A UNIVERSAL GENUS-TWO CURVE FROM SIEGEL MODULAR FORMS

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ABSTRACT. Let $\mathfrak{p}$ be any point in the moduli space of genus-two curves $\mathcal{M}_2$ and K its field of moduli. We provide a universal equation of a genus-two curve $\mathcal{C}_{\alpha,\beta}$ defined over $K(\alpha,\beta)$, corresponding to $\mathfrak{p}$, where α and β satisfy a quadratic $\alpha^2 + b\,\beta^2 = c$ such that b and c are given in terms of ratios of Siegel modular forms. The curve $\mathcal{C}_{\alpha,\beta}$ is defined over the field of moduli K if and only if the quadratic has a K-rational point (α,β). We discover some interesting symmetries of the Weierstrass equation of $\mathcal{C}_{\alpha,\beta}$. This extends previous work of Mestre [15] and others.

1. INTRODUCTION

Let $\mathcal{M}_2$ be the moduli space of genus-two curves. It is the coarse moduli space for smooth, complete, connected curves of genus 2 over $\mathbb{C}$. Let $\mathfrak{p} \in \mathcal{M}_2(K)$, where K is the field of definition of $\mathfrak{p}$. Construction a genus 2 curve C corresponding to $\mathfrak{p}$ is interesting from many points of view. In [1], for example, the authors count the points in $\mathcal{M}_2(\mathbb{Q})$ according to their moduli height and create a database of genus 2 curves from the moduli points in $\mathcal{M}_2(\mathbb{Q})$. In creating the database the main problem was that of constructing an equation for obstruction moduli points. Mestre [15] has shown how to construct equations for genus-two curves with automorphism group of order two and defined over $\mathbb{Q}$. This paper provides an equation over a minimal field of definition for any point $\mathfrak{p} \in \mathcal{M}_2$.

The natural question is if there exists a universal curve for the genus-two curve given in terms of a generic moduli point $\mathfrak{p} \in \mathcal{M}_2$. In other words, given an affine moduli point $\mathfrak{p} = (x, y, z)$, where x, y, z are transcendentals, can we construct a curve corresponding to $\mathfrak{p}$? The answer is negative in the strict definition of "universal curve"; see [7, pg. 39] for details. As we will show, there is a satisfactory answer in the sense that our "universal equation" applies to every moduli point $\mathfrak{p} \in \mathcal{M}_2$. However, the equation is often defined only over a quadratic extension of the field of moduli.

We focus mainly on constructing a genus-two curve $\mathcal{C}$ for any given point $\mathfrak{p} = (\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{x}_3) \in \mathcal{M}_2$, defined over a minimal field of definition, where $\mathbf{x}_1$, $\mathbf{x}_2$, $\mathbf{x}_3$ are ratios of modular forms as defined by Igusa in [9]. Our main result is as follows: For every point $\mathfrak{p} \in \mathcal{M}_2$ such that $\mathfrak{p} \in \mathcal{M}_2(K)$, where K is the field of moduli, there is a genus-two curve $\mathcal{C}_{(\alpha,\beta)}$ given by

$$\mathcal{C}_{(\alpha,\beta)}: \quad y^2 = \sum_{i=0}^{6} a_i(\alpha,\beta)\, x^i \,, \tag{1}$$

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corresponding to $\mathfrak{p}$ with coefficients given by Eq. (52). This curve is defined over the field of moduli K if and only if there exists a K-rational solution (α, β) to the quadratic

$$\alpha^2 + b \cdot \beta^2 = c$$

where b and c are given in terms of the moduli point $\mathfrak{p}$. There are some interesting properties of the coefficients defining $\mathcal{C}_{(\alpha,\beta)}$ which seem to be particular to this model and not noticed before.

It must be noticed that this equation is universal in the sense that it works for every moduli point $[J_2 : J_4 : J_6 : J_{10}]$ given in terms of the Igusa invariants J_2, J_4, J_6, J_{10}. The equation is defined at worst over a quadratic extension of the field of moduli K. If the equation over the field of moduli is needed, then we must search locally for a rational point in the above quadratic when evaluated at the given $\mathfrak{p}$. In the process we discover some very interesting absolute invariants (cf. Eq. (21)) which as far as we are aware have not been used before.

The paper is organized as follows: In Section 2 we give a brief summary of Siegel modular forms, classical invariants of binary sextics and the relations among them. While this material can be found in many places in the literature, there is plenty of confusion on the labeling and normalization of such invariants and relations among them. We also introduce a set of absolute invariants that is well-suited for the construction of a universal sextic.

In Section 3 we construct the equation of the genus-two curve by determining the Clebsch conic and the cubic. We diagonalize the corresponding conic and discover a new set of invariants which make the equation of this conic short and elegant. The diagonalized conic can be quickly determined from the invariants of the curve. The intersection of this conic and the cubic gives the equation of the genus-two curve. This equation shows some interesting symmetries of the coefficients, which to the knowledge of the authors have never been discovered before. When this universal equation is restricted to loci of curves with automorphisms or the Clebsch invariant $D = 0$ (not covered by Mestre's approach) it shows that the field of moduli is a field of definition, results which agree with previous results of other authors.

2. Preliminaries

2.1. **The Siegel modular three-fold.** The Siegel three-fold is a quasi-projective variety of dimension 3 obtained from the Siegel upper half-plane of degree two which by definition is the set of two-by-two symmetric matrices over $\mathbb{C}$ whose imaginary part is positive definite, i.e.,

(2)
$$\mathbb{H}_2 = \left\{ \underline{\tau} = \begin{pmatrix} \tau_1 & z \\ z & \tau_2 \end{pmatrix} \middle| \, \tau_1, \tau_2, z \in \mathbb{C}\,,\ \mathrm{Im}(\tau_1)\,\mathrm{Im}(\tau_2) > \mathrm{Im}(z)^2\,,\ \mathrm{Im}(\tau_2) > 0 \right\}\,,$$

quotiented out by the action of the modular transformations $\Gamma_2 := \mathrm{Sp}_4(\mathbb{Z})$, i.e.,

$$\mathcal{A}_2 = \mathbb{H}_2/\Gamma_2\,. \tag{3}$$

Each $\underline{\tau} \in \mathbb{H}_2$ determines a principally polarized complex abelian surface

$$\mathbf{A}_{\underline{\tau}} = \mathbb{C}^2/\langle \mathbb{Z}^2 \oplus \underline{\tau}\,\mathbb{Z}^2 \rangle$$

with period matrix $(\underline{\tau}, \mathbb{I}_2) \in \mathrm{Mat}(2,4;\mathbb{C})$. Two abelian surfaces $\mathbf{A}_{\underline{\tau}}$ and $\mathbf{A}_{\underline{\tau}'}$ are isomorphic if and only if there is a symplectic matrix

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{pmatrix} \in \Gamma_2 \tag{4}$$

such that $\underline{\tau}' = M(\underline{\tau}) := (A\underline{\tau}+B)(C\underline{\tau}+D)^{-1}$. It follows that the Siegel three-fold $\mathcal{A}_2$ is also the set of isomorphism classes of principally polarized abelian surfaces. The sets of abelian surfaces that have the same endomorphism ring form sub-varieties of $\mathcal{A}_2$. The endomorphism ring of principally polarized abelian surface tensored with $\mathbb{Q}$ is either a quartic CM field, an indefinite quaternion algebra, a real quadratic field or in the generic case $\mathbb{Q}$. Irreducible components of the corresponding subsets in $\mathcal{A}_2$ have dimensions $0, 1, 2$ and are known as CM points, Shimura curves and Humbert surfaces, respectively.

The Humbert surface H_Δ with invariant Δ is the space of principally polarized abelian surfaces admitting a symmetric endomorphism with discriminant Δ. It turns out that Δ is a positive integer $\equiv 0, 1 \mod 4$. In fact, H_Δ is the image inside $\mathcal{A}_2$ under the projection of the rational divisor associated to the equation

$$a\,\tau_1 + b\,z + c\,\tau_3 + d\,(z^2 - \tau_1\,\tau_2) + e = 0\,, \tag{5}$$

with integers a, b, c, d, e satisfying $\Delta = b^2 - 4\,a\,c - 4\,d\,e$ and $\underline{\tau} = \left(\begin{smallmatrix} \tau_1 & z \\ z & \tau_2 \end{smallmatrix}\right) \in \mathbb{H}_2$. For example, inside of $\mathcal{A}_2$ sit the Humbert surfaces H_1 and H_4 that are defined as the images under the projection of the rational divisor associated to $z = 0$ and $\tau_1 = \tau_2$, respectively. In fact, the singular locus of $\mathcal{A}_2$ has H_1 and H_4 as its two connected components. As analytic spaces, the surfaces H_1 and H_4 are each isomorphic to the Hilbert modular surface

$$\Big((\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}) \times \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})) \rtimes \mathbb{Z}_2\Big) \backslash \Big(\mathbb{H} \times \mathbb{H}\Big)\,. \tag{6}$$

For a more detailed introduction to Siegel modular form, Humbert surfaces, and the Satake compactification of the Siegel modular threefold we refer to Freitag's book [5].

