# General form of Humbert's modular equation for curves with real multiplication of $\Delta=5$ 

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#### Abstract

We study Humbert's modular equation which characterizes curves of genus two having real multiplication by the quadratic order of discriminant 5 . We give it a simple, but general expression as a polynomial in $x_{1}, \ldots, x_{6}$ the coordinate of the Weierstrass points, and show that it is invariant under a transitive permutation group of degree 6 isomorphic to $\mathfrak{\Im}_{5}$. We also prove the rationality of the hypersurface in $\mathbf{P}^{5}$ defined by the generalized modular equation.


Key words: Curves of genus two; modular equation; real multiplication.

1. Introduction. In [8], Humbert studied abelian functions in two variables which have real multiplications. He found, among others, conditions under which the jacobian variety of a curve $X$ of genus two has real multiplication. We say that $X$ has real multiplication (RM) of $\Delta$, if the endomorphism ring of its jacobian contains the ring of integers of the real quadratic field of discriminant $\Delta$. The following result of Humbert should be compared with the works of Mori [9, 10], see also [4].

Theorem 1 (Humbert [8]). The curve $X$ of genus two defined by the equation

$$
y^{2}=\left(x-x_{1}\right) \cdots\left(x-x_{5}\right)
$$

has real multiplication by the quadratic order of discriminant 5 if and only if $H_{5}\left(x_{1}, \ldots, x_{5}\right)=0$ for some ordering of $x_{i}$ 's, where the polynomial $H_{5}$ is given by
$H_{5}\left(x_{1}, \ldots, x_{5}\right)=\left(\sum_{i=0}^{4} \sigma^{i}\left(x_{1}^{2}\left(x_{3}-x_{4}\right)\left(x_{2}+x_{5}\right)\right)\right)^{2}$
$-4\left(\sum_{i=0}^{4} \sigma^{i}\left(x_{1}^{2}\left(x_{3}-x_{4}\right)\right)\right)\left(\sum_{i=0}^{4} \sigma^{i}\left(x_{1}^{2} x_{2} x_{5}\left(x_{3}-x_{4}\right)\right)\right)$,
and $\sigma=(12345)$ denotes the cyclic permutation

$$
x_{1} \mapsto x_{2} \mapsto x_{3} \mapsto x_{4} \mapsto x_{5} \mapsto x_{1}
$$

Note that $H_{5}$ is invariant under the permutation group of order 10 on $x_{1}, \ldots, x_{5}$ generated by $\sigma$, and $\tau=(14)(23)$.

The purpose of this note is to give the most gen-

[^0]eral form of the modular equation for real multiplication of discriminant 5 , corresponding to the curve $X$ defined by
\[

$$
\begin{equation*}
y^{2}=\left(x-x_{1}\right) \cdots\left(x-x_{6}\right) \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

\]

and study the group of permutations on $x_{1}, \ldots, x_{6}$ under which it remains invariant. This is an important step toward the descent of the field over which $X$ is defined. Indeed the initial motivation of the present study was to obtain a family of sextic polynomials $f(x) \in \mathbf{Q}[x]$ for which the curve $y^{2}=f(x)$ has real multiplication of discriminant 5 . We also study the structure of the solutions of our generalized modular equation. For the discriminant 8 case, see [5] §5.
2. Correspondence on a conic. Let $D$ be a conic in $\mathbf{P}^{2}$, the projective plane over $\mathbf{C}$, defined by

$$
\begin{gather*}
(x, y, 1) S^{t}(x, y, 1)=0  \tag{2}\\
S=\left(\begin{array}{ccc}
2 c_{1} & c_{3} & c_{4} \\
c_{3} & 2 c_{2} & c_{5} \\
c_{4} & c_{5} & 2 c_{6}
\end{array}\right)
\end{gather*}
$$

We denote by $D^{*}$ the dual of $D$, which is the set of tangent lines of $D$. If we identifies a line $a x+b y+$ $c z=0$ with the point $(a, b, c)$, it is well known that $D^{*}$ is defined by $(a, b, c) S^{* t}(a, b, c)=0$, where $S^{*}$ is the adjoint matrix of $S$. Let $C$ and $D$ be two different conics, and $P$ be a point on $C$. If $P$ is not lying on $D$, then one can draw two tangent lines from $P$ to $D$. Thus we obtain a correspondence $T$ on $C$ of degree 2:

$$
T=\left\{(P, Q) \in C \times C \mid \ell:=P Q \in D^{*}\right\}
$$

where $\ell=P Q$ denotes the line which passes two points $P$ and $Q$.


Fig. 1. Poncelet's pentagon.

