

Sufficient conditions for the existence of rational points on diagonal cubic surfaces

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Abstract. In this paper, we construct diagonal cubic surfaces over \mathbb{Q} which have a \mathbb{Q} -rational point under the assumption that the Tate-Shafarevich group of elliptic curve $X^3 + Y^3 = AZ^3$ is finite. We can also check that there is no Brauer-Manin obstruction for these surfaces without the finiteness assumption of the Tate-Shafarevich group.

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0. Introduction

Let V be the smooth projective surface over \mathbb{Q} defined by

$$V : a_1X_1^3 + a_2X_2^3 + a_3X_3^3 + a_4X_4^3 = 0,$$

where $a_1a_2a_3a_4 \neq 0$. Without loss of generality we may assume that a_i are cube free integers. It is a fundamental problem of determining whether an algebraic variety has a rational point or not. If an algebraic variety over \mathbb{Q} has a \mathbb{Q} -rational point, then obviously it has a \mathbb{Q}_v -rational point for every place v of \mathbb{Q} . If the converse is also true, then we say that it satisfies the Hasse principle. The Hasse-Minkowski theorem says the Hasse principle holds for the projective quadratic hypersurfaces [Coh, Theorem 5.3.3]. However the Hasse principle does not hold in general for V . In fact, a lot of counterexamples were constructed, for example, in [CKS], [Corn]. All these counterexamples are explained by the Brauer-Manin obstruction (See, for example, [Sko] for the Brauer-Manin obstruction). The problem here is that if there is no Brauer-Manin obstruction, then it has a rational point or not. It is conjectured that the Brauer-Manin obstruction is the only obstruction to the Hasse principle for V (It is conjectured for more general algebraic varieties. See [PV, Conjecture 3.2 and Remark 3.3] for this conjecture and its history.).

As for the existence of rational points on V , there are several results in [BF], [SD], [Sat]. They gave some sufficient conditions for V to have a rational point under the assumption that the Tate-Shafarevich group of elliptic curve $X^3 + Y^3 = AZ^3$ is finite. Note that it is known that the Brauer-Manin obstruction is empty without the finiteness assumption of the Tate-Shafarevich group under their conditions. In particular, in [Sat], Sato showed the existence of a \mathbb{Q} -rational point on V by showing that the curve C on V (e.g., $a_1X_1^3 + a_2X_2^3 + a_3X_3^3 = 0$) has a \mathbb{Q} -rational point by calculating the Selmer group of the Jacobian of C . More specifically, he showed that the Selmer groups of the elliptic curves defined by

$$X^3 + Y^3 = p_1p_2p_3^2Z^3$$

where p_i are distinct rational primes such that $(p_1, p_2, p_3) \equiv (2, 2, 5)$ or $(5, 5, 2) \pmod{9}$ and

$$X^3 + Y^3 = p_1^2p_2^2p_3^2Z^3$$

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where p_i are distinct rational primes such that $(p_1, p_2, p_3) \equiv (2, 2, 2)$ or $(5, 5, 5) \pmod{9}$ are $\mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$ [Sat, Lemma 2.5, Lemma 2.6]. In this paper, we calculate the Selmer groups of all elliptic curves defined by

$$X^3 + Y^3 = p_1^{n_1} \dots p_r^{n_r} Z^3$$

where r is a positive integer, p_1, \dots, p_r are distinct rational primes such that $p_1, \dots, p_r \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$, and $n_1, \dots, n_r \in \{0, 1, 2\}$ and classify curves whose Selmer groups are $\mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$. Then we construct new diagonal cubic surfaces over \mathbb{Q} which have a \mathbb{Q} -rational point under the assumption that the Tate-Shafarevich group of the elliptic curve $X^3 + Y^3 = AZ^3$ is finite (Theorem 3.1). For example, we show the following.

Theorem 0.1 (Theorem 3.1 (i)). *Let p_1, p_2, p_3 be rational primes, each congruent to either 2 or 5 modulo 9 and*

$$V : p_1 X_1^3 + p_2 X_2^3 + p_3 X_3^3 + p_1 p_2 p_3 X_4^3 = 0$$

be a cubic surface over \mathbb{Q} . Assume that the Tate-Shafarevich group of the elliptic curve over \mathbb{Q} defined by

$$\begin{cases} X^3 + Y^3 = p_1 p_2 p_3 Z^3 & \text{if } (p_1, p_2, p_3) \equiv (2, 2, 2) \text{ or } (5, 5, 5) \pmod{9} \\ X^3 + Y^3 = p_1^2 p_2^2 p_3 Z^3 & \text{if } (p_1, p_2, p_3) \equiv (2, 2, 5) \text{ or } (5, 5, 2) \pmod{9} \end{cases}$$

is finite. Then $V(\mathbb{Q}) \neq \emptyset$.

