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Let  $\mathcal{L}_n$  be the locus of genus 2 curves that have a degree  $n$  maximal covering to an elliptic curve. There are several general results on the spaces  $\mathcal{L}_n$  in the literature. In particular Frey and Kani have identified  $\mathcal{L}_n$  with a “modular diagonal quotient surface.” These general results rely on the Jacobian variety of a genus 2 curve and are therefore not constructive.

In this dissertation, explicit equations for  $\mathcal{L}_2$ ,  $n = 2, 3$  and for some interesting subvarieties of  $\mathcal{L}_5$  and  $\mathcal{L}_7$ , are found by using computer algebra systems. This yields more information than the abstract approach. The case  $n = 2$  has already been studied by Jacobi and Legendre, and recently by Gaudry, Schost, Geyer and others. Among other things, we find the following new result for  $n = 2$ : An explicit 1-dimensional family of genus 2 curves each having exactly 2 isomorphic elliptic subcovers of degree 2. This family is parameterized birationally by the  $j$ -invariants of these elliptic subcovers.

For  $n = 3$  we show that the number of elliptic subfields is generically 2. There are sporadic cases with 4 or 8 elliptic subfields. For a curve  $\mathcal{C} \in \mathcal{L}_3$  its automorphism group  $Aut(\mathcal{C})$  is one of the following,  $\mathbb{Z}_2, V_4, D_4, D_6$ . Moreover, there are exactly 6 curves in  $\mathcal{L}_3$  with automorphism group  $D_4$  or  $D_6$ .

## CHAPTER 1 INTRODUCTION

Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a genus 2 curve defined over an algebraically closed field  $k$  of  $\text{char}(k) \neq 2$ . Let  $K$  be its function field. We study genus 1 subfields of  $K$  (which we call elliptic subfields). More precisely, we are interested in the following invariant  $\epsilon_n(\mathcal{C}) := \epsilon_n(K)$ : The number of orbits of  $\text{Aut}(K)$  on the set of elliptic subfields of  $K$  of degree  $n$ . We denote by  $\mathcal{L}_n$  the locus of genus 2 fields with  $\epsilon_n(K) \geq 1$ . We use the classical invariants  $J_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3, 5$  to describe  $\mathcal{L}_n$  as a surface in the 3-dimensional moduli space  $\mathcal{M}_2$  of genus 2 curves.

In chapter two we determine the automorphism group  $\text{Aut}(\mathcal{C}) \cong \text{Aut}(K)$ . This unifies and extends many partial treatments in the literature. The group  $\text{Aut}(K)$  has exactly one involution whose fixed field has genus 0. The other involutions have fixed field of genus 1, we call them elliptic involutions. Thus,  $\epsilon_2(K)$  is the number of conjugacy classes of elliptic involutions. It is shown that  $\epsilon_2(K) = 1$  if and only if  $\mathcal{C}$  is isomorphic to  $Y^2 = X^5 - X$ , otherwise  $\epsilon_2(K) = 0$  or  $2$ .

In chapters 3-6 we assume that  $\text{char}(k) = 0$ . In chapter three, we parameterize  $\mathcal{L}_2$  and compute an equation in terms of the classical invariants. The latter was done by Gaudry and Schost by another method. We determine the  $j$ -invariants of elliptic subfields in terms of the classical invariants. In special cases these elliptic subfields are isogenous of degree 2 or 3. These cases are noted in the remarks. We find a 1-dimensional family of genus 2 curves having exactly two isomorphic elliptic subfields of degree 2; this family is parameterized by the  $j$ -invariant of these subfields. This leads to a remarkable embedding of the moduli space  $\mathcal{M}_1$  of genus one curves into  $\mathcal{M}_2$ .

In chapter four we collect some results on  $e_n(K)$  for arbitrary  $n$ . These results are mostly due to Frey and Kani. This leads us to the definition of the Frey-Kani coverings and their ramifications. Let  $\nu_1 : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow E_1$  be a covering of degree  $n$  from a curve  $\mathcal{C}$  of genus 2 to the elliptic curve  $E_1$ . Denote by  $\pi_{\mathcal{C}} : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$  (resp.  $\pi_1 : E_1 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$ ) the hyperelliptic projection of  $\mathcal{C}$  (resp.  $E_1$ ). There is a degree  $n$  covering  $\phi_1 : \mathbb{P}^1 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$  such that  $\phi_1 \circ \pi_{\mathcal{C}} = \pi_1 \circ \nu_1$ . (cf. chapter 4). This covering  $\phi_1 : \mathbb{P}^1 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$  is called the corresponding *Frey-Kani covering* of  $\nu_1 : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow E_1$ . We determine all possible ramifications of the Frey-Kani coverings of degree  $n$ . If the cover  $\nu_1 : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow E_1$  is maximal there is a unique elliptic subcover  $E_2$  of  $\mathcal{C}$  such that the corresponding cover  $\nu_2 : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow E_2$  is maximal and of degree  $n$ . The Jacobian of  $\mathcal{C}$  is isogenous to  $E_1 \times E_2$ .

In the remaining chapters we study cases  $n = 3, 5$  or  $7$ . We parameterize and determine the equation for the locus  $\mathcal{L}_3$ . We show that in  $\mathcal{L}_3$  we have generically  $e_3 = 2$ ; there are sporadic cases when  $e_3 = 4, 8$  and a 1-dimensional family with  $e_3 = 1$ . The automorphism group of a curve  $\mathcal{C}$  in  $\mathcal{L}_3$  is one of the following  $\mathbb{Z}_2, V_4, D_4, D_6$ . In  $\mathcal{L}_3$  there are exactly 6 curves  $\mathcal{C}$  with automorphism group  $D_4$  and 6 with automorphism group  $D_6$ . Their absolute invariants are computed explicitly and displayed in chapter 5. We determine the  $j$ -invariants of elliptic subfields. When one of the elliptic subfields is totally ramified we determine the relation between the  $j$ -invariants of the elliptic subfields. Cases when  $n = 5$  or  $7$  are discussed briefly in chapter 6. Since the computations are much harder and results very large for display we treat only cases when the Frey-Kani covering has a branch point of ramification index 4. The  $j$ -invariants of the elliptic subfield are computed in both cases.

Curves of genus 2 with elliptic subcovers go back to Legendre and Jacobi. Legendre, in his *Théorie des fonctions elliptiques*, gave the first example of a genus 2 curve with degree 2 elliptic subcovers. In a review of Legendre's work, Jacobi (1832) gives a complete description for  $n = 2$ . The case  $n = 3$  was studied during the 19th

century from Hermite, Goursat, Burkhardt, Brioschi, and Bolza. For a history and background of the 19th century work see Krazer [11] (pg. 479). Also Kuhn (1988) gives a brief description of the case  $n = 3$ . Cases when  $n > 3$  are more difficult to handle. Frey and Kani note the difficulty to get explicit examples, see Frey [5] and Frey, Kani [6].

### 1.1 Classical Invariants

Recall that every homogeneous polynomial of two variables  $f(X, Z)$  over an algebraically closed field  $k$  decomposes as

$$f(X, Z) = \prod (X\alpha_i - Z\beta_i)$$

The projective points  $(\beta_i, \alpha_i)$  in  $\mathbb{P}^1$  depend only on  $f$  and are called roots of  $f$ . Let

$$f(X, Z) = a_6X^6 + a_5X^5Z + a_4X^4Z^2 + a_3X^3Z^3 + a_2X^2Z^4 + a_1XZ^5 + a_0Z^6$$

be a nonzero sextic. Classical invariants of  $f(X, Z)$  are the following homogeneous polynomials in  $k[a_0, \dots, a_6]$  of degree  $2i$ , for  $i = 1, 2, 3, 5$ .

$$\begin{aligned} J_2 &:= -240a_0a_6 + 40a_1a_5 - 16a_2a_4 + 6a_3^2 \\ J_4 &:= 48a_0a_4^2 + 48a_1^2a_6 + 4a_2^2a_4^2 + 1620a_0^2a_6^2 + 36a_1a_3^2a_5 - 12a_1a_3a_4^2 - 12a_2^2a_3a_5 + 300a_1^2a_4a_6 \\ &\quad + 300a_0a_2^2a_2 + 324a_0a_6a_4^2 - 504a_0a_4a_2a_6 - 180a_0a_4a_3a_5 - 180a_1a_3a_2a_6 + 4a_1a_4a_2a_5 \\ &\quad - 540a_0a_5a_1a_6 - 80a_1^2a_2^2 \\ J_6 &:= -12^2a_1a_2 - 1600a_1^2a_3a_4a_5 + 1600a_1a_2^2a_3a_4a_5 - 2240a_1^2a_2^2a_3a_4a_5 + 20664a_0^2a_1a_2a_3a_4a_5 - 198a_0a_4a_4a_4a_5 \\ &\quad - 640a_0a_1a_2^2a_3^2 - 18600a_0a_1a_1a_1^2a_2^2 + 76a_1a_1a_1a_2a_4 - 198a_1a_1a_1a_2a_6 + 26a_1a_1a_1a_2^2a_3^2 + 330a_1^2a_1^2a_6a_4 \\ &\quad + 616a_1^2a_2a_1a_6 + 28a_1a_1^2a_2^2a_5 - 640a_1^2a_2^2a_2a_6 + 26a_1^2a_1^2a_3a_5 + 616a_1a_1^2a_0a_5 - 18600a_0^2a_2^2a_6a_2 \\ &\quad + 59940a_0^2a_2a_2^2a_1 + 330a_0a_2^2a_2^2a_2 + 8a_2^2a_3^2a_4^2 - 24a_2^2a_1^2a_5 + 60a_1^2a_3^2a_6 - 24a_1a_3^2a_4^2 + 72a_1a_4^2a_5 \\ &\quad + 90a_0a_1^2a_1^2 - 192a_1^2a_0a_6^2 - 320a_1^2a_4a_6 + 176a_1^2a_5^2a_3^2 + 2250a_1^2a_3a_6^2 - 900a_2^2a_1^2a_6^2 + 2250a_0^2a_1^2a_3 \\ &\quad - 900a_0^2a_2^2a_4^2 - 10044a_0^2a_2^2a_2^2 + 162a_0a_6a_6^3 - 24a_1^2a_4^2 - 36a_1^2a_5^2 - 36a_1^2a_4^2 + 76a_1^2a_1 - 119880a_0^2a_6^2 \\ &\quad - 320a_1^2a_5^2 + 484a_1 + 492a_0a_1^2a_2a_3a_5 + 3060a_0^2a_4a_6a_3a_5 - 468a_0a_4a_1^2a_2a_6 - 1860a_1a_4a_0a_2^2a_5 \\ &\quad + 3472a_0a_1a_2a_3a_1a_6 - 876a_0a_1^2a_1a_3a_5 - 492a_1a_1a_2^2a_4a_6 - 238a_1a_1^2a_2a_3a_5 + 3060a_1a_1a_3a_2^2a_5 \\ &\quad + 1818a_1a_1^2a_0a_6a_5 - 1860a_1^2a_2a_2a_5a_6 - 876a_1^2a_0a_6a_3a_5 - 3a_1 \end{aligned} \tag{1.1}$$

$$J_{10} := \text{Res}_X(f, \frac{df}{dX})$$

Thus,  $J_{10}$  is the resultant with respect to  $X$  of  $f$  and  $\frac{df}{dX}$  which is usually called the discriminant of  $f$ . It vanishes if and only if the binary sextic has a multiple root.  $J_{2i}$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3, 5$ , are invariant under the natural action of  $SL_2(k)$  on sextics. Dividing

such an invariant by another of the same degree gives a rational function, invariant under  $GL_2(k)$  action.

Each genus 2 curve  $\mathcal{C}$  is isomorphic to

$$Z^4Y^2 = f(X, Z)$$

where  $f(X, Z)$  is a binary sextic with  $J_{10} \neq 0$ . Its function field is of the form  $k(X, Y)$  where

$$Y^2 = f(X, 1).$$

If  $I$  is an  $GL_2(k)$  invariant as defined above, then  $I$  takes the same values on all sextics  $(X, Z)$  defining  $\mathcal{C}$ . So  $I(\mathcal{C})$  is well defined. We also denote it by  $I(K)$ . If  $J \in k[a_0, \dots, a_6]$  is a homogeneous  $SL_2(k)$  invariant then the condition  $J(K) = 0$  is well defined.

Particular  $GL_2(k)$  invariants are

$$i_1 := 144 \frac{J_4}{J_2^2}, i_2 := -1728 \frac{J_2 J_4 - 3J_6}{J_2^3}, i_3 := 486 \frac{J_{10}}{J_2^5}$$

It is a classical result of Clebsch and Bolza extended by Igusa to positive characteristic that two sextics  $f$  and  $f'$  are conjugate under  $GL_2(k)$  if and only if there is  $r \neq 0$  such that

$$J_{2i}(f) = r^{2i} J_{2i}(f'), \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, 3, 5$$

If  $J_2 \neq 0$ , then this holds if and only if

$$\iota_\mu(f) = \iota_\mu(f'), \quad \text{for } \mu = 1, 2, 3$$

CHAPTER 2  
THE AUTOMORPHISM GROUP OF A GENUS TWO FIELD

In this chapter, we determine the automorphism group of a genus 2 curve, see theorem 4.3. This was also treated by Geyer [18] (with proofs only sketched) and Brandt and Stichtenoth [2] (in characteristic 0 only), and Brandt in a more general set-up, (see Brandt [3], unpublished thesis).

2.1 Automorphism Groups of Genus 2 Fields

Let  $k$  be an algebraically closed field of characteristic not equal to 2. Let  $k(X)$  be the field of rational functions in  $X$ . We identify the places of  $k(X)$  with the points of  $\mathbb{P}^1 = k \cup \{\infty\}$  in the natural way (the place  $X = \alpha$  gets identified with the point  $\alpha \in \mathbb{P}^1$ ). Let  $K$  a quadratic extension field of  $k(X)$  ramified exactly at six places  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_6$  of  $k(X)$ . The corresponding places of  $K$  are called the Weierstrass points  $K$ . Let  $\mathcal{P} := \{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_6\}$ . Then  $K = k(X, Y)$ , where

$$Y^2 = \prod_{\substack{\alpha \in \mathcal{P} \\ \alpha \neq \infty}} (X - \alpha) \tag{2.1}$$

Let  $G = \text{Aut}(K/k)$ . It is well known that  $k(X)$  is the only genus 0 subfield of degree 2 of  $K$ ; thus  $G$  fixes  $k(X)$ . Thus,  $G_0 := \text{Gal}(K/k(X)) = \langle z_0 \rangle$ , with  $z_0^2 = 1$ , is central in  $G$ . We call *the reduced automorphism group* of  $K$  the group  $G := G/G_0$ . Then,  $G$  is naturally isomorphic to the subgroup of  $\text{Aut}(k(X)/k)$  induced by  $G$ . We have

$$\Gamma := \text{PGL}_2(k) \xrightarrow{\cong} \text{Aut}(k(X)/k) \tag{2.2}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \bullet \longrightarrow \left( X \mapsto \frac{aX + b}{cX + d} \right)$$



The action of  $\Gamma$  on the places of  $k(X)$  corresponds under the above identification to the usual action on  $\mathbb{P}^1$  by fractional linear transformations:  $t \mapsto \frac{at+b}{ct+d}$ . If  $l$  is prime to  $\text{char}(k)$  then each element of order  $l$  of  $\Gamma$  is conjugate to  $\begin{pmatrix} \xi & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ , where  $\xi$  is a primitive  $l$ -th root of unity. Each such element has 2 fixed points on  $\mathbb{P}^1$  and other orbits are of length  $l$ . If  $l = \text{char}(k)$  then,  $\Gamma$  has exactly one class of elements of order  $l$ , represented by  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ . Each such element has exactly one fixed point on  $\mathbb{P}^1$ .

Further,  $G$  permutes  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_6$ . This yields an embedding  $G \hookrightarrow S_6$ .

**Lemma 2.1.** *Let  $\gamma \in G$  and  $\bar{g}$  its image in  $G$ .*

*a) Suppose  $\bar{g}$  is an involution. Then  $\gamma$  has order 2 if and only if it fixes no Weierstrass points.*

*b) If  $\bar{g}$  has order 4, then  $\gamma$  has order 8.*

*Proof.* a) Suppose  $\bar{g}$  is an involution. By the above we may assume  $g(X) = -X$ . We may further assume that  $1 \in \mathcal{P}$  by replacing  $X$  by  $cX$  for a suitable  $c \in k^*$ .

Now assume  $\bar{g}$  fixes no points in  $\mathcal{P}$ . Thus,  $\mathcal{P} = \{1, -1, b, -b, a, -a\}$ , where  $a, b \in \mathbb{P}^1 \setminus \{0, \infty, \pm 1\}$ . Hence

$$Y^2 = (X^2 - 1)(X^2 - a^2)(X^2 - b^2)$$

So we have,  $\gamma(Y)^2 = Y^2$ . Hence  $\gamma(Y) = \pm Y$ , and  $\gamma$  has order 2.

Suppose  $\bar{g}$  fixes 2 points of  $\mathcal{P}$ . Then,  $\mathcal{P} = \{0, \infty, 1, -1, a, -a\}$ , where  $a \in \mathbb{P}^1 \setminus \{0, \infty, \pm 1\}$ . Hence

$$Y^2 = X(X^2 - 1)(X^2 - a^2)$$

So  $\gamma(Y)^2 = -Y^2$  and  $\gamma(Y) = \sqrt{-1}Y$ . Hence,  $\gamma$  has order 4.

b) Each element of  $PGL_2(k)$  of order 4 acts on  $\mathbb{P}^1$  with two fixed points and all other orbits of length 4. So if  $\bar{g}$  has order 4, then it fixes 2 points in  $\mathcal{P}$ . Thus  $\bar{g}^2$  has order 2, from lemma 2.1 a). Then,  $\gamma$  has order 8.

□

Because  $K$  is the unique degree 2 extension of  $k(X)$  ramified exactly at  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_6$ , each automorphism of  $k(X)$  permuting these 6 places extends to an automorphism of  $K$ . Thus,  $\tilde{G}$  is the stabilizer in  $\text{Aut}(k(x)/k)$  of the set  $\mathcal{P}$ . Hence under the isomorphism (2.2),  $\tilde{G}$  corresponds to the stabilizer  $\Gamma_{\mathcal{P}}$  in  $\Gamma$  of the 6-set  $\mathcal{P}$ . In the following list for each  $\Gamma_{\mathcal{P}}$  we display some information on the corresponding genus 2 field, in particular its automorphism group  $G$ .

First, we fix some notation. By  $D_N$  we will denote the dihedral group of order  $2N$ .  $V_4$  is the Klein 4-group and  $Q_8$  is the quaternion group of order 8. Let  $\pi : G \rightarrow \tilde{G}$  be the canonical map.

*Remark 2.2.* If a finite subgroup  $H$  of  $\Gamma$  with  $(|H|, \text{char}(k)) = 1$ , fixes a point of  $\mathbb{P}^1$  then  $H$  is cyclic.

*Proof.* If  $H$  fixes a point then  $H$  is conjugate to  $A := \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & a \\ 0 & b \end{pmatrix} : b \in k^*, a \in k \right\}$ . Thus we may assume that  $H \leq A$ . Let  $B := \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & a \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} : a \in k \right\}$ . Then  $H \cap B = 1$ . Therefore  $H$  embeds into  $A/B \cong k^*$ . Hence  $H$  is cyclic. □

*Remark 2.3.* The degree 2 central extensions of  $S_4$ .

Since  $H^2(S_4, \mathbb{C}_2) = 4$  (see Stichtenoth [2]) there are exactly 4 non-equivalent central extensions of degree 2 of  $S_4$ . We construct them as follows. Let  $W$  be the group of  $4 \times 4$  matrices over  $\mathbb{F}_3$  generated by

$$S' = \begin{pmatrix} S & 0 \\ 0 & I \end{pmatrix}, \quad T' = \begin{pmatrix} T & 0 \\ 0 & U \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $S, T, U \in GL_2(3)$  and  $GL_2(3) = \langle S, T \rangle$  such that  $S^3 = 1, T^2 = 1, U^4 = 1$ . Then,  $W$  is a central extension of  $S_4$  with kernel a Klein 4-group  $V_4 = \{1, v_1, v_2, v_3\}$ , where

$$v_1 = \begin{pmatrix} I & 0 \\ 0 & -I \end{pmatrix}, \quad v_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -I & 0 \\ 0 & I \end{pmatrix}, \quad v_3 = v_1 v_2.$$

Let  $W_i := W_i(r, \lambda)$ , for  $i = 1, 2, 3$ . Then  $W_1, W_2, W_3$ , and the split extension comprise all the degree 2 central extensions of  $S_4 \cong PGL_2(3)$ .  $W_2$  has no elements of order 8 and  $W_3$  has only one involution which is the central involution.

1.  $\Gamma_{\mathcal{P}}$  acts transitively on  $\mathcal{P}$

1.a)  $\Gamma_{\mathcal{P}} \cong S_3$  in its regular representation on 6 points. Let  $\bar{r}$  be an element of order 3 in  $G$ . Let  $r \in G$  be the inverse image of order 6 of  $\bar{r}$ . Each involution  $\bar{j}$  of  $\bar{G}$  fixes no points of  $\mathcal{P}$  hence lifts to an involution  $j$  of  $G$ . Thus,  $G \cong \langle r \rangle \rtimes \langle j \rangle \cong D_6$ .