Our first problem is to find the defining equation of $T$. To simplify the argument it is convenient to choose the special conic $y=x^{2}$ as $C$, while the second conic $D$ can be arbitrary, and is defined by the equation with general coefficients as (2). Here we denote the equations of $C$ and $D$ in affine form, although we are studying conics in $\mathbf{P}^{2}$. The equation of $T$ is obtained by the condition that the line $\ell$ passing thorough the two points $P=\left(x, x^{2}\right)$ and $Q=$ $\left(z, z^{2}\right)$ of $C$ becomes tangent to $D$. From the above remark on $D^{*}$, it is easy to see that $T$ is given by $A(x, z)=0$,

$$
\begin{align*}
A(x, z):= & a_{2} x z(x+z)+a_{3}(x+z)^{2}  \tag{3}\\
& +a_{6}+a_{4} x z+a_{1} x^{2} z^{2}+a_{5}(x+z)
\end{align*}
$$

where the coefficients $a_{1}, \ldots, a_{6}$ are given by the equality

$$
\left(\begin{array}{ccc}
2 a_{3} & -a_{5} & -a_{2}  \tag{4}\\
-a_{5} & 2 a_{6} & a_{4} \\
-a_{2} & a_{4} & 2 a_{1}
\end{array}\right)=-2 S^{*}
$$

Namely we have

$$
\left\{\begin{array}{l}
a_{1}=c_{3}^{2}-4 c_{1} c_{2}  \tag{5}\\
a_{2}=-2\left(2 c_{2} c_{4}-c_{3} c_{5}\right) \\
a_{3}=c_{5}^{2}-4 c_{2} c_{6} \\
a_{4}=-2\left(c_{3} c_{4}-2 c_{1} c_{5}\right) \\
a_{5}=2\left(c_{4} c_{5}-2 c_{3} c_{6}\right) \\
a_{6}=c_{4}^{2}-4 c_{1} c_{6}
\end{array}\right.
$$

Since $D$ is taken to be arbitrary, the coefficients
$c_{1}, \ldots, c_{6}$ of its equation are regarded as free parameters in our discussion. However, it is often convenient to consider $a_{1}, \ldots, a_{6}$ as the initial parameters instead of $c_{1}, \ldots, c_{6}$ and recover $D$ from $T$. One can rewrite (4) as

$$
\operatorname{Adj}\left(\begin{array}{ccc}
2 a_{3} & -a_{5} & -a_{2} \\
-a_{5} & 2 a_{6} & a_{4} \\
-a_{2} & a_{4} & 2 a_{1}
\end{array}\right)=4 \operatorname{det}(S) S
$$

from which it follows that

$$
\left\{\begin{array}{l}
\lambda c_{1}=a_{4}^{2}-4 a_{1} a_{6}  \tag{6}\\
\lambda c_{2}=a_{2}{ }^{2}-4 a_{1} a_{3} \\
\lambda c_{3}=2\left(a_{2} a_{4}-2 a_{1} a_{5}\right) \\
\lambda c_{4}=2\left(a_{4} a_{5}-2 a_{2} a_{6}\right) \\
\lambda c_{5}=2\left(2 a_{3} a_{4}-a_{2} a_{5}\right) \\
\lambda c_{6}=a_{5}^{2}-4 a_{3} a_{6}
\end{array}\right.
$$

where $\lambda:=-8 \operatorname{det} S$. This means that the transformation (5) is birational when $\left(a_{1}, \ldots, a_{6}\right)$ and $\left(c_{1}, \ldots, c_{6}\right)$ are regarded as coordinates of $\mathbf{P}^{5}$.

Remark. If $\operatorname{det} S=0$, the conic $D$ is reduced to the union of two lines. The converse is also true. In what follows, we assume $\operatorname{det} S \neq 0$.
3. Poncelet's pentagon. Let $C, D$ be as above, and $n$ be a positive integer. A sequence of points $P_{0}, \ldots, P_{n} \in C$ s.t.

$$
\ell_{i}:=P_{i} P_{i+1} \in D^{*}(0 \leq i \leq n)
$$

is called Poncelet's chain of length $n$. It is called Poncelet's $n$-gon, if $P_{0}=P_{n}$ and $P_{0}, \ldots, P_{n-1}$ are distinct points (as in [2] and [12]). Now a classical theorem of Poncelet is stated as follows:

Theorem 2 (Poncelet,1822). Let $C, D$ be two conics in $\mathbf{P}^{2}$ which are in general position. Suppose, for an integer not less than 3, that there exists a sequence $P_{0}, \ldots, P_{n-1}$ of points of $C$ which forms a Poncelet's n-gon. Then for all but a finite number of $Q_{0} \in D$, there exists a sequence of points $Q_{1}, \ldots, Q_{n-1}$ on $C$ which forms a Poncelet's n-gon.

In this paper we deal with the case $n=5$, although we deal with the case $n=4$ in [5] $\S 3$ and $\S 4$. Let $P_{i}=\left(x_{i}, x_{i}{ }^{2}\right)$ be points on $C \quad(1 \leq i \leq 5)$ such that $K=\left(P_{1}, \ldots, P_{5}\right)$ is a Poncelet's pentagon.

