

## ALGEBRAIC POINTS OF DEGREE AT MOST 14 ON THE FERMAT SEPTIC

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**ABSTRACT.** In this paper, we study the algebraic points of degree at most 14 over  $\mathbb{Q}$  on the Fermat septic curve  $F_7$  of projective equation  $X^7 + Y^7 + Z^7 = 0$ . Tzermias determined in 1998 in ([11]) all algebraic points of degree at most 5 over  $\mathbb{Q}$  on  $F_7$  and O. Sall improved the result of Tzermias by determining in 2003 in ([9]), the algebraic points of degree at most 10 over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Using their results and Abel Jacobi's theorem, we extend their work by giving a geometric description of algebraic points of degree at most 14 over  $\mathbb{Q}$  on  $F_7$ .

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a smooth projective plane curve of degree  $d$  defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . The degree of an algebraic point on  $\mathcal{C}$  is the degree of its field of definition over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . A theorem of Debarre and Klassen ([5]) asserts that

- (1) If  $d \geq 7$ , then the set of algebraic points on  $\mathcal{C}$  of degree at most  $d - 2$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$  is finite.
- (2) If  $d \geq 8$ , then, with a finite number of exceptions, the set of algebraic points on  $\mathcal{C}$  of degree at most  $d - 1$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$  arise as the intersection of  $\mathcal{C}$  with a rational line through a rational point of  $\mathcal{C}$ .

We denote by  $F_7$  the Fermat septic, i.e., the smooth plane curve of degree 7 with projective equation

$$F_7 = \{(X, Y, Z) \in \mathbb{P}^2(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}) : X^7 + Y^7 + Z^7 = 0\}.$$

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We denote by  $J_7$  the Jacobian of  $F_7$  and its genus is 15. According to (1), the set of algebraic points on  $F_7$  of degree at most 5 over  $\mathbb{Q}$  is finite. Tzermias ([11]) has completely described this set. There are exactly five algebraic points of degree at most 5 on  $F_7$ , namely  $a = (0, -1, 1)$ ,  $b = (-1, 0, 1)$ ,  $\infty = (-1, 1, 0)$ ,  $P = (-\eta, -\bar{\eta}, 1)$  and  $\bar{P} = (-\bar{\eta}, -\eta, 1)$  where  $\eta$  is a primitive 6-th root of unity in  $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}$  and  $\bar{\eta}$  is the complex conjugate of  $\eta$ .

Sall ([9], [10]) has pushed this description by determining the algebraic points on  $F_7$  of degree at most 10 over  $\mathbb{Q}$ , and he has established the following theorem :

**Theorem 1.**

- (1) The algebraic points on  $F_7$  of degree 6 over  $\mathbb{Q}$  are obtained as intersection of  $F_7$  with a line defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$  passing through  $a$ ,  $b$  or  $\infty$ .
- (2) The algebraic points on  $F_7$  of degree 7 over  $\mathbb{Q}$  are obtained as intersection of  $F_7$  with a line defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$ .
- (3) There are no algebraic points on  $F_7$  of degree 8 or 9 over  $\mathbb{Q}$ .
- (4) The algebraic points on  $F_7$  of degree 10 over  $\mathbb{Q}$  are obtained as residual intersection of  $F_7$  with a conic  $\mathcal{C}$  defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$  having a contact point of order 2 at  $\{a, b\}$  or  $\{a, \infty\}$  or  $\{b, \infty\}$ .

In this note, we propose to extend this geometric description of algebraic points on  $F_7$  of degree at most 14 over  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

## 2. MAIN RESULT

Our main result is the following theorem :

**Theorem 2 :** Let  $F_7$  be the Fermat septic.

- (1) The algebraic points on  $F_7$  of degree 11 over  $\mathbb{Q}$  are obtained as intersection of  $F_7$  with a conic defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$  passing through one of the points  $a, b, \infty$  and tangent to one of the other two.
- (2) The algebraic points on  $F_7$  of degree 12 over  $\mathbb{Q}$  are obtained either as intersection of  $F_7$  with
  - (a) a conic defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$ 
    - (i) passing through two of the points  $a, b, \infty$  or through  $P$  and  $\bar{P}$ ,
    - (ii) tangent to  $F_7$  at one of the points  $a, b, \infty$ ,
  - (b) a cubic defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$  having  $a, b$  and  $\infty$  as contact points of order 3 at each of its points,
  - (c) a quartic defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$  having  $P$  and  $\bar{P}$  as contact points of order 8 at each of its points.
- (3) The algebraic points on  $F_7$  of degree 13 over  $\mathbb{Q}$  are obtained either as intersection of  $F_7$  with

- (a) a conic defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$  passing through one of the points  $a, b, \infty$ ,
  - (b) a cubic defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$  tangent to  $F_7$  at one of the points  $a, b, \infty$ , and having a point of contact of order 3 with the other two.
- (4) The algebraic points on  $F_7$  of degree 14 over  $\mathbb{Q}$  are obtained either as intersection of  $F_7$  with
- (a) a conic defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$ ,
  - (b) a cubic defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$ 
    - (i) passing through one of the points  $a, b, \infty$  and having a contact point of order 3 with other two,
    - (ii) tangent to  $F_7$  at two of the points  $a, b, \infty$  and having a contact point of order 3 with the other,
  - (c) a quartic defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$  having  $P$  and  $\bar{P}$  as contact points of order 7 at each of its points,
  - (d) a quintic defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$  having a contact point of order 5 at one of the points  $a, b, \infty$  and of order 8 at each of its points  $P$  and  $\bar{P}$ ,
  - (e) a sextic defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$  having two contact points of order 6 among the points  $a, b, \infty$  and of order 8 at each of its points  $P$  and  $\bar{P}$ .

