

## THE JACOBIAN OF A CYCLIC QUOTIENT OF A FERMAT CURVE

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### § 0. Introduction

Fix a positive integer  $m$ . Let  $F_m$  denote the Fermat curve over  $\mathbf{Q}$  of degree  $m$ , given by the projective equation

$$X^m + Y^m + Z^m = 0.$$

Let  $\mu_m \subseteq \bar{\mathbf{Q}}$  be the group of  $m$ -th roots of unity,  $\Delta$  be the image of  $\mu_m$  in  $\mu_m^3$  under the diagonal embedding, and let  $G_m = \mu_m^3/\Delta$ . Then  $G_m$  acts on  $F_m$  as follows:

$$(\xi_1, \xi_2, \xi_3) \bmod \Delta: (X, Y, Z) \longrightarrow (\xi_1 X, \xi_2 Y, \xi_3 Z).$$

The group ring  $\mathbf{Z}[G_m]$  acts on the Jacobian  $J_m$  of  $F_m$ . Let  $K = \mathbf{Q}(\mu_m)$ . Then  $J_m/K$  has CM by  $\mathbf{Z}[G_m]$  [4].

Let  $a, b, c \in \mathbf{Z}$ , with  $a + b + c = 0$ ,  $(a, b, c, m) = 1$ , and none of  $a, b, c$  divisible by  $m$ . Let  $\Gamma_{a,b,c}^m$  be the following subgroup of  $G_m$ :

$$\{(\xi_1, \xi_2, \xi_3) \in \mu_m^3 \mid \xi_1^a \xi_2^b \xi_3^c = 1\} / \Delta.$$

Then the quotient curve

$$F_{a,b,c}^m = \Gamma_{a,b,c}^m \backslash F_m$$

is defined over  $\mathbf{Q}$ , and has equation  $y^m = (-1)^c x^a (1-x)^b$ . Its Jacobian  $J_{a,b,c}^m$  has CM by

$$\mathbf{Z}[G_m/\Gamma_{a,b,c}^m].$$

Let  $g$  be a generator of the cyclic group  $G_m/\Gamma_{a,b,c}^m$  and let  $f_m(x)$  denote the  $m$ -th cyclotomic polynomial. Then the sum of the images of the maps

$$J_{a,b,c}^d \longrightarrow J_{a,b,c}^m$$

induced from  $F_{a,b,c}^m \rightarrow F_{a,b,c}^d$ ,  $(x, y) \rightarrow (x, y^{m/d})$ , as  $d$  varies over the set of

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proper divisors of  $m$ , generates the abelian subvariety  $f_m(g)J_{a,b,c}^m$  of  $J_{a,b,c}^m$ . We define  $(J_{a,b,c}^m)^{\text{new}}$  to be the quotient of  $J_{a,b,c}^m$  by  $f_m(g)J_{a,b,c}^m$ .

In [8], Koblitz-Rohrlich determined the necessary and sufficient conditions for  $(J_{a,b,c}^m)^{\text{new}}$  to be non-simple and its decomposition into simple factors up to isogeny in the case when  $(m, 6) = 1$ . Aoki [1] has solved this problem for all sufficiently large  $m$ . In §2, we use the above mentioned results to determine the ring of rational endomorphisms of some non-simple  $(J_{a,b,c}^m)^{\text{new}}$ .

In the rest of this paper, we let  $p$  be an odd prime, fix a cyclic quotient curve of  $F_p$  and denote its Jacobian by  $A$ . From the work of Koblitz-Rohrlich [8] and Schmidt [12], we know that  $A$  is either absolutely simple or isogeneous to a cube of an absolutely simple abelian variety over the  $p$ -th cyclotomic field  $\mathbf{Q}(\mu_p)$ . When  $A$  is simple,  $\text{End}(A)$  is isomorphic to the ring of integers in  $\mathbf{Q}(\mu_p)$ . In §4, we shall completely characterize the endomorphism ring of  $A$  whenever it is non-simple. We then use this information to show in §6 that  $A$  is in fact isomorphic over  $\mathbf{Q}(\mu_p)$  to a cube of a simple abelian variety. A special case of this result ( $p = 7$ ) is that the Jacobian  $\text{Jac}(C)$  of the Klein curve

$$C: X^3Y + Y^3Z + Z^3X = 0$$

is isomorphic to a cube of an elliptic curve [10] (in fact, the elliptic modular curve  $J_0(49)$ ).

## §1. Preliminaries

For the Fermat curve  $F_m$ , let  $x = X/Z$  and  $y = Y/Z$ . Now let  $r, s, t \in \mathbf{Z}$ ,  $0 < r, s, t < m$  and  $r + s + t \equiv 0 \pmod{m}$ . Then

$$w_{r,s,t} = x^{r-1}y^{s-1} \frac{dx}{y^{m-1}}$$

is a differential form of the second kind on  $F_m$ .  $G_m$  is generated by  $\sigma = (\zeta, 1, 1)$  and  $\tau = (1, \zeta, 1)$ , where  $\zeta$  is a fixed primitive  $m$ -th root of unity, and the forms  $w_{r,s,t}$  are eigenforms for the action of  $G_m$ :  $(\sigma^j \tau^k)^* w_{r,s,t} = \zeta^{rj+sk} w_{r,s,t}$ . Since the characters on  $(\mathbf{Z}/m\mathbf{Z})^2$  are mutually distinct,

$$\Omega = \{w_{r,s,t} \mid 0 < r, s, t < m, r + s + t \equiv 0 \pmod{m}\}$$

is a basis of the de Rham cohomology  $H_{\text{DR}}^1(F_m)$ .  $\Omega_1 = \{w_{r,s,t} \in \Omega \mid r + s + t = m\}$  is a basis for  $H^0(F_m, \Omega^1)$  in the Hodge splitting of  $H_{\text{DR}}^1(F_m)$ .

The set of elements of  $\mathcal{O}$  invariant under the action of  $\Gamma_{a,b,c}^m$  descends to a basis of eigenforms for  $H_{\text{DR}}^1(J_{a,b,c}^m)$  under the action of  $\mathbf{Z}[G_m/\Gamma_{a,b,c}^m]$ .  $(J_{a,b,c}^m)^{\text{new}} = J^{\text{new}}$  has CM (in the sense of Shimura-Taniyama) by the ring of integers

$$\mathbf{Z}[G_m/\Gamma_{a,b,c}^m]/(f_m(g)) \approx \mathcal{O}_K$$

of  $K = \mathbf{Q}(\mu_m)$ , with CM type

$$H_{a,b,c}^m = \{h \in (\mathbf{Z}/m\mathbf{Z})^* \mid \langle ha \rangle + \langle hb \rangle + \langle hc \rangle = m\},$$

where  $\langle h \rangle$  denotes the unique representative of  $h$  modulo  $m$  between 0 and  $m - 1$ .

Let  $\mathcal{E}$  denote the set of positive integers  $m$  which are different from each of the following numbers:

$$\begin{aligned} &2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 10, 12, 14, 15, 18, 20, 21, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, \\ &36, 39, 40, 42, 48, 54, 60, 66, 72, 78, 84, 90, 120, 156, 180. \end{aligned}$$

Then from the works of Koblitz-Rohrlich (for the cases where  $m$  is relatively prime to 6) [8] and Aoki [1], for  $m \in \mathcal{E}$ ,  $J^{\text{new}}$  is non-simple if and only if

- (1)  $(a, b, c)$  is equivalent to  $(1, r, -(1+r))$ , where  $1 + r + r^2 \equiv 0 \pmod{m}$ , or
- (2)  $(a, b, c)$  is equivalent to  $(1, s, -(1+s))$ , where  $s^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$  and  $s \not\equiv \pm 1 \pmod{m}$ , and  $s \neq m/2 + 1$  if  $2^3 \mid m$ , or
- (3)  $(a, b, c)$  is equivalent to  $(1, 1, -2)$ , with  $2^2 \mid m$ , or
- (4)  $(a, b, c)$  is equivalent to  $(1, m/2 + 1, m/2 - 2)$ , with  $2^3 \mid m$ .

In case (1),  $J^{\text{new}}$  is isogeneous to a cube of an absolutely simple abelian variety. In cases (2) and (3),  $J^{\text{new}}$  is isogeneous to a square of a simple abelian variety. Finally in case (4),  $J^{\text{new}}$  is isogeneous to  $X^4$  for some simple abelian variety  $X$ .

We shall denote  $J^{\text{new}}$  by  $A$  and  $B$  in the first and second cases respectively.

