

# FAMILIES OF NON- $\theta$ -CONGRUENT NUMBERS WITH ARBITRARILY MANY PRIME FACTORS

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ABSTRACT. The concept of  $\theta$ -congruent numbers was introduced by Fujiwara [Fu97], who showed that for primes  $p \equiv 5, 7, 19 \pmod{24}$ ,  $p$  is not a  $\pi/3$ -congruent number. In this paper we show the existence of two infinite families of composite non- $\pi/3$ -congruent numbers and non- $2\pi/3$ -congruent numbers, obtained from products of primes which are congruent to 5 modulo 24 and to 13 modulo 24 respectively. This is achieved by generalizing a result obtained by Serf [Se91] based on descent on certain elliptic curves, and by extending a method of Iskra [Is96] involving the classical (or  $\pi/2$ -) congruent numbers.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

A natural number is said to be a *congruent number* if it occurs as the area of a right triangle which has rational side lengths. The congruent number problem consists of deciding whether a given natural number  $n$  is congruent. It has been generalized in several directions (see the work of Top and Yui [TY08] for a survey on the topic). In particular, Fujiwara [Fu97] generalized the concept of congruent numbers to include triangles other than right triangles as well.

**Definition 1.1** ( $\theta$ -congruent number). Let  $0 < \theta < \pi$  be a real number such that  $\cos(\theta)$  is rational, say,  $\cos(\theta) = \frac{s}{r}$ , where  $s, r \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $|s| \leq r$  and  $\gcd(s, r) = 1$ . A natural number  $n$  is said to be a  $\theta$ -congruent number if  $n\sqrt{r^2 - s^2}$  occurs as the area of a triangle with rational sides and containing the angle  $\theta$ .

By means of the cosine theorem,  $n$  is  $\theta$ -congruent if and only if there exist  $a, b, c$  rationals such that

$$\begin{cases} c^2 = a^2 + b^2 - 2ab(s/r), \\ 2nr = ab. \end{cases}$$

We remark that classical congruent numbers satisfy the definition above by choosing  $\theta = \pi/2$ . In this case, Nagel [Na29] proved, for example, that primes of the form  $p \equiv 3 \pmod{8}$  are non-congruent while Monsky [Mo90], extending results of Heegner [He52], proved that primes of the form  $p \equiv 5, 7 \pmod{8}$  are congruent. Similar results are known for products of a few prime factors such as  $2p, pq$ , etc, (see for instance the paper of Serf [Se91]).

If we consider the question of composite numbers with arbitrary many prime factors, we find the following result.

**Theorem 1.2** (Iskra, [Is96]). *Let  $p_1, \dots, p_\ell$  be distinct primes such that  $p_i \equiv 3 \pmod{8}$  and  $\left(\frac{p_i}{p_j}\right) = -1$  for  $j < i$ . Then the product  $n = p_1 \cdots p_\ell$  is a non-congruent number.*

Some generalizations and extensions of Iskra's result can be found in [RSY13, RSY15].

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The complete characterization of congruent numbers was given by Tunnell [Tu83] (see also [Ko93] for many details) and it relies on the Birch and Swinnerton-Dyer conjecture.

After  $\theta = \pi/2$ , the next natural values to consider are  $\theta = \pi/3, 2\pi/3$ , since they are the only other  $0 < \theta < \pi$  that are rational multiples of  $\pi$  and such that  $\cos(\theta)$  is rational. In this realm, Fujiwara [Fu97] proved that a prime  $p$  is not  $\pi/3$ -congruent if  $p \equiv 5, 7, 19 \pmod{24}$ . In addition, Kan [Ka00] proved that a prime  $p$  is not  $2\pi/3$ -congruent if  $p \equiv 7, 11, 13 \pmod{24}$  and further proved that the primes  $p \equiv 23 \pmod{24}$  are  $\pi/3$  and  $2\pi/3$ -congruent. In these cases, complete characterizations analogous to Tunnell's results were given conditionally on the Birch and Swinnerton-Dyer conjecture by Yoshida [Yo01, Yo02].

Our goal is to prove two results for products of arbitrarily many primes that are analogous to the result of Iskra [Is96].

**Theorem 1.3.** *Let  $p_1, \dots, p_{2\ell+1}$  be distinct primes such that  $p_i \equiv 5 \pmod{24}$  and  $\left(\frac{p_j}{p_i}\right) = -1$  for  $j < i$ . Then the product  $n = p_1 \cdots p_{2\ell+1}$  is a non- $\pi/3$ -congruent number.*

**Theorem 1.4.** *Let  $p_1, \dots, p_{2\ell}$  be distinct primes with  $\ell > 0$  such that  $p_i \equiv 13 \pmod{24}$  and  $\left(\frac{p_j}{p_i}\right) = -1$  for  $j < i$ . Then the product  $n = 2p_1 \cdots p_{2\ell}$  is a non- $2\pi/3$ -congruent number.*

Our proofs are relatively elementary, building upon a generalization of the work of Serf [Se91] for classical congruent numbers. This generalization, stated in Theorem 2.6, is interesting in its own right due to its potential applications to other values of  $\theta$  and families of composite numbers different from the ones considered in Theorems 1.3 and 1.4.

## 2. 2-DESCENT ON $E_{n,\theta}$

The classical congruent number problem has been related to a condition on the arithmetics of certain elliptic curves. The same is true for its generalization.

**Proposition 2.1** (Fujiwara, [Fu97]). *Let  $n$  be a natural integer such that  $n \neq 1, 2, 3, 6$ . The following are equivalent.*

- (1)  $n$  is  $\theta$ -congruent.
- (2) The elliptic curve  $E_{n,\theta}$  given by:

$$E_{n,\theta} : y^2 = x(x - n(r - s))(x + n(r + s))$$

*has positive rank over the rationals.*

For  $n \nmid 6$ , the elliptic curve  $E_{n,\theta}$  has torsion  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} = \{\mathcal{O}, (n(r-s), 0), (0, 0), (-n(r+s), 0)\}$ . Fujiwara [Fu02] further investigated the cases of  $n \mid 6$ . Depending on certain conditions on  $r$  and  $s$ , the torsion in these cases may be  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}/2\ell\mathbb{Z}$  with  $\ell = 1, 2, 3, 4$ , as predicted by Mazur's Theorem.

We will show that for some particular values of  $n \nmid 6$  and  $\theta$ , the rank of  $E_{n,\theta}$  will always be 0 which implies, by Proposition 2.1, that  $n$  cannot be  $\theta$ -congruent. We will need two statements, which are generalizations of theorems in Serf [Se91]. The first one corresponds to Theorem 3.1 in [Se91] and can be obtained with the help of Proposition 1.4, Chapter X in Silverman [Si86].

Before proceeding, we establish some notation. Let  $M_{\mathbb{Q}}$  be the set of all places of  $\mathbb{Q}$ . For a finite place  $p$ , let  $v_p$  be the valuation defined by  $p$ .

