

$K3$ surfaces with real multiplication

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- 1 A smooth quartic in \mathbf{P}^3 .
- 2 A double cover of \mathbf{P}^2 , ramified at a smooth sextic curve.

Sextics with ordinary double points may be taken, too. Then the resolution of singularities is a $K3$ surface.

In this talk, we consider $K3$ surfaces that are double covers of \mathbf{P}^2 , ramified over six lines in \mathbf{P}^2 .

Point counting—An experiment

Consider a “random” example and a very particular one

$$S_1: w^2 = x^6 + 2y^6 + 3z^6 + 5x^2y^4 + 7xy^2z^3 + 3y^5z + x^3z^3$$

$$S_2: w^2 = (-y^2 + 8yz - 8z^2)(7x^2 + 40xz + 56z^2)(2x^2 + 3xy + y^2).$$

p	$(\#S_1(\mathbb{F}_p) \bmod p)$	$(\#S_2(\mathbb{F}_p) \bmod p)$
2	0	1
3	1	1
5	1	1
7	1	1
11	1	1
13	8	1
17	1	7
19	0	1
23	19	18
29	7	1
31	7	7
37	0	1
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43	5	1
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83	57	1
89	46	3
97	28	52
101	42	1
103	55	28
107	20	1
109	60	1
113	7	51
127	89	121
131	78	1
137	20	105
139	22	1

Point counting—An experiment II

Observations

- 1 In the “random” example S_1 , there is no regularity to be seen.
- 2 In example S_2 , however, we observe that

$$\#S_2(\mathbb{F}_p) \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$$

for all primes $p \equiv 3, 5 \pmod{8}$.

Remarks

- One also has $\#S_2(\mathbb{F}_{41}) \equiv 1 \pmod{41}$, which is purely accidental.
- The bound at 140 is just for presentation, one may easily extend it, at least up to 10000 (D. Harvey).
- The primes $p \equiv 3, 5 \pmod{8}$ are exactly those that are inert in $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})$.

Recall from the theory of elliptic curves

Fact (An arithmetic consequence of CM)

Let X be an elliptic curve with complex multiplication (CM) by $E = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})$. Then $\#X(\mathbb{F}_p) \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ for every prime p that is inert in E .

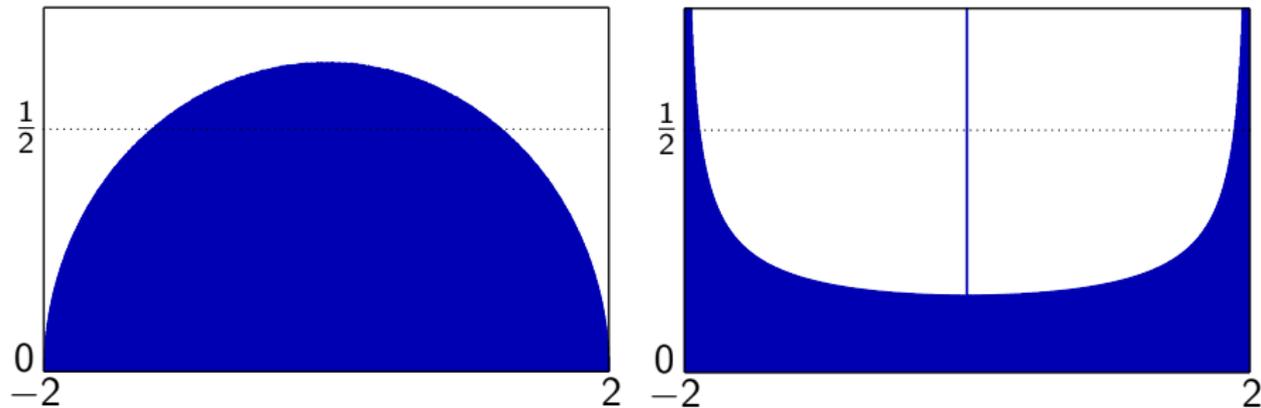


Figure: Distribution of $\frac{\#X(\mathbb{F}_p) - p - 1}{\sqrt{p}}$ for $p \rightarrow \infty$
for an ordinary elliptic curve (left) and a CM elliptic curve (right)

The spike has area $\frac{1}{2}$ (!!).

Our original motivation–Picard ranks

Fact

Let X be a K3 surface over \mathbb{Q} and p a prime of good reduction. Then

$$\mathrm{rk} \mathrm{Pic} X_{\overline{\mathbb{Q}}} \leq \mathrm{rk} \mathrm{Pic} X_{\overline{\mathbb{F}}_p}.$$

Theorem (F. Charles 2012)

Let X be a K3 surface over \mathbb{Q} .

