

GENUS 2 FIELDS WITH DEGREE 3 ELLIPTIC SUBFIELDS

T. SHASKA

ABSTRACT. In this paper we study genus 2 function fields K with degree 3 elliptic subfields. We compute an equation for the locus of these fields K in the moduli space of genus 2 curves. From this we derive that the number of $\text{Aut}(K)$ -classes of such subfields of fixed K is 0,1,2 or 4.

1. INTRODUCTION

We study genus two curves \mathcal{C} whose function fields have a degree 3 subfield of genus 1. Such subfields we call elliptic subfields. Such curves \mathcal{C} have already occurred in the work of Hermite, Goursat, Burkhardt, Brioschi, and Bolza, see Krazer [6] (p. 479). More generally, degree n elliptic subfields of genus 2 fields have been studied by Frey [2], Frey and Kani [3], Kuhn [8], Shaska [11], [13], and Shaska and Voelklein [14]. In the degree 3 case, explicit equations can be used to answer questions which remain open in the general case. This was the theme of the author's PhD thesis (see [12]) which also covered the case of degree 2 (which is subsumed in [14]).

Equation (5) gives a normal form for pairs (K, E) where E is a degree 3 elliptic subfield of K . This normal form depends on two parameters $a, b \in k$. Isomorphism classes of pairs (K, E) are parameterized by parameters u, v where $u := ab$ and $v := b^3$. This yields an expression for the invariants (i_1, i_2, i_3) of K (see Igusa [9]) in terms of u and v . Our central object of study is the map

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

From the general theory (see above) it is clear that this map has degree 2, which means that a general genus 2 field having elliptic subfields of degree 3 has exactly two such subfields. From the results of this paper we quickly derive that there are exactly four genus 2 fields which have four $\text{Aut}(K)$ -classes of such subfields, and a 1-dimensional family with exactly one $\text{Aut}(K)$ -class of such subfields.

The main goal of this paper is to compute an equation for the locus \mathcal{L}_3 of genus 2 fields with elliptic subfields of degree 3. This equation is in terms of the Igusa coordinates i_1, i_2, i_3 on the moduli space of genus 2 curves. It is displayed as equation (33) in Appendix A (because of its length). The direct approach to finding this equation would be to eliminate u and v from the explicit equations defining θ (see (13)). However, this direct approach exceeds available computer power, so we introduce auxiliary parameters r_1, r_2 that parameterize pairs of cubic polynomials. They arise from the fact that the subfield E induces a particular sextic defining K which splits naturally as a product of 2 cubic polynomials. We show that θ factorizes as

$$(u, v) \rightarrow (r_1, r_2) \rightarrow (i_1, i_2, i_3)$$

where the latter map is birational, and the former has degree 2. Thus r_1, r_2 yield a birational parameterization of the locus \mathcal{L}_3 of genus 2 fields having a degree 3 elliptic subfield. That \mathcal{L}_3 is a rational variety follows also from the general theory of "diagonal modular surfaces", see Kani [5].

The formulas expressing i_1, i_2, i_3 in terms of r_1, r_2 are much smaller than those in terms of u and v . Now we can eliminate r_1 and r_2 to obtain the desired equation (33). We further find relations between the j -invariants of the degree 3 elliptic subfields of K and classify all K in \mathcal{L}_3 with extra automorphisms.

All the computations were done using Maple [10].

Acknowledgment: I would like to express my sincere gratitude to my PhD advisor Prof. H. Voelklein for all the time and effort spent in guiding me towards my dissertation (from which this paper originated).

2. GENUS TWO FIELDS WITH DEGREE 3 ELLIPTIC SUBFIELDS

Let k be an algebraically closed field of characteristic 0. All function fields will be over k . Let K be a genus 2 function field and E a degree 3 elliptic subfield of K .

The associated extension $k(X)/k(U)$. It is well-known that K has exactly one genus zero subfield of degree 2, which we denote by $k(X)$. The generator of $\text{Gal}(K/k(X))$ is the hyperelliptic involution of K . It fixes each elliptic subfield of K , see Tamme [15]. Hence the field $E \cap k(X)$, denote it by $k(U)$, is a subfield of E of degree 2.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} K & \overset{2}{-} & k(X) \\ 3 | & & | 3 \\ E & \overset{2}{-} & k(U) \end{array}$$

Ramification of K/E . Either K/E is ramified at exactly 2 places of K , of ramification index 2, or at one place of K , of ramification index 3. It follows immediately from the Riemann-Hurwitz formula. The former (resp., latter) case we call the non-degenerate (resp., degenerate) case, as in [2].

Definition 1. A **non-degenerate pair** (resp., **degenerate pair**) is a pair (K, E) such that K is a genus 2 field with a degree 3 elliptic subfield E where the extension K/E is ramified in two (resp., one) places. Two such pairs (K, E) and (K', E') are called isomorphic if there is a k -isomorphism $K \rightarrow K'$ mapping $E \rightarrow E'$.

Ramification of $k(X)/k(U)$. In the non-degenerate (resp., degenerate) case $k(X)/k(U)$ is ramified at exactly 4 (resp., 3) places of $k(X)$ each of ramification index 2 (resp., one of index 3 and the other two of index 2), see [2].

Invariants of K . We denote by J_2, J_4, J_6, J_{10} the classical invariants of K , for their definitions see [9] or [14]. These are homogeneous polynomials (of degree indicated by subscript) in the coefficients of a sextic $f(X, Z)$ defining K

$$Y^2 = f(X, Z) = a_6 X^6 + a_5 X^5 Z + \cdots + a_1 X Z^5 + a_0$$

and they are a complete set of $SL_2(k)$ -invariants (acting by coordinate change). The absolute invariants

$$(1) \quad i_1 := 144 \frac{J_4}{J_2^4}, \quad i_2 := -1728 \frac{J_2 J_4 - 3J_6}{J_2^3}, \quad i_3 := 486 \frac{J_{10}}{J_2^5}$$

are even $GL_2(k)$ -invariants. Two genus 2 curves with $J_2 \neq 0$ are isomorphic if and only if they have the same absolute invariants.

Main Theorem: *Let K be a genus 2 field and $e_3(K)$ the number of $\text{Aut}(K/k)$ -classes of elliptic subfields of K of degree 3. Then;*

i) $e_3(K) = 0, 1, 2$, or 4

ii) $e_3(K) \geq 1$ if and only if the classical invariants of K satisfy the irreducible equation $F(J_2, J_4, J_6, J_{10}) = 0$ displayed in Appendix A.