Let  $\Delta_{n,\theta}$  be the discriminant of  $E_{n,\theta}$ . Then

$$\Delta_{n,\theta} = 4^3 n^6 r^2 (r^2 - s^2)^2.$$

**Theorem 2.2** (Complete 2-descent for  $E_{n,\theta}$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$  – Proposition 1.4, Chapter X in [Si86]). *Let  $n$  be a square-free natural number. Let  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_k$  denote the odd primes that divide  $\Delta_{n,\theta}$ , and consider*

$$S = \{\infty, 2, p_1, p_2, \dots, p_k\} \subset M_{\mathbb{Q}}.$$

Let

$$\mathbb{Q}(S, 2) = \{a \in \mathbb{Q}^*/\mathbb{Q}^{*2} \mid v_p(a) \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \quad \forall p \in M_{\mathbb{Q}} \setminus S\}.$$

(1) *There exists an injective homomorphism such that*

$$\begin{aligned} \phi : E_{n,\theta}(\mathbb{Q})/2E_{n,\theta}(\mathbb{Q}) &\hookrightarrow \mathbb{Q}(S, 2) \times \mathbb{Q}(S, 2) \\ P = (x, y) &\mapsto \begin{cases} (x, x - n(r - s)) & \text{if } x \neq 0, n(r - s), \\ \left(\frac{r+s}{s-r}, -n(r - s)\right) & \text{if } x = 0, \\ \left(n(r - s), \frac{2r}{r-s}\right) & \text{if } x = n(r - s), \\ (1, 1) & \text{if } x = \infty \text{ (i.e } P = \mathcal{O}). \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

(2) *If  $(b_1, b_2) \in \mathbb{Q}(S, 2) \times \mathbb{Q}(S, 2) \setminus \text{Im}\{\mathcal{O}, (0, 0), (n(r - s), 0)\}$ , then  $(b_1, b_2) \in \text{Im}(\phi)$  if and only if there exists a solution  $(z_1, z_2, z_3) \in \mathbb{Q}^* \times \mathbb{Q}^* \times \mathbb{Q}$  to the system of equations*

$$(2.1) \quad \begin{cases} b_1 z_1^2 - b_2 z_2^2 = n(r - s), \\ b_1 z_1^2 - b_1 b_2 z_3^2 = -n(r + s). \end{cases}$$

*In this case,  $(b_1, b_2) = \phi(P)$ , where  $P = (x, y) = (b_1 z_1^2, b_1 b_2 z_1 z_2 z_3)$ .*

As mentioned before, when  $n \nmid 6$ , the torsion subgroup of  $E_{n,\theta}(\mathbb{Q})$  is  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ . By the Mordell–Weil Theorem,

$$E_{n,\theta}(\mathbb{Q})/2E_{n,\theta}(\mathbb{Q}) \cong (\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})^{\rho+2},$$

where  $\rho$  is the rank of  $E_{n,\theta}(\mathbb{Q})$ . Thus  $\rho > 0$  iff there is an element  $(b_1, b_2) \in \text{Im}(\phi) \setminus \text{Im}\{\mathcal{O}, (0, 0), (n(r - s), 0)\}$  iff the System (2.1) has a nontrivial solution in  $\mathbb{Q}^* \times \mathbb{Q}^* \times \mathbb{Q}$ .

*Remark 2.3.* If we also exclude the image of  $(-n(r + s), 0)$  (given by  $(-n(r + s), -2nr)$ ) as a possibility for  $(b_1, b_2)$ , we obtain that the rank of  $E_{n,\theta}$  is strictly positive if and only if there exists a solution  $(z_1, z_2, z_3) \in \mathbb{Q}^* \times \mathbb{Q}^* \times \mathbb{Q}^*$  to the system of equations (2.1).

*Remark 2.4.* By subtracting the first equation from the second equation in (2.1) we obtain

$$(2.2) \quad b_2 z_2^2 - b_1 b_2 z_3^2 = -2nr,$$

which must also be verified.

*Remark 2.5.* A system of representatives of classes in  $\mathbb{Q}(S, 2)$  is given by

$$R = \{(-1)^{\alpha} 2^{\beta} p_1^{\varepsilon_1} \cdots p_k^{\varepsilon_k} \mid \alpha, \beta, \varepsilon_1, \dots, \varepsilon_k \in \{0, 1\}\}.$$

The next statement in this section is a generalization of Theorem 3.3 in Serf [Se91] giving sufficient conditions for  $n$  not to be a  $\theta$ -congruent number for arbitrary  $\theta$ . Part of this result will be crucially used to prove Theorems 1.3 and 1.4. However, as remarked in the Introduction, this result is interesting on its own.

**Theorem 2.6** (Unsolvability Conditions). *Let  $n = p_1 p_2 \cdots p_\ell$ , with  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_\ell$  primes. For  $p \in \{p_1, p_2, \dots, p_\ell\}$ , denote  $n' = n/p$ ,  $b'_1 = b_1/p$  (if  $p \mid b_1$ ) and  $b'_2 = b_2/p$  (if  $p \mid b_2$ ). Then the system of equations (2.1) has no solution  $(z_1, z_2, z_3)$  under the following conditions.*

**General unsolvability condition.**

I) If  $b_1 b_2 < 0$ .

**Unsolvability conditions modulo 2.**

II.1) If  $2 \nmid n$ ,  $2 \mid b_1$  and  $2 \nmid (r + s)$ .

II.1') If  $2 \nmid n$ ,  $(v_2(b_1), v_2(b_2)) = (0, 1)$ ,  $r \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ , and  $b_1 \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ .

For II.2) we suppose that  $2 \mid n$ .

• If  $(v_2(b_1), v_2(b_2)) = (0, 0)$  and any one of the following is satisfied

II.2.a)  $2 \nmid (r + s)$  and  $b_1 \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ ,

II.2.a')  $2 \mid r$  and  $b_1 \not\equiv 1 \pmod{8}$ .

• If  $(v_2(b_1), v_2(b_2)) = (0, 1)$  and any one of the following is satisfied

II.2.b)  $2 \nmid r$  and  $b_1 \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ ,

II.2.b')  $r \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$  and  $b_1 \not\equiv 5 \pmod{8}$ ,

II.2.b'')  $4 \mid r$  and  $b_1 \not\equiv 1 \pmod{8}$ .

• If  $(v_2(b_1), v_2(b_2)) = (1, 0)$  and any one of the following is satisfied

II.2.c)  $2 \nmid (r + s)$  and  $n'b'_1(r + s) \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ ,

II.2.c')  $2 \mid r$  and  $n'b'_1(r - s) \not\equiv 1 \pmod{8}$ .

• If  $(v_2(b_1), v_2(b_2)) = (1, 1)$  and any one of the following is satisfied

II.2.d)  $2 \mid s$  and  $n'b'_1(r + s) \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ ,

II.2.d')  $2 \mid r$  and  $n'b'_1(r + s) \not\equiv 7 \pmod{8}$ .

**Unsolvability conditions modulo  $p$  for  $p \in \{p_1, \dots, p_\ell\}$ .**

• If  $(v_p(b_1), v_p(b_2)) = (0, 0)$  and any one of the following is satisfied

III.a)  $p \nmid r$  and  $\left(\frac{b_1}{p}\right) = -1$ ,

III.a')  $p \nmid (r + s)$  and  $\left(\frac{b_2}{p}\right) = -1$ ,

III.a'')  $p \nmid (r - s)$  and  $\left(\frac{b_1 b_2}{p}\right) = -1$ .

• If  $(v_p(b_1), v_p(b_2)) = (0, 1)$  and any one of the following is satisfied

III.b)  $p \mid r$  and  $\left(\frac{b_1}{p}\right) = -1$ ,

III.b')  $p \nmid (r + s)$  and  $\left(\frac{n'b_1 b'_2(r + s)}{p}\right) = -1$ ,

III.b'')  $p \nmid (r - s)$  and  $\left(\frac{-n'b'_2(r - s)}{p}\right) = -1$ .

