

## Noether's problem for some meta-abelian groups of small degree

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**Abstract:** In this note we solve Noether's problem over  $\mathbf{Q}$  for some meta-abelian groups of small degree  $n$ . Let  $G$  be a subgroup of the group of one-dimensional affine transformations on  $\mathbf{Z}/n\mathbf{Z}$  which contains  $\mathbf{Z}/n\mathbf{Z}$ . For  $n = 9, 10, 12, 14, 15$ , we show that Noether's problem for  $G$  has an affirmative answer by constructing an explicit transcendental basis of the fixed field over  $\mathbf{Q}$ .

**Key words:** Inverse Galois problem; generic polynomial; affine transformation group.

**1. Introduction.** Let  $K = \mathbf{Q}(x_0, \dots, x_{n-1})$  be the field of rational functions in  $n$  variables and  $G$  a transitive subgroup of  $S_n$  the symmetric group of degree  $n$ . Let  $G$  act on  $K$  by permuting the variables  $x_0, \dots, x_{n-1}$ . Emmy Noether [11, 12] raised the following problem which is called Noether's problem for  $G$  (over  $\mathbf{Q}$ ): Is the subfield  $K^G$  of  $G$ -invariant elements of  $K$  rational (i.e. purely transcendental) over  $\mathbf{Q}$ ? This is one of central problems of the inverse Galois theory because if this problem has an affirmative answer then we get a  $\mathbf{Q}$ -generic polynomial for  $G$  (cf. [7]). The polynomial  $g(\mathbf{t}; X) := g(t_1, \dots, t_n; X) \in \mathbf{Q}(t_1, \dots, t_n)[X]$ , where  $t_1, \dots, t_n$  and  $X$  are indeterminates, is called  $\mathbf{Q}$ -generic for  $G$  if the splitting field of  $g(\mathbf{t}; X)$  over  $\mathbf{Q}(t_1, \dots, t_n)$  has Galois group  $G$  and every Galois extension  $L/M$  with  $\text{Gal}(L/M) \cong G$  and  $M \supset \mathbf{Q}$  is the splitting field of a polynomial  $g(\mathbf{a}; X)$  for some  $\mathbf{a} = (a_1, \dots, a_n) \in M^n$ . Namely every  $G$ -extension over a field  $M$  whose characteristic is zero can be obtained by some specialization of the parameters of  $g(\mathbf{t}; X)$ . In this note we shall solve Noether's problem for some meta-abelian groups  $G$  of small degree  $n$  by constructing an explicit transcendental basis of  $K^G$  over  $\mathbf{Q}$ . Let  $\text{Aff}(\mathbf{Z}/n\mathbf{Z})$  be the group of one-dimensional affine transformations on  $\mathbf{Z}/n\mathbf{Z}$ . We have  $\text{Aff}(\mathbf{Z}/n\mathbf{Z}) \cong (\mathbf{Z}/n\mathbf{Z}) \rtimes (\mathbf{Z}/n\mathbf{Z})^*$ . The main result of this note is the following

**Main Theorem.** *Let  $G$  be a subgroup of  $\text{Aff}(\mathbf{Z}/n\mathbf{Z})$  containing  $\mathbf{Z}/n\mathbf{Z}$ . For  $n = 9, 10, 12, 14, 15$ , Noether's problem for  $G$  has an affirmative answer.*

We treated this problem in the cases  $n \leq 7$  and  $n = 11$  in [3, 4, 6]. In the previous paper [6], we ex-

tended Masuda's method [8, 9] for cyclic groups  $C_n$ , and we also use Masuda's approach in this note (cf. Lemma 1). Note that  $n = 8$  is the smallest degree for which  $K^{C_n}$  is not rational over  $\mathbf{Q}$ . Moreover it is known that there does not exist  $\mathbf{Q}$ -generic polynomial for  $C_{8m}$ , and hence Noether's problem for  $C_{8m}$  has a negative answer (see [7]). Recently, however, it has been showed that  $K^{D_8}$ ,  $K^{QD_8}$  and  $K^{M_{16}}$  are rational over  $\mathbf{Q}$ , where  $D_8$  (resp.  $QD_8$ ,  $M_{16}$ ) is the dihedral (resp. quasi-dihedral, modular) group of order 16 (see [1, 5]). The case  $n = 13$  can not be applied original Masuda's approach as remarked by Endo-Miyata [2]. We shall treat some prime degree cases  $n = p$  with  $p \geq 13$  in a separate paper by studying the structure of the fixed field  $K^{C_p}$  in detail.

**2. Preliminaries.** In this section, we recall Masuda's method [8] for cyclic groups and its extension [6] for subgroups of  $\text{Aff}(\mathbf{Z}/n\mathbf{Z})$ . Let  $\sigma$  be the cyclic permutation of the variables  $x_0, \dots, x_{n-1}$ , i.e.  $\sigma(x_0) = x_1, \dots, \sigma(x_{n-1}) = x_0$  and  $\tau_\lambda$  the  $x_0$ -fixed permutation defined by  $\tau_\lambda(x_i) = x_{\lambda i}$  for  $\lambda \in (\mathbf{Z}/n\mathbf{Z})^*$ , where we take the subscript of  $x$  modulo  $n$ . We can identify a subgroup  $G$  of  $\text{Aff}(\mathbf{Z}/n\mathbf{Z})$  which contains  $\mathbf{Z}/n\mathbf{Z}$  with  $\langle \sigma, \tau_{\lambda_1}, \dots, \tau_{\lambda_r} \rangle$  for certain  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_r \in (\mathbf{Z}/n\mathbf{Z})^*$ . For example, we have  $D_n = \langle \sigma, \tau_{-1} \rangle$ ; the dihedral group of order  $2n$ . Let  $\zeta$  be a primitive  $n$ -th root of unity,  $\mathbf{k} := \mathbf{Q}(\zeta)$ ,  $y_j := \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \zeta^{-ij} x_i$ , and  $c_{j,k} := y_j y_k / y_{j+k}$  for  $j, k = 0, \dots, n-1$ . We shall take the subscript of  $y$  and  $c$  modulo  $n$ , since  $y_j = y_{mn+j}$ , ( $j = 0, \dots, n-1$ ). We have that  $K^G(\zeta) = \mathbf{k}(x_0, \dots, x_{n-1})^G$  for  $G \subset S_n$  and  $\mathbf{k}(x_0, \dots, x_{n-1}) = \mathbf{k}(y_0, \dots, y_{n-1})$ . And we see that the actions of  $\sigma$  and  $\tau_\lambda$  on the  $y_j$ 's and the  $c_{j,k}$ 's are given by  $\sigma(y_j) = \zeta^j y_j$ ,  $\sigma(c_{j,k}) = c_{j,k}$ ,  $\tau_\lambda(y_j) =$