There are exactly two genus 2 curves (up to isomorphism) with $e_3(K) = 4$, see 4.2. The case $e_3(K) = 1$ (resp., 2) occurs for a 1-dimensional (resp., 2-dimensional) family of genus 2 curves, see section 4.

2.1. The non-degenerate case. Let (K, E) be a non-degenerate pair and $k(X)$ and $k(U)$ their associated genus 0 subfields. Both $k(X)/k(U)$ and $E/k(U)$ are ramified at 4 places of $k(U)$, three of which are in common. Take the common places to be $U = q_1, q_2, q_3$. Also, take $U = 0$ (resp., $U = \infty$) the place ramified in $k(X)$ but not in E (resp., in E but not $k(X)$). Take $X = 0$ (resp., $X = \infty$) the place over $U = 0$ of ramification index 2 (resp., 1). In the following figure bullets (resp., circles) represent places of ramification index 2 (resp., 1).

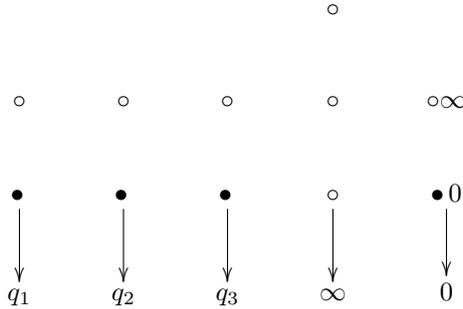


FIGURE 1. Ramification of $k(X)/k(U)$

Thus, $U = \phi(X) = l \frac{X^2}{X^3 + aX^2 + bX + c}$, where $l, a, b, c \in k$ such that $X^3 + aX^2 + bX + c$ has no multiple roots and $l, c \neq 0$. We can make $l = 1$ and $c = 1$ by replacing U and X by scalar multiples. Then,

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

Remark 2. *These conditions determine X up to multiplication by a third root of unity $\xi_3 \in k$. Replacing X by $\xi_3 X$ replaces (a, b) by $(\xi_3^2 a, \xi_3 b)$. Invariants of this transformation are:*

$$(3) \quad \begin{aligned} u &= ab \\ v &= b^3 \end{aligned}$$

The derivative of $\phi(X)$ is

$$\phi'(X) = -\frac{X(X^3 - bX - 2)}{(X^3 + aX^2 + bX + 1)^2}$$

Taking the resultant with respect to z of $z^2 - bz - 2$ and $\frac{\phi(x) - \phi(z)}{x - z}$ we get

$$(4) \quad (x^3 - bx - 2)(4x^3 + b^2x^2 + 2bx + 1)$$

The roots of this polynomial correspond to the 6 places of $k(X)$ over the places $U = q_1, q_2, q_3$. Thus, the 6 places of $k(X)$ ramified in K correspond to the roots of the polynomial on the right side of

$$(5) \quad Y^2 = (X^3 + aX^2 + bX + 1)(4X^3 + b^2X^2 + 2bX + 1)$$

which gives an equation of K . The discriminant of the sextic is nonzero, hence

$$(6) \quad \Delta := (4a^3 + 27 - 18ab - a^2b^2 + 4b^3)^2(b^3 - 27) \neq 0$$

One checks that the element

$$(7) \quad V = Y \frac{X^3 - bX - 2}{F(X)^2}$$

satisfies

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

where $R := \frac{\Delta}{(b^3 - 27)}$. Thus, $E = k(U, V)$.

Lemma 3. *For $(a, b) \in k^2$ with $\Delta \neq 0$, equation (5) defines a genus 2 field $K_{a,b} = k(X, Y)$. It has a non-degenerate degree 3 elliptic subfield $E_{a,b} = k(U, V)$, where U and V are given in (2) and (7). Two such pairs $(K_{a,b}, E_{a,b})$ and $(K_{a',b'}, E_{a',b'})$ are isomorphic if and only if $u = u'$ and $v = v'$ (where u, v and u', v' are associated with a, b and a', b' , respectively, by (3)).*

Proof. The first two statements follow by reversing the above arguments. If $u = u'$, $v = v'$ then $a' = \xi_3^i a$, $b' = \xi_3^i b$ for some i . Then clearly the two associated non-degenerate pairs are isomorphic. The converse follows from Remark 2. \square

Proposition 4. *The $(u, v) \in k^2$ with $\Delta \neq 0$ bijectively parameterize the isomorphism classes of non-degenerate pairs (K, E) (via the parameterization defined in Lemma 3).*

Proof. The proof follows from Lemma 3. \square

From the normal form of K in (5) we can compute the classical invariants J_2, J_4, J_6, J_{10} in terms of u, v . These expressions satisfy equation (33) which proves one implication of claim ii) of the theorem for the non-degenerate pairs. In section 4 we explain how equation (33) was found.

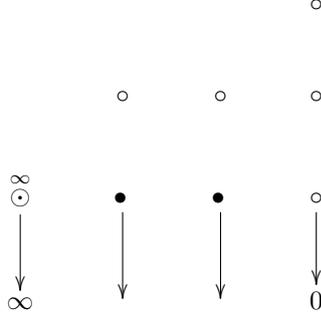


FIGURE 2. Ramification of $k(X)/k(U)$, degenerate case.

2.2. The degenerate case. Let K/E be a degenerate pair. Then $k(X)/k(U)$ is ramified at exactly three places of $k(U)$ which are also ramified in E . Let $U = 0$ be the place ramified in E but not in $k(X)$. Take $U = \infty$ be the place of $k(U)$ that is totally ramified in $k(X)$ and $X = \infty$ the place over it.

Then, $U = l(X^3 + aX^2 + bX + c)$ for $a, b, c, l \in k$ such that $X^3 + aX^2 + bX + c$ has no multiple roots and $l \neq 0$. Replacing X by $X + \frac{a}{3}$ and U by a scalar multiple we get $U = X^3 + bX + c$. Note that $b \neq 0$ (otherwise two of the places of $k(U)$ ramified in $k(X)$ coalesce). Thus, by replacing X by a scalar multiple we can also get $b = 1$. Then,

$$(8) \quad U = X^3 + X + c$$

As in Lemma 3 we get $K = k(X, Y)$ such that

$$(9) \quad Y^2 = (3X^2 + 4)(X^3 + X + c)$$

where $c^2 \neq -\frac{4}{27}$. Then, $V = Y(3X^2 + 1)$ satisfies the equation

$$V^2 = U(27U^2 - 54cU + 4 + 27c^2)$$

Thus, $E = k(U, V)$.