- 1 If X has real multiplication and $(22 - \mathrm{rk} \mathrm{Pic} X_{\overline{\mathbb{Q}}})/[E : \mathbb{Q}]$ is odd then, for every prime p of good reduction,

$$\mathrm{rk} \mathrm{Pic} X_{\overline{\mathbb{Q}}} + [E : \mathbb{Q}] \leq \mathrm{rk} \mathrm{Pic} X_{\overline{\mathbb{F}}_p}.$$

- 2 Otherwise, there exists a prime p of good reduction such that

$$\mathrm{rk} \mathrm{Pic} X_{\overline{\mathbb{F}}_p} = \mathrm{rk} \mathrm{Pic} X_{\overline{\mathbb{Q}}} \quad \text{or} \quad \mathrm{rk} \mathrm{Pic} X_{\overline{\mathbb{F}}_p} = \mathrm{rk} \mathrm{Pic} X_{\overline{\mathbb{Q}}} + 1.$$

[Statistics: Remember E. Costa's talk!]

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$$V_{\mathbb{C}} := V \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}} \mathbb{C} = H^{0,i} \oplus H^{1,i-1} \oplus \dots \oplus H^{i,0}$$

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Examples

- 1 Let X be a smooth, projective variety over \mathbb{C} . Then $H^i(X(\mathbb{C}), \mathbb{Q})$ is in a natural way a pure \mathbb{Q} -Hodge structure of weight i .
- 2 In $H^2(X(\mathbb{C}), \mathbb{Q})$, the image of $c_1: \text{Pic}(X) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Q} \rightarrow H^2(X(\mathbb{C}), \mathbb{Q})$ defines a sub-Hodge structure P such that $H_P^{0,2} = H_P^{2,0} = 0$.
- 3 If X is a surface then $H := H^2(X(\mathbb{C}), \mathbb{Q})$ is actually a *polarized* pure Hodge structure, the polarization $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle: H \times H \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}$ being given by the cup product, together with Poincaré duality.

Real and complex multiplication

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A Hodge structure of weight 2 is said to be of *K3 type* if $\dim_{\mathbb{C}} H^{2,0} = 1$.

Theorem (Yu. Zarhin 1983)

Let T be a polarized weight-2 Hodge structure of *K3 type*.

- 1 Then $E := \text{End}(T)$ is either a totally real field or a CM field.
- 2 Thereby, every $\varphi \in E$ operates as a self-adjoint mapping. I.e.,

$$\langle \varphi(x), y \rangle = \langle x, \bar{\varphi}(y) \rangle,$$

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Definition

If $E \not\cong \mathbb{Q}$ then one speaks of *real multiplication* when E is totally real and of *complex multiplication* when E is CM.

Real and complex multiplication II

Let X be a $K3$ surface over \mathbb{C} . Associated with X , there are

- the polarized weight-2 Hodge structure $H := H^2(X(\mathbb{C}), \mathbb{Q})$,
- its sub-Hodge structure P , given as the image of

$$c_1: \text{Pic}(X) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Q} \rightarrow H^2(X(\mathbb{C}), \mathbb{Q}),$$

- the orthogonal complement $T := P^\perp$ in H . T is a polarized weight-2 Hodge structure of $K3$ type.

Definition

One says that a $K3$ surface X has *real* or *complex multiplication* (RM or CM), when the Hodge structure T has.

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- For X an elliptic curve, one considers $\text{End}(H)$, for $H := H^1(X(\mathbb{C}), \mathbb{Q})$.
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Questions

- Can one construct $K3$ surfaces having real/complex multiplication?
- How many $K3$ surfaces have real/complex multiplication? I.e., what is the dimension of the corresponding locus in moduli space?
- Are there $K3$ surfaces defined over \mathbb{Q} that have real/complex multiplication?

One answer (CM is simpler)

If E_1, E_2 are elliptic curves and E_1 has CM then $\text{Kum}(E_1 \times E_2)$ has CM.

The family we work with

Consider the family of the $K3$ surfaces that are given as desingularizations of the double covers of \mathbf{P}^2 , branched over the union of six lines.

