2. Galois Subfields of Abelian Function Field of Two Variables

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Let L be an abelian function field of two variables over C, and K be a Galois subfield of L, i.e., L is a finite algebraic Galois extension of K. We classify such K by a suitable complex representation of the Galois group G = Gal(L/K).

Let A be the abelian surface with the function field L. Since $g \in G$ induces an automorphism of A, we have a complex representation gz = M(g)z + t(g), where $M(g) \in GL_2(C)$, $z \in C^2$, and $t(g) \in C^2$. Fixing the representation, we put $G_0 = \{g \in G \mid M(g) = 1_2\}$, $H = \{M(g) \mid g \in G\}$ and $H_1 = \{M(g) \in H \mid det M(g) = 1\}$. Then we have the following exact sequences of groups:

$$1 \xrightarrow{} G_0 \xrightarrow{} G \xrightarrow{} H \xrightarrow{} 1,$$

$$1 \xrightarrow{} H_1 \xrightarrow{} H \xrightarrow{d} C_n \xrightarrow{} 1,$$

where d(M(g)) = detM(g), and H/H_1 is a cyclic group C_n of order $n \leq 12$. The quotient surface A/G_0 is also an abelian surface. Note that the function field of the surface A/G is isomorphic to K.

Definition. We call H a holonomy part of the complex representation of G.

The holonomy part is completely determined by Fujiki [1], in which he studies automorphisms fixing the origin. By a slightly different method from his, i.e., by considering Sylow groups of H, we can show the following readily.

Proposition 1. The order of H is 5, 10 or $2^a \cdot 3^b$, where $a \le 5$ and $b \le 2$. Since the commutative group G_0 is a normal subgroup of G, we have **Corollary 2.** The Galois group G is solvable.

The main purpose of this note is to classify K by using the holonomy part. But we have no suitable language in the category of fields, so we do the classification in the equivalent category, i.e., using the language of the birational classification of algebraic surfaces. Note that in the case of elliptic curve E the similar classification is simple, i.e., E/G is rational if and only if H is not trivial.

Let [x, y] denote the diagonal matrix $\begin{pmatrix} x & 0 \\ 0 & y \end{pmatrix}$ and e_n denote $exp(2\pi \sqrt{-1}/n)$. Then we have

Lemma 3. If H contains $[e_n, e_n]$, where n = 3, 4, 6, then A is isomorphic to $E \times E$, where $E = C/(1, e_n)$.

Since each $M \in H$ defines also an automorphism of A, the quotient