Remark 5. In this case, those $w := c^2$ with $w \neq -\frac{4}{27}$ bijectively parameterize the isomorphism classes of degenerate pairs K/E . The proof is analogous to the non-degenerate case.

Since

$$(10) \quad \begin{aligned} J_2 &= 774 \\ J_4 &= 36(268 + 837w) \\ J_6 &= 36(76760 + 290574w - 729w^2) \\ J_{10} &= 432(27w + 4) \end{aligned}$$

the map

$$\begin{aligned} k \setminus \left\{ -\frac{4}{27} \right\} &\rightarrow k^3 \\ w &\rightarrow (i_1, i_2, i_3) \end{aligned}$$

is injective. Thus, a genus 2 field K has at most one $\text{Aut}(K)$ -orbit of subfields E such that (K, E) is a degenerate pair. One can check that J_2, J_4, J_6, J_{10} satisfy

equation (33). This completes the proof that the condition in part (ii) of Main Theorem is necessary.

From (10) we compute that the locus of those K being part of a degenerate pair (K, E) is given by

$$(11) \quad \begin{aligned} & 3418801i_1^2 - 2550732480i_1 + 4023336960 + 611249816i_2 = 0 \\ & 161446939560824832i_3 + 23630752512i_1^2 - 6321363049i_1^3 - 29445783552i_1 \\ & + 12230590464 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

(Note $J_2 = 774 \neq 0$ on this locus, so i_1, i_2, i_3 are everywhere defined). For later use we note the following: If (K, E_0) is a non-degenerate pair with parameters u, v then there exists a degenerate pair (K, E_1) (for same K) if and only if

$$(12) \quad 2v - 9u + 27 = 0$$

This is obtained by expressing i_1, i_2, i_3 in (11) in terms of u, v .

3. FUNCTION FIELD OF \mathcal{L}_3

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

$$(13) \quad \begin{aligned} i_1 &= \frac{144}{v(-405 + 252u + 4u^2 - 54v - 12uv + 3v^2)^2} (1188u^3 - 8424uv + u^4v - 24u^4 \\ &+ 14580v - 66u^3v + 138uv^2 + 297u^2v + 945v^2 - 36v^3 + 9u^2v^2) \\ i_2 &= -\frac{864}{v^2(-405 + 252u + 4u^2 - 54v - 12uv + 3v^2)^3} (-81v^3u^4 + 2u^6v^2 + 234u^5v^2 \\ &+ 3162402uv^2 - 21384v^3u + 26676v^4 - 473121v^3 - 72u^6v - 5832v^4u + 14850v^3u^2 \\ &- 72v^3u^3 + 324v^4u^2 - 650268u^3v - 5940u^3v^2 - 3346110v^2 + 432u^6 - 1350u^4v^2 \\ &+ 136080u^4v - 7020u^5v - 307638u^2v^2) \\ i_3 &= -243 \frac{(v-27)(4u^3 - u^2v - 18uv + 4v^2 + 27v)^3}{v^3(-405 + 252u + 4u^2 - 54v - 12uv + 3v^2)^5} \end{aligned}$$

We will sometimes view u, v as parameters from k and sometimes as the corresponding coordinate functions on k^2 . From the context it will be clear which point of view we are taking. If we could eliminate u, v from equations (13) then the desired equation (33) would be obtained directly. However, this exceeds available computer power. We use additional invariants r_1, r_2 to overcome this problem in the next section.

As mentioned in the Introduction, the general theory of [2] and [8] implies that $[k(i_1, i_2, i_3) : k(u, v)] = 2$. We also obtain this as a by-product of our computations and the following Lemma, which we record for completeness.

Lemma 6. $[k(i_1, i_2, i_3) : k(u, v)] \leq 2$

Proof. From the resultants of equations in (13) we determine that $[k(v) : k(i_1, i_2)] = 16$, $[k(v) : k(i_2, i_3)] = 40$, and $[k(v) : k(i_1, i_3)] = 26$. We can show that $u \in k(i_1, i_2, i_3, v)$, the expression is large and we don't display it (the interested reader can check [12]). Since $[k(u, v) : k(i_1, i_2, i_3)]$ must be a common divisor of 16, 26, and 40, then the claim follows. \square

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 7. In [7] it is shown that r_1, r_2 , and $r_3 = \frac{H(F, G)^2}{J_2(F, G)}$ form a complete system of invariants for unordered pairs of cubics.

For $F(X) = X^3 + aX^2 + bX + 1$ and $G(X) = 4X^3 + b^2X^2 + 2bX + 1$ and u, v as in (3) we have

$$(14) \quad \begin{aligned} r_1(F, G) &= 27 \frac{v(v-9-2u)^3}{4v^2 - 18uv + 27v - u^2v + 4u^3} \\ r_2(F, G) &= -1296 \frac{v(v-9-2u)^4}{(v-27)(4v^2 - 18uv + 27v - u^2v + 4u^3)} \end{aligned}$$

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

$$(15) \quad \begin{aligned} &65536r_1r_2^3u^2 + (42467328r_2^4 + 21233664r_2^4r_1 + 480r_2r_1^4 + 2r_1^5 + 41472r_2^2r_1^3 \\ &+ 1548288r_2^3r_1^2 - 294912r_2^3r_1)u - 382205952r_2^4 + 238878720r_2^4r_1 - 2654208r_2^3r_1 \\ &+ 13934592r_2^3r_1^2 + 285696r_2^2r_1^3 + 2400r_2r_1^4 + 7r_1^5 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$(16) \quad \begin{aligned} &16384v^2r_2^3 + (221184r_2^3r_1 + r_1^4 + 11520r_2^2r_1^2 - 442368r_2^3 + 192r_2r_1^3)v \\ &- 5971968r_2^3r_1 - 864r_2r_1^3 - 124416r_2^2r_1^2 - 2r_1^4 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Roots of equation (15) (resp., equation (16)) are u and $\beta(u)$ (resp., v and $\beta(v)$) where,

$$(17) \quad \begin{aligned} \beta(u) &= \frac{(v-3u)(324u^2 + 15u^2v - 378uv - 4uv^2 + 243v + 72v^2)}{(v-27)(4u^3 + 27v - 18uv - u^2v + 4v^2)} \\ \beta(v) &= -\frac{4(v-3u)^3}{4u^3 + 27v - 18uv - u^2v + 4v^2} \end{aligned}$$

It follows that either $[k(u, v) : k(r_1, r_2)] = 2$ or $k(u, v)/k(r_1, r_2)$ is Galois with Klein 4-group as Galois group. In the latter case, the map

$$(18) \quad \begin{aligned} \tau : k(u, v) &\rightarrow k(u, v) \\ &u \rightarrow u \\ &v \rightarrow \beta(v) \end{aligned}$$

is an involutory automorphism of $k(u, v)$. But by plugging in equation (17) we see that it is not involutory. Thus, $[k(u, v) : k(r_1, r_2)] = 2$ and $Gal_{k(u, v)/k(r_1, r_2)} = \langle \beta \rangle$.