2.2. **Siegel modular forms.** In general, we can define the Eisenstein series ψ_{2k} of degree g and weight $2k$ (where we assume $2k > g+1$ for convergence) by setting

$$\psi_{2k}(\underline{\tau}) = \sum_{(C,D)} \det\,(C \cdot \underline{\tau} + D)^{-2k}\,, \tag{7}$$

where the sum runs over non-associated bottom rows (C, D) of elements in $\mathrm{Sp}_{2g}(\mathbb{Z})$ where non-associated means with respect to the multiplication by $\mathrm{GL}_g(\mathbb{Z})$. In the following, we will always assume $g = 2$ in the definition of ψ_{2k}. Using Igusa's definition [9, Sec. 8, p. 195] we define a cusp form of weight 10 by

$$\chi_{10}(\underline{\tau}) = -\frac{43867}{2^{12}\,3^5\,5^2\,7\cdot 53}\,(\psi_4(\underline{\tau})\,\psi_6(\underline{\tau}) - \psi_{10}(\underline{\tau}))\,. \tag{8}$$

It is well known that the vanishing divisor of the cusp form χ_{10} is the Humbert surface H_1 because a period point $\underline{\tau}$ is equivalent to a point with $z = 0$ if and only if $\chi_{10}(\underline{\tau}) = 0$. Based on Igusa's definition [9, Sec. 8, p. 195] and the work in [14] we define a second cusp form χ_{12} of weight 12 by

$$\chi_{12}(\underline{\tau}) = \frac{131\cdot 593}{2^{13}\,3^7\,5^3\,7^2\,337}\left(3^2\,7^2\,\psi_4^3(\underline{\tau}) + 2\cdot 5^3\,\psi_6^2(\underline{\tau}) - 691\,\psi_{12}(\underline{\tau})\right)\,. \tag{9}$$

Moreover, Igusa proved [10, 11] that the ring of Siegel modular forms is generated by ψ_4, ψ_6, χ_{10}, χ_{12} and by one more cusp form χ_{35} of odd weight 35 whose square is the following polynomial [10, p. 849] in the even generators

$$\begin{aligned}\chi_{35}^2 = \frac{1}{2^{12}\,3^9}\,\chi_{10}\Big(&2^{24}\,3^{15}\,\chi_{12}^5 - 2^{13}\,3^9\,\psi_4^3\,\chi_{12}^4 - 2^{13}\,3^9\,\psi_6^2\,\chi_{12}^4 + 3^3\,\psi_4^6\,\chi_{12}^3\\ &- 2\cdot 3^3\,\psi_4^3\,\psi_6^2\,\chi_{12}^3 - 2^{14}\,3^8\,\psi_4^2\,\psi_6\,\chi_{10}\,\chi_{12}^3 - 2^{23}\,3^{12}\,5^2\,\psi_4\,\chi_{10}^2\,\chi_{12}^3 + 3^3\,\psi_6^4\,\chi_{12}^3\\ &+ 2^{11}\,3^6\,37\,\psi_4^4\,\chi_{10}^2\,\chi_{12}^2 + 2^{11}\,3^6\,5\cdot 7\,\psi_4\,\psi_6^2\,\chi_{10}^2\,\chi_{12}^2 - 2^{23}\,3^9\,5^3\,\psi_6\,\chi_{10}^3\,\chi_{12}^2\\ &- 3^2\,\psi_4^7\,\chi_{10}^2\,\chi_{12} + 2\cdot 3^2\,\psi_4^4\,\psi_6^2\,\chi_{10}^2\,\chi_{12} + 2^{11}\,3^5\,5\cdot 19\,\psi_4^3\,\psi_6\,\chi_{10}^3\,\chi_{12}\\ &+ 2^{20}\,3^8\,5^3\,11\,\psi_4^2\,\chi_{10}^4\,\chi_{12} - 3^2\,\psi_4\,\psi_6^4\,\chi_{10}^2\,\chi_{12} + 2^{11}\,3^5\,5^2\,\psi_6^3\,\chi_{10}^3\,\chi_{12} - 2\,\psi_4^6\,\psi_6\,\chi_{10}^3\\ &- 2^{12}\,3^4\,\psi_4^5\,\chi_{10}^4 + 2^2\,\psi_4^3\,\psi_6^3\,\chi_{10}^3 + 2^{12}\,3^4\,5^2\,\psi_4^2\,\psi_6^2\,\chi_{10}^4 + 2^{21}\,3^7\,5^4\,\psi_4\,\psi_6\,\chi_{10}^5\\ &- 2\,\psi_6^5\,\chi_{10}^3 + 2^{32}\,3^9\,5^5\,\chi_{10}^6\Big)\,.\end{aligned} \tag{10}$$

Hence, the expression $Q := 2^{12}\,3^9\,\chi_{35}^2/\chi_{10}$ is a polynomial of degree 60 in the even generators. Igusa also proved that each Siegel modular form (with trivial character) of odd weight is divisible by the form χ_{35}. The following fact is well-known [6]:

Proposition 1. *The vanishing divisor of Q is the Humbert surface H_4, i.e., a period point $\underline{\tau}$ is equivalent to a point with $\tau_1 = \tau_2$ if and only if $Q = 0$. Accordingly, the vanishing divisor of χ_{35} is the formal sum $H_1 + H_4$ of Humbert surfaces, that constitutes the singular locus of $\mathcal{A}_2$.*

In accordance with Igusa [9, Thm. 3] we also introduce the following ratios of Siegel modular forms

$$\mathbf{x}_1 = \frac{\psi_4\,\chi_{10}^2}{\chi_{12}^2}, \quad \mathbf{x}_2 = \frac{\psi_6\,\chi_{10}^3}{\chi_{12}^3}, \quad \mathbf{x}_3 = \frac{\chi_{10}^6}{\chi_{12}^5}\,, \tag{11}$$

as well as

$$\mathbf{y}_1 = \frac{\mathbf{x}_1^3}{\mathbf{x}_3} = \frac{\psi_4^3}{\chi_{12}}, \quad \mathbf{y}_2 = \frac{\mathbf{x}_2^2}{\mathbf{x}_3} = \frac{\psi_6^2}{\chi_{12}}, \quad \mathbf{y}_3 = \frac{\mathbf{x}_1^2\,\mathbf{x}_2}{\mathbf{x}_3} = \frac{\psi_4^2\,\psi_6\,\chi_{10}}{\chi_{12}}\,, \tag{12}$$

where we have suppressed the dependence of each Siegel modular form on $\underline{\tau}$. These ratios have the following asymptotic expansion for $z \to 0$ [9, pp. 180–182] in terms of ordinary Eisenstein series E_4 and E_6 and the Dedekind η-function

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{x}_1 &= E_4(\tau_1)\,E_4(\tau_2)\,(\pi z)^4 + O(z^5)\,,\\ \mathbf{x}_2 &= E_6(\tau_1)\,E_6(\tau_2)\,(\pi z)^6 + O(z^7)\,,\\ \mathbf{x}_3 &= \eta^{24}(\tau_1)\,\eta^{24}(\tau_2)\,(\pi z)^{12} + O(z^{13})\,,\end{aligned} \tag{13}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{y}_1 &= j(\tau_1)\,j(\tau_2) + O(z^2)\,,\\ \mathbf{y}_2 &= \Big(1728 - j(\tau_1)\Big)\,\Big(1728 - j(\tau_2)\Big) + O(z^2)\,,\\ \mathbf{y}_3 &= \frac{E_4^2(\tau_1)\,E_4^2(\tau_2)\,E_6(\tau_1)\,E_6(\tau_2)}{\eta^{24}(\tau_1)\,\eta^{24}(\tau_2)}\,(\pi z)^2 + O(z^3)\,,\end{aligned} \tag{14}$$

where we have set

$$\begin{aligned}j(\tau_j) &= \frac{1728\,E_4^3(\tau_j)}{E_4^3(\tau_j) - E_6^2(\tau_j)} = \frac{E_4^3(\tau_j)}{\eta^{24}(\tau_j)}\,,\\ 1728 - j(\tau_j) &= \frac{1728\,E_6^2(\tau_j)}{E_4^3(\tau_j) - E_6^2(\tau_j)} = \frac{E_6^2(\tau_j)}{\eta^{24}(\tau_j)}\,.\end{aligned} \tag{15}$$

The following fact is well-known [6]:

Proposition 2. *The modulus point $\underline{\tau}$ is equivalent to a point with $z = 0$ or $[\underline{\tau}] \in H_1 \subset \mathcal{A}_2$ such that the principally polarized abelian surface is a product of two elliptic curves $\mathbf{A}_{\underline{\tau}} = E_{\tau_1} \times E_{\tau_2}$ if and only if $\chi_{10}(\underline{\tau}) = 0$. The elliptic modular parameters are determined by Eq. (14).*

2.3. **Igusa invariants.** Suppose that $\mathcal{C}$ is an irreducible projective non-singular curve. If the self-intersection is $\mathcal{C} \cdot \mathcal{C} = 2$ then $\mathcal{C}$ is a curve of genus two. For every curve $\mathcal{C}$ of genus two there exists a unique pair $(\text{Jac}(\mathcal{C}), j_{\mathcal{C}})$ where $\text{Jac}(\mathcal{C})$ is an abelian surface, called the Jacobian variety of the curve $\mathcal{C}$, and $j_{\mathcal{C}} : \mathcal{C} \to \text{Jac}(\mathcal{C})$ is an embedding. One can always regain $\mathcal{C}$ from the pair $(\text{Jac}(\mathcal{C}), \mathcal{P})$ where $\mathcal{P} = [\mathcal{C}]$ is the class of $\mathcal{C}$ in the Néron-Severi group $\text{NS}(\text{Jac}(\mathcal{C}))$. Thus, if $\mathcal{C}$ is a genus-two curve, then $\text{Jac}(\mathcal{C})$ is a principally polarized abelian surface with principal polarization $\mathcal{P} = [\mathcal{C}]$, and the map sending a curve $\mathcal{C}$ to its Jacobian variety $\text{Jac}(\mathcal{C})$ is injective. In this way, the variety of moduli of curves of genus two is also the moduli space of their Jacobian varieties with canonical polarization.

