p} = r^2$
5	$5 \nmid x$ and $6 \nmid x$	$x = w_1^p$ $x^2 + 6r^2 = 5^{p-1}w_2^p$	$5^{p-1}w_2^p - w_1^{2p} = 6r^2$
6	$5 \nmid x$ and $2 \mid x$ and $3 \nmid x$	$x = 2^{p-1}w_1^p$ $x^2 + 6r^2 = 2 \cdot 5^{p-1}w_2^p$	$5^{p-1}w_2^p - 2^{2p-3}w_1^{2p} = 3r^2$
7	$5 \nmid x$ and $3 \mid x$ and $2 \nmid x$	$x = 3^{p-1}w_1^p$ $x^2 + 6r^2 = 3 \cdot 5^{p-1}w_2^p$	$5^{p-1}w_2^p - 3^{2p-3}w_1^{2p} = 2r^2$
8	$5 \nmid x$ and $6 \mid x$	$x = 6^{p-1}w_1^p$ $x^2 + 6r^2 = 6 \cdot 5^{p-1}w_2^p$	$5^{p-1}w_2^p - 6^{2p-3}w_1^{2p} = r^2$

4. Tables of computations

In this section, we apply the Theorems and Lemmas of Section 2 in order to fully resolve equation (1) and prove Theorem 1.1.

4.1. Case 1

We first apply Theorem 2.1 to obtain the bound  $p \leq 34365$  when  $|r| \leq 1.7 \times 10^{2486}$ . Thus, when we focus on  $5 \leq p \leq 34365$  and  $1 \leq r \leq 10^6$  we have the following table containing the obtained information after computational calculations.

Exponent $p$	Number of eqns surviving Lemma 2.2	Number of eqns surviving local solubility tests	Number of eqns surviving further descent	Thue eqns not solved by Magma
5	258519	33667	52	0
7	102711	46794	5	0
11	2690	1364	1	0
13	5855	3044	1	0
17	752	415	0	0
19	1644	858	0	0
23	10	6	0	0
29	23	9	0	0
31	61	32	0	0
37	1	1	0	0
41	2	1	0	0
$43 \leq p \leq 34365$	0	0	0	0

4.2. Case 2

For  $p = 5$  we have  $w_2^5 - 2^7 \cdot 5^8 w_1^{10} = 3r^2$ . Letting  $X = w_2/w_1^2$  and  $Y = 3r/w_1^5$  we obtain the hyperelliptic curve

$$Y^2 = 3X^5 - 3 \cdot 2^7 \cdot 5^8$$

whose Jacobian has rank 1. We can show, using Magma, that  $C(\mathbb{Q}) = \{\infty\}$  which implies the curve only has trivial solutions.

Using Theorem 2.1 we bound  $p \leq 56565$  for  $|r| \leq 6.8 \times 10^{4092}$ . Thus, when we focus on  $7 \leq p \leq 56565$  and  $1 \leq r \leq 10^6$  we have the following table.

Exponent p	Number of eqns surviving Lemma 2.2	Number of eqns surviving local solubility tests	Number of eqns surviving further descent	Thue eqns not solved by Magma
7	60261	21654	2	0
11	895	347	1	0
13	783	401	1	0
17	126	69	1	1
19	656	296	1	1
23	3	1	1	1
31	4	3	0	0
$37 \leq p \leq 56565$	0	0	0	0

The Thue equations that could not be solved by Magma, were solved by PARI/GP

p	r	Thue equation	Solution
17	3 <sup>8</sup>	$w_2^{17} - 2^{31} \cdot 5^{32} w_1^{34} = 3^{17}$	(3, 0)
19	3 <sup>9</sup>	$w_2^{19} - 2^{35} \cdot 5^{36} w_1^{38} = 3^{19}$	(3, 0)
23	3 <sup>11</sup>	$w_2^{23} - 2^{43} \cdot 5^{44} w_1^{46} = 3^{23}$	(3, 0)

using the commands *thueinit* and *thue*. Observe that the solutions found contradict the condition  $w_1 \cdot w_2 \neq 0$ . Moreover, observe that all the equations that were solved are of signature  $(p, 2p, p)$ .