Lemma 8. *The fields $k(i_1, i_2, i_3)$ and $k(r_1, r_2)$ coincide, hence $[k(u, v) : k(i_1, i_2, i_3)] = 2$. Moreover;*

$$(19) \quad \begin{aligned} i_1 &= \frac{9(13824r_1^3r_2^2 + 442368r_1^2r_2^3 + 5308416r_1r_2^4 + 192r_1^4r_2 + r_1^5 + 786432r_1r_2^3 + 9437184r_2^4)}{4r_1(-1152r_2^2 + 96r_2r_1 + r_1^2)^2} \\ i_2 &= \frac{27}{8r_1^2(-1152r_2^2 + 96r_2r_1 + r_1^2)^3} (+79626240r_1^4r_2^4 - 4076863488r_1^2r_2^5 + 34560r_1^6r_2^2 \\ &\quad + 12230590464r_1^2r_2^6 + 32614907904r_1r_2^6 + 14495514624r_2^6 + 288r_1^7r_2 + 2211840r_1^5r_2^3 \\ &\quad + r_1^8 - 212336640r_1^3r_2^4 + 1528823808r_1^3r_2^5 - 2359296r_1^4r_2^3) \\ i_3 &= -521838526464 \frac{r_2^9}{r_1^2(-1152r_2^2 + 96r_2r_1 + r_1^2)^5} \end{aligned}$$

Proof. Equations (19) are verified by expressing all variables in terms of u, v (These equations were found by taking suitable resultants). It follows that $k(i_1, i_2, i_3) \subset k(r_1, r_2)$. Equality follows since $[k(u, v) : k(r_1, r_2)] = 2$ and $[k(u, v) : k(i_1, i_2, i_3)] \leq 2$ (see Lemma 6). \square

Finding equation (33): To find equation (33) we eliminate r_1 and r_2 from equations (19). The resulting equation (33) has degree 8, 13, and 20 in i_1, i_2, i_3 respectively.

4. COMPLETING THE PROOF OF THE MAIN THEOREM

The map

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

given by (13) has degree 2 and it is defined when $J_2 \neq 0$. For now we assume that $J_2 \neq 0$ (The case $J_2 = 0$ is treated in section 4.2). Denote the minors of the Jacobian matrix of θ by $M_1(u, v), M_2(u, v), M_3(u, v)$. The solutions of

$$(20) \quad \begin{cases} M_1(u, v) = 0 \\ M_2(u, v) = 0 \\ M_3(u, v) = 0 \end{cases}$$

consist of the (non-singular) curve

$$(21) \quad 8v^3 + 27v^2 - 54uv^2 - u^2v^2 + 108u^2v + 4u^3v - 108u^3 = 0$$

and 7 isolated solutions which we display in table (1) together with the corresponding values (i_1, i_2, i_3) and properties of the corresponding genus 2 field K .

Let $\bar{u}, \bar{v}, \bar{i}_1, \bar{i}_2, \bar{i}_3$ denote the restrictions of the corresponding functions to the curve (21). Eliminating u from (21) and the defining equation for i_1 in (13) we get a relation between v and i_1 which shows $[k(\bar{v}, \bar{i}_1) : k(\bar{i}_1)] = 8$; also we get \bar{u} expressed as a rational function of \bar{v} and \bar{i}_1 . Hence $k(\bar{v}, \bar{i}_1) = k(\bar{u}, \bar{v})$ and so $[k(\bar{u}, \bar{v}) : k(\bar{i}_1)] = 8$. Similarly we get a relation between \bar{v} and \bar{i}_2 . Eliminating \bar{v} gives

$$(22) \quad G(\bar{i}_1, \bar{i}_2) = 0$$

an irreducible equation between \bar{i}_1 and \bar{i}_2 of degree 8 (resp., 12) in \bar{i}_1 (resp., \bar{i}_2). It is fully displayed as equation (34) in Appendix B. Thus, $[k(\bar{i}_1, \bar{i}_2) : k(\bar{i}_1)] = 8$. Since also $[k(\bar{u}, \bar{v}) : k(\bar{i}_1)] = 8$, it follows that $k(\bar{u}, \bar{v}) = k(\bar{i}_1, \bar{i}_2)$. Hence, $e_3(K) = 1$

(u, v)	(i_1, i_2, i_3)	$Aut(K)$	$e_3(K)$
$(-\frac{7}{2}, 2)$	$J_{10} = 0$, 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
$(-15 + \frac{35}{8}\sqrt{5}, \frac{25}{2} + \frac{35}{6}\sqrt{5})$, $(-15 - \frac{35}{8}\sqrt{5}, \frac{25}{2} - \frac{35}{6}\sqrt{5})$	$81, -\frac{5103}{25}, -\frac{729}{12500}$	D_6	2

 TABLE 1. Exceptional points where $\det(Jac(\theta)) = 0$

for any K such that the associated u and v satisfy equation (21) except possibly those (u, v) that lie over singular points of the curve (22). We check that all these singular points have multiplicity 2, hence there are at most two (u, v) points over each of them.

Remark 9. *If K has one subfield of degree 3, then it has at least two distinct such subfields. This is actually true for degree n elliptic subfields, for any n , see [2] and [8]. (For $n = 3$ it also follows from the explicit construction in [12], Lemma 5.4.) Since $e_3(K) = 1$ for a generic curve K of the locus (22), such K has $|Aut(K)| > 2$. Actually $Aut(K) = V_4$. We verified this by using equation (17) from [14] which gives a necessary and sufficient condition for a genus 2 field K to have $V_4 \leq Aut(K)$ (in terms of the classical invariants of K). Taking the resultant of this equation and the one in Appendix A yields an expression that has (22) (the projectivized version) as a factor. From the conditions given in [14] for K to have $Aut(K)$ strictly bigger than V_4 , one checks that actually $Aut(K) = V_4$ for all K in locus (22).*

4.1. The general case. By previous section θ is generically a covering of degree 2. So there exists a Zariski open subset \mathcal{U} of k^2 with the following properties: Firstly, θ is defined everywhere on \mathcal{U} and is a covering of degree 2 from \mathcal{U} to $\theta(\mathcal{U})$. Further, if $\mathbf{u} \in \mathcal{U}$ then all $\mathbf{u}' \in k^2$ with θ defined at \mathbf{u}' and $\theta(\mathbf{u}') = \theta(\mathbf{u})$ 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 θ . 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 \underline{i} satisfies (22). It follows that if K is a genus 2 field with $J_2 \neq 0$ and $G \neq 0$ then $e_3(K) = 2$.