### 3. PRELIMINARY

#### 3.1. Linear systems.

Let  $D$  be a divisor on  $F_7$ . The vector space  $\mathcal{L}(D)$  is defined to be the set of rational functions

$$\mathcal{L}(D) = \{f \in \overline{\mathbb{Q}}(F_7)^* : \text{div}(f) \geq -D\} \cup \{0\}.$$

The dimension of  $\mathcal{L}(D)$  as a  $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}$ -vector space is denoted by  $l(D)$ . Consider the rational functions  $x$  and  $y$  on  $F_7$  given by

$$x(X, Y, Z) = \frac{X}{Z} \quad \text{and} \quad y(X, Y, Z) = \frac{Y}{Z}.$$

Let  $\varepsilon$  be a primitive 14-th root of unity in  $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}$ . The cusps on  $F_7$  are the points

$$a_j = (0, \varepsilon^{2j+1}, 1), \quad b_j = (\varepsilon^{2j+1}, 0, 1), \quad c_j = (\varepsilon^{2j+1}, 1, 0),$$

for  $0 \leq j \leq 6$ . Observe that  $a = a_3, b = b_3$  and  $\infty = c_3$ .

**Lemma 1 :** [Rohrlich, [8]] We have :

- (1)  $\text{div}(x) = (a_0 + \cdots + a_6) - (c_0 + \cdots + c_6)$
- (2)  $\text{div}(x + y) = 7\infty - (c_0 + \cdots + c_6)$ .

**Lemma 2 :** If  $k \in \{4, 6\}$ , the rational functions  $f_{rs}$  defined by

$$f_{rs}(x, y) = \frac{x^r}{(x+y)^s}, \quad \text{with } 0 \leq r \leq s \leq k,$$

form a basis for the vector space  $\mathcal{L}(7k\infty)$ .

**Proof :**

(1) For  $k = 4$  :

According to Lemma 1, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{div}(f_{rs}(x, y)) &= r\operatorname{div}(x) - s\operatorname{div}(x+y) \\ &= r(a_0 + \cdots + a_6) + (s-r)(c_0 + c_1 + c_2 + c_4 + c_5 \\ &\quad + c_6) - (6s+r)\infty. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $0 \leq r \leq s \leq 4$ ,  $6s+r \leq 28$ , so  $f_{rs}(x, y) \in \mathcal{L}(28\infty)$ . Furthermore, if  $6s+r = 6s'+r'$  with  $0 \leq r \leq s \leq 4$  and  $0 \leq r' \leq s' \leq 4$  then  $r \equiv r' \pmod{6}$ . Since  $0 \leq r, r' \leq 4$ , then  $r = r'$ , which implies that  $s = s'$ . Therefore, the functions  $f_{rs}$  with  $0 \leq r \leq s \leq 4$  are linearly independent. As the genus of  $F_7$  is 15,  $28\infty$  is a canonical divisor on  $F_7$ , hence  $l(28\infty) = 15 = \#\{f_{rs}, 0 \leq r \leq s \leq 4\}$ .

(2) For  $k = 6$  :

As for  $k = 4$ , we show that the functions  $f_{rs}(x, y)$  are in  $\mathcal{L}(42\infty)$  and that they are linearly independent. Then, we compute the dimension of  $\mathcal{L}(42\infty)$  using the Riemann-Roch theorem (see [4]) which says that  $l(d\infty) = d - 14$  as soon as  $d \geq 29$ . Finally, we have  $l(42\infty) = \#\{f_{rs}, 0 \leq r \leq s \leq 6\}$ .

### 3.2. Mordell-Weil Group.

We denote by  $J_7(\mathbb{Q})$  the Mordell-Weil group of rational points of the jacobian  $J_7$  of the curve  $F_7$ . For an integer  $s$  with  $1 \leq s \leq 5$ ,  $C_s$  denotes the affine equation curve  $v^7 = u(1-u)^s$  and  $J_s$  its jacobian. Consider the rational map defined by

$$f_s : F_7 \longrightarrow C_s, \quad (x, y) \longmapsto (-x^7, (-1)^{s+1}xy^s).$$

This map induces a morphism (also denoted by  $f_s$ )  $f_s : J_7 \longrightarrow J_s$  and its dual  $f_s^* : J_s \longrightarrow J_7$ .

Let  $A$  and  $B$  be the automorphisms of  $F_7$  given by

$$A(X, Y, Z) = (\zeta X, Y, Z) \quad \text{and} \quad B(X, Y, Z) = (X, \zeta Y, Z),$$

where  $\zeta$  is a primitive 7-th root of unity such that  $\varepsilon^2 = \zeta$ . Since  $f_s : F_7 \longrightarrow C_s$  is Galois covering whose Galois group is generated by  $A^{-s}B$ , then for a divisor  $D$  of degree zero on  $F_7$ , we have

$$f_s^* \circ f_s(D) = \sum_{j=0}^6 (A^{-s}B)^j(D)$$

on  $J_7$  (see [1]).

It is well-known (see [2], [3], [6]) that these maps induce an isogeny defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$

$$f = \prod_{s=1}^5 f_s : J_7 \longrightarrow \prod_{s=1}^5 J_s$$

and the dual isogeny

$$f^* = \sum_{s=1}^5 f_s^* : \prod_{s=1}^5 J_s \longrightarrow J_7$$

such that  $f^* \circ f = 7$  on  $J_7$ .