• If  $(v_p(b_1), v_p(b_2)) = (1, 0)$  and any one of the following is satisfied

III.c)  $p \nmid r$  and  $\left(\frac{2n'b'_1 b_2 r}{p}\right) = -1$ ,

III.c')  $p \mid (r + s)$  and  $\left(\frac{b_2}{p}\right) = -1$ ,

III.c'')  $p \nmid (r - s)$  and  $\left(\frac{n'b'_1(r - s)}{p}\right) = -1$ .

• If  $(v_p(b_1), v_p(b_2)) = (1, 1)$  and any one of the following is satisfied

III.d)  $p \nmid r$  and  $\left(\frac{-2n'b'_2 r}{p}\right) = -1$ ,

$$\text{III.d')} \quad p \nmid (r+s) \text{ and } \left( \frac{-n'b'_1(r+s)}{p} \right) = -1,$$

$$\text{III.d'')} \quad p \mid (r-s) \text{ and } \left( \frac{b'_1 b'_2}{p} \right) = -1.$$

Before proceeding with the proof of Theorem 2.6 we will prove some auxiliary results.

**Lemma 2.7.** *Let  $(z_1, z_2, z_3) \in \mathbb{Q}^* \times \mathbb{Q}^* \times \mathbb{Q}^*$  be a solution to the system (2.1). Then there exist  $a_1, a_2, a_3 \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $m, d$  positive integers with*

$$z_1 = \frac{a_1}{d}, \quad z_2 = \frac{a_2}{d}, \quad z_3 = \frac{a_3}{md},$$

such that

$$(a_1, d) = (a_2, d) = (a_3, d) = (a_3, m) = (m, 2nr(r+s)d) = 1, \\ m \mid b_1, \quad m \mid b_2, \text{ and } m \mid (r-s).$$

*Proof.* Write  $z_i = \frac{a_i}{d_i}$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3$  as irreducible fractions with  $d_i > 0$ . After clearing denominators, the first equation in (2.1) becomes

$$(2.3) \quad b_1 a_1^2 d_2^2 - b_2 a_2^2 d_1^2 = n(r-s) d_1^2 d_2^2.$$

By simple inspection, we conclude that  $d_1^2 \mid b_1 d_2^2$  and  $d_2^2 \mid b_2 d_1^2$ . Since  $b_1, b_2$  are square-free, we must have  $d_1 \mid d_2$  and  $d_2 \mid d_1$  which implies  $d_1 = d_2$ . We set  $d := d_1 = d_2$ . We now look at the second equation in (2.1). After clearing denominators,

$$b_1 a_1^2 d_3^2 - b_1 b_2 a_3^2 d^2 = -n(r+s) d^2 d_3^2.$$

We then conclude that  $d^2 \mid b_1 d_3^2$ , and since  $b_1$  is square-free,  $d \mid d_3$ . Thus we write  $d_3 = md$ . By dividing by  $d^2$ , we obtain

$$b_1 a_1^2 m^2 - b_1 b_2 a_3^2 = -n(r+s) d^2 m^2.$$

From this we conclude that  $m^2 \mid b_1 b_2$  and since the  $b_i$  are square-free,  $m \mid b_1$  and  $m \mid b_2$ . In particular  $m$  is square-free. Let  $p$  be a prime dividing  $(m, n(r+s)d)$ . Then  $v_p(b_1 a_1^2 m^2) = 3$  and  $v_p(b_1 b_2 a_3^2) = 2$ , but  $v_p(-n(r+s) d^2 m^2) \geq 3$ , which leads to a contradiction. Therefore,  $(m, n(r+s)d) = 1$ . Now we look at Equation (2.2) which yields

$$b_2 a_2^2 m^2 - b_1 b_2 a_3^2 = -2nr d^2 m^2.$$

Applying the same ideas,  $(m, 2r) = 1$ .

Back to Equation (2.3), since  $m \mid b_1, b_2$ , we have that  $m \mid n(r-s)d^4$ , which implies that  $m \mid (r-s)$ .  $\square$

*Remark 2.8.* We rewrite System (2.1) and Equation (2.2) as

$$(2.4) \quad b_1 a_1^2 - b_2 a_2^2 = n(r-s) d^2,$$

$$(2.5) \quad b_1 a_1^2 m^2 - b_1 b_2 a_3^2 = -n(r+s) d^2 m^2,$$

$$(2.6) \quad b_2 a_2^2 m^2 - b_1 b_2 a_3^2 = -2nr d^2 m^2.$$

**Lemma 2.9.** *With the previous notation, we have that*

$$(b_1, d) = (b_2, d) = 1.$$

*Proof.* Let  $p$  be a prime such that  $p \mid (b_1, d)$ . By Equation (2.4), we conclude that  $p \mid b_2$  since  $(d, a_2) = 1$ . By Equation (2.5),  $p^2 \mid b_1 a_1^2 m^2$ , but this is a contradiction since  $(d, a_1) = (d, m) = 1$  and  $b_1$  is square-free. Analogously,  $p \mid (b_2, d)$  also leads to a contradiction.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.10.** *With the previous notation,*

$$b_1 \mid n(r+s)m, \quad b_2 \mid 2nrm.$$

*Proof.* Equation (2.5) implies that  $b_1 \mid n(r+s)d^2m^2$ . We conclude that  $b_1 \mid n(r+s)m$  because  $(b_1, d) = 1$  and  $b_1$  is square-free.

Equation (2.6) implies that  $b_2 \mid 2nrd^2m^2$ . We conclude that  $b_2 \mid 2nrm$  because  $(b_2, d) = 1$  and  $b_2$  is square-free.  $\square$

**Lemma 2.11.** *With the previous notation,*

$$(a_1, a_2) \mid (r-s), \quad (a_1, a_3) \mid (r+s), \quad (a_2, a_3) \mid 2r.$$

*Proof.* Let  $p$  be a prime dividing both  $a_1$  and  $a_2$ . By looking at Equation in (2.4),  $p^2 \mid n(r-s)d^2$ . Since  $(a_i, d) = 1$  and  $n$  is square-free, we conclude that  $p \mid (r-s)$ . Thus  $(a_1, a_2) \mid (r-s)$ .

The other two statements follow similarly by looking at Equations (2.5) and (2.6).  $\square$

We have now all the necessary elements to proceed to the proof of Theorem 2.6.

*Proof of Theorem 2.6. I)* We have  $b_1b_2 < 0$ . The right-hand sides of Equations (2.5) and (2.6) are negative. If  $b_1b_2 < 0$ , the left-hand side of one of these two equations is positive, leading to a contradiction.

*II.1)* We have  $2 \nmid n$ ,  $2 \mid b_1$ , and  $2 \nmid (r+s)$ . By Lemma 2.7,  $2 \nmid m$ . By Corollary 2.10, we obtain a contradiction since  $2 \mid b_1$  and  $b_1 \mid n(r+s)m$ .

*II.1')* We have  $2 \nmid n$ ,  $(v_2(b_1), v_2(b_2)) = (0, 1)$ ,  $r \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ , and  $b_1 \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ . By Lemma 2.7,  $2 \nmid m$  and by Lemma 2.9,  $2 \nmid d$ . By dividing Equation (2.6) by 2, we obtain  $b'_2(a_2^2m^2 - b_1a_3^2) = -nrd^2m^2 \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ , which leads to a contradiction for  $b_1 \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$  and  $b'_2$  odd.