Remark 0.2.

- (i) The statement of Theorem 3.1 (i) is slightly different from the above statement of Theorem 0.1. However note that the above statement is also true since the defining equation of V is symmetric.
- (ii) There is no Brauer-Manin obstruction for the surfaces V in Theorem 3.1 without the finiteness assumption of the Tate-Shafarevich group. See Remark 3.3 and Remark 3.5 for the details.
- (iii) We can check easily that we cannot apply [SD, Theorem 1] to Theorem 3.1 (i) \sim (xi) (Remark 3.2). The condition in [SD, Theorem 1] is slightly stronger than the disappearance of the Brauer-Manin obstruction.

We give an overview of this paper. In §1, we recall the argument on descent developed by Basile and Fisher [BF] and introduce some notations. Our assumption that the Tate-Shafarevich group of the elliptic curve

$$E_A : X^3 + Y^3 = AZ^3$$

is finite is needed to use their argument. In §2, we calculate the $\sqrt{-3}$ -Selmer group of elliptic curve E_A for $A = p_1^{n_1} \dots p_r^{n_r}$ where r is a positive integer, p_1, \dots, p_r are distinct rational primes such that $p_1, \dots, p_r \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$, and $n_1, \dots, n_r \in \{0, 1, 2\}$. Then we classify curves whose Selmer groups are $\mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$. In §3, we prove Theorem 3.1 by use of the calculation results of the Selmer groups in §2.

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1. Descent on $X^3 + Y^3 = AZ^3$

In this section, we recall the argument on descent developed in [BF]. Let ζ_3 be a primitive cube root of unity and $K = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_3)$. For a cube free integer $A \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0, \pm 1\}$, we denote by E_A the elliptic curve defined by

$$E_A : X^3 + Y^3 = AZ^3$$

with identity $O = (1, -1, 0)$. E_A admits complex multiplication, so that $\text{End}_K(E_A) = \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_3]$. In fact, ζ_3 acts on E_A by $(x, y, z) \mapsto (x, y, \zeta_3 z)$, and the multiplication-by- $\sqrt{-3}$ endomorphism on E_A is given by

$$\sqrt{-3} : (x, y, z) \mapsto (\zeta_3 x^3 - \zeta_3^2 y^3, \zeta_3 y^3 - \zeta_3^2 x^3, (\zeta_3 - \zeta_3^2)xyz).$$

Fix the algebraic closure \overline{K} of K and we denote by G_K the absolute Galois group of K . Then we have the following commutative diagram with exact row

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & E_A(K)/\sqrt{-3}E_A(K) & \longrightarrow & H^1(G_K, E_A[\sqrt{-3}]) & \longrightarrow & WC(E_A/K)[\sqrt{-3}] \longrightarrow 0 \\ & & & & & \searrow & \downarrow \\ & & & & & & \prod_v WC(E_A/K_v)[\sqrt{-3}] \end{array}$$

where $WC(E_A/K)$ is the Weil-Châtelet group of E_A/K and v runs over all the places of K .

Lemma 1.1. *The group $E_A(\overline{K})[\sqrt{-3}]$ of $\sqrt{-3}$ -torsion points is isomorphic to the group $\mu_3(\overline{K})$ of cube roots of unity as a G_K -module.*

Proof. A calculation shows that the kernel of $\sqrt{-3} : E_A \rightarrow E_A$ is $\{O, T, -T\}$ where $T = (\zeta_3, -\zeta_3^2, 0)$ and $-T = (\zeta_3^2, -\zeta_3, 0)$. An isomorphism of Galois modules $\iota : \mu_3(\overline{K}) \rightarrow E_A(\overline{K})[\sqrt{-3}]$ is given by $\iota(\zeta_3^i) = (\zeta_3^i, -\zeta_3^{2i}, 0)$ where $i = 0, 1, 2$. \square

By Kummer theory and Lemma 1.1, $H^1(G_K, E_A[\sqrt{-3}])$ is isomorphic to $K^*/(K^*)^3$ and so we get the exact sequence

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & E_A(K)/\sqrt{-3}E_A(K) & \longrightarrow & K^*/(K^*)^3 & \xrightarrow{f} & WC(E_A/K)[\sqrt{-3}] \longrightarrow 0 \\ & & & & & \searrow g & \downarrow \\ & & & & & & \prod_v WC(E_A/K_v)[\sqrt{-3}] \end{array}$$

Lemma 1.2. *The above map f sends an element $\alpha(K^*)^3$ to the principal homogeneous spaces*

$$C_{A,\alpha} : \alpha X^3 + \alpha^{-1}Y^3 = AZ^3$$

for E_A .