### 4.3. Case 3

For  $p = 5$  we have  $w_2^5 - 3^7 \cdot 5^8 w_1^{10} = 2r^2$ . Choosing the change of variable  $X = w_2/w_1^2$  and  $Y = 2r/w_1^5$  we obtain the hyperelliptic curve

$$Y^2 = 2X^5 - 2 \cdot 3^7 \cdot 5^8$$

whose Jacobian has rank 1. We can show, using Magma, that  $C(\mathbb{Q}) = \{\infty\}$  which implies the curve only has trivial solutions.

Using Theorem 2.1 we bound  $p \leq 69551$  for  $|r| \leq 3.8 \times 10^{5881}$ . Thus, when we focus on  $7 \leq p \leq 69551$  and  $1 \leq r \leq 10^6$  we have the following table.

Exponent p	Number of eqns surviving Lemma 2.2	Number of eqns surviving local solubility tests	Number of eqns surviving further descent	Thue eqns not solved by Magma
7	18911	8045	3	0
11	1639	690	2	0
13	4059	3314	2	0
17	137	76	1	1
19	271	141	1	1
23	11	5	1	1
29	5	2	1	1
31	9	6	1	1
37	1	1	1	1
$41 \leq p \leq 69551$	0	0	0	0

The Thue equations that could not be solved by Magma, were solved by PARI/GP

$p$	$r$	Thue equation	Solution
17	$2^8$	$w_2^{17} - 3^{31} \cdot 5^{32} w_1^{34} = 2^{17}$	(2, 0)
19	$2^9$	$w_2^{19} - 3^{35} \cdot 5^{36} w_1^{38} = 2^{19}$	(2, 0)
23	$2^{11}$	$w_2^{23} - 3^{43} \cdot 5^{44} w_1^{38} = 2^{23}$	(2, 0)
29	$2^{14}$	$w_2^{29} - 3^{55} \cdot 5^{56} w_1^{38} = 2^{29}$	(2, 0)
31	$2^{15}$	$w_2^{31} - 3^{59} \cdot 5^{60} w_1^{38} = 2^{31}$	(2, 0)
37	$2^{18}$	$w_2^{37} - 3^{71} \cdot 5^{72} w_1^{38} = 2^{37}$	(2, 0)

using the commands *thueinit* and *thue*. Observe that the solutions found contradict the condition  $w_1 \cdot w_2 \neq 0$ . Moreover, observe that all the equations that were solved are of signature  $(p, 2p, p)$ .

4.4. Case 4

For  $p = 5$  we have  $w_2^5 - 6^7 \cdot 5^8 w_1^{10} = r^2$ . Choosing the change of variable  $X = w_2/w_1^2$  and  $Y = r/w_1^5$  we obtain the hyperelliptic curve

$$Y^2 = X^5 - 6^7 \cdot 5^8$$

whose Jacobian has rank 1. We can show, using Magma, that  $C(\mathbb{Q}) = \{\infty\}$  which implies the curve only has trivial solutions.

Using Theorem 2.1 we bound  $p \leq 91751$  for  $|r| \leq 1.9 \times 10^{6639}$ . Thus, when we focus on  $7 \leq p \leq 91751$  and  $2 \leq r \leq 10^6$  we have the following table.

Exponent $p$	Number of eqns surviving Lemma 2.2	Number of eqns surviving local solubility tests	Number of eqns surviving further descent	Thue eqns not solved by Magma
7	22887	12311	1	0
11	1469	588	0	0
13	237	97	0	0
17	205	118	0	0
19	2480	1273	0	0
23	2	2	0	0
29	2	2	0	0
31	9	4	0	0
37	2	1	0	0
$41 \leq p \leq 91751$	0	0	0	0

We noticed a remarkable behaviour when  $r = 1$  and  $7 \leq p \leq 91751$ .

We observed that application of Lemma 2.2 and the local solubility tests were always failing for every  $p$ . Due to this situation, we decided to use *Lehmer pairs* to solve it.