**Lemma 3 :**  $J_7(\mathbb{Q})$  is isomorphic to  $(\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})^2 \times (\mathbb{Z}/7\mathbb{Z})^2$ .

**Proof :** According to Faddeev ([2], [3]),  $J_7(\mathbb{Q})$  is finite. In [11], Tzermias concludes that the following facts :

- (1) For a prime  $l \neq 2, 7$ , the group  $J_7[l^\infty](\mathbb{Q})$  is trivial.
- (2) The group  $J_7[7^\infty](\mathbb{Q})$  is isomorphic to  $(\mathbb{Z}/7\mathbb{Z})^2$  and is generated by  $[a - \infty]$  and  $[b - \infty]$ .

It remains to compute the 2–primary part of  $J_7(\mathbb{Q})$ . Since there exists an isogeny  $f : J_7 \longrightarrow \prod_{s=1}^5 J_s$ , then this amounts to computing the 2–primary part of each  $J_s(\mathbb{Q})$ . But now a result of Gross and Rohrlich in [1] states that

$$J_s(\mathbb{Q})_{\text{tors}} \cong \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z}/7\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} & \text{if } 1 \equiv s^3 \equiv (6-s)^3 \pmod{7} \\ \mathbb{Z}/7\mathbb{Z} & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

but the only  $s \leq 5$  such that  $1 \equiv s^3 \equiv (6-s)^3 \pmod{7}$  are  $s = 2$  or  $s = 4$ , which gives two copies of  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$  and so

$$J_7[2^\infty](\mathbb{Q}) \cong (\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})^2.$$

Now put  $x_0 = -P - \bar{P} + 2\infty$ ,  $x_1 = f_4^* \circ f_4(x_0)$  and  $x_2 = f_2^* \circ f_2(x_0)$ . Referring to the works of Gross and Rohrlich ([1]) and of Sall ([9], [10]), we have the properties given by the following proposition:

**Proposition 1 :**

- (P1) The divisor  $x_0$  is of order 14. We show that  $-2x_1$  is the divisor of  $y^3 + x + x^3y$ . Thus,  $x_1$  is a point of order 2 on  $J_7(\mathbb{Q})$ .
- (P2)  $f_4^* \circ f_4(x_1) = 7x_1$  and  $f_2^* \circ f_2(x_2) = 7x_2$ .
- (P3)  $(\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})^2 = \langle x_1, x_2 \rangle$ .
- (P4)  $f_s(a - \infty)$  and  $f_s(b - \infty)$  are of order 7.
- (P5)  $J_s(\mathbb{Q})_{\text{tors}} \subseteq \ker(f_s^*)$ .
- (P6)  $\ker(f_s^* \circ f_s) \subseteq J_7[7]$ .

**Corollary :** We have

$$J_7(\mathbb{Q}) = \left\{ m[\infty - a] + n[\infty - b] + kx_0 + lx_2, \text{ with } 0 \leq m, n \leq 6 \right. \\ \left. \text{and } 0 \leq k, l \leq 1 \right\}, \text{ or}$$

$$J_7(\mathbb{Q}) = \left\{ m[\infty - a] + n[\infty - b] + kx_0 + lx_1, \text{ with } 0 \leq m, n \leq 6 \right. \\ \left. \text{and } 0 \leq k, l \leq 1 \right\}$$

**Proof :** Combining Lemma 3 and (P3), we have

$$J_7(\mathbb{Q}) = \left\{ m_1[\infty - a] + n_1[\infty - b] + kx_1 + lx_2, \text{ with } 0 \leq m_1, n_1 \leq 6 \right. \\ \left. \text{and } 0 \leq k, l \leq 1 \right\}.$$

Then (P1) and (P2) give  $f_4^* \circ f_4(x_1) = x_1 = f_4^* \circ f_4(x_0)$ . Thus, according to (P6), we have  $x_1 - x_0 \in \ker(f_4^* \circ f_4) \subseteq J_7[7]$ , so  $x_1 - x_0 = m_2[\infty - a] + n_2[\infty - b]$  with  $0 \leq m_2, n_2 \leq 6$ . Therefore,

$$J_7(\mathbb{Q}) = \left\{ m[\infty - a] + n[\infty - b] + kx_0 + lx_2, \text{ with } 0 \leq m, n \leq 6 \right. \\ \left. \text{and } 0 \leq k, l \leq 1 \right\}.$$

Similarly, using  $f_2^* \circ f_2$ , we find the other expression of  $J_7(\mathbb{Q})$ .

### 3.3. Geometric lemmas.

**Lemma 4 :** Let  $L_a, L_b$  and  $L_\infty$  be the tangent lines to  $F_7$  at  $a, b$  and  $\infty$ , respectively.

- (1) The lines  $L_a, L_b$  and  $L_\infty$  have a point of contact of order 7 with  $F_7$  at  $a, b$  and  $\infty$ , respectively.
- (2) If a plane algebraic curve  $\Gamma$  of degree  $\leq 6$  has a contact point of order  $> \deg(\Gamma)$  with  $F_7$  at  $a, b$  or  $\infty$ , then  $\Gamma$  is reducible and contains  $L_a, L_b$  or  $L_\infty$ , respectively.

**Proof :**

- (1) In affine, we have  $F_7 : x^7 + y^7 + 1 = 0$ . The tangent line to  $F_7$  at  $a$  is  $L_a : y + 1 = 0$ . It is clear that  $a$  is the only point of intersection of the line  $L_a$  and the curve  $F_7$ . Thus, by Bezout's theorem, we have

$$L_a \cdot F_7 = (\deg L_a \times \deg F_7)a = 7a = \text{mult}_a(L_a \cap F_7)a.$$

We show the same for  $L_b$  and  $L_\infty$ .