*II.2.a)* We have  $2 \mid n$ ,  $(v_2(b_1), v_2(b_2)) = (0, 0)$ ,  $2 \nmid (r+s)$  and  $b_1 \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ . By Lemma 2.7,  $2 \nmid m$ . Since  $2 \nmid (r+s)$  and  $(r, s) = 1$ , we also have that  $2 \nmid (r-s)$ . Suppose that  $2 \mid d$ . By Lemma 2.7,  $2 \nmid a_1, a_2, a_3$ . By looking at Equation (2.6), since  $2 \nmid b_2$  and  $4 \mid 2nrd^2m^2$ , we conclude that  $a_2^2m^2 \equiv b_1a_3^2 \pmod{4}$ , and since  $b_1 \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$  and  $m, a_2, a_3$  are odd, we get a contradiction.

Now suppose that  $2 \nmid d$ . Equation (2.5) then implies that  $a_1^2m^2 - b_2a_3^2 \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$  since  $b_1$  is odd. The only possible case is with  $a_1, a_3$  odd and  $b_2 \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ . Thus Equation (2.4) becomes  $3a_1^2 - 3a_2^2 \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$  which has no solution.

*II.2.a')* We have  $2 \mid n$ ,  $(v_2(b_1), v_2(b_2)) = (0, 0)$ ,  $2 \mid r$  and  $b_1 \not\equiv 1 \pmod{8}$ . By Lemma 2.7,  $2 \nmid m$ . Since  $2 \mid r$ , we have that  $2 \nmid (r+s)$ . By looking at Equation (2.6), we get that  $a_2^2 \equiv b_1a_3^2 \pmod{8}$  since  $b_2$  is odd. Since  $b_1 \not\equiv 1 \pmod{8}$ , this is only possible if  $a_2, a_3$  are even. Now we look at Equation (2.4). Since  $2 \mid a_2$  and  $2 \mid n$ , we have that  $2 \mid b_1a_1^2$ . But this implies that  $a_1$  is even, since  $b_1$  is odd. By Lemma 2.11,  $(a_1, a_2) \mid (r-s)$  and we obtain a contradiction since  $r-s$  is odd.

*II.2.b)* We have  $2 \mid n$ ,  $(v_2(b_1), v_2(b_2)) = (0, 1)$ ,  $2 \nmid r$ , and  $b_1 \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ . By Lemma 2.7,  $2 \nmid m$ . Since  $2 \mid b_2$ , Lemma 2.9 implies  $2 \nmid d$ . By dividing Equation (2.6) by 2,  $b'_2(a_2^2m^2 - b_1a_3^2) = -nrd^2m^2 \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ . This implies that  $a_2^2 - a_3^2 \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ , which has no solution.

*II.2.b')* We have  $2 \mid n$ ,  $(v_2(b_1), v_2(b_2)) = (0, 1)$ ,  $r \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ , and  $b_1 \not\equiv 5 \pmod{8}$ . By Lemma 2.7,  $2 \nmid m$ . Since  $2 \mid b_2$ , Lemma 2.9 implies  $2 \nmid d$ . Since  $2 \mid r$ , we have that  $2 \nmid (r \pm s)$ . By looking at Equation (2.4), we have  $b_1a_1^2 - b_2a_2^2 = n(r-s)d^2 \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$  and we conclude that  $2 \mid a_1$  and  $2 \nmid a_2$ . Analogously, by looking at Equation (2.5),  $2 \nmid a_3$ . By dividing Equation (2.6) by 2, we obtain  $b'_2(a_2^2m^2 - b_1a_3^2) = -nrd^2m^2 \equiv 4 \pmod{8}$ , leading to a contradiction if  $b_1 \not\equiv 5 \pmod{8}$ .

*II.2.b'')* We have  $2 \mid n$ ,  $(v_2(b_1), v_2(b_2)) = (0, 1)$ ,  $4 \mid r$ , and  $b_1 \not\equiv 1 \pmod{8}$ . This is proved analogously to the previous case. At the end, by dividing Equation (2.6) by 2, we obtain  $b'_2(a_2^2m^2 - b_1a_3^2) = -nrd^2m^2 \equiv 0 \pmod{8}$ , leading to a contradiction if  $b_1 \not\equiv 1 \pmod{8}$ .

*II.2.c)* We have  $2 \mid n$ ,  $(v_2(b_1), v_2(b_2)) = (1, 0)$ ,  $2 \nmid (r + s)$ , and  $n'b'_1(r + s) \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ . By Lemma 2.7,  $2 \nmid m$ . Since  $2 \mid b_1$ , Lemma 2.9 implies  $2 \nmid d$ . Since  $2 \nmid (r + s)$ , then  $2 \nmid (r - s)$ . By looking at Equation (2.4),  $2 \mid a_2$  and  $2 \nmid a_1$ . By dividing Equation (2.5) by 2 and by multiplying by  $b'_1$  we obtain  $(b'_1)^2(a_1^2m^2 - b_2a_3^2) = -n'b'_1(r + s)d^2m^2 \equiv -1 \pmod{4}$  leading to  $1 - b_2a_3^2 \equiv -1 \pmod{4}$ , a contradiction.

*II.2.c')* We have  $2 \mid n$ ,  $(v_2(b_1), v_2(b_2)) = (1, 0)$ ,  $2 \mid r$ , and  $n'b'_1(r - s) \not\equiv 1 \pmod{8}$ . By Lemma 2.7,  $2 \nmid m$ . Since  $2 \mid b_1$ , Lemma 2.9 implies  $2 \nmid d$ . Since  $2 \mid r$ , then  $2 \nmid (r - s)$ . By looking at Equation (2.6) modulo 8,  $4 \mid a_2$  and  $2 \mid a_3$ . By dividing Equation (2.4) by 2 and multiplying by  $b'_1$ , and by looking modulo 8, we obtain  $(b'_1)^2a_1^2 \equiv n'b'_1(r - s)d^2 \not\equiv 1 \pmod{8}$ , but this is a contradiction since  $(b'_1a_1)^2$  is a square and can only be  $\equiv 1, 4, 0 \pmod{8}$  but  $n'b'_1(r - s)d^2$  is odd.

*II.2.d)* We have  $2 \mid n$ ,  $(v_2(b_1), v_2(b_2)) = (1, 1)$ ,  $2 \mid s$ , and  $n'b'_1(r + s) \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ . By Lemma 2.7,  $2 \nmid m$ . Since  $2 \mid b_1$ , Lemma 2.9 implies  $2 \nmid d$ . Since  $2 \mid s$ , we have that  $2 \nmid r(r \pm s)$ . By dividing Equation (2.6) by 2,  $b'_2(a_2^2m^2 - b_1a_3^2) = -nr d^2m^2 \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ , and this is only possible when  $2 \mid a_2$  and  $2 \nmid a_3$ . Lemma 2.11 implies that  $2 \nmid a_1$ , since  $2 \mid a_2$  and  $r - s$  is odd. By dividing Equation (2.5) by 2 and by multiplying by  $b'_1$ , we obtain  $(b'_1)^2(a_1^2m^2 - b_2a_3^2) = -n'b'_1(r + s)d^2m^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$  and  $1 - b_2 \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ , a contradiction since  $b_2$  is even and square-free.