Then we have the following equalities:

$$
\begin{equation*}
A\left(x_{1}, x_{2}\right)=\cdots=A\left(x_{5}, x_{1}\right)=0 \tag{7}
\end{equation*}
$$

One can view them as a system of linear equations in $a_{1}, \ldots, a_{6}$ with free parameters $x_{1}, \ldots, x_{5}$. Then one sees immediately that the rank of this system is 5 , so that $\left(a_{1}, \ldots, a_{6}\right)$ is uniquely determined up to constant, or as a point of $\mathbf{P}^{5}$. In this way, we obtain a
general solution for $a_{1}, \ldots, a_{6}$ as rational functions in $x_{1}, \ldots, x_{5}$. More precisely, put
$D=-\left(x_{1}-x_{3}\right)\left(x_{3}-x_{5}\right)\left(x_{5}-x_{2}\right)\left(x_{2}-x_{4}\right)\left(x_{4}-x_{1}\right)$,
then applying Cramer's formula, we see that $D a_{1}, \ldots, D a_{6}$ are respectively expressed by the determinant of the following matrices.

$$
\begin{gathered}
\left(\begin{array}{llllll}
x_{1} x_{2}\left(x_{1}+x_{2}\right) & \left(x_{1}+x_{2}\right)^{2} & x_{1} x_{2} & x_{1}+x_{2} & 1 \\
x_{2} x_{3}\left(x_{2}+x_{3}\right) & \left(x_{2}+x_{3}\right)^{2} & x_{2} x_{3} & x_{2}+x_{3} & 1 \\
x_{3} x_{4}\left(x_{3}+x_{4}\right) & \left(x_{3}+x_{4}\right)^{2} & x_{3} x_{4} & x_{3}+x_{4} & 1 \\
x_{4} x_{5}\left(x_{4}+x_{5}\right) & \left(x_{4}+x_{5}\right)^{2} & x_{4} x_{5} & x_{4}+x_{5} & 1 \\
x_{1} x_{5}\left(x_{1}+x_{5}\right) & \left(x_{1}+x_{5}\right)^{2} & x_{1} x_{5} & x_{1}+x_{5} & 1
\end{array}\right) \\
\left(\begin{array}{cccccc}
x_{1}^{2} x_{2}^{2} & \left(x_{1}+x_{2}\right)^{2} & x_{1} x_{2} & x_{1}+x_{2} & 1 \\
x_{2}^{2} x_{3}^{2} & \left(x_{2}+x_{3}\right)^{2} & x_{2} x_{3} & x_{2}+x_{3} & 1 \\
x_{3}^{2} x_{4}^{2} & \left(x_{3}+x_{4}\right)^{2} & x_{3} x_{4} & x_{3}+x_{4} & 1 \\
x_{4}^{2} x_{5}^{2} & \left(x_{4}+x_{5}\right)^{2} & x_{4} x_{5} & x_{4}+x_{5} & 1 \\
x_{1}^{2} x_{5}^{2} & \left(x_{1}+x_{5}\right)^{2} & x_{1} x_{5} & x_{1}+x_{5} & 1
\end{array}\right) \\
\left(\begin{array}{lllll}
x_{1} \\
x_{2}\left(x_{1}+x_{2}\right) & x_{1}^{2} x_{2}^{2} & x_{1} x_{2} & x_{1}+x_{2} & 1 \\
x_{2} x_{3}\left(x_{2}+x_{3}\right) & x_{2}^{2} x_{3}^{2} & x_{2} x_{3} & x_{2}+x_{3} & 1 \\
x_{3} x_{4}\left(x_{3}+x_{4}\right) & x_{3}^{2} x_{4}^{2} & x_{3} x_{4} & x_{3}+x_{4} & 1 \\
x_{4} x_{5}\left(x_{4}+x_{5}\right) & x_{4}^{2} x_{5}^{2} & x_{4} x_{5} & x_{4}+x_{5} & 1 \\
x_{1} x_{5}\left(x_{1}+x_{5}\right) & x_{1}^{2} x_{5}^{2} & x_{1} x_{5} & x_{1}+x_{5} & 1
\end{array}\right)
\end{gathered}
$$