- (2) Let  $H, G$  and  $F$  be plane curves. Assume that  $H$  is irreducible and is neither a component of  $G$  nor of  $F$ . Let  $\mathcal{O}$  be a non-singular point of  $H$ . Then, according to Lemma 2.3.2 in [7], we have:

$$\min\{\text{mult}_{\mathcal{O}}(H \cap F), \text{mult}_{\mathcal{O}}(H \cap G)\} \leq \text{mult}_{\mathcal{O}}(F \cap G).$$

Thus, to obtain the desired result, it suffices to take  $\mathcal{O} \in \{a, b, \infty\}$ ,  $H = L_{\mathcal{O}}$ ,  $G = \Gamma$  and  $F = F_7$  taking into account (1).

**Lemma 5 :** Let  $L$  be the line with equation  $X + Y + Z = 0$ . Then  $L.F_7 = a + b + \infty + 2P + 2\bar{P}$ .

**Proof :** In affine,  $L : x + y + 1 = 0$  and  $F_7 : x^7 + y^7 + 1 = 0$ . According to Gross and Rohrlich ([1]), we have  $L \cap F_7 = \{a, b, \infty, P, \bar{P}\}$ ; then there exist strictly positive integers  $n_1, n_2, n_3, n_4, n_5$  such that  $L.F_7 = n_1a + n_2b + n_3\infty + n_4P + n_5\bar{P}$  with  $n_1 + n_2 + n_3 + n_4 + n_5 = 7$ . Since  $P$  and  $\bar{P}$  are conjugates, so  $n_4 = n_5$ . The tangent line to  $F_7$  at  $P$  is  $T_P : x + y + 1 = 0$ , hence  $n_4 \geq 2$ ; thus  $n_1 = n_2 = n_3 = 1$  and  $n_4 = n_5 = 2$ .

#### 4. PROOF OF THE MAIN RESULT

Let  $R$  be an algebraic point on  $F_7$  of degree  $d \leq 14$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$ ; if  $d \leq 5$  these points are described by Tzermias ([11]); if  $6 \leq d \leq 10$  these points are given by Theorem 1. Thus, we can assume that  $11 \leq d \leq 14$ . Let  $R_1, \dots, R_d$  be the Galois conjugates of  $R$ . Put  $t = [R_1 + \dots + R_d - dP_{\infty}] \in J_7(\mathbb{Q})$ .

According to the corollary, we can consider the following four cases :

**Case 1 :**  $t = m[\infty - a] + n[\infty - b]$  with  $0 \leq m, n \leq 6$ .

Then we have  $[R_1 + \dots + R_d - d\infty] = m[\infty - a] + n[\infty - b]$ , hence  $[R_1 + \dots + R_d + ma + nb - (d + m + n)\infty] = 0$ . Since  $d + m + n \leq 28$ , Lemma 2 leads to the existence of a quartic polynomial  $f(x, y)$  such that

$$\text{div}(f(x, y)/(x + y)^4) = R_1 + \dots + R_d + ma + nb - (d + m + n)\infty.$$

Thus, by Lemma 1,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{div}(f(x, y)) &= R_1 + \dots + R_d + ma + nb + (28 - d - m - n)\infty \\ &\quad - 4(c_0 + \dots + c_6). \end{aligned}$$

Using the homogenized  $f^*$  of  $f$ , we have

$$f^*(X, Y, Z) = Z^4 f\left(\frac{X}{Z}, \frac{Y}{Z}\right),$$

where  $f^*(X, Y, Z)$  defines a curve  $\Gamma_4$  of degree 4; which shows the existence of a quartic  $\Gamma_4$  defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . As the curve  $F_7$  is smooth, hence  $\text{div}(f(x, y)) = \Gamma_4.F_7 - 4(c_0 + \cdots + c_6)$ . Therefore,

$$\Gamma_4.F_7 = R_1 + \cdots + R_d + ma + nb + (28 - d - m - n)\infty.$$

If  $m \geq 5$ , then, by Lemma 4,  $\Gamma_4$  is reducible and contains  $L_a$ . Moreover, since  $m \leq 6$ , one of the points  $R_i$  is  $a$ , which is absurd because  $R_i$  and  $a$  are not of the same degree. Hence  $m \leq 4$ . Similarly, we have  $n \leq 4$ . Therefore  $6 \leq 28 - d - m - n \leq 17$ . The Lemma 4 also shows that  $\Gamma_4$  contains  $L_\infty$ , there exists a cubic  $\Gamma_3$  such that

$$\Gamma_3.F_7 = R_1 + \cdots + R_d + ma + nb + (21 - d - m - n)\infty. \quad (*)$$

We must have  $0 \leq m, n \leq 3$  and so  $1 \leq 21 - d - m - n \leq 10$ . The sum of the coefficients of  $a, b$  and  $\infty$  equals  $21 - d$ .

**1.1** Suppose that  $1 \leq 21 - d - m - n \leq 3$ . Then, the sum of the coefficients of  $a, b$  and  $\infty$  is  $\leq 9$ , i.e.,  $21 - d \leq 9$ , therefore  $d \geq 12$ . Let  $m_1, m_2$  and  $m_3$  be the coefficients of  $a, b$  and  $\infty$  respectively. We have  $0 \leq m_1, m_2 \leq 3, 1 \leq m_3 \leq 3$  and  $m_1 + m_2 + m_3 = 21 - d$ .