$y_{\lambda^{-1}j}, \tau_{\lambda}(c_{j,k}) = c_{\lambda^{-1}j, \lambda^{-1}k}$ , for  $j, k = 0, \dots, n-1$ .  
First we can obtain that

$$\mathbf{k}(x_0, \dots, x_{n-1})^{C_n} = \mathbf{k}(c_{j,k} \mid 0 \leq j, k \leq n-1),$$

and the  $c_{j,k}$ 's satisfy the following relations:

$$(1) \quad c_{j,k} = \frac{c_{1,k}c_{1,k+1} \cdots c_{1,k+j-1}}{c_{1,1}c_{1,2} \cdots c_{1,j-1}}, \quad (j \geq 2).$$

Hence we have

$$(2) \quad \mathbf{k}(x_0, \dots, x_{n-1})^{C_n} = \mathbf{k}(c_{1,0}, c_{1,1}, \dots, c_{1,n-1}).$$

Namely  $\mathbf{k}(x_0, \dots, x_{n-1})^{C_n}$  is rational over  $\mathbf{k}$  for any  $n$ . Masuda's method teaches us when we can descend the base field from  $\mathbf{k}$  to  $\mathbf{Q}$ . For  $f \in \mathbf{k}(x_0, \dots, x_{n-1})^{C_n}$ , we define a set  $[f]_{\text{conj}} := \{\text{all conjugates of } f \text{ over } K^{C_n}\}$  and we put  $\iota(f) := \#[f]_{\text{conj}}$ .

**Lemma 1** (Masuda [8]). *Suppose that there exist elements  $a_1, \dots, a_t \in \mathbf{k}(x_0, \dots, x_{n-1})^{C_n}$  such that  $\mathbf{k}(x_0, \dots, x_{n-1})^{C_n} = \mathbf{k}([a_i]_{\text{conj}} \mid 1 \leq i \leq t)$  and  $\sum_{i=1}^t \iota(a_i) = n$ . Let  $\omega_{i,1}, \dots, \omega_{i,\iota(a_i)}$  be a basis of  $\mathbf{k} \cap K^{C_n}(a_i)$  over  $\mathbf{Q}$ . If we write  $a_i = \sum_{j=1}^{\iota(a_i)} \omega_{i,j} m_{j,i}$ , ( $m_{j,i} \in K^{C_n}$ ), for  $i = 1, \dots, t$ , then  $K^{C_n} = \mathbf{Q}(m_{j,i} \mid 1 \leq i \leq t, 1 \leq j \leq \iota(a_i))$ .*

Indeed, in the next section, we shall give such elements  $a_1, \dots, a_t$  as in above lemma for  $n = 9, 10, 12, 14, 15$  explicitly. For a subgroup  $G = \langle \sigma, \tau_{\lambda_1}, \dots, \tau_{\lambda_r} \rangle$  of  $\text{Aff}(\mathbf{Z}/n\mathbf{Z})$  containing  $\mathbf{Z}/n\mathbf{Z}$ , we have from Lemma 1 that

$$\begin{aligned} K^G &= (K^{C_n})^{G/C_n} = (K^{(\sigma)})^{\langle \tau_{\lambda_1}, \dots, \tau_{\lambda_r} \rangle} \\ &= \mathbf{Q}(m_{j,i} \mid 1 \leq i \leq t, 1 \leq j \leq \iota(a_i))^{\langle \tau_{\lambda_1}, \dots, \tau_{\lambda_r} \rangle}. \end{aligned}$$

We also can obtain the action of  $\tau_{\lambda}$  on the transcendental basis  $\{m_{j,i}\}$  of  $K^{C_n}$  over  $\mathbf{Q}$  by using the equation  $\tau_{\lambda}(c_{j,k}) = \alpha_{\lambda^{-1}}(c_{j,k})$  for  $\lambda \in (\mathbf{Z}/n\mathbf{Z})^*$ , where  $\alpha_{\lambda} \in \text{Gal}(\mathbf{Q}(\zeta)/\mathbf{Q})$  such that  $\alpha_{\lambda}(\zeta) = \zeta^{\lambda}$ .

Let  $x_0^{(j)}, \dots, x_{n-1}^{(j)}$ , ( $j = 1, \dots, m$ ) be variables and  $L := K(x_0^{(1)}, \dots, x_{n-1}^{(1)}, \dots, x_0^{(m)}, \dots, x_{n-1}^{(m)})$ . It is well-known from the No-Name Lemma that if  $C_n$  acts on  $L$  as the cyclic permutation of the variables  $x^{(j)} : x_0 \mapsto \cdots \mapsto x_{n-1} \mapsto x_0$ ,  $x_0^{(j)} \mapsto \cdots \mapsto x_{n-1}^{(j)} \mapsto x_0^{(j)}$  for  $j = 1, \dots, m$ , then  $L^{C_n}$  is rational over  $K^{C_n}$  (cf. [10],[7, page 22]). Moreover we can give an explicit transcendental basis of  $L^{C_n}$  over  $K^{C_n}$ .

**Lemma 2** ([6]). *We have*

$$\begin{aligned} L^{C_n} &= K^{C_n}(\text{Tr}(x_0 x_0^{(1)}), \dots, \text{Tr}(x_0 x_{n-1}^{(1)}), \\ &\quad \dots, \text{Tr}(x_0 x_0^{(m)}), \dots, \text{Tr}(x_0 x_{n-1}^{(m)})), \end{aligned}$$

where  $\text{Tr}$  is the trace under the action of  $C_n$ .