$$
\left(\begin{array}{ccccc}
x_{1} x_{2}\left(x_{1}+x_{2}\right) & \left(x_{1}+x_{2}\right)^{2} & x_{1}^{2} x_{2}^{2} & x_{1}+x_{2} & 1 \\
x_{2} x_{3}\left(x_{2}+x_{3}\right) & \left(x_{2}+x_{3}\right)^{2} & x_{2}^{2} x_{3}^{2} & x_{2}+x_{3} & 1 \\
x_{3} x_{4}\left(x_{3}+x_{4}\right) & \left(x_{3}+x_{4}\right)^{2} & x_{3}^{2} x_{4}^{2} & x_{3}+x_{4} & 1 \\
x_{4} x_{5}\left(x_{4}+x_{5}\right) & \left(x_{4}+x_{5}\right)^{2} & x_{4}^{2} x_{5}^{2} & x_{4}+x_{5} & 1 \\
x_{1} x_{5}\left(x_{1}+x_{5}\right) & \left(x_{1}+x_{5}\right)^{2} & x_{1}^{2} x_{5}^{2} & x_{1}+x_{5} & 1
\end{array}\right),
$$

$$
\left(\begin{array}{ccccc}
x_{1} x_{2}\left(x_{1}+x_{2}\right) & \left(x_{1}+x_{2}\right)^{2} & x_{1} x_{2} & x_{1}+x_{2} & x_{1}^{2} x_{2}^{2} \\
x_{2} x_{3}\left(x_{2}+x_{3}\right) & \left(x_{2}+x_{3}\right)^{2} & x_{2} x_{3} & x_{2}+x_{3} & x_{2}^{2} x_{3}^{2} \\
x_{3} x_{4}\left(x_{3}+x_{4}\right) & \left(x_{3}+x_{4}\right)^{2} & x_{3} x_{4} & x_{3}+x_{4} & x_{3}^{2} x_{4}^{2} \\
x_{4} x_{5}\left(x_{4}+x_{5}\right) & \left(x_{4}+x_{5}\right)^{2} & x_{4} x_{5} & x_{4}+x_{5} & x_{4}^{2} x_{5}^{2} \\
x_{1} x_{5}\left(x_{1}+x_{5}\right) & \left(x_{1}+x_{5}\right)^{2} & x_{1} x_{5} & x_{1}+x_{5} & x_{1}^{2} x_{5}^{2}
\end{array}\right)
$$

Since the determinant of a matrix is a skewsymmetric form of its rows, one sees that the deter-
minants of these matrices are all divisible by $D$, so that the solutions $a_{1}, \ldots, a_{6}$ of (7) are polynomials in $x_{1}, \ldots, x_{5}$. By a simple computation we have

$$
\begin{aligned}
& a_{1}=\sum_{i=0}^{4} \sigma^{i}\left(x_{1}^{2}\left(x_{4}-x_{3}\right)\right) \\
& a_{2}=\sum_{i=0}^{4} \sigma^{i}\left(x_{1}^{2}\left(x_{3}-x_{4}\right)\left(x_{2}+x_{5}\right)\right) \\
& a_{3}=\sum_{i=0}^{4} \sigma^{i}\left(x_{1} x_{2}^{2} x_{3}\left(x_{4}-x_{5}\right)\right) \\
& a_{4}=\sum_{i=0}^{4} \sigma^{i}\left(x_{1}^{2} x_{2}^{2}\left(x_{3}-x_{5}\right)+x_{1}^{2} x_{3}^{2}\left(x_{5}-x_{4}\right)\right) \\
& a_{5}=\sum_{i=0}^{4} \sigma^{i}\left(x_{1}^{2} x_{2}^{2} x_{4}\left(x_{5}-x_{3}\right)+x_{1}^{2} x_{3}^{2} x_{2}\left(x_{4}-x_{5}\right)\right) \\
& a_{6}=\sum_{i=0}^{4} \sigma^{i}\left(x_{1}^{2} x_{2}^{2} x_{4}^{2}\left(x_{3}-x_{5}\right)\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

4. Modular equation for $\Delta=\mathbf{5}$. Let $X$ be a curve of genus 2 which is defined by (1). We recall the following result of Humbert [8] on the condition for $x_{i}(1 \leq i \leq 6)$ under which $X$ has real multiplication of $\Delta=5$ (see also [13] for an elementary proof).

Theorem 3 (Humbert [8]). X has a real multiplication by the quadratic order of discriminant 5 if and only if there exists a conic $D$ satisfying the following two conditions:
(i) The sequence of points $P_{i}=\left(x_{i}, x_{i}{ }^{2}\right)(1 \leq i \leq 5)$ form a Poncelet's pentagon for conics $C, D$.
(ii) $P_{i}=\left(x_{6}, x_{6}{ }^{2}\right) \in C \cap D$.