Let  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-6})$  and write  $\mathcal{O}_K$  for its ring of integers. This has class group isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ . We consider the equation  $x^2 + 6 = 6w_2^p$  where  $x = 30^{p-1}w_1^p$  and  $w_1, w_2$  as before. Take

$$\begin{aligned} 6w_2^p &= x^2 + 6 \\ &= (x + \sqrt{-6})(x - \sqrt{-6}). \end{aligned}$$

It follows that

$$(x + \sqrt{-6})\mathcal{O}_K = \mathfrak{p}_2\mathfrak{p}_3\zeta^p$$

where  $\mathfrak{p}_2 = (2, \sqrt{-6})$ ,  $\mathfrak{p}_3 = (3, \sqrt{-6})$  are the primes above 2, 3 and  $\zeta$  is an ideal in  $\mathcal{O}_K$ . We write

$$(x + \sqrt{-6})\mathcal{O}_K = 2^{(1-p)/2}3^{(1-p)/2}(\mathfrak{p}_2\mathfrak{p}_3\zeta)^p$$

and  $\mathfrak{q} = \mathfrak{p}_2\mathfrak{p}_3$ . It follows that  $\mathfrak{q}\zeta = (\gamma) \in \mathcal{O}_K$  is principal and  $\gamma = u + v\sqrt{-6} \in \mathcal{O}_K$  with  $u, v \in \mathbb{Z}$ . After a possible change of sign we obtain

$$x + \sqrt{-6} = \frac{\gamma^p}{6^{(p-1)/2}}$$

Subtracting and conjugating we obtain

$$\frac{\gamma^p}{6^{(p-1)/2}} - \frac{\bar{\gamma}^p}{6^{(p-1)/2}} = 2\sqrt{-6} \tag{8}$$

or equivalently

$$\frac{\gamma^p}{6^{p/2}} - \frac{\bar{\gamma}^p}{6^{p/2}} = 2i.$$

Let  $L = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-1}, \sqrt{6})$ . Taking  $\alpha = \gamma/\sqrt{6}$  and  $\beta = \bar{\gamma}/\sqrt{6}$ .

**Lemma 4.1.** *Let  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  as above. Then  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are algebraic integers. Moreover  $(\alpha + \beta)^2$  and  $\alpha\beta$  are nonzero coprime rational integers and  $\alpha/\beta$  is not a unit.*

**Proof.** Let  $\mathfrak{q}\mathcal{O}_L = \sqrt{6}\mathcal{O}_L$ . By definition  $\mathfrak{q}|\gamma, \bar{\gamma}$  which implies that  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are algebraic integers. Now we compute  $(\alpha + \beta)^2 = 4u^2/3$ .

Since  $\mathfrak{p}_3|\sqrt{-6}$  we conclude that  $\mathfrak{p}_3|u$  and so  $3|u$ . So  $(\alpha + \beta)^2$  is a rational integer, i.e.,  $(\alpha + \beta)^2 \in \mathbb{Z}$ . If  $(\alpha + \beta)^2 = 0$  then  $u = 0$ , however this will imply that  $30^p w_1^p = 0$  contradicting  $w_1 \cdot w_2 \neq 0$ . Thus  $(\alpha + \beta)^2$  is a nonzero ration integer. Moreover  $\alpha\beta = \gamma\bar{\gamma}/6$  is a nonzero rational integer since  $3|u$  and  $\mathfrak{p}_2|\gamma, \bar{\gamma}$ .

We now check that  $(\alpha + \beta)^2$  and  $\alpha\beta$  are coprime. Suppose they are not coprime. Then there exists a prime  $\mathfrak{p}$  of  $\mathcal{O}_L$  which divides both. Then  $\mathfrak{p}$  divides  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  and from the equation above  $\mathfrak{p}$  divides  $(w_2)\mathcal{O}_L$  and  $2\sqrt{-6}$ . We contradicted our assumption of  $(w_1, w_2)$  being a nontrivial coprime solution.

Finally,  $\alpha/\beta = \gamma/\bar{\gamma} \in \mathcal{O}_K$  is not a root of unity because the only roots of unity in  $K$  are  $\pm 1$  which implies  $\gamma = \pm\bar{\gamma}$  implying either  $u = 0$  or  $v = 0$  which is a contradiction.  $\square$

From Lemma 4.1 we have that the pair  $(\alpha, \beta)$  is Lehmer pair and we denote by  $\tilde{u}_k$  the associate Lehmer sequence. Substituting we see that

$$\left(\frac{\alpha - \beta}{2i}\right) \left(\frac{\alpha^p - \beta^p}{\alpha - \beta}\right) = 1.$$

Hence, we get

$$\left(\frac{\alpha^p - \beta^p}{\alpha - \beta}\right) = 1,$$

thus  $v = \pm 1$ . By Theorem 2.5, we immediately deduce that  $p \in \{5, 7, 11, 13\}$ . For a given prime  $p$ , using equation (8), we see that  $u$  is a root of the polynomial:

$$\frac{1}{2 \cdot \sqrt{-6} \cdot \sqrt{6}^{(p-1)/2}} ((u + v\sqrt{-6})^p - (u - v\sqrt{-6})^p) - 1.$$

Computing the roots of these polynomials, we find that there are no solutions.