Note that if there is a degenerate pair (K, E_1) and a non-degenerate pair (K, E_2) (for the same K) then for the (u, v) -invariants of the latter we have (12), hence $\beta(v) = 27$ and so the β -image of (u, v) doesn't correspond to a non-degenerate pair.

We can now complete the proof of part (ii) of Main Theorem. We noted before that the condition in (ii) is necessary. This condition (see Appendix A) defines an irreducible sublocus of \mathcal{M}_2 because the corresponding equation is irreducible (by Maple). The locus $e_3(K) \geq 1$ lies in this sublocus and contain a dense subset of it

(image of θ). By Lange [4], the locus $e_3(K) \geq 1$ is Zariski closed, hence equals the locus defined by the equation in Appendix A.

4.2. Exceptional Cases for $J_2 = 0$. We consider the case when $J_2 = 0$, where

$$(23) \quad \begin{aligned} J_2 &= -2(3v^2 + 4u^2 - 12uv + 252u - 54v - 405) \\ &= \frac{2}{3}(3v - 6u + 2u\sqrt{6} - 27 - 18\sqrt{6})(3v - 27 + 18\sqrt{6} - 6u - 2u\sqrt{6}) \end{aligned}$$

Genus 2 fields K with $J_2 = J_4 = 0$ and $J_6 \neq 0$ (resp., $J_2 = J_6 = 0$ and $J_4 \neq 0$) are classified up to isomorphism by the invariant $\frac{J_6^5}{J_{10}^3}$ (resp., $\frac{J_4^5}{J_{10}^2}$), see Igusa [9]. In the first (resp., second) case there are exactly two (resp., four) such K with $e_3(K) \geq 1$ and they all have $e_3(K) = 2$.

The invariants

$$(24) \quad a_1 := \frac{J_4 \cdot J_6}{J_{10}}, \quad a_2 := \frac{J_6 \cdot J_{10}}{J_4^4}$$

determine genus two fields with $J_2 = 0$, $J_4 \neq 0$, and $J_6 \neq 0$ up to isomorphism, see Igusa [9]. A field K with such invariants has $e_3(K) \geq 1$ if and only if

$$(25) \quad \begin{aligned} &46656a_1^5a_2^3 + 7558272a_1^4a_2^3 + 1259712\sqrt{6}a_1^4a_2^3 - 15552a_1^4a_2^2 - 12427478784a_1^3a_2^2 + 4917635712\sqrt{6}a_1^3a_2^2 \\ &+ 1728a_1^3a_2 - 656217531654480a_1^2a_2^2 + 267571209034080\sqrt{6}a_1^2a_2^2 - 1844125056a_1^2a_2 + 743525568\sqrt{6}a_1^2a_2 \\ &- 64a_1^2 - 6334497449472117312a_1a_2^2 + 2585860435265558832\sqrt{6}a_1a_2^2 + 230833239838992a_2a_1 - \\ &94237227087840a_2a_1\sqrt{6} - 601244429975805030777a_2^2 + 245429539257764380572a_2^2\sqrt{6} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

or

$$(26) \quad \begin{aligned} &230833239838992a_2a_1 + 94237227087840a_2a_1\sqrt{6} - 12427478784a_1^3a_2^2 - 4917635712\sqrt{6}a_1^3a_2^2 \\ &+ 1728a_1^3a_2 - 15552a_1^4a_2^2 - 656217531654480a_1^2a_2^2 - 267571209034080\sqrt{6}a_1^2a_2^2 + 46656a_1^5a_2^3 - 64a_1^2 \\ &- 601244429975805030777a_2^2 - 245429539257764380572a_2^2\sqrt{6} - 1844125056a_1^2a_2 - 743525568\sqrt{6}a_1^2a_2 \\ &- 6334497449472117312a_1a_2^2 - 2585860435265558832\sqrt{6}a_1a_2^2 + 7558272a_1^4a_2^3 - 1259712\sqrt{6}a_1^4a_2^3 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

As one can check by discussing the map

$$\vartheta : (u, v) \rightarrow (a_1, a_2)$$

these fields K generically have $e_3(K) = 2$. It remains to check the singular points of the curves (25) and (26). The intersection of the two components is empty. Each component has four singular points two of which have $e_3(K) = 2$ and the other two have $e_3(K) = 4$. Thus there are exactly four genus 2 fields with $e_3(K) = 4$. Two of them satisfy (25), we call them P_1 and P_2 . The other two are obtained from P_1, P_2 by applying the automorphism $\sqrt{6} \rightarrow -\sqrt{6}$.

P_1	$a_1 = -\frac{77169}{8} + \frac{30759}{8}\sqrt{6}, \quad a_2 = \frac{13783592}{23149125} + \frac{5629912}{23149125}\sqrt{6}$
P_2	$a_1 = -\frac{650835}{8} + \frac{268785}{8}\sqrt{6}, \quad a_2 = -\frac{2984}{20002028625} - \frac{144872}{60006085875}\sqrt{6}$

TABLE 2. Singular points of (25) with $e_3(K) = 4$

The four values of (u, v) corresponding to P_1 (resp., P_2) are obtained as follows: u is determined by v via

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

and v is one of the 4 roots of

$$(27) \quad 9v^4 + (-693 - 27\sqrt{6})v^3 + (15141 + 1749\sqrt{6})v^2 + (-66414 - 33396\sqrt{6})v - 1368\sqrt{6} + 3388 = 0$$

(resp.)

$$(28) \quad 3v^4 + (-153 + 33\sqrt{6})v^3 + (3129 - 1219\sqrt{6})v^2 + (-10854 - 11556\sqrt{6})v + 176904\sqrt{6} + 450036 = 0$$

This completes the proof of the Main Theorem. \square

5. J-INVARIANTS

A genus 2 field K corresponding to a generic point of locus $e_3(K) \geq 1$ has exactly 2 elliptic subfields E_1 and E_2 of degree 3. We can take $E_1 = E$ from lemma 3. Its j -invariant is

$$(29) \quad j_1 = 16v \frac{(vu^2 + 216u^2 - 126vu - 972u + 12v^2 + 405v)^3}{(v - 27)^3(4v^2 + 27v + 4u^3 - 18vu - vu^2)^2}$$

The automorphism $\beta \in \text{Gal}_{k(u,v)/k(r_1, r_2)}$ permutes E_1 and E_2 , therefore switches j_1 and j_2 . Then $j_2 = \beta(j_1)$ is

$$(30) \quad j_2 = -256 \frac{(u^2 - 3v)^3}{v(4v^2 + 27v + 4u^3 - 18vu - vu^2)}$$

For the equation of E_2 using a different approach see [12], chapter 5.