*II.2.d')* We have  $2 \mid n$ ,  $(v_2(b_1), v_2(b_2)) = (1, 1)$ ,  $2 \mid r$  and  $n'b'_1(r + s) \not\equiv 7 \pmod{8}$ . By Lemma 2.7,  $2 \nmid m$ . Since  $2 \mid b_1$ , Lemma 2.9 implies  $2 \nmid d$ . Since  $2 \mid r$ , then  $2 \nmid (r \pm s)$ . By looking at Equation (2.6) modulo 8,  $2 \mid a_2$  and  $2 \mid a_3$ . Lemma 2.11 implies that  $2 \nmid a_1$ , since  $2 \mid a_2$  and  $r - s$  is odd. By dividing Equation (2.5) by 2 and by multiplying by  $b'_1$ , we have  $(b'_1)^2(a_1^2m^2 - b_2a_3^2) = -n'b'_1(r + s)d^2m^2 \not\equiv 7 \pmod{8}$  leading to a contradiction.

*III.a)* We have  $(v_p(b_1), v_p(b_2)) = (0, 0)$ ,  $p \nmid r$ , and  $\left(\frac{b_1}{p}\right) = -1$ . Multiply Equation (2.6) by  $b_2$  and look modulo  $p$ . We get a contradiction unless  $p \mid a_3$  and  $p \mid a_2$ . But then Lemma 2.11 implies that  $p \mid 2r$ , a contradiction.

*III.a')* We have  $(v_p(b_1), v_p(b_2)) = (0, 0)$ ,  $p \nmid (r + s)$ , and  $\left(\frac{b_2}{p}\right) = -1$ . This is proved analogously to the previous case by multiplying Equation (2.5) by  $b_1$ .

*III.a'')* We have  $(v_p(b_1), v_p(b_2)) = (0, 0)$ ,  $p \nmid (r - s)$ , and  $\left(\frac{b_1b_2}{p}\right) = -1$ . This is proved analogously to the previous case by multiplying Equation (2.4) by  $b_1$ .

*III.b)* We have  $(v_p(b_1), v_p(b_2)) = (0, 1)$ ,  $p \mid r$ , and  $\left(\frac{b_1}{p}\right) = -1$ . By Lemma 2.7,  $p \nmid m$ . Since  $p \mid b_2$ , Lemma 2.9 implies  $p \nmid d$ . By multiplying Equation (2.6) by  $b'_2$ , by dividing by  $p$ , and by looking modulo  $p$ ,  $p \mid a_2, a_3$ . By looking at Equation (2.4),  $p \mid a_1$ . By Lemma 2.11,  $p \mid (r - s)$  and since  $p \mid r$ , then  $p \mid s$ , and we get a contradiction.

*III.b')* We have  $(v_p(b_1), v_p(b_2)) = (0, 1)$ ,  $p \nmid (r + s)$ , and  $\left(\frac{n'b_1b'_2(r + s)}{p}\right) = -1$ . By Lemma 2.7,  $p \nmid m$ . Since  $p \mid b_2$ , Lemma 2.9 implies  $p \nmid d$ . By looking at Equation (2.5) modulo  $p$ ,  $p \mid a_1$ . Now multiply Equation (2.5) by  $b_1b'_2$  and divide by  $p$ . We look modulo  $p$  and we get a contradiction.

*III.b'')* We have  $(v_p(b_1), v_p(b_2)) = (0, 1)$ ,  $p \nmid (r - s)$ , and  $\left(\frac{-n'b'_2(r - s)}{p}\right) = -1$ . This is proved analogously to the previous case by multiplying Equation (2.4) by  $b'_2$  and by dividing it by  $p$ .

*III.c)* We have  $(v_p(b_1), v_p(b_2)) = (1, 0)$ ,  $p \nmid r$ , and  $\left(\frac{2n'b'_1b_2r}{p}\right) = -1$ . This is proved analogously to the previous case by multiplying Equation (2.6) by  $b'_1b_2$  and by dividing it by  $p$ .

*III.c')* We have  $(v_p(b_1), v_p(b_2)) = (1, 0)$ ,  $p \mid (r + s)$ , and  $\left(\frac{b_2}{p}\right) = -1$ . By Lemma 2.7,  $p \nmid m$ . Since  $p \mid b_1$ , Lemma 2.9 implies  $p \nmid d$ . By multiplying Equation (2.5) by  $b'_1$ , by dividing by  $p$ , and by looking modulo  $p$ ,  $p \mid a_1, a_3$ . By looking at Equation (2.4),  $p \mid a_2$ . By Lemma 2.11,  $p \mid (r - s)$  and since  $p \mid (r + s)$ , then  $p \mid r, s$  and we get a contradiction.

*III.c'')* We have  $(v_p(b_1), v_p(b_2)) = (1, 0)$ ,  $p \nmid (r - s)$  and  $\left(\frac{n'b'_1(r - s)}{p}\right) = -1$ . This is proved analogously to *III.b')* by multiplying Equation (2.4) by  $b'_1$  and by dividing it by  $p$ .

*III.d)* We have  $(v_p(b_1), v_p(b_2)) = (1, 1)$ ,  $p \nmid r$ , and  $\left(\frac{-2n'b'_2r}{p}\right) = -1$ . This is proved analogously to the previous case by multiplying Equation (2.6) by  $b'_2$  and by dividing it by  $p$ .

*III.d')* We have  $(v_p(b_1), v_p(b_2)) = (1, 1)$ ,  $p \nmid (r + s)$ , and  $\left(\frac{-n'b'_1(r + s)}{p}\right) = -1$ . This is proved analogously to the previous case by multiplying Equation (2.5) by  $b'_1$  and by dividing it by  $p$ .

*III.d'')* We have  $(v_p(b_1), v_p(b_2)) = (1, 1)$ ,  $p \mid (r - s)$ , and  $\left(\frac{b'_1b'_2}{p}\right) = -1$ . By Lemma 2.7,  $p \nmid m$ . Since  $p \mid b_1$ , Lemma 2.9 implies  $p \nmid d$ . By multiplying Equation (2.4) by  $b'_2$ , by dividing by  $p$ , and by looking modulo  $p$ ,  $p \mid a_1, a_2$ . By looking at Equation (2.5),  $p^2 \mid n(r + s)$  and then  $p \mid (r + s)$ . Since  $p \mid (r - s)$ , then  $p \mid r, s$  and we get a contradiction. □

### 3. PROOF OF THE MAIN RESULTS

We proceed to the proof of Theorem 1.3. For this, we will use Theorem 2.6 for the particular case  $\theta = \pi/3$ .

Recall that if  $p \mid b$ , we denote  $b/p$  by  $b'$ .

*Proof of Theorem 1.3.* We first notice that the condition  $\left(\frac{p_j}{p_i}\right) = -1$  for  $i < j$  can be easily extended to  $i \neq j$  due to the Law of Quadratic Reciprocity, which guarantees that the order of  $i$  and  $j$  does not matter when computing the Legendre symbol, since  $p_i, p_j \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ . More precisely, for the selection of primes in the statement, we summarize the following properties.