We may assume that the fixed points of  $\bar{r}$  are 0 and  $\infty$ . Then  $\bar{r}(X) = cX$  for  $c \in k^*$ . We may further assume that  $1 \in \mathcal{P}$  by replacing  $X$  by  $cX$  for a suitable  $c \in k^*$ . Then,  $\mathcal{P} = \{1, \xi_3, \xi_3^2, \lambda, \lambda\xi_3, \lambda\xi_3^2\}$  where  $\xi_3$  is a primitive third root of unity and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{P}^1 \setminus \{0, 1, \infty, \xi_3, \xi_3^2\}$ . Thus

$$Y^2 = (X^3 - 1)(X^3 - \lambda^3)$$

For  $\lambda = \pm 1$  this equation becomes  $Y^2 = X^6 \pm 1$  and  $\Gamma_{\mathcal{P}} \cong D_6$ , see below 1.c).

1.b)  $\Gamma_{\mathcal{P}} \cong S_4$ .

If  $\text{char}(k) \neq 2, 3$  then the stabilizer in  $S_4$  of each point of  $\mathbb{P}^1$  is cyclic (see remark 2.2), hence has order 4, 3, or 2. Then the orbit length is 6, 8, or 12. Thus,  $S_4$  has exactly one orbit of length 6 because if an element of  $\Gamma$  of order 4 acts on 6 points, then it fixes 2. Hence  $S_3 \leq S_4$  acts transitively on this orbit because point stabilizer  $\mathcal{Z}_4$  has  $\mathcal{Z}_4 \cap S_3 = \{1\}$ .

Let  $g \in S_4$  be an element of order 4. Then,  $g$  has order 8. So  $G$  is not isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times S_4$  or  $W_2$  (see remark 2.3). Since  $S_3 \leq S_4$  is transitive, it follows from 1.a) that  $G$  has an involution not equal to  $z_0$ . Thus, it is not isomorphic to  $W_3$ . Then  $G \cong W_1$ .

An element  $\bar{g} \in \Gamma_{\mathcal{P}}$  of order 4 fixes two points in  $\mathcal{P}$ . So we may assume the two fixed points are 0 and  $\infty$ . We may further assume that  $1 \in \mathcal{P}$  by replacing  $X$  by

$cX$  for a suitable  $c \in k^*$ . Then,  $\mathcal{P} = \{0, \infty, 1, -1, i, -i\}$  and

$$Y^2 = X^5 - X$$

if  $\text{char}(k) = 3$  then the stabilizer in  $S_4$  of each point of  $\mathbb{P}^1$  is either cyclic, or is the normalizer of a 3-cycle. The rest is as above.

1.c)  $\Gamma_{\mathcal{P}} \cong D_6$ . Then,  $\bar{G} = \langle \bar{r} \rangle \rtimes \langle \bar{j} \rangle$ , where  $\bar{r}$  is of order 6 and  $\bar{j}$  of order 2. We know that  $r$  has one or two fixed points and all other orbits on  $\mathbb{P}^1$  have length 6. Hence,  $r$  acts as a 6-cycle on  $\mathcal{P}$  and  $z = r^3$  is an involution which fixes no points in  $\mathcal{P}$ . Further,  $j$  fixes 2 or no points in  $\mathcal{P}$ . More precisely,  $\bar{j}$  fixes 2 points if and only if  $z\bar{j}$  fixes no points on  $\mathcal{P}$ . Take  $\bar{j}$  to fix 2 points on  $\mathcal{P}$ .

From lemma 2.1,  $\pi^{-1}(\langle \bar{z} \rangle) = \{1, z_0, z_1, z_2\} =: V$ , a normal 4-Klein subgroup in  $G$ . We denote the lift of order 3 of  $\bar{r}^2$  by  $r$ . Since  $z_0^r = z_0$ , then  $z_1^r = z_1$ . Then,  $\pi^{-1}(\langle \bar{r} \rangle) \cong V \rtimes \langle r \rangle$ .

Since  $j$  fixes 2 points in  $\mathcal{P}$ , both lifts of  $\bar{j}$  in  $G$  have order 4; let  $j$  be one of them. Then  $\langle z_1, r \rangle \cap \langle j \rangle = \{1\}$ , because  $\mathbb{Z}_6 \cong \langle z_1, r \rangle$  has only one element of order 2 and no element of order 4.

If  $z_1^j = z_1$ , then  $(jz_1)^2 = z_0$ . But  $jz_1$  maps to  $\bar{j}\bar{z}$  in  $G$  which fixes no points in  $\mathcal{P}$ , contradictory to lemma 2.1 a). Thus,  $z_1^j = z_2$ . Then,  $\langle V, j \rangle \cong D_4$ . Finally,  $\langle r \rangle \triangleleft G$  and  $G \cong \mathbb{Z}_3 \rtimes D_4$ , where  $D_4/V$  acts on  $\mathbb{Z}_3$  by inversion.

Since  $r$  acts as a 6-cycle on  $\mathcal{P}$  then  $\bar{r}(X) = \xi_6 X$  where  $\xi_6$  is a primitive 6-th root of unity. We may further assume that  $1 \in \mathcal{P}$  by replacing  $X$  by  $cX$  for a suitable  $c \in k^*$ . Then  $\mathcal{P} = \{1, \xi_6, \dots, \xi_6^5\}$  and

$$Y^2 = X^6 - 1$$

1.d)  $\Gamma_{\mathcal{P}} \cong S_5$ . In this case  $\text{char}(k) = 5$  and  $S_5 \cong PGL_2(5)$  is given in its natural embedding in  $PGL_2(k)$ . So  $\mathcal{P} \sim \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{F}_5)$ .

Since every element of order 4 in  $\Gamma_{\mathcal{P}}$  lifts to elements of order 8 (see lemma 2.1) then  $G$  is not the split extension. In the transitive permutation representation of

$S_5$  on 6 points the transpositions fix none of the 6 points. So they lift to involutions in  $G$ , lemma 2.1. Thus,  $G \cong 2^+ S_5$  (the unique non-split extension where transpositions lift to involutions). Thus we may assume that  $\mathcal{P} = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, \infty\}$ . Then,

$$Y^2 = X^5 - X$$

2.  $\Gamma_{\mathcal{P}}$  acts intransitively on  $\mathcal{P}$

2. a)  $\Gamma_{\mathcal{P}} \cong \mathbb{Z}_2$ . Let  $g$  be the involution in  $\bar{G}$ . If  $\bar{g}$  fixes no points in  $\mathcal{P}$ , then  $\tau$  has order 2 (see lemma 2.1) Thus,  $G \cong V_4$ . We may assume that  $1 \in \mathcal{P}$  by replacing  $X$  by  $cX$  for a suitable  $c \in k^*$ . Then,  $\mathcal{P} = \{1, a, b, -1, -a, -b\}$  and

$$Y^2 = (X^2 - 1)(X^2 - a^2)(X^2 - b^2)$$

Suppose that  $g$  fixes 2 points in  $\mathcal{P}$ . As in the proof of lemma 2.1, we may assume that  $\mathcal{P} = \{0, \infty, 1, -1, a, -a\}$  and  $\tau(X) = -X$ . Then exists  $r \in \Gamma_{\mathcal{P}}$ ,  $r(x) = -\frac{1}{x}$ , such that  $r = g$  which is contradictory to  $G \cong \mathbb{Z}_2$ . Thus,  $G \cong V_4$ .

2. b)  $\Gamma_{\mathcal{P}} \cong \mathbb{Z}_5$ . Then  $G \cong \mathbb{Z}_{10}$ . In this case  $\text{char}(k) = 5$ . The element  $g \in \Gamma_{\mathcal{P}}$  of order 5 fixes one point in  $\mathcal{P}$  and  $g(X) = \xi_5 X$ . We may assume that the fixed point in  $\mathcal{P}$  is 0 and further  $1 \in \mathcal{P}$  by replacing  $X$  by  $cX$  for a suitable  $c \in k^*$ . Then,  $\mathcal{P} = \{0, 1, \xi_5, \xi_5^2, \xi_5^3, \xi_5^4\}$  and

$$Y^2 = X^6 - X$$

2. c)  $\Gamma_{\mathcal{P}} \cong V_4$ . If  $\bar{g} \in G$  fixes no points of  $\mathcal{P}$ , then  $\tau$  is an involution and  $G \cong D_4$ . If  $\bar{g}$  fixes 2 points in  $\mathcal{P}$ , then as in 2. a),  $\mathcal{P} = \{0, \infty, 1, -1, a, -a\}$  and  $\tau(X) = -X$ . Then, there is  $\bar{r} \in G$ ,  $\bar{r}(x) = -\frac{1}{x}$ , such that  $\bar{r}$  is an involution in  $\bar{G}$  which fixes no points in  $\mathcal{P}$ . Then again  $G \cong D_4$ .

Let  $\tau \in \Gamma_{\mathcal{P}}$  be an involution which fixes no points in  $\mathcal{P}$ . Take the fixed points of this involution to be 0 and  $\infty$ . Then  $\tau(X) = cX$  for  $c \in k^*$ . As above, we may assume  $1 \in \mathcal{P}$ . Then  $\mathcal{P} = \{1, -1, a, b, -a, -b\}$ . There is exactly one element  $\bar{r} \in \Gamma_{\mathcal{P}} \cong V_4$  which fixes two points in  $\mathcal{P}$ , namely  $\bar{r}(X) = \frac{1}{X}$ . Then,  $b = \frac{1}{a}$  and

$$Y^2 = (X^2 - 1)(X^4 - \lambda X^2 + 1), \quad \text{where } \lambda = a^2 + \frac{1}{a^2}$$

*Remark 2.4.* The two orbits of  $S_3$  length 3 give a 6-set  $\mathcal{P} \subset \mathbb{P}^1$  fixed by  $S_3$ . The full stabilizer of this  $\mathcal{P}$  is  $D_6$ . So  $S_3$  does not occur in the intransitive case.

Combining all cases together we have the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.5.** *Let  $G$  be the automorphism group of a genus 2 function field over  $k$ , where  $k = \bar{k}$ , and  $\text{char}(k) \neq 2$ . Then,  $G$  is isomorphic to one of the following:  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ ,  $\Sigma_{10}$ ,  $V_4$ ,  $D_4$ ,  $D_6$ ,  $\mathbb{Z}_3 \rtimes D_4$ ,  $W_4$ , or the group  $2^+S_5$  of order 240. The center of  $G$  is of order 2, generated by the hyperelliptic involution, unless  $G$  is isomorphic to  $V_4$  or  $\Sigma_{10}$ .*

CHAPTER 3  
GENUS 2 FIELDS WITH DEGREE 2 ELLIPTIC SUBFIELDS

3.1 Introduction

In this chapter we study genus 2 function fields with elliptic subfields of degree 2. The locus  $\mathcal{L}_2$  of these fields is a 2-dimensional subvariety of the moduli space  $\mathcal{M}_2$  of genus 2 fields. We use a birational parameterization of  $\mathcal{L}_2$  by affine 2-space to study the relation between the  $j$ -invariants of the degree 2 elliptic subfields. This extends work of Geyer, Gaudry, Schost, Stichtenoth and others. We find a 1-dimensional family of genus 2 curves having exactly two isomorphic elliptic subfields of degree 2; this family is parameterized by the  $j$ -invariant of these subfields. This leads to a remarkable embedding of the moduli space  $\mathcal{M}_1$  of genus one curves into  $\mathcal{M}_2$ .

Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a genus 2 curve defined over  $k$ ,  $k = \bar{k}$ ,  $\text{char}(k) = 0$  and  $K$  its function field. Jacobi [14] gives a general form of genus 2 curves with degree 2 elliptic subcovers:

$$Y^2 = X^6 - s_1 X^4 + s_2 X^2 - 1$$

and a description of  $\mathcal{L}_2$  in terms of the cross ratios of the roots  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_6$  of the sextic:

$$\frac{\alpha_3 - \alpha_1}{\alpha_3 - \alpha_2} : \frac{\alpha_4 - \alpha_1}{\alpha_4 - \alpha_2} = \frac{\alpha_5 - \alpha_1}{\alpha_5 - \alpha_2} : \frac{\alpha_6 - \alpha_1}{\alpha_6 - \alpha_2}$$

Thus,  $\mathcal{L}_2$  is parameterized by the pair  $(s_1, s_2) \in k^2$ . We note that this parameterization of  $\mathcal{L}_2$  factors through a ramified Galois covering

$$k^2 \longrightarrow k^2$$

$$(s_1, s_2) \rightarrow (u, v)$$

where  $u = s_1 s_2$  and  $v = s_1^3 + s_2^3$ . This induces a birational parameterization of  $\mathcal{L}_2$  by the pairs  $(u, v)$ . All our computations use these coordinates  $(u, v)$ . We use this to compute an equation for  $\mathcal{L}_2$  in terms of the classical invariants. In section 4 and 5 we give a general relation between the  $j$ -invariants of degree 2 elliptic subfields of  $K$ . This improves [17], where each isomorphism type of  $G$  is treated separately. We determine conditions when degree 2 elliptic subfields of  $K$  are 2 or 3-isogenous.

### 3.2 Genus 2 Curves with Elliptic Involutions

The notation is as in previous chapter.

**Definition 3.1.** An **elliptic involution** of  $K$  is an involution in  $G$  which is different from  $z_0$  (the hyperelliptic involution). Thus the elliptic involutions of  $G$  are in 1-1 correspondence with the elliptic subfields of  $K$  of degree 2 (by the Riemann-Hurwitz formula).

If  $z_1$  is an elliptic involution and  $z_0$  the hyperelliptic one, then  $z_2 := z_0 z_1$  is another elliptic involution. So the elliptic involutions come naturally in pairs. This pairs also the elliptic subfields of  $K$  of degree 2. Two such subfields  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  are paired if and only if  $E_1 \cap k(X) = E_2 \cap k(X)$ .  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  are  $G$ -conjugate unless  $G \cong D_6$  or  $G \cong V_4$  (This can be checked from Theorem 2.5).

**Theorem 3.2.** *Let  $K$  be a genus 2 field and  $\epsilon_2(K)$  the number of  $\text{Aut}(K)$ -classes of elliptic subfields of  $K$  of degree 2. Suppose  $\epsilon_2(K) \geq 1$ . Then the classical invariants of  $K$  satisfy the equation.*

$$\begin{aligned}
 & -J_2^2 J_4^3 + 8748 J_{10} J_2^3 J_4^2 - 507384000 J_{10}^2 J_4^2 J_2 - 19245600 J_{10}^2 J_4 J_2^2 - 592272 J_{10} J_4^3 J_2^2 + 77436 J_{10} J_4^2 J_2^3 - 78 J_2^2 J_4^5 \\
 & - 81 J_2^3 J_4^4 - 9200 J_2^4 J_4^3 + 4743360 J_{10} J_4^3 J_2 J_6 - 870912 J_{10} J_4^2 J_2^2 J_6 + 3090960 J_{10} J_4 J_2^3 J_6 - 5832 J_{10} J_2^4 J_4 J_6 \\
 & + 1332 J_2^5 J_4^2 J_6 - 125971200000 J_{10}^2 + 384 J_4^5 J_6 + 41472 J_{10} J_4^4 + 159 J_4^6 J_2^2 - 236196 J_{10}^2 J_2^2 - 80 J_4^7 J_2 - 54 J_2^2 J_4^2 J_6^2 \\
 & - 47952 J_2 J_4 J_6^3 + 104976000 J_{10}^2 J_2^2 J_6 - 1728 J_4^2 J_2^2 J_6 + 6048 J_4^3 J_2 J_6^2 - 9331200 J_{10} J_4^2 J_6^2 + 108 J_2^3 J_4 J_6^3 \\
 & + 12 J_2^4 J_4 J_6 + 29376 J_2^2 J_4^2 J_6^2 - 8910 J_2^2 J_4^2 J_6^2 - 2099520000 J_{10}^2 J_4 J_6 + 31104 J_6^5 - 6912 J_4^2 J_6^4 + 972 J_{10} J_2^2 J_4^2 = 0
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.1}$$

Further,  $\epsilon_2(K) = 2$  unless  $K = k(X, Y)$  with

$$Y^2 = X^5 - X$$



in which case  $e_2(K) = 1$ .

Since  $e_2(K)$  is the number of conjugacy classes of elliptic involutions in  $G$  the claim about  $e_2(K)$  follows from theorem 2.5.

**Lemma 3.3.** *Suppose  $z_1$  is an elliptic involution of  $K$ . Let  $z_2 = z_1 z_0$ , where  $z_0$  is the hyperelliptic involution. Let  $E_i$  be the fixed field of  $z_i$  for  $i = 1, 2$ . Then  $K = k(X, Y)$  where*

$$Y^2 = X^6 - s_1 X^4 + s_2 X^2 - 1 \quad (3.2)$$

and  $27 - 18s_1 s_2 - s_1^2 s_2^2 + 4s_1^3 + 4s_2^3 \neq 0$ . Further  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  are the subfields  $k(X^2, Y)$  and  $k(X^2, YX)$ .

*Proof.* Recall that  $z_0(X) = X, z_0(Y) = -Y$ . We choose the coordinate  $X$  such that  $z_1(X) = -X$ . By lemma 2.1 the involution  $z_1$  fixes no points of  $\mathcal{P}$ , hence  $\mathcal{P} = \{\pm\alpha, \pm\beta, \pm\gamma\}$ , where  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in k \setminus \{0\}$ . Let

$$a := \alpha^2, \quad b := \beta^2, \quad c := \gamma^2$$

Then from 2.1 we have  $K = k(X, Y)$  with

$$Y^2 = (X^2 - a)(X^2 - b)(X^2 - c)$$

We may further replace  $X$  by  $\lambda X$ , for a suitable  $\lambda$ , to get  $abc = 1$ . Then

$$Y^2 = X^6 - s_1 X^4 + s_2 X^2 - 1$$

where  $s_1 = a + b + c$  and  $s_2 = ab + ac + bc$ . Since the roots  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_6$  are distinct then  $27 - 18s_1 s_2 - s_1^2 s_2^2 + 4s_1^3 + 4s_2^3 \neq 0$ . The elements  $X^2$  and  $XY$  are fixed by  $z_2$ . This implies the claim. □

We need to determine to what extent the normalization in the above proof determines the coordinate  $X$ . The condition  $z_1(X) = -X$  determines the coordinate

$X$  up to a coordinate change by some  $\gamma \in \Gamma$  centralizing  $z_1$ . Such  $\gamma$  satisfies  $\gamma(X) = mX$  or  $\gamma(X) = \frac{m}{X}$ ,  $m \in k \setminus \{0\}$ . The additional condition  $abc = 1$  forces  $1 = \pm \gamma(a_1) \cdots \gamma(a_n)$ , hence  $m^n = 1$ . So  $X$  is determined up to a coordinate change by the subgroup  $H \cong D_6$  of  $\Gamma$  generated by  $\tau_1 : X \rightarrow \xi_6 X$ ,  $\tau_2 : X \rightarrow \frac{1}{X}$ , where  $\xi_6$  is a primitive 6-th root of unity. Let  $\xi_3 := \xi_6^2$ . The coordinate change by  $\tau_1$  replaces  $s_1$  by  $\xi_3 s_1$  and  $s_2$  by  $\xi_3^2 s_2$ . The coordinate change by  $\tau_2$  switches  $s_1$  and  $s_2$ . Invariants of this  $H$ -action are:

$$\begin{aligned} u &:= s_1 s_2 \\ v &:= s_1^3 + s_2^3 \end{aligned}$$

Classical invariants of the field  $K$  given by lemma 3.3 are:

$$\begin{aligned} J_2 &= 240 + 16u \\ J_4 &= 48v + 4u^2 + 1620 + 504u \\ J_6 &= -20664u + 96v + 424u^2 + 24u^3 + 160uv + 119880 \\ J_{10} &= 64(27 - 18u - u^2 + 4v)^2 \end{aligned} \tag{3.3}$$

For  $J_2 = 0$  the absolute invariants are

$$\begin{aligned} i_1 &:= \frac{3^2(u^2 - 126u + 12v + 405)}{2^2(15 + u)^2} \\ i_2 &:= \frac{3^4(u^3 - 729u^2 + 4131u - 36uv - 1404v - 3645)}{2^3(15 + u)^3} \\ i_3 &:= \frac{3^5(u^2 + 18u - 4v - 27)^2}{2^{13}(15 + u)^5} \end{aligned} \tag{3.4}$$

We can eliminate  $u$  and  $v$  and get the following equation of  $\mathcal{L}_2$ .

$$\begin{aligned} &-27i_1^6 + 9i_1^7 + 161243136i_3i_1^3 - 12441600i_3i_2^3 + 2i_2^5 + 107495424i_3i_1^2i_2 + 54i_1^3i_2^2 \\ &- 52254720i_3i_1i_2^2 - 47278080i_3i_1^2i_2 - 8294400i_3i_1^2i_2^2 - 9459597312000i_3^2i_1^2 - 18i_1^4i_2^2 \\ &- 240734712102912i_2^3 - 111451255603200i_1^2i_1 - 20639121408000i_3^2i_2 - 55240704i_3i_1^4 \\ &+ 2i_1^5i_2 - 4i_1^4i_2^2 + 331776i_3i_1^5 - 27i_2^4 - 2866544640000i_3^2i_1i_2 + 161243136i_3i_2^2 + 9i_1^4i_2^3 \\ &\qquad\qquad\qquad - 264180754022400000i_3^3 = 0 \end{aligned} \tag{3.5}$$

This equation was found by Gaudry and Schost in [17], where they don't cancel the common divisor 3486784401. To get rid of the condition  $J_2 \neq 0$  we multiply by  $J_2^5$  to get the "projective" equation (3.1) of  $\mathcal{L}_2$ . This holds indeed for all  $K \in \mathcal{L}_2$ , as can be checked by substituting from (3.3). This completes the proof of theorem 3.2.