Observations

- *four-dimensional*: $\dim((\mathbf{P}^2)^\vee)^6 = 12$, $\dim \text{Aut}(\mathbf{P}^2) = \dim \text{PGL}_3 = 8$
- $\text{rk Pic}(X) \geq 16$: *Pull-back of a general line and the 15 exceptional curves generate a sub-Hodge structure P' of dimension 16.*
- *The symmetric, bilinear form on P' is given by $\text{diag}(2, -2, \dots, -2)$. A direct calculation shows $P' \cong (\mathbb{Q}^{16}, \text{diag}(1, -1, \dots, -1))$.*
- *Hence, $T' := (P')^\perp \cong (\mathbb{Q}^6, \text{diag}(1, 1, -1, -1, -1, -1))$.*

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The condition that d be a sum of two squares is necessary for surfaces in the four-dimensional family.

Theorem (E.+J. 2014)

Let $T \cong \mathbb{Q}^6$, equipped with a non-degenerate symmetric, bilinear pairing $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle: T \times T \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}$ of discriminant $(1 \bmod (\mathbb{Q}^)^2)$ and $\varphi: T \rightarrow T$ be a self-adjoint endomorphism such that $\varphi \circ \varphi = [d]$.*

Then $d \in \mathbb{Q}$ is a sum of two rational squares.

Remark (CM is simpler)

Let $d < 0$. Then $\langle \sqrt{d}v, v \rangle = \langle v, \overline{\sqrt{d}v} \rangle = -\langle \sqrt{d}v, v \rangle$ implies $\sqrt{d}v \perp v$. Hence $\text{disc } T = d \cdot \mathbb{Q}^{*2}$, when $\dim T \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$.

Thus, only $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-1})$ may occur for the family above. The corresponding surfaces form a 2-dimensional family.

Arithmetic consequences of RM/CM

Choose a prime number l and turn to l -adic cohomology. There is the comparison isomorphism

$$H^2(X(\mathbb{C}), \mathbb{Q}) \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}} \mathbb{Q}_l \xleftarrow{\cong} H_{\text{ét}}^2(X_{\overline{\mathbb{Q}}}, \mathbb{Q}_l).$$

The l -adic cohomology is acted upon by the absolute Galois group of the base field. I.e., there is a continuous representation

$$\varrho_l: \text{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q}) \longrightarrow \text{GL}(H_{\text{ét}}^2(X_{\overline{\mathbb{Q}}}, \mathbb{Q}_l)).$$

There is a Chern class homomorphism $c_1: \text{Pic}(X_{\overline{\mathbb{Q}}}) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Q}_l \hookrightarrow H_{\text{ét}}^2(X_{\overline{\mathbb{Q}}}, \mathbb{Q}_l)$. Its image P_l maps exactly onto $P \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}} \mathbb{Q}_l$ under the comparison isomorphism. $T_l := (P_l)^\perp$ maps exactly onto $T \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}} \mathbb{Q}_l$.

The operation of $\text{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q})$ maps P_l to itself.

Consequently, $\text{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q})$ maps T_l to itself. Indeed, orthogonality is respected by the operation of $\text{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q})$.

Notation

- 1 For every prime p , choose $l \neq p$ and denote by $\chi_{p^n}^T$ the characteristic polynomial of $(\text{Frob}_p)^n$ on T_l . This has coefficients in \mathbb{Q} and is independent of l , whether X has good reduction at p (Deligne 1974) or not (Ochiai 1999). One has $\deg \chi_{p^n}^T = 22 - \text{rk Pic } X_{\overline{\mathbb{Q}}}$.

- 2 We factorize $\chi_{p^n}^T \in \mathbb{Q}[Z]$ in the form

$$\chi_{p^n}^T(Z) = \chi_{p^n}^{\text{tr}}(Z) \cdot \prod (Z - \zeta_k^i)^{e_{k,i}},$$

for $\zeta_k := \exp(2\pi i/k)$, $e_{k,i} \geq 0$, and k, i such that $\chi_{p^n}^{\text{tr}} \in \mathbb{Q}[Z]$ does not have any roots of the form p^n times a root of unity.

If p is a good prime then, according to the Tate conjecture, $\chi_{p^n}^{\text{tr}}$ is the characteristic polynomial of Frob^n on the transcendental part of $H_{\text{ét}}^2(X_{\overline{\mathbb{F}}_p}, \mathbb{Q}(l))$. In particular, $\deg \chi_{p^n}^{\text{tr}} = 22 - \text{rk Pic } X_{\overline{\mathbb{F}}_p}$.

Further, $\chi_{p^n}^{\text{tr}} = \chi_{p^n}^T$ if and only if $\text{rk Pic } X_{\overline{\mathbb{F}}_p} = \text{rk Pic } X_{\overline{\mathbb{Q}}}$.