We write the equation defining a genus-two curve $\mathcal{C}$ by a degree-six polynomial or sextic in the form

$$\mathcal{C}: \; y^2 = f(x) = a_0 \prod_{i=1}^{6} (x - \alpha_i) = \sum_{i=0}^{6} a_i \, x^i \; . \tag{16}$$

The roots $\{\alpha_i\}_{i=1}^6$ of the sextic are the six ramification points of the map $\mathcal{C} \to \mathbb{P}^1$. Their pre-images on $\mathcal{C}$ are the six Weierstrass points. The isomorphism class of f consists of all equivalent sextics where two sextics are considered equivalent if there is a linear transformation in $\text{GL}_2(\mathbb{C})$ which takes the set of roots to the roots of the other.

The ring of invariants of binary sextics is generated by the Igusa invariants (J_2, J_4, J_6, J_{10}) as defined in [12, Eq. (9)], which are the same invariants as the ones denoted by (A', B', C', D') in [15, p.319] and also the same invariants as (A, B, C, D) in [9, p.176]. For expressions of such invariants in terms of the coefficients $a_0, \ldots, a_6$ of the binary sextic, or $J_k \in \mathbb{Z}[a_0, \ldots, a_6]$ for $k \in \{2, 4, 6, 10\}$; see [12, Eq. (11)] and in terms of thetanulls see [13]. One can then ask what the Igusa invariants of a genus-two curve $\mathcal{C}$ defined by a sextic curve f are in terms of $\underline{\tau}$ such that $(\underline{\tau}, \mathbb{I}_2) \in \text{Mat}(2, 4; \mathbb{C})$ is the period matrix of the principally polarized abelian surface $\mathbf{A}_{\underline{\tau}} = \text{Jac}(\mathcal{C})$. Based on the asymptotic behavior in Equations (13) and (14), Igusa [10, p. 848] proved that the relations are as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} J_2 &= -2^3 \cdot 3 \, \frac{\chi_{12}(\underline{\tau})}{\chi_{10}(\underline{\tau})} \; , \\ J_4 &= \quad 2^2 \, \psi_4(\underline{\tau}) \; , \\ J_6 &= -\frac{2^3}{3} \, \psi_6(\underline{\tau}) - 2^5 \, \frac{\psi_4(\underline{\tau}) \, \chi_{12}(\underline{\tau})}{\chi_{10}(\underline{\tau})} \; , \\ J_{10} &= -2^{14} \, \chi_{10}(\underline{\tau}) \; . \end{aligned} \tag{17}$$

Thus, the invariants of a sextic define a point in a weighted projective space $[J_2 : J_4 : J_6 : J_{10}] \in \mathbb{WP}^3_{(2,4,6,10)}$ that equals

$$\Big[2^3 \, 3 \, (3\chi_{12}) \; : \; 2^2 3^2 \, \psi_4 \, \chi_{10}^2 \; : \; 2^3 \, 3^2 \, \Big(4\psi_4 \, (3\chi_{12}) + \psi_6 \, \chi_{10} \Big) \, \chi_{10}^2 : 2^2 \, \chi_{10}^6 \Big] \; .$$

Torelli's theorem states that the map sending a curve $\mathcal{C}$ to its Jacobian variety $\mathrm{Jac}(\mathcal{C})$ induces a birational map from the moduli space $\mathcal{M}_2$ of genus-two curves to the complement of the Humbert surface H_1 in $\mathcal{A}_2$, i.e., $\mathcal{A}_2 - \mathrm{supp}(\chi_{10})_0$. In other words, points in the projective variety $\mathrm{Proj}\,\mathbb{C}[J_2, J_4, J_6, J_{10}]$ which are not on $J_{10} = 0$ are in one-to-one correspondence with isomorphism classes of regular sextics [9].

Often the *Clebsch invariants* (A, B, C, D) of a sextic are used instead. They are defined in terms of the transvectants of the binary sextics; see [4] for details. The invariants (A, B, C, D) are polynomial expressions in the Igusa invariants (J_2, J_4, J_6, J_{10}) with rational coefficients:

$$
\begin{aligned}
A = & -\frac{1}{2^3 3\cdot 5}\, J_2 \,, \\
B = & \quad \frac{1}{2^3 3^3 5^4}\left(J_2^2 + 20\, J_4\right) \,, \\
C = & -\frac{1}{2^5 3^5 5^6}\left(J_2^3 + 80\, J_2 J_4 - 600\, J_6\right) \,, \\
D = & -\frac{1}{2^8 3^9 5^{10}}\left(9\, J_2^5 + 700\, J_2^3 J_4 - 3600\, J_2^2 J_6 \right. \\
& \qquad \left. -12400\, J_2 J_4^2 + 48000\, J_4\, J_6 + 10800000\, J_{10}\right) \,.
\end{aligned}
\tag{18}
$$

For formulas giving relations between all these sets of invariants see [1].

2.3.1. *Absolute invariants.* Dividing any $\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{C})$ invariant by another one of the same degree gives an invariant under $\mathrm{GL}_2(\mathbb{C})$ action. The term **absolute invariants** is used first by Igusa [8] for $\mathrm{GL}_2(\mathbb{C})$ invariants. It was the main result of [9, Theorem 3] that

$$
\mathbf{x}_1 = 144\frac{J_4}{J_2^2}, \quad \mathbf{x}_2 = -1728\frac{J_2 J_4 - 3J_6}{J_2^3}, \quad \mathbf{x}_3 = 486\frac{J_{10}}{J_2^5},
\tag{19}
$$

for $J_2 \neq 0$. We use $\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{x}_3$ to write the point $[J_2 : J_4 : J_6 : J_{10}] \in \mathbb{WP}^3_{(2,4,6,10)}$ as

$$
\left[1 : \frac{1}{2^4\, 3^2}\,\mathbf{x}_1 : \frac{1}{2^6\, 3^4}\,\mathbf{x}_2 + \frac{1}{2^4\, 3^3}\,\mathbf{x}_1 : \frac{1}{2\cdot 3^5}\,\mathbf{x}_3\right] .
\tag{20}
$$

Since the invariants J_4, J_6, J_{10} vanish simultaneously for sextics with triple roots all such curves are mapped to $[1 : 0 : 0 : 0] \in \mathbb{WP}^3_{(2,4,6,10)}$ with uniformizing affine coordinates $\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{x}_3$ around it. Blowing up this point gives a variety that parameterizes genus-two curves with $J_2 \neq 0$ and their degenerations. In the blow-up space we have to introduce additional coordinates that are obtained as ratios of $\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{x}_3$ and have weight zero. Those are precisely the coordinates $\mathbf{y}_1, \mathbf{y}_2, \mathbf{y}_3$ already introduced in Eq. (12). It turns out that the coordinate ring of the blown-up space is $\mathbb{C}[\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{x}_3, \mathbf{y}_1, \mathbf{y}_2, \mathbf{y}_3]$.

We introduce the three absolute invariants

$$
\begin{aligned}
\rho &= -\frac{4\,\left(9\,J_2^2-320\,J_4\right)\,\left(J_2^2+20\,J_4\right)^2}{\left(3\,J_2^3+140\,J_2\,J_4-800\,J_6\right)^2}\,,\\
\sigma &= -\frac{48\,\left(J_2^2+20\,J_4\right)^2}{\left(3\,J_2^3+140\,J_2\,J_4-800\,J_6\right)^3}\\
&\quad\times\left(9\,J_2^5-700\,J_2^3\,J_4+2400\,J_2^2\,J_6-262400\,J_2\,J_4^2+768000\,J_4\,J_6+172800000\,J_{10}\right),\\
\kappa &= \frac{2\,\left(27\,J_2^4+2380\,J_2^2\,J_4-12000\,J_2\,J_6+12800\,J_4^2\right)\,\left(J_2^2+20\,J_4\right)}{\left(3\,J_2^3+140\,J_2\,J_4-800\,J_6\right)^2}\,.
\end{aligned}
\tag{21}
$$

It follows:

Lemma 1. *For invariants (ρ,σ,κ) given by Eq. (21) such that ρ and κ do not vanish simultaneously, a point $[J_2:J_4:J_6:J_{10}]$ in $\mathbb{WP}^3_{(2,4,6,10)}$ is given by*

$$
\begin{aligned}
J_2 &= 8(\kappa-\rho), \qquad J_4=\frac{9}{5}(\kappa-\rho)^2+45\rho,\\
J_6 &= \frac{111}{25}(\kappa-\rho)^3-30(\kappa-\rho)^2+63\rho(\kappa-\rho)-270\rho\,,\\
J_{10} &= \frac{6}{3125}(\kappa-\rho)^5+\frac{4}{15}(\kappa-\rho)^4+\frac{46}{75}\rho(\kappa-\rho)^3\\
&\quad+\left(-\frac{1}{6}\sigma+\frac{42}{5}\rho\right)(\kappa-\rho)^2+12\rho^2(\kappa-\rho)+\frac{3}{2}\rho\,(36\rho-\sigma).
\end{aligned}
\tag{22}
$$

In particular, for $J_2\neq 0$ we have $\mathbb{Q}(\mathbf{x}_1,\mathbf{x}_2,\mathbf{x}_3)=\mathbb{Q}(\rho,\sigma,\kappa)$.