Thus, we obtain :

1.1.a for  $d = 12$ , the relation (\*) becomes

$$\Gamma_3.F_7 = R_1 + \cdots + R_{12} + 3a + 3b + 3\infty,$$

which shows that algebraic points on  $F_7$  of degree 12 over  $\mathbb{Q}$  are obtained as intersection of  $F_7$  with a cubic defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$  having  $a, b$  and  $\infty$  as contact points of order 3 at each of its points.

1.1.b for  $d = 13$ , the relation (\*) becomes

$$\Gamma_3.F_7 = R_1 + \cdots + R_{13} + m_1a + m_2b + m_3\infty$$

with  $m_i \in \{2, 3\}$  and  $m_1 + m_2 + m_3 = 8$ ,

which shows that algebraic points on  $F_7$  of degree 13 over  $\mathbb{Q}$  are obtained as intersection of  $F_7$  with a cubic defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$  tangent to  $F_7$  at one of the points  $a, b, \infty$  and having a point of contact of order 3 with the other two.

1.1.c for  $d = 14$ , the relation (\*) becomes

$$\Gamma_3.F_7 = R_1 + \cdots + R_{14} + m_1a + m_2b + m_3\infty$$

with  $m_i \in \{1, 2, 3\}$  and  $m_1 + m_2 + m_3 = 7$ ,

which shows that algebraic points on  $F_7$  of degree 14 over  $\mathbb{Q}$  are obtained as intersection of  $F_7$  with a cubic defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$

- passing through one of the points  $a, b, \infty$  and having a contact point of order 3 with other two,
- tangent to  $F_7$  at two of the points  $a, b, \infty$  and having a contact point of order 3 with the other.



**1.2** Suppose that  $21 - d - m - n \geq 4$ .

Then, by Lemma 4,  $\Gamma_3$  contains  $L_\infty$ . Then there exists a conic  $\Gamma_2$  such that

$$\Gamma_2.F_7 = R_1 + \cdots + R_d + ma + nb + (14 - d - m - n)\infty. \quad (**).$$

We must have  $0 \leq m, n \leq 2$  and  $0 \leq 14 - d - m - n \leq 2$ . The sum of the coefficients of  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $\infty$  is equal to  $14 - d$ . Let  $m_1$ ,  $m_2$  and  $m_3$  be the coefficients of  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $\infty$  respectively. We have  $0 \leq m_i \leq 2$  and  $m_1 + m_2 + m_3 = 14 - d$ . If the  $m_i \neq 0$  then, according to, Lemma 5,  $\Gamma_2$  contains  $L$ , which is absurd otherwise one of the  $R_i$  would be equal to  $P$  or  $\bar{P}$ . Hence, at least one of  $m_i$  is zero. Thus, we obtain :

1.2.a. for  $d = 11$ , the relation  $(**)$  becomes

$$\Gamma_2.F_7 = R_1 + \cdots + R_{11} + m_1a + m_2b + m_3\infty$$

with  $m_i \neq m_j \in \{0, 1, 2\}$  and  $m_1 + m_2 + m_3 = 3$ , thus, algebraic points on  $F_7$  of degree 11 over  $\mathbb{Q}$  are obtained as intersection of  $F_7$  with a conic defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$  passing through one of the points  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $\infty$  and tangent to one of the other two.

1.2.b. for  $d = 12$ , the relation  $(**)$  becomes

$$\Gamma_2.F_7 = R_1 + \cdots + R_{12} + m_1a + m_2b + m_3\infty$$

with  $m_i \in \{0, 1, 2\}$  and  $m_1 + m_2 + m_3 = 2$ , thus, algebraic points on  $F_7$  of degree 12 over  $\mathbb{Q}$  are obtained as intersection of  $F_7$  with a conic defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$

- passing through two of the points  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $\infty$ ,
- tangent to  $F_7$  at one of the points  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $\infty$ .

1.2.c. for  $d = 13$ , the relation  $(**)$  becomes

$$\Gamma_2.F_7 = R_1 + \cdots + R_{13} + m_1a + m_2b + m_3\infty$$

with  $m_i \in \{0, 1\}$  and  $m_1 + m_2 + m_3 = 1$ , thus, algebraic points on  $F_7$  of degree 13 over  $\mathbb{Q}$  are obtained as intersection of  $F_7$  with a conic defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$  passing through one of the points  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $\infty$ .

1.2.d. for  $d = 14$ , the relation  $(**)$  becomes

$$\Gamma_2.F_7 = R_1 + \cdots + R_{14},$$

thus, algebraic points on  $F_7$  of degree 14 over  $\mathbb{Q}$  are obtained as intersection of  $F_7$  with a conic defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

**Case 2 :**  $t = m[\infty - a] + n[\infty - b] + x_0$  with  $0 \leq m, n \leq 6$ .

Then we have

$$[R_1 + \cdots + R_d + ma + nb + P + \bar{P} - (d + m + n + 2)\infty] = 0.$$

Since  $d + m + n + 2 \leq 28$ , Lemmas 2 and 1 ensure the existence of a quartic polynomial  $f(x, y)$  such that:

$$\operatorname{div}(f(x, y)) = R_1 + \cdots + R_d + ma + nb + P + \bar{P} + (26 - d - m - n)\infty - 4(c_0 + \cdots + c_6).$$

Since the curve  $F_7$  is smooth, there exists a quartic  $\Gamma_4$  such that  $\operatorname{div}(f(x, y)) = \Gamma_4.F_7 - 4(c_0 + \cdots + c_6)$ . As a result,

$$\Gamma_4.F_7 = R_1 + \cdots + R_d + ma + nb + P + \bar{P} + (26 - d - m - n)\infty.$$

We must have  $0 \leq m, n \leq 4$  and so  $4 \leq 26 - d - m - n \leq 15$ .