(1) Since  $p_i \equiv 5 \pmod{24}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{-1}{p_i}\right) &= 1, \\ \left(\frac{2}{p_i}\right) &= -1, \\ \left(\frac{3}{p_i}\right) &= -1, \\ \left(\frac{p_j}{p_i}\right) &= -1 \quad \text{for } i \neq j. \end{aligned}$$

(2) Since  $n$  is a product of an odd number of primes,

$$\left(\frac{n'}{p_i}\right) = 1 \text{ for all } i.$$



Recall from Remark 2.5 that  $R := \{(-1)^{\alpha} 2^{\beta} p_1^{\varepsilon_1} \dots p_k^{\varepsilon_k} \mid \alpha, \beta, \varepsilon_1, \dots, \varepsilon_k \in \{0, 1\}\}$  is a system of representatives for  $\mathbb{Q}(S, 2)$ . From Theorem 2.2, we have to consider the system of equations (2.1) for  $(b_1, b_2) \in R \times R$ . The primes to be considered are the given ones  $p_1, \dots, p_{2\ell+1}$  that divide  $n$  and the remaining ones  $p_{2\ell+2}, \dots, p_k$  that divide  $r$ ,  $(r-s)$  and  $(r+s)$  but do not divide  $n$ .

Since  $\theta = \pi/3$ , we have that  $r = 2$  and  $s = 1$ . Therefore,  $r-s = 1$  and  $r+s = 3$ . Then we need to examine the solvability of (2.1) with  $b_1, b_2$  elements of

$$R := \{(-1)^{\alpha} 2^{\beta} 3^{\gamma} p_1^{\varepsilon_1} \dots p_{2\ell+1}^{\varepsilon_{2\ell+1}} \mid \alpha, \beta, \gamma, \varepsilon_1, \dots, \varepsilon_{2\ell+1} \in \{0, 1\}\}.$$

By Lemma 2.7,  $m \mid (r-s)$ , and therefore  $m = 1$ . By Corollary 2.10  $b_1 \mid 3n$  and  $b_2 \mid 4n$ .

We will now group the possibilities of  $b_1$  and  $b_2$  into four cases depending on the number of primes that divide them. As seen above, the primes that can divide  $b_1$  are  $3, p_1, p_2, \dots, p_{2\ell+1}$  and those that can divide  $b_2$  are  $2, p_1, p_2, \dots, p_{2\ell+1}$ . For what it follows,  $p_i$  denotes a prime of the set  $\{p_1, \dots, p_{2\ell+1}\}$ . We consider the following cases:

- (1)  **$b_1$  and  $b_2$  are both divisible by an odd number of primes (including 3 and 2 respectively).**

- Suppose  $\exists p_i$  such that  $(v_{p_i}(b_1), v_{p_i}(b_2)) = (0, 0)$ . Then,

$$\left(\frac{b_1}{p_i}\right) = \left(\frac{b_2}{p_i}\right) = -1,$$

and System (2.1) is unsolvable by Theorem 2.6.III.a.

- Suppose  $\exists p_i$  such that  $(v_{p_i}(b_1), v_{p_i}(b_2)) = (1, 0)$ . Then,

$$\left(\frac{b'_1}{p_i}\right) = 1, \quad \left(\frac{b_2}{p_i}\right) = -1 \quad \implies \quad \left(\frac{2n'b'_1 b_2 r}{p_i}\right) = -1,$$

and System (2.1) is unsolvable by Theorem 2.6.III.c.

- Suppose  $\exists p_i$  such that  $(v_{p_i}(b_1), v_{p_i}(b_2)) = (1, 1)$ . Then,

$$\left(\frac{b'_1}{p_i}\right) = \left(\frac{b'_2}{p_i}\right) = 1 \quad \implies \quad \left(\frac{-n'b'_1(r+s)}{p_i}\right) = -1,$$

and System (2.1) is unsolvable by Theorem 2.6.III.d'.

Thus, if the system is to be solvable,  $(v_{p_i}(b_1), v_{p_i}(b_2)) = (0, 1)$  for  $1 \leq i \leq 2\ell + 1$ . Hence, in this case, we must have that all primes  $p_i$  dividing  $n$  must also divide  $b_2$  and must not divide  $b_1$ . Since both  $b_1, b_2, n$  are products of an odd number of primes and we have the extra condition  $b_1 b_2 > 0$  for a solution to exist (by Theorem 2.6.I), we are left with only the following cases:

$$(b_1, b_2) \in \{(3, n), (-3, -n)\}.$$

Consider  $(b_1, b_2) = (3, n)$ . Equation (2.4) can be written as

$$3a_1^2 = n(a_2^2 + d^2).$$

Since  $b_1 = 3$ , Lemma 2.9 implies that  $3 \nmid d$  and  $d^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ . Since  $3 \nmid n$ , the right-hand side of the above equation is never divisible by 3, leading to a contradiction.

Hence, the only possibility in this case is that  $(b_1, b_2) = (-3, -n) = \left(\frac{r+s}{s-r}, -n(r-s)\right)$ .

- (2)  **$b_1$  is divisible by an odd number of primes and  $b_2$  by an even number of primes.**

- Suppose  $\exists p_i$  such that  $(v_{p_i}(b_1), v_{p_i}(b_2)) = (0, 0)$ . Then,

$$\left(\frac{b_1}{p_i}\right) = -1, \quad \left(\frac{b_2}{p_i}\right) = 1,$$

and System (2.1) is unsolvable by Theorem 2.6.III.a.

- Suppose  $\exists p_i$  such that  $(v_{p_i}(b_1), v_{p_i}(b_2)) = (0, 1)$ . Then,

$$\left(\frac{b_1}{p_i}\right) = \left(\frac{b'_2}{p_i}\right) = -1 \implies \left(\frac{n'b_1b'_2(r+s)}{p_i}\right) = -1,$$

and System (2.1) is unsolvable by Theorem 2.6.III.b'.

- Suppose  $\exists p_i$  such that  $(v_{p_i}(b_1), v_{p_i}(b_2)) = (1, 1)$ . Then,

$$\left(\frac{b'_1}{p_i}\right) = 1, \quad \left(\frac{b'_2}{p_i}\right) = -1 \implies \left(\frac{-n'b'_1(r+s)}{p_i}\right) = -1,$$

and System (2.1) is unsolvable by Theorem 2.6.III.d'.

Therefore, we obtain that  $(v_{p_i}(b_1), v_{p_i}(b_2)) = (1, 0)$  for  $1 \leq i \leq 2\ell + 1$  if the system is to be solvable. Hence, in this case, all primes  $p_i$  dividing  $n$  must also divide  $b_1$  and must not divide  $b_2$ . This time we are left with the following cases:

$$(b_1, b_2) \in \{(n, 1), (-n, -1)\}.$$

Consider  $(b_1, b_2) = (-n, -1)$ . After some simplification Equation (2.5) becomes

$$a_1^2 + a_3^2 = 3d^2.$$

By looking at the above equation modulo 3, we conclude that  $3 \mid a_1, a_3$ . Looking again at the right-hand side,  $3 \mid d^2$ . But then we have that  $3 \mid a_1$  and  $3 \mid d$ , a contradiction by Lemma 2.7.

We are left with the only possibility,  $(b_1, b_2) = (n, 1) = (n(r-s), \frac{2r}{r-s})$  in  $\mathbb{Q}(S, 2) \times \mathbb{Q}(S, 2)$ .

- (3)  **$b_1$  is divisible by an even number of primes and  $b_2$  by an odd number of primes.**

- Suppose  $\exists p_i$  such that  $(v_{p_i}(b_1), v_{p_i}(b_2)) = (0, 0)$ . Then,

$$\left(\frac{b_1}{p_i}\right) = 1, \quad \left(\frac{b_2}{p_i}\right) = -1,$$

and System (2.1) is unsolvable by Theorem 2.6.III.a'.