Theorem (E.+J. 2014)

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- 1 The polynomial $\chi_p^{\text{tr}} \in \mathbb{Q}[Z]$ splits in the form

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for $g \in \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})[Z]$ and $\sigma: \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d}) \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})$ the conjugation.

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Corollary

Suppose that p is inert in E . Then $\#X_p(\mathbb{F}_p) \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$.

Idea of Proof. This uses the Lefschetz trace formula, information on the p -adic nature of the eigenvalues of Frobenius (Mazur 1973, Berthelot/Ogus 1978), and the splitting $\chi_p^{\text{tr}} = gg^{\sigma}$ over $\mathbb{Q}_p(\sqrt{d})$.

Corollary

Suppose that $d > 0$, i.e. that X has real multiplication by $E = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})$. Let p be a prime of good reduction.

- 1 Then $\deg \chi_p^{\text{tr}}$ is divisible by 4.
- 2 If $p \geq 3$ then $\text{rk Pic } X_{\mathbb{F}_p} \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$.

Idea of Proof. 1. $\chi_{p^f}^{\text{tr}} = h^2$ or $\chi_p^{\text{tr}} = gg^\sigma$ are real factorizations. g (resp. h) real polynomial without real roots. Thus, $\deg g$ (or $\deg h$) even.

2. The Tate conjecture is proven for $K3$ surfaces in characteristic ≥ 3 (Lieblich/Maulik/Snowden 2011, Charles 2012, Pera 2012). \square

Summary

Let X be a $K3$ surface over \mathbb{Q} .

- 1 If X has RM/CM then $\#X_p(\mathbb{F}_p) \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ for half the primes.
- 2 Otherwise, we (naively) expect $\#X_p(\mathbb{F}_p) \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ for only $O(\log \log N)$ primes below N .

This lets arise the idea to search for explicit examples of $K3$ surfaces having RM/CM **through the arithmetic consequences**. I.e., to generate a huge sample of $K3$ surfaces of Picard rank ≥ 16 and to run the following statistical algorithm on them.

[But, recall, we expect only one-dimensional families with RM in a six-dimensional space of surfaces. And there are also two-dimensional families with CM.]

Algorithm (Testing a $K3$ surface for RM–statistical version)

- 1 Let p run over all primes $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ between 40 and 300. For each p , count the number $\#X_p(\mathbb{F}_p)$ of \mathbb{F}_p -rational points on the reduction of X modulo p . If $\#X_p(\mathbb{F}_p) \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ for not more than five primes then terminate immediately.
- 2 Put p_0 to be the smallest good and ordinary prime for X . [I.e. $\#X_p(\mathbb{F}_{p_0}) \not\equiv 1 \pmod{p_0}$.]
- 3 Determine the characteristic polynomial of Frobenius on $H_{\text{ét}}^2((X_{p_0})_{\overline{\mathbb{F}}_{p_0}}, \mathbb{Q}_l)$. Factorize the polynomial obtained to calculate the polynomial $\chi_{p_0}^{\text{tr}}$. If $\deg \chi_{p_0}^{\text{tr}} \neq 4$ then terminate.
Test whether $\chi_{p_0}^{\text{tr}}$ is the square of a quadratic polynomial. In this case, raise p_0 to the next good and ordinary prime and iterate this step.
Otherwise, determine $\text{Gal}(\chi_{p_0}^{\text{tr}})$. If $\text{Gal}(\chi_{p_0}^{\text{tr}}) \cong (\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})^2$ then raise p_0 to the next good and ordinary prime and iterate this step. [We wait for D_4 , which should be the generic answer.]

- 4 Now, $\chi_{p_0}^{\text{tr}}$ is irreducible of degree four. Determine the quadratic subfields of the splitting field of $\chi_{p_0}^{\text{tr}}$. Only one real quadratic field may occur. Put d to be the corresponding radicand.
- 5 Let p run over all good primes < 300 , starting from the lowest. If $\#X_p(\mathbb{F}_p) \not\equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ for a prime inert in $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})$ then terminate.
- 6 Output a message saying that X is highly likely to have real multiplication by a field containing $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})$.

Remarks

- 1 The algorithm is extremely efficient. Step 1 is the only time-critical one. An efficient algorithm for point counting over relatively small prime fields is asked for.

- 2 The likelihood that a random surface survives step 5 to give a false positive is

$$\prod_{\substack{p \text{ inert in } \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d}), \\ p < 300}} 1/p < 10^{-60}$$

for small values of d .