- 2.1 If  $26 - d - m - n = 4$ , i.e.,  $d = 14$ ,  $m = n = 4$ , then  $\Gamma_4.F_7 = R_1 + \cdots + R_{14} + 4a + 4b + P + \bar{P} + 4\infty$ . We see that  $\Gamma_4$  contains  $L$ , which is absurd otherwise one of the  $R_i$ 's to equal  $P$  or  $\bar{P}$ .
- 2.2 If  $26 - d - m - n \geq 5$ , then  $\Gamma_4$  contains  $L_\infty$ . There exists a cubic  $\Gamma_3$  such that

$$\Gamma_3.F_7 = R_1 + \cdots + R_d + ma + nb + P + \bar{P} + (19 - d - m - n)\infty.$$

We must have  $0 \leq m, n \leq 3$  and  $19 - d - m - n \geq 0$ .

- 2.2.a. If  $m = n = 0$ , then  $\Gamma_3.F_7 = R_1 + \cdots + R_d + P + \bar{P} + (19 - d)\infty$ . We have  $19 - d \geq 5$ , hence  $\Gamma_3$  contains  $L_\infty$ . There exists a conic  $\Gamma_2$  such that

$$\Gamma_2.F_7 = R_1 + \cdots + R_d + P + \bar{P} + (12 - d)\infty,$$

which gives  $d = 12$ , hence

$$\Gamma_2.F_7 = R_1 + \cdots + R_{12} + P + \bar{P},$$

thus, algebraic points on  $F_7$  of degree 12 over  $\mathbb{Q}$  are obtained as intersection of  $F_7$  with a conic defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$  passing through  $P$  and  $\bar{P}$ .

- 2.2.b. If  $m \neq 0$  or  $n \neq 0$ , then at least two of the coefficients of  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $\infty$  are non-zero. Consequently  $\Gamma_3$  contains  $L$ , which is absurd otherwise one of the  $R_i$ 's to equal  $P$  or  $\bar{P}$ .

**Case 3 :**  $t = m[\infty - a] + n[\infty - b] + kx_0 + x_1$  with  $0 \leq m, n \leq 6$  and  $0 \leq k \leq 1$ .

Then we have  $[R_1 + \cdots + R_d - d\infty] = m[\infty - a] + n[\infty - b] + kx_0 + x_1$ . Composing by  $f_4^* \circ f_4$  and using (P4) and (P5), we have

$$f_4^* \circ f_4([R_1 + \cdots + R_d - d\infty]) = f_4^* \circ f_4(kx_0) + f_4^* \circ f_4(x_1).$$

Then, combining (P2) and the definition of  $x_1$ , we have

$$f_4^* \circ f_4([R_1 + \cdots + R_d - d\infty]) = f_4^* \circ f_4(kx_0) + f_4^* \circ f_4(7x_0).$$

Thus,

$$f_4^* \circ f_4([R_1 + \cdots + R_d - (7 + k)x_0 - d\infty]) = 0.$$

From (P6), we obtain

$$[R_1 + \cdots + R_d - (7+k)x_0 - d\infty] = m[\infty - a] + n[\infty - b].$$

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$$[R_1 + \cdots + R_d + ma + nb + (7+k)P + (7+k)\bar{P} - (14+d+m+n+2k)\infty] = 0.$$

Since  $14 + d + m + n + 2k \leq 42$ , Lemmas 2 and 1 ensure the existence of a sextic polynomial  $f(x, y)$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{div}(f(x, y)) &= R_1 + \cdots + R_d + ma + nb + (7+k)P + (7+k)\bar{P} \\ &\quad + (28 - d - m - n - 2k)\infty - 6(c_0 + \cdots + c_6). \end{aligned}$$

As the plane curve  $F_7$  is smooth, there exists a sextic  $\Gamma_6$  such that  $\operatorname{div}(f(x, y)) = \Gamma_6.F_7 - 6(c_0 + \cdots + c_6)$ . Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma_6.F_7 &= R_1 + \cdots + R_d + ma + nb + (7+k)P + (7+k)\bar{P} \\ &\quad + (28 - d - m - n - 2k)\infty. \end{aligned}$$

### 3.1. $m = 0$ or $n = 0$

3.1.a. If  $m = n = 0$ , then

$$\Gamma_6.F_7 = R_1 + \cdots + R_d + (7+k)P + (7+k)\bar{P} + (28 - d - 2k)\infty$$

with  $12 \leq 28 - d - 2k \leq 17$ . The curve  $\Gamma_6$  contains  $L_\infty$ , there exists a quintic  $\Gamma_5$  such that

$$\Gamma_5.F_7 = R_1 + \cdots + R_d + (7+k)P + (7+k)\bar{P} + (21 - d - 2k)\infty$$

with  $5 \leq 21 - d - 2k \leq 10$ .

3.1.a.i. If  $21 - d - 2k = 5$ , i.e.,  $d = 14$  and  $k = 1$ , then

$$\Gamma_5.F_7 = R_1 + \cdots + R_{14} + 8P + 8\bar{P} + 5\infty,$$

that is, algebraic points on  $F_7$  of degree 14 over  $\mathbb{Q}$  are obtained as intersection of  $F_7$  with a quintic defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$  having a contact point of order 5 at  $\infty$  and of order 8 at each of its points  $P$  and  $\bar{P}$ .