- Suppose  $\exists p_i$  such that  $(v_{p_i}(b_1), v_{p_i}(b_2)) = (0, 1)$ . Then,

$$\left(\frac{b_1}{p_i}\right) = \left(\frac{b'_2}{p_i}\right) = 1 \implies \left(\frac{n'b_1b'_2(r+s)}{p_i}\right) = -1,$$

and System (2.1) is unsolvable by Theorem 2.6.III.b'.

- Suppose  $\exists p_i$  such that  $(v_{p_i}(b_1), v_{p_i}(b_2)) = (1, 0)$ . Then,

$$\left(\frac{b'_1}{p_i}\right) = \left(\frac{b_2}{p_i}\right) = -1 \implies \left(\frac{n'b'_1(r-s)}{p_i}\right) = -1,$$

and System (2.1) is unsolvable by Theorem 2.6.III.c'.

Thus,  $(v_{p_i}(b_1), v_{p_i}(b_2)) = (1, 1)$  for  $1 \leq i \leq 2\ell + 1$ , which means all primes  $p_i$  must divide both  $b_1$  and  $b_2$ . We have the following possibilities:

$$(b_1, b_2) \in \{(3n, n), (-3n, -n)\}.$$

Consider  $(b_1, b_2) = (3n, n)$ . Equation (2.4) becomes

$$3a_1^2 = a_2^2 + d^2.$$

Since  $b_1 = 3n$ , Lemma 2.9 implies that  $3 \nmid d$ . Thus  $d^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$  and the right-hand side of the above equation is never divisible by 3, leading to a contradiction.

Therefore, we are left with the only possibility of  $(b_1, b_2) = (-3n, -n) = (-n(r+s), -2nr)$  in  $\mathbb{Q}(S, 2) \times \mathbb{Q}(S, 2)$ .

- (4) **Both  $b_1$  and  $b_2$  are divisible by an even number of primes.**

- Suppose  $\exists p_i$  such that  $(v_{p_i}(b_1), v_{p_i}(b_2)) = (0, 1)$ . Then,

$$\left(\frac{b_1}{p_i}\right) = 1, \quad \left(\frac{b_2}{p_i}\right) = -1 \quad \Longrightarrow \quad \left(\frac{-n'b_2(r-s)}{p_i}\right) = -1,$$

and System (2.1) is unsolvable by Theorem 2.6.III.b".

- Suppose  $\exists p_i$  such that  $(v_{p_i}(b_1), v_{p_i}(b_2)) = (1, 0)$ . Then,

$$\left(\frac{b_1'}{p_i}\right) = -1, \quad \left(\frac{b_2}{p_i}\right) = 1 \quad \Longrightarrow \quad \left(\frac{n'b_1'(r-s)}{p_i}\right) = -1,$$

and System (2.1) is unsolvable by Theorem 2.6.III.c".

- Suppose  $\exists p_i$  such that  $(v_{p_i}(b_1), v_{p_i}(b_2)) = (1, 1)$ . Then,

$$\left(\frac{b_1'}{p_i}\right) = \left(\frac{b_2'}{p_i}\right) = -1 \quad \Longrightarrow \quad \left(\frac{-2n'b_2'r}{p_i}\right) = -1,$$

and System (2.1) is unsolvable by Theorem 2.6.III.d.

Therefore,  $(v_{p_i}(b_1), v_{p_i}(b_2)) = (0, 0)$  for  $1 \leq i \leq 2\ell + 1$ , which means none of the primes  $p_i$  divide either  $b_1$  or  $b_2$ . We have the following possibilities:

$$(b_1, b_2) \in \{(1, 1), (-1, -1)\}.$$

Consider  $(b_1, b_2) = (-1, -1)$ . Replacing these values in Equation (2.5), we have:

$$a_1^2 + a_3^2 = 3nd^2.$$

By looking at the above equation modulo 3, we conclude that  $3 \mid a_1, a_3$ . Looking again at the right-hand side,  $3 \mid d^2$ . But then we have that  $3 \mid a_1$  and  $3 \mid d$ , a contradiction by Lemma 2.7.

Hence we are left with  $(b_1, b_2) = (1, 1)$ .

We have shown that the system of equations (2.1) has a solution only when  $(b_1, b_2) \in \{(1, 1), (n, 1), (-3, -n), (-n, -3)\}$  which are the images of the torsion points of  $E_{n,\theta}$ . Since the map defined in Theorem 2.2 is injective, these are the only rational points on  $E_{n,\theta}(\mathbb{Q})$ . Thus its rank has to be zero and, by Proposition 2.1,  $n$  is not  $\pi/3$ -congruent.

This concludes the proof of Theorem 1.3. □

We now proceed to the proof of Theorem 1.4. In this case, we will use Theorem 2.6 when  $\theta = 2\pi/3$ .

*Proof of Theorem 1.4.* For the selection of odd primes in the statement, we summarize the following properties.

- (1) Since  $p_i \equiv 13 \pmod{24}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{-1}{p_i}\right) &= 1, \\ \left(\frac{2}{p_i}\right) &= -1, \\ \left(\frac{3}{p_i}\right) &= 1, \\ \left(\frac{p_j}{p_i}\right) &= -1 \quad \text{for } i \neq j. \end{aligned}$$

(2) Since  $n$  is a product of an odd number of primes (including 2),

$$\left(\frac{n'}{p_i}\right) = 1 \text{ for all } i.$$

Since  $\theta = 2\pi/3$ , we have that  $r = 2$  and  $s = -1$ . Therefore,  $r - s = 3$  and  $r + s = 1$ . Then we need to examine the solvability of (2.1) with  $b_1, b_2$  elements of

$$R := \{(-1)^{\alpha} 2^{\beta} 3^{\gamma} p_1^{\varepsilon_1} \cdots p_{2\ell}^{\varepsilon_{2\ell}} \mid \alpha, \beta, \gamma, \varepsilon_1, \dots, \varepsilon_{2\ell} \in \{0, 1\}\}.$$

By Lemma 2.7,  $m \mid (r - s)$ , and therefore  $m = 1$  or  $m = 3$ . By Lemma 2.7 and Corollary 2.10,  $3 \mid b_1, b_2$  iff  $m = 3$ .

For the time being we will ignore the factor of 3 dividing  $b_i$  when  $m = 3$ . For what it follows,  $p_i$  denotes a prime of the set  $\{p_1, \dots, p_{2\ell}\}$ . We consider the following cases:

(1)  **$b_1$  and  $b_2$  are both divisible by an odd number of primes (including 2 but excluding 3).**

- Suppose  $\exists p_i$  such that  $(v_{p_i}(b_1), v_{p_i}(b_2)) = (0, 0)$ . Then System (2.1) is unsolvable by Theorem 2.6.III.a.
- Suppose  $\exists p_i$  such that  $(v_{p_i}(b_1), v_{p_i}(b_2)) = (0, 1)$ . Then System (2.1) is unsolvable by Theorem 2.6.III.b'.
- Suppose  $\exists p_i$  such that  $(v_{p_i}(b_1), v_{p_i}(b_2)) = (1, 0)$ . Then System (2.1) is unsolvable by Theorem 2.6.III.c.