Proof. The proof is computational. We express ρ,σ,κ as rational functions of $\mathbf{x}_1$, $\mathbf{x}_2$, $\mathbf{x}_3$ and vice versa over $\mathbb{Q}$. The condition that ρ and κ do not vanish simultaneously is based on the fact that J_2,J_4,J_6,J_{10} must not vanish simultaneously. □

Remark 1. *Consider the image of $[J_2:J_4:J_6:J_{10}]$ in $\mathbb{WP}^3_{(2,4,6,10)}$ under the morphism $\mathbb{WP}^3_{(2,4,6,10)}\to\mathbb{P}^5$ given by*

$$
\left[486J_4J_6:486J_{10}:-1728(J_2J_4-3J_6)J_2^2:144J_2^3J_4:20736J_2J_4^2:J_2^5\right],
\tag{23}
$$

which is a linear transformation of the usual morphism to $\mathbb{P}^5$ given by

$$
[J_2:J_4:J_6:J_{10}]\mapsto[J_{10}:J_4J_6:J_2^2J_6:J_2^3J_4:J_2J_4^2:J_2^5].
$$

For $J_2\neq 0$, points in Eq. (23) equal

$$
\left[\frac{1}{1536}\mathbf{x}_1(\mathbf{x}_2+12\mathbf{x}_1):\mathbf{x}_3:\mathbf{x}_2:\mathbf{x}_1:\mathbf{x}_1^2:1\right].
\tag{24}
$$

The invariants $\mathbf{x}_1,\mathbf{x}_2,\mathbf{x}_3$ are not defined for $J_2=0$, but ρ,σ,κ remain well-defined if $\rho=\kappa\neq 0$. In this case we have

$$
J_2^{(0)}=0,\ J_4^{(0)}=45\rho,\ J_6^{(0)}=-270\rho,\ J_{10}^{(0)}=\frac{3}{2}\rho\,(36\rho-\sigma)\,,
\tag{25}
$$

and the invariants ρ and σ with

$$
\rho=\kappa=\frac{4}{5}\frac{J_4^3}{J_6^2},\quad \sigma=\frac{144}{5}\frac{J_4^3}{J_6^2}+6480\frac{J_4^3}{J_6^2}\frac{J_{10}}{J_4J_6},
\tag{26}
$$

determine genus-two curves with $J_2 = 0$, $J_4 \cdot J_6 \neq 0$ up to isomorphism. In addition to $J_2 = 0$, we have $J_{10} = 0$ if and only if $\sigma = 36\rho$. Using $\epsilon = (\kappa - \rho)$ in Eq. (22), one checks that points in Eq. (23) up to terms of order $O(\epsilon^2)$ equal

$$\left[1 - \frac{7}{30}\epsilon : \frac{J_{10}^{(0)}}{J_4^{(0)} J_6^{(0)}} - \frac{2}{2025}\epsilon : 0 : 0 : -\frac{512}{9}\epsilon : 0\right] .$$

This means that under the usual morphism to $\mathbb{P}^5$ the regular genus-two curves with $J_2 = 0$ and constant ratio $J_{10}/(J_4 J_6)$ are mapped to the same point.

2.4. **Recovering the equation of the curve from invariants.** Let $\mathfrak{p} \in \mathcal{M}_2$ and $\mathcal{C}$ a genus-two curve corresponding to $\mathfrak{p}$ defined by the sextic polynomial f in Eq. (16). Then, $\mathrm{Aut}(\mathfrak{p})$ is a finite group as described in [18]. The quotient space $\mathcal{C}/\mathrm{Aut}(\mathfrak{p})$ is a genus zero curve and therefore isomorphic to a conic. Since conics are in one to one correspondence with three-by-three symmetric matrices (up to equivalence), let $M = [A_{ij}]$ be the symmetric matrix corresponding to this conic. Let $\mathbf{X} = [X_1 : X_2 : X_3] \in \mathbb{P}^2$ and

$$\mathcal{Q}: \qquad \mathbf{X}^t \cdot M \cdot \mathbf{X} = \sum_{i,j=1}^{3} A_{ij}\, X_i X_j = 0. \tag{27}$$

Clebsch [4] determined the entries of this matrix M as follows

$$\begin{aligned}
A_{11} &= 2\,C + \frac{1}{3}\,A\,B\,, \\
A_{22} &= A_{13} = D\,, \\
A_{33} &= \frac{1}{2}\,B\,D + \frac{2}{9}\,C\,(B^2 + A\,C)\,, \\
A_{23} &= \frac{1}{3}\,B\,(B^2 + A\,C) + \frac{1}{3}\,C\,(2\,C + \frac{1}{3}\,A\,B)\,, \\
A_{12} &= \frac{2}{3}\,(B^2 + A\,C)\,.
\end{aligned} \tag{28}$$

The coefficients are obtained as follows: from the sextic f in Eq. (16) three binary quadrics $\mathsf{y}_i(x)$ with $i = 1, 2, 3$ are obtained by an operation called 'Überschiebung' [15, p. 317] or transvection. The quadrics y_i for $i = 1, 2, 3$ have the property that their coefficients are polynomial expressions in the coefficients of f with rational coefficients. Moreover, under the operation $f(x) \mapsto \tilde{f}(x) = f(-x)$ the quadrics change according to $\mathsf{y}_i(x) \mapsto \tilde{\mathsf{y}}_i(x) = \mathsf{y}_i(-x)$ for $i = 1, 2, 3$. Hence, they are not invariants of the sextic f. The coefficients A_{ij} in Eq. (28) satisfy $A_{ij} = (\mathsf{y}_i \mathsf{y}_j)_2$.[1] Therefore, the coefficients A_{ij} are invariant under the operation $f(x) \mapsto \tilde{f}(x) = f(-x)$, and the locus $D = 0$ is equivalent to

$$D = 0 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad (\mathsf{y}_1 \mathsf{y}_3)_2 = (\mathsf{y}_2 \mathsf{y}_2)_2 = 0\,. \tag{29}$$

We define R to be $1/2$ times the determinant of the three binary quadrics y_i for $i = 1, 2, 3$ with respect to the basis $x^2, x, 1$. If one extends the operation of Überschiebung by product rule [15, p. 317], then R can be re-written as

$$R = -(\mathsf{y}_1 \mathsf{y}_2)_1\,(\mathsf{y}_2 \mathsf{y}_3)_1\,(\mathsf{y}_3 \mathsf{y}_1)_1, \tag{30}$$

[1] For two binary forms f, g of degree m and n, respectively, we denote the Überschiebung of order k by $(fg)_k = (-1)^k (gf)_k$. For $\tilde{f}(x) = f(-x)$ and $\tilde{g}(x) = g(-x)$ and $m = n = k$, we have $(fg)_m = (-1)^m (\tilde{f}\tilde{g})_m$.

or, equivalently, as

$$R = -\frac{1}{8}\Big(\mathsf{y}_{1,yy}\,\mathsf{y}_{2,xy}\,\mathsf{y}_{3,xx} - \mathsf{y}_{1,yy}\,\mathsf{y}_{2,xx}\,\mathsf{y}_{3,xy} - \mathsf{y}_{1,xy}\,\mathsf{y}_{2,yy}\,\mathsf{y}_{3,xx} + \mathsf{y}_{1,xy}\,\mathsf{y}_{2,xx}\,\mathsf{y}_{3,yy} + \mathsf{y}_{1,xx}\,\mathsf{y}_{2,yy}\,\mathsf{y}_{3,xy} - \mathsf{y}_{1,xx}\,\mathsf{y}_{2,xy}\,\mathsf{y}_{3,yy}\Big)\,. \tag{31}$$

It is then obvious that under the operation $f(x) \mapsto \tilde{f}(x) = f(-x)$ the determinant R changes its sign, i.e., $R(f) \mapsto R(\tilde{f}) = -R(f)$. A straightforward calculation shows that

$$R^2 = \frac{1}{2}\begin{vmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} & A_{13} \\ A_{12} & A_{22} & A_{23} \\ A_{13} & A_{23} & A_{33} \end{vmatrix}\,, \tag{32}$$

where A_{ij} are the invariants in Eq. (28). Like the coefficients A_{ij}, R^2 is invariant under the operation $f(x) \mapsto \tilde{f}(x) = f(-x)$ and must be a polynomial in (J_2, J_4, J_6, J_{10}). Substituting (17) into the Clebsch invariants and then Eq. (28) it follows that

$$R^2 = \left(2^9\,3^{-9}\,5^{-10}\;i\;\frac{\chi_{35}(\tau)}{\chi_{10}(\tau)^2}\right)^2\,. \tag{33}$$

Bolza [3] described the possible automorphism groups of genus-two curves defined by sextics and provided criteria for the cases when the automorphism group of the sextic curve in Eq. (16) is nontrivial. For a detailed discussion of the automorphism groups of genus-two curve defined over any field k and the corresponding loci in $\mathcal{M}_2$ see [18]. We have the following lemma summarizing our discussion:

Lemma 2. *We have the following statements:*

1. *R^2 is an order 30 invariant of binary sextics expressed as a polynomial in (J_2, J_4, J_6, J_{10}) as in* [18, Eq. (17)] *given by plugging Clebsch invariants and* (28) *into Eq.* (33).
2. *The locus of curves $\mathfrak{p} \in \mathcal{M}_2$ such that $V_4 \hookrightarrow Aut(\mathfrak{p})$ is a two-dimensional irreducible rational subvariety of $\mathcal{M}_2$ given by the equation $R^2 = 0$ and a birational parametrization given by the u, v-invariants as in* [18, Thm. 1].