The following proposition determines the group  $G$  in terms of  $u$  and  $v$ .

**Proposition 3.4.** *Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a genus 2 curve such that  $G := \text{Aut}(\mathcal{C})$  has an elliptic involution and  $J_2 \neq 0$ . Then,*

a)  $G \cong \mathbb{Z}_3 \rtimes D_4$  if and only if  $(u, v) = (0, 0)$  or  $(u, v) = (225, 6750)$ .

b)  $G \cong W_4$  if and only if  $u = 25$  and  $v = -250$ .

c)  $G \cong D_4$  if and only if  $4v - u^2 + 110u - 1125 = 0$ , for  $u \neq 9, 70 + 30\sqrt{5}, 25$ . Moreover, the classical invariants satisfy the equations,

$$\begin{aligned} -J_4 J_2^4 + 12J_2^3 J_6 - 52J_4^2 J_2^2 + 80J_4^3 + 960J_2 J_4 J_6 - 3600J_6^2 &= 0 \\ 864J_{10} J_2^5 + 3456000J_{10} J_4^2 J_2 - 43200J_{10} J_4 J_2^3 - 2332800000J_{10}^2 - J_4^2 J_2^6 & \\ -768J_4^4 J_2^2 + 48J_4^3 J_2^4 + 4096J_4^5 &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad (3.6)$$

d)  $G \cong D_4$  if and only if  $v^2 - 4u^3 = 0$ , for  $u \neq 1, 9, 0, 25, 225$ . Cases  $u = 0, 225$  and  $u = 25$  are reduced to cases a), and b) respectively. Moreover, the classical invariants satisfy (3.1) and the following equation,

$$1706J_4^2 J_2^2 + 2560J_4^4 + 27J_4 J_2^4 - 81J_2^3 J_6 - 14880J_2 J_4 J_6 + 28800J_6^2 = 0 \quad (3.7)$$

*Proof.* a) If  $G \cong \mathbb{Z}_3 \rtimes D_4$  then  $\mathcal{C}$  is isomorphic to  $Y^2 = X^6 - 1$  (see theorem 4.3). Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} i_1 &= \frac{3^2(u^2 - 126u + 12v + 405)}{2^2(15 + u)^2} = \frac{81}{20} \\ i_2 &= \frac{3^3(u^3 - 729u^2 + 4131u - 36av - 1404v - 3645)}{2^3(15 + u)^3} = -\frac{729}{200} \\ i_3 &= \frac{3^5(u^2 + 18u - 4v - 27)^2}{2^{13}(15 + u)^5} = \frac{729}{25600000} \end{aligned} \quad (3.8)$$

The only solutions of the system are  $(u, v) = (0, 0)$  and  $(u, v) = (225, 6750)$ . They correspond to the same genus 2 curve, namely  $Y^2 = X^6 - 1$ .

b) If  $G \cong W_4$  then  $\mathcal{C}$  is isomorphic to

$$Y^2 = X^5 - X$$

(see theorem 4.3). Then,  $\mathcal{C}$  is isomorphic to

$$Y^2 = X^6 + 5X^4 - 5X^2 - 1$$

(by the linear fractional transformation  $X \mapsto \frac{X+2\sqrt{5}}{X-\sqrt{5}}$ ). Then,  $s_1 = s_2 = -5$  and  $u = 25$ ,  $v = -250$ . These are the unique values for  $u$  and  $v$  since the system

$$\begin{aligned} i_1 &= \frac{3^2(u^2 - 126u + 12v + 405)}{2^2(15 + u)^2} = -\frac{36}{5} \\ i_2 &= \frac{3^3(u^3 + 729u^2 + 4131u - 36uv - 1404v - 3645)}{2^3(15 + u)^3} = -\frac{1512}{25} \\ i_3 &= \frac{3^5(u^2 + 18u - 4v - 27)^2}{2^{13}(15 + u)^5} = \frac{243}{200000} \end{aligned} \quad (3.9)$$

has a unique solution  $(u, v) = (25, -250)$ .

Conversely, every genus 2 curve with  $(u, v) = (25, -250)$  is isomorphic to

$$Y^2 = X^6 + 5X^4 - 5X^2 - 1$$

so  $G \cong W_1$ .

c) If  $G \cong D_6$ , then  $\mathcal{C}$  is isomorphic to

$$Y^2 = (X^3 - 1)(X^3 - \lambda)$$

for  $\lambda \neq 0, 1$ , and  $\lambda^2 - 38\lambda + 1 \neq 0$  (see theorem 4.3). Then the system,

$$\begin{aligned} i_1 &= \frac{3^2(u^2 - 126u + 12v + 405)}{2^2(15 + u)^2} = 1296 \frac{\lambda(\lambda^2 + 7\lambda + 1)}{(\lambda^2 - 38\lambda + 1)^2} \\ i_2 &= \frac{3^3(u^3 + 729u^2 + 4131u - 36uv - 1404v - 3645)}{2^3(15 + u)^3} = -11664 \frac{\lambda(\lambda^4 - 22\lambda^3 - 66\lambda^2 - 22\lambda + 1)}{(\lambda^2 - 38\lambda + 1)^3} \\ i_3 &= \frac{3^5(u^2 + 18u - 4v - 27)^2}{2^{13}(15 + u)^5} = \frac{729}{16} \frac{\lambda^2(\lambda - 1)^6}{(\lambda^2 - 38\lambda + 1)^5} \end{aligned} \quad (3.10)$$

has solutions,

$$u = 9 \frac{\lambda^2 - 98\lambda + 1}{(\lambda - 1)^2}, \quad v = 54 \frac{\lambda^4 + 364\lambda^3 + 2726\lambda^2 + 364\lambda + 1}{(\lambda - 1)^4}$$

Eliminating  $\lambda$  from the above expressions we have

$$1125 - 110u - u^2 - 4v = 0 \quad (3.11)$$

From the above equation the values  $u = 9, 70 + 30\sqrt{5}$  make  $J_{10} = 0$ , so we exclude them. Note that, for  $(u, v) = (25, -250)$  this is case b), so  $u = 25$  is also excluded.

Then  $v = \frac{1}{4}(u^2 - 110u + 1125)$  and  $i_1, i_2, i_3$  are

$$\begin{aligned} i_1 &= 9 \frac{(u-9)(u-105)}{(15+u)^2} \\ i_2 &= -27 \frac{(u-9)(u^2 - 162u - 5535)}{(15+u)^2} \\ i_3 &= 486 \frac{(u-9)^2}{(15+u)^2} \end{aligned} \quad (3.12)$$

The classical invariants satisfy

$$\begin{aligned} -J_4 J_2^4 + 12 J_2^3 J_6 - 52 J_1^2 J_2^2 + 80 J_1^3 + 960 J_2 J_4 J_6 - 3600 J_6^2 &= 0 \\ 864 J_{10} J_2^2 + 3456000 J_{10} J_1^2 J_2 - 43200 J_{10} J_4 J_2^2 - 2332800000 J_{10}^2 - J_4^2 J_2^6 & \\ -768 J_1^4 J_2^2 + 48 J_1^3 J_2^4 + 4096 J_1^5 &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad (3.13)$$

d) If  $\mathcal{C} \cong D_4$ , then  $\mathcal{C}$  is isomorphic to

$$Y^2 = (X^2 - 1)(X^4 - \lambda X^2 + 1)$$

for  $\lambda = \pm 2$  (see theorem 4.3). Then the system

$$\begin{aligned} i_1 &= \frac{3^2(u^2 - 126u + 12v + 405)}{2^2(15+u)^2} = \frac{9(\lambda^2 + 32\lambda + 76)(\lambda - 2)^2}{4(\lambda^2 + 2\lambda + 16)^2} \\ i_2 &= \frac{3^3(u^3 - 729u^2 + 4131u - 36uv - 1404v - 3645)}{2^3(15+u)^3} = \frac{27(\lambda^2 - 58\lambda - 104)(\lambda - 2)^4}{8(\lambda^2 + 2\lambda + 16)^3} \\ i_3 &= \frac{3^5(u^2 + 18u - 4v - 27)^2}{2^{13}(15+u)^5} = \frac{243(\lambda - 2)^6(\lambda - 2)^2}{8192(\lambda^2 + 2\lambda + 16)^5} \end{aligned} \quad (3.14)$$

has the following solutions,

$$u = \frac{(\lambda - 14)^2}{(\lambda + 2)^2}, \quad v = -2 \frac{(\lambda - 14)^3}{(\lambda + 2)^3}$$

Eliminating  $\lambda$  from the above equations we get

$$v^2 - 4u^3 = 0$$

If  $u = 0, 25, 225$  this case reduces to one of the previous cases. For  $u = 1, 9$  we have  $J_{10} = 0$  so we have to exclude these values also. The classical invariants must also satisfy the equation

$$1706 J_4^2 J_2^2 + 2560 J_4^3 + 27 J_4 J_2^4 - 81 J_2^3 J_6 - 14880 J_2 J_4 J_6 + 28800 J_6^2 = 0 \quad (3.15)$$

□

**Proposition 3.5.** *The mapping*

$$A : (u, v) \longrightarrow (i_1, i_2, i_3)$$

*gives a birational parameterization of  $\mathcal{L}_2$ . The fibers of  $A$  of cardinality  $> 1$  correspond to those curves  $\mathcal{C}$  with  $|\text{Aut}(\mathcal{C})| > 4$ .*

*Proof.* We denote  $A(u, v) = \mathcal{C}_{(u,v)} = (i_1, i_2, i_3)$  and  $A(u', v') = \mathcal{C}_{(u',v')} = (i'_1, i'_2, i'_3)$ .

The solution set of the system

$$\begin{cases} i_1 = i'_1 \\ i_2 = i'_2 \\ i_3 = i'_3 \end{cases} \quad (3.16)$$

is  $(u, v) = (u', v')$  or  $(v^2 - 4u^3)(4v - u^2 + 110u - 1125) = 0$ . Thus, if  $(u, v) \neq (u', v')$  then  $(v^2 - 4u^3)(4v - u^2 + 110u - 1125) = 0$ . So  $\text{Aut}(\mathcal{C})$  is isomorphic to one of  $W_1$ ,  $\Sigma \cong D_4$ ,  $D_4$  or  $D_6$ . Therefore,  $|\text{Aut}(\mathcal{C})| > 4$ . If  $(v^2 - 4u^3)(4v - u^2 + 110u - 1125) \neq 0$  then  $(u, v) = (u', v')$  and  $A$  is injective. □

### 3.3 j-invariants of Elliptic Subcovers

Let  $j_1$  and  $j_2$  denote the j-invariants of the elliptic curves  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  from lemma 3.3. Then,  $j_1$  and  $j_2$  are,

$$\begin{aligned} j_1 &= -256 \frac{(s_1^2 - 3s_2)^3}{(4s_1^3 + 27 - 18s_1s_2 - s_1^2s_2^2 + 4s_2^3)} \\ j_2 &= -256 \frac{(s_2^2 - 3s_1)^3}{(4s_1^3 + 27 - 18s_1s_2 - s_1^2s_2^2 + 4s_2^3)} \end{aligned} \quad (3.17)$$

**Lemma 3.6.** *The invariants  $j_1$  and  $j_2$  and are roots of the quadratic*

$$j^2 + 256 \frac{(2u^3 - 54u^2 + 9uv - v^2 + 27v)}{(u^2 + 18u - 4v - 27)} j + 65536 \frac{(u^2 + 9u - 3v)}{(u^2 + 18u - 4v - 27)^2} = 0 \quad (3.18)$$

*Proof.* From equations (3.17) and  $v = s_1^3 + s_2^3$ ,  $u = s_1 s_2$  we eliminate  $s_1$  and  $s_2$  and get

$$\begin{aligned} (u^2 + 18u - 4v - 27)^2 j_1^2 + 256(2u^3 - 54u^2 + 9uv - v^2 + 27v)(u^2 + 18u - 4v - 27)j_1 \\ + 65536(u^2 + 9u - 3v) = 0 \\ u(u^2 + 18u - 4v - 27)^2 j_2^2 + 256(2u^3 - 54u^2 + 9uv - v^2 + 27v)(u^2 + 18u - 4v - 27)j_2 \\ + 65536(u^2 + 9u - 3v) = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (3.19)$$

Thus  $j_1$  and  $j_2$  are roots of the same quadratic equation. Since  $(u^2 + 18u - 4v - 27) = J_{40} = 0$  we can divide by it and write the equation as

$$u \left( j^2 + 256 \frac{(2u^3 - 54u^2 + 9uv - v^2 + 27v)}{(u^2 + 18u - 4v - 27)} j + 65536 \frac{(u^2 + 9u - 3v)}{(u^2 + 18u - 4v - 27)^2} \right) = 0 \quad (3.20)$$

If  $u = 0$ , then  $s_1 = 0$  or  $s_2 = 0$  and  $v = s_1^3$  or  $v = s_2^3$ . The  $j$ -invariants of  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  are

$$i_1 = -256 \frac{v^2}{4v - 27}, \quad j_2 = 6912 \frac{v}{4v - 27}$$

and they satisfy equation (3.18). If  $u \neq 0$  then we divide by  $u$  and get equation (3.18).

□

### 3.3.1 Isomorphic Elliptic Subfields

The elliptic curves  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  are isomorphic when equation (3.18) has a double root. The discriminant of the quadratic is zero for

$$(v^2 - 4u^3)(v - 9u - 27) = 0$$

*Remark 3.7.* From lemma 3.3,  $v^2 = 4u^3$  if and only if  $\text{Aut}(\mathcal{C}) \cong D_4$ . So for  $\mathcal{C}$  such that  $\text{Aut}(\mathcal{C}) \cong D_4$ ,  $E_1$  is isomorphic to  $E_2$ . It is easily checked that  $z_1$  and  $z_2 = z_0 z_1$  are conjugate when  $G \cong D_4$ . So they fix isomorphic subfields.

If  $v = 9(u - 3)$  then the locus of these curves is given by,

$$\begin{aligned} 4i_1^3 - 9i_1^4 + 73728i_1^2 i_3 - 150994944i_3^2 = 0 \\ 289i_1^3 - 729i_1^2 + 54i_1 i_2 - i_2^2 = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (3.21)$$

For  $(u, v) = (\frac{9}{4}, -\frac{27}{4})$  the curve has  $\text{Aut}(\mathcal{C}) \cong D_4$  and for  $(u, v) = (137, 1206)$  it has  $\text{Aut}(\mathcal{C}) \cong D_6$ . All other curves with  $v = 9(u - 3)$  belong to the general case, so  $\text{Aut}(\mathcal{C}) \cong V_4$ . The  $j$ -invariants of elliptic curves are  $j_1 = j_2 = 256(9 - u)$ . Thus, these genus 2 curves are parameterized by the  $j$ -invariant of the elliptic subcover.

*Remark 3.8.* This embeds the moduli space  $\mathcal{M}_1$  into  $\mathcal{M}_2$  in a functorial way.

### 3.4 Isogenous Degree 2 Elliptic Subfields

In this section we study pairs of degree 2 elliptic subfields of  $K$  which are 2 or 3-isogenous. We denote by  $\Phi_n(x, y)$  the  $n$ -th modular polynomial (see Blake et al. [1]) for the formal definitions. Two elliptic curves with  $j$ -invariants  $j_1$  and  $j_2$  are  $n$ -isogenous if and only if  $\Phi_n(j_1, j_2) = 0$ .

#### 3.4.1 3-Isogeny.

The modular 3-polynomial is given below

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_3 = & x^4 - x^3y^3 + y^4 + 2232xy(x + y) - 1069956xy(x + y) + 36864000(x^3 + y^3) + \\ & 2587918086x^2y^2 + 8900222976000xy(x + y) + 452984832000000(x^2 + y^2) - \\ & 770845966336000000xy + 185542587187200000000(x + y) \end{aligned} \quad (3.22)$$

Suppose  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  are 3-isogenous. Then from equation (3.18) and  $\Phi_3(j_1, j_2) = 0$  we eliminate  $j_1$  and  $j_2$ . Then,

$$(4v - u^2 + 110u - 1125) \cdot g_1(u, v) \cdot g_2(u, v) = 0 \quad (3.23)$$

where  $g_1$  and  $g_2$  are

$$\begin{aligned} g_1 = & -27008u^6 + 256u^7 - 2432u^5v + v^4 + 7296u^3v^2 - 6692v^3u - 1755067500u \\ & + 2419308v^3 - 34553439u^4 + 127753092v^2u + 16274844v^3 - 1720730u^2v^2 \\ & - 1941120u^5 + 381631500v + 1018668150u^2 - 116158860u^3 + 52621974v^2 \\ & + 387712u^4v - 483963660vu - 33416676v^2u + 922640625 \end{aligned} \quad (3.24)$$



$$\begin{aligned}
g_2 = & 291350448u^6 - v^4u^2 - 998848u^6v - 3456u^7v + 4749840u^4v^2 + 17032u^5v^2 \\
& + 4v^5 + 80368u^8 + 256u^9 + 6848224u^7 - 10535040v^3u^2 - 35872v^3u^3 + 26478v^4u \\
& - 77908736u^5v + 9516699v^4 + 307234984u^3v^2 - 419583744v^3u - 826436736v^3 \\
& + 27502903296u^4 + 28808773632vu^2 - 23429955456vu^3 + 5455334016u^2v^2 \\
& - 11278242816v + 82556485632u^2 - 108737593344u^3 - 12123095040v^2 \\
& - 11278242816vu + 3503554560v^2u + 5341019904u^5 - 2454612480u^4v
\end{aligned} \tag{3.25}$$

Thus, there is a isogeny of degree 3 between  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  if and only if  $u$  and  $v$  satisfy equation (3.23). The vanishing of the first factor is equivalent to  $G \cong D_6$ . So, if  $\text{Aut}(C) \cong D_6$ , then  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  are isogenous of degree 3. This was also noted by Gaudry and Schost [17].

### 3.4.2 2-Isogeny

Below we give the modular 2-polynomial.

$$\begin{aligned}
\Phi_2 = & x^3 - x^2y^2 + y^3 + 1488xy(x + y) + 40773375xy - 162000(x^2 - y^2) + \\
& 8748000000(x + y) - 15746400000000
\end{aligned} \tag{3.26}$$

Suppose  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  are isogenous of degree 2. Substituting  $j_1$  and  $j_2$  in  $\Phi_2$  we get

$$f_1(u, v) \cdot f_2(u, v) = 0 \tag{3.27}$$

where  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  are

$$\begin{aligned}
f_1 = & -16v^3 - 81216v^2 - 892296v - 2460375 + 3312uv^2 + 707616vu + 3805380u + \\
& 18360vu^2 - 1296162u^2 - 1744u^3v - 140076u^3 + 801u^4 + 256u^5
\end{aligned} \tag{3.28}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
f_2 = & 4096u^7 + 256016u^6 - 45824u^5v + 4736016u^5 - 2126736vu^4 + 23158143u^4 \\
& - 25451712u^3v - 119745540u^3 + 5291136v^2u^2 - 48166488vu^2 - 2390500350u^2 \\
& - 179712uv^3 + 35831808uv^2 + 1113270480vu + 9300217500u - 4036608v^3 \\
& - 1791153000v - 8303765625 - 1024v^4 + 163840u^3v^2 - 122250384v^2 + 256u^2v^3
\end{aligned} \tag{3.29}$$

### 3.4.3 Other Isogenies between Elliptic Subfields

If  $G \cong D_4$ , then  $z_1$  and  $z_2$  are in the same conjugacy class. There are again two conjugacy classes of elliptic involutions in  $G$ . Thus, there are two degree 2 elliptic subfields (up to isomorphism) of  $K$ . One of them is determined by double root  $j$  of

the equation (3.18), for  $v^2 - 4u^3 = 0$ . Next, we determine the  $j$ -invariant  $j'$  of the other degree 2 elliptic subfield and see how it is related to  $j$ .

If  $v^2 - 4u^3 = 0$  then  $\bar{G} \cong V_4$  and  $\mathcal{P} = \{\pm 1, \pm\sqrt{a}, \pm\sqrt{b}\}$ . Then,  $s_1 = a + \frac{1}{4} + 1 = s_2$ . Involutions of  $\mathcal{C}$  are  $\tau_1 : X \rightarrow -X$ ,  $\tau_2 : X \rightarrow \frac{1}{X}$ ,  $\tau_3 : X \rightarrow -\frac{1}{X}$ . Since  $\tau_1$  and  $\tau_3$  fix no points of  $\mathcal{P}$  they lift to involutions in  $G$ . They each determine a pair of isomorphic elliptic subfields. The  $j$ -invariant of elliptic subfield fixed by  $\tau_1$  is the double root of equation (3.18), namely

$$j = -256 \frac{v^3}{v+1}$$

To find the  $j$ -invariant of the elliptic subfields fixed by  $\tau_3$  we look at the degree 2 covering  $\phi : \mathbb{P}^1 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$ , such that  $\phi(\pm 1) = 0$ ,  $\phi(a) = \phi(-\frac{1}{4}) = 1$ ,  $\phi(-a) = \phi(\frac{1}{4}) = -1$ , and  $\phi(0) = \phi(\infty) = \infty$ . This covering is,  $\phi(X) = \frac{7}{4-1} \frac{X^2-1}{X}$ . The branch points of  $\phi$  are  $q = \pm \frac{2\sqrt{7}}{4-1}$ . From lemma 3.3 the elliptic subfields  $E'_1$  and  $E'_2$  have 2-torsion points  $\{0, 1, -1, q\}$ . The  $j$ -invariants of  $E'_1$  and  $E'_2$  are

$$j' = -16 \frac{(v-15)^3}{(v+1)^2}$$

Then  $\Phi_2(j, j') = 0$ , so  $E_1$  and  $E'_1$  are isogenous of degree 2. Thus,  $\tau_1$  and  $\tau_3$  determine degree 2 elliptic subfields which are 2-isogenous (see also Geyer [18]).