Proof. Let T and ι be the same as the proof of Lemma 1.1. The translation by T map $E_A \rightarrow E_A$, $P \mapsto P + T$ is given by $(x, y, z) \mapsto (\zeta_3 x, \zeta_3^{-1}y, z)$. Let β be a cube root of α and $\psi : C_{A,\alpha} \rightarrow E_A$ be the isomorphism \overline{K} given by $(x, y, z) \mapsto (\beta x, \beta^{-1}y, z)$. Then for $\sigma \in G_K$, we have

$$\psi^\sigma \circ \psi^{-1} = \text{translation by } \iota(\sigma(\beta)/\beta) \text{ map.}$$

Therefore the class of $C_{A,\alpha}$ in $H^1(G_K, E_A)$ is represented by the cocycle $\sigma \mapsto \iota(\sigma(\beta)/\beta)$. This cocycle takes values in $E_A[\sqrt{-3}]$ and so also represents an element in $H^1(G_K, E_A[\sqrt{-3}])$. Finally we note that the identification of $K^*/(K^*)^3$ and $H^1(G_K, \mu_3(\overline{K}))$ coming from Kummer theory identifies $\alpha(K^*)^3$ with the class of $\sigma \mapsto \sigma(\beta)/\beta$. This give the description of the map f as desired. \square

We denote by $S(A)$ the $\sqrt{-3}$ -Selmer group $S^{(\sqrt{-3})}(E_A/K)$ (which is defined to be the kernel of the map g in the diagram above) and by $C(A)$ the kernel of the map f . Then $C(A)$ is a subgroup of $S(A)$ and by Lemma 1.2 we can write them explicitly

$$\begin{aligned} S(A) &= \{\alpha(K^*)^3 \mid C_{A,\alpha} \text{ has } K_v\text{-rational points for any prime } v \text{ of } K, \alpha \in K^*\}, \\ C(A) &= \{\alpha(K^*)^3 \mid C_{A,\alpha} \text{ has } K\text{-rational points, } \alpha \in K^*\}. \end{aligned}$$

Furthermore, we have the exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow C(A) \longrightarrow S(A) \longrightarrow \text{III}(E_A/K)[\sqrt{-3}] \longrightarrow 0$$

where $\text{III}(E_A/K)$ is a Tate-Shafarevich group of E_A/K . The following lemma provides the Hasse principle for the curve $C_{A,\alpha}$ when $S(A) \cong \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$.

Lemma 1.3. *Notations are the same as above. Assume that the Tate-Shafarevich group $\text{III}(E_A/\mathbb{Q})$ of E_A over \mathbb{Q} is finite. If $S(A) \cong \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$, then $C(A) = S(A)$.*

Proof. Assume that $C(A)$ is a proper subgroup of $S(A)$. Note that $C(A)$ contains a nontrivial element $A(K^*)^3$ since $C_{A,A}$ has a point $(1, 0, 1)$. Thus $C(A) \cong \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$. From the exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow C(A) \longrightarrow S(A) \longrightarrow \text{III}(E_A/K)[\sqrt{-3}] \longrightarrow 0$$

we have $\text{III}(E_A/K)[\sqrt{-3}] \cong \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$. However this is impossible by [BF, Lemma 5]. □

2. Calculation of Selmer groups

Let A be a cube free integer. In this section we calculate the Selmer group $S(A)$ for $A = p_1^{n_1} \cdots p_r^{n_r}$ where r is a positive integer, p_1, \dots, p_r are distinct rational primes such that $p_1, \dots, p_r \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ and $n_1, \dots, n_r \in \{0, 1, 2\}$. Then we classify curves whose Selmer groups are $\mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$. We use this calculation results in §3. In §1, we regard $S(A)$ as a subgroup of $K^*/(K^*)^3$. In the following, we identify an element of K^* with its images in $K^*/(K^*)^3$. For a prime element q in $\mathbb{Z}[\zeta_3]$, we simply denote by K_q the (q) -adic field $K_{(q)}$.

Let $\alpha \in K^*$ be a representative of an element in $K^*/(K^*)^3$. Then we may assume that $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_3]$ is a non-zero cube free integer by multiplication by an element of $(K^*)^3$. Let $A = \prod_{i=1}^r q_i^{n_i}$ be a prime factorization of A in $\mathbb{Z}[\zeta_3]$, where q_i are distinct primes in $\mathbb{Z}[\zeta_3]$ and $n_i \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1}$. The condition $\alpha \in S(A)$ implies that α is of the form

$$\alpha = \zeta_3^m \prod_{i=1}^r q_i^{m_i}, \quad m, m_1, \dots, m_r \in \{0, 1, 2\}$$

by [Sat, Lemma 2.1]. Conversely, if the above α satisfies $C_{A,\alpha}(K_q) \neq \emptyset$ for every prime q of K dividing $3A$, then it follows from [Sat, Lemma 2.2] that $\alpha \in S(A)$.