Thus, if the system is to be solvable,  $(v_{p_i}(b_1), v_{p_i}(b_2)) = (1, 1)$  for  $1 \leq i \leq 2\ell$ . This implies that

$$(b_1, b_2) \in \{(\pm n, \pm n), (\pm 3n, \pm 3n)\}.$$

Now consider the unsolvability conditions modulo 2. Since  $n'$  is odd,  $(n')^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$  and Theorem 2.6.II.2.d' gives a contradiction unless  $(b_1, b_2) = (-n, -n) = (-n(r + s), -2nr)$  in  $\mathbb{Q}(S, 2) \times \mathbb{Q}(S, 2)$ .

(2)  **$b_1$  is divisible by an odd number of primes and  $b_2$  by an even number of primes.**

- Suppose  $\exists p_i$  such that  $(v_{p_i}(b_1), v_{p_i}(b_2)) = (0, 0)$ . Then System (2.1) is unsolvable by Theorem 2.6.III.a.
- Suppose  $\exists p_i$  such that  $(v_{p_i}(b_1), v_{p_i}(b_2)) = (0, 1)$ . Then System (2.1) is unsolvable by Theorem 2.6.III.b''.
- Suppose  $\exists p_i$  such that  $(v_{p_i}(b_1), v_{p_i}(b_2)) = (1, 1)$ . Then System (2.1) is unsolvable by Theorem 2.6.III.d.

Therefore, we obtain that  $(v_{p_i}(b_1), v_{p_i}(b_2)) = (1, 0)$  for  $1 \leq i \leq 2\ell$ . Hence, in this case,

$$(b_1, b_2) \in \{(\pm n, \pm 1), (\pm 3n, \pm 3)\}.$$

Applying Theorem 2.6.II.2.c' gives a contradiction unless  $(b_1, b_2) = (3n, 3) = (n(r - s), \frac{2r}{r-s})$  in  $\mathbb{Q}(S, 2) \times \mathbb{Q}(S, 2)$ .

(3)  **$b_1$  is divisible by an even number of primes and  $b_2$  by an odd number of primes.**

- Suppose  $\exists p_i$  such that  $(v_{p_i}(b_1), v_{p_i}(b_2)) = (0, 0)$ . Then System (2.1) is unsolvable by Theorem 2.6.III.a'.
- Suppose  $\exists p_i$  such that  $(v_{p_i}(b_1), v_{p_i}(b_2)) = (1, 0)$ . Then System (2.1) is unsolvable by Theorem 2.6.III.c''.
- Suppose  $\exists p_i$  such that  $(v_{p_i}(b_1), v_{p_i}(b_2)) = (1, 1)$ . Then System (2.1) is unsolvable by Theorem 2.6.III.d'.

Thus,  $(v_{p_i}(b_1), v_{p_i}(b_2)) = (0, 1)$  for  $1 \leq i \leq 2\ell$ , and we have the following possibilities:

$$(b_1, b_2) \in \{(\pm 1, \pm n), (\pm 3, \pm 3n)\}.$$

Now Theorem 2.6.II.2.b' gives a contradiction except for  $(b_1, b_2) = (-3, -3n) = \left(\frac{r+s}{s-r}, -n(r-s)\right)$  in  $\mathbb{Q}(S, 2) \times \mathbb{Q}(S, 2)$ .

(4) **Both  $b_1$  and  $b_2$  are divisible by an even number of primes.**

- Suppose  $\exists p_i$  such that  $(v_{p_i}(b_1), v_{p_i}(b_2)) = (0, 1)$ . Then System (2.1) is unsolvable by Theorem 2.6.III.b'.
- Suppose  $\exists p_i$  such that  $(v_{p_i}(b_1), v_{p_i}(b_2)) = (1, 0)$ . Then System (2.1) is unsolvable by Theorem 2.6.III.c.
- Suppose  $\exists p_i$  such that  $(v_{p_i}(b_1), v_{p_i}(b_2)) = (1, 1)$ . Then System (2.1) is unsolvable by Theorem 2.6.III.d.

Therefore,  $(v_{p_i}(b_1), v_{p_i}(b_2)) = (0, 0)$  for  $1 \leq i \leq 2\ell$  and

$$(b_1, b_2) \in \{(\pm 1, \pm 1), (\pm 3, \pm 3)\}.$$

Applying Theorem 2.6.II.2.a' gives a contradiction unless  $(b_1, b_2) = (1, 1)$ .

We have shown that the system of equations (2.1) has a solution only when  $(b_1, b_2) \in \{(1, 1), (3n, 3), (-3, -3n)\}$ , which are the images of the torsion points of  $E_{n,\theta}$ . Since the map defined in Theorem 2.2 is injective, these are the only rational points on  $E_{n,\theta}(\mathbb{Q})$ . Thus its rank has to be zero and, by Proposition 2.1,  $n$  is not  $2\pi/3$ -congruent.

This concludes the proof of Theorem 1.4. □

As a final note, we can combine Theorem 1.3 with Dirichlet's Theorem on arithmetic progressions and the Chinese Remainder Theorem in order to prove the following result.

**Corollary 3.1.** *There exists an infinite sequence of distinct primes such that any product of an odd number of primes in this sequence cannot be a  $\pi/3$ -congruent number.*

*Proof.* To prove this result, it suffices to show the existence of an infinite sequence of primes  $p_i$  such that  $p_i \equiv 5 \pmod{24}$  and  $\left(\frac{p_j}{p_i}\right) = -1$  for  $j < i$ , since the product of any odd number of such primes is not  $\pi/3$ -congruent by Theorem 1.3.

First notice that by Dirichlet's Theorem on arithmetic progressions, there are infinitely many primes congruent to 5 (mod 24). Also notice that by Quadratic Reciprocity,  $\left(\frac{p_j}{p_i}\right) = \left(\frac{p_i}{p_j}\right)$ .

We construct the set by induction. Suppose that we have already  $k$  primes  $p_1, \dots, p_k$  that satisfy the desired conditions. For each  $1 \leq i \leq k$ , let  $s_i$  be an integer that is a quadratic non-residue modulo  $p_i$ . By the Chinese Remainder Theorem, we can find an integer  $x$  such that  $x \equiv s_i \pmod{p_i}$  for  $1 \leq i \leq k$  and  $x \equiv 5 \pmod{24}$ . Applying Dirichlet's Theorem, we obtain an infinite sequence of primes  $p \equiv x \pmod{24p_1 \cdots p_k}$ . We can choose any of them to be  $p_{k+1}$ . This process can be repeated indefinitely.

This concludes the proof of the corollary. □

A similar corollary can be deduced from Theorem 1.4.

#### 4. CONCLUSION

Several directions of further exploration arise from this work. Theorem 2.6 may be used to obtain results for  $n$  a product of a few primes. For example, one can directly recover known results such

as the fact that  $p \equiv 5, 7, 19 \pmod{24}$  are not  $\pi/3$ -congruent and  $p \equiv 7, 11 \pmod{24}$  are not  $2\pi/3$ -congruent. One can further prove that  $n = 2p$  is not  $\pi/3$ -congruent for  $p \equiv 19 \pmod{24}$  and that  $n = 2p$  is not  $2\pi/3$ -congruent for  $p \equiv 13, 19 \pmod{24}$ . The procedure for these proofs is straightforward but long.

A natural question to ask is whether similar results to Theorems 1.3 and 1.4 can be found with different congruence conditions and/or different values of  $\theta$ . It would be also interesting to explore other methods for doing analogous constructions in the case of classical non-congruent numbers, such as the ones considered in [RSY13, RSY15], and see how they can be adapted to other values of  $\theta$ .

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