## CHAPTER 4 CURVES OF GENUS TWO WITH SPLIT JACOBIANS

Let  $C$  be a curve of genus 2 and  $\nu_1 : C \rightarrow E_1$  a map of degree  $n$ , from  $C$  to an elliptic curve  $E_1$ , both curves defined over a field  $k$  of characteristic 0. This map induces a degree  $n$  map  $\phi_1 : \mathbb{P}^1 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$  which we call a Frey-Kani covering. We determine all possible ramifications for  $\phi_1$ . If  $\nu_1 : C \rightarrow E_1$  is maximal then there exists a maximal map  $\nu_2 : C \rightarrow E_2$ , of degree  $n$ , to some elliptic curve  $E_2$  such that there is an isogeny of degree  $n^2$  from the Jacobian  $J_C$  to  $E_1 \times E_2$ . We say that  $J_C$  is  $(n, n)$ -decomposable.

Curves of genus 2 with non-simple Jacobians are of much interest. Their Jacobians have large torsion subgroups, e.g. Howe, Leprévost, and Poonen have found a family of genus 2 curve with 128 rational points in its Jacobian (see [9]). For other applications of genus 2 curves with  $(n, n)$ -decomposable Jacobians (see Frey [5]). In this chapter, we discuss genus 2 curves  $C$  whose function fields have maximal elliptic subfields. Let  $\nu : C \rightarrow E$  be a maximal cover (cf. section 4) of odd degree  $n$ . The moduli space parameterizing these covers is a surface, more precisely the product of modular curves  $X(n) \times X(n)/\Delta$  (see Kani [10]). When  $\nu : C \rightarrow E$  is degenerate (cf. section 2), this moduli space is a curve. In sections 2 and 3 we define a Frey-Kani covering and determine all their possible ramifications.

### 4.1 Frey-Kani Covers

Let  $C$  and  $E$  be curves of genus 2 and 1, respectively. Both are smooth, projective curves defined over  $k$ ,  $\text{char}(k) = 0$ . Let  $\nu : C \rightarrow E$  be a covering of degree  $n$ . From the Riemann-Hurwitz formula,  $\sum_{P \in C} (\epsilon_\nu(P) - 1) = 2$  where

$e_v(P)$  is the ramification index of points  $P \in C$ , under  $v$ . Thus, we have two points of ramification index 2 or one point of ramification index 3. The two points of ramification index 2 can be in the same fiber or in different fibers. Therefore, we have the following cases of the covering  $v$ :

**Case I.** There are  $P_1, P_2 \in C$ , such that  $e_v(P_1) = e_v(P_2) = 2$ ,  $v(P_1) \neq v(P_2)$ , and  $\forall P \in C \setminus \{P_1, P_2\}$ ,  $e_v(P) = 1$ .

**Case II.** There are  $P_1, P_2 \in C$ , such that  $e_v(P_1) = e_v(P_2) = 2$ ,  $v(P_1) = v(P_2)$ , and  $\forall P \in C \setminus \{P_1, P_2\}$ ,  $e_v(P) = 1$ .

**Case III.** There is  $P_1 \in C$  such that  $e_v(P_1) = 3$ , and  $\forall P \in C \setminus \{P_1\}$ ,  $e_v(P) = 1$ .

In case I (resp. II, III) the cover  $v$  has 2 (resp. 1) branch points in  $E$ .

Denote the hyperelliptic involution of  $C$  by  $w$ . We choose  $\mathcal{O}$  in  $E$  such that  $w$  restricted to  $E$  is the hyperelliptic involution on  $E$  (see [6] or [12]). We denote the restriction of  $w$  on  $E$  by  $v$ ,  $v(P) = -P$ . Thus,  $v \circ w = v \circ v$ .  $E[2]$  denotes the group of 2-torsion points of the elliptic curve  $E$ , which are the points fixed by  $v$ . The proof of the following two lemmas is straightforward and will be omitted.

**Lemma 4.1.** a) If  $Q \in E$ , then  $\forall P \in v^{-1}(Q)$ ,  $w(P) \in v^{-1}(-Q)$ .

b) For all  $P \in C$ ,  $e_v(P) = e_v(w(P))$ .

*Proof.* a) Take  $Q \in E$  and  $v(P) = Q$ . Then,  $v \circ v(Q) = v(Q)$ . Thus,  $(v \circ w)(P) = -Q$ .

b) Since  $v \circ w = v \circ v$ , then  $e_{v \circ w}(P) = e_{v \circ v}(P)$  for all  $P \in C$ . Thus  $e_v(P) \cdot e_v(w(P)) = e_v(P) \cdot e_v(v(P))$ . So  $e_v(w(P)) = e_v(P)$ .

□

Let  $W$  be the set of points in  $C$  fixed by  $w$ . Every curve of genus 2 is given, up to isomorphism, by a binary sextic, so there are 6 points fixed by the hyperelliptic

involution  $w$ , namely the Weierstrass points of  $C$ . The following lemma determines the distribution of the Weierstrass points in fibers of 2-torsion points.

**Lemma 4.2.** 1.  $\iota(W) \subset E[2]$

2. If  $n$  is an odd number then

$$i) \iota(W) = E[2]$$

$$ii) \text{ If } Q \in E[2] \text{ then } \#(\iota^{-1}(Q) \cap W) = 1 \pmod{2}$$

3. If  $n$  is an even number then for all  $Q \in E[2]$ ,  $\#(\iota^{-1}(Q) \cap W) = 0 \pmod{2}$

*Proof.* For every  $P$  such that  $w(P) = P$  we have  $(\iota \circ w)(P) = \iota(P)$ . So  $(\iota \circ w)(P) = \iota(P)$ , therefore  $\iota(P) \in E[2]$ .

To prove part 2. i) we take  $Q \in E[2]$ . From previous lemma,  $w$  permutes every two points in the fiber of  $Q$ . Because  $n$  is odd, it has to be a point fixed by  $w$  in  $\iota^{-1}(Q)$ . So  $Q \in \iota(W)$ .

There are 6 Weierstrass points in  $C$ . In each fiber of points in  $E[2]$  there is at least one point fixed by  $w$ . But  $n$  is odd, so in one fiber  $w$  fixes 3 points. Thus,  $\#(\iota^{-1}(Q) \cap W) = 1 \pmod{2}$ .

Assume now that  $n$  is even. The hyperelliptic involution  $w$  permutes every two points in the fiber of  $Q$ , for  $Q \in E[2]$ . So if  $w$  fixes any point, it has to fix a even number of them. Thus, we have an even number of Weierstrass points in each fiber of points from  $E[2]$ .

□

Let  $\pi_C : C \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$  and  $\pi_E : E \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$  be the natural degree 2 projections. The hyperelliptic involution permutes the points in the fibers of  $\pi_C$  and  $\pi_E$ . The ramified points of  $\pi_C$ ,  $\pi_E$  are respectively points in  $W$  and  $E[2]$  and their ramification index is 2. There is  $\phi : \mathbb{P}^1 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$  such that the diagram commutes (see Frey [6] or Kuhn [12]).

$$\begin{array}{ccc} C & \xrightarrow{\tau_C} & \mathbb{P}^1 \\ \psi \downarrow & & \downarrow \phi \\ E & \xrightarrow{\tau_E} & \mathbb{P}^1 \end{array}$$

The covering  $\phi : \mathbb{P}^1 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$  will be called the corresponding **Frey-Kani covering** of  $\psi : C \rightarrow E$ . It has first appeared in [6] and [5]. The term, Frey-Kani covering, has first been used by Fried in [7].

## 4.2 Ramification of Frey-Kani Coverings

In this section we will determine the ramification of Frey-Kani coverings  $\phi : \mathbb{P}^1 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$ . First we fix some notation. For a given branch point we will denote the ramification of points in its fiber as follows. Any point  $P$  of ramification index  $m$  is denoted by  $(m)$ . If there are  $k$  such points then we write  $(m)^k$ . We omit writing symbols for unramified points, in other words  $(1)^k$  will not be written. Ramification data between two branch points will be separated by commas. We denote by  $\pi_E(E[2]) = \{q_1, \dots, q_4\}$  and  $\pi_C(W) = \{w_1, \dots, w_6\}$ .

### 4.2.1 The Case When $n$ is Odd

The following theorem classifies the ramification types for the Frey-Kani coverings  $\phi : \mathbb{P}^1 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$  when the degree  $n$  is odd.

**Theorem 4.3.** *Let  $\psi : C \rightarrow E$  be a covering of odd degree  $n$  and  $\phi : \mathbb{P}^1 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$  be the Frey-Kani covering induced by  $\psi$ . This induces a partitioning of the set of 6 Weierstrass points of  $C$  into two sets  $W^{(1)} = W^{(1)}(C, E)$  and  $W^{(2)} = W^{(2)}(C, E)$ , each of cardinality 3 such that  $|\phi(W^{(1)})| = 1$  and  $|\phi(W^{(2)})| = 3$ . Then the ramification structure of  $\phi$  is as follows.*

**Case I:** *(the generic case)*

$$\left( (2)^{\frac{n-1}{2}}, (2)^{\frac{n-1}{2}}, (2)^{\frac{n-1}{2}}, (2)^{\frac{n-1}{2}}, (2)^1 \right)$$

*Or the following degenerate cases:*

**Case II:** *(the 4-cycle case and the dihedral case)*

- i)  $\left( (2)^{\frac{n-1}{2}}, (2)^{\frac{n-1}{2}}, (2)^{\frac{n-1}{2}}, (4)^1 (2)^{\frac{n-3}{2}} \right)$
- ii)  $\left( (2)^{\frac{n-1}{2}}, (2)^{\frac{n-1}{2}}, (2)^{\frac{n-1}{2}}, (2)^{\frac{n-1}{2}} \right)$
- iii)  $\left( (2)^{\frac{n-1}{2}}, (2)^{\frac{n-1}{2}}, (4)^1 (2)^{\frac{n-3}{2}}, (2)^{\frac{n-1}{2}} \right)$

**Case III:** *(the 3-cycle case)*

- i)  $\left( (2)^{\frac{n-1}{2}}, (2)^{\frac{n-1}{2}}, (2)^{\frac{n-1}{2}}, (3)^1 (2)^{\frac{n-2}{2}} \right)$
- ii)  $\left( (2)^{\frac{n-1}{2}}, (2)^{\frac{n-1}{2}}, (3)^1 (2)^{\frac{n-2}{2}}, (2)^{\frac{n-1}{2}} \right)$

*Proof.* From lemma 4.2 we can assume that  $\phi(w_i) = q_i$  for  $i \in \{1, 2, 3\}$  and  $\phi(w_4) = \phi(w_5) = \phi(w_6) = q_4$ . Next we consider the three cases for the ramification of  $\psi : C \rightarrow E$  and see what ramifications they induce on  $\phi : \mathbb{P}^1 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$ .

Suppose that  $P \in \psi^{-1}(E[2]) \cap W$  and  $e_\psi(P) = 1$ . Then  $e_\psi(P) \cdot e_{\pi_E}(\psi(P)) = e_\psi(P) \cdot e_\psi(\pi_C(P)) = 2$ , so  $e_\psi(\pi_C(P)) = 2$ .

**Case I:** There are  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  in  $C$  such that  $e_\psi(P_1) = e_\psi(P_2) = 2$  and  $\psi(P_1) \neq \psi(P_2)$ . By lemma 4.1,  $e_\psi(w(P_1)) = 2$ . So  $w(P_1) = P_1$  or  $w(P_1) = P_2$ .

Suppose that  $w(P_1) = P_1$ , so  $P_1 \in W$ . If  $\pi_C(P_1) = w_i$  for  $i \in \{1, 2, 3\}$ , say  $\pi_C(P_1) = w_1$ , then  $e_{\pi_C}(P_1) = e_{\phi \circ \pi_C}(P_1) = 4$ , which implies that  $e_\phi(w_1) = 2$ . All other points in the fiber of  $\pi_E \circ \psi(P_1) =: q_1$  have ramification index 2 under  $\phi$ . So  $\phi$  has even degree, which is a contradiction. If  $\pi_C(P_1) = w_i$  for  $i \in \{4, 5, 6\}$ , say  $\pi_C(P_1) = w_4$ , then in the fiber of  $q_4$  are:  $w_4$  of ramification index 2,  $w_5$  and  $w_6$  unramified, and all other points have ramification index 2. So  $\#(\phi^{-1}(q_4)) = 2 + 1 + 1 + 2k$ , is even. Thus  $P_1, P_2 \in W$ . Then  $P_1, P_2 \in \psi^{-1}(E[2])$ , otherwise they would be in the same fiber.

Thus  $P_2 = w(P_1) \in C \setminus \psi^{-1}(E[2])$  and  $\psi(P_1) = -\psi(P_2)$ . Let  $\pi_E \circ \psi(P_1) = \pi_E \circ \psi(P_2) = q_5$  and  $\pi_C(P_1) = \pi_C(P_2) = S$ . So  $e_\psi(P_1) \cdot e_{\pi_E}(\psi(P_1)) = e_{\pi_C}(P_1) \cdot e_\phi(\pi_C(P_1))$ . Thus,  $e_\phi(\pi_C(P_1)) = e_\phi(S) = 2$ . All other points in  $\phi^{-1}(q_5)$  are unramified.

For  $P \in W$ ,  $\epsilon_{\pi_C}(P) = 2$ . Thus  $\epsilon_{\phi}(\pi_C(P)) = 1$ . All  $w_1, \dots, w_6$  are unramified and other points in  $\phi^{-1}(E[2])$  are of ramification index 2. By the Riemann - Hurwitz formula,  $\phi$  is unramified everywhere else.

Thus, there are  $\frac{n-1}{2}$  points of ramification index 2 in the fibers  $\phi^{-1}(q_1), \phi^{-1}(q_2), \phi^{-1}(q_3)$ ,  $\frac{n-3}{2}$  points of ramification index 2 in  $\phi^{-1}(q_4)$ , and one point of index 2 in  $\phi^{-1}(q_5)$ .

**Case II:** In this case, there are distinct  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  in  $C$  such that  $\epsilon_{\iota}(P_1) = \epsilon_{\iota}(P_2) = 2$  and  $\iota(P_1) = \iota(P_2)$ . Then  $P_2 = w(P_1)$  or  $w(P_i) = P_i$ , for  $i = 1, 2$ .

Let  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  be in the fiber which has three Weierstrass points.

i) Suppose that  $w$  permutes  $P_1$  and  $P_2$ . So  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  are not Weierstrass points. Then  $\epsilon_{\pi_C \circ \iota}(P_1) = \epsilon_{\iota}(P_1) \cdot \epsilon_{\pi_C}(\iota(P_1)) = 4$ . Thus  $\epsilon_{\pi_C}(P_1) \cdot \epsilon_{\phi}(\pi_C(P_1)) = 4$ . Since  $\epsilon_{\pi_C}(P_1) = 1$  then  $\epsilon_{\phi}(\pi_C(P_1)) = 4$ . So there is a point of index 4 in the fiber of  $q_4$ . The rest of the points are of ramification index 2, as in previous case, other than the  $w_1, \dots, w_6$ , which are unramified.

ii) Suppose that  $w$  fixes  $P_1$  and  $P_2$ . Thus  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  are Weierstrass points. Then  $\epsilon_{\pi_C \circ \iota}(P_i) = \epsilon_{\iota}(P_i) \cdot \epsilon_{\pi_C}(\iota(P_i)) = 4$ . So  $\epsilon_{\phi}(\pi_C(P_i)) = 2$ . Thus,  $\pi_C(P_i)$  have ramification index 2. The other points behave as in the previous case. So we have in each fiber of  $\phi$  one unramified point and everything else has ramification index 2.

Suppose that  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  are in one of the fibers which have only one Weierstrass point.

iii) Then  $w$  has to permute them, so they are not Weierstrass points. As in case i)  $\epsilon_{\phi}(\pi_C(P_1)) = 4$ . So there is a point of index 4 in one of  $\phi^{-1}(q_1), \phi^{-1}(q_2), \phi^{-1}(q_3)$  and everything else is of ramification index 2. The Weierstrass points are as in case i), unramified.

**Case III:** Let  $P$  be the ramified point of index 3. By lemma 1,  $\epsilon_{\iota}(w(P)) = 3$ . But there is only one such point in  $C$ , so  $P \in W$ . Then  $\epsilon_{\pi_C \circ \iota}(P) = \epsilon_{\iota}(P) \cdot$



$e_{\pi_C}(c(P)) = 6$ . So  $e_{\pi_C}(P) \cdot e_{\pi_C}(\pi_C(P)) = 6$ . But  $e_{\pi_C}(P) = 2$ , because  $P \in W$ . Thus,  $e_{\pi_C}(\pi_C(P)) = 3$ .

i)  $Q$  is in the fiber that contains three Weierstrass points. Then we have a point of ramification index three in  $c^{-1}(q_4)$ , two other Weierstrass points are unramified, and all the other points are of ramification index 2.

ii)  $Q$  is in one of the fibers that contains only one Weierstrass point. Then in one of  $c^{-1}(q_1)$ ,  $c^{-1}(q_2)$ ,  $c^{-1}(q_3)$  there is a point of index 3 and everything else is of index 2.

□

### 4.2.2 The Case When $n$ is Even

Let us assume now that  $\deg(c) = n$  is an even number. The following theorem classifies the Frey-Kani coverings in this case.

**Theorem 4.4.** *If  $n$  is an even number then the generic case for  $c : C \rightarrow E$  induce the following three cases for  $\phi : \mathbb{P}^1 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$ :*

I.  $\left( (2)^{\frac{n-2}{2}}, (2)^{\frac{n-2}{2}}, (2)^{\frac{n-2}{2}}, (2)^{\frac{n}{2}}, (2) \right)$

II.  $\left( (2)^{\frac{n-4}{2}}, (2)^{\frac{n-4}{2}}, (2)^{\frac{n}{2}}, (2)^{\frac{n}{2}}, (2) \right)$

III.  $\left( (2)^{\frac{n-2}{2}}, (2)^{\frac{n}{2}}, (2)^{\frac{n}{2}}, (2)^{\frac{n}{2}}, (2) \right)$

*Each of the above cases has the following degenerations (two of the branch points collapse to one)*

I. 1.  $\left( (2)^{\frac{n}{2}}, (2)^{\frac{n-2}{2}}, (2)^{\frac{n-2}{2}}, (2)^{\frac{n}{2}} \right)$

2.  $\left( (2)^{\frac{n-2}{2}}, (2)^{\frac{n-2}{2}}, (4)(2)^{\frac{n-2}{2}}, (2)^{\frac{n}{2}} \right)$

3.  $\left( (2)^{\frac{n-2}{2}}, (2)^{\frac{n-2}{2}}, (2)^{\frac{n-2}{2}}, (4)(2)^{\frac{n-4}{2}} \right)$

4.  $\left( (3)(2)^{\frac{n-4}{2}}, (2)^{\frac{n-2}{2}}, (2)^{\frac{n-2}{2}}, (2)^{\frac{n}{2}} \right)$

II. 1.  $\left( (2)^{\frac{n-2}{2}}, (2)^{\frac{n-2}{2}}, (2)^{\frac{n}{2}}, (2)^{\frac{n}{2}} \right)$

2.  $\left( (2)^{\frac{n-4}{2}}, (2)^{\frac{n}{2}}, (2)^{\frac{n}{2}}, (2)^{\frac{n}{2}} \right)$
3.  $\left( (4)(2)^{\frac{n-4}{2}}, (2)^{\frac{n-2}{2}}, (2)^{\frac{n}{2}}, (2)^{\frac{n}{2}} \right)$
4.  $\left( (2)^{\frac{n-4}{2}}, (4)(2)^{\frac{n-4}{2}}, (2)^{\frac{n}{2}}, (2)^{\frac{n}{2}} \right)$
5.  $\left( (2)^{\frac{n-4}{2}}, (2)^{\frac{n-2}{2}}, (2)^{\frac{n-4}{2}}, (2)^{\frac{n}{2}} \right)$
6.  $\left( (3)(2)^{\frac{n-6}{2}}, (2)^{\frac{n-2}{2}}, (4)(2)^{\frac{n}{2}}, (2)^{\frac{n}{2}} \right)$
7.  $\left( (2)^{\frac{n-4}{2}}, (3)(2)^{\frac{n-4}{2}}, (2)^{\frac{n}{2}}, (2)^{\frac{n}{2}} \right)$

- III.
1.  $\left( (2)^{\frac{n-4}{2}}, (2)^{\frac{n}{2}}, (2)^{\frac{n}{2}}, (4)(2)^{\frac{n}{2}} \right)$
  2.  $\left( (2)^{\frac{n-6}{2}}, (4)(2)^{\frac{n-4}{2}}, (2)^{\frac{n}{2}}, (2)^{\frac{n}{2}} \right)$
  3.  $\left( (2)^{\frac{n}{2}}, (2)^{\frac{n}{2}}, (2)^{\frac{n}{2}}, (4)(2)^{\frac{n-10}{2}} \right)$
  4.  $\left( (3)(2)^{\frac{n-4}{2}}, (2)^{\frac{n}{2}}, (2)^{\frac{n}{2}}, (2)^{\frac{n}{2}} \right)$

*Proof.* We know that the number of Weierstrass points in the fibers of 2-torsion points is  $0 \pmod{2}$ . Combining this with the Riemann - Hurwitz formula we get the three cases of the general case.

To determine the degenerate cases we consider cases when there is one branch point for  $w : C \rightarrow E$ .