Before calculating the Selmer groups, we show the following three lemmas.

Lemma 2.1. *Let p_1, \dots, p_r be distinct rational primes such that $p_i \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ ($i = 1, \dots, r$). Put $A = p_1^{n_1} \cdots p_r^{n_r}$ and $\alpha = \zeta_3 p_1^{m_1} \cdots p_r^{m_r}$ where $n_1, \dots, n_r \in \{1, 2\}$, $m_1, \dots, m_r \in \{0, 1, 2\}$. If there exists $i \in \{1, \dots, r\}$ such that $p_i \not\equiv 8 \pmod{9}$, then $\alpha \notin S(A)$.*

Proof. Since $p_i \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$, p_i remains prime in $\mathbb{Z}[\zeta_3]$ and $\mathbb{Z}_{p_i}^* \subset (\mathbb{Q}_{p_i}^*)^3$. Therefore the curve $C_{A,\alpha}$ is isomorphic to

$$C : \zeta_3 p_i^{m_i} X^3 + \zeta_3^{-1} p_i^{-m_i} Y^3 = p_i^{n_i} Z^3$$

over K_{p_i} . A valuation-theoretic argument yields that if C has a K_{p_i} -rational point, then we see that ζ_3 is a cube in K_{p_i} . On the other hand, as $p_i \not\equiv 8 \pmod{9}$, there can't be any elements of order 9 in the residue field (as the residue field has cardinality p_i^2 , which is not $1 \pmod{9}$), and so ζ_3 can't be a perfect cube. This is contradiction. Therefore $\alpha \notin S(A)$. □

Lemma 2.2. *Let p_1, \dots, p_r be distinct rational primes such that $p_i \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ ($i = 1, \dots, r$). Let $A = p_1^{n_1} \cdots p_r^{n_r}$ and $\alpha = \zeta_3^m p_1^{m_1} \cdots p_r^{m_r}$ where $n_1, \dots, n_r \in \{1, 2\}$, $m, m_1, m_r \in \{0, 1, 2\}$. If $m = 0$, then $C_{A,\alpha}(K_{p_i}) \neq \emptyset$ for all $i \in \{1, \dots, r\}$.*

Proof. Since $p_i \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$, the curve $C_{A,\alpha}$ is isomorphic to

$$p_i^{m_i} X^3 + p_i^{-m_i} Y^3 = p_i^{n_i} Z^3$$

over K_{p_i} . This has a K_{p_i} -rational point. □

In the following, we write $\lambda = 1 - \zeta_3$.

Lemma 2.3. *Let $A = p_1^{n_1} \dots p_r^{n_r}$ where p_1, \dots, p_r are distinct rational primes and $n_1, \dots, n_r \in \{1, 2\}$. If $p_1 \equiv \dots \equiv p_r \equiv 8 \pmod{9}$, then $S(A) = \langle \zeta_3, p_1, \dots, p_r \rangle \cong \prod_{i=1}^{r+1} \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$.*

Proof. As $p_i \equiv 8 \pmod{9}$, the residue field has an element of order 9 and hence ζ_3 is a cube in K_{p_i} . The curve C_{A,ζ_3} is isomorphic to

$$X^3 + Y^3 = p_i^{n_i} Z^3$$

over K_{p_i} . This has a K_{p_i} -rational point. Since $p_i \equiv 8 \pmod{9}$, p_i is a cube in $\mathbb{Q}_3 \subset K_\lambda$. Thus the curve C_{A,ζ_3} is isomorphic to

$$\zeta_3 X^3 + \zeta_3^2 Y^3 = Z^3$$

over K_λ . This has a K_λ -rational point $(X, Y, Z) = (1, 1, -1)$. Therefore $\zeta_3 \in S(A)$. The curve C_{A,p_i} is isomorphic to

$$p_i X^3 + p_i^2 Y^3 = p_i^{n_i} Z^3$$

over K_{p_j} for $j = i$ and

$$X^3 + Y^3 = p_j^{n_j} Z^3$$

over K_{p_j} for all $j \neq i$. These have a K_{p_j} -rational point. The curve C_{A,p_i} is isomorphic to

$$X^3 + Y^3 = Z^3$$

over K_λ . This has a K_λ -rational point. Thus $p_i \in S(A)$. Therefore we have $S(A) = \langle \zeta_3, p_1, \dots, p_r \rangle \cong \prod_{i=1}^{r+1} \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$. □

Let r be a positive integer and p_1, \dots, p_r be distinct rational primes such that $p_i \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$, and $A = p_1^{n_1} \dots p_r^{n_r}$ where $n_1, \dots, n_r \in \{0, 1, 2\}$. In the following proposition, we show all calculation results of $S(A)$ which have order 9 (Even if the order is not equal to 9, we can calculate $S(A)$ in the same way.).