*Proof.* The assertion follows from

$$\begin{aligned} L &= K(\text{Tr}(x_0 x_0^{(1)}), \dots, \text{Tr}(x_0 x_{n-1}^{(1)}), \\ &\quad \dots, \text{Tr}(x_0 x_0^{(m)}), \dots, \text{Tr}(x_0 x_{n-1}^{(m)})), \end{aligned}$$

(see also [6]).  $\square$

### 3. Explicit transcendental basis of $K^G$ .

We shall solve Noether's problem for subgroups  $G$  of  $\text{Aff}(\mathbf{Z}/n\mathbf{Z})$  containing  $\mathbf{Z}/n\mathbf{Z}$  for each degree  $n = 9, 10, 12, 14, 15$ .

For  $n = 9$ , the subgroups of  $\text{Aff}(\mathbf{Z}/9\mathbf{Z})$  containing  $\mathbf{Z}/9\mathbf{Z}$  are  $C_9 = \langle \sigma \rangle$ ,  $D_9 = \langle \sigma, \tau_{-1} \rangle (\cong C_9 \rtimes C_2)$ ,  $G_{9,3} := \langle \sigma, \tau_4 \rangle (\cong C_9 \rtimes C_3)$ ,  $\text{Aff}(\mathbf{Z}/9\mathbf{Z}) = \langle \sigma, \tau_2 \rangle (\cong C_9 \rtimes C_6)$ .

**Proposition 1.** *We have*

$$\begin{aligned} &\mathbf{k}(x_0, \dots, x_8)^{C_9} \\ &= \mathbf{k}(c_{0,1}, [c_{1,2} + c_{4,8} + c_{5,7}]_{\text{conj}}, [c_{1,4}]_{\text{conj}}). \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* We see easily that  $c_{0,1} = y_0 = x_0 + \cdots + x_8 \in K^{C_9}$ ,  $[c_{1,2}]_{\text{conj}} = \{c_{1,2}, c_{2,4}, c_{4,8}, c_{1,5}, c_{5,7}, c_{7,8}\}$  and  $[c_{1,4}]_{\text{conj}} = \{c_{1,4}, c_{2,8}, c_{4,7}, c_{2,5}, c_{1,7}, c_{5,8}\}$ . By using (1), we can obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} c_{1,1} &= \frac{c_{1,6}c_{7,8}}{c_{2,8}}, \quad c_{1,3} = \frac{c_{1,6}c_{7,8}}{c_{4,8}}, \quad c_{1,5} = \frac{c_{2,5}c_{7,8}}{c_{2,8}}, \\ c_{1,6} &= \frac{c_{1,2}c_{2,5}c_{4,7}}{c_{2,4}c_{5,7}}, \quad c_{1,7} = \frac{c_{1,2}c_{4,7}}{c_{4,8}}, \quad c_{1,8} = \frac{c_{1,6}c_{7,8}}{c_{0,1}}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore it follows from (2) that  $\mathbf{k}(x_0, \dots, x_8)^{C_9} = \mathbf{k}(c_{0,1}, [c_{1,2}]_{\text{conj}}, [c_{1,4}]_{\text{conj}})$ . And we have the following relations:

$$\begin{aligned} c_{1,5}c_{2,8} - c_{2,5}c_{7,8} &= 0, & c_{2,4}c_{5,8} - c_{2,5}c_{7,8} &= 0, \\ c_{1,2}c_{4,7} - c_{1,7}c_{4,8} &= 0, & c_{1,2}c_{4,7} - c_{1,4}c_{5,7} &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Put  $u_{1,2} := c_{1,2} + c_{4,8} + c_{5,7}$ ,  $u_{1,5} := c_{1,5} + c_{2,4} + c_{7,8}$ , then we have from above equations that

$$\begin{aligned} c_{4,8} &= \frac{c_{1,4}c_{4,7}u_{1,2}}{W_1}, & c_{5,7} &= \frac{c_{1,7}c_{4,7}u_{1,2}}{W_1}, \\ c_{2,4} &= \frac{c_{2,5}c_{2,8}u_{1,5}}{W_2}, & c_{7,8} &= \frac{c_{2,8}c_{5,8}u_{1,5}}{W_2}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $W_1 = c_{1,4}c_{1,7} + c_{1,4}c_{4,7} + c_{1,7}c_{4,7}$ ,  $W_2 = c_{2,5}c_{2,8} + c_{2,5}c_{5,8} + c_{2,8}c_{5,8}$ . The assertion follows from  $\mathbf{k}(x_0, \dots, x_8)^{C_9} = \mathbf{k}(c_{0,1}, u_{1,2}, u_{1,5}, [c_{1,4}]_{\text{conj}})$ .  $\square$

Thus it follows from Lemma 1 that

$$K^{C_9} = \mathbf{Q}(y_0, s'_1, s'_2, t'_1, t'_2, \dots, t'_6),$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} c_{1,2} + c_{4,8} + c_{5,7} &= s'_1 \zeta^3 + s'_2 \zeta^6, \\ c_{1,4} &= t'_1 \zeta + t'_2 \zeta^2 + \cdots + t'_6 \zeta^6. \end{aligned}$$

We see that the  $\tau_2$ -action on  $K^{C_9}$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned} y_0 &\mapsto y_0, s'_1 \leftrightarrow s'_2, \\ t'_1 &\mapsto t'_2 - t'_5, t'_2 \mapsto t'_4, t'_3 \leftrightarrow t'_6, t'_4 \mapsto -t'_5, t'_5 \mapsto t'_1, \end{aligned}$$

since  $\tau_2(c_{1,4}) = \alpha_5(c_{1,4})$ , where  $\alpha_5(\zeta) = \zeta^5$ . We use the following non-singular transformation

$$\begin{bmatrix} t_1 \\ t_2 \\ t_3 \\ t_4 \\ t_5 \\ t_6 \end{bmatrix} := \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} t'_1 \\ t'_2 \\ t'_3 \\ t'_4 \\ t'_5 \\ t'_6 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Then we have

$$K^{C_9} = \mathbf{Q}(y_0, s'_1, s'_2, t_1, t_2, \dots, t_6),$$

and the  $\tau_2$ -action on it can be described as

$$y_0 \mapsto y_0, s'_1 \leftrightarrow s'_2, t_1 \mapsto t_2 \mapsto \dots \mapsto t_6 \mapsto t_1.$$