Let  $\rho$  be the automorphism of  $F_m$  given by

$$(X, Y, Z) \longrightarrow (Z, X, Y).$$

Let  $\Gamma_A$  and  $\mathcal{J}_A$  denote the  $\Gamma_{a,b,c}^m$  and  $\mathcal{J}_{a,b,c}^m$  associated with  $A$ . Since

$$\rho \Gamma_A \rho^{-1} \subseteq \Gamma_A,$$

$\rho$  induces an automorphism of  $G_m/\Gamma_A$  by conjugation. We note that  $f_m(x^i)$

is divisible by  $f_m(x)$  if  $l$  and  $m$  are relatively prime. Hence, if  $g$  is a generator of  $G_m/\Gamma_A$ , then

$$\rho f_m(g)J_A = f_m(\rho g \rho^{-1})J_A \subseteq f_m(g)J_A.$$

So  $\rho$  induces an automorphism  $\rho$  of  $A$  such that the following diagram commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} J_m & \xrightarrow{\rho} & J_m \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ J_A & \xrightarrow{\rho} & J_A \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ A & \xrightarrow{\rho} & A \end{array}.$$

Let  $\iota \in \text{Aut}(F_m)$  be given by

$$\iota: (X, Y, Z) \longrightarrow (Y, X, Z).$$

Then we have a similar commutative diagram to the one above with  $(A, \rho)$  replaced by  $(B, \iota)$ .

Since

$$H^{1,0}(J^{\text{new}}, \mathbf{C}) = \bigoplus_{h \in H_{a,b,c}^m} V(\langle ha \rangle, \langle hb \rangle, \langle hc \rangle),$$

where

$$V(a, b, c) = \{\eta \in H^1(F_m, \mathbf{C}) \mid g^* \eta = \xi_1^a \xi_2^b \xi_3^c \eta \text{ for all } g = (\xi_1, \xi_2, \xi_3) \in G_m\},$$

a basis of holomorphic differential forms for  $H^0(J^{\text{new}}, \Omega^1)$  is

$$\{w_{\langle ha \rangle, \langle hb \rangle, \langle hc \rangle} \mid h \in H_{a,b,c}^m\}.$$

The following lemma shows that the abelian varieties  $A$  and  $B$  are isogeneous to

$$\prod_{i=0}^2 A/\langle g_i \rangle \quad \text{and} \quad \prod_{i=0}^1 B/\langle h_i \rangle$$

respectively, where  $g_i$  and  $h_i$  denote  $\sigma^i \rho \sigma^{-i}$  and  $\sigma^i \iota \sigma^{-i}$  respectively.

LEMMA 1.1.  $H^0(J_A, \Omega^1)^{\langle g_i \rangle}$  is spanned by

$$g_i^* \{w_{r,s} \mid w_{r,s} \in H^0(J_A, \Omega^1)\},$$

and  $H^0(J_A, \Omega^1) = \bigoplus_{i=0}^2 H^0(J_A, \Omega^1)^{\langle g_i \rangle}$ . Similar statements hold for  $H^0(J_B, \Omega^1)$ ,  $h_0$  and  $h_1$ .

*Proof.* Let  $V_l$  and  $W_l$  denote  $(1 + g_l + g_l^2)^* H^0(J_A, \Omega^1)$  and  $H^0(J_A, \Omega^1)^{\langle g_l \rangle}$  respectively. Then  $V_l \subseteq W_l$  and  $\dim V_l = \dim H^0(J_A, \Omega^1)/3$  by definition.

We claim that  $W_j \cap (W_k + W_l) = \{0\}$  when  $\{j, k, l\} = \{0, 1, 2\}$ . We verify this for  $j = 0$ ,  $k = 1$  and  $l = 2$ . The other cases are treated similarly.

Let  $w_0 = w_1 + w_2$ , where  $w_l \in W_l$  ( $l = 0, 1, 2$ ). Then  $w_1 = (\sigma\rho\sigma^{-1})^* w_0 - (\sigma\rho\sigma^{-1})^* w_2 = (\sigma^{-(r+2)})^* w_0 - (\sigma^{r+2})^* w_2$ . Therefore,  $(\sigma^{-(r+2)} - 1)^* w_0 = (1 - \sigma^{r+2})^* w_2$ . Applying  $(\sigma^{r+2})^*$  to both sides of the latter equation, we obtain  $(1 - \sigma^{r+2})^* (w_0 - (\sigma^{r+2})^* w_2) = 0$ . In particular,

$$w_0 - (\sigma^{r+2})^* w_2 \in H^0(F_A/\langle\sigma\rangle, \Omega^1) \approx H^0(\mathbf{P}^1, \Omega^1).$$

Hence,  $w_0 = \rho^* w_0 = \rho^* (\sigma^{r+2})^* w_2 = (\sigma^{r+2} \rho)^* w_2 = (\sigma^2)^* (\sigma^2 \rho \sigma^{-2})^* w_2 = (\sigma^2)^* w_2$ , and  $(\sigma^r)^* w_2 = w_2$ . So,  $w_2 = 0$ , and  $w_0 = w_1 \in W_0 \cap W_1$ , which we can show to be  $\{0\}$ , as before.  $\square$

Let  $A_l = A/\langle g_l \rangle$  and  $B_l = B/\langle h_l \rangle$ . Then each  $A_l$  and  $B_l$  is simple, and admits CM by the ring of integers in  $L = K^{\langle r \rangle}$  and  $M = K^{\langle s \rangle}$  respectively. To be precise, the endomorphisms  $\sigma + \sigma^r + \sigma^{r^2}$  and  $\sigma + \sigma^s$  of  $A$  and  $B$  descend to endomorphisms on  $A_0$  and  $B_0$  respectively. We identify the products  $\prod_{i=0}^2 A_i$  and  $\prod_{i=0}^1 B_i$  with  $(A_0)^3$  and  $(B_0)^2$  respectively through fixed isomorphisms  $A_i \xrightarrow{\cong} A_0$  and  $B_i \xrightarrow{\cong} B_0$ .

Let us fix some terminology. (1) If  $R$  is a ring, let  $\Delta_n(R)$  be the subspace of the ring of  $n \times n$ -matrices  $M_n(R)$  with entries in  $R$  consisting of all the diagonal elements. If  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n \in R$ , let  $\Delta(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)$  be the matrix  $(\alpha_{i,j})$  in  $\Delta_n(R)$  with  $\alpha_{i,j} = \delta_{i,j} \alpha_j$ .

(2) If  $X$  is an abelian variety, we associate to an endomorphism  $\phi$  of  $X^n$ , the matrix  $U_\phi$  in  $M_n(\text{End}(X))$ , if on points,  $\phi: \begin{pmatrix} P_1 \\ \vdots \\ P_n \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow U_\phi \cdot \begin{pmatrix} P_1 \\ \vdots \\ P_n \end{pmatrix}$ .

(3) Let  $\phi: X \rightarrow Y$  be an isogeny of degree  $N$ . Let  $\bar{\phi}: Y \rightarrow X$  be such that  $\bar{\phi}\phi$  is multiplication by  $N$  on  $X$ . Let  $F_\phi: \text{End}^0(X) \rightarrow \text{End}^0(Y)$  map  $\alpha$  in  $\text{End}(X)$  to  $N^{-1}(\phi\alpha\bar{\phi})$  in  $\text{End}^0(Y)$ .

## § 2. Rational endomorphisms

Let  $\Sigma_l$  be a basis for  $H^0(A_l, \Omega^1)$  consisting of forms of the type  $(1 + g_l + g_l^2)^* w_{r,s}$ . Then  $\Sigma = \bigcup_{l=0}^2 \Sigma_l$  is a basis for  $H^0(A, \Omega^1)$ . The main result in this section is

PROPOSITION 2.1. *Let  $m \in \mathcal{E}$ . Then the following sequences are exact:*

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\longrightarrow (f_m(\sigma)) \longrightarrow \mathbf{Q}[\sigma, \rho] \longrightarrow \text{End}^0(A) \longrightarrow 0, \\ 0 &\longrightarrow (f_m(\sigma)) \longrightarrow \mathbf{Q}[\sigma, \iota] \longrightarrow \text{End}^0(B) \longrightarrow 0. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* We will prove that  $F: \mathbf{Q}[\sigma, \rho] \rightarrow \text{End}^0(A_0^3) = M_3(L)$  is surjective. Since  $f_m(\sigma) \in \text{Ker}(F)$ , a dimension argument shows that the first sequence is exact. We omit the proof of exactness of the second sequence.