Proposition 2.4. *Let r be a positive integer and p_1, \dots, p_r be distinct rational primes.*

(i) *Let $A = p_1$ or p_1^2 . Then*

$$S(A) = \langle A, \zeta_3 \rangle \cong \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z} \text{ if } p_1 \equiv 8 \pmod{9}.$$

(ii) *Let $A = p_1 p_2$. Then*

$$S(A) = \langle A, p_1 \rangle \cong \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z} \text{ if } (p_1, p_2) \equiv (2, 2), (2, 8), (5, 5), (5, 8) \pmod{9}.$$

(iii) *Let $A = p_1 p_2^2$. Then*

$$S(A) = \langle A, p_1 \rangle \cong \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z} \text{ if } (p_1, p_2) \equiv (2, 5), (2, 8), (5, 2), (5, 8), (8, 2), (8, 5) \pmod{9}.$$

(iv) *Let $A = p_1^2 p_2^2$. Then*

$$S(A) = \langle A, p_1 \rangle \cong \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z} \text{ if } (p_1, p_2) \equiv (2, 2), (2, 8), (5, 5), (5, 8) \pmod{9}.$$

(v) Let $A = p_1 p_2 p_3$. Then

$$S(A) = \begin{cases} \langle A, p_1 p_2^2 \rangle \cong \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z} & \text{if } (p_1, p_2, p_3) \equiv (2, 2, 2) \text{ or } (5, 5, 5) \pmod{9} \\ \langle A, p_1 p_2 \rangle \cong \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z} & \text{if } (p_1, p_2, p_3) \equiv (2, 5, 8) \pmod{9}. \end{cases}$$

(vi) Let $A = p_1 p_2 p_3^2$. Then

$$S(A) = \begin{cases} \langle A, p_1 p_3^2 \rangle \cong \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z} & \text{if } (p_1, p_2, p_3) \equiv (2, 8, 2) \text{ or } (5, 8, 5) \pmod{9} \\ \langle A, p_1 p_2^2 \rangle \cong \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z} & \text{if } (p_1, p_2, p_3) \equiv (2, 2, 5) \text{ or } (5, 5, 2) \pmod{9} \\ \langle A, p_1 p_2 \rangle \cong \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z} & \text{if } (p_1, p_2, p_3) \equiv (2, 5, 8) \pmod{9}. \end{cases}$$

(vii) Let $A = p_1 p_2^2 p_3^2$. Then

$$S(A) = \begin{cases} \langle A, p_2 p_3^2 \rangle \cong \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z} & \text{if } (p_1, p_2, p_3) \equiv (2, 5, 5) \text{ or } (5, 2, 2) \pmod{9} \\ \langle A, p_1 p_2^2 \rangle \cong \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z} & \text{if } (p_1, p_2, p_3) \equiv (2, 2, 8) \text{ or } (5, 5, 8) \pmod{9} \\ \langle A, p_2 p_3 \rangle \cong \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z} & \text{if } (p_1, p_2, p_3) \equiv (8, 2, 5) \pmod{9}. \end{cases}$$

(viii) Let $A = p_1^2 p_2^2 p_3^2$. Then

$$S(A) = \begin{cases} \langle A, p_1 p_2^2 \rangle \cong \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z} & \text{if } (p_1, p_2, p_3) \equiv (2, 2, 2) \text{ or } (5, 5, 5) \pmod{9} \\ \langle A, p_1 p_2 \rangle \cong \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z} & \text{if } (p_1, p_2, p_3) \equiv (2, 5, 8) \pmod{9}. \end{cases}$$

(ix) Assume $p_1, \dots, p_r \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$. Put $A = p_1^{n_1} \cdots p_r^{n_r}$ where $n_1, \dots, n_r \in \{0, 1, 2\}$. If A is not listed above (i) \sim (ix), then the order of $S(A)$ is not equal to 9. Thus we cannot apply Lemma 1.3.