We see that  $s'_1 = f_1^{(3)}/f_3^{(2)}$ ,  $s'_2 = f_2^{(3)}/f_3^{(2)}$ ,  $t_i = g_i^{(7)}/g_7^{(6)}$ , where  $f_j^{(k)}$ ,  $g_i^{(k)}$  are homogeneous elements of degree  $k$  in  $\mathbf{Q}[x_0, \dots, x_8]$  for  $j = 1, 2, 3$  and  $i = 1, \dots, 7$ . From Lemma 2, we put

$$s_1 := s'_1(t_1 + t_3 + t_5) + s'_2(t_2 + t_4 + t_6),$$

$$s_2 := s'_1(t_2 + t_4 + t_6) + s'_2(t_1 + t_3 + t_5),$$

then we see that  $s_1, s_2$  are  $\tau_2$ -invariants, i.e.  $\text{Aff}(\mathbf{Z}/9\mathbf{Z})$ -invariants, and we have

$$K^{C_9} = \mathbf{Q}(y_0, s_1, s_2, t_1, t_2, \dots, t_6).$$

For  $D_9$  and  $G_{9,3} = \langle \sigma, \tau_4 \rangle$ , since the  $\tau_{-1}$ -action (resp.  $\tau_4$ -action) on  $K^{C_9}$  above is given by  $t_1 \leftrightarrow t_4, t_2 \leftrightarrow t_5, t_3 \leftrightarrow t_6$  (resp.  $t_1 \mapsto t_3 \mapsto t_5 \mapsto t_1, t_2 \mapsto t_4 \mapsto t_6 \mapsto t_2$ ), we have from Lemma 2 that

$$\begin{aligned} K^{D_9} &= (K^{C_9})^{\langle \tau_{-1} \rangle} \\ &= \mathbf{Q}(y_0, s_1, s_2, t_1 + t_4, t_1 t_4, t_1 t_2 + t_4 t_5, \\ &\quad t_1 t_5 + t_2 t_4, t_1 t_3 + t_4 t_6, t_1 t_6 + t_3 t_4), \\ K^{G_{9,3}} &= (K^{C_9})^{\langle \tau_4 \rangle} \\ &= \mathbf{Q}\left(y_0, s_1, s_2, t_1 + t_3 + t_5, \frac{\text{Nr}(t_1 + t_3 - 2t_5)}{\text{Tr}(t_1^2 - t_1 t_3)}, \right. \\ &\quad \left. \frac{\text{Nr}(t_1 - t_3)}{\text{Tr}(t_1^2 - t_1 t_3)}, \text{Tr}(t_1 t_2), \text{Tr}(t_1 t_4), \text{Tr}(t_1 t_6)\right), \end{aligned}$$

where Nr and Tr are the norm and the trace under the action of  $\tau_4$ . Because it is well-known a transcendental basis of  $\mathbf{Q}(x_0, \dots, x_5)^{C_6} = \mathbf{Q}(z_1, \dots, z_6)$  over  $\mathbf{Q}$  (see, for example, [6]), we can obtain an explicit transcendental basis of  $K^{\text{Aff}(\mathbf{Z}/9\mathbf{Z})}$  over  $\mathbf{Q}$  by using  $z_1, \dots, z_6$ .

For  $n = 10$ , we see that the subgroups of  $\text{Aff}(\mathbf{Z}/10\mathbf{Z})$  containing  $\mathbf{Z}/10\mathbf{Z}$  are  $C_{10} = \langle \sigma \rangle$ ,  $D_{10} = \langle \sigma, \tau_{-1} \rangle$ ,  $\text{Aff}(\mathbf{Z}/10\mathbf{Z}) = \langle \sigma, \tau_3 \rangle (\cong C_{10} \rtimes C_4)$ . In the previous paper [6], we showed the following

**Proposition 2** ([6]). *We have*

$$\begin{aligned} &\mathbf{k}(x_0, \dots, x_9)^{C_{10}} \\ &= \mathbf{k}(c_{0,1}, [c_{1,4}]_{\text{conj}}, [c_{1,8}]_{\text{conj}}, c_{1,9} + c_{3,7}). \end{aligned}$$

Hence, by applying Lemma 1 to Proposition 2, we have

$$K^{C_{10}} = \mathbf{Q}(y_0, r_1, s'_1, \dots, s'_4, t_1, \dots, t_4),$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} r_1 &= c_{1,9} + c_{3,7}, \\ c_{1,4} &= s'_1 \zeta + s'_2 \zeta^3 + s'_4 \zeta^7 + s'_3 \zeta^9, \\ c_{1,8} &= t_1 \zeta + t_2 \zeta^3 + t_4 \zeta^7 + t_3 \zeta^9. \end{aligned}$$

And the action of  $\tau_3$  on it is given by

$$\begin{aligned} y_0 &\mapsto y_0, r_1 \mapsto r_1, \\ s'_1 &\mapsto s'_2 \mapsto s'_3 \mapsto s'_4 \mapsto s'_1, \\ t_1 &\mapsto t_2 \mapsto t_3 \mapsto t_4 \mapsto t_1. \end{aligned}$$

We also see that  $s'_i = f_i^{(5)}/f_5^{(4)}$ ,  $t_j = g_j^{(5)}/g_5^{(4)}$ , where  $f_i^{(k)}$ ,  $g_j^{(k)}$  are homogeneous elements of degree  $k$  in  $\mathbf{Q}[x_0, \dots, x_9]$  for  $i, j = 1, \dots, 5$ . From Lemma 2, we put  $s_i := \text{Tr}(s'_1 t_i)$  for  $i = 1, \dots, 4$ , where Tr is the trace under the action of  $\tau_3$ , then we see that  $s_1, \dots, s_4$  are  $\tau_3$ -invariants (i.e.  $\text{Aff}(\mathbf{Z}/10\mathbf{Z})$ -invariants) and we have

$$K^{C_{10}} = \mathbf{Q}(y_0, r_1, s_1, \dots, s_4, t_1, \dots, t_4).$$

Therefore if we put  $u_1 := t_1 + t_3$ ,  $u_2 := t_2 + t_4$ ,  $v_1 := t_1 - t_3$ ,  $v_2 := t_2 - t_4$ , then we get

$$\begin{aligned} K^{D_{10}} &= \mathbf{Q}(y_0, r_1, s_1, s_2, s_3, s_4, t_1 + t_3, \\ &\quad t_1 t_3, t_1 t_2 + t_3 t_4, t_1 t_4 + t_2 t_3), \\ K^{\text{Aff}(\mathbf{Z}/10\mathbf{Z})} &= \mathbf{Q}(y_0, r_1, s_1, \dots, s_4, u_1 + u_2, v_1^2 + v_2^2, \\ &\quad (u_1 - u_2)v_1 v_2, (u_1 - u_2)(v_1^2 - v_2^2)). \end{aligned}$$