Combining the results of the previous paragraph and the above theorem, we obtain the following

Theorem 4. $X$ has real multiplication by the quadratic order of discriminant 5 if and only if $H_{5}^{\prime}\left(x_{1}, \ldots, x_{6}\right)=0$ for some ordering of $x_{i}$ 's, where the polynomial $H_{5}^{\prime}$ is given by

$$
\begin{equation*}
H_{5}^{\prime}\left(x_{1}, \ldots, x_{6}\right)=\sum_{i=0}^{4} \sigma^{i} P\left(x_{1}, \ldots, x_{6}\right) \tag{8}
\end{equation*}
$$

$$
P:=\left(x_{1}-x_{2}\right)\left(x_{1}-x_{3}\right)\left(x_{1}-x_{4}\right)\left(x_{1}-x_{5}\right)\left(x_{2}-x_{6}\right)
$$

$$
\times\left(x_{3}-x_{6}\right)\left(x_{4}-x_{6}\right)\left(x_{5}-x_{6}\right)\left(x_{3}-x_{4}\right)^{2}\left(x_{2}-x_{5}\right)^{2}
$$

Proof. Let $P_{i}=\left(x_{i}, x_{i}{ }^{2}\right)$ be points on $C$ $(1 \leq i \leq 6)$. By Theorem 3, we may assume that $K=\left(P_{1}, \ldots, P_{5}\right)$ is a Poncelet's pentagon, and $P_{6} \in$ $C \cap D$ for a conic $D$. From the last condition we have the following equation for $x_{6}$ :

$$
c_{6}+c_{4} x_{6}+c_{1} x_{6}^{2}+c_{5} x_{6}^{2}+c_{3} x_{6}^{3}+c_{2} x_{6}^{4}=0
$$

From this and birational transformation (6) we obtain a polynomial equation in $a_{1}, \ldots, a_{6}$ and $x_{6}$. On the other hand, as in the previous paragraph, we can express $a_{1}, \ldots, a_{6}$ by $x_{1}, \ldots, x_{5}$. Then substitution of (8) gives us an equation $H_{5}^{\prime}\left(x_{1}, \ldots, x_{6}\right)=0$. By direct computation, we observe that $H_{5}^{\prime}$ is homogeneous of degree 12 , and is of degree 4 for each $x_{i}$. Now we regard $H_{5}^{\prime}$ as a polynomial of $x_{6}$ and observe the following remarkable equalities:

$$
\begin{aligned}
\left.H_{5}^{\prime}\right|_{x_{6}=x_{1}}= & \left(\left(x_{1}-x_{2}\right)\left(x_{1}-x_{3}\right)\right. \\
& \left.\times\left(x_{1}-x_{4}\right)\left(x_{3}-x_{4}\right)\left(x_{1}-x_{5}\right)\left(x_{2}-x_{5}\right)\right)^{2} \\
\left.H_{5}^{\prime}\right|_{x_{6}=x_{2}}= & \left(\left(x_{1}-x_{2}\right)\left(x_{1}-x_{3}\right)\right. \\
& \left.\times\left(x_{2}-x_{3}\right)\left(x_{2}-x_{4}\right)\left(x_{2}-x_{5}\right)\left(x_{4}-x_{5}\right)\right)^{2} \\
\left.H_{5}^{\prime}\right|_{x_{6}=x_{3}}= & \left(\left(x_{1}-x_{3}\right)\left(x_{2}-x_{3}\right)\right. \\
& \left.\times\left(x_{2}-x_{4}\right)\left(x_{3}-x_{4}\right)\left(x_{1}-x_{5}\right)\left(x_{3}-x_{5}\right)\right)^{2} \\
\left.H_{5}^{\prime}\right|_{x_{6}=x_{4}}= & \left(\left(x_{1}-x_{2}\right)\left(x_{1}-x_{4}\right)\right. \\
& \left.\times\left(x_{2}-x_{4}\right)\left(x_{3}-x_{4}\right)\left(x_{3}-x_{5}\right)\left(x_{4}-x_{5}\right)\right)^{2} \\
\left.H_{5}^{\prime}\right|_{x_{6}=x_{5}}= & \left(\left(x_{2}-x_{3}\right)\left(x_{1}-x_{4}\right)\right. \\
& \left.\times\left(x_{1}-x_{5}\right)\left(x_{2}-x_{5}\right)\left(x_{3}-x_{5}\right)\left(x_{4}-x_{5}\right)\right)^{2} .
\end{aligned}
$$

Then the expression (8) for $H_{5}^{\prime}$ is easily obtained if we apply the interpolation formula of Lagrange to the above equalities.

Remark. One can show, by direct computation, that if we put $x_{6}=\infty$, the equation $H_{5}^{\prime}\left(x_{1}, \ldots, x_{6}\right)=0$ is reduced to the Humbert's equation $H_{5}\left(x_{1}, \ldots, x_{5}\right)=0$.