Proof. Let p_1, \dots, p_r be rational primes such that $p_1, \dots, p_r \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ and $A = p_1^{n_1} \cdots p_r^{n_r}$ where $n_1, \dots, n_r \in \{0, 1, 2\}$. If $(p_1, \dots, p_3) \equiv (8, \dots, 8) \pmod{9}$, then we have already calculated $S(A)$ in Lemma 2.3. Assume $(p_1, \dots, p_r) \not\equiv (8, \dots, 8) \pmod{9}$. By Lemma 2.1, if $\zeta_3^m p_1^{m_1} \cdots p_r^{m_r} \in S(A)$, then $m = 0$ and $C_{A, p_1^{m_1} \cdots p_r^{m_r}}$ has a K_{p_i} -rational point for $i = 1, \dots, r$ by Lemma 2.2. Thus we only have to check whether or not $C_{A, p_1^{m_1} \cdots p_3^{m_3}}$ has a K_λ -rational point. We note from [Cora, Proposition 2.2] that since these curves are defined over \mathbb{Q} , they have a K_λ -rational point if and only if they have a \mathbb{Q}_3 -rational point. As an example, we only prove (v). Put $A = p_1 p_2 p_3$. If $(p_1, p_2, p_3) \equiv (2, 2, 2)$ or $(5, 5, 5) \pmod{9}$, then it sufficient to show that $C_{A, p_1 p_2^2}(\mathbb{Q}_3) \neq \emptyset$ and $C_{A, p_1}(\mathbb{Q}_3) = \emptyset$. The curve $C_{A, p_1 p_2^2}$ is isomorphic to

$$p_2 X^3 + p_1 Y^3 = p_3 Z^3$$

over \mathbb{Q} . Since $p_1 \equiv p_2 \pmod{9}$, $p_1/p_2 \in \mathbb{Z}_3^*$ is a cube in \mathbb{Q}_3 and this has a \mathbb{Q}_3 -rational point. The curve C_{A, p_1} is isomorphic to

$$X^3 + p_1 Y^3 = p_2 p_3 Z^3$$

over \mathbb{Q} . Modulo 9, this equation becomes

$$X^3 + 2Y^3 = 4Z^3 \text{ (resp. } X^3 + 5Y^3 = 7Z^3)$$

if $(p_1, p_2, p_3) \equiv (2, 2, 2) \pmod{9}$ (resp. $(5, 5, 5) \pmod{9}$). It has no nontrivial solution in $\mathbb{Z}/9\mathbb{Z}$. Therefore C_{A, p_1} has no \mathbb{Q}_3 -rational points. If $(p_1, p_2, p_3) \equiv (2, 5, 8) \pmod{9}$, then it sufficient to show that $C_{A, p_1 p_2}(\mathbb{Q}_3) \neq \emptyset$ and $C_{A, p_1}(\mathbb{Q}_3) = \emptyset$. The curve $C_{A, p_1 p_2}$ is isomorphic to

$$X^3 + p_1 p_2 Y^3 = p_3 Z^3$$

over \mathbb{Q} . Since $p_1 p_2 \equiv 1 \pmod{9}$, this has a \mathbb{Q}_3 -rational point. The curve C_{A, p_1} is isomorphic to

$$X^3 + p_1 Y^3 = p_2 p_3 Z^3$$

over \mathbb{Q} . Modulo 9, this equation becomes

$$X^3 + 2Y^3 = 4Z^3.$$

It has no nontrivial solution in $\mathbb{Z}/9\mathbb{Z}$. Therefore C_{A,p_1} has no \mathbb{Q}_3 -rational point. □

Remark 2.5. The case $(p_1, p_2, p_3) \equiv (2, 2, 5)$ or $(5, 5, 2) \pmod{9}$ in Proposition 2.4 (vi) was proved in [Sat, Lemma 2.5] and the case $(p_1, p_2, p_3) \equiv (2, 2, 2)$ or $(5, 5, 5) \pmod{9}$ in Proposition 2.4 (viii) was proved in [Sat, Lemma 2.6]. On the other hand, none of the cases in the above proposition were proved in [Sat], [BF], and [SD].

Remark 2.6. In particular, if $r \geq 4$ in Proposition 2.4 (ix), the order of $S(A)$ is greater than 9. Indeed, we can easily find at least three generators of $S(A)$.

3. Proof of the main theorem

In this section, by use of the calculation results of the Selmer groups in §2 we construct diagonal cubic surfaces which have a \mathbb{Q} -rational point under the assumption that the Tate-Shafarevich group of the elliptic curve E_A is finite (See also Remark 3.3 and Remark 3.5).