The matrices for  $(1 + g_l + g_l^2)^*$  on  $H^0(A, \Omega^1)$ , with respect to the basis  $\Sigma$  are:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ M_0 & 0 & 0 \\ N_0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & M_1 & 0 \\ 0 & N_1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & M_2 \\ 0 & 0 & N_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

for  $l = 0, 1, 2$  respectively.

Now  $w_{1,r} \in H^0(A, \Omega^1)$  and

$$(1 + g_0 + g_0^2)^*(1 + g_1 + g_1^2)^*w_{1,r} = (1 + \zeta^{r^2+1} + \zeta^{r^2+2})(1 + g_0 + g_0^2)^*w_{1,r}.$$

Let  $l \in (\mathbf{Z}/m\mathbf{Z})^* - \{1, (r^2 + 1)(r^2 + 2)^{-1}, (r^2 + 1)(r^2 + 2)^{-1}\}$ . Since  $\{\zeta^a \mid a \in (\mathbf{Z}/m\mathbf{Z})^*\}$  is a  $\mathbf{Z}$ -basis for  $\mathcal{O}_K$ ,  $\zeta^{r^2+1}$ ,  $\zeta^{(r^2+1)l}$ ,  $\zeta^{(r^2+2)}$ ,  $\zeta^{(r^2+2)l}$  are linearly independent over  $\mathbf{Q}$ . Thus  $\zeta^{r^2+1} + \zeta^{r^2+2}$  is not in  $\mathbf{Q}$ , and  $1 + \zeta^{r^2+1} + \zeta^{r^2+2} \neq 0$ . This shows that the matrix  $M_0$  is not the null matrix. In a similar way, we can prove that  $N_0, M_1, N_1, M_2$  and  $N_2$  are not zero. Then, in  $\text{End}(A_0^3) = M_3(\mathcal{O}_L)$ , the matrices for  $(1 + g_l + g_l^2)$  are:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ \alpha_0 & 0 & 0 \\ \beta_0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & \alpha_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \beta_1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & \alpha_2 \\ 0 & 0 & \beta_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

for  $l = 0, 1, 2$  respectively, where each  $\alpha_j, \beta_j$  are in  $\mathcal{O}_L$ .

Let  $X, Y, Z \in \mathbf{Q}[\sigma]$ . In the group ring  $\mathbf{Q}[\sigma, \rho]$ , we have the following:

$$(1 + g_l + g_l^2)(X + \rho Y + \rho^2 Z) = (1 + g_l + g_l^2)(X + Y\sigma^{l(1-r^2)} + Z\sigma^{l(1-r)})$$

by using the relations  $\rho\sigma\rho^{-1} = \sigma^r$  and  $\rho^{-1}\sigma\rho = \sigma^{r^2}$  in  $\text{Aut}(A)$ .

The determinant of the matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & \sigma^{1-r^2} & \sigma^{1-r} \\ 1 & \sigma^{2-2r^2} & \sigma^{2-2r} \end{pmatrix}$  is  $D = f(\sigma) \in \mathbf{Q}[\sigma]$ ,

where

$$f(x) = x^{\langle 4-r \rangle} - x^{\langle 4-r^2 \rangle} + x^{\langle 1-r \rangle} - x^{\langle 1-r^2 \rangle} + x^{\langle 2-2r \rangle} - x^{\langle 2-2r^2 \rangle} \in \mathbf{Q}[x].$$

Since  $r^2 + r + 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{m}$ , the exponents  $4 - r, 4 - r^2, 1 - r, 1 - r^2, 2 - 2r, 2 - 2r^2$  are pairwise distinct  $\pmod{m}$  except possibly when  $m \mid 3^2$

or  $m = 13$ . Hence,  $D \neq 0$  (the exceptional case  $m = 13$  is taken care of by inspection). In particular, there are  $X, Y, Z \in \mathbf{Z}[\sigma]$  and a positive integer  $N$  such that

$$X + Y + Z = ND, \quad X + Y\sigma^{1-r^2} + Z\sigma^{1-r} = 0, \quad X + Y\sigma^{2-2r^2} + Z\sigma^{2-2r} = 0.$$

With the latter choice of  $X, Y$  and  $Z$ , let the matrix of  $(X + \rho Y + \rho^2 Z)$  in  $M_3(\mathcal{O}_L)$  be  $(\alpha_{i,j})$ . From  $(1 + g_1 + g_1^2)(X + \rho Y + \rho^2 Z) = 0$ , we conclude that  $\alpha_{2,j} = 0$  for all  $j$ . On the other hand,  $\alpha_{3,j} = 0$  for all  $j$ , follows from  $(1 + g_2 + g_2^2)(X + \rho Y + \rho^2 Z) = 0$ . Then the matrix of  $(X + \rho Y + \rho^2 Z)(1 + g_0 + g_0^2)$  is

$$\begin{pmatrix} \alpha_{1,1} & \alpha_{1,2} & \alpha_{1,3} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ \alpha_0 & 0 & 0 \\ \beta_0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \delta_0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $\delta_0 = 3\alpha_{1,1} + \alpha_0\alpha_{1,1} + \beta_0\alpha_{1,3} \in \mathcal{O}_L$ .

CLAIM.  $\delta_0 \neq 0$ .

Suppose, on the contrary, that  $\delta_0 = 0$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} N^{-1}(1 + g_0 + g_0^2)(X + \rho Y + \rho^2 Z)(1 + g_0 + g_0^2) \\ = (1 + \rho + \rho^2)D(1 + g_0 + g_0^2) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

We note that

$$D^*(1 + \rho + \rho^2)^*w_{1,r} = f(\zeta)w_{1,r} + f(\zeta^r)w_{r,m-r-1} + f(\zeta^{r^2})w_{m-r-1,1}$$

and if  $\lambda_m = f(\zeta^r) + f(\zeta^{r^2}) + f(\zeta^{r^3})$ ,

$$(1 + g_0 + g_0^2)^*D^*(1 + \rho + \rho^2)^* = \lambda_m(w_{1,r} + w_{r,m-r-1} + w_{m-r-1,1}).$$

We will show that  $\lambda_m \neq 0$ .

First, consider the prime case  $m = p$ . If  $\lambda_p = 0$ , then the polynomial  $g(x) = f(x) + f_1(x) + f_2(x)$ , where  $f_j(x)$  is the polynomial obtained by replacing each exponent  $\langle a \rangle$  in  $f(x)$  by  $\langle ar^j \rangle$ , has degree at most  $p-1$ , and  $\zeta$  as a root. We note that  $4-r, 4-r^2, 1-r, 1-r^2, 2-2r, 2-2r^2$  are distinct elements in  $(\mathbf{Z}/p\mathbf{Z})^*/\{1, r, r^2\}$  for  $p \neq 7, 19, 31$ . Thus, with the above exceptions,  $g(x) \neq 0$  and therefore,  $g(x) = \pm f_p(x)$ . This is a contradiction, since  $g(1) = 0$  but  $f_p(1) = p$ . Inspection shows that  $\lambda_p \neq 0$  for  $p = 7, 19, 31$ .

Now we treat the composite case.

Suppose that  $l$  is a prime divisor of  $m$  and  $r \equiv 4 \pmod{l}$ . Then  $r^2 + r + 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{l^k}$  and  $r \equiv 4 \pmod{l^k}$  imply that  $l^k \mid 21$ . Thus  $(m, r^2 - 4) \mid 21$ .

Similarly  $(m, r-4) \mid 21$ . However, 7 can divide at most one of the two numbers  $(m, r-4)$  and  $(m, r^2-4) = (m, m-r-5)$ . Furthermore, it is not difficult to verify that  $(1-r, m) = (1-r^2, m) \mid 3$ .

*Case (1).* First suppose that each of the integers  $1-r, 1-r^2, 2-2r, 2-2r^2$  are relatively prime to  $m$  (this is the case when  $(m, 6) = 1$ ).

*Case (1a).* Both  $(m, r-4)$  and  $(m, r^2-4)$  are co-prime to 7.

For  $\beta \in K = \mathbf{Q}(\mu_m)$ , let  $\beta^{1+r+r^2} = \beta + \beta^r + \beta^{r^2}$ , where  $\{1, r, r^2\} \subseteq \text{Gal}(K/\mathbf{Q})$ . We note that if two of the integers  $4-r, 4-r^2, 1-r, 1-r^2, 2-2r, 2-2r^2$  represent the same class in  $(\mathbf{Z}/m\mathbf{Z})^*/\{1, r, r^2\}$ , then  $m \in S$ , where  $S$  is a finite set of integers whose elements can be easily found using the congruence relation  $r^2 + r + 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{m}$ . If  $m \in S \cap \mathcal{E}$ , inspection shows that  $\lambda_m \neq 0$ . If  $m$  is not in  $S$ , a  $\mathbf{Z}$ -basis for  $\mathcal{O}_L$  is

$$\{\zeta^{a(1+r+r^2)} \mid a \in (\mathbf{Z}/m\mathbf{Z})^*/\{1, r, r^2\}\},$$

and we conclude that  $\lambda_m$  is non-zero since it is a linear combination of elements of a subset of a  $\mathbf{Z}$ -basis for  $\mathcal{O}_L$ .