We observe, as are shown immediately from the expression (8) in Theorem 4, that the polynomial $H_{5}^{\prime}$ has the following remarkable properties:

Theorem 5. $H_{5}^{\prime}\left(x_{1}, \ldots, x_{6}\right)$ satisfies

$$
\begin{aligned}
& H_{5}^{\prime}\left(a x_{1}+b, \ldots, a x_{6}+b\right) \\
& \quad=a^{12} H_{5}^{\prime}\left(x_{1}, \ldots, x_{6}\right),(\forall a, b \in \mathbf{C}) \\
& \quad \begin{array}{l}
H_{5}^{\prime}\left(x_{1}^{-1}, \ldots, x_{6}^{-1}\right) \\
\quad=\frac{1}{\left(x_{1} x_{2} x_{3} x_{4} x_{5} x_{6}\right)^{4}} H_{5}^{\prime}\left(x_{1}, \ldots, x_{6}\right)
\end{array}
\end{aligned}
$$

Furthermore, it is invariant under the transitive permutation group $G$ on $x_{1}, \ldots, x_{6}$, generated by (12)(34)(56) and (12345), which is isomorphic to $\mathfrak{\Im}_{5}$, the symmetric group of degree 5 .

Now it is an interesting question to ask the structure of the hypersurface of defined by $H_{5}^{\prime}$. We shall show the following theorem.

Theorem 6. The hypersurface $\mathcal{H}$ in $\mathbf{P}^{5}$ defined by $H_{5}^{\prime}\left(x_{1}, \ldots, x_{6}\right)=0$ is birationally equivalent to $\mathbf{P}^{4}$.

Proof. We recall that the cross ratios are invariant under the linear fractional transformations, and that two hyperelliptic curves defined as in (1) are isomorphic if and only if the corresponding sets $\left\{x_{1}, \ldots, x_{6}\right\}$ of ramification points are mutually transformed by a linear fractional transformation. Taking these facts into consideration, we put

$$
\left\{\begin{array}{l}
s=\frac{x_{4}-x_{1}}{x_{4}-x_{2}} / \frac{x_{1}-x_{3}}{x_{2}-x_{3}} \\
t=\frac{x_{5}-x_{1}}{x_{5}-x_{2}} / \frac{x_{1}-x_{3}}{x_{2}-x_{3}} \\
z=\frac{x_{6}-x_{1}}{x_{6}-x_{2}} / \frac{x_{1}-x_{3}}{x_{2}-x_{3}}
\end{array}\right.
$$

Then we have

$$
\left\{\begin{array}{l}
x_{4}=\frac{s x_{2} x_{3}-x_{1}\left((s-1) x_{2}+x_{3}\right)}{-s x_{1}+x_{2}+(s-1) x_{3}} \\
x_{5}=\frac{t x_{2} x_{3}-x_{1}\left((t-1) x_{2}+x_{3}\right)}{-t x_{1}+x_{2}+(t-1) x_{3}} \\
x_{6}=\frac{-\left(x_{1}\left(x_{3}+x_{2}(z-1)\right)\right)+x_{2} x_{3} z}{x_{2}+x_{3}(z-1)-x_{1} z}
\end{array}\right.
$$

and that the equation $H_{5}^{\prime}\left(x_{1}, \ldots, x_{6}\right)=0$ is transformed to $H_{5}(s, t, z)=0$, where

$$
\begin{aligned}
H_{5}(s, t, z):= & (s-t)^{2} z^{4}+(s-1)^{2} s^{2} t^{2} \\
& +2(s-1) s t\left(s-2 s t-s^{2} t+t^{2}+s t^{2}\right) z \\
& +\left(s^{2}-2 s^{2} t-4 s^{2} t^{2}+4 s^{3} t^{2}+s^{4} t^{2}+4 s t^{3}\right. \\
& \left.-2 s^{2} t^{3}-2 s^{3} t^{3}+t^{4}-2 s t^{4}+s^{2} t^{4}\right) z^{2} \\
& -2(s-t)\left(s-2 s t+s^{2} t-t^{2}+s t^{2}\right) z^{3}
\end{aligned}
$$

It follows that the function field of the hypersurface $\mathcal{H}$ in $\mathbf{P}^{5}$ defined by $H_{5}^{\prime}\left(x_{1}, \ldots, x_{6}\right)=0$ is

$$
\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{C}(\mathcal{H}) & =\mathbf{C}\left(x_{1}, \ldots, x_{6} \mid H_{5}^{\prime}=0\right) \\
& =\mathbf{C}\left(x_{1}, x_{2}, x_{3}, s, t, z \mid H_{5}(s, t, z)=0\right) \\
& =\mathbf{C}\left(x_{1}, x_{2}, x_{3}\right)\left((s, t, z) \mid H_{5}(s, t, z)=0\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

Hence it suffices to show the rationality of the surface $\mathcal{H}_{0}$ defined by $H_{5}(s, t, z)=0$. Using results stated in Theorem 7 below, we see that the last equation has a system of solutions

$$
\left\{\begin{array}{l}
s=\frac{(u-y)\left(1-2 x+u x^{2}-u y+x^{2} y+u x^{2} y\right)}{(u-x)(-1+y+u y)(-1+x+x y)} \\
t=\frac{(-1+u+u x)(u-y)(-1+x+x y)}{(u-x)(-1+u+u y)(-1+y+x y)} \\
z=\frac{(-1+x+u x)(u-y)(-1+y+x y)}{(u-x)\left(1-u x-2 y+u y^{2}+x y^{2}+u x y^{2}\right)}
\end{array}\right.
$$