Theorem 3.1. *Let V be the diagonal cubic surface over \mathbb{Q} defined by the equation in Table 1 ① below where p_1, p_2, p_3 are rational primes satisfying the condition in Table 1 ②. Assume that the Tate-Shafarevich group of the elliptic curve E_A is finite for A in Table 1 ③. Then $V(\mathbb{Q}) \neq \emptyset$.*

	① V	② $(p_1, p_2, p_3) \pmod{9}$	③ A
(i)	$p_1X_1^3 + p_2X_2^3 + p_3X_3^3 + p_1p_2p_3X_4^3 = 0$	$(2, 2, 2), (5, 5, 5)$	$p_1p_2p_3$
		$(2, 2, 5), (5, 5, 2)$	$p_1^2p_2^2p_3$
(ii)	$p_1X_1^3 + p_2X_2^3 + p_3X_3^3 + p_2p_3^2X_4^3 = 0$	$(2, 2, 2), (5, 5, 5)$	$p_1p_2p_3$
		$(2, 2, 8), (5, 5, 8)$	$p_1p_2^2p_3^2$
(iii)	$p_1X_1^3 + p_2X_2^3 + p_3X_3^3 + p_2p_3X_4^3 = 0$	$(2, 2, 2), (5, 5, 5)$	$p_1p_2p_3$
		$(2, 2, 8), (5, 5, 8)$	$p_1p_2^2p_3$
(iv)	$p_1X_1^3 + p_2X_2^3 + p_1p_2p_3X_3^3 + p_1p_2p_3^2X_4^3 = 0$	$(2, 2, 5), (5, 5, 2)$	$p_1^2p_2^2p_3$
		$(2, 2, 2), (5, 5, 5)$	$p_1^2p_2^2p_3^2$
(v)	$p_1X_1^3 + p_2X_2^3 + p_2p_3^2X_3^3 + p_1p_2p_3^2X_4^3 = 0$	$(2, 2, 8), (5, 5, 8)$	$p_1p_2^2p_3^2$
		$(2, 2, 2), (5, 5, 5)$	$p_1^2p_2^2p_3^2$
(vi)	$p_1X_1^3 + p_2X_2^3 + p_2p_3X_3^3 + p_1p_2p_3^2X_4^3 = 0$	$(2, 2, 8), (5, 5, 8)$	$p_1p_2^2p_3$
		$(2, 2, 2), (5, 5, 5)$	$p_1^2p_2^2p_3^2$
(vii)	$p_1X_1^3 + p_2X_2^3 + p_3^2X_3^3 + p_2p_3^2X_4^3 = 0$	$(2, 2, 5), (5, 5, 2)$	$p_1p_2p_3^2$
		$(2, 2, 8), (5, 5, 8)$	$p_1p_2^2p_3^2$
(viii)	$p_1X_1^3 + p_2X_2^3 + p_3^2X_3^3 + p_2p_3X_4^3 = 0$	$(2, 2, 5), (5, 5, 2)$	$p_1p_2p_3^2$
		$(2, 2, 8), (5, 5, 8)$	$p_1p_2^2p_3$
(ix)	$p_1X_1^3 + p_2X_2^3 + p_2p_3^2X_3^3 + p_1p_2p_3X_4^3 = 0$	$(2, 2, 8), (5, 5, 8)$	$p_1p_2^2p_3^2$
		$(2, 2, 5), (5, 5, 2)$	$p_1^2p_2^2p_3$
(x)	$p_1X_1^3 + p_2X_2^3 + p_2p_3X_3^3 + p_1p_2p_3X_4^3 = 0$	$(2, 2, 8), (5, 5, 8)$	$p_1p_2^2p_3$
		$(2, 2, 5), (5, 5, 2)$	$p_1^2p_2^2p_3$
(xi)	$p_1X_1^3 + p_2X_2^3 + p_3^2X_3^3 + p_1p_2p_3^2X_4^3 = 0$	$(2, 2, 5), (5, 5, 2)$	$p_1p_2p_3^2$
		$(2, 2, 2), (5, 5, 5)$	$p_1^2p_2^2p_3^2$
(xii)	$p_1X_1^3 + p_2X_2^3 + p_3X_3^3 + p_3^2X_4^3 = 0$	$(2, 2, 2), (5, 5, 5)$	$p_1p_2p_3$
		$(2, 2, 5), (5, 5, 2)$	$p_1p_2p_3^2$

Proof. We can prove by the following way. Note that the surfaces V are of the form

$$V : p_1 X_1^3 + p_2 X_2^3 + p_1^{i_1} p_2^{i_2} p_3^{i_3} X_3^3 + p_1^{j_1} p_2^{j_2} p_3^{j_3} X_4^3 = 0.$$