For  $n = 12$ , the groups  $C_{12} = \langle \sigma \rangle$ ,  $D_{12} = \langle \sigma, \tau_{-1} \rangle$ ,  $G_{12,2}^{(1)} = \langle \sigma, \tau_5 \rangle$ ,  $G_{12,2}^{(2)} = \langle \sigma, \tau_7 \rangle$  and  $\text{Aff}(\mathbf{Z}/12\mathbf{Z}) = \langle \sigma, \tau_{-1}, \tau_5 \rangle (\cong C_{12} \rtimes (C_2 \times C_2))$  are subgroups of  $\text{Aff}(\mathbf{Z}/12\mathbf{Z})$  which contain  $\mathbf{Z}/12\mathbf{Z}$ .

**Proposition 3.** *We have*

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{k}(x_0, \dots, x_{11})^{C_{12}} &= \mathbf{k}(c_{0,1}, [c_{1,2} + c_{5,10}]_{\text{conj}}, [c_{1,3}]_{\text{conj}}, \\ &\quad [c_{1,5}]_{\text{conj}}, [c_{1,7}]_{\text{conj}}, c_{1,11} + c_{5,7}). \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* We have that  $c_{0,1} = y_0 = x_0 + \cdots + x_{11} \in K^{C_{12}}$ ,  $[c_{1,2}]_{\text{conj}} = \{c_{1,2}, c_{5,10}, c_{2,7}, c_{10,11}\}$ ,  $[c_{1,3}]_{\text{conj}} = \{c_{1,3}, c_{3,5}, c_{7,9}, c_{9,11}\}$ ,  $[c_{1,5}]_{\text{conj}} = \{c_{1,5}, c_{7,11}\}$ ,  $[c_{1,7}]_{\text{conj}} = \{c_{1,7}, c_{5,11}\}$  and  $[c_{1,11}]_{\text{conj}} = \{c_{1,11}, c_{5,7}\}$ . By using (1), we can obtain that

$$c_{1,1} = \frac{c_{0,1}c_{1,7}c_{1,11}}{c_{2,7}c_{9,11}}, \quad c_{1,4} = \frac{c_{0,1}c_{1,11}}{c_{5,11}}, \quad c_{1,6} = \frac{c_{0,1}c_{1,11}}{c_{7,11}},$$

$$c_{1,8} = \frac{c_{0,1}c_{1,11}}{c_{9,11}}, \quad c_{1,9} = \frac{c_{0,1}c_{1,11}}{c_{10,11}}, \quad c_{1,10} = \frac{c_{1,3}c_{5,10}}{c_{5,11}}.$$

Hence it follows from (2) that  $k(x_0, \dots, x_{11})^{C_{12}} = k(c_{0,1}, [c_{1,i}]_{\text{conj}} \mid i = 2, 3, 5, 7, 11)$  and we also have

$$c_{1,3}c_{5,10}c_{7,11} - c_{1,5}c_{7,9}c_{10,11} = 0,$$

$$c_{1,2}c_{5,7}c_{10,11} - c_{1,11}c_{2,7}c_{5,10} = 0,$$

$$c_{1,3}c_{5,7}c_{9,11} - c_{1,11}c_{3,5}c_{7,9} = 0.$$

Put  $u_{1,2} := c_{1,2} + c_{5,10}$ ,  $u_{2,7} := c_{2,7} + c_{10,11}$ ,  $u_{1,11} := c_{1,11} + c_{5,7}$ , then we have from above equations that

$$c_{5,10} = \frac{c_{7,9}(c_{3,5}c_{7,11}u_{1,2} - c_{1,5}c_{9,11}u_{2,7})}{c_{7,11}(c_{3,5}c_{7,9} - c_{1,3}c_{9,11})},$$

$$c_{10,11} = \frac{c_{1,3}(c_{3,5}c_{7,11}u_{1,2} - c_{1,5}c_{9,11}u_{2,7})}{c_{1,5}(c_{3,5}c_{7,9} - c_{1,3}c_{9,11})},$$

$$c_{5,7} = \frac{c_{3,5}c_{7,9}u_{1,11}}{c_{3,5}c_{7,9} + c_{1,3}c_{9,11}}.$$

Thus the assertion follows from  $k(x_0, \dots, x_{11})^{C_{12}} = k(c_{0,1}, u_{1,2}, u_{2,7}, [c_{1,3}]_{\text{conj}}, [c_{1,5}]_{\text{conj}}, [c_{1,7}]_{\text{conj}}, u_{1,11})$ .  $\square$

By applying Lemma 1 to Proposition 3, we have

$$K^{C_{12}} = \mathbf{Q}(y_0, r_1, s'_1, s'_2, s'_3, s'_4, t_1, t_2, u'_1, u'_2, v_1, v_2),$$

where

$$r_1 = c_{1,11} + c_{5,7},$$

$$c_{1,3} = s'_1\zeta + s'_2\zeta^2 + s'_3\zeta^3 + s'_4\zeta^4,$$

$$c_{1,5} = t_1(\zeta^2 - \zeta^4) + t_2\zeta^3,$$

$$c_{1,7} = u'_1\zeta^2 + u'_2\zeta^4,$$

$$c_{1,2} + c_{5,10} = v_1(\zeta^2 - \zeta^4) + v_2\zeta^3.$$

Since  $\zeta^2 - \zeta^4 = 1$ , we have that  $y_0, r_1, t_1, v_1$  are  $\text{Aff}(\mathbf{Z}/12\mathbf{Z})$ -invariants. From the equation  $\tau_\lambda(c_{j,k}) = \alpha_{\lambda^{-1}}(c_{j,k})$ , we obtain that the action of  $\tau_{-1}$  (resp.  $\tau_5, \tau_7$ ) on  $K^{C_{12}}$  above is given as follows:  $(s'_1, s'_2, s'_3, s'_4, t_2, u'_1, u'_2, v_2) \mapsto (s'_1, -s'_4, -(s'_1 + s'_3), -s'_2, -t_2, -u'_2, -u'_1, -v_2)$ , (resp.  $(-s'_1, -s'_4, s'_1 + s'_3, -s'_2, t_2, -u'_2, -u'_1, v_2)$ ,  $(-s_1, s_2, -s_3, s_4, -t_2, u'_1, u'_2, -v_2)$ ). Now we use the following bi-rational transformation:

$$\begin{cases} s_1 := s'_1, \\ s_2 := s'_2 + s'_4, \\ s_3 := s'_1 + 2s'_3, \\ s_4 := s'_2 - s'_4, \\ u_1 := u'_1 + u'_2, \\ u_2 := u'_1 - u'_2, \end{cases} \quad \begin{cases} s'_1 = s_1, \\ s'_2 = (s_2 + s_4)/2, \\ s'_3 = (-s_1 + s_3)/2, \\ s'_4 = (s_2 - s_4)/2, \\ u'_1 = (u_1 + u_2)/2, \\ u'_2 = (u_1 - u_2)/2. \end{cases}$$

Then we have that  $s_4, u_2$  are  $\text{Aff}(\mathbf{Z}/12\mathbf{Z})$ -invariants and  $\tau_{-1} : (s_1, s_2, s_3, u_1) \mapsto (s_1, -s_2, -s_3, -u_1)$ ,  $\tau_5 : (s_1, s_2, s_3, u_1) \mapsto (-s_1, -s_2, s_3, -u_1)$ ,  $\tau_7 = \tau_{-1}\tau_5$ . We put  $W := (y_0, r_1, s_4, t_1, u_2, v_1)$  then  $K^{C_{12}} = \mathbf{Q}(W, s_1, s_2, s_3, t_2, u_1, v_2)$ , and hence we get

$$K^{D_{12}} = \mathbf{Q}\left(W, s_1, s_2^2, \frac{s_3}{s_2}, \frac{t_2}{s_2}, \frac{u_1}{s_2}, \frac{v_2}{s_2}\right),$$

$$K^{G_{12,2}^{(1)}} = \mathbf{Q}\left(W, s_1^2, \frac{s_2}{s_1}, s_3, t_2, \frac{u_1}{s_1}, v_2\right),$$

$$K^{G_{12,2}^{(2)}} = \mathbf{Q}\left(W, s_1^2, s_2, \frac{s_3}{s_1}, \frac{t_2}{s_1}, u_1, \frac{v_2}{s_1}\right).$$

Since  $\tau_5$  acts on  $K^{D_{12}}$  as

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(s_1, s_2^2, \frac{s_3}{s_2}, \frac{t_2}{s_2}, \frac{u_1}{s_2}, \frac{v_2}{s_2}\right) \\ & \mapsto \left(-s_1, s_2^2, -\frac{s_3}{s_2}, -\frac{t_2}{s_2}, \frac{u_1}{s_2}, -\frac{v_2}{s_2}\right), \end{aligned}$$

we have

$$K^{\text{Aff}(\mathbf{Z}/12\mathbf{Z})} = \mathbf{Q}\left(W, s_1^2, s_2^2, \frac{s_3}{s_1 s_2}, \frac{t_2}{s_1 s_2}, \frac{u_1}{s_2}, \frac{v_2}{s_1 s_2}\right).$$

For  $n = 14$ , we have that the subgroups of  $\text{Aff}(\mathbf{Z}/14\mathbf{Z})$  containing  $\mathbf{Z}/14\mathbf{Z}$  are  $C_{14} = \langle \sigma \rangle$ ,  $D_{14} = \langle \sigma, \tau_{-1} \rangle$ ,  $G_{14,3} := \langle \sigma, \tau_9 \rangle (\cong C_{14} \times C_3)$ ,  $\text{Aff}(\mathbf{Z}/14\mathbf{Z}) = \langle \sigma, \tau_3 \rangle (\cong C_{14} \times C_6)$ .

**Proposition 4.** *We have*

$$k(x_0, \dots, x_{13})^{C_{14}} = k(c_{0,1}, [c_{1,6}]_{\text{conj}}, [c_{1,12}]_{\text{conj}}, c_{1,13} + c_{3,11} + c_{5,9}).$$

*Proof.* We have that  $c_{0,1} = y_0 = x_0 + \cdots + x_{13} \in K^{C_{14}}$ ,  $[c_{1,6}]_{\text{conj}} = \{c_{1,6}, c_{3,4}, c_{2,5}, c_{9,12}, c_{10,11}, c_{8,13}\}$ ,  $[c_{1,12}]_{\text{conj}} = \{c_{1,12}, c_{3,8}, c_{4,5}, c_{9,10}, c_{6,11}, c_{2,13}\}$  and  $[c_{1,13}]_{\text{conj}} = \{c_{1,13}, c_{3,11}, c_{5,9}\}$ . By using (1), we can obtain that

$$c_{1,1} = \frac{c_{0,1}c_{1,13}}{c_{2,13}}, \quad c_{1,2} = \frac{c_{1,5}c_{2,5}c_{6,11}c_{9,10}}{c_{0,1}c_{5,9}c_{10,11}},$$

$$c_{1,3} = \frac{c_{0,1}c_{1,13}c_{3,8}c_{10,11}}{c_{4,5}c_{8,13}c_{9,10}}, \quad c_{1,4} = \frac{c_{1,5}c_{3,4}c_{6,11}c_{9,10}}{c_{0,1}c_{5,9}c_{10,11}},$$

$$c_{1,5} = \frac{c_{0,1}c_{1,13}c_{2,5}}{c_{1,6}c_{2,13}}, \quad c_{1,7} = \frac{c_{0,1}c_{1,13}}{c_{8,13}},$$

$$c_{1,8} = \frac{c_{1,5}c_{3,8}c_{6,11}}{c_{0,1}c_{5,9}}, \quad c_{1,9} = \frac{c_{1,5}c_{3,4}c_{6,11}}{c_{4,5}c_{10,11}},$$

$$c_{1,10} = \frac{c_{1,13}c_{3,8}c_{10,11}}{c_{3,11}c_{8,13}}, \quad c_{1,11} = \frac{c_{1,5}c_{3,4}c_{6,11}}{c_{4,5}c_{9,12}}.$$