This shows that

$$
\mathbf{C}\left(s, t, z \mid H_{5}(s, t, z)=0\right) \subseteq \mathbf{C}(x, y, u)
$$

In other words, $\mathcal{H}_{0}$ is unirational. Now the assertion follows from a simple application of the theorem of Zariski-Castelnuovo [14] (c.f. Nagata [11], p. 133, exercise §3.A).
5. Examples. We recall here a family of genus two curves having real multiplication with $\Delta=5$, found by Brumer [1]. It was reconstructed in [3] by one of the authors, as a consequence of the positive solution of a Cremona version of Noether's problem for $\mathfrak{A}_{5}$, the alternating group of degree 5 , acting on the function field $\mathbf{Q}(x, y, u)$. We shall discuss it again from a different point of view. Let $x, y, u$ be independent variables and let $R_{f}$ be the system consisting of the following six elements of $\mathbf{Q}(x, y, u)$ :

$$
\begin{gathered}
\{x, y, u, f(x, y, u), f(y, u, x), f(u, x, y) \mid\} \\
f(x, y, u)=\frac{1-x-u y}{1-(u+y) x-u x y}
\end{gathered}
$$

Theorem 7 [3]. As an ordered set, $R_{f}$ gives a solution of $H^{\prime}{ }_{5}\left(x_{1}, \ldots, x_{6}\right)=0$. Moreover, as a set, $R_{f}$ is stable under the substitution $\varphi:(x, y, u) \mapsto$ ( $f(x, y, u), y, u)$, as well as the permutations of variables $x, y, u$. Two substitutions $\varphi$ and $\psi:(x, y, u) \mapsto$ $(y, u, x)$ generate a transitive subgroup $G_{0}$ of the symmetric group on the set $R_{f}$, which is isomorphic to $\mathfrak{H}_{5}$.

Using the natural ordering of $R_{f}$, one has $\varphi=$ (14) $(56), \psi=(123)(456)$ so that $\varphi \circ \psi=(12346)$ as elements of $\mathfrak{\Im}_{6}$. Thus $G_{0}$ is a subgroup of $G$ given in Proposition 5 , such that $\left[G: G_{0}\right]=2$.

Let $s_{i}=s_{i}(x, y, u)(i=1, \ldots, 6)$ be the $i$-th elementary symmetric polynomial in $\left(x_{1}, \ldots, x_{6}\right)=R_{f}$. Then we can easily show that $s_{1}, \ldots, s_{6}$ satisfy the following relations

$$
\left\{\begin{array}{l}
-3+s_{2}-s_{4}-s_{5}=0 \\
-3+s_{1}-s_{5}-3 s_{6}=0 \\
1-s_{3}+2 s_{4}-s_{5}-s_{5}^{2}-4 s_{6}+s_{3} s_{6} \\
\quad+2 s_{4} s_{6}-3 s_{5} s_{6}-5 s_{6}^{2}=0
\end{array}\right.
$$

Putting $s_{6}=c+1, s_{5}=2 b-2, s_{4}=1+b^{2}-a c$, we see that the field consisting of $G_{0}$-invariant elements of $\mathbf{Q}(x, y, u)$ is $\mathbf{Q}(a, b, c)$. And we recover the polynomial of Brumer discussed in [3] (see also [6]).

$$
\begin{aligned}
& F(X ; a, b, c):=X^{6}-(4+2 b+3 c) X^{5} \\
& +\left(2+2 b+b^{2}-a c\right) X^{4}+\left(-6-4 a-6 b+2 b^{2}-5 c\right. \\
& -2 a c) X^{3}+\left(1+b^{2}-a c\right) X^{2}+(2-2 b) X+(c+1)
\end{aligned}
$$

From the proof of Theorem 6, we have the following theorem.

Theorem 8. Any curve of genus two with real multiplication by $\Delta=5$ is isomorphic over $\mathbf{C}$ to a member of the family $Y^{2}=F(X ; a, b, c)$.

As a matter of fact, we see that any such curve over $\mathbf{Q}$ which is known to arise as a quotient of a modular curve $X_{0}(N)$, is defined by $Y^{2}=$ $F(X ; a, b, c)$ for some $a, b, c \in \mathbf{Q}$. We tabulate examples of such curves which are computed by Hasegawa [7]. We show that they are all members of the family given in Theorem 8.

