

Again, by assuming finiteness of the Tate-Shafarevich group, the non-degenerate alternating pairing on  $\text{III}(E_{D'})[3]$  implies that this group is of even dimension as an  $\mathbb{F}_3$ -vector space and we obtain the congruence relation

$$(13) \quad r(E_{D'}) \equiv r(\mathcal{S}_3(E_{D'})) \equiv r(\mathcal{S}_\phi(E_{D'})) + r(\mathcal{S}_{\hat{\phi}}(\hat{E}_D)) \equiv 1 \pmod{2}.$$

The last two equivalences follow from (11) and Proposition 3.1  $\square$

#### 4. THE ESCALATORY CASE AND NO INTEGRAL POINTS

In the previous section we established that the elliptic curves  $E_{D'}$  have odd rank. In this section, we will define a subfamily of these curves and show that this subfamily cannot have integral points.

Let us first recall a classical result of Scholz regarding the rank of the 3-part of the ideal class group of quadratic number fields. The interested reader may refer to [18, Section 10.2] for more details on Scholz's Theorem.

**Theorem 4.1. *Reflection Theorem of Scholz***

Let  $d > 1$  be square-free. Let  $F = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})$  and  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-3d})$ . If  $3|d$  then let  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-d/3})$ . Then  $r_F \leq r_K \leq r_F + 1$ .  $\square$

**Definition 4.2.** With notation as in Theorem 4.1, we define as *escalatory* the case where  $r_K = r_F + 1$  and as *non-escalatory* the case where  $r_K = r_F$ .

The terms *escalatory* and *non-escalatory* are used for example in [9, Chapter 4]. Specifically, in Section 4.10 of [9], it is shown that in the case of negative fundamental discriminant  $d$ , the escalatory case is equivalent to the non-existence of cubic fields of discriminant  $3^4d$ . Translating this to our notation, we have

**Remark 4.3.** If  $r_3(D) = r_3(D') + 1$  then there are no cubic fields of discriminant  $3^4D$ .

We will not explain in this paper the proof of this result. We only need to mention that the proof requires the use of the so-called *3-virtual units*, which we also use here and we define right before Proposition 4.8. These 3-virtual units live in the quadratic resolvent  $K_{D'}$  and give rise to cubic extensions of  $K_D$ . The interested reader will find all the necessary theory in [9, Chapter 4] and [6, Section 5.2.2], and may find more on the relation between 3-virtual units, ideal class groups and elliptic curves in [1].

Before we go on to prove that the subfamily of elliptic curves  $E_{D'}$  with  $r_3(D) = r_3(D') + 1$  have no integral points, let us show the relation between the non-escalatory case  $r_3(D) = r_3(D')$  and the existence of a cubic field of discriminant  $3^4D$ , via elliptic curves, with the following example. Let us note that the discriminant  $D = -1355$  of the example does not belong to the set of discriminants that we consider in this paper, since  $-1355 \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ . This is not important though since it does not affect the purpose of the example.

**Example 4.4.** Consider the negative fundamental discriminant  $D = -1355$ . We have  $r_3(D) = r_3(D') = 1$  and so we are in the non-escalatory case. To show the existence of a cubic field of discriminant equal to  $3^4D$ , which is