Thus it follows from (2) that  $k(x_0, \dots, x_{13})^{C_{14}} = k(c_{0,1}, [c_{1,6}]_{\text{conj}}, [c_{1,12}]_{\text{conj}}, [c_{1,13}]_{\text{conj}})$ . We also get the following two relations:

$$\begin{aligned} c_{1,6}c_{3,11}c_{4,5}c_{8,13}c_{9,10} - c_{1,13}c_{3,4}c_{3,8}c_{6,11}c_{10,11} &= 0, \\ c_{2,5}c_{3,11}c_{4,5}c_{9,10}c_{9,12} - c_{1,12}c_{2,13}c_{3,4}c_{5,9}c_{10,11} &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Put  $r_1 := c_{1,13} + c_{3,11} + c_{5,9}$ , then we have

$$\begin{aligned} c_{3,11} &= \frac{c_{1,12}c_{2,13}c_{3,4}c_{3,8}c_{6,11}c_{10,11}r_1}{c_{1,6}c_{8,13}v_1v_2 + c_{2,5}c_{9,12}v_2v_3 + c_{3,4}c_{10,11}v_1v_3}, \\ c_{5,9} &= \frac{c_{2,5}c_{3,8}c_{4,5}c_{6,11}c_{9,10}c_{9,12}r_1}{c_{1,6}c_{8,13}v_1v_2 + c_{2,5}c_{9,12}v_2v_3 + c_{3,4}c_{10,11}v_1v_3}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $v_1 = c_{1,12}c_{2,13}$ ,  $v_2 = c_{4,5}c_{9,10}$ ,  $v_3 = c_{3,8}c_{6,11}$ . Hence the assertion follows.  $\square$

From Lemma 1 we have

$$K^{C_{14}} = \mathbf{Q}(y_0, r_1, s'_1, \dots, s'_6, t_1, \dots, t_6),$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} r_1 &= c_{1,13} + c_{3,11} + c_{5,9}, \\ c_{1,6} &= s'_1\zeta + s'_2\zeta^3 + s'_3\zeta^9 + s'_4\zeta^{13} + s'_5\zeta^{11} + s'_6\zeta^5, \\ c_{1,12} &= t_1\zeta + t_2\zeta^3 + t_3\zeta^9 + t_4\zeta^{13} + t_5\zeta^{11} + t_6\zeta^5, \end{aligned}$$

and the  $\tau_3$ -action on it is given by

$$\begin{aligned} y_0 &\mapsto y_0, \quad r_1 \mapsto r_1, \\ s'_1 &\mapsto s'_2 \mapsto \dots \mapsto s'_6 \mapsto s'_1, \\ t_1 &\mapsto t_2 \mapsto \dots \mapsto t_6 \mapsto t_1, \end{aligned}$$

since  $\tau_3(c_{1,k}) = \alpha_5(c_{1,k})$  for  $k = 6, 12$ . From Lemma 2, we put  $s_i := \text{Tr}(s'_i t_i)$  for  $i = 1, \dots, 6$ , where  $\text{Tr}$  is the trace under the action of  $\tau_3$ , then we see that  $s_1, \dots, s_6$  are  $\text{Aff}(\mathbf{Z}/14\mathbf{Z})$ -invariants and

$$K^{C_{14}} = \mathbf{Q}(y_0, r_1, s_1, \dots, s_6, t_1, \dots, t_6).$$

Therefore we obtain an explicit transcendental basis of  $K^{D_{14}}, K^{G_{14,3}}$  and  $K^{\text{Aff}(\mathbf{Z}/14\mathbf{Z})}$  by using the same manner as in the case  $n = 9$ .

For  $n = 15$ , we see that the subgroups of  $\text{Aff}(\mathbf{Z}/15\mathbf{Z})$  containing  $\mathbf{Z}/15\mathbf{Z}$  are  $C_{15} = \langle \sigma \rangle$ ,  $D_{15} = \langle \sigma, \tau_{-1} \rangle$ ,  $G_{15,2}^{(1)} := \langle \sigma, \tau_4 \rangle$ , ( $\cong C_{15} \rtimes C_2 \cong C_5 \times C_6 \cong D_5 \times C_3$ ),  $G_{15,2}^{(2)} := \langle \sigma, \tau_{11} \rangle$ , ( $\cong C_{15} \rtimes C_2 \cong S_3 \times C_5$ ),  $G_{15,2,2} := \langle \sigma, \tau_{-1}, \tau_4 \rangle$  ( $\cong C_{15} \rtimes (C_2 \times C_2)$ ),  $G_{15,4} := \langle \sigma, \tau_2 \rangle$  ( $\cong C_{15} \times C_4$ ),  $\text{Aff}(\mathbf{Z}/15\mathbf{Z}) = \langle \sigma, \tau_{-1}, \tau_2 \rangle$  ( $\cong C_{15} \times (C_2 \times C_4)$ ). We note that there are precisely 4 groups of order thirty (i.e.  $C_{30}, D_{15}, G_{15,2}^{(1)}, G_{15,2}^{(2)}$ ), (cf. [13]).