*Case (1b).*  $7 \parallel (m, r^2-4)$ .

The elements of  $\text{Gal}(K/\mathbf{Q})$  which fix  $\mathbf{Q}(\zeta^7)$  elementwise are the units  $j \in (\mathbf{Z}/m\mathbf{Z})^*$  such that  $j \equiv 1 \pmod{m/7}$ . We fix one such  $j = 1 + k(m/7) \neq 1$  in  $(\mathbf{Z}/m\mathbf{Z})^*$ . We make the following observation: if  $a$  and  $bj$  are equal in  $(\mathbf{Z}/m\mathbf{Z})^*/\{1, r, r^2\}$ , then  $a \equiv r^l bj \pmod{m}$  implies  $a \equiv r^l b \pmod{m/7}$ , and so  $a$  and  $b$  are equal in  $(\mathbf{Z}/(m/7)\mathbf{Z})^*/\{1, r, r^2\}$ .

The calculations for case (1a) show that  $1-r, 1-r^2, 2-2r, 2-2r^2, 4-r$  are distinct in  $(\mathbf{Z}/m\mathbf{Z})^*/\{1, r, r^2\}$  (hence in  $(\mathbf{Z}/(m/7)\mathbf{Z})^*/\{1, r, r^2\}$ ), except possibly when  $m/7 \in S$ . For these exceptional values of  $m$ ,  $\lambda_m \neq 0$  by inspection. For the other values of  $m$ , the observation in the previous paragraph shows that  $\bar{\lambda}_m = \lambda_m - \zeta^{(4-r^2)(1+r+r^2)}$  is such that  $\bar{\lambda}_m^j \neq \bar{\lambda}_m$ , since  $\{\zeta^{a(1+r+r^2)} \mid a \in (\mathbf{Z}/m\mathbf{Z})^*/\{1, r, r^2\}\}$  is a  $\mathbf{Z}$ -basis for  $\mathcal{O}_L$ . Thus  $\bar{\lambda}_m \notin \mathbf{Q}(\zeta^7)$ , and  $\lambda_m \neq 0$ .

*Case (1c).*  $7 \parallel (m, r-4)$ .

This is case (1b), with the roles of  $r$  and  $r^2$  reversed.

*Case (2).* Suppose now that  $(1-r, m) = 3$ . If  $m$  is odd, then we have that

$$(1-r, m) = (1-r^2, m) = (2-2r, m) = (2-2r^2, m) = 3$$

$$\text{and } 9 \mid (4-r, m) \cdot (4-r^2, m) \mid 9 \cdot 7.$$



We apply the arguments in case (1) applied to  $(1-r)/3$ ,  $(1-r^2)/3$ ,  $(2-2r)/3$ ,  $(2-2r^2)/3$ ,  $(4-r)/3$ ,  $(4-r^2)/3$  in  $(\mathbf{Z}/(m/3)\mathbf{Z})^*/\{1, r, r^2\}$ .

If  $m$  is even, we look at  $(1-r)/3$ ,  $(1-r^2)/3$ ,  $(2-2r)/6$ ,  $(2-2r^2)/6$ ,  $(4-r)/3$ ,  $(4-r^2)/3$  instead. The calculations are similar to the ones above.

This proves that  $\lambda_m \neq 0$ , and hence our claim that  $\delta_0 \neq 0$ . We have shown that  $F((X + \rho Y + \rho^2 Z)(1 + g_0 + g_0^2)) = \mathcal{A}(\delta_0, 0, 0)$ , with  $\delta_0 \neq 0$ . Similarly, we can show the existence of  $X_l, Y_l, Z_l \in \mathbf{Z}[\sigma]$  such that  $(X_l + \rho Y_l + \rho^2 Z_l)(1 + g_l + g_l^2)$  are mapped onto

$$\mathcal{A}(0, \delta_l, 0) \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{A}(0, 0, \delta_l) \quad \text{for } l = 1, 2 \text{ respectively.}$$

In particular, since  $L \rightarrow \text{End}^0(A_0^3) = M_3(L)$  (in which  $\zeta^{1+r+r^2}$  is mapped to  $(\sigma + \sigma^r + \sigma^{r^2})^3$ ) is the diagonal embedding by the theory of complex multiplication, we conclude that

$$\mathcal{A}_3(L) \subseteq \text{Im}(F) \subseteq M_3(L).$$

We observe that

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma^*(\sigma(1 + \rho + \rho^2)\sigma^{-1})^* w_{a,b} &= (1 + \rho + \rho^2)^* \sigma^* w_{a,b}, \quad \text{and} \\ \sigma^*(\sigma^2(1 + \rho + \rho^2)\sigma^{-2})^* w_{a,b} &= (\sigma(1 + \rho + \rho^2)\sigma^{-1})^* \sigma^* w_{a,b}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus the matrix for  $\sigma$  in  $M_3(\mathcal{O}_L)$  is of the form:  $\begin{pmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & e & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ , for some  $a, b, c, d$  and  $e$  in  $\mathcal{O}_L$  with  $cde \in (\mathcal{O}_L)^*$  (this follows from  $\det(\sigma)^m = 1$ ). Therefore the image of  $F$  contains the following matrices:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & b & c \\ d & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & e & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} bd & ce & 0 \\ 0 & bd & cd \\ de & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & b & c \\ d & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & e & 0 \end{pmatrix}^2, \quad \begin{pmatrix} 0 & ce & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & cd \\ de & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

This completes the proof that  $F$  is surjective.  $\square$

### § 3. Homology groups

Let  $I: [0, 1] \rightarrow F_m(\mathbf{C})$  denote the one-simplex

$$I(t) = (t^{1/m}, (1-t)^{1/m}, \alpha), \quad t \in [0, 1],$$

where  $\alpha = -1$  if  $m$  is odd and a primitive  $2m$ -th root of unity if  $m$  is even. Let  $g$  be the one-cycle:

$$\begin{aligned} g &= (\sigma\tau)^{(m-1)/2}(1-\sigma)(1-\tau)I && \text{if } m \text{ is odd, and} \\ g &= (1-\sigma^{-1})(1-\tau^{-1})I && \text{if } m \text{ is even.} \end{aligned}$$

The homology group  $H_1(F_m(\mathbf{C}), \mathbf{Z})$  is generated by  $g$  [11]. Moreover by the period calculations in [11], we have that  $\rho(g) = g$  and  $\iota(g) = -g$  [9].

**PROPOSITION 3.1.**  *$H_1(F_m(\mathbf{C}), \mathbf{Z})$  is a cyclic  $\mathbf{Z}[G_m]$ -module, with  $g$  as a generator such that  $\rho(g) = g$  and  $\iota(g) = -g$  in homology.*

For the rest of this paper, let  $p$  be a fixed prime congruent to 1 (mod 6), let  $r$  be a fixed cube root of unity modulo  $p$ ,  $K = \mathbf{Q}(\mu_p)$ ,  $\zeta$  be a fixed  $p$ -th root of unity, and  $A$  be the Jacobian variety of the curve  $F_A$ :

$$y^p = x(1 - x)^r.$$

$A$  has CM by  $\mathcal{O}_K$ : we fix the embedding

$$\mathcal{O}_K \longrightarrow \text{End}_K(A), \quad \zeta \longrightarrow \sigma = (\zeta, 1, 1).$$

Let  $\varphi_A: F_p \rightarrow F_A$  denote the canonical projection, and let  $I_A$  be the one simplex  $\varphi_A I$  on  $F_A$ . Fix a base point  $e_0$  in  $F_p(\mathbf{C})$ , and let  $x_0$  be its image in  $F_A(\mathbf{C})$  under  $\varphi_A$ . The cyclic covering  $\varphi_A$  gives rise to a monomorphism

$$H = \pi_1(F_p(\mathbf{C}), e_0) \longrightarrow \pi_1(F_A(\mathbf{C}), x_0) = G$$

of fundamental groups.  $G/H$  is a cyclic group of order  $p$  since  $\varphi_A$  has degree  $p$ . So  $H$  contains the commutator subgroup of  $G$ , and the homomorphism

$$H_1(F_p) = H_1(F_p(\mathbf{C}), \mathbf{Z}) \longrightarrow H_1(F_A(\mathbf{C}), \mathbf{Z}) = H_1(F_A)$$

factors as follows:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} H/[H, H] & \longrightarrow & G/[G, G] \\ & \nwarrow \quad \nearrow & \\ & H/[G, G] & \end{array}$$

Thus, the index of the image  $T$  of  $H_1(F_p)$  in  $H_1(F_A)$  is  $p$ .  $T$ , by definition, is a cyclic  $\mathbf{Z}[\sigma]$ -module with  $(\sigma - 1)(\sigma' - 1)I_A$  as a generator by Proposition 3.1.