3.1.a.ii. If  $21 - d - 2k \geq 6$ , then  $\Gamma_5$  contains  $L_\infty$ , there exists a quartic  $\Gamma_4$  such that

$$\Gamma_4.F_7 = R_1 + \cdots + R_d + (7+k)P + (7+k)\bar{P} + (14 - d - 2k)\infty$$

with  $0 \leq 14 - d - 2k \leq 3$ . We see that the coefficient of  $\infty$  must be zero otherwise one of  $R_i$  should be equal to  $a$  or  $b$ . Thus  $14 - d - 2k = 0$ , i.e., we have  $(d = 14$  and  $k = 0)$  or  $(d = 12$  and  $k = 1)$ . As a result,

$$\Gamma_4.F_7 = R_1 + \cdots + R_{14} + 7P + 7\bar{P},$$

in other words, algebraic points on  $F_7$  of degree 14 over  $\mathbb{Q}$  are obtained as intersection of  $F_7$  with a quartic defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$

having  $P$  and  $\bar{P}$  as contact points of order 7 at each of its points;  
or

$$\Gamma_4.F_7 = R_1 + \cdots + R_{12} + 8P + 8\bar{P},$$

in other words, algebraic points on  $F_7$  of degree 12 over  $\mathbb{Q}$  are obtained as intersection of  $F_7$  with a quartic defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$  having  $P$  and  $\bar{P}$  as contact points of order 8 at each of its points.

3.1.b. If  $m = 0$  and  $n \geq 1$  (resp.  $m \geq 1$  and  $n = 0$ ), then

$$\Gamma_6.F_7 = R_1 + \cdots + R_d + nb + (7+k)P + (7+k)\bar{P} + (28-d-n-2k)\infty$$

with  $6 \leq 28-d-n-2k \leq 16$ .

3.1.b.i. If  $28-d-n-2k = 6$ , i.e.,  $d = 14$ ,  $n = 6$  and  $k = 1$ , then

$$\Gamma_6.F_7 = R_1 + \cdots + R_{14} + 6b + 8P + 8\bar{P} + 6\infty,$$

which proves that algebraic points on  $F_7$  of degree 14 over  $\mathbb{Q}$  are obtained as intersection of  $F_7$  with a sextic defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$  having a contact point of order 6 at  $b$  and  $\infty$  and of order 8 at each of its points  $P$  and  $\bar{P}$ .

3.1.b.ii. If  $28-d-n-2k \geq 7$ , then  $\Gamma_6$  contains  $L_\infty$ , there exists a quintic  $\Gamma_5$  such that

$$\Gamma_5.F_7 = R_1 + \cdots + R_d + nb + (7+k)P + (7+k)\bar{P} + (21-d-n-2k)\infty$$

with  $0 \leq 21-d-n-2k \leq 9$ . Since  $n \neq 0$ , the coefficient of  $\infty$  must be zero, i.e.,  $21-d-n-2k = 0$ , in this case, we have  $(d = 13, n = 6$  and  $k = 1)$  or  $(d = 14, n = 5$  and  $k = 1)$ . Thus,  $\Gamma_5.F_7 = R_1 + \cdots + R_{13} + 6b + 8P + 8\bar{P}$ , this case is absurd otherwise one of the  $R_i$ 's to equal  $b$  or

$$\Gamma_5.F_7 = R_1 + \cdots + R_{14} + 5b + 8P + 8\bar{P},$$

that is, algebraic points on  $F_7$  of degree 14 over  $\mathbb{Q}$  are obtained as intersection of  $F_7$  with a quintic defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$  having a contact point of order 5 at  $b$  and of order 8 at each of its points  $P$  and  $\bar{P}$ .

3.2.  $m = 1$  or  $n = 1$

3.2.a. If  $m = n = 1$ , then

$$\Gamma_6.F_7 = R_1 + \cdots + R_d + a + b + (7+k)P + (7+k)\bar{P} + (26-d-2k)\infty.$$

The curve  $\Gamma_6$  contains  $L$ , there exists a quintic  $\Gamma_5$  such that

$$\Gamma_5.F_7 = R_1 + \cdots + R_d + (5+k)P + (5+k)\bar{P} + (25-d-2k)\infty$$

with  $9 \leq 25-d-2k \leq 14$ . The curve  $\Gamma_5$  contains  $L_\infty$ , there exists a quartic  $\Gamma_4$  such that

$$\Gamma_4.F_7 = R_1 + \cdots + R_d + (5+k)P + (5+k)\bar{P} + (18-d-2k)\infty$$

with  $2 \leq 18-d-2k \leq 7$ . As the coefficient of  $\infty$  is non-zero, then  $\Gamma_4$  contains  $L$  which is absurd otherwise one of the  $R_i$  is  $a$  or  $b$ .

3.2.b If  $m = 1$  and  $n \geq 2$  (resp.  $m \geq 2$  and  $n = 1$ ), then

$$\Gamma_6.F_7 = R_1 + \cdots + R_d + a + nb + (7+k)P + (7+k)\bar{P} + (27-d-n-2k)\infty.$$

We see that  $\Gamma_6$  contains  $L$ , there exists a quintic  $\Gamma_5$  such that

$$\Gamma_5.F_7 = R_1 + \cdots + R_d + (n-1)b + (7+k)P + (7+k)\bar{P} + (26-d-n-2k)\infty.$$

$\Gamma_5$  contains  $L$  which is absurd otherwise one of the  $R_i$  is  $a$ .