**Proposition 5.** *We have*

$$\begin{aligned} &k(x_0, \dots, x_{14})^{C_{15}} \\ &= k(c_{0,1}, [c_{1,4} + c_{11,14}]_{\text{conj}}, [c_{1,7}]_{\text{conj}}, [c_{1,11}]_{\text{conj}}). \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* We have that  $c_{0,1} = y_0 = x_0 + \dots + x_{14} \in K^{C_{15}}$ ,  $[c_{1,4}]_{\text{conj}} = \{c_{1,4}, c_{2,8}, c_{7,13}, c_{11,14}\}$ ,  $[c_{1,7}]_{\text{conj}} = \{c_{1,7}, c_{2,14}, c_{4,13}, c_{4,7}, c_{8,11}, c_{2,11}, c_{1,13}, c_{8,14}\}$  and  $[c_{1,11}]_{\text{conj}} = \{c_{1,11}, c_{2,7}, c_{4,14}, c_{8,13}\}$ . By using (1), we can obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} c_{1,1} &= \frac{c_{1,7}c_{8,14}}{c_{2,14}}, \quad c_{1,2} = \frac{c_{1,13}c_{4,14}}{c_{4,13}}, \quad c_{1,3} = \frac{c_{1,7}c_{8,14}}{c_{4,14}}, \\ c_{1,5} &= \frac{c_{1,7}c_{8,13}}{c_{7,13}}, \quad c_{1,6} = \frac{c_{1,13}c_{8,14}}{c_{8,13}}, \quad c_{1,8} = \frac{c_{2,7}c_{8,14}}{c_{2,14}}, \\ c_{1,9} &= \frac{c_{1,7}c_{2,8}}{c_{2,7}}, \quad c_{1,10} = \frac{c_{1,7}c_{8,14}}{c_{11,14}}, \\ c_{1,12} &= \frac{c_{1,7}c_{2,11}c_{8,14}}{c_{1,11}c_{2,14}}, \quad c_{1,14} = \frac{c_{1,7}c_{8,14}}{c_{0,1}}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore from (2) we have  $k(x_0, \dots, x_{14})^{C_{15}} = k(c_{0,1}, [c_{1,4}]_{\text{conj}}, [c_{1,7}]_{\text{conj}}, [c_{1,11}]_{\text{conj}})$ . And we can obtain the following two relations:

$$\begin{aligned} c_{1,7}c_{2,8}c_{4,13} - c_{1,13}c_{4,7}c_{11,14} &= 0, \\ c_{1,4}c_{2,14}c_{8,11} - c_{2,11}c_{7,13}c_{8,14} &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Put  $u_{1,4} := c_{1,4} + c_{11,14}$ ,  $u_{2,8} := c_{2,8} + c_{7,13}$ , then we have

$$\begin{aligned} c_{11,14} &= \frac{c_{1,7}c_{4,13}(c_{2,14}c_{8,11}u_{1,4} - c_{2,11}c_{8,14}u_{2,8})}{c_{1,7}c_{2,14}c_{4,13}c_{8,11} - c_{1,13}c_{2,11}c_{4,7}c_{8,14}}, \\ c_{7,13} &= -\frac{c_{2,14}c_{8,11}(c_{1,13}c_{4,7}u_{1,4} - c_{1,7}c_{4,13}u_{2,8})}{c_{1,7}c_{2,14}c_{4,13}c_{8,11} - c_{1,13}c_{2,11}c_{4,7}c_{8,14}}. \end{aligned}$$

This proves the assertion.  $\square$

From Lemma 1 we have

$$K^{C_{15}} = \mathbf{Q}(y_0, r'_1, r'_2, s'_1, \dots, s'_4, t'_1, \dots, t'_4, u_1, \dots, u_4),$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} c_{1,4} + c_{11,14} &= r'_1(\zeta + \zeta^4 + \zeta^{11} + \zeta^{14}) \\ &\quad + r'_2(\zeta^2 + \zeta^7 + \zeta^8 + \zeta^{13}), \\ c_{1,7} &= s'_1\zeta + s'_2\zeta^2 + s'_3\zeta^4 + s'_4\zeta^8 \\ &\quad + t'_1\zeta^{14} + t'_2\zeta^{13} + t'_3\zeta^{11} + t'_4\zeta^7, \\ c_{1,11} &= u_1(\zeta + \zeta^{11}) + u_2(\zeta^2 + \zeta^7) \\ &\quad + u_3(\zeta^4 + \zeta^{14}) + u_4(\zeta^8 + \zeta^{13}). \end{aligned}$$

And the actions of  $\tau_{-1}$  and  $\tau_2$  on  $K^{C_{15}}$  are given by

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_{-1} : y_0 &\mapsto y_0, \quad r'_1 \mapsto r'_1, \quad r'_2 \mapsto r'_2, \quad s'_1 \leftrightarrow t'_1, \\ s'_2 &\leftrightarrow t'_2, \quad s'_3 \leftrightarrow t'_3, \quad s'_4 \leftrightarrow t'_4, \quad u_1 \leftrightarrow u_3, \quad u_2 \leftrightarrow u_4, \\ \tau_2 : y_0 &\mapsto y_0, \quad r'_1 \leftrightarrow r'_2, \quad s'_1 \mapsto s'_2 \mapsto s'_3 \mapsto s'_4 \mapsto s'_1, \\ t'_1 &\mapsto t'_2 \mapsto t'_3 \mapsto t'_4 \mapsto t'_1, \quad u_1 \mapsto u_2 \mapsto u_3 \mapsto u_4 \mapsto u_1. \end{aligned}$$

We also have  $\tau_4 = \tau_2^2, \tau_{11} = \tau_{-1}\tau_4$ . Using Lemma 2, we put  $r_1 := \text{Tr}(r'_1 u_1), r_2 := \text{Tr}(r'_2 u_1), s_i := \text{Tr}(s'_i u_1), t_i := \text{Tr}(t'_i u_1)$  for  $i = 1, \dots, 4$ , where  $\text{Tr}$  is the trace under the action of  $\tau_2$ . We see that  $y_0, r_1, r_2$  are  $\text{Aff}(\mathbf{Z}/15\mathbf{Z})$ -invariants. Hence we put  $W = (y_0, r_1, r_2)$  then we have

$$K^{C_{15}} = \mathbf{Q}(W, s_1, \dots, s_4, t_1, \dots, t_4, u_1, \dots, u_4).$$

The  $\tau_{-1}$ -action on  $K^{C_{15}}$  above is given by  $s_1 \leftrightarrow t_1, s_2 \leftrightarrow t_2, s_3 \leftrightarrow t_3, s_4 \leftrightarrow t_4, u_1 \leftrightarrow u_3, u_2 \leftrightarrow u_4$  and  $\tau_2$  acts on  $s_1, \dots, s_4, t_1, \dots, t_4$  trivially and the  $u_i$ 's as  $u_1 \mapsto u_2 \mapsto u_3 \mapsto u_4 \mapsto u_1$ . Therefore we can easily obtain an explicit transcendental basis of  $K^{D_{15}}, K^{G_{15,2}^{(1)}}, K^{G_{15,2}^{(2)}}, K^{G_{15,2,2}}, K^{G_{15,4}}$  and  $K^{\text{Aff}(\mathbf{Z}/15\mathbf{Z})}$  using the same way as in the case  $n = 10$ .

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