Let  $\bar{T}$  be the  $\mathbf{Z}[\sigma]$ -submodule of  $H_1(F_A)$  generated by  $\alpha = (\sigma - 1)I_A$ . Then  $T \subseteq \bar{T} \subseteq H_1(F_A)$ . We claim that  $T \neq \bar{T}$ , from which it follows that  $H_1(F_A) = \bar{T}$ .

Identifying

$$\mathbf{Q}[\sigma]/(f_p(\sigma)) \xrightarrow{\approx} K, \quad \sigma \longrightarrow \zeta,$$

$H_1(F_A) \otimes \mathbf{Q}$  is a vector space over  $K$ . Hence the annihilator of  $H_1(F_A) \otimes \mathbf{Q}$  as a  $\mathbf{Q}[\sigma]$ -module is  $(f_p(\sigma))$ , and the annihilator of  $H_1(F_A)$ , as a  $\mathbf{Z}[\sigma]$ -module is

$$(f_p(\sigma))\mathbf{Q}[\sigma] \cap \mathbf{Z}[\sigma] = (f_p(\sigma))\mathbf{Z}[\sigma].$$

Since  $H_1(F_A)$  is torsion-free over  $\mathbf{Z}$ , and  $[H_1(F_A): \bar{T}] < \infty$ ,  $\text{Ann}_{\mathbf{Z}[\sigma]}(\bar{T}) = (f_p(\sigma))\mathbf{Z}[\sigma]$ .

Suppose, on the contrary, that  $T = \bar{T}$ . Then  $\alpha = a(\sigma)(\sigma - 1)\alpha$  for some  $a(x) \in \mathbf{Z}[x]$ . Therefore,  $(a(\sigma)(\sigma - 1) - 1)\alpha = 0$  implies  $a(x)(x - 1) - 1 = b(x)f_p(x)$  for some  $b(x) \in \mathbf{Z}[x]$ . Then  $-1 = b(1)p$  in  $\mathbf{Z}$ , a contradiction. Thus,  $H_1(F_A) = \bar{T}$ .

Let  $\bar{I} = \rho I$  and  $\bar{I}_A = \varphi_A \bar{I}$ . From  $\rho(g) = g$  in  $H_1(F_p)$ , we obtain

$$(\sigma - 1)(\sigma^r - 1)I_A = \sigma^{1+r((p+1)/2)}(\sigma^r - 1)(\sigma^{p-r-1} - 1)\bar{I}_A$$

in  $H_1(F_A)$ .

Let  $v \in H_1(F_A)$  be such that  $(\sigma^r - 1)v = 0$ . Passing to  $\mathcal{O}_K \subseteq \text{End}_K(A)$ , we have  $(\zeta^r - 1)v = 0$ . Then  $pv = \pm N_{\mathbf{Q}}^K(\zeta^r - 1)v = 0$ , and  $v = 0$ . Thus, we have proved

**PROPOSITION 3.2.**  *$H_1(F_A)$  is a cyclic  $\mathcal{O}_K$ -module with  $g_A = (1 - \sigma)I_A$  as a generator. Moreover,*

$$\rho(g_A) = \zeta^{r((p-1)/2)} \left( \frac{\zeta^r - 1}{\zeta^{r^2} - 1} \right) g_A.$$

#### § 4. Endomorphisms

In the present section, we prove the following theorem. Let  $\pi = \zeta - 1 \in \mathbf{Z}[\zeta] \subseteq \text{End}(A)$  and  $W = p^{-1}(1 + r\rho + r^2\rho^2)(\sigma - 1)^{p-3} \in \mathbf{Q}[\sigma, \rho]$ .

**THEOREM 4.1.**  *$\text{End}(A) = \text{Im}(\mathbf{Z}[\sigma, \rho, W])$  has group index  $p^3$  over  $\text{Im}(\mathbf{Z}[\sigma, \rho])$ .*

*Proof.* By Proposition 2.1,  $F: \mathbf{Q}[\sigma, \rho] \rightarrow \text{End}^0(A)$  is surjective, and by Proposition 3.2,  $H_1(F_A)$  is a cyclic  $\mathbf{Z}[\zeta]$ -module with a generator  $g_A$  such that  $\rho(g_A) = \eta g_A$ ,  $\rho^2(g_A) = \xi g_A$ , where

$$\eta = \zeta^{r((p-1)/2)-1} \frac{(\zeta^r - 1)}{(\zeta^{r^2} - 1)} \quad \text{and} \quad \xi = \zeta^{r^2+(p+1)/2} \frac{(\zeta^r - 1)}{(\zeta - 1)}.$$

We will use the following to determine  $\text{End}(A)$ :

$$\text{End}(A) = \{\alpha \in \text{End}^0(A) \mid \alpha(H_1(F_A)) \subseteq H_1(F_A)\}.$$

Let  $X, Y, Z \in K$ . Then  $\alpha = X + Y\rho + Z\rho^2 \in \text{End}(A)$  if and only if  $\alpha(\zeta^a g_A) \subseteq H_1(F_A)$  for all  $a \in \mathbf{Z}$ , or equivalently, for all  $a \in \mathbf{Z}$ ,

$$(4.1) \quad X\zeta^a + Y\zeta^{ar}\eta + Z\zeta^{-a(r+1)}\xi \in \mathbf{Z}[\zeta].$$

Let  $\tilde{X} = X$ ,  $\tilde{Y} = Y\eta$  and  $\tilde{Z} = Z\xi$ . Then (4.1) reads as

$$(4.2) \quad \tilde{X}\zeta^a + \tilde{Y}\zeta^{ar} + \tilde{Z}\zeta^{-a(r+1)} \in \mathbf{Z}[\zeta].$$

Using  $\tilde{X} + \tilde{Y} + \tilde{Z} \in \mathbf{Z}[\zeta]$  and (4.2) to eliminate  $\tilde{X}$ , we obtain for all  $a \in (\mathbf{Z}/p\mathbf{Z})^*$ ,

$$(4.3) \quad \tilde{Y}(\zeta^{ar} - \zeta^a) + \tilde{Z}(\zeta^{-a(r+1)} - \zeta^a) \in \mathbf{Z}[\zeta].$$

For such  $a$ ,  $\zeta^{ar} - \zeta^a$  and  $\zeta^{-a(r+1)} - \zeta^a$  are elements of the ideal  $(\pi)$  of  $\mathbf{Z}[\zeta]$ .

Let  $D_{a,b}$  be the determinant of the following matrix:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \zeta^{ar} - \zeta^a & \zeta^{-a(r+1)} - \zeta^a \\ \zeta^{br} - \zeta^b & \zeta^{-b(r+1)} - \zeta^b \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then

$$D_{a,b} = \{\zeta^{ar-b(r+1)} + \zeta^{br+a} + \zeta^{b-a(r+1)}\} - \{\zeta^{ar+b} + \zeta^{a-b(r+1)} + \zeta^{br-a(r+1)}\},$$

and (4.3) implies that

$$(4.4) \quad D_{a,b}\tilde{Y}, \quad D_{a,b}\tilde{Z} \in (\pi)$$

for all  $a, b \in (\mathbf{Z}/p\mathbf{Z})^*$ .

If we set  $(a, b) = (r+1, 1)$  and  $(a, b) = (1, -r)$  in (4.4), we obtain, after simplification,

$$(\zeta^{3r+3} + \zeta^3 + 1 - 3\zeta^{r+2})\tilde{Z} \in (\pi) \quad \text{and} \quad (\zeta^{3r+3} + \zeta^{3r} + 1 - 3\zeta^{2r+1})\tilde{Z} \in (\pi)$$

respectively. By subtracting one from the other, we obtain

$$\zeta^3(\zeta^{r-1} - 1)^2\tilde{Z} \in (\pi).$$

Since  $(p, r-1) = 1$ ,  $\pi^2\tilde{Z} \in \mathbf{Z}[\zeta]$ . By symmetry,  $\pi^2\tilde{Y} \in \mathbf{Z}[\zeta]$ .