I) First, assume that the branch point has two points  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  of index 2 (Case II). Then  $w(P_1) = P_i$  for  $i = 1, 2$  or  $w(P_1) = P_2$ . The first case implies that  $P_1, P_2 \in W$ . Then  $e_\sigma(w(P_1)) = e_\sigma(w(P_2)) = 2$ . So we have case I. 1. When  $w(P_1) = P_2$  then  $e_\sigma(w(P_1)) = 4$ . Thus, we have a point of index 4 in  $\sigma^{-1}(q)$  for  $q \in \{q_1, \dots, q_4\}$ . Therefore cases 2 and 3. If there is  $P \in C$  such that  $e_\sigma(P) = 3$ , then  $P \in W$  and  $e_\sigma(w(P)) = 3$ . So we have case 4.

II) As in case I, if  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  are Weierstrass points then they can be in the fiber of the point which has 4 or 2 Weierstrass points. So we get two cases, namely 1 and 2. Suppose now that  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  are not Weierstrass points, thus  $w(P_1) = P_2$  and  $e_\sigma(w(P_1)) = 4$ . This point of index 4 can be in the same fiber with 4, 2 or none

Weierstrass points. So we get cases 3, 4, and 5 respectively. A point of index 3 is a Weierstrass point which can be in the fiber which has 4 or 2 Weierstrass points. So cases 6 and 7.

III) If  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  are Weierstrass points then they can be only in the fiber with 6 Weierstrass point so case 1. If they are not then we have a point of index 4 which can be in the fiber with all Weierstrass points or with none. Therefore, cases 2 and 3. The point of index 3 is a Weierstrass point so it can be in the fiber where all the Weierstrass points are, so case 4. This completes the proof.

□

### 4.3 Maximal Coverings $\nu : C \rightarrow E$ .

Let  $\nu_1 : C \rightarrow E_1$  be a covering of degree  $n$  from a curve of genus 2 to an elliptic curve. The covering  $\nu_1 : C \rightarrow E_1$  is called a **maximal covering** if it does not factor nontrivially. A map of algebraic curves  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  induces maps between their Jacobians  $f^* : J_Y \rightarrow J_X$  and  $f_* : J_X \rightarrow J_Y$ . When  $f$  is maximal then  $f^*$  is injective and  $\ker f_*$  is connected, see [19] (p. 158) for details.

Let  $\nu_1 : C \rightarrow E_1$  be a covering as above which is maximal. Then  $\nu_1^* : E_1 \rightarrow J_C$  is injective and the kernel of  $\nu_{1,*} : J_C \rightarrow E_1$  is an elliptic curve which we denote by  $E_2$  (see [6] or [12]). For a fixed Weierstrass point  $P \in C$ , we can embed  $C$  to its Jacobian via

$$i_P : C \rightarrow J_C$$

$$x \rightarrow [(x) - (P)]$$

Let  $g : E_2 \rightarrow J_C$  be the natural embedding of  $E_2$  in  $J_C$ , then there exists  $g_* : J_C \rightarrow E_2$ . Define  $\nu_2 = g_* \circ i_P : C \rightarrow E_2$ . So we have the following exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow E_2 \xrightarrow{g} J_C \xrightarrow{\nu_1^*} E_1 \rightarrow 0$$

The dual sequence is also exact (see [6])

$$0 \rightarrow E_1 \xrightarrow{\nu_{1*}} J_C \xrightarrow{g_*} E_2 \rightarrow 0$$

If  $\deg(\nu_1)$  is an odd number then the maximal covering  $\nu_2 : C \rightarrow E_2$  is unique (up to isomorphism of elliptic curves), see Kuhn [12]. If the cover  $\nu_1 : C \rightarrow E_1$  is given, and therefore  $\phi_1$ , we want to determine  $\nu_2 : C \rightarrow E_2$  and  $\phi_2$ . The study of the relation between the ramification structures of  $\phi_1$  and  $\phi_2$  provides information in this direction. The following lemma (see [6], p. 160) answers this question for the set of Weierstrass points  $W = \{P_1, \dots, P_6\}$  of  $C$  when the degree of the cover is odd.

Let  $\nu_i : C \rightarrow E_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , be maximal of odd degree  $n$ . Let  $\mathcal{O}_i \in E_i[2]$  be the points which has three Weierstrass points in its fiber. Then we have the following:

**Lemma 4.5 (Frey-Kani).** *The map  $\nu_2 : C \rightarrow E_2$  is a maximal covering of degree  $n$ . The sets  $\nu_1^{-1}(\mathcal{O}_1) \cap W$  and  $\nu_2^{-1}(\mathcal{O}_2) \cap W$  form a disjoint union of  $W$ .*

When  $n$  is even the ramification of  $\nu$ , is more precise.

**Lemma 4.6.** *Let  $\nu : C \rightarrow E$  is maximal of even degree  $n$ , and  $Q \in E[2]$ . Then  $\nu^{-1}(Q)$  has either none or two Weierstrass points.*

*Proof.* If there are no Weierstrass points in  $\nu^{-1}(Q)$  there is nothing to prove. Suppose there is one, from lemma 3.2 we know there are at least 2, say  $P_1, P_2$ . We embed  $C \rightarrow J_C$  via  $x \rightarrow [(x) - (P_1)]$  and  $E \rightarrow J_E$  via  $x \rightarrow [(x) - (Q)]$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccc} C & \xrightarrow{i_{P_1}} & J_C \\ \nu \downarrow & & \downarrow \nu_* \\ E & \xrightarrow{i_Q} & J_E \end{array}$$

Then  $\nu_*([(x) - (P_1)]) = [(v(x)) - (Q)]$ .

Also,  $\nu_*\nu^* = [n]$  is the multiplication by  $n$  in  $E$ . Since  $2|n$  then  $E[2]$  is a subgroup of  $E[n]$ . So  $\nu^*(E[2]) = \ker(\nu_*|_{J[2]})$ , we call this group  $H$ . Suppose  $P_3 \in \nu^{-1}(Q)$ . Then  $\nu_*(i_{P_1}(P_3)) = \mathcal{O}_E$ , so  $(P_1, P_3) \in H$ , where the unordered pair  $(P_i, P_j)$  denotes the point  $[(P_i) - (P_j)]$  of order 2 in  $J_C$ . By addition of points of order 2 in  $J_C$ ,  $(P_2, P_3) \in H$ . So  $H = \{0_{J_C}, (P_1, P_2), (P_1, P_3), (P_2, P_3)\}$  can't have any other

points, therefore  $\iota^{-1}(Q)$  has three Weierstrass points, which contradicts theorem 4.4. Thus, there are only two Weierstrass points in  $\iota^{-1}(Q)$ .

□

The above lemma says that if  $\iota$  is maximal of even degree then the corresponding Frey-Kani covering can have only type **I** ramification, see theorem 4.3.

CHAPTER 5  
GENUS 2 FIELDS WITH DEGREE 3 ELLIPTIC SUBFIELDS

5.1 Introduction

In this chapter we study genus two curves defined over a field  $k$ ,  $k = \bar{k}$ , of characteristic 0, whose function fields have a degree 3 elliptic subfield. Such curves were studied during the 19th century from Hermite, Goursat, Burkhardt, Brioschi, and Bolza, see Krazer [10] (p. 179).

We show that every such curve is in the form

$$Y^2 = (X^3 + aX^2 + bX + 1)(X^3 + b^2X^2 + 2bX + 1) = F(X)G(X)$$

for  $a, b \in k$ .

Let  $\mathcal{L}_3$  denote the locus of genus 2 fields with  $e_3(K) > 1$ . So  $\mathcal{L}_3$  is parameterized by the pairs  $(a, b) \in k^2$ . We define invariants of two cubics  $F$  and  $G$  as

$$r_1(F, G) = \frac{H^3(F, G)}{R(F, G)}, \quad r_2(F, G) = \frac{H^4(F, G)}{D(F) \cdot D(G)}$$

where  $R(F, G)$  is the resultant of the two cubics,  $D(F)$  and  $D(G)$  are the respective discriminants, and  $H(F, G)$  the binary invariant of two cubics. The invariants  $r_1, r_2$  give a birational parameterization of  $\mathcal{L}_3$ . This parameterization of  $\mathcal{L}_3$  factors through ramified Galois coverings of degree 3 (resp. 2)

$$k^2 \rightarrow k^2 \rightarrow k^2$$

$$(a, b) \rightarrow (u, v) \rightarrow (r_1, r_2)$$

where  $ab = u$  and  $b^3 = v$ . The equation of  $\mathcal{L}_3$  is computed in terms of the absolute invariants and is displayed in the appendix.

In section four we show that if  $\mathcal{C} \in \mathcal{L}_3$  then  $\text{Aut}(\mathcal{C})$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Z}_2, V_4, D_4$  or  $D_6$ . Moreover, there are exactly six genus 2 curves with automorphism group  $D_4$  or  $D_6$ .

In section 5 we determine the  $j$ -invariants of the elliptic subfields in terms of the parameters  $u$  and  $v$ . The involution  $\nu \in \text{Gal}(k(u, v)/k(r_1, r_2))$  permutes these elliptic subfields. If one of the elliptic subfields, say  $E_2$  is of degenerate type, then

$$j(E_1) = \frac{(j(E_2) - 432)^2}{720j(E_2)}$$

### 5.2 Genus Two Fields With Degree 3 Elliptic Subfields

Let  $K$  be a genus 2 function field and  $J_2, J_4, J_6, J_{10}$  its classical invariants invariants as in chapter 3. We use another invariant  $J_{18}$  as in appendix (A.3). Then we have the following theorem which will be proved in section 5.

**Theorem 5.1.** *Let  $K$  be a genus 2 field and  $e_3(K)$  the number of  $\text{Aut}(K)$ -classes of elliptic subfields of  $K$  of degree 3. Suppose  $e_3(K) \geq 1$ . Then the classical invariants of  $K$  satisfy the equation*

$$\overline{C_2 J_{10}^2 + C_7 J_{10}^2 + C_6 J_{10}^2 + C_5 J_{10}^2 + C_4 J_{10}^2 + C_3 J_{10}^2 + C_2 J_{10}^2 + C_1 J_{10} + C_0 = 0} \quad (5.1)$$

where  $C_0, \dots, C_7$  are displayed in the appendix (A.1). If additionally  $J_2 \neq 0$  and  $J_{18} \neq 0$ , then  $e_3(K) \leq 2$ .

*Remark 5.2.* The cases  $e_3(K) = 1, 8$  occur for a finite (non-zero) number of cases and  $e_3(K) = 1$  occurs for a 1-dimensional family of genus 2 curves, see section 5.

**Lemma 5.3.** *Let  $K$  be a genus 2 field and  $E$  an elliptic subfield of degree 3.*

*i) Then  $K = k(X, Y)$  such that*

$$Y^2 = (4X^3 + b^2X^2 - 2bX + 1)(X^3 + aX^2 + bX + 1) \quad (5.2)$$

for  $a, b \in k$  such that

$$(4a^3 + 27 - 18ab - a^2b^2 + 4b^3)(b^3 - 27) \neq 0 \quad (5.3)$$

The roots of the first (resp. second) cubic correspond to  $W^{(1)}(K, E)$ , (resp.  $W^{(2)}(K, E)$ ) in the coordinates  $X, Y$ , (see theorem 4.3).

ii)  $E = k(U, V)$  where

$$U = \frac{X^2}{X^3 + aX^2 + bX + 1}$$

and

$$V^2 = U^3 + 2\frac{ab^2 - 6a^2 + 9b}{R}U^2 + \frac{12a - b^2}{R}U - \frac{4}{R} \quad (5.4)$$

where  $R = 4a^3 + 27 - 18ab - a^2b^2 + 4b^3 \neq 0$ .

iii) Define

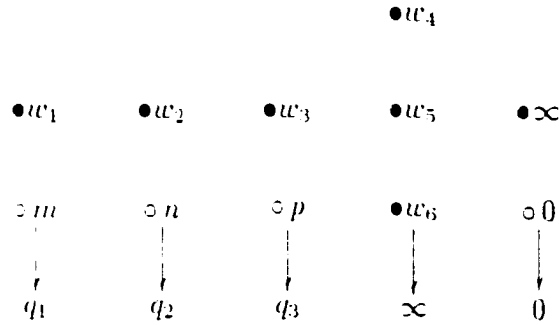
$$u := ab, \quad v := b^3$$

Let  $K'$  be a genus 2 field and  $E' \subset K'$  a degree 3 elliptic subfield. Let  $a', b'$  be the associated parameters as above and  $u' := a'b'$ ,  $v = (b')^3$ . Then, there is a  $k$ -isomorphism  $K \rightarrow K'$  mapping  $E \rightarrow E'$  if and only if exists a third root of unity  $\xi \in k$  with  $a' = \xi a$  and  $b' = \xi^2 b$ . If  $b = 0$  then such  $\xi$  exists if and only if  $v = v'$  and  $u = u'$ .

iv) The classical invariants of  $K$  satisfy equation (5.1).

*Proof.* Let  $k(X)$  be the degree 2 subfield of genus 0 of  $K$ . Let  $X = w_1, \dots, w_6$  be the Weierstrass points of  $K$  and  $W^{(1)} = \{w_1, w_2, w_3\}$ . Let  $k(U) = k(X) \cap E$ , where  $U = \omega(X) \in k(X)$ . The Weierstrass points lie over 4 places  $U = q_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, 4$ , see 4.3. We can choose the labeling so that  $w_i$  lies over  $q_i$ , for  $i = 1, 2, 3$ . Then  $w_4, w_5, w_6$  lie over  $q_4$ . The extension  $k(X)/k(U)$  is ramified over 4 places, three of which are  $q_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3$ . We choose the coordinate  $U$  such that the fourth place is  $U = 0$  and  $q_4 = \infty$ . We fix the coordinate  $X$ , up to multiplication by a third root of unity, by the conditions that 0 (resp.  $\infty$ ) is the point of ramification index 2 (resp. unramified) over 0 and  $w_4 w_5 w_6 = -1$ . In the following figure bullets (resp. circles) represent points of ramification index 1 (resp. 2).



Figure 5.1: Ramification of  $\phi_1$ 

Let  $a := -w_1 - w_5 - w_6$  and  $b := w_1w_5 + w_1w_6 + w_5w_6$ . Thus,  $U = \phi(X) = l \frac{X^2}{X^3 + aX^2 + bX + 1}$ , where  $l$  is a nonzero constant. We can make  $l = 1$  by replacing  $U$  by  $l^{-1}U$ . Now the coordinate  $U$  is uniquely determined. Then,

$$U = \phi(X) = \frac{X^2}{X^3 + aX^2 + bX + 1} \quad (5.5)$$

The derivative of  $\phi(X)$  is

$$\phi'(X) = -\frac{X(X^3 - bX - 2c)}{(X^3 + aX^2 + bX + c)^2}$$

Taking the resultant of the numerator of  $\phi'(X)$  and  $\frac{\phi(X) - \phi(Z)}{X - Z}$  we get

$$4Z^3 + b^2Z^2 + 2bZ + 1 = (Z - w_1)(Z - w_2)(Z - w_3) \quad (5.6)$$

Thus,  $K$  has equation

$$Y^2 = (X^3 + aX^2 + bX + 1)(4X^3 + b^2X^2 + 2bX + 1) \quad (5.7)$$

Because  $w_1, \dots, w_6$  are all distinct, the discriminant of the sextic is not 0. So

$$(4a^3 + 27 - 18ab - a^2b^2 + 4b^3)^2(16b^3 - 432) \neq 0 \quad (5.8)$$

ii) Let  $R = 4a^3 + 27 - 18ab - a^2b^2 + 4b^3$ , then from part i)  $R \neq 0$ . We have

$$(U - q_1)(U - q_2)(U - q_3) = U^3 + 2\frac{ab^2 - 6a^2 + 9b}{R}U^2 + \frac{12a - b^2}{R}U - \frac{4}{R}$$

which we compute by taking the resultant with respect to  $Z$  of (5.6) and

$$U(Z^3 + aZ^2 + bZ + 1) - Z^2 = 0$$

By theorem 4.3,  $E = k(U, V)$  where

$$V^2 = U^2 - 2 \frac{ab^2 - 6a^2 + 9b}{R} U^2 - \frac{12a - b^2}{R} U - \frac{4}{R} \quad (5.9)$$

iii) The “if” part is clear. For the “only if” part we may assume  $K = K'$  and  $E = E'$ . Then the claim follows from the uniqueness of the coordinates  $U$  and  $V$ , up to multiplication by a third root of unity.

iv) We denote by  $J_2, J_4, J_6$ , and  $J_{10}$  the classical invariants of the sextic in 5.2 defining  $K$ . Then we have:

$$\begin{aligned} J_2 &= -2(3v^2 + 4u^2 + 12uv + 252u - 54v - 405) \\ J_4 &= \frac{1}{v}(-66u^3v - 24u^4 + 14580v - 36v^3 + 9u^2v^2 + 1188u^3 + 945v^2 - 8424uv \\ &\quad + 138uv^2 + u^4v + 297u^2v) \\ J_6 &= \frac{1}{v^2}(-1353996a^2v^2 + 1464u^3v^2 - 18756a^4v^2 + 3669786uv^2 - 4032v^4 \\ &\quad - 315252v^3u + 75024v^3u^2 - 144u^6 - 40u^6v - 622323v^3 - 2821230v^2 + 3186v^5 \\ &\quad - 204u^3v^4 + 2u^4v^4 + 564v^5u + 18v^5u^2 - 8u^5v^3 - 72v^6 + 4280u^3v^3 + 495u^4v^3 \\ &\quad - 1038v^4u^2 + 106u^5v^2 + 160704u^4v - 104004u^3v + 1476u^5v + 2u^6v^2 - 33480v^4u) \\ J_{10} &= -16(v - 27) \frac{(27v^3 + 4u^9 - v^3u^2 + 4v^4 - 18v^3u)^3}{v^9} \end{aligned} \quad (5.10)$$

One checks that  $J_2, J_4, J_6$ , and  $J_{10}$  satisfy equation (5.1). We will explain in the next section how we obtained the equation (5.1).

□

Let

$$F(X) := X^3 + aX^2 + bX + 1$$

$$G(X) := 4X^3 + b^2X^2 + 2bX + 1$$

Denote by  $R = 4a^3 + 27 - 18ab - a^2b^2 + 4b^3$  the resultant of  $F$  and  $G$ . Then we have the following:

**Lemma 5.4.** *Let  $a, b \in k$  satisfy equation (5.3). Then equation (5.2) defines a genus 2 field  $K = k(X, Y)$ . It has elliptic subfields of degree 3,  $E_i = k(U_i, V_i)$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , where  $U_i$  and  $V_i$  are as follows:*

$$U_1 = \frac{X^2}{F(X)}, \quad V_1 = Y \frac{X^3 - bX - 2}{F(X)^2}$$

$$U_2 = \begin{cases} \frac{(X-s)^2(X-t)}{G(X)} & \text{if } b(b^3 - 4ba + 9) \neq 0 \\ \frac{(3X-a)}{3(4X^3+1)} & \text{if } b = 0 \\ \frac{(bX-3)^2}{b^2G(X)} & \text{if } (b^3 - 4ba + 9) = 0 \end{cases} \quad (5.11)$$

where

$$s = -\frac{3}{b}, \quad t = \frac{3a - b^2}{b^3 - 4ab + 9}$$

$$V_2 = \begin{cases} \frac{\sqrt{27 - b^3}Y}{G(X)^2} ((4ab - 8 - b^3)X^3 - (b^2 - 4ab)X^2 + bX + 1) & \text{if } b(b^3 - 4ba + 9) \neq 0 \\ Y \frac{3X^3 - 4aX^2 - 1}{(4X^3 + 1)^2} & \text{if } b = 0 \\ \frac{8}{b} \sqrt{b} \frac{Y}{G(X)} (bX^3 + 9X^2 + b^2X + b) & \text{if } (b^3 - 4ba + 9) = 0 \end{cases} \quad (5.12)$$

*Proof.* If  $a, b$  satisfy equation (5.3) then the sextic

$$(X^3 - aX^2 - bX - 1)(4X^3 - b^2X^2 + 2bX + 1)$$

has discriminant

$$D = (4a^3 + 27 - 18ab - a^2b^2 + 4b^3)^2(b^3 - 27) \neq 0$$

So there exists a genus 2 function field  $K$  given by equation (5.2).

Let  $U_1 = \frac{X^2}{F(X)}$  and  $V_1 = Y \frac{X^3 - bX - 2}{F(X)^2}$ . Then  $U_1$  and  $V_1$  satisfy the equation

$$V_1^2 = RU_1^3 + 2(ab^2 - 6a^2 + 9b)U_1^2 + 12a - b^2U_1 - 4$$

The discriminant with respect to  $U_1$  of the right hand side cubic is  $b^3 - 27 \neq 0$ , see (5.3). Thus,  $k(U_1, V_1)$  is an elliptic subfield of  $K$ .

Let  $b^3 - 4ba + 9 \neq 0$ . Then  $U_2$  and  $V_2$  satisfy the equation

$$V_2^2 = c_3U_2^3 + c_2U_2^2 + c_1U_2 + c_0$$

where  $c_i$  are as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} c_3 &= b^3(b^3 - 4ba + 9)^3 \\ c_2 &= b^4(-27b^2 + ab^3 + 54a)(b^3 - 4ba + 9)^2 \\ c_1 &= b^2(b^3 - 4ba + 9)(b^7 - 18ab^5 + 189b^4 + 54a^2b^3 - 972ab^2 + 729b + 729a^2) \\ c_0 &= -(2b^3 - 9ba + 27)^3 \end{aligned} \tag{5.13}$$

The discriminant of the cubic is

$$-b^{12}(b^3 - 27)^6(b^3 - 4ab + 9)R \neq 0$$

see (5.3). Thus,  $k(U_2, V_2)$  is an elliptic subfield of  $K$ .