5.1. Isomorphic Elliptic Subfields. Suppose that $E_1 \cong E_2$. Then, $j_1 = j_2$ implies that

$$(31) \quad 8v^3 + 27v^2 - 54uv^2 - u^2v^2 + 108u^2v + 4u^3v - 108u^3 = 0$$

or

$$(32) \quad \begin{aligned} & 324v^4u^2 - 5832v^4u + 37908v^4 - 314928v^3u - 81v^3u^4 + 255879v^3 + 30618v^3u^2 \\ & - 864v^3u^3 - 6377292uv^2 + 8503056v^2 - 324u^5v^2 + 2125764u^2v^2 - 215784u^3v^2 \\ & + 14580u^4v^2 + 16u^6v^2 + 78732u^3v + 8748u^5v - 864u^6v - 157464u^4v + 11664u^6 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Remark 10. *The former equation is the condition that $\det(\text{Jac}(\theta)) = 0$ see equation (21).*

If $e_3(K) \geq 1$ then the automorphism group $\text{Aut}(K/k)$ is one of the following: \mathbb{Z}_2, V_4, D_8 , or D_{12} . \mathbb{Z}_2 is the generic case, V_4 is a 1-dimensional family. There are exactly 6 genus 2 fields with automorphism group D_8 (resp., D_{12}). Thus, there are exactly 6 genus 2 curves (defined over \mathbb{C}) in the locus (33) and with automorphism group D_8 (resp., D_{12}). Exactly four (resp., three) of these curves with automorphism group D_8 (resp., D_{12}) are defined over \mathbb{Q} . This is studied in [13] where the rational points of these genus 2 curves are also discussed.

Appendix A:

Here is the equation which defines the locus \mathcal{L}_3 of fields K with $e_3(K) \geq 1$.