We have introduced the invariant R^2 for any binary sextic f. To the corresponding symmetric matrix M with coefficients $A_{ij} = (\mathsf{y}_i\mathsf{y}_j)_2$ of order zero and invariant under the operation $f(x) \mapsto \tilde{f}(x) = f(-x)$, we associated a conic $\mathcal{Q}$. Similarly, there is also a cubic curve given by the equation

$$\mathcal{T}: \quad \sum_{1\le i,j,k\le 3} a_{ijk}\,X_iX_jX_k = 0\,, \tag{34}$$

where the coefficients a_{ijk} are of order zero and invariant under $f(x) \mapsto \tilde{f}(x) = f(-x)$. In terms of 'Überschiebung' the coefficients are obtained by

$$a_{ijk} = (f\mathsf{y}_i)_2\,(f\mathsf{y}_j)_2\,(f\mathsf{y}_k)_2\,. \tag{35}$$

The coefficients a_{ijk} are given explicitly as follows:

$$
\begin{aligned}
36\,a_{111} &= 8(A^2C - 6BC + 9D),\\
36\,a_{112} &= 4(2B^3 + 4ABC + 12C^2 + 3AD),\\
36\,a_{113} &= 36\,a_{122} = 4(AB^3 + 4/3\,A^2BC + 4B^2C + 6AC^2 + 3BD),\\
36\,a_{123} &= 2(2B^4 + 4AB^2C + 4/3\,A^2C^2 + 4BC^2 + 3ABD + 12CD),\\
36\,a_{133} &= 2\left(AB^4 + 4/3\,A^2B^2C + 16/3\,B^3C\right.\\
&\qquad \left. +26/3\,ABC^2 + 8C^3 + 3B^2D + 2ACD\right),\\
36\,a_{222} &= 4(3B^4 + 6AB^2C + 8/3\,A^2C^2 + 2BC^2 - 3CD),\\
36\,a_{223} &= 2(-2/3\,B^3C - 4/3\,ABC^2 - 4C^3 + 9B^2D + 8ACD),\\
36\,a_{233} &= 2(B^5 + 2AB^3C + 8/9\,A^2BC^2 + 2/3\,B^2C^2 - BCD + 9D^2),\\
36\,a_{333} &= -2B^4C - 4AB^2C^2 - 16/9\,A^2C^3 - 4/3\,BC^3\\
&\qquad + 9B^3D + 12ABCD + 20C^2D.
\end{aligned}
\tag{36}
$$

The relations between all aforementioned invariants and Siegel modular forms, in particular the relation between χ_{35} and R^2 can be found in [1].

Since 'Überschiebung' preserves the rationality of the coefficients, we have the following corollary:

Corollary 1. *Let $\mathfrak{p} \in \mathcal{M}_2$ and $\mathcal{C}$ a genus-two curve corresponding to $\mathfrak{p}$ defined by a sextic polynomial f in Eq. (16). Then, $Aut(\mathfrak{p})$ is a finite group, and the quotient space $\mathcal{C}/Aut(\mathfrak{p})$ is a genus zero curve isomorphic to the conic $\mathcal{Q}$ in Eq. (27). Moreover, if $\mathfrak{p} \in \mathcal{M}_2(K)$, for some number field K, the conic $\mathcal{Q}$ and cubic $\mathcal{T}$ have K-rational coefficients.*

The intersection of the conic $\mathcal{Q}$ with the cubic $\mathcal{T}$ consists of six points which are the zeroes of a polynomial $f(x)$ of degree 6 in the parameter x. The roots of this polynomial are the images of the Weierstrass points under the hyperelliptic projection. Hence, the affine equation of a genus-two curve corresponding to $\mathfrak{p}$ is given by $y^2 = f(x)$. The main question is if the sextic given by $y^2 = f(x)$ provides a genus-two curve defined over a minimal field of definition. We start with the following known result.

Proposition 3. *A genus $g \geq 2$ hyperelliptic curve $\mathcal{X}_g$ with hyperelliptic involution w is defined over the K if and only if the conic $\mathcal{Q} = \mathcal{X}_g/\langle w\rangle$ has a K-rational point.*

The above result was briefly described in [15, Lemma 1] even though it seems as it had been known before. Mestre's method is briefly described as follows: if the conic $\mathcal{Q}$ has a rational point over $\mathbb{Q}$, then this leads to a parametrization of $\mathcal{Q}$, say $(h_1(x), h_2(x), h_3(x))$. Substitute X_1, X_2, X_3 by $h_1(x), h_2(x), h_3(x)$ in the cubic $\mathcal{T}$ and we get the degree 6 polynomial $f(x)$. However, if the conic has no rational point or $R^2 = \frac{1}{2}\det M = 0$ the method obviously fails. In Section 3 we determine the intersection $\mathcal{T} \cap \mathcal{Q}$ over a quadratic extension which is always possible.

3. A universal genus-two curve from the moduli space

The goal of this section is to explicitly determine a universal equation of a genus-two curve corresponding to this generic point $\mathfrak{p}$. We have the following lemma:

Lemma 3. *The conic $\mathcal{Q}$ in Eq. (27) for $J_4 \cdot J_6 \cdot J_{10} \neq 0$ is equivalent over $\mathbb{Q}[J_2, \rho, \sigma, \kappa]$ to the conic*

$$\mathcal{Q}' : \quad x_1^2 - \gamma\, x_2^2 - \Lambda_6 x_3^2 = 0\ , \tag{37}$$

where (ρ, σ, κ) are the absolute invariants in Eq. (21), $\gamma = \rho^2 + \sigma$ and

$$\begin{aligned}\Lambda_6 = &-\gamma^3 - 27\,\rho\,\gamma^2 - 81\,\rho^2\,(\rho+12)\,\gamma + 729\,\rho^2\,(\rho+12)^2\\ &+ \left(-6\,\rho\,\gamma^2 + 54\rho\,(5\,\rho+36)\,\gamma - 1944\,\rho^2\,(\rho+12)\right)\,\kappa\\ &+ \left(9\,\gamma^2 - 9\,\rho\,(\rho+36)\,\gamma + 162\,\rho\,(\rho^2+32\,\rho+144)\right)\,\kappa^2\\ &+ \left((30\,\rho+216)\,\gamma - 432\,\rho\,(\rho+12)\right)\,\kappa^3 + \left(9\,\rho^2 - 24\,\gamma + 504\,\rho + 1296\right)\,\kappa^4\\ &+ \left(-24\,\rho - 288\right)\,\kappa^5 + 16\,\kappa^6.\end{aligned} \tag{38}$$

Moreover, for $J_2, \rho, \sigma, \kappa \in \mathbb{Q}$ the conic $\mathcal{Q}$ in Eq. (27) has a rational point if and only if the conic $\mathcal{Q}'$ in Eq. (37) does.

Proof. For the conic $\mathcal{Q}$ in Eq. (27), we apply the coordinate transformation given by

$$\begin{aligned}X_1 &= 2\,(AB+6C)^4\left(AC+B^2\right)x_1\\ &+ 108\,B\,(AB+6\,C)^2\left(4A^2C^2+8AB^2C+4B^4-3ABD-18\,CD\right)x_2\\ &+ 41990\,B^3\left(8A^2BC^2+14AB^3C+6B^5+12AC^3+12B^2C^2-27D^2\right)x_3,\\ X_2 &= -\,(AB+6C)^5\,x_1 - 419904B^3x_3\\ &\times(4A^2B^2C+3AB^4+30ABC^2+18B^3C-18ACD-18B^2D+36C^3),\\ X_3 &= -2^6 3^9 B^3(4A^2C^2+8AB^2C+4B^4-3ABD-18CD)x_3.\end{aligned} \tag{39}$$

We then obtain the conic $\mathcal{Q}'$ in Eq. (37). Eq. (39) can be rewritten as transformation over $\mathbb{Q}[J_2, \rho, \sigma, \kappa]$ using Eq. (18) and Eq. (21). □

We have the following lemma:

Lemma 4. *Assume $\rho, \sigma, \kappa \in \mathbb{Q}$. The conic $\mathcal{Q}'$ in Eq. (37) has a rational point if and only if there are rational numbers $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{Q}$ such that*

$$\alpha^2 + \Lambda_6\beta^2\sigma = \gamma\ . \tag{40}$$

The rational point on the conic $\mathcal{Q}'$ is then given by

$$[x_1^0 : x_2^0 : x_3^0] = [\alpha\rho + \gamma : \alpha + \rho : \beta\sigma]\ . \tag{41}$$

Conversely, every rational point on the conic $\mathcal{Q}'$ can be written in the form of Eq. (41) for some rational numbers $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{Q}$ satisfying Eq. (40).

Proof. If rational numbers α, β exist such that Eq. (40) is satisfied, then the point in Eq. (41) is rational and is easily checked to be on the conic. If there is a rational point on the conic then we can choose $\beta \in \mathbb{Q}$ in Eq. (41), thus $\alpha \in \mathbb{Q}$. □

We have the following:

Lemma 5. *Assume that a point on the conic in Eq. (37) is given by Eq. (41) with $x_2^0 \neq 0$ which is always possible if $\rho \neq 0$. Then every point on the conic is given by*

$$\begin{aligned}x_1 &= (\alpha\rho+\gamma)\,U^2 + 2\Lambda_6\beta\sigma\,UV + \Lambda_6(\alpha\rho+\gamma)V^2,\\ x_2 &= (\alpha+\rho)\,U^2 - \Lambda_6(\alpha+\rho)\,V^2,\\ x_3 &= \beta\sigma\,U^2 + 2\,(\alpha\rho+\gamma)\,UV + \Lambda_6\beta\sigma\,V^2,\end{aligned} \tag{42}$$

for some $[U : V] \in \mathbb{P}^1$. *The parametrization in Eq.* (42) *is a rational parametrization of the conic* $\mathcal{Q}'$ *if and only if* $\alpha, \beta, \rho, \kappa, \sigma \in \mathbb{Q}$.