Let  $b = 0$ , then the discriminant of the sextic which defines  $K$  is  $-27(4a^3 + 27) \neq 0$ . Then  $U_2$  and  $V_2$  satisfy the equation

$$V_2^2 = 27U_2^3 + 18aU_2^2 + 3a^2U_2 - 1$$

The discriminant is  $4a^3 + 27 \neq 0$ . So,  $k(U_2, V_2)$  is an elliptic subfield of  $K$ .

Let  $b^2 - 4ab + 9 = 0$  and Then,  $U_2, V_2$  satisfy the equation

$$V_2^2 = b^4U_2^3 - b^4(b^3 - 18a)U_2^2 + (51 - 9b^2)U_2 - b$$

The discriminant of the right hand side cubic is  $b(b^3 - 27) \neq 0$ . So,  $k(U_2, V_2)$  is an elliptic subfield of  $K$ . This completes the proof.

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### 5.3 Function Field of $\mathcal{L}_4$

The absolute invariants  $i_1, i_2$ , and  $i_3$  in terms of  $u, v$  are

$$\begin{aligned}
 i_1 &= \frac{144}{v(-405 + 252u + 4u^2 - 54v - 12uv + 3v^2)^2} (1188u^3 - 8424uv + u^4v - 24u^4 \\
 &\quad + 14580v - 66u^3v + 138uv^2 + 297u^2v + 945v^2 - 36v^3 + 9u^2v^2) \\
 i_2 &= -\frac{864}{v^2(-405 + 252u + 4u^2 - 54v - 12uv + 3v^2)^3} (-81v^3u^4 + 2u^6v^2 + 234u^5v^2 \\
 &\quad - 3162402uv^2 - 21384v^3u + 26676v^4 - 473121v^3 - 72u^6v - 5832v^4u + 14850v^3u^2 \\
 &\quad - 72v^3u^3 + 324v^4u^2 - 650268u^3v - 5940u^3v^2 - 3346110v^2 + 432u^6 - 1350u^4v^2 \\
 &\quad + 136080u^4v - 7020u^5v - 307638u^2v^2) \\
 i_3 &= -243 \frac{(v-27)(4u^3 - u^2v - 18uv + 4v^2 + 27v)^3}{v^3(-405 + 252u + 4u^2 - 54v - 12uv + 3v^2)^5}
 \end{aligned} \tag{5.14}$$

Let  $u, v$  be independent transcendentals over  $k$  and  $i_1, i_2, i_3 \in k(u, v)$  be given by equations (5.14). Further elements  $r_1, r_2 \in k(u, v)$  are defined below.

From the resultants of equations in 5.14 we determine that  $[k(\bar{v}) : k(\bar{i}_1, \bar{i}_2)] = 16$ ,  $[k(v) : k(i_2, i_3)] = 40$ , and  $[k(\bar{v}) : k(\bar{i}_1, \bar{i}_3)] = 26$ . We also can show that  $\bar{u} \in k(\bar{i}_1, \bar{i}_2, \bar{i}_3, \bar{v})$ , the expression is large and we display it on the appendix, see (A.4). Thus,  $[k(u, v) : k(i_1, i_2, i_3)] \leq 2$ , see figure 5.2.

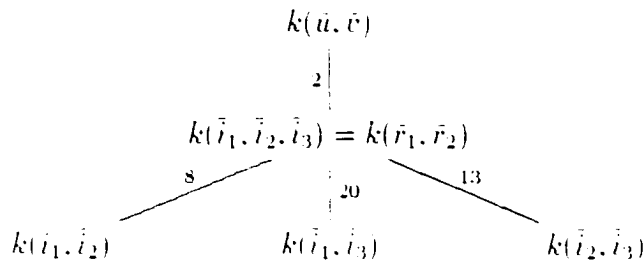


Figure 5.2:

Computing the equation (5.1) directly from the 5.14 exceeds available computer power. We use additional invariants  $\bar{r}_1, \bar{r}_2$  to overcome this problem.

### 5.3.1 Invariants of Two Cubics

We define the following invariants of two cubic polynomials. For  $F(X) = a_3X^3 + a_2X^2 + a_1X + a_0$  and  $G(X) = b_3X^3 + b_2X^2 + b_1X + b_0$  define

$$H(F, G) := a_3b_0 - \frac{1}{3}a_2b_1 + \frac{1}{3}a_1b_2 - a_0b_3$$

We denote by  $R(F, G)$  the resultant of  $F$  and  $G$  and by  $D(F)$  the discriminant of  $F$ . Also,

$$r_1(F, G) = \frac{H(F, G)^3}{R(F, G)}, \quad r_2(F, G) = \frac{H(F, G)^4}{D(F)D(G)}$$

*Remark 5.5.* Note that  $D(FG) = D(F) \cdot D(G) \cdot R^2(F, G)$ .

For

$$F(X) = X^3 + aX^2 + bX + 1$$

$$G(X) = 4X^3 + b^2X^2 + 2bX + 1$$

from lemma 5.3 we have

$$\begin{aligned} r_1(F, G) &= 27 \frac{v(v-9-2u)^3}{4v^2 - 18uv + 27v - u^2v + 4u^3} \\ r_2(F, G) &= -1296 \frac{v(v-9-2u)^4}{(v-27)(4v^2 - 18uv + 27v - u^2v + 4u^3)} \end{aligned} \quad (5.15)$$

*Remark 5.6.* Note that  $r_1, r_2$  are defined for any  $u, v$  by (5.3).

Taking the resultants from the above equations we get the following equations for  $u$  and  $v$  over  $k(r_1, r_2)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} &65536r_1r_2^2u^2 + (42467328r_2^4 + 21233664r_2^4r_1 + 480r_2r_1^4 + 2r_1^5 + 41472r_2^2r_1^3 \\ &+ 1548288r_2^3r_1^2 - 294912r_2^3r_1)r_1u - 382205952r_2^4 + 238878720r_2^4r_1 - 2654208r_2^3r_1 \\ &+ 13934592r_2^3r_1^2 + 285696r_2^2r_1^3 + 2400r_2r_1^4 + 7r_1^5 = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (5.16)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &16384v^2r_2^3 + (221184r_2^2r_1 + r_1^4 + 11520r_2^2r_1^2 - 442368r_2^3 + 192r_2r_1^3)v \\ &- 5971968r_2^3r_1 - 864r_2r_1^3 - 124416r_2^2r_1^2 - 2r_1^4 = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (5.17)$$

In equation (5.16) express  $\bar{r}_1$  and  $\bar{r}_2$  in terms of  $\bar{u}$  and  $\bar{v}$ . Roots of this equation are  $\bar{u}$  and  $\nu(\bar{u})$  where,

$$\nu(\bar{u}) = \frac{(\bar{v} - 3\bar{u})(324\bar{u}^2 + 15\bar{u}^2\bar{v} - 378\bar{u}\bar{v} - 4\bar{u}\bar{v}^2 + 243\bar{v} + 72\bar{v}^2)}{(\bar{v} - 27)(4\bar{u}^3 + 27\bar{v} - 18\bar{u}\bar{v} - \bar{u}^2\bar{v} + 4\bar{v}^2)} \quad (5.18)$$

Similarly for  $v$  we get

$$\nu(v) = -\frac{4(v - 3u)^3}{4\bar{u}^3 + 27v - 18uv - u^2v + 4v^2} \quad (5.19)$$

Define a ring homomorphism

$$\nu : k[\bar{u}, \bar{v}] \rightarrow k(\bar{u}, \bar{v})$$

$$u \rightarrow \nu(u)$$

$$v \rightarrow \nu(v)$$

Then, we compute  $\nu^2 = 1$ . Thus,  $\nu$  extends to an involutory automorphism of  $k(\bar{u}, \bar{v})$  which we again denote by  $\nu$ . Since,

$$\tau : k(u, \bar{v}) \rightarrow k(u, v)$$

$$u \rightarrow u$$

$$\bar{v} \rightarrow \nu(\bar{v})$$

is not involutory, then  $[k(\bar{u}, \bar{v}) : k(\bar{r}_1, \bar{r}_2)] = 2$  and  $Gal_{k(\bar{u}, \bar{v})/k(\bar{r}_1, \bar{r}_2)} = \langle \nu \rangle$ .

**Lemma 5.7.** *The fields  $k(\bar{i}_1, \bar{i}_2, \bar{i}_3)$  and  $k(\bar{r}_1, \bar{r}_2)$  are the same. Moreover:*

$$\begin{aligned} i_1 &= \frac{9(13824r_1^4r_2^2 + 442368r_1^2r_2^3 + 5308416r_1r_2^4 + 192r_1^4r_2 + r_1^5 + 786432\bar{r}_1\bar{r}_2^3 + 9437184\bar{r}_2^4)}{r_1(-1152r_2^2 + 96\bar{r}_2\bar{r}_1 + \bar{r}_1^2)^2} \\ i_2 &= \frac{27}{8r_1^2(-1152r_2^2 + 96\bar{r}_2\bar{r}_1 + \bar{r}_1^2)^3} (+79626240\bar{r}_1^4\bar{r}_2^4 - 4076863488\bar{r}_1^4\bar{r}_2^5 + 34560\bar{r}_1^6\bar{r}_2^2 \\ &\quad + 12230590464\bar{r}_1^2\bar{r}_2^6 + 32614907904\bar{r}_1\bar{r}_2^6 + 14495514624\bar{r}_2^6 + 288\bar{r}_1^7\bar{r}_2 + 2211840\bar{r}_1^5\bar{r}_2^3 \\ &\quad + \bar{r}_1^8 - 212336640\bar{r}_1^3\bar{r}_2^4 + 1528823808\bar{r}_1^3\bar{r}_2^5 - 2359296\bar{r}_1^4\bar{r}_2^3) \\ i_3 &= -521838526464 \frac{\bar{r}_2^9}{r_1^2(-1152r_2^2 + 96\bar{r}_2\bar{r}_1 + \bar{r}_1^2)^5} \end{aligned} \quad (5.20)$$

*Proof.* It can be checked easily that  $\nu$  fixes  $i_1, i_2, i_3$ . So  $\bar{i}_1, \bar{i}_2, \bar{i}_3 \in k(\bar{r}_1, \bar{r}_2)$ . Since  $[k(u, v) : k(\bar{r}_1, \bar{r}_2)] = 2$  and  $[k(\bar{u}, \bar{v}) : k(\bar{i}_1, \bar{i}_2, \bar{i}_3)] \leq 2$ , then  $k(\bar{i}_1, \bar{i}_2, \bar{i}_3) = k(\bar{r}_1, \bar{r}_2)$ .

To find  $\bar{i}_1$  we eliminate  $\bar{u}$  and  $\bar{v}$  from the system of equations (5.14) and (5.15). In the same way we find  $\bar{i}_2$  and  $\bar{i}_3$ . One can check the correctness by substituting in terms of  $\bar{i}$  and  $\bar{v}$ . This completes the proof

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*Remark 5.8.* To find equation (5.1) we eliminate  $\bar{r}_1$  and  $\bar{r}_2$  from the three equations of the above lemma. This equation has degree 8, 13, and 20 in  $\bar{i}_1, \bar{i}_2, \bar{i}_3$  respectively.

### 5.4 Proof of Theorem 5.1

The map

$$\theta : (u, v) \rightarrow (i_1, i_2, i_3)$$

generically has degree 2, by previous section. Denote the minors of the Jacobian matrix of  $\theta$  by  $M_1(u, v), M_2(u, v), M_3(u, v)$ . The system

$$\begin{cases} M_1(u, v) = 0 \\ M_2(u, v) = 0 \\ M_3(u, v) = 0 \end{cases} \quad (5.21)$$

has solutions

$$8v^3 + 27v^2 - 54uv^2 - u^2v^2 + 108u^2v + 4u^3v - 108u^3 = 0 \quad (5.22)$$

and 7 further solutions which we display in the following table together with the corresponding values  $(i_1, i_2, i_3)$  and properties of the corresponding genus 2 field  $K$ .

Assume that equation (5.22) holds for some  $(u, v) \in k^2$ . Then the corresponding quantities  $J_2, i = 1, 2, 3, 5$  from (5.10) satisfy the equation

$$F(J_2, J_4, J_6, J_{10}) = 0 \quad (5.23)$$



$(u, v)$	$(i_1, i_2, i_3)$	$Aut(K)$	$\epsilon_3(K)$
$(-\frac{7}{2}, 2)$	$J_{10} = 0$ . no associated genus 2 field $K$		
$(-\frac{775}{8}, \frac{125}{96})$ , $(\frac{25}{2}, \frac{250}{9})$	$-\frac{8019}{20}, -\frac{1240029}{200}, \frac{531441}{100000}$	$D_4$	2
$(27 - \frac{77}{2}\sqrt{-1}, 23 - \frac{77}{9}\sqrt{-1})$ , $(27 + \frac{77}{2}\sqrt{-1}, 23 + \frac{77}{9}\sqrt{-1})$	$(\frac{729}{2116}, \frac{1240029}{97336}, \frac{531441}{13181630464})$	$D_4$	2
$(-15 + \frac{45}{8}\sqrt{5}, \frac{45}{2} + \frac{45}{6}\sqrt{5})$ , $(-15 - \frac{45}{8}\sqrt{5}, \frac{45}{2} - \frac{45}{6}\sqrt{5})$	$81, -\frac{5103}{25}, -\frac{729}{12500}$	$D_6$	2

Table 5.1:

where  $F(J_2, J_4, J_6, J_{10})$  is displayed in the appendix, see (A.3). This is obtained by taking the resultants of equations (5.14) and (5.22). We define  $J_{48} := F(J_2, J_4, J_6, J_{10})$ . By previous section  $\theta$  is generically a covering of degree 2. So exists a Zariski open subset  $\mathcal{U}$  of  $k^2$  with the following properties: Firstly,  $\theta$  is defined everywhere on  $\mathcal{U}$  and is a covering of degree 2 from  $\mathcal{U}$  to  $\theta(\mathcal{U})$ . Further, if  $u \in \mathcal{U}$  then all  $u' \in k^2$  with  $\theta$  defined at  $u'$  and  $\theta(u') = \theta(u)$  also lie in  $\mathcal{U}$ . Suppose  $\underline{i} \in k^3$  such that  $|\theta^{-1}(\underline{i})| > 2$  and  $\det(Jac(\theta))$  does not vanish at any point of  $\theta^{-1}(\underline{i})$ . Then by implicit function theorem, there is an open ball  $B$  around each element of  $\theta^{-1}(\underline{i})$  such that each point in  $\theta(B)$  has  $> 2$  inverse images under  $\theta$ . But  $B$  has to intersect the Zariski open set  $\mathcal{U}$ . This is a contradiction. Thus, if  $\underline{i} \in k^3$  and  $|\theta^{-1}(\underline{i})| > 2$ , then  $\det(Jac(\theta)) = 0$  at some point of  $\theta^{-1}(\underline{i})$  and so  $J_{48}$  vanishes.

Let  $\epsilon_3(K) > 1$  and  $J_2 \neq 0$ ,  $J_{48} \neq 0$ . Then  $i_1, i_2, i_3$  are defined and by previous paragraph  $|\theta^{-1}(i_1, i_2, i_3)| \leq 2$ . Thus, by lemma 5.3 part iii)  $\epsilon_3(K) \leq 2$ . This completes the proof of theorem 5.1.

### 5.5 Exceptional Cases for $J_2 = 0$

At present we do not yet have a full description of all possible values of  $\epsilon_3(K)$ . This will be done later. We consider the case when  $J_2 = 0$ . Thus,

$$J_2 = \frac{2}{3}(3v - 6u + 2u\sqrt{6} - 27 - 18\sqrt{6})(3v - 27 + 18\sqrt{6} - 6u - 2u\sqrt{6}) = 0$$

As for  $n = 2$  we define the invariants

$$a_1 := \frac{J_4 \cdot J_6}{J_{10}}, \quad a_2 := \frac{J_6 \cdot J_{10}}{J_4^4} \quad (5.24)$$

for  $J_4 \neq 0$  and  $J_6 \neq 0$ . These invariants determine genus two curves with  $J_2 = 0$ , up to isomorphism, see [13] or [17].

If  $u := -\frac{1}{2}(3 + \sqrt{6})(-v + 9 + 6\sqrt{6})$  then

$$\begin{aligned} a_1 &= \frac{27 - 2\sqrt{6} - 5}{8(-3v + 26 + 14\sqrt{6})^4} (-3v^2 + 153v + 12\sqrt{6}v - 960 - 440\sqrt{6})(-v^4 + 18v^3 + \\ &\quad 6\sqrt{6}v^2 - 297v^2 - 82\sqrt{6}v^2 - 312v - 1668\sqrt{6}v - 35992 - 14688\sqrt{6}) \\ a_2 &= \frac{8(2\sqrt{6} + 5)(-3v + 26 + 14\sqrt{6})^3}{v(v - 27)(-3v^2 + 153v + 12\sqrt{6}v - 960 - 440\sqrt{6})^4} (-v^4 + 18v^3 + 6\sqrt{6}v^3 \\ &\quad - 297v^2 - 82\sqrt{6}v^2 - 312v - 1668\sqrt{6}v - 35992 - 14688\sqrt{6}) \end{aligned} \quad (5.25)$$

Then we have the following equation for  $a_1$  and  $a_2$ .

$$\begin{aligned} &16656a_1^3a_2^3 + 7558272a_1^4a_2^3 + 1259712\sqrt{6}a_1^4a_2^3 - 15552a_1^4a_2^2 \\ &-12427478784a_1^3a_2^2 + 1917635712\sqrt{6}a_1^3a_2^2 + 1728a_1^3a_2 - 656217531654480a_1^2a_2^2 \\ &\quad + 267571209034080\sqrt{6}a_1^2a_2^2 - 1844125056a_1^2a_2 + 743525568\sqrt{6}a_1^2a_2 \\ &\quad - 64a_1^2 - 6334497449472117312a_1a_2^2 + 2585860435265558832\sqrt{6}a_1a_2^2 \\ &\quad + 230833239838992a_2a_1 - 94237227087840a_2a_1\sqrt{6} - 601244429975805030777a_2^2 \\ &\quad - 245429539257764380572a_2^2\sqrt{6} = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (5.26)$$

We denote the singular points of the above curve by  $P_1, P_2, P_3, P_4$ . They are displayed in table 5.2. The inverse images of  $P_1, P_2, P_3, P_4$  are given respectively by the following equations:

$$\begin{aligned}
& 9e^4 + (-693 - 27\sqrt{6})e^3 + (15141 + 1749\sqrt{6})e^2 + (-66414 - 33396\sqrt{6})e \\
& \quad - 1368\sqrt{6} + 3388 = 0 \\
& 3e^4 + (-153 - 33\sqrt{6})e^3 + (3129 - 1219\sqrt{6})e^2 + (-10854 - 11556\sqrt{6})e \\
& \quad + 176904\sqrt{6} + 450036 = 0 \\
& -20013956240580e^3 + 2896020\alpha e^3 - 5152107547080e^3\sqrt{6} + 1077048\sqrt{6}\alpha e^3 \\
& -864678870153045e^2 - 366454809\alpha e^2 + 210536251225164e^2\sqrt{6} - 149670624\alpha e^2\sqrt{6} \\
& -12007884954657636e + 11004193620\alpha e - 5403860658681804e\sqrt{6} + 4485831180\alpha e\sqrt{6} \\
& -85894558726061148 - 95384513484\alpha + 33963300634831272\sqrt{6} - 38960560376\alpha\sqrt{6} \\
& \quad 317052772128e^4 = 0 \\
& 20013956240580e^3 - 2896020\alpha e^3 - 5152107547080e^3\sqrt{6} - 1077048\sqrt{6}\alpha e^3 \\
& -864678870153045e^2 - 366454809\alpha e^2 - 210536251225164e^2\sqrt{6} - 149670624\alpha e^2\sqrt{6} \\
& -12007884954657636e + 11004193620\alpha e + 5403860658681804e\sqrt{6} + 4485831180\alpha e\sqrt{6} \\
& -85894558726061148 - 95384513484\alpha - 33963300634831272\sqrt{6} - 38960560376\alpha\sqrt{6} \\
& \quad -317052772128e^4 = 0
\end{aligned} \tag{5.27}$$

where  $\alpha = \sqrt{1521546046449129 - 621062090592456\sqrt{6}}$ .