#### 4.5. Case 5

For  $p = 5$  we have  $5^4 w_2^5 - w_1^{10} = 6r^2$ . Choosing the change of variable  $X = w_2/w_1^2$  and  $Y = 6r/w_1^5$  we obtain the hyperelliptic curve

$$Y^2 = 6 \cdot 5^4 X^5 - 6$$

whose Jacobian has rank 0. We can show, using Magma, that  $C(\mathbb{Q}) = \{\infty\}$  which implies the curve only has trivial solutions.

Using Theorem 2.1 we bound  $p \leq 17183$  for  $|r| \leq 8.3 \times 10^{1242}$ . Thus, when we focus on  $7 \leq p \leq 17183$  and  $1 \leq r \leq 10^6$  we have the following table.

Exponent p	Number of eqns surviving Lemma 2.2	Number of eqns surviving local solubility tests	Number of eqns surviving further descent	Thue eqns not solved by Magma
7	99944	55754	71	0
11	3345	1417	0	0
13	871	446	0	0
17	1042	552	0	0
19	892	487	0	0
23	20	9	0	0
29	2	2	0	0
31	23	11	0	0
37	1	1	0	0
$41 \leq p \leq 17183$	0	0	0	0

4.6. Case 6

Using Theorem 2.1 we bound  $p \leq 9101$  for  $|r| \leq 9.4 \times 10^{657}$ . Thus, when we focus on  $5 \leq p \leq 9101$  and  $1 \leq r \leq 10^6$  we have the following table.

Exponent p	Number of eqns surviving Lemma 2.2	Number of eqns surviving local solubility tests	Number of eqns surviving further descent	True eqns not solved by Magma
5	94300	10723	35	0
7	28798	22060	0	0
11	757	388	0	0
13	7923	4238	0	0
17	95	47	0	0
19	686	310	0	0
23	1	1	0	0
29	5	4	0	0
31	14	7	0	0
37	2	2	0	0
$41 \leq p \leq 9101$	0	0	0	0

4.7. Case 7

Using Theorem 2.1 we bound  $p \leq 22515$  for  $|r| \leq 5.4 \times 10^{1628}$ . Thus, when we focus on  $5 \leq p \leq 22515$  and  $1 \leq r \leq 10^6$  we have the following table.

Exponent p	Number of eqns surviving Lemma 2.2	Number of eqns surviving local solubility tests	Number of eqns surviving further descent	True eqns not solved by Magma
5	36897	5233	94	0
7	26109	12665	16	0
11	4079	1637	0	0
13	1649	854	0	0
17	945	606	0	0
19	686	459	0	0
23	12	5	0	0
29	5	3	0	0
31	35	21	0	0
37	1	0	0	0
41	1	0	0	0
$43 \leq p \leq 22515$	0	0	0	0

4.8. Case 8

For  $p = 5$  we have  $5^4w_2^5 - 6^7w_1^{10} = r^2$ . Choosing the change of variable  $X = w_2/w_1^2$  and  $Y = r/w_1^5$  we obtain the hyperelliptic curve

$$Y^2 = 5^4X^5 - 6^7$$

whose Jacobian has rank 0. We can show, using Magma, that  $C(\mathbb{Q}) = \{\infty\}$  which implies the curve only has trivial solutions.

Using Theorem 2.1 we bound  $p \leq 44855$  for  $|r| \leq 2.8 \times 10^{3245}$ . Thus, when we focus on  $7 \leq p \leq 44855$  and  $1 \leq r \leq 10^6$  we have the following table.

Exponent $p$	Number of eqns surviving Lemma 2.2	Number of eqns surviving local solubility tests	Number of eqns surviving further descent	Thue eqns not solved by Magma
7	18672	6518	0	0
11	904	381	0	0
13	561	225	0	0
17	122	89	0	0
19	620	375	0	0
23	2	1	0	0
29	1	0	0	0
31	20	11	0	0
41	1	0	0	0
$43 \leq p \leq 44855$	0	0	0	0

This completes the proof of Theorem 1.1.

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