We write  $Y_0 = \tilde{Y}\pi^2$  and  $Z_0 = \tilde{Z}\pi^2$ . Then  $Y_0, Z_0 \in \mathbf{Z}[\zeta]$ , and (4.3) can be rewritten as

$$Y_0 \frac{(\zeta^r - \zeta)^h}{(\zeta - 1)^2} + Z_0 \frac{(\zeta^{-(r+1)} - \zeta)^h}{(\zeta - 1)^2} \in \mathbf{Z}[\zeta],$$

where  $h$  ranges over  $H = \text{Gal}(K/\mathbf{Q})$ , or equivalently,

$$(4.5) \quad Y_0 + \varepsilon_h \cdot Z_0 \in (\pi) \quad \text{for all } h \in H,$$

where

$$\varepsilon_h = \frac{(\zeta^{r^2} - \zeta)^h}{(\zeta^r - \zeta)^h} = \left( \sum_{j=0}^r \zeta^{j(r-1)} \right)^h \in (\mathbf{Z}[\zeta])^*.$$

Clearly, (4.5) may be rewritten as

$$(4.6) \quad Y_0 \equiv r^2 Z_0 \pmod{\pi}.$$

We have proved that  $\alpha = X + Y\rho + Z\rho^2$  is in  $\text{End}(A)$  if and only if

(\*)  $X + \eta Y + \xi Z \in \mathbf{Z}[\zeta]$ , and

(\*\*)  $Y_0 \equiv r^2 Z_0 \pmod{\pi}$ , where  $Y_0 = \pi^2 \eta Y$  and  $Z_0 = \pi^2 \xi Z$ .

We write

$$Y_0 \equiv a_0 + a_1 \pi \pmod{\pi^2}, \quad Z_0 \equiv b_0 + b_1 \pi \pmod{\pi^2},$$

where  $a_0, a_1, b_0, b_1 \in \mathbf{Z}$ . By (\*\*),  $a_0 \equiv r^2 b_0 \pmod{p}$ . Thus, we find that  $\alpha$  is congruent to

$$(4.7) \quad b_0 \frac{1}{\pi^2} \{-(r^2 + 1) + r^2 \eta^{-1} \rho + \xi^{-1} \rho^2\} + a_0 \frac{1}{\pi} (-1 + \eta^{-1} \rho) \\ + b_1 \frac{1}{\pi} (-1 + \xi^{-1} \rho^2)$$

modulo  $\text{Im}(\mathbf{Z}[\sigma, \rho])$ .

By inspection,

$$v_0 = \frac{1}{\pi^2} \{-(r^2 + 1) + r^2 \eta^{-1} \rho + \xi^{-1} \rho^2\}, \\ v_1 = \frac{1}{\pi} (-1 + \eta^{-1} \rho), \quad v_2 = \frac{1}{\pi} (-1 + \xi^{-1} \rho^2)$$

satisfy (\*) and (\*\*). Hence, they are in  $\text{End}(A)$ , and we conclude that

$$(4.8) \quad \text{End}(A) = \text{Im}(\mathbf{Z}[\sigma, \rho]) + Zv_0 + Zv_1 + Zv_2.$$

From (4.8), the quotient group

$$Q = \text{End}(A)/A \quad \text{where } A = \text{Im}(\mathbf{Z}[\sigma, \rho])$$

is an elementary  $p$ -abelian group. So  $Q$  is an  $\mathbf{F}_p$ -vector space, and  $\dim_{\mathbf{F}_p}(Q) \leq 3$ .

The theorem follows from the next few lemmas. □

LEMMA 4.2. *Let*

$$w = (1 + r\rho + r^2\rho^2) \frac{1}{\pi^2} = \frac{1}{\pi^2} + \frac{r}{(\zeta^r - 1)^2} \rho + \frac{r^2}{(\zeta^{r^2} - 1)^2} \rho^2 \in \text{End}^0(A).$$

Then  $w \in \text{End}(A)$ .

*Proof.* We verify  $(**)$  for  $w$ . We have  $Y_0 = (r\pi^2\eta)/(\zeta^r - 1)^2$  and  $Z_0 = (r^2\pi^2\xi)/(\zeta^{r^2} - 1)^2$  in the notation of the proof of Theorem 4.1. Since

$$Y_0 \equiv r\zeta^{r(p-1)/2-1} \frac{(\zeta - 1)}{(\zeta^r - 1)} \frac{(\zeta - 1)}{(\zeta^{r^2} - 1)} \equiv r \pmod{\pi}$$

and

$$Z_0 \equiv r^2\zeta^{r^2+(p+1)/2} \frac{(\zeta - 1)}{(\zeta^{r^2} - 1)} \frac{(\zeta^r - 1)}{(\zeta^{r^2} - 1)} \equiv r^2 \pmod{\pi},$$

we have  $Y_0 \equiv r^2Z_0 \pmod{\pi}$ . Likewise,  $(*)$  can be verified for  $w$ . This completes the proof of the lemma.  $\square$

LEMMA 4.3. *Let  $\Sigma = \text{Im}(\mathbf{Z}[\sigma, \rho, W])$ . Then  $\Sigma \subseteq \text{End}(A)$ , and the following are elements of  $\Sigma$ :*

$$w, w_0 = \{1 + (r+1)\rho\}\frac{1}{\pi}, \quad w_1 = (r\rho - \rho^2)\frac{1}{\pi}.$$

*Proof.* Let  $u \in (\mathbf{Z}[\zeta])^*$  be the endomorphism of  $A$  such that  $p = u\pi^{p-1}$ . As an element of  $\text{End}^0(A)$ ,  $W = wu^{-1}$ . Hence the image of  $w$  is in  $\Sigma$ , and  $\Sigma \subseteq \text{End}(A)$ .

From  $w\sigma = (\sigma + r\sigma^r\rho + r^2\sigma^{r^2}\rho^2)1/\pi^2$  and  $\sigma w = (\sigma + r\sigma\rho + r^2\sigma\rho^2)1/\pi^2$ , we have

$$\sigma w - w\sigma \equiv (r-1)\rho\{1 + (r+1)\rho\}\frac{1}{\pi} \pmod{A}.$$

Since  $p$  does not divide  $r-1$  and  $\rho \in \text{Aut}(A)$ , there is a  $\lambda \in \mathbf{Z}$  such that

$$\{1 + (r+1)\rho\}\frac{1}{\pi} \equiv \lambda\rho^2(\sigma w - w\sigma) \pmod{A}.$$

Hence,  $w_0 \in \Sigma$ . Since  $w_1 \equiv r\rho w_0 \pmod{A}$ , we have  $w_1 \in \Sigma$  also.  $\square$

LEMMA 4.4. *The mapping  $f: (\mathbf{Z}[\zeta])^3 \rightarrow A$ ,  $(X, Y, Z) \rightarrow X + \rho Y + \rho^2 Z$  is a right  $\mathbf{Z}[\zeta]$ -module isomorphism.*

*Proof.* By definition,  $f$  is surjective. By Proposition 2.1,  $f \otimes 1: K^3 = (\mathbf{Q}(\mu_p))^3 \rightarrow A \otimes \mathbf{Q}$  is an isomorphism. Hence  $f$  is injective.  $\square$

LEMMA 4.5. *Let  $V$  be the subspace of  $Q$  spanned by  $w, w_0$  and  $w_1$ . Then  $\dim_{\mathbb{F}_p}(V) = 3$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $\lambda, \lambda_0, \lambda_1 \in \mathbf{Z}$  be such that

$$(4.9) \quad \lambda w + \lambda_0 w_0 + \lambda_1 w_1 \in \mathcal{A}.$$

Multiplying by  $\pi$  on the right,  $\lambda(1 + r\rho + r^2\rho^2) \in \pi\mathcal{A}$ . Using Lemma 4.4,  $\lambda/\pi \in \mathbf{Z}[\zeta]$ . Hence  $\lambda \in (\pi) \cap \mathbf{Z} = p\mathbf{Z}$ . Since  $p/\pi^2 \in \mathbf{Z}[\zeta]$ , we have

$$(4.10) \quad \lambda_0 w_0 + \lambda_1 w_1 \in \mathcal{A}.$$

Another application of Lemma 4.4 to (4.10) gives  $\lambda_0, \lambda_1 \in p\mathbf{Z}$ . Therefore  $\{w, w_0, w_1\}$  is an  $\mathbf{F}_p$ -basis for  $V$ .  $\square$

Combining Lemmas 4.3 and 4.5,

$$\dim_{\mathbf{F}_p}(\Sigma/\mathcal{A}) \geq 3.$$

Since  $\dim_{\mathbf{F}_p}(Q) \leq 3$ , we have the desired equality:  $\text{End}(\mathcal{A}) = \Sigma$ , and  $\text{End}(\mathcal{A})$  has group index  $p^3$  over  $\mathcal{A}$ . This completes the proof of Theorem 4.1.