Proof. If a point of $\mathcal{Q}'$ is obtained from some (rational) values (α, β) then there are three more (rational) points given by setting $(\alpha, \beta) \mapsto (\pm\alpha, \pm\beta)$. If $\rho \neq 0$, one of these points satisfies $x_2^0 = \alpha + \rho \neq 0$. The proof then follows from the known formulas parametrizing conics for $x_2^0 \neq 0$ given by

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 &= a\, x_1^0\, U^2 - 2\, c\, x_3^0\, U\, V - c\, x_1^0\, V^2, \\ x_2 &= a\, x_2^0\, U^2 + c\, x_2^0\, V^2, \\ x_3 &= a\, x_3^0\, U^2 + 2\, a\, x_1^0\, U\, V - c\, x_3^0\, V^2, \end{aligned} \tag{43}$$

where $a = 1, b = -\gamma, c = -\Lambda_6$ and x_1^0, x_2^0, x_3^0 were given in Eq. (41). □

Remark 2. *If* $\alpha = \rho = 0$ *and* $\gamma \neq 0$, *a formula similar to Eq.* (42) *can be found using the fact that* $x_1^0 \neq 0$ *in Eq.* (41) *in this case.*

Remark 3. *If a point of* $\mathcal{Q}'$ *is obtained for some (rational) values* (α, β) *then three more (rational) points on* $\mathcal{Q}'$ *are given by setting* $(\alpha, \beta) \mapsto (\pm\alpha, \pm\beta)$ *in Eq.* (41).

Changing from coordinates $[X_1 : X_2 : X_3]$ to coordinates $[x_1 : x_2 : x_3]$ transforms the conic $\mathcal{Q}$ in Eq. (27) into the conic $\mathcal{Q}'$ in Eq. (37). Similarly, under the same change of coordinates the cubic $\mathcal{T}$ in Eq. (34) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{T}' : \quad 0 = {} & \Lambda_1\,(18\gamma + \Lambda_3)\, x_1^3 + \gamma^3 \Lambda_2\, x_2^3 - (\gamma - \Lambda_1)\Lambda_6^2\, x_3^3 \\ & + 3\Lambda_1\Lambda_6\, x_1^2 x_3 + 3\gamma(9\gamma\rho + \kappa\Lambda_3)\, x_1^2 x_2 + 3\gamma^2 \Lambda_3\, x_1 x_2^2 \\ & + 3\Lambda_5\Lambda_6\, x_1 x_3^2 + 3\gamma\Lambda_4\Lambda_6\, x_2 x_3^2 + 3\gamma^2\Lambda_6\, x_2^2 x_3 + 6\gamma\kappa\Lambda_6\, x_1 x_2 x_3, \end{aligned} \tag{44}$$

with coefficients given by

$$\begin{aligned} \Lambda_1 &= 9\rho + \kappa^2, \\ \Lambda_2 &= \gamma + 18\rho + 3\rho\kappa - 4\kappa^2, \\ \Lambda_3 &= 27\rho(\rho + 12) + (\gamma - 36\rho)\kappa + 3(\rho + 12)\kappa^2 - 4\kappa^3, \\ \Lambda_4 &= -\gamma^2 - 9\gamma\rho - 3(\gamma\rho - 9\rho(\rho + 12))\kappa + (5\gamma - 36\rho)\kappa^2 + 3(\rho + 12)\kappa^3 - 4\kappa^4, \\ \Lambda_5 &= -27\gamma\rho(\rho + 6) + 243\rho^2(\rho + 12) - (\gamma^2 - 45\gamma\rho + 324\rho^2)\kappa \\ &\quad - (3\gamma(\rho - 6) - 54\rho(\rho + 12))\,\kappa^2 + (5\gamma - 72\rho)\kappa^3 + 3(\rho + 12)\kappa^4 - 4\kappa^5. \end{aligned} \tag{45}$$

We also discuss the conic, cubic, rational point and parametrization in the cases where $J_2 = 0$ and $J_4 \cdot J_6 = 0$:

Lemma 6. *If* $J_2 = J_4 = 0$ *and* $J_6 \cdot J_{10} \neq 0$, *the conic* $\mathcal{Q}$ *in Eq.* (27) *is equivalent over* $\mathbb{Q}[J_6, J_{10}]$ *to the conic*

$$\mathcal{Q}' : \quad x_1^2 - \mu x_2^2 - (1 - \mu) x_3^2 = 0\,, \tag{46}$$

with $\mu = J_6^5/(2^4 3^4 5^5 J_{10}^3)$ *and a rational point given by* $[x_1^0 : x_2^0 : x_3^0] = [1 : 1 : 1]$. *A rational parametrization of* $\mathcal{Q}'$ *is then given by*

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 = U^2 + 2(1 - \mu)UV + (1 - \mu)V^2, \quad x_2 = U^2 - (1 - \mu)V^2, \\ x_3 = U^2 + 2UV + (1 - \mu)V^2 \end{aligned} \tag{47}$$

with $[U:V]\in\mathbb{P}^1$. *Under the same change of coordinates the cubic* $\mathcal{T}$ *in Eq.* (34) *becomes*

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{T}':\quad 0 &= 2x_1^3-\mu^2x_2^3-2(1-\mu)^2x_3^3-6\mu x_1^2x_2\\ &\quad -6(1-\mu)x_1^2x_3+6(1-\mu)x_1x_3^2-3\mu(1-\mu)x_2x_3^2.\end{aligned}\tag{48}$$

If $J_2=J_6=0$ *and* $J_4\cdot J_{10}\neq 0$, *the conic* $\mathcal{Q}$ *in Eq.* (27) *is equivalent over* $\mathbb{Q}[J_4,J_{10}]$ *to the conic*

$$\mathcal{Q}':\quad x_1^2-x_2^2-(1-\nu)x_3^2=0\,,\tag{49}$$

with $\nu=J_4^5/(2^23^55^5J_{10}^2)$ *and a rational point given by* $[x_1^0:x_2^0:x_3^0]=[1:1:0]$. *A rational parametrization of* $\mathcal{Q}'$ *is then given by*

$$x_1=U^2+(1-\nu)V^2,\quad x_2=U^2-(1-\nu)V^2,\quad x_3=2UV\tag{50}$$

with $[U:V]\in\mathbb{P}^1$. *Under the same change of coordinates the cubic* $\mathcal{T}$ *in Eq.* (34) *becomes*

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{T}':\quad 0 &= (1-\nu^2)x_1^3-\nu^2x_2^3-(1-\nu)^2x_3^3+\nu(1-3\nu)x_1^2x_2\\ &\quad -(1-\nu)(3+\nu)x_1^2x_3+\nu(1-3\nu)x_1x_2^2-\nu(1-\nu)x_2^2x_3\\ &\quad +(1-\nu)(3-\nu)x_1x_3^2+\nu(1-\nu)x_2x_3^2-2\nu(1-\nu)x_1x_2x_3.\end{aligned}\tag{51}$$

Proof. The proof is analogous to the proofs of Lemmas 4, 5. □

Remark 4. *The absolute invariants* (ρ,σ,κ) *in Eq.* (21) *such that* ρ *and* κ *do not vanish simultaneously and* $J_{10}\neq 0$ *describe the moduli of genus-two curves with* $J_4\cdot J_6\cdot J_{10}\neq 0$. *The discussion of Lemma 6 proves that only for genus-two curves with* $J_4\cdot J_6\cdot J_{10}\neq 0$, *the conic* $\mathcal{Q}$ *in Eq.* (27) *is* not *guaranteed to have a rational point.*

Substituting the parametrization of the conic $\mathcal{Q}'$ in Lemma 5 into the cubic $\mathcal{T}'$ in Eq. (44) and setting $U=x$ and $V=1$, one obtains the ramification locus of a sextic curve. The ramification locus is equivalent to $f(x)=\sum_{i=0}^6 a_i(\alpha,\beta)\,x^i=0$ where we write the sextic polynomial in the form

$$\begin{aligned}f(x) &= \left(d_0^{(1)}+d_0^{(2)}\right)x^6+\left(d_1^{(1)}+d_1^{(2)}\right)\Lambda_6x^5+\left(d_2^{(1)}+d_2^{(2)}\right)\Lambda_6x^4\\ &\quad +d_3^{(1)}\Lambda_6^2x^3+\left(d_2^{(1)}-d_2^{(2)}\right)\Lambda_6^2x^2+\left(d_1^{(1)}-d_1^{(2)}\right)\Lambda_6^3x+\left(d_0^{(1)}-d_0^{(2)}\right)\Lambda_6^3.\end{aligned}\tag{52}$$