3.3.  $2 \leq m, n \leq 6$

3.3.a. If  $28 - d - m - n - 2k = 0$ , i.e.,  $d = 14$ ,  $m = n = 6$  and  $k = 1$ , then

$$\Gamma_6.F_7 = R_1 + \cdots + R_{14} + 6a + 6b + 8P + 8\bar{P},$$

which proves that algebraic points on  $F_7$  of degree 14 over  $\mathbb{Q}$  are obtained as intersection of  $F_7$  with a sextic defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$  having a contact point of order 6 at  $a$  and  $b$  and of order 8 at each of its points  $P$  and  $\bar{P}$ .

3.3.b If  $28 - d - m - n - 2k \geq 1$ , then  $\Gamma_6$  contains  $L$ , there exists a quintic  $\Gamma_5$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma_5.F_7 = R_1 + \cdots + R_d + (m-1)a(n-1)b + (5+k)P \\ + (5+k)\bar{P} + (27-d-m-n-2k)\infty. \end{aligned}$$

We see that  $\Gamma_5$  contains  $L$ , there exists a quartic  $\Gamma_4$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma_4.F_7 = R_1 + \cdots + R_d + (m-2)a + (n-2)b + (3+k)P + \\ (3+k)\bar{P} + (26-d-m-n-2k)\infty. \end{aligned}$$

Since, the coefficients of  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $\infty$  are not simultaneously zero, then  $\Gamma_4$  contains  $L$ , there exists a cubic  $\Gamma_3$  such that  $\Gamma_3.F_7 = R_1 + \cdots + R_d + (m-3)a + (n-3)b + (1+k)P + (1+k)\bar{P} + (25-d-m-n-2k)\infty$ .

We must have  $3 \leq m, n \leq 6$  and  $25 - d - m - n - 2k \geq 0$ .

3.3.b.i. If  $m = n = 3$ , then

$$\Gamma_3.F_7 = R_1 + \cdots + R_d + (1+k)P + (1+k)\bar{P} + (19-d-2k)\infty$$

with  $3 \leq 19 - d - 2k \leq 8$ .

– If  $19 - d - 2k = 3$ , i.e.,  $d = 14$  and  $k = 1$ , then

$$\Gamma_3.F_7 = R_1 + \cdots + R_{14} + 2P + 2\bar{P} + 3\infty.$$

We see that  $\Gamma_3$  contains  $L$ , which is absurd.

– If  $19 - d - 2k \geq 4$ , then  $\Gamma_3$  contains  $L_\infty$ , there exists a conic  $\Gamma_2$  such that

$$\Gamma_2.F_7 = R_1 + \cdots + R_d + (1+k)P + (1+k)\bar{P} + (12-d-2k)\infty.$$

We must have  $12 - d - 2k = 0$ , i.e.,  $d = 12$  and  $k = 0$  so  $\Gamma_2.F_7 = R_1 + \cdots + R_{12} + P + \bar{P}$ . Thus, algebraic points on  $F_7$  of degree 12 over  $\mathbb{Q}$  are obtained as intersection of  $F_7$  with a conic defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$  passing through  $P$  and  $\bar{P}$ .

3.3.b.ii. If  $m \neq 3$  or  $n \neq 3$ , then  $\Gamma_3$  contains  $L$ , there exists a conic  $\Gamma_2$  such that

$$\Gamma_2.F_7 = R_1 + \cdots + R_d + (m-4)a + (n-4)b + (-1+k)P \\ + (-1+k)\bar{P} + (24-d-m-n-2k)\infty.$$

We must have

$$4 \leq m, n \leq 6, k = 1 \text{ and } 0 \leq 24 - d - m - n - 2k \leq 2.$$

The sum of the coefficients of  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $\infty$  is equal to  $14 - d$ . We have

- $\Gamma_2.F_7 = R_1 + \cdots + R_{11} + m_1a + m_2b + m_3\infty$  with  $m_i \neq m_j \in \{0, 1, 2\}$  and  $m_1 + m_2 + m_3 = 3$ , thus, algebraic points on  $F_7$  of degree 11 over  $\mathbb{Q}$  are obtained as intersection of  $F_7$  with a conic defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$  passing through one of the points  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $\infty$  and tangent to one of the other two.
- $\Gamma_2.F_7 = R_1 + \cdots + R_{12} + m_1a + m_2b + m_3\infty$  with  $m_i \in \{0, 1, 2\}$  and  $m_1 + m_2 + m_3 = 2$ , thus, algebraic points on  $F_7$  of degree 12 over  $\mathbb{Q}$  are obtained as intersection of  $F_7$  with a conic defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$ 
  - \* passing through two of the points  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $\infty$ ,
  - \* tangent to  $F_7$  at one of the points  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $\infty$ .
- $\Gamma_2.F_7 = R_1 + \cdots + R_{13} + m_1a + m_2b + m_3\infty$  with  $m_i \in \{0, 1\}$  and  $m_1 + m_2 + m_3 = 1$ , thus, algebraic points on  $F_7$  of degree 13 over  $\mathbb{Q}$  are obtained as intersection of  $F_7$  with a conic defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$  passing through one of the points  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $\infty$ .
- $\Gamma_2.F_7 = R_1 + \cdots + R_{14}$ , thus, algebraic points on  $F_7$  of degree 14 over  $\mathbb{Q}$  are obtained as intersection of  $F_7$  with a conic defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

**Case 4 :**  $t = m[\infty - a] + n[\infty - b] + kx_0 + x_2$  with  $0 \leq m, n \leq 6$  and  $0 \leq k \leq 1$ .

Composing by  $f_2^* \circ f_2$  and using the properties (P2), (P4), (P5) and (P6), we find exactly the same expression as in the Case 3 and therefore we obtain the same results.

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