If  $u := \frac{3}{2}e - \frac{93}{2} - \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{6}e - 27$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}
a_1 &= \frac{27(-5 - 2\sqrt{6})}{8(-3e + 26 + 14\sqrt{6})^3} (-3e^2 + 153e + 12\sqrt{6}e - 960 - 440\sqrt{6}) \\
& \quad (-e^4 + 18e^3 + 6\sqrt{6}e^3 + 297e^2 - 82\sqrt{6}e^2 - 312e - 1668\sqrt{6}e - 35992 - 14688\sqrt{6}) \\
a_2 &= \frac{8(5 - 2\sqrt{6})}{9(e - 27)(e - 3e^2 - 153e - 12\sqrt{6}e - 960 - 440\sqrt{6})^4} (-3e - 26 - 14\sqrt{6})^2 \\
& \quad (-e^4 + 18e^3 + 6\sqrt{6}e^3 + 297e^2 - 82\sqrt{6}e^2 - 312e - 1668\sqrt{6}e - 35992 - 14688\sqrt{6})
\end{aligned} \tag{5.28}$$

Then we have the following equation for  $a_1$  and  $a_2$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
& 230833239838992a_2a_1 + 94237227087840a_2a_1\sqrt{6} - 12427478784a_1^3a_2^2 \\
& - 4917635712\sqrt{6}a_1^3a_2^2 + 1728a_1^3a_2 - 15552a_1^4a_2^2 - 656217531654480a_1^2a_2^2 \\
& - 267571209034080\sqrt{6}a_1^2a_2^2 + 46656a_1^5a_2^2 - 64a_1^7 - 601244429975805030777a_2^2 \\
& - 245429539257764380572a_2^2\sqrt{6} - 1844125056a_1^2a_2 - 743525568\sqrt{6}a_1^2a_2 \\
& - 6334497449472117312a_1a_2^2 - 2585860435265558832\sqrt{6}a_1a_2^2 + 7558272a_1^4a_2^3 \\
& \quad - 1259712\sqrt{6}a_1^4a_2^3 = 0
\end{aligned} \tag{5.29}$$

We denote the singular points of the above curve by  $Q_1, Q_2, Q_3, Q_4$ . They are displayed in table 5.2. The inverse images of  $Q_1, Q_2, Q_3, Q_4$  are given respectively by the following equations.

$$\begin{aligned}
& 9e^4 + (-693 + 27\sqrt{6})e^3 + (15141 - 1749\sqrt{6})e^2 + (-66414 + 33396\sqrt{6})e \\
& \qquad \qquad \qquad + 1368\sqrt{6} + 3388 = 0 \\
& 3e^4 + (-153 - 33\sqrt{6})e^3 + (3129 + 1219\sqrt{6})e^2 + (-10854 + 11556\sqrt{6})e \\
& \qquad \qquad \qquad - 176904\sqrt{6} + 450036 = 0 \\
& -59889738379432 - 24449865553848\sqrt{6} - 442888\bar{\alpha}\sqrt{6} - 1084792\bar{\alpha} + 7357705605e^3 \\
& -34560e^3\sqrt{6} + 3028447926e^3\sqrt{6} + 54\sqrt{6}\bar{\alpha}e^3 + 135\bar{\alpha}e^3 - 2096640e^4\sqrt{6} - 3749760e^4 \\
& -444053451834e^2 - 181029817026e^2\sqrt{6} - 3294\bar{\alpha}e^2\sqrt{6} - 8046\bar{\alpha}e^2 + 238464e^5 \\
& -3456e^6 + 8929332535428e + 3645613068192e\sqrt{6} + 161964\bar{\alpha}e + 66096\bar{\alpha}e\sqrt{6} = 0 \\
& -24449865553848\sqrt{6} - 59889738379432 + 1084792\bar{\alpha} + 442888\bar{\alpha}\sqrt{6} + 7357705605e^3 \\
& + 238464e^5 + 3028447926e^3\sqrt{6} - 54\sqrt{6}\bar{\alpha}e^3 - 135\bar{\alpha}e^3 - 2096640e^4\sqrt{6} - 3749760e^4 \\
& - 181029817026e^2\sqrt{6} - 444053451834e^2 + 3294\bar{\alpha}e^2\sqrt{6} + 8046\bar{\alpha}e^2 + 34560e^3\sqrt{6} \\
& - 3456e^6 + 8929332535428e + 3645613068192e\sqrt{6} - 161964\bar{\alpha}e - 66096\bar{\alpha}e\sqrt{6} = 0
\end{aligned} \tag{5.30}$$

where  $\alpha$  is the conjugate of  $\bar{\alpha}$ .

If  $J_2 = J_4 = 0$  and  $J_3 \neq 0$  then there are 4 distinct pairs  $(u, v)$  as below.

$$\begin{aligned}
u &= \frac{3(11v^3 - 606v^2 + 3655v + 42600)}{8(15v^2 - 912v + 10190)} \\
3v^4 - 306v^3 + 9435v^2 - 76800v - 80000 &= 0
\end{aligned} \tag{5.31}$$

They determine exactly one genus 2 field  $K$ , see chapter 3 or [13]. In this case  $e_{\mu}(K) = 4$ .

If  $J_2 = J_3 = 0$  then  $(u, v)$  are as below.

$$\begin{aligned}
u &= \frac{1(109v^5 - 2943v^4 - 30783v^3 + 419649v^2 + 10575604v + 44691480)}{4(99v^4 - 3237v^3 - 9518v^2 + 435378v + 7125048)} \\
v^8 - 36v^7 + 17220v^5 + 228713v^4 - 2064816v^3 - 52428240v^2 - 271536000v \\
+ 1000000 - 486v^5 &= 0
\end{aligned} \tag{5.32}$$

	$(a_1, a_2)$	$e_3$	$G$
$P_1$	$a_1 = -\frac{77169}{s} + \frac{30759}{s}\sqrt{6}, a_2 = \frac{13783592}{23149125} + \frac{5629912}{23149125}\sqrt{6}$	4	$V_4$
$P_2$	$a_1 = -\frac{650835}{s} + \frac{268785}{s}\sqrt{6}, a_2 = -\frac{2984}{20002028625} - \frac{144872}{60006085875}\sqrt{6}$	4	$V_4$
$P_3$	$a_1 = -\frac{77169}{s} + \frac{30759}{s}\sqrt{6}, a_2 = \frac{13783592}{23149125} + \frac{5629912}{23149125}\sqrt{6}$	4	$V_4$
$P_4$	$a_1 = \frac{81512265}{1024} - \frac{8560473}{256}\sqrt{6} - \frac{3}{1024}\alpha,$ $a_2 = \frac{1935755151264263516}{1630518619797} - \frac{260926761903668180}{543506206599}\sqrt{6} + \frac{9735715883008}{4891555859391}\left(\frac{81512265}{1024}\right.$ $\left. - \frac{8560473}{256}\sqrt{6} - \frac{3}{1024}\alpha\right)\sqrt{6} + \frac{33288611604}{1630518619797}\alpha$	4	$V_4$
$Q_1$	$a_1 = -\frac{77169}{s} - \frac{30759}{s}\sqrt{6}, a_2 = \frac{13783592}{23149125} - \frac{5629912}{23149125}\sqrt{6}$	4	$V_4$
$Q_2$	$a_1 = -\frac{650835}{s} - \frac{268785}{s}\sqrt{6}, a_2 = -\frac{2984}{20002028625} + \frac{144872}{60006085875}\sqrt{6}$	4	$V_4$
$Q_3$	$a_1 = \frac{81512265}{1024} + \frac{8560473}{256}\sqrt{6} + \frac{3}{1024}\alpha,$ $a_2 = \frac{1935755151264263516}{1630518619797} - \frac{260926761903668180}{543506206599}\sqrt{6} - \frac{9735715883008}{4891555859391}\left(\frac{81512265}{1024}\right.$ $\left. + \frac{8560473}{256}\sqrt{6} + \frac{3}{1024}\alpha\right)\sqrt{6} - \frac{33288611604}{1630518619797}\alpha$	4	$V_4$
$Q_4$	$a_1 = \frac{81512265}{1024} + \frac{8560473}{256}\sqrt{6} - \frac{3}{1024}\alpha,$ $a_2 = \frac{1935755151264263516}{1630518619797} + \frac{260926761903668180}{543506206599}\sqrt{6} - \frac{9735715883008}{4891555859391}\left(\frac{81512265}{1024}\right.$ $\left. + \frac{8560473}{256}\sqrt{6} - \frac{3}{1024}\alpha\right)\sqrt{6} + \frac{33288611604}{1630518619797}\alpha$	4	$V_4$
$J_3 = 0$	$\frac{J_3^2}{J_2^3} = \frac{43015494042248103}{320} - \frac{35120352004646841}{640}\sqrt{6}$	4	$V_4$
$J_2 = 0$	$\frac{J_1^2}{J_2^2}$ is too large to display	8	$V_4$

Table 5.2: Singular points for  $J_2 = 0$ 

The discriminant of the above polynomial is

$$D = -2^{62} \cdot 3^4 \cdot 5^8 \cdot 23^2 \cdot 43^4 \cdot 6459242937529^2$$

Thus, there are 8 distinct pairs  $(u, v)$  which determine exactly one genus 2 field, see chapter 3 or [13]. So,  $e_3(K) = 8$ .

### 5.6 j-invariants

We express the the j-invariants  $j_i$  of the elliptic subfields  $E_i$  of  $K$ , from lemma 5.4, in terms of  $u$  and  $v$  as follows:

$$j_1 = 16v \frac{(vu^2 + 216u^2 - 126vu - 972u + 12v^2 + 405v)^3}{(v-27)^3(4v^2 + 27v + 4u^3 - 18vu - vu^2)^2} \quad (5.33)$$

$$j_2 = -256 \frac{(u^2 - 3v)^3}{v(4v^2 + 27v + 4u^3 - 18vu - vu^2)} \quad (5.34)$$

where  $v \neq 0, 27$ .

*Remark 5.9.* The automorphism  $\nu \in \text{Gal}_{k(u,v)/k(r_1, r_2)}$  permutes the elliptic subfields.

One can easily check that:

$$\nu(j_1) = j_2$$

$$\nu(j_2) = j_1$$

Define  $T$  and  $N$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} T &= \frac{1}{16777216r_2^3r_1^8} (1712282664960r_2^3r_1^6 + 1528823808r_2^4r_1^6 + 49941577728r_2^4r_1^5 \\ &\quad - 38928384r_2^5r_1^5 - 258048r_2^6r_1^4 + 12386304r_2^6r_1^3 + 901736973729792r_2r_1^{10} \\ &\quad + 966131712r_2^7r_1^4 + 16231265527136256r_1^{10} + 480r_2^8r_1 + 101376r_2^7r_1^2 + 479047767293952r_2r_1^8 \\ &\quad + 7247757312r_2^8r_1^3 + 7827577896960r_2^9r_1^2 - 2705210921189376r_1^2 + 619683250176r_2^8r_1^7 \\ &\quad + 21641687369515008r_1^{12} + 32462531054272512r_1^{11} + r_2^9 - 37572373905408r_2^9r_1^7 \\ &\quad + 1408964021452800r_2r_1^9 + 45595641249792r_2^9r_1^7) \\ N &= -\frac{1}{68719476736r_1^2r_2^2} (84934656r_1^7 + 1179648r_1^4r_2 - 5308416r_1^4 - 442368r_1^3r_2 \\ &\quad - 13824r_1^2r_2^2 - 192r_1r_2^3 - r_2^4)^3 \end{aligned} \quad (5.35)$$

**Lemma 5.10.** *The  $j$ -invariants of the elliptic subfields satisfy the following quadratic equations over  $k(r_1, r_2)$ :*

$$j^2 - Tj + N = 0 \quad (5.36)$$

*Proof.* Substitute  $j_1$  and  $j_2$  as in (5.33) in equation (5.36).

□

### 5.6.1 Isomorphic Elliptic Subfields

Suppose that  $E_1 \cong E_2$ . Then,  $j_1 = j_2$  implies that

$$8c^3 + 27c^2 - 54uc^2 - u^2c^2 + 108u^2c + 4u^3c - 108u^3 = 0 \quad (5.37)$$

or

$$\begin{aligned} & 324v^4u^2 - 5832v^4u + 37908v^4 - 314928v^3u - 81v^3u^4 + 255879v^3 + 30618v^3u^2 \\ & - 864v^3u^3 - 6377292uc^2 + 8503056c^2 - 324u^5v^2 + 2125764u^2v^2 - 215784u^3v^2 \\ & - 14580u^4v^2 + 16u^6v^2 + 78732u^3c + 8748u^5v - 864u^6v - 157464u^4c + 11664u^6 = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (5.38)$$

The former equation is the condition that  $\det(\text{Jac}(\theta)) = 0$  see (5.23). From equation 5.23 and equations 5.14 we can express  $u$  as a rational function in  $i_1, i_2$ , and  $v$ . This is displayed in Appendix B. Also,  $[k(v) : k(i_1)] = 8$  and  $[k(v) : k(i_2)] = 12$ . Eliminating  $v$  we get a curve in  $i_1$  and  $i_2$  which has degree 8 and 12 respectively. Thus,  $k(u, v) = k(i_1, i_2)$ . Hence,  $e_3(K) = 1$  for any  $K$  such that the associated  $u$  and  $v$  satisfy equation (5.23).

### 5.6.2 The Degenerate Case

We assume now that one of the extensions  $K/E_i$  from lemma 5.4 is degenerate, i.e. has only one branch point. The following lemma determines a relation between  $j_1$  and  $j_2$ .

**Lemma 5.11.** *Suppose that  $K/E_2$  has only one branch point. Then,*

$$729j_1j_2 - (j_2 - 432)^3 = 0$$

*Proof.* The hypothesis implies that  $s = t$  in lemma 5.4. So  $2b^3 - 9ab - 27 = 0$ , i.e.  $2v - 9u - 27 = 0$ . Then,

$$j_1 = \frac{64 + 4v - 27v^3}{729v}, \quad j_2 = 64v$$

Eliminating  $v$  we have:

$$729j_1j_2 - (j_2 - 432)^3 = 0$$

□

Making the substitution  $T = -27j_1$  we get

$$j_1 = F_2(T) = \frac{(T + 16)^3}{T}$$

where  $F_2(T)$  is the Fricke polynomial of level 2.

If both  $K/E_1$  and  $K/E_2$  are degenerate then

$$\begin{cases} 729j_1j_2 - (j_1 - 432)^3 = 0 \\ 729j_1j_2 - (j_2 - 432)^3 = 0 \end{cases} \quad (5.39)$$

There are 7 solutions to the above system. Three of which give isomorphic elliptic curves

$$j_1 = j_2 = 1728, \quad j_1 = j_2 = \frac{1}{2}(297 \pm 81\sqrt{-15})$$

The other 4 solutions are given by:

$$\begin{cases} 729j_1j_2 - (j_1 - 432)^3 = 0 \\ j_1^2 + j_2^2 - 1296(j_1 + j_2) - j_1j_2 + 559872 = 0 \end{cases} \quad (5.40)$$

This corrects [10] where it is claimed there is only one solution  $j_1 = j_2 = 1728$ .

### 5.7 Intersection of $\mathcal{L}_2$ with $\mathcal{L}_3$

**Theorem 5.12.** *If  $\mathcal{C} \in \mathcal{L}_3$ ,  $\mathcal{C} \notin \mathcal{L}_2$  then the automorphism group of  $\mathcal{C}$  is one of the following:  $\mathbb{Z}_2, V_4, D_4$ , or  $D_6$ . Moreover: there are exactly 6 curves  $\mathcal{C} \in \mathcal{L}_3$  with automorphism group  $D_4$  and six curves  $\mathcal{C} \in \mathcal{L}_3$  with automorphism group  $D_6$ . They are listed in tables 3 and 4 respectively.*

*Proof.* We denote by  $G := \text{Aut}(\mathcal{C})$ . If  $\mathcal{C}$  has no elliptic involutions then  $G \cong \mathbb{Z}_2$  or  $G \cong \mathbb{Z}_{10}$ . If  $G \cong \mathbb{Z}_{10}$ , then  $Y^2 = X^6 - X$ , see 2.5. Thus,  $J_2 = J_4 = J_6 = 0$ , and  $J_{10} = 3125$ . They don't satisfy the equation (5.1). Then, the curve  $Y^2 = X^6 - X$  has



no elliptic subcover of degree 3. If  $\mathcal{C}$  has an elliptic involution. Then from theorem 4.3, we have the following cases:

i)  $G \cong \mathbb{Z} \wr D_4$ ,  $\mathcal{C}$  is isomorphic to  $Y^2 = X^6 - 1$  Then,

$$J_2 = 240, J_4 = 1620, J_6 = 119880, J_{10} = 46656$$

and they don't satisfy equation of  $\mathcal{L}_3$ .

ii)  $G \cong W_4$ ,  $\mathcal{C}$  is isomorphic to  $Y^2 = X^5 - X$ . The corresponding absolute invariants are

$$J_2 = -40, J_4 = -80, J_6 = 320, J_{10} = -256$$

and they don't satisfy equation of  $\mathcal{L}_3$ .

iii) If  $G \cong D_4$ , then  $\mathcal{C}$  is isomorphic to

$$Y^2 = (X^2 - 1)(X^4 - \lambda X^2 + 1)$$

for  $\lambda = \pm 2$  see theorem 4.3. Igusa invariants are:

$$\begin{aligned} J_2 &= 16(\lambda^2 + 2\lambda + 16) \\ J_4 &= 4(\lambda^2 + 32\lambda + 76)(\lambda - 2)^2 \\ J_6 &= 8(3\lambda^4 + 70\lambda^3 + 460\lambda^2 + 1832\lambda + 3104)(\lambda - 2)^2 \\ J_{10} &= 64(\lambda - 2)^6(\lambda + 2)^2 \end{aligned} \tag{5.11}$$

Substituting in the equation of  $\mathcal{L}_3$  we have the following values for  $\lambda$ .

$$\begin{aligned} (\lambda^2 - 772\lambda - 1532)(4\lambda^2 - 12\lambda - 41)(\lambda^2 + 452\lambda - 124)(2\lambda + 5) \\ (\lambda + 34)(\lambda^2 - 68\lambda - 124)(16\lambda^2 + 17\lambda + 226) = 0 \end{aligned} \tag{5.12}$$

We have the following cases:

a) If  $\lambda = -\frac{3}{2}$  or  $\lambda = -34$  then

$$t_1 = \frac{729}{2116}, t_2 = \frac{1240029}{97336}, t_3 = \frac{531441}{13181630464}$$

b) If  $\lambda^2 - 772\lambda - 1532 = 0$  then

$$t_1 = \frac{4288}{1849}, t_2 = \frac{243712}{79507}, t_3 = \frac{64}{1323075987}$$

c) If  $\lambda^2 - 772\lambda - 1532 = 0$  or  $\lambda = \frac{3}{2} - \frac{5}{2}\sqrt{2}$  then

$$i_1 = \frac{11715021}{5596820} + \frac{7020}{279841}\sqrt{2}, \quad i_2 = \frac{46539411219}{29607177800} + \frac{246294594}{148035889}\sqrt{2}$$

$$i_3 = \frac{443312363415249}{265129671767353600000} - \frac{1140762471381}{1060518687069414400}\sqrt{2}$$

d) If  $\lambda = -226 - 160\sqrt{2}$  or  $\lambda = \frac{3}{2} + \frac{5}{2}\sqrt{2}$  then

$$i_1 = \frac{11715021}{5596820} - \frac{7020}{279841}\sqrt{2}, \quad i_2 = \frac{46539411219}{29607177800} - \frac{246294594}{148035889}\sqrt{2}$$

$$i_3 = \frac{443312363415249}{265129671767353600000} + \frac{1140762471381}{1060518687069414400}\sqrt{2}$$

e) If  $\lambda^2 - 68\lambda - 124 = 0$  then

$$i_1 = \frac{144}{49}, \quad i_2 = \frac{3456}{8575}, \quad i_3 = \frac{243}{52521875}$$

f) If  $16\lambda^2 + 17\lambda + 226 = 0$  then

$$i_1 = -\frac{8019}{20}, \quad i_2 = -\frac{1240029}{200}, \quad i_3 = -\frac{531441}{10000}$$

Case	$(i_1, i_2, i_3)$	$e_3(K)$	$e_2(K)$	$Aut(K)$
a	$i_1 = \frac{729}{2116}, i_2 = \frac{1240029}{97336}, i_3 = \frac{531441}{13181630464}$	2	2	$D_4$
b	$i_1 = \frac{1288}{1849}, i_2 = \frac{243712}{79507}, i_3 = \frac{64}{1323075987}$	2	2	$D_4$
c	$i_1 = \frac{11715021}{5596820} + \frac{7020}{279841}\sqrt{2}, i_2 = \frac{46539411219}{29607177800} + \frac{246294594}{148035889}\sqrt{2},$ $i_3 = \frac{443312363415249}{265129671767353600000} - \frac{1140762471381}{1060518687069414400}\sqrt{2}$	2	2	$D_4$
d	$i_1 = \frac{11715021}{5596820} - \frac{7020}{279841}\sqrt{2}, i_2 = \frac{46539411219}{29607177800} - \frac{246294594}{148035889}\sqrt{2},$ $i_3 = \frac{443312363415249}{265129671767353600000} + \frac{1140762471381}{1060518687069414400}\sqrt{2}$	2	2	$D_4$
e	$i_1 = \frac{144}{49}, i_2 = \frac{3456}{8575}, i_3 = \frac{243}{52521875}$	2	2	$D_4$
f	$i_1 = -\frac{8019}{20}, i_2 = -\frac{1240029}{200}, i_3 = -\frac{531441}{10000}$	2	2	$D_4$

Table 5.3: Curves of genus 2 with automorphism group  $D_4$

Thus, there are exactly 6 genus 2 curves  $\mathcal{C} \in \mathcal{L}_3$  with automorphism group  $D_4$  which are displayed in Table 5.3.

v) If  $G \cong D_6$  then  $\mathcal{C}$  is isomorphic to a genus 2 curve in the form

$$Y^2 = (X^3 - 1)(X^3 - \lambda)$$

for  $\lambda \neq 0, 1$ , see theorem 4.3.

$$\begin{aligned} J_2 &= 6(\lambda^2 - 38\lambda + 1) \\ J_4 &= 324\lambda(\lambda^2 + 7\lambda + 1) \\ J_6 &= 162\lambda(\lambda^4 - 58\lambda^3 - 858\lambda^2 - 58\lambda + 1) \\ J_{10} &= 729\lambda^2(\lambda - 1)^2 \end{aligned} \tag{5.43}$$