- 3 If one wants to find surfaces that are likely to have CM by $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-1})$ then one has to verify in step 4 that $\chi_{p_0}^{\text{tr}}$ splits over $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-1})$ and, in step 5, that $\#X_p(\mathbb{F}_p) \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ for all primes $p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$.

Double covers of the projective plane, branched over the union of six lines

We do not ask all lines to be defined over \mathbb{Q} , however, as this seems to be too restrictive. [We did not find any RM examples in such samples.]

Compromise

The lines are allowed to form three Galois orbits, each of size two.

$$w^2 = q_1(y, z)q_2(x, z)q_3(x, y)$$

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Remark (Counting points above one line)

The number of points above the affine line $L_{x,y}: \mathbf{A}^1 \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^2, t \mapsto (x:y:t)$, is $q + \chi(q_3(x,y))\lambda_{x,y}$, for

$$\lambda_{x,y} := \sum_{t \in \mathbb{F}_q} \chi(q_1(y,t)q_2(x,t)). \quad (1)$$

Strategy (Treating a sample of surfaces)

Given three lists of quadratic forms, one for q_1 , another for q_2 , and third for q_3 . To count the points on all surfaces, given by the Cartesian product of the three lists, we perform as follows.

- 1 For each quadratic form q_3 , compute the values of $\chi(q_3(1, \star))$ and $\chi(q_3(0, 1))$ and store them in a table.
- 2 Run in an iterated loop over all pairs (q_1, q_2) . For each pair, do the following.
 - Using formula (1), compute $\lambda_{1, \star}$ and $\lambda_{0, 1}$.
 - Run in a loop over all forms q_3 . Each time, calculate

$$S_{q_1, q_2, q_3} := \sum_{\star} \chi(q_3(1, \star)) \lambda_{1, \star},$$

using the precomputed values. The number of points on the surface, corresponding to (q_1, q_2, q_3) , is then $q^2 + q + 1 + \chi(q_3(0, 1)) \lambda_{0, 1} + S_{q_1, q_2, q_3}$.

Remark (Complexity and performance)

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Remark (Detecting real multiplication)

We used this point counting algorithm within the deterministic algorithm, in order to detect $K3$ surfaces having real multiplication by a prescribed quadratic number field.

This allowed us to test more than $2.2 \cdot 10^7$ surfaces per second on one core of a 3.40 GHz Intel^(R)Core^(TM)i7-3770 processor. The code was written in plain C.

Results

A run over all triples (q_1, q_2, q_3) of coefficient height ≤ 12 , found the first five surfaces suspicious to have real multiplication by $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{5})$. A sample of more than 10^{11} surfaces was necessary to bring these examples to light!

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Theorem (E.+J. 2014)

Let $t \in \mathbb{Q}$ be arbitrary and $X^{(2,t)}$ be the K3 surface given by

$$\begin{aligned} w^2 = & [(\frac{1}{8}t^2 - \frac{1}{2}t + \frac{1}{4})y^2 + (t^2 - 2t + 2)yz + (t^2 - 4t + 2)z^2] \\ & [(\frac{1}{8}t^2 + \frac{1}{2}t + \frac{1}{4})x^2 + (t^2 + 2t + 2)xz + (t^2 + 4t + 2)z^2] \\ & [2x^2 + (t^2 + 2)xy + t^2y^2]. \end{aligned}$$

Then $\#X_p^{(2,t)}(\mathbb{F}_p) \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ for every prime $p \equiv 3, 5 \pmod{8}$.

Although the family was found experimentally, we have a proof. 

Results II

Idea: Work in the elliptic fibration, given by $y : x = l$.

It has exactly four singular fibers, at $l = -1, -\frac{2}{t^2}, 0, \infty$.

The other $(p - 3)$ fibers together have exactly $(p - 3)(p + 1)$ points, due to some deep symmetry.

- $j(F_l) = j(F_{1/l})$, quadratic twists of each other, twist factor $\frac{2l+t^2}{l^4(t^2l+2)}$.
Thus $\#F_l(\mathbb{F}_p) + \#F_{1/l}(\mathbb{F}_p) = 2(p + 1)$, when $\frac{2l+t^2}{t^2l+2}$ is a non-square.
- To pair the other fibers, reparametrize according to $s := \frac{2l+t^2}{t^2l+2}$.
 - Then $l \mapsto \frac{1}{l}$ goes over into $s \mapsto \frac{1}{s}$.
 - Singular fibers at $s = -1, \infty, \frac{t^2}{2}, \frac{2}{t^2}$.
 - Still need to consider the fibers for s a square.

$$j(F'_{a^2}) = j(F'_{\frac{(a-1)^2}{(a+1)^2}})$$

The fibers are quadratic twists of each other. The twist factor is

$$F := 8 \frac{(a+1)^2(a^2 - \frac{2}{t^2})^4}{(a^2 - \frac{2t^2+4}{t^2-2}a+1)^4},$$

which is always a non-square.