$$(33) \quad C_8 J_{10}^8 + C_7 J_{10}^7 + \cdots + C_1 J_{10} + C_0 = 0$$

where C_0, \dots, C_8 are

$$\begin{aligned} C_8 &= 2^4 \cdot 3^{31} \cdot 5^5 \cdot 19^{10} \cdot 29^5 \\ C_7 &= 2^4 \cdot 3^{27} \cdot 19^5 (-194894640029511J_2^5 - 55588661819356000J_4^2 J_2 - 12239149540657725J_2^3 J_4 \\ &+ 223103526505680000J_4 J_6 + 40811702108053500J_2^2 J_6) \\ C_6 &= 2^2 \cdot 3^{21} (-35802284468757765858432J_4^5 - 1756270399106587730391J_4^2 J_6^2 - 28638991859523006654J_4 J_2^8 \\ &- 84091225203760159441286J_4^3 J_2^4 + 400895959391006953561032J_4^4 J_2^2 - 61773685738999443J_2^3 J_4^2 \\ &- 3673201396072259603756160J_4^3 J_2 J_6 + 7879491755218264984387200J_4^2 J_6^2 + 15251447355608658629952J_2^5 J_4 J_6 \\ &+ 1179903008384844066250272J_2^3 J_4^2 J_6 - 5566672398589809889658760J_2^2 J_4 J_6^2 + 112024289372554183680J_2^2 J_6 \\ &- 32116769409722716182888J_2^2 J_6^2 + 851217187754962249155200J_2 J_6^3) \\ C_5 &= 2^2 \cdot 3^{19} (-12630004382695462653J_4^4 J_2^7 + 320839252764287362560J_4^7 J_2 - 1876069272397136886448J_4^6 J_2^3 \\ &+ 606742866220456356580J_4^5 J_2^5 - 124173485719052715J_4^3 J_2^9 + 22241034512101438944000J_4^5 J_2 J_6 \\ &- 88546736703938826304512J_4^4 J_2 J_6^2 - 10712078926420753449984J_4^4 J_4 J_6 + 68904635323303664511264J_2^3 J_4^3 J_6^2 \\ &- 192353895694677164016384J_2^2 J_4^2 J_6^3 + 197449733923926905783808J_2 J_4 J_6^4 - 1916173047371645223936J_4^6 J_6 \\ &+ 116211018774997425051648J_4^3 J_6^3 - 132143597697786172416J_6^5 + 1361403542457288J_2^0 J_4 J_6 \\ &- 5005765118740492656J_2^7 J_4 J_6^2 + 232819061639483430720J_2^3 J_4^3 J_6 - 1576319894694585178452J_2^5 J_4^2 J_6^2 \\ &+ 4655239459208764553088J_2^4 J_4 J_6^3 - 226900590409548J_2^{11} J_4^2 - 2042105313685932J_2^9 J_6^2 + 6261632755967872800J_2^6 J_6^3 \\ &- 5065734796478275576176J_2^3 J_6^4 + 1352318109350828796J_2^8 J_4^2 J_6) \\ C_4 &= 3^{15} (1417825317153277312J_4^9 J_2^2 + 2391308818408811717J_4^6 J_2^8 + 718590303030600J_2^{10} J_4^5 \\ &- 638760745337170544640J_4 J_6^6 + 440759275303802880J_4^{10} - 8118717280771686540192J_4^5 J_4^2 J_6^2 \\ &+ 42668434906863398019072J_4^2 J_2 J_6^5 - 57054664814020640574336J_4^3 J_2^2 J_6^4 + 30546774740158581676032J_4^4 J_2^3 J_6^3 \\ &+ 8601814215123831275904J_4^6 J_2^2 J_6^2 - 1449562700682195916800J_4^7 J_2 J_6 + 1067928354124249303104J_4^8 J_2^5 J_6 \\ &- 10443896263024316301312J_2^3 J_4 J_6^5 + 7247970315150439028112J_2^4 J_4^2 J_6^4 - 21769241176751736619008J_4^5 J_2 J_6^3 \\ &- 2640201919999154595648J_2^5 J_4^3 J_6^3 - 55893562424445261312J_2^7 J_4^2 J_6 + 531409635241191119304J_2^4 J_4^2 J_6^2 \\ &- 1012614205133520J_2^8 J_4^4 - 2454855015326199552J_2^5 J_6^5 - 12501409939920J_2^{12} J_4^4 - 675076136755680J_2^{10} J_4^2 J_6^2 \\ &- 33390518666828400J_2^9 J_4^4 J_6 + 3188363568027498432J_2^6 J_4 J_6^4 - 1569001498547402304J_2^7 J_4^2 J_6^3 \\ &- 275375222428239820800J_4^7 J_6^2 + 19809849095518050330624J_4^4 J_6^4 + 6179516061983740183680J_2^2 J_6^5 \\ &+ 150016919279040J_2^{11} J_4^3 J_6 + 87799481406335621136J_4^8 J_4^2 + 1350152273511360J_2^9 J_4 J_6^3 \\ &- 55496611186132800648J_4^7 J_2^5 + 39911809855842557952J_4^4 J_2 J_6 + 353362680242481096J_2^8 J_4^3 J_6^2) \\ C_3 &= 2^4 \cdot 3^{12} (-19225816442103600J_4^{10} J_2^5 + 6433952690394144J_2^4 J_6^7 - 2917203075615J_2^{11} J_4^7 \\ &+ 62951605613640J_2^{10} J_4^6 J_6 + 7900854051362368J_4^{11} J_2^3 - 873165547551982J_2^9 J_4^8 + 13234982161044480J_4^{12} J_2 \\ &+ 4077902864550187008J_4^5 J_6^5 + 7506792545698293J_4^9 J_2^7 - 55019014994202624J_4^{11} J_6 - 3415519987075510272J_2^4 J_6^6 \\ &- 932605137272623104J_4^8 J_6^3 - 6607177263254292480J_2 J_6^8 - 1394785406520J_2^7 J_6^6 - 1913285880J_2^{13} J_4^6 \\ &- 258293593800J_2^{11} J_4^4 J_6^2 - 1976299597616301504J_4^8 J_2^3 J_6^2 + 1337598192058041744J_4^7 J_2^5 J_6^2 \\ &- 2324642344200J_2^8 J_4^4 J_6 + 2789570813040J_2^8 J_4 J_6^5 - 243015467955111198J_2^7 J_4^6 J_6^2 + 22136761801348668J_2^8 J_4^7 J_6 \\ &- 155463896437263612J_4^8 J_6^6 J_6 + 16101033796183004352J_2^5 J_4^3 J_6^4 + 16367298631796450304J_4^3 J_2 J_6^6 + 8433152J_4^7 J_2^2 J_6^3 \\ &- 8254965178021469184J_4^6 J_2 J_6^4 + 34439145840J_2^{12} J_4^5 J_6 - 576988130682378J_2^9 J_4^5 J_6^2 + 2912934238489260J_2^8 J_4^4 J_6^3 \\ &- 8749875412454175J_2^7 J_4^3 J_6^4 + 15637511592200340J_2^6 J_4^2 J_6^5 - 127105068829245696J_4^{10} J_2^2 J_6 + 614908581517421568J_4^9 J_2 J_6^2 \\ &- 23374419431360207616J_4^2 J_2^5 J_6 + 1508868948605946984J_2^6 J_4^5 J_6^3 - 5795040294470623824J_2^5 J_4^4 J_6^4 \\ &+ 14094983896511630112J_2^4 J_4^3 J_6^5 + 1033174375200J_2^{10} J_4^3 J_6^3 + 314069798204069472J_2^9 J_4^4 J_6 - 61501104J_4^6 J_2^4 J_6^3 \\ &- 21194163080222025024J_2^3 J_4^2 J_6^6 + 18002402119176332544J_2^2 J_4 J_6^7 - 15392091937240080J_2^5 J_4 J_6^6) \\ C_2 &= 2^5 \cdot 3^8 (-159732958548480J_4^{13} J_2 J_6 - 27945192968593920J_2 J_4 J_6^9 + 238596124150086J_4^{10} J_2^7 J_6 + 3224288J_2^3 J_6^9 \\ &- 36311136215244J_2^9 J_4 J_6 - 996173640J_2^{12} J_4^2 J_6^2 + 5977041840J_2^{11} J_4^3 J_6^3 - 22413906900J_2^{10} J_4^4 J_6^4 - 37501414009508J_4^{13} J_4^4 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &+14210312049697149J_2^6J_4^6J_6^4+86354918885580768J_2^4J_4^4J_6^6-111444977082978432J_2^3J_4^3J_6^7+27908893977856J_4^{14}J_2^2 \\
 &+83768141083825152J_2^2J_4^8J_6^8-42942980968765488J_2^5J_4^5J_6^5-10736445647473J_4^{11}J_2^5+61746352553318400J_4^4J_2J_6^7 \\
 &+410958880454688J_4^{12}J_2^3J_6-14059252057660416J_4^3J_6^8-1643659809866496J_4^{11}J_2^2J_6^2+441832778741790J_2^8J_4^8J_6^6 \\
 &-3128599551108636J_2^7J_4^3J_6^3+2815950495430656J_4^{10}J_2J_6^3+12291244885171152J_4^8J_2^5J_6^3+1579225145J_2^{12}J_4^9 \\
 &-2286353789913249J_4^6J_2^6J_6^2-40300476525629352J_2^7J_4^4J_6^4+81707043798929088J_4^6J_2^3J_6^5-25936092270J_2^6J_6^8 \\
 &-98257765274489088J_4^5J_2^6J_6^6+3318887207480832J_4^{10}J_2^4J_6^2-478511899451856J_4^{11}J_2^5J_6+28476287051677J_4^4J_2J_6^6 \\
 &-12153253649302656J_4^9J_2^3J_6^3+24757975700165376J_4^8J_2^2J_6^4-26570902457981952J_4^7J_2J_6^5-6755065089024J_4^{15} \\
 &+10883911680J_6^{10}+53793376560J_2^9J_4^3J_6^5-80690064840J_2^8J_4^2J_6^6+69162912720J_2^7J_4J_6^7+94873680J_2^3J_4^3J_6 \\
 &+227109129291J_2^{10}J_4^7J_6^2-628213747356J_2^9J_4^6J_6^3-1389130574661J_2^8J_4^5J_6^4+16465793988870J_2^7J_4^4J_6^5 \\
 &-56794191944715J_2^6J_4^3J_6^6+102713329135152J_2^5J_4^2J_6^7-98529746457492J_2^4J_4J_6^8-30650938650J_2^{11}J_4^8J_6 \\
 &-1716480768J_4^9J_6^4+11718053954519040J_4^6J_6^6+220752428322816J_4^{12}J_2^2J_6^2+1322792799725J_2^{10}J_4^{10}-3953070J_2^{14}J_4^8)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 C_1 = &-2^8 \cdot 3^5(61736960J_4^8J_2-182135808J_4^7J_6+16021872J_4^7J_2^3-211022400J_4^6J_2^2J_6-26594919J_4^6J_2^5 \\
 &+899159040J_4^5J_2J_6^2+330458928J_4^5J_2^4J_6-215198J_2^7J_4^5-1227405312J_4^4J_6^3-1535734368J_4^4J_2^3J_6^2 \\
 &+2930532J_4^4J_2^4J_6-363J_2^9J_4^4+3162070656J_4^3J_2^3J_6^3-16471998J_4^3J_2^5J_6^2+4356J_4^3J_2^6J_6-19602J_4^2J_2^7J_6^2 \\
 &-2433162240J_4^2J_2^4J_6^4+47961936J_4^2J_2^4J_6^3+39204J_4J_2^5J_6^3-72369936J_4J_2^3J_6^4+746496J_4J_2^5J_6^5-29403J_2^5J_6^4 \\
 &+45116352J_2^5J_6^5)(J_4^3-J_2^2J_4+6J_2J_6J_4-9J_6^2)^3
 \end{aligned}$$