- Atkin-Lehner quotient of $X_{0}(N) / G$ with RM of $\Delta=5$.

| $N$ | $y^{2}=f(x)$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| 23 | $\begin{aligned} y^{2} & =F(-29,17,-12 ; x-1) \\ & =\left(x^{3}-x+1\right)\left(x^{3}-8 x^{2}+3 x-7\right) \end{aligned}$ |
| 31 | $\begin{aligned} y^{2} & =F(-19,8,-4 ; x) \\ & =\left(x^{3}-2 x^{2}-x+3\right)\left(x^{3}-6 x^{2}-5 x-1\right) \end{aligned}$ |
| 67 | $\begin{aligned} y^{2} & =F(0,-1,0 ; 1-x) \\ & =x^{6}-4 x^{5}+6 x^{4}-6 x^{3}+9 x^{2}-14 x+9 \end{aligned}$ |
| 73 | $\begin{aligned} y^{2} & =F(2,-1,0 ;-x-1) \\ & =x^{6}+8 x^{5}+26 x^{4}+50 x^{3}+61 x^{2}+38 x+9 \end{aligned}$ |
| 87 | $\begin{aligned} y^{2} & =F(-7,4,-4 ; x) \\ & =\left(x^{3}-2 x^{2}-x-1\right)\left(x^{3}+2 x^{2}+3 x+3\right) \end{aligned}$ |
| 93 | $\begin{aligned} y^{2} & =F(-4,1,0 ; 1-x) \\ & =\left(x^{3}-2 x^{2}-x+3\right)\left(x^{3}+2 x^{2}-5 x+3\right) \end{aligned}$ |
| 103 | $\begin{aligned} y^{2} & =F(-2,1,0 ; 1-x) \\ & =x^{6}-10 x^{4}+22 x^{3}-19 x^{2}+6 x+1 \end{aligned}$ |
| 107 | $\begin{aligned} y^{2} & =F(8,-4,0 ;-x) \\ & =x^{6}-4 x^{5}+10 x^{4}-18 x^{3}+17 x^{2}-10 x+1 \end{aligned}$ |


| 115 | $\begin{aligned} y^{2} & =F(0,1,0 ; 1-x) \\ & =\left(x^{3}-2 x^{2}+3 x-1\right)\left(x^{3}+2 x^{2}-9 x+7\right) \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| 125 | $\begin{aligned} y^{2} & =F(0,2,-4 ;-x) \\ & =x^{6}-4 x^{5}+10 x^{4}-10 x^{3}+5 x^{2}+2 x-3 \end{aligned}$ |
| 133 | $\begin{aligned} y^{2} & =F(2,3,0 ; 1-x) \\ & =x^{6}+4 x^{5}-18 x^{4}+26 x^{3}-15 x^{2}+2 x+1 \end{aligned}$ |
| 161 | $\begin{aligned} y^{2} & =F(12,-8,4 ;-x) \\ & =\left(x^{3}-2 x^{2}+3 x-1\right)\left(x^{3}+2 x^{2}+3 x-5\right) \end{aligned}$ |
| 167 | $\begin{aligned} y^{2} & =F(-2,2,-4 ;-x) \\ & =x^{6}-4 x^{5}+2 x^{4}-2 x^{3}-3 x^{2}+2 x-3 \end{aligned}$ |
| 177 | $\begin{aligned} y^{2} & =F(2,-2,0 ;-x) \\ & =x^{6}+2 x^{4}-6 x^{3}+5 x^{2}-6 x+1 \end{aligned}$ |
| 191 | $\begin{aligned} y^{2} & =F(4,-2,0 ;-x) \\ & =x^{6}+2 x^{4}+2 x^{3}+5 x^{2}-6 x+1 \end{aligned}$ |
| 205 | $\begin{aligned} y^{2} & =F(6,-2,0 ;-x) \\ & =x^{6}+2 x^{4}+10 x^{3}+5 x^{2}-6 x+1 \end{aligned}$ |
| 213 | $\begin{aligned} y^{2} & =F(-6,4,-4 ;-x) \\ & =x^{6}+2 x^{4}+2 x^{3}-7 x^{2}+6 x-3 \end{aligned}$ |
| 221 | $\begin{aligned} y^{2} & =F(0,0,0 ;-x) \\ & =x^{6}+4 x^{5}+2 x^{4}+6 x^{3}+x^{2}-2 x+1 \end{aligned}$ |
| 287 | $\begin{aligned} y^{2} & =F(-10,8,-8 ;-x) \\ & =x^{6}-4 x^{5}+2 x^{4}+6 x^{3}-15 x^{2}+14 x-7 \end{aligned}$ |
| 299 | $\begin{aligned} y^{2} & =F(-11,6,-4 ; x) \\ & =x^{6}-4 x^{5}+6 x^{4}+6 x^{3}-7 x^{2}-10 x-3 \end{aligned}$ |

Here $G=1$ for $N=23,31$, and $G=W(N)$ for $N>31$.

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