**COROLLARY 4.6.** *A free  $\mathbf{Z}$ -basis for  $\text{End}(\mathcal{A})$  is given by:*

$$\{\rho^j \pi^k \mid 0 \leq j \leq 2, 0 \leq k \leq p-4\} \cup \{\rho \pi^{p-3}, \rho^2 \pi^{p-3}, \rho \pi^{p-2}\} \cup \{w, w_0, w_1\}.$$

*Proof.* Let  $M$  be the  $\mathbf{Z}$ -submodule of  $\text{End}(\mathcal{A})$  spanned by the above elements. Inspection shows that  $\mathcal{A} \subseteq M$ . By Lemma 4.5, the corollary follows.  $\square$

*Remarks.* Let  $k$  be a proper subfield of  $K$ , and let  $h$  be a generator of  $\text{Gal}(K/k) \subseteq (\mathbf{Z}/p\mathbf{Z})^*$ . Then the subring of endomorphisms of  $\mathcal{A}$  defined over  $k$  is

$$\text{End}(A) = \text{Im} \left( \mathbf{Z} \left[ \sum_{j=1}^{t-1} \sigma^{a h^j}, \rho \mid a \in \mathbf{Z} \right] \right),$$

where  $t$  is the order of  $h$ .  $\text{End}_k(A)$  is commutative if and only if  $k$  is  $\mathbf{Q}$  or  $L = K^{\langle r \rangle}$ . In the latter cases,  $\text{End}_k(A)$  are contained in  $\mathbf{Z} \times \mathbf{Z}[(1 + \sqrt{-3})/2]$  and  $\mathcal{O}_K \times \mathcal{O}_{K(\sqrt{-3})}$  respectively.

## § 5. Action of rho on some division points

Let  $P_1, P_2$  and  $P_3$  be any 3 points on  $F_p$  where  $X=0, Y=0$  and  $Z=0$  respectively. Recall that  $\varphi_A: F_p \rightarrow F_A$  is the canonical projection. Set

$$\infty_2 = \varphi_A(P_1), \quad \infty_3 = \varphi_A(P_2), \quad \text{and} \quad \infty_1 = \varphi_A(P_3).$$

Then the group of  $A[\pi]$  of  $\pi$ -division points on  $A$  has order  $p$ , and con-

tains all the divisor classes of degree zero supported on the set of cusps  $\{\infty_1, \infty_2, \infty_3\}$  of  $F_A$ .

For each integer  $a \geq 1$ ,

$$\pi^a \rho = \rho(\zeta^{r^2} - 1)^a = \rho \frac{\zeta^{r^2} - 1}{\zeta - 1} \pi^a$$

in  $\text{End}(A)$ , so that  $\rho$  induces an automorphism of  $A[\pi^a]$  by restriction.

LEMMA 5.1.  $\rho$  acts on  $A[\pi]$  as multiplication by  $r$ .

*Proof.* Recall that the equation of  $F_A$  is  $v^p = u(1 - u)^r$ . The divisor of the rational function  $v$  on  $F_A$  is  $\infty_2 - (r + 1)\infty_1 + r\infty_3$ . Hence, on  $A$ ,  $\infty_2 - (r + 1)\infty_1 + r\infty_3 = 0 = \infty_1 - (r + 1)\infty_3 + r\infty_2$  (the latter equality is obtained by applying  $\rho$  to the former). In particular,

$$\rho(\infty_1 - \infty_2) = \infty_2 - \infty_3 = (r + 1)(\infty_1 - \infty_3) = r(\infty_1 - \infty_2). \quad \square$$

LEMMA 5.2. There is an element  $Q \in A[\pi^2] - A[\pi]$  such that  $\rho(Q) = Q$ .

*Proof.* Let us fix a  $Q$  in  $A[\pi^2] - A[\pi]$ . Then  $A[\pi^2] = \{(a + b\pi)Q \mid a, b \in \mathbf{F}_p\}$  is a vector space of dimension 2 over  $\mathbf{F}_p$ . Let  $f(x)$  be the minimal polynomial of  $\rho$  restricted to  $A[\pi^2]$ . Since  $\rho$  has order 3, we have  $f(x) \mid (x - 1)(x - r)(x - r^2)$  in  $\mathbf{F}_p[x]$ . Since  $\rho$  can have at most two distinct eigenvalues, and  $f(x)$  splits completely, we have  $f(x) = x - \lambda_1$  or  $f(x) = (x - \lambda_1)(x - \lambda_2)$ , where  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in \{1, r, r^2\}$  and  $\lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2$ .

Suppose that  $f(x) = x - \lambda_1$ . Then  $\lambda_1(\pi Q) = \rho(\pi Q) = (\zeta^r - 1)\pi Q = \lambda_1\{(\zeta^r - 1)/\pi\}\pi Q = \lambda_1\{r + (r(r - 1)/2)\pi + \cdots\}\pi Q = \lambda_1 r(\pi Q)$ , whence  $\lambda_1 = \lambda_1 r$  and  $\lambda_1 = 0$ , a contradiction. Hence,  $f(x) = (x - \lambda_1)(x - \lambda_2)$ , and there is an  $\mathbf{F}_p$ -basis  $Q_1, Q_2$  of  $A[\pi^2]$  such that the matrix of  $\rho$  with respect to  $\{Q_1, Q_2\}$  is  $\begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{pmatrix}$ . Since at least one of  $Q_1, Q_2$  is not in  $A[\pi]$ , we have found a  $Q$  in  $A[\pi^2] - A[\pi]$  and a  $\lambda \in \{1, r, r^2\}$  such that  $\rho(Q) = \lambda Q$ . By Lemma 5.1,  $r(\pi Q) = \rho(\pi Q) = \lambda r(\pi Q)$ , and  $\lambda = 1$ . This completes the proof of the lemma.  $\square$

*Remarks.* (1) In the same way as above, we can show that there is a  $Q \in A[\pi^3] - A[\pi^2]$  such that  $\rho(Q) = r^2 Q$ . We also remark that the annihilator, in  $\text{End}(A)$ , of  $A[\pi]$  is

$$\mathbf{Z}[\zeta]\pi + \mathbf{Z}[\zeta](\rho - r) + \mathbf{Z}[\zeta](\rho^2 - r^2) + \mathbf{Z}(1 + r\rho - (r + 1)\rho^2)\frac{1}{\pi}.$$



(2) If  $\bar{\cdot}$  denotes complex conjugation, then for  $Q \in A[\pi^2] - A[\pi]$ ,  $\bar{Q} = -Q \Leftrightarrow \rho(Q) = Q$ .

### § 6. The kernel of an isogeny

Let  $X_j = F_A / \langle \sigma^j \rho \sigma^j \rangle$ , ( $j = 0, 1, 2$ ), and we denote the canonical projection  $F_A \rightarrow X_j$  by  $\varphi_j$ . Let  $\varphi$  be the isogeny

$$\varphi = \prod_{j=0}^2 (\varphi_j)_* : A \longrightarrow \prod_{j=0}^2 \text{Jac}(X_j).$$

LEMMA 6.1.  $\text{Ker}(\varphi) \subseteq A[\pi^2]$ .