$$C_0 = 2^8(768J_4^2-416J_4J_2^2-J_2^4+1536J_2J_6)(J_4^3-J_2^2J_4+6J_2J_6J_4-9J_6^2)^6$$

Appendix B:

The equation of the branch locus of the map

$$\begin{aligned}
 \theta : k^2 \setminus \{\Delta = 0\} &\rightarrow \mathcal{L}_3 \\
 (u, v) &\rightarrow (i_1, i_2, i_3)
 \end{aligned}$$

(34)

$$\begin{aligned}
 &3507505273398025i_1^{12}-4880484817793862073548480i_1^{11}+192(11302504938388489628125i_2 \\
 &+346452039237689650581192)i_1^{10}-4(89439905046278964319358976+60307157046030532997225i_2^2 \\
 &-4188981066069113234648640i_2)i_1^9+192(49246723355809568004885504+33588887753890413143515i_2^2 \\
 &-89290373874540245356608i_2)i_1^8-192(6360139591235383381327872+593587805135845078438632i_2^2 \\
 &+849397678885114696829952i_2-15537701670163340329775i_2^3)i_1^7+2(406606074742962841916289024i_2^2 \\
 &-27711519511099200420652160i_2^3+305526006347596356290347008+183049808606955774794075i_2^4 \\
 &+255320765313220782576893952i_2)i_1^6-192i_2(13654023711946692280289280i_2+60377228453350507376315i_2^3 \\
 &-1464350022771442997265792i_2^2+2245754530466537929703424)i_1^5+192i_2^2(19906166147692916436664320 \\
 &+524465846991778455117432i_2^2-2333360138590692031481856i_2-10694743521252049023175i_2^3)i_1^4 \\
 &+20i_2^2(2535928320048654288481984i_2^3-5763664926963183845376000i_2-28262691566657845506883584i_2^2 \\
 &-99413657833844087193600000-9280304409903257402325i_2^4)i_1^3-192i_2^3(1807602326421361731982656i_2^2 \\
 &-76401752022567738591625i_2^3-2867627019656613888000000-9918952715424066995911680i_2)i_1^2 \\
 &+1728i_2^4(1262371230708245434125i_2^3-44970318919363276752280i_2^2-1752882366993587712000000 \\
 &+506870449554602235884544i_2)i_1+i_2^4(127385395640432909375625i_2^4-6059765135286837968377600i_2^3 \\
 &-717148324858373259264000000i_2+10283838754772598641352704i_2^2+1617386925920256 \cdot 10^{12})=0
 \end{aligned}$$

REFERENCES

- [1] A. CLEBSCH, Theorie der Binären Algebraischen Formen, Verlag von B.G. Teubner, Leipzig, 1872.

- [2] G. FREY, On elliptic curves with isomorphic torsion structures and corresponding curves of genus 2. *Elliptic curves, modular forms, and Fermat's last theorem (Hong Kong, 1993)*, 79-98, Ser. Number Theory, I, *Internat. Press, Cambridge, MA*, 1995.
- [3] G. FREY AND E. KANI, Curves of genus 2 covering elliptic curves and an arithmetic application. *Arithmetic algebraic geometry (Texel, 1989)*, 153-176, *Progr. Math.*, 89, Birkhäuser Boston, MA, 1991.
- [4] H. LANGE, Über die Modulvarietät der Kurven vom Geschlecht 2. *J. Reine Angew. Math.*, 281, 80-96, 1976.
- [5] E. KANI AND W. SCHANZ, Diagonal quotient surfaces. *Manuscripta Math.* 93, no. 1, 67-108, 1997.
- [6] A. KRAZER, *Lehrbuch der Thetafunctionen*, Chelsea, New York, 1970.
- [7] V. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Invariants of genus 2 curves, *PhD thesis*, University of Florida, 2001.
- [8] M. R. KUHN, Curves of genus 2 with split Jacobian. *Trans. Amer. Math. Soc* **307**, 41-49, 1988.
- [9] J. IGUSA, Arithmetic Variety Moduli for genus 2. *Ann. of Math. (2)*, 72, 612-649, 1960.
- [10] MAPLE 6, Waterloo Maple Inc., 2000.
- [11] T. SHASKA, Genus 2 Curves With (N, N) Decomposable Jacobians, *Jour. Symb. Comp.*, Vol 31, **no. 5**, pg. 603-617, 2001.
- [12] T. SHASKA, Curves of Genus Two Covering Elliptic Curves, *PhD thesis*, University of Florida, 2001.
- [13] T. SHASKA, Genus 2 curves with $(3,3)$ -split Jacobian and large automorphism group, ANTS V, *Lect. Notes in Comp. Sci.*, vol. **2369**, pg. 100-113, Springer, 2002.
- [14] T. SHASKA AND H. VÖLKLEIN, Elliptic Subfields and automorphisms of genus 2 function fields, to appear in: *Proceeding of the Conference on Algebra and Algebraic Geometry with Applications: The celebration of the seventieth birthday of Professor S.S. Abhyankar*, Springer, 2000.
- [15] G. TAMME, Ein Satz über hyperelliptische Funktionenkörper. *J. Reine Angew. Math.* 257, 217-220, 1972.
- [16] H. VÖLKLEIN, Groups as Galois Groups – an Introduction, *Cambr. Studies in Adv. Math.* 53, Cambridge Univ. Press, 1996.

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT IRVINE, IRVINE, CA 92697.
E-mail address: `tshaska@math.uci.edu`