In terms of the coordinates of the point $[x_1^0:x_2^0:x_3^0]$ in Eq. (41) we have set

$$\begin{aligned}d_j^{(1)} &= c_{j,0}^{(1)}\left[(\rho^2+\gamma)x_1^0+2\gamma\rho x_2^0\right]\gamma+3c_{j,1}^{(1)}\left[x_1^0+\rho x_2^0\right]\gamma\Lambda_6^{\delta_j}x_3^0\\ &\quad -c_{j,0}^{(1)}\left[(\rho^2+\gamma)x_1^0-2\gamma\rho x_2^0\right]\rho^2\sigma^{-2}\Lambda_6(x_3^0)^2-3c_{j,1}^{(1)}\left[x_1^0-\rho x_2^0\right]\rho^2\sigma^{-2}\Lambda_6^{1+\delta_j}(x_3^0)^3\\ &\quad +\left[3\sigma c_{j,2}^{(1)}-2\rho^2c_{j,0}^{(1)}\right]\sigma^{-1}\Lambda_6x_1^0(x_3^0)^2+c_{j,3}^{(1)}\Lambda_6^{1+\delta_j}(x_3^0)^3,\\ d_j^{(2)} &= c_{j,0}^{(2)}\left[2\rho x_1^0+(\rho^2+\gamma)x_2^0\right]\gamma^2+6c_{j,1}^{(2)}\left[\rho x_1^0+\gamma x_2^0\right]\gamma\Lambda_6^{\delta_j}x_3^0\\ &\quad -c_{j,0}^{(2)}\left[2\gamma x_1^0-\rho(\rho^2+\gamma)x_2^0\right]\gamma\rho\sigma^{-2}\Lambda_6(x_3^0)^2-6c_{j,1}^{(2)}\left[x_1^0-\rho x_2^0\right]\gamma\rho\sigma^{-2}\Lambda_6^{1+\delta_j}(x_3^0)^3\\ &\quad +c_{j,2}^{(2)}\gamma\Lambda_6^{\delta_j}x_1^0(x_3^0)^2.\end{aligned}\tag{53}$$

All coefficients remain regular and in general non-vanishing for $\sigma = 0$ since $x_0^3/\sigma = \beta$. Here, (α, β) is a pair solving Eq. (40), and the coefficients $c_{j,k}^{(n)}$ are given by

$$
\begin{aligned}
c_{0,0}^{(1)} &= 18\gamma\Lambda_1 + 3\gamma\Lambda_3 + \Lambda_1\Lambda_3, & c_{0,1}^{(1)} &= \gamma + \Lambda_1,\\
c_{0,2}^{(1)} &= -\gamma\Lambda_3 + \Lambda_5, & c_{0,3}^{(1)} &= -4\gamma + \Lambda_1,\\
c_{0,0}^{(2)} &= 27\gamma\rho + \gamma\Lambda_2 + 3\kappa\Lambda_3, & c_{0,1}^{(2)} &= \kappa,\\
c_{0,2}^{(2)} &= -\gamma\Lambda_2 + 3\Lambda_4, & &\\
c_{1,0}^{(1)} &= 6(\gamma + \Lambda_1), & c_{1,1}^{(1)} &= 2(18\gamma\Lambda_1 + \gamma\Lambda_3 + \Lambda_1\Lambda_3 + 2\Lambda_5),\\
c_{1,2}^{(1)} &= 2(-2\gamma + 3\Lambda_1), & c_{1,3}^{(1)} &= 6(-\gamma\Lambda_3 + \Lambda_5),\\
c_{1,0}^{(2)} &= 12\kappa, & c_{1,1}^{(2)} &= 18\gamma\rho + 2\kappa\Lambda_3 + 2\Lambda_4,\\
c_{1,2}^{(2)} &= 12\kappa\Lambda_6, & &\\
c_{2,0}^{(1)} &= 3(18\gamma\Lambda_1 - \gamma\Lambda_3 + \Lambda_1\Lambda_3 + 4\Lambda_5), & c_{2,1}^{(1)} &= 5(-\gamma + 3\Lambda_1),\\
c_{2,2}^{(1)} &= 72\gamma\Lambda_1 + \gamma\Lambda_3 + 4\Lambda_1\Lambda_3 + 11\Lambda_5, & c_{2,3}^{(1)} &= 15\Lambda_1,\\
c_{2,0}^{(2)} &= 3(9\gamma\rho - \gamma\Lambda_2 + \kappa\Lambda_3 + 4\Lambda_4), & c_{2,1}^{(2)} &= 5\kappa,\\
c_{2,2}^{(2)} &= 3(36\gamma\rho + \gamma\Lambda_2 + 4\kappa\Lambda_3 + \Lambda_4), & &\\
c_{3,0}^{(1)} &= 20(-\gamma + \Lambda_1), & c_{3,1}^{(1)} &= 4(18\gamma\Lambda_1 - \gamma\Lambda_3 + \Lambda_1\Lambda_3 + 4\Lambda_5),\\
c_{3,2}^{(1)} &= 20\Lambda_1, & c_{3,3}^{(1)} &= 4(36\gamma\Lambda_1 + 3\gamma\Lambda_3 + 2\Lambda_1\Lambda_3 + 3\Lambda_5).
\end{aligned}
\tag{54}
$$

The coefficients $\Lambda_1, \ldots, \Lambda_5$ and Λ_6 were given in Eq. (45) and Eq. (38), respectively.

Remark 5. *Eq. (53) allows to easily describe the change in the sextic polynomial under the action of the automorphism of the conic $\mathcal{Q}'$ given by $[x_1 : x_2 : x_3] \mapsto [\pm x_1 : \pm x_2 : x_3]$.*

We make the following remark:

Remark 6. *The transformation $x \to \frac{\Lambda_6}{x}$ maps the coefficients $d_k^{(1)} \pm d_k^{(2)} \mapsto d_k^{(1)} \mp d_k^{(2)}$ for $k = 0, 1, 2$ and $a_3 \mapsto a_3$. This is to be expected since the coefficients are in terms of invariants of the binary sextic $f(x, z)$ and $x \to \frac{1}{x}$ just permutes x and z.*

We have the following main result:

Theorem 1. *Let $\mathfrak{p} \in \mathcal{M}_2$ such that $\mathfrak{p} \in \mathcal{M}_2(K)$, for some number field K, and $\mathfrak{j} = [J_2 : J_4 : J_6 : J_{10}]$ the corresponding point in $\mathbb{WP}^3_{(2,4,6,10)}(\mathcal{O}_K)$, where $\mathcal{O}_K$ is the ring of integers of K. A genus-two curve corresponding to $\mathfrak{p}$ is constructed as follows:*

i) If $J_2 \cdot J_{10} \neq 0$ there is a genus-two curve $\mathcal{C}_{(\alpha,\beta)}$ given by

$$
\mathcal{C}_{(\alpha,\beta)}: \quad y^2 = \sum_{i=0}^{6} a_i(\alpha, \beta)\, x^i \,, \tag{55}
$$

with coefficients given in Eq. (52) and Eq. (53), and a pair (α, β) satisfying

$$
\alpha^2 + \Lambda_6\beta^2\sigma = \gamma,
$$

where Λ_6, σ, and γ are determined by $\mathfrak{p}$. Moreover, $\mathcal{C}_{(\alpha,\beta)}$ is defined over its field of moduli K, i.e., $a_i(\alpha, \beta) \in K$, $i = 0, \ldots, 6$, if and only if K-rational α and β exist.

ii) If $J_2 = 0$ and $J_4 \cdot J_6 \cdot J_{10} \neq 0$, there is a genus-two curve given by setting $\rho = \kappa \neq 0$ in Eq. (55).

iii) If $J_2 = J_6 = 0$ and $J_4 \cdot J_{10} \neq 0$, there is only one genus-two curve given by

$$
\begin{aligned}
y^2 = {} & (4\nu + 1)(2\nu - 1)x^6 + 2(1 - \nu)(4\nu + 3)x^5 - 15(1 - \nu)x^4\\
& + 20(1 - \nu)^2x^3 + 5(2\nu - 3)(1 - \nu)^2x^2 + 6(1 - \nu)^3x - (1 - \nu)^3
\end{aligned}
\tag{56}
$$

with $\nu = J_4^5/(2^2 3^5 5^5 J_{10}^2)$.

iv) If $J_2 = J_4 = 0$ *and* $J_6 \cdot J_{10} \neq 0$, *there is only one genus-two curve given by*

$$\begin{aligned} y^2 = {} & 5x^6 + 12(1-\mu)x^5 - 15(1-\mu)x^4 - 80(1-\mu)^2x^3 \\ & + 15(4\mu-7)(1-\mu)^2x^2 - 60(1-\mu)^3x + (4\mu-13)(1-\mu)^3. \end{aligned} \tag{57}$$

with $\mu = J_6^5/(2^4 3^4 5^5 J_{10}^3)$.

v) If $J_2 = J_4 = J_6 = 0$ *and* $J_{10} \neq 0$, *there is only one genus-two curve given by*

$$y^2 = x^6 - x\ .$$

Proof. From the above discussion we know that there are genus-two curves $y^2 = f(x)$ corresponding to $\mathfrak{p}$, where $f(x)$ is given in Eq. (52). We obtain coefficients $a_i(\alpha,\beta) \in \mathbb{Q}[\alpha,\beta,J_2,J_4,J_6,J_{10}]$ for $0 \leq i \leq 6$. The field of moduli K of the point $\mathfrak{p}$ is $K = \mathbb{Q}(\mathbf{x}_1,\mathbf{x}_2,\mathbf{x}_3)$. For $J_2 \neq 0$ the invariants (ρ,σ,κ) are birationally equivalent to $(\mathbf{x}_1,\mathbf{x}_2,\mathbf{x}_3)$ over $\mathbb{Q}$ by Lemma 1. By Lemma 3 the conic $\mathcal{Q}$ in Eq. (27) had a K-rational point if and only if the conic $\mathcal{Q}'$ in Eq. (37) does. By Lemma 4 the conic $\mathcal{Q}'$ has a K-rational point, i.e., there is a K-rational solution (α,β) of Eq. (40). Therefore, $a_i(\alpha,\beta) \in K$, for $i = 0,\ldots,6$. The cases with $J_4 \cdot J_6 = 0$ are similarly obtained by applying Lemmas 1 and 6.