Put $A = p_1^{i_1+1} p_2^{i_2+1} p_3^{i_3}$ or $p_1^{j_1+1} p_2^{j_2+1} p_3^{j_3}$ according to the condition of $(p_1, p_2, p_3) \pmod 9$ and assume that $\text{III}(E_A/\mathbb{Q})$ is finite. If $p_1 p_2^2 \in S(A)$ and $S(A) \cong \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$, then $C_{A, p_1 p_2^2} \cong \{p_1 X^3 + p_2 Y^3 = p_1^{i_1} p_2^{i_2} p_3^{i_3} Z^3\}$ (resp. $C_{A, p_1 p_2^2} \cong \{p_1 X^3 + p_2 Y^3 = p_1^{j_1} p_2^{j_2} p_3^{j_3} Z^3\}$) has a K -rational point if $A = p_1^{i_1+1} p_2^{i_2+1} p_3^{i_3}$ (resp. $A = p_1^{j_1+1} p_2^{j_2+1} p_3^{j_3}$) by Proposition 2.4 and Lemma 1.3. Thus the surface V clearly has a K -rational point. Then it follows from [Cora, Proposition 2.2] that V has a \mathbb{Q} -rational point. As an example, we only prove (i). Note that we may assume that p_1, p_2, p_3 are distinct. If $(p_1, p_2, p_3) \equiv (2, 2, 2)$ or $(5, 5, 5) \pmod 9$ (in this case we assume that $\text{III}(E_{p_1 p_2 p_3}/\mathbb{Q})$ is finite), then the curve

$$C_{p_1 p_2 p_3, p_1 p_2^2} \cong \{p_1 X^3 + p_2 Y^3 = p_3 Z^3\}$$

has a K -rational point by Proposition 2.4 (v) and Lemma 1.3. If $(p_1, p_2, p_3) \equiv (2, 2, 5)$ or $(5, 5, 2) \pmod 9$ (in this case we assume that $\text{III}(E_{p_1^2 p_2^2 p_3}/\mathbb{Q})$ is finite), then the curve

$$C_{p_1^2 p_2^2 p_3, p_1 p_2^2} \cong \{p_1 X^3 + p_2 Y^3 = p_1 p_2 p_3 Z^3\}$$

has a K -rational point by Proposition 2.4 (vii) and Lemma 1.3. Thus V has a \mathbb{Q} -rational point. \square

Remark 3.2. Theorem 3.1 (xi) was proved in [Sat, Theorem 2.8] and we can apply [SD, Theorem 1 (i)] to Theorem 3.1 (xii). On the other hand, We can check easily that we cannot apply [SD, Theorem 1] to Theorem 3.1 (i) \sim (xi).

Remark 3.3. The surfaces V in Theorem 3.1 have a \mathbb{Q}_p -rational point for any rational prime p (without the finiteness assumption of the Tate-Shafarevich group) by the following lemma.

Lemma 3.4. *Let V be a diagonal cubic surface over \mathbb{Q} defined by*

$$V : a_1 X_1^3 + a_2 X_2^3 + a_3 X_3^3 + a_4 X_4^3 = 0$$

where a_1, \dots, a_4 are non-zero cube free integers. Assume that if $q \mid a_1 a_2 a_3 a_4$, then $q \equiv 2 \pmod 3$ for any rational prime q . Then $V(\mathbb{Q}_p) \neq \emptyset$ for any rational prime p .

Proof. Assume that $p \nmid 3a_1 a_2 a_3 a_4$. Then $V(\mathbb{Q}_p) \neq \emptyset$ by Chevalley-Warning theorem and Hensel's lemma. Assume that $p \mid a_1 a_2 a_3 a_4$. Since $p \equiv 2 \pmod 3$, V is isomorphic to

$$p^{i_1} X_1^3 + p^{i_2} X_2^3 + p^{i_3} X_3^3 + p^{i_4} X_4^3 = 0$$

over \mathbb{Q}_p where $i_1, i_2, i_3, i_4 \in \{0, 1, 2\}$. This has a \mathbb{Q}_p -rational point. Assume that $p = 3$. Since $\mathbb{Q}_3^*/(\mathbb{Q}_3^*)^3$ is generated by the image of 3 and 2 as a group, at least two of the coefficient in $\mathbb{Q}_3^*/(\mathbb{Q}_3^*)^3$ are the same. Therefore V has a \mathbb{Q}_3 -rational point. \square

Remark 3.5. For the surfaces V in Theorem 3.1, there is no Brauer-Manin obstruction to the Hasse principle (without the finiteness assumption of the Tate-Shafarevich group). In fact, the surfaces V in Theorem 3.1 (ii), (iii), (vii), (viii) are not birationally equivalent to a plane over \mathbb{Q}_{p_1} , the surfaces V in Theorem 3.1 (v), (vi), (ix), (x) are not birationally equivalent to a plane over \mathbb{Q}_{p_2} , the surfaces V in Theorem 3.1 (i), (xi) are not birationally equivalent to a plane over \mathbb{Q}_3 and the surfaces V in Theorem 3.1 (iv), (xii) are not birationally equivalent to a plane over \mathbb{Q}_{p_1} and \mathbb{Q}_{p_2} by use of [CKS, Lemma 8]. Thus it follows from [CKS, Proposition 2] that there is no Brauer-Manin obstruction to the Hasse principle.

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