Theorem (E.+J. 2014)

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Idea of Proof. The point count implies that $\varrho_l(\text{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q}))$ cannot be Zariski dense in $\text{GO}(T_l, \langle \cdot, \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$. By the Theorem of Tankeev/Zarhin, there must be real or complex multiplication by a number field $E \supsetneq \mathbb{Q}$. [Infinitely many congruences for the point count imply RM/CM.]

To prove that the Picard rank is exactly 16, we use reduction modulo 17 and 23 and a modification of van Luijk's method.

Finally, as there are reductions to Picard rank 18, $[E : \mathbb{Q}]$ must divide 4 and 6, hence E is a quadratic number field.

To prove $E = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})$, we observe that χ_{17}^{tr} splits over $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})$, but not over any other quadratic number field. □

Conjecture

Let $t \in \mathbb{Q}$ be arbitrary and $X^{(5,t)}$ be the K3 surface given by

$$w^2 = [y^2 + tyz + (\frac{5}{16}t^2 + \frac{5}{4}t + \frac{5}{4})z^2][x^2 + xz + (\frac{1}{320}t^2 + \frac{1}{16}t + \frac{5}{16})z^2][x^2 + xy + \frac{1}{20}y^2].$$

Then $\#X_p^{(5,t)}(\mathbb{F}_p) \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ for every prime $p \equiv 2, 3 \pmod{5}$.

Conjecture

Let $X^{(13)}$ be the K3 surface given by

$$w^2 = (25y^2 + 26yz + 13z^2)(x^2 + 2xz + 13z^2)(9x^2 + 26xy + 13y^2).$$

Then $\#X_p^{(13)}(\mathbb{F}_p) \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ for every prime $p \equiv 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11 \pmod{13}$.

Remarks

- 1 We verified the congruences above for all primes $p < 1000$. This concerns $X^{(13)}$ as well as the $X^{(5,t)}$, for any residue class of t modulo p .
- 2 There is further evidence, as we computed the characteristic polynomials of Frob_p for $X^{(13)}$ as well as for $X^{(5,t)}$ and several exemplary values of $t \in \mathbb{Q}$, for the primes p below 100. It turns out that indeed they show the very particular behaviour, described in the theory above.

To be concrete, in each case, either χ_p^{tr} is of degree zero, or χ_p^{tr} is the square of a quadratic polynomial for a suitable positive integer f , or χ_p^{tr} is irreducible of degree four, but splits into two factors conjugate over $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{5})$, respectively $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{13})$.

Theorem (E.+J. 2015)

Let $a_1, a_2, a_3, b_1, b_2, b_3 \in \mathbb{Q}$ be such that

$$\begin{aligned} a_1 b_3 + a_2 b_1 - 2a_3 b_1 &= 0 & \text{and} \\ a_1 b_2 + a_2 b_3 - 2a_3 b_2 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

and let $X^{(-1; a_1, a_2, a_3, b_1, b_2, b_3)}$ be the K3 surface given by

$$w^2 = xyz(x + y + z)(a_1 x + a_2 y + a_3 z)(b_1 x + b_2 y + b_3 z)$$

Then $\#X_p^{(-1; a_1, a_2, a_3, b_1, b_2, b_3)}(\mathbb{F}_p) \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$, whenever $p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$.

Also this family was found experimentally [working with a sample with six rational lines]. It is a second one, for which we have a proof. The style of the proof is similar to that for the family $X^{(2,t)}$.

The base of the family is a degree-6 del Pezzo surface. The generic member should have Picard rank exactly 16 and CM exactly by $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-1})$.

Conjecture

The K3 surface given by

$$w^2 = xyz(x^3 - 3x^2z - 3xy^2 - 3xyz + y^3 + 9y^2z + 6yz^2 + z^3)$$

has CM by $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_9 + \zeta_9^{-1}, i)$.

Conjecture

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$$w^2 = xyz(7x^3 - 7x^2y + 49x^2z - 21xyz + 98xz^2 + y^3 - 7y^2z + 49z^3)$$

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Thank you!!!