Then the equation of  $\mathcal{L}_3$  becomes:

$$\begin{aligned} (4\lambda - 1)(\lambda - 1)(15625\lambda^6 + 13131498\lambda^5 - 7690233\lambda^4 + 69707788\lambda^3 \\ - 7690233\lambda^2 + 13131498\lambda + 15625)(4\lambda^2 + 19\lambda + 4)(\lambda^2 - 18\lambda + 1) = 0 \end{aligned} \tag{5.44}$$

We have the following cases:

a) If  $\lambda = 4$  or  $\lambda = \frac{1}{4}$  then

$$i_1 = \frac{61}{5}, i_2 = -\frac{1088}{25}, i_3 = -\frac{1}{84375}$$

b) If  $4\lambda^2 + 19\lambda + 4 = 0$  then,

$$i_1 = \frac{576}{361}, i_2 = \frac{60480}{6859}, i_3 = \frac{243}{2476099}$$

c) If  $\lambda^2 - 18\lambda + 1 = 0$  then

$$i_1 = 81, i_2 = -\frac{5103}{25}, i_3 = -\frac{729}{12500}$$

The other values of  $\lambda$  are the solutions of the equation:

$$\begin{aligned} 15625\lambda^6 + 13131498\lambda^5 - 7690233\lambda^4 + 69707788\lambda^3 - 7690233\lambda^2 \\ + 13131498\lambda + 15625 = 0 \end{aligned} \tag{5.45}$$

The above equation has the same coefficients for  $\lambda^j$  and  $\lambda^{6-j}$ . Hence, if  $\lambda$  is a root then  $\frac{1}{\lambda}$  is also a root. We let  $u := \lambda + \frac{1}{\lambda}$ . Then, the above equation becomes

$$u^3 - \frac{13131498}{15625}u^2 - \frac{7737108}{15625}u + \frac{43444792}{15625} = 0$$

Solving for  $u$  we have three roots

$$\begin{aligned}
u_1 &= -\frac{504}{15625}j^{\frac{1}{3}} - \frac{20701097057466}{5579238276191265625}j^{\frac{2}{3}} + \frac{1767150}{357071249676241}j^{\frac{2}{3}}\sqrt{69} - \frac{4377166}{15625} \\
u_2 &= \frac{252}{15625}j^{\frac{1}{3}} + \frac{10350548528733}{5579238276191265625}j^{\frac{2}{3}} - \frac{883575}{357071249676241}j^{\frac{2}{3}}\sqrt{69} - \frac{4377166}{15625} \\
&\quad - \frac{252}{15625}I\sqrt{3}j^{\frac{1}{3}} + \frac{10350548528733}{5579238276191265625}I\sqrt{3}j^{\frac{2}{3}} - \frac{883575}{357071249676241}I\sqrt{3}j^{\frac{2}{3}}\sqrt{69} \\
u_3 &= \frac{252}{15625}j^{\frac{1}{3}} + \frac{10350548528733}{5579238276191265625}j^{\frac{2}{3}} - \frac{883575}{357071249676241}j^{\frac{2}{3}}\sqrt{69} - \frac{4377166}{15625} \\
&\quad - \frac{252}{15625}I\sqrt{3}j^{\frac{1}{3}} - \frac{10350548528733}{5579238276191265625}I\sqrt{3}j^{\frac{2}{3}} + \frac{883575}{357071249676241}I\sqrt{3}j^{\frac{2}{3}}\sqrt{69}
\end{aligned} \tag{5.46}$$

where  $\beta = 657177684364 + 876562500\sqrt{69}$  and  $I^2 = -1$ .

	$(i_1, i_2, i_3)$	$e_3(K)$	$e_2(K)$	$Aut(K)$
$a$	$i_1 = \frac{64}{5}, i_2 = -\frac{1088}{25}, i_3 = -\frac{1}{84375}$	2	2	$D_6$
$b$	$i_1 = \frac{576}{361}, i_2 = \frac{60480}{6859}, i_3 = \frac{243}{2476099}$	2	2	$D_6$
$c$	$i_1 = 81, i_2 = -\frac{5103}{25}, i_3 = -\frac{729}{12500}$	2	2	$D_6$
$d$	$\delta_1, \delta_2, \delta_3$	2	2	$D_6$
$e$	$\rho_1, \rho_2, \rho_3$	2	2	$D_6$
$f$	$\eta_1, \eta_2, \eta_3$	2	2	$D_6$

Table 5.4: Curves of genus 2 with automorphism group  $D_6$ ,

To find  $\lambda$  we solve the equations  $\lambda^2 - u_i\lambda + 1 = 0$ , for  $i = 1, 2, 3$ . Each of these equations gives exactly one genus 2 curve.

d) The solutions of  $\lambda^2 - u_1\lambda + 1 = 0$  give exactly one genus two curve with absolute invariants

$$i_1 = \delta_1, \quad i_2 = \delta_2, \quad i_3 = \delta_3$$

where  $\delta_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3$  are displayed in appendix (B.1).

e) The solutions of  $\lambda^2 - u_2\lambda + 1 = 0$  give exactly one genus two curve with absolute invariants

$$i_1 = \rho_1, \quad i_2 = \rho_2, \quad i_3 = \rho_3$$

where  $\rho_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3$  are displayed in appendix (B.2).

f) The solutions of  $\lambda^2 - u_3\lambda + 1 = 0$  give exactly one genus two curve with absolute invariants

$$t_1 = \eta_1, \quad t_2 = \eta_2, \quad t_3 = \eta_3$$

where  $\eta_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3$  are displayed in appendix (B.3).

All the cases are summarized in table 5.1. This completes the proof.

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CHAPTER 6  
GENUS 2 FIELDS WITH DEGREE 5 OR 7 ELLIPTIC SUBFIELDS

In this chapter we discuss briefly the spaces  $\mathcal{L}_5$  and  $\mathcal{L}_7$ . Since the computations are quite long and the results very large for display, we treat only the cases when the covering has a point of ramification index 4.

6.1 Curves of Genus 2 with Degree 5 Elliptic Subfields, 4-cycle Case.

Notice that the case II. ii) does not occur when  $n = 5$ . So we will consider only case II. iii). We will prove the following lemma:

**Lemma 6.1.** *Let  $\nu : C \rightarrow E_1$  be a covering of degree 5 such that the corresponding Frey-Kani cover is of ramification type II. iii) (theorem 4.3). Then the genus two curve can be given by*

$$Y^2 = x(x-1)(x-d)(x^3 - ux^2 + vx - w)$$

where

$$d = \frac{(3u^2 - 4u - 4v + 1)^2}{(2u-3)(6u^2 - 10u + 5 - 8v)}, \quad w = -\frac{(u^2 - 6u + 4v + 5)(u^2 - 4v)}{8(2u-3)}$$

and  $u$  and  $v$  satisfy

$$15u^4 - 82u^3 - 8vu^2 + 159u^2 - 140u + 56vu - 16v^2 - 52v + 50 = 0$$

Moreover, an equation of  $E_1$  is  $y^2 = z(z-1)(z-t)$ , where

$$t = \frac{(u^2 - 4v) - 8u^4 + 24u^3 - 63u^2 + 64v^2 - 192uv + 196v - 16u^2v - 180u + 100}{(2u-3)(6u^2 - 10u + 5 - 8v)}$$

*Proof.* Take the genus 2 curve to be

$$Y^2 = x(x-1)(x-d)(x^3 - ux^2 + v - w)$$

Let  $\phi_1$  be the Frey-Kani covering with  $\deg(\phi_1) = 5$  such that  $\phi_1(w_1) = \phi_1(w_2) = \phi_1(w_3) = t$ ,  $\phi_1(0) = 0$ ,  $\phi_1(1) = 1$ , and  $\phi_1(d) = \infty$ . Take  $\infty$  to be the point of

ramification index 4 such that  $\phi_1(\infty) = \infty$ . Then  $\phi_1$  is given by

$$z = k_1 \frac{x(x^2 - ax + b)^2}{(x - d)}$$

Solving the corresponding system we get the above result.  $\square$

### 6.2 Curves of Genus 2 with Degree 7 Elliptic Subfields, 4-cycle Case.

The case  $n = 7$  is the first case that all degenerations occur. However, it is very difficult to compute the space of genus 2 curves with degree 7 elliptic subcovers. We discuss only one degenerate case, namely case II. iii) of theorem 4.3. We will assume that the genus two curve is given by

$$C : Y^2 = x(x-1)(x-d)(x^3 - ax^2 + bx - c)$$

and the elliptic curve in Legendre form  $E_1 : y^2 = z(z-1)(z-t)$ . Moreover, let's assume that the corresponding Frey-Kani covering  $\phi : \mathbb{P}^1 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$  is of type II. i) of theorem 4.3. Take the coordinates such that,  $\phi(0) = 0$ ,  $\phi(1) = 1$ ,  $\phi(d) = t$ , and three distinct roots of  $x^3 - ax^2 + bx - c$  are in the fiber of infinity. Let the point of ramification index 4 be infinity, which is in the same fiber as roots of  $x^3 - ax^2 + bx - c$ . Then the cover is given by,

$$z = k \frac{x P_1^2(x)}{x^3 - ax^2 + bx - c}$$

where  $P_1(x)$  is a cubic polynomial which represents the three points of order 2 in the fiber of 0. Solving the corresponding system we get,

$$\begin{aligned} a = \frac{-1}{4A} & (7d^{20} + 424t^4d^8 - 11072d^{12}t^3 + 2368t^3d^{13} - 872d^{16}t^2 - 1532d^{17}t - 21568d^{14}t^2 - 56d^{19}t \\ & + 478d^{18}t + 36t^5d - 42t^5d^2 + 18160t^3d^{11} - 4356t^3d^{10} - 624t^4d^6 + 8t^5d^3 - 736t^4d^7 \\ & - 52594t^2d^{12} + 624td^{14} - 2576td^{15} + 2725td^{16} + 736td^{13} - 36d^{19} - 2368t^2d^7 + 42d^{18} \\ & + 6112d^{15}t^2 - 29576t^3d^9 - 7t^5 + 52594t^3d^8 - 44496t^3d^7 + 2576t^4d^5 - 2725t^4d^4 \\ & - 1532t^4d^3 - 56t^4d + 872t^3d^4 - 6112t^3d^5 - 478t^4d^2 - 18160d^9t^2 - 424d^{12}t + 11072d^8t^2 \\ & - 8d^{17} - 44496t^2d^{13} - 21568t^3d^6 + 4356d^{10}t^2 + 29576t^2d^{11}) \end{aligned} \tag{6.1}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
b = & \frac{1}{16A} (-14d^{21} + 77d^{20} + 400d^9t^4 - 3496t^4d^8 + 94280d^{12}t^3 + 1680t^3d^{14} - 21232t^3d^{13} \\
& + 1008d^{17}t^2 + 35d^{17}t + 31612d^{14}t^2 + 84d^{20}t - 616d^{19}t + 1313d^{18}t - 77t^5d + 121t^5d^2 \\
& - 10356t^4d^6 - 72t^5d^3 + 9016t^4d^7 + 20t^5d^4 - 139344t^2d^{13} + 269886t^2d^{12} - 9016t^{14} \\
& - 5222t^{16} - 3496td^{13} - 121d^{19} - 1680t^2d^7 - 20d^{17} + 72d^{18} + 5352d^{15}t^2 - 269886t^3d^9 \\
& - 139344t^4d^8 - 31612t^4d^7 + 5222t^4d^5 - 35t^4d^4 - 5352t^3d^6 - 1313t^4d^3 - 84t^4d - 1008t^3d^4 \\
& + 616t^4d^2 - 94280d^9t^2 - 400d^{12}t + 21232d^8t^2 + 219712d^{10}t^2 - 308478t^2d^{11} + 308478t^3d^{10} \\
& - 219712t^3d^{11} - 5080t^3d^5 - 5080d^{16}t^2 + 10356td^{15} + 14t^5) \\
c = & - \frac{1}{448A} (28d^{11} - 7d^{12} - 561d^4t^2 - 1800d^7t + 84d^{10}t + 12t^2d + 364t^2d^3 - 118t^2d^2 + t^3 \\
& - 20d^9 + 120td^4 - 608td^5 + 1400td^6 + 1311td^8 - 42d^{10} - 140d^6t^2 - 504d^9t + 440d^5t^2)^2
\end{aligned} \tag{6.2}$$

where,

$$\begin{aligned}
A = & d(90d^{11}t^2 - 36d^7t - 9t^2d - 84t^2d^3 + 36t^2d^2 - t^3 - d^9 + 36td^4 - 90td^5 + 84td^6 + 9td^8 \\
& - 36d^5t^2 + 168td^6 - t^2 - 168td^5 - 20td^3 + 6t^2d - 10t^2d^2 + 5t^2d^3 + 90td^4 - 90d^7t + 20td^8 \\
& - 6d^{10} + d^{11} - 10d^9 - 5d^8)
\end{aligned} \tag{6.3}$$

Also,  $t$  and  $d$  satisfy the equation,

$$\begin{aligned}
d^{10} = & 16(td^{17} + t^3d) + 120td^{14} - 560td^{13} + (400t^2 + 1420t)d^{12} - (2400t^2 + 1968t)d^{11} \\
& - (6608t^2 + 1400t)d^{10} - (11040t^2 + 400t)d^9 + 12870t^2d^8 - (400t^3 + 11040t^2)d^7 + 120t^3d^2 \\
& - (1400t^3 + 6608t^2)d^6 - (1968t^3 + 2400t^2)d^5 + (1420t^3 - 400t^2)d^4 - 560t^3d^3 + t^4 = 0
\end{aligned} \tag{6.4}$$

A complete treatment of spaces  $\mathcal{L}_5$  and  $\mathcal{L}_7$  will be given later.











$$u = \frac{C}{4D}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= -129600t_1^5 + 411t_1^7 - 2395709784t_1^6 e^2 + 528058440t_1^5 e^3 - 59073912t_1^4 e^4 + 3446828t_1^3 e^5 \\
 &\quad - 101937t_1^2 e^6 + 1287t_1 e^7 + 7652750400t_1^2 e - 5618412t_1 e^5 + 13392313200t_1^2 - 3147662592t_1 e^3 \\
 &\quad + 22639752t_1 e^4 + 37558395840t_1 e + 15253642656t_1 e^7 + 10187341332480 - 2510102131200t_1 \\
 &\quad - 36927103008t_1 + 39700523352e^3 - 63407183616e^2 + 23193t_1 e^6 - 56671488e^4 \tag{A.7} \\
 D &= 57054875904t_1 e - 7062260400t_1^2 e + 1013922360t_1^3 e^2 - 85626720t_1^4 e^3 + 4178095t_1^5 e^4 + 6426t_1 e^5 \\
 &\quad - 110010t_1^2 e^5 + 1269t_1^2 e^6 + 243t_1 e^6 + 261786384t_1 e^3 + 31780171800t_1^2 - 333617402160t_1 - 5152023t_1 e^4 \\
 &\quad - 125356460544e - 134160e^4 - 42301440e^3 + 1022543502336 + 1704791916e^7 - 1264453816t_1 e^7
 \end{aligned}$$

## APPENDIX B INTERSECTION OF $\mathcal{L}_2$ WITH $\mathcal{L}_3$

Here we treat cases  $d), \epsilon), f)$  of theorem (5.12).

d) The solution of  $\lambda^2 - u_1\lambda + 1 = 0$  gives:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \lambda_1 &= \frac{597132429}{1407338645} - \frac{7990191587952}{26593534050334205} \beta - \frac{95155372620}{5318706810066841} \sqrt{69} \\
 &\quad - \frac{17462888982953127}{5025201686687817697633445} \beta^2 + \frac{211465570561245}{100504033737563539526689} \beta \sqrt{69} \\
 &\quad - \frac{728334107575011}{318054602215825} + \frac{2384733751210785018}{220798603812284786425} \beta + \frac{7546734484925328}{49231944152491791457} \sqrt{69} \\
 \lambda_2 &= \frac{419749878675517101963067650}{229708411423867922949} + \frac{1772112348030207005278522796}{688986062807104752272163} \beta \\
 &\quad + \frac{419749878675517101963067650}{229708411423867922949} \beta^2 + \frac{1772112348030207005278522796}{688986062807104752272163} \beta \sqrt{69} \\
 \lambda_3 &= \frac{16614280394657992595712500}{288301830732087721629} + \frac{31944908435707270568147389412500}{12009636816570722325994983279} \beta \\
 &\quad - \frac{1421397116829090358230690}{2634187352666289651995541} \sqrt{69} + \frac{17459854903935999456781839926637733700000}{379678839231487995679256719413101869500} \beta \sqrt{69} \\
 &\quad - \frac{179678839231487995679256719413101869500}{379678839231487995679256719413101869500} \beta^2
 \end{aligned} \tag{B.1}$$

e) The solution of  $\lambda^2 - u_2\lambda + 1 = 0$  gives:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \lambda_1 &= \frac{597132429}{1407338645} + \frac{995095793976}{26593534050334205} \beta + \frac{17577686310}{5318706810066841} \sqrt{69} + \frac{17462888982953127}{1005040337375635395266890} \beta \sqrt{3} \\
 &\quad - \frac{995095793976}{26593534050334205} \beta \sqrt{3} - \frac{142733056930}{5318706810066841} \beta \sqrt{23} - \frac{211465570561245}{2010080674751127079053378} \beta^2 \sqrt{69} \\
 &\quad + \frac{17462888982953127}{5025201686687817697633445} \beta^2 - \frac{684396711683735}{261008667475127079053378} \beta \sqrt{23} \beta^2 \\
 &\quad - \frac{100982112022125198541}{1773367242162664} \sqrt{69} + \frac{11360714007375166181}{77492469660414010557945412} \beta \sqrt{69} \\
 &\quad - \frac{11360714007375166181}{77492469660414010557945412} \beta^2 + \frac{1132366875621892509}{11920101727387992} \beta \sqrt{23} + \frac{1192366875621892509}{220798603812284786425} \beta \sqrt{3} \\
 &\quad - \frac{10442537526985012606311}{10442537526985012606311} \beta^2 - \frac{728334107575011}{118054602235825} \beta \sqrt{3} \\
 \lambda_2 &= \frac{16614280394657992595712500}{229708411423867922949} + \frac{688986062807104752272163}{168615617401519350263926135300} \beta \sqrt{3} + \frac{118054602235825}{2634187352666289651995541} \beta^2 \sqrt{69} \\
 &\quad + \frac{461995492196263173887}{627897816871144541136294778825000} \beta \sqrt{3} + \frac{288301830732087724629}{79357678462975991340509438826207719200} \beta^2 \sqrt{69} \\
 &\quad + \frac{10046365069942632658180716461200}{10046365069942632658180716461200} \beta \sqrt{23} - \frac{10046365069942632658180716461200}{12009636816570722325994983279} \sqrt{69} \\
 &\quad - \frac{688986062807104752272163}{12009636816570722325994983279} \beta^2 - \frac{34919709807871998917563679853275467400000}{12609076816570722325994983279} \beta \sqrt{3} \\
 \lambda_3 &= \frac{419749878675517101963067650}{229708411423867922949} + \frac{673851275467400000}{79357678462975991340509438826207719200} \beta^2 + \frac{79357678462975991340509438826207719200}{79357678462975991340509438826207719200} \beta \sqrt{23} \beta^2
 \end{aligned} \tag{B.2}$$

f) The solution of  $\lambda^2 - u_3\lambda + 1 = 0$  gives:

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{129417765212188011577742 + 29981264521145710073\sqrt{27} + 167761412241303809123\sqrt{3}}{129417765212188011577742} \\
&= 9999774841760110073\sqrt{27}\sqrt{3} - 19403209981059037\sqrt{73}\sqrt{3} + 19403209981059033\sqrt{3} + 3524426176020757\sqrt{233}\sqrt{3} \\
&= 1171864725716253\sqrt{69} + 167761412241303809127\sqrt{73}\sqrt{3} \\
\sqrt{3} &= \frac{189}{129417765212188011577742} - 5504067089389183580939090236 - 11317902992285286819120073\sqrt{23} \\
&= 1768541115419861646071967\sqrt{73}\sqrt{3} - 4768541115419864646071963\sqrt{3} - 177267433076176027104003\sqrt{23}\sqrt{7} \\
&= 552513217667990084997\sqrt{73}\sqrt{3} + 44127928581184082253\sqrt{27}\sqrt{7} - 112783782713552216717\sqrt{27}\sqrt{3} \\
&= 112783782713552216717\sqrt{27}\sqrt{3} \\
\sqrt{3} &= \frac{129417765212188011577742 + 29981264521145710073\sqrt{27} + 1182671211922711198270985593\sqrt{3}}{129417765212188011577742 + 29981264521145710073\sqrt{27}} - 1182671211922711198270985593\sqrt{3} \\
&= 129417765212188011577742 + 29981264521145710073\sqrt{27} + 1665669022627926728326253\sqrt{69} \\
&= 129417765212188011577742 + 1182671211922711198270985597\sqrt{73}\sqrt{3} - 16201929783360915260863814594361424 \\
&= 129417765212188011577742 + 3866261367\sqrt{73}\sqrt{3}
\end{aligned}$$

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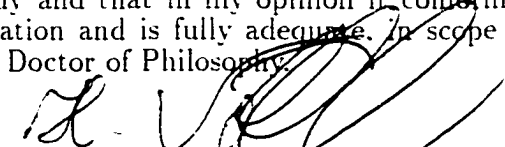


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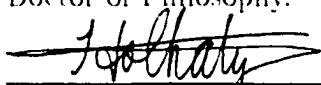
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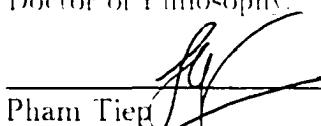
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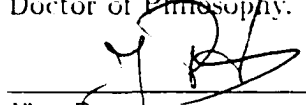
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