This completes the proof. □

Remark 7. *The four pairs* $(\pm\alpha,\pm\beta)$ *belong to the same conic* $\mathcal{Q}'$. *Therefore, we get four genus-two curves in Theorem 1, but they are all twists of each other. That is, we get one curve (over the algebraic closure), but four twists.*

The main benefit of the above result is that it will give a curve defined over $\mathbb{Q}$ whenever possible. This is an improvement from results in [15] where a curve is provided only for curves with automorphism group of order 2 and $J_2 \neq 0$. The equation is valid even when the field of moduli is not a field of definition. Hence, for every point $\mathfrak{p} \in \mathcal{M}_2$ we get a curve. Next we have the following result:

Corollary 2. *For every point* $\mathfrak{p} \in \mathcal{M}_2$ *such that* $\mathfrak{p} \in \mathcal{M}_2(K)$, *for some number field* K, *there is a genus-two curves* $\mathcal{C}$ *given by*

$$\mathcal{C}_{(\alpha,0)}: \quad y^2 = \sum_{i=0}^{6} a_i(\alpha,0)\, x^i\ ,$$

corresponding to $\mathfrak{p}$, *such that* $a_i(\alpha,0) \in K(\alpha)$, $i = 0,\ldots,6$ *as given in Eq. (52). Moreover,* $\mathcal{C}_{(\alpha,0)}$ *is at worst defined over the quadratic extension* $K(\alpha)$ *of the field of moduli* K *with* $\alpha^2 = \rho^2 + \sigma$.

We have the immediate consequence:

Corollary 3. *Let* $\mathbf{x}_1,\mathbf{x}_2,\mathbf{x}_3$ *be transcendentals. There exists a genus-two curve* $\mathcal{C}_{(\alpha,0)}$ *defined over* $\mathbb{Q}(\mathbf{x}_1,\mathbf{x}_2,\mathbf{x}_3)[\alpha]$ *with* $\alpha^2 = \rho^2 + \sigma$ *such that*

$$\mathbf{x}_1(\mathcal{C}_{(\alpha,0)}) = \mathbf{x}_1, \quad \mathbf{x}_2(\mathcal{C}_{(\alpha,0)}) = \mathbf{x}_2, \quad \mathbf{x}_3(\mathcal{C}_{(\alpha,0)}) = \mathbf{x}_3.$$

We have the following corollary:

Corollary 4. *Let* $\sigma = 0$ *and* $\rho \neq 0$ *for* $\mathfrak{p} \in \mathcal{M}_2$. *Then, there is a genus-two curve* $\mathcal{C}$ *given by Corollary 2, and it is defined over the field of moduli.*

Proof. For $\sigma = 0$ and $\rho \neq 0$, we have $\gamma = \rho^2$, and we choose the K-rational solution $(\alpha,\beta) = (\rho,0)$ in Eq. (40). □

Remark 8. *It is easy to check using Eq.* (21) *that the locus* $\sigma = 0$ *and* $\rho \neq 0$ *for* $\mathfrak{p} \in \mathcal{M}_2$ *corresponds to the locus*

$$J_{10} = -2^{-11}3^{-3}5^{-5}\left(9J_2^5 - 700J_2^3J_4 + 2400J_2^2J_6 - 262400J_2J_4^2 + 768000J_4J_6\right).$$

We have the following lemma:

Lemma 7. *In terms of the invariants* ρ, σ, κ *and* $\gamma = \rho^2 + \sigma$*, we have*

$$\begin{aligned} D &= -\frac{J_2^5\left((\kappa-\rho)^2+9\rho\right)\left((2\kappa-\rho)^2-\gamma\right)}{2^{17}3^75^5(\kappa-\rho)^5}, \\ R^2 &= \frac{J_2^{15}\left((\kappa-\rho)^2+9\rho\right)^3\Lambda_6}{2^{54}3^{21}5^{15}(\kappa-\rho)^{15}}. \end{aligned} \tag{58}$$

In particular, the locus $D = 0$ *and* $\chi_{35} \neq 0$ *is given by* $\gamma = (2\kappa-\rho)^2$ *or, equivalently,* $\sigma = 4\kappa(\kappa-\rho)$*.*

We have the following corollary:

Corollary 5. *Let* $D = 0$ *and* $\chi_{35}^2 \neq 0$ *for* $\mathfrak{p} \in \mathcal{M}_2$*. Then, there is a genus-two curve* $\mathcal{C}$ *given by Corollary 2, and it is defined over the field of moduli.*

Proof. For $\gamma = (2\kappa-\rho)^2$ we can choose $(\alpha, \beta) = (\rho-2\kappa, 0)$ in Eq. (40). As $\kappa-\rho \neq 0$ we have $y_0 \neq 0$ in Eq. (41). □

3.1. **A word about extra automorphisms.** In this section we derive a sextic polynomial for the sublocus of $\mathcal{M}_2$ with $\chi_{35} = 0$. We have the following proposition:

Proposition 4. *Let* $D \neq 0$ *and* $\chi_{35} = 0$ *for* $\mathfrak{p} \in \mathcal{M}_2$*. Then, there is a genus-two curve* $\mathcal{C} : y^2 = F(x)$ *with*

$$F(x) = \left(d_0^{(1)} + d_0^{(2)}\right)x^6 + \left(d_2^{(1)} + d_2^{(2)}\right)x^4 + \left(d_2^{(1)} - d_2^{(2)}\right)x^2 + \left(d_0^{(1)} - d_0^{(2)}\right), \tag{59}$$

and with coefficients in $\mathbb{Z}[\alpha, \rho, \kappa]$ *given by*

$$\begin{aligned} d_0^{(1)} &= 3\kappa\gamma^2 - \left(\kappa^2+9\rho\right)(11\kappa-9\rho-126)\gamma - \left(\kappa^2+9\rho\right)^2(4\kappa-3\rho-36) \\ d_0^{(2)} &= \left(\gamma^2 + \left(-\kappa^2+3\kappa\rho+45\rho\right)\gamma - 3\kappa\left(\kappa^2+9\rho\right)(4\kappa-3\rho-36)\right)\alpha, \\ d_2^{(1)} &= -15\kappa\gamma^2 + 15\left(\kappa^2+9\rho\right)(5\kappa-3\rho-18)\gamma - 15\left(\kappa^2+9\rho\right)^2(4\kappa-3\rho-36), \\ d_2^{(2)} &= \left(-15\gamma^2 + \left(75\kappa^2-45\kappa\rho-135\rho\right)\gamma - 15\kappa\left(\kappa^2+9\rho\right)(4\kappa-3\rho-36)\right)\alpha. \end{aligned}$$

Here, the absolute invariants $\alpha, \gamma, \rho, \kappa$ *are subject to the constraints* $\Lambda_6 = 0$ *in Eq.* (38) *and* $\alpha^2 = \gamma$*.*

Proof. For $\Lambda_6 = \epsilon^2$ with $\epsilon \to 0$, we rescale the polynomial in Eq. (59) according to $f(\epsilon x)/\epsilon^6$ before setting $\epsilon = 0$. If we substitute $\Lambda_6 = 0$ into Eq. (40) we obtain $\alpha^2 = \gamma, \beta = 0$. Therefore, we will use the absolute invariants $\alpha, \gamma, \rho, \kappa$ subject to the constraints $\Lambda_6 = 0$ in Eq. (38) and $\alpha^2 = \gamma$. The sextic polynomial in Eq. (59) has coefficients in The remainder of the proof then follows from specializing the formulas in Equation (4) to $\beta = \Lambda_6 = 0$. □

The polynomial in Eq. (59) is a twist of the polynomial given by

$$\hat{F}(x) = x^6 + ax^4 + bx^2 + 1 \tag{60}$$

The curve $y^2 = \hat{F}(x)$ has extra involutions, i.e., it has automorphisms other than the hyperelliptic involution, for appropriate values of a, b (the discriminant is nonzero). In [18] for curves with automorphism the dihedral invariants

$$u = ab, \qquad v = a^3 + b^3, \tag{61}$$

were defined which give a birational parametrization of this locus $\mathcal{L}_2$ which is a two-dimensional subvariety of $\mathcal{M}_2$. We have the following:

Corollary 6. *For the genus-two curve $\mathcal{C} : y^2 = F(x)$ given by Equation (59) with $\chi_{35} = 0$ we obtain the dihedral invariants*

$$\begin{aligned} u &= \frac{\left(d_2^{(1)} + d_2^{(2)}\right)\left(d_2^{(1)} - d_2^{(2)}\right)}{\left(d_0^{(1)} + d_0^{(2)}\right)\left(d_0^{(1)} - d_0^{(2)}\right)}, \\ v &= \frac{\left(d_2^{(1)} - d_2^{(2)}\right)^3}{\left(d_0^{(1)} + d_0^{(2)}\right)\left(d_0^{(1)} - d_0^{(2)}\right)^2} + \frac{\left(d_2^{(1)} + d_2^{(2)}\right)^3}{\left(d_0^{(1)} + d_0^{(2)}\right)^2\left(d_0^{(1)} - d_0^{(2)}\right)}, \end{aligned} \tag{62}$$

and the Igusa invariants $[J_2 : J_4 : J_6 : J_{10}]$ given by [18, Eq. (16)].

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