*Proof.* The composition  $A \xrightarrow{(\varphi_j)_*} \text{Jac}(X_j) \xrightarrow{(\varphi_j)^*} A$  is  $\zeta^j(1 + \rho + \rho^2)\zeta^{-j} \in \text{End}(A)$ , so that  $\text{Ker}(\varphi_j)_* \subseteq A[\zeta^j(1 + \rho + \rho^2)\zeta^{-j}]$ . Let  $N$  be  $\bigcap_{j=0}^2 A[\zeta^j(1 + \rho + \rho^2)\zeta^{-j}]$ . Then

$$\text{Ker}(\varphi) = \text{Ker}(\varphi_0)_* \cap \text{Ker}(\varphi_1)_* \cap \text{Ker}(\varphi_2)_* \subseteq N.$$

We claim that  $N \subseteq A[\pi^2]$ . Let  $D \in N$ . Then we have

$$(6.1) \quad (1 + \rho + \rho^2)D = 0,$$

$$(6.2) \quad (1 + \zeta^{1-r}\rho + \zeta^{1-r^2}\rho^2)D = 0,$$

and

$$(6.3) \quad (1 + \zeta^{2-2r}\rho + \zeta^{2-2r^2}\rho^2)D = 0,$$

using the relations  $\rho\sigma\rho^{-1} = \sigma^r$  and  $\rho^{-1}\sigma\rho = \sigma^{r^2}$  in  $\text{Aut}(F_A)$ . From (6.1) and (6.2), we obtain that

$$(6.4) \quad \{(\zeta^{1-r^2} - 1) + (\zeta^{1-r^2} - \zeta^{1-r})\rho\}D = 0.$$

From (6.2) and (6.3),

$$(6.5) \quad \{(\zeta^{1-r^2} - 1) + (\zeta^{2-r-r^2} - \zeta^{2-2r})\rho\}D = 0.$$

From (6.4) and (6.5),

$$\zeta^r(1 - \zeta^{1-r})(1 - \zeta^{2r+1})\rho D = \{(\zeta^{1-r^2} - \zeta^{1-r}) - (\zeta^{2-r-r^2} - \zeta^{2-2r})\rho\}D = 0.$$

Hence,  $\pi^2(\rho D) = 0$  and  $\rho((\zeta^{r^2} - 1)/(\zeta - 1))^2\pi^2 D = 0$ . Since  $\rho$  and  $(\zeta^{r^2} - 1)/(\zeta - 1)$  are in  $\text{Aut}(A)$ , we have  $\pi^2(D) = 0$ .  $\square$

THEOREM 6.2. Let  $N = \bigcap_{j=0}^2 A[\zeta^j(1 + \rho + \rho^2)\zeta^{-j}]$ . Then we have  $\text{Ker}(\varphi) = N = A[\pi^2]$ .

*Proof.* Under the canonical projection  $\varphi_0: F_A \rightarrow X_0 = F_A/\langle \rho \rangle$ ,  $\infty_1$  and  $\infty_2$  are mapped onto the same point. Thus,  $\text{Ker}(\varphi_0)_*$  contains  $A[\pi]$ . Likewise,  $A[\pi]$  is contained in  $\text{Ker}(\varphi_j)_*$ . Thus

$$A[\pi] \subseteq \text{Ker}(\varphi) \subseteq N \subseteq A[\pi^2].$$

Let  $D \in N$ . Applying the endomorphism  $w = (1 + r\rho + r^2\rho^2)1/\pi^2$  to  $\pi^2 D = 0$ , we get

$$(1 + r\rho + r^2\rho^2)D = 0.$$

Since  $(1 + \rho + \rho^2)D = 0$  also, we obtain  $\{(r-1)\rho + (r^2-1)\rho^2\}D = 0$  or  $(r-1)\rho\{1 + (r+1)\rho\}D = 0$ . Since  $D$  is a  $p$ -division point,  $(p, r-1) = 1$  and  $\rho \in \text{Aut}(A)$ , it follows that  $\{1 + (r+1)\rho\}D = 0$  or  $(r-\rho)D = r\{1 + (r+1)\rho\}D = 0$ . Hence,

$$A[\pi] \subseteq \text{Ker}(\varphi) \subseteq N \subseteq A[\pi^2] \cap A[\rho - r].$$

By Lemmas 5.1 and 5.2, there is a  $Q \in A[\pi^2] - A[\pi]$  such that  $\rho(Q) = Q$  and  $\rho(\pi Q) = r(\pi Q)$ . Let  $D = (a + b\pi)Q \in A[\rho - r]$ , with  $a, b \in \mathbf{F}_p$ . Then  $(a + b\pi)Q = (ar + br\pi)Q$ , whence  $a = ar$  and  $a = 0$ . Thus  $D \in A[\pi]$  and  $A[\pi^2] \cap A[\rho - r] = A[\pi]$ . Hence,  $\text{Ker}(\varphi) = N = A[\pi]$ .  $\square$

COROLLARY 6.3. *The isogeny  $\varphi: A \rightarrow \prod_{j=0}^2 \text{Jac}(X_j)$  factors as*

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \prod_{j=0}^2 \text{Jac}(X_j) \\ \pi \downarrow & \nearrow f & \\ A & & \end{array},$$

where  $f: A \rightarrow \prod_{j=0}^2 \text{Jac}(X_j)$  is an isomorphism of abelian varieties defined over  $K$ .

*Proof.* We define an isomorphism  $f: A \rightarrow \prod_{j=0}^2 \text{Jac}(X_j)$  of abelian varieties as follows. Given  $D \in \text{Pic}^0(F_A)$ , let  $E$  be such that  $\pi E = D$ .  $E$  exists since  $\pi$  is an isogeny. Then we define  $f(D) = \varphi(E)$ .  $f$  is well-defined and injective by definition. In particular,  $f$  is a birational isomorphism of abelian varieties and hence an isomorphism of abelian varieties.  $\square$

Let  $C$  be the Klein quartic curve over  $\mathbf{C}$  with projective equation

$$X^3Y + Y^3Z + Z^3X = 0.$$

$C$  has genus 3,  $\text{Aut}(C) \approx \text{PSL}(2, \mathbf{F}_7)$ , and the morphism

$$F_{1,2,4}^7 \longrightarrow C, \quad (x, y) \longrightarrow ((x-1)/y^2, -(x-1)/y^3)$$

is a birational isomorphism. Let  $\text{Jac}(C)$  be the Jacobian of  $C$ . We will denote by  $\sigma$  and  $\rho$  the following automorphisms of  $C$ :

$$\sigma: (x, y) \longrightarrow (\zeta^4 x, \zeta^5 y), \quad \rho: (x, y) \longrightarrow (1/y, x/y),$$

where  $\zeta$  is a primitive 7-th root of unity. Then by Proposition 2.1, we have the epimorphism

$$\mathbf{Q}[\sigma, \rho] \longrightarrow \text{End}^0(\text{Jac}(C)).$$

By Theorem 4.1 and Corollary 6.3, we have

**COROLLARY 6.4.** *Let  $W = 7^{-1}(1 + r\rho + r^2\rho^2)(\sigma - 1)^4 \in \mathbf{Q}[\sigma, \rho]$ , with  $r = 2$ . Then  $\text{End}(\text{Jac}(C)) = \text{Im}(\mathbf{Z}[\sigma, \rho, W])$  and  $\text{Jac}(C)$  is isomorphic to a cube of an elliptic curve  $E$ .*

*Remarks.* (1) From the Weierstrass equation for  $E$  computed in [10], we see that  $E$  is  $J_0(49)$ .

(2) As an application of Theorem 4.1, we give a second proof of the following result due to Prapavessi [10]: Let  $\infty_1 = (1, 0, 0)$ ,  $\mu_j = \zeta^j + \zeta^{-j}$  ( $j \geq 0$ ) and let  $P = (\mu_1, \mu_3^{-1}, 1)$ . Then  $D = P + \rho P - 2\infty_1$  generates the kernel of  $\pi^3$  over  $\mathbf{Z}[\zeta]$ . Prapavessi showed ([10], Lemma 2.1) that  $\pi^3(D) = 0$ . It remains to show that  $\pi^2(D) \neq 0$ . Let  $\infty_2 = (0, 1, 0)$  and  $\infty_3 = (0, 0, 1)$ . Suppose, on the contrary, that  $\pi^2(D) = 0$ . Applying the endomorphism  $(1 - r^2\rho)1/\pi$  of  $\text{Jac}(C)$  we obtain  $(1 - r^2\rho)\pi D = 0$ , or

$$\pi D = r^2 \left\{ \frac{\zeta^r - 1}{\pi} \right\} \pi \rho D = r^2 \left\{ r + \frac{r(r-1)}{2} \pi + \cdots \right\} \pi \rho D = \pi \rho D.$$

Since the group of  $\pi$ -division points on  $\text{Jac}(C)$  is generated by  $\infty_i - \infty_j$  ( $i \neq j$ ),  $\pi(P - \rho^2 P) = 0$  follows from  $\pi(D - \rho D) = 0$ . Hence there is a non-constant rational function  $g$  on  $C$  whose divisor is  $\pi(P - \rho^2 P)$ . In particular,  $g: C \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^1$  is a double covering, and  $C$  is a hyperelliptic curve, which is a contradiction. This completes the proof that  $\pi^2(D) \neq 0$ .

(3) Our knowledge of the endomorphism ring of  $A$  allows us to deduce a result of Greenberg [5] for  $A = J_{1,r,-(1+r)}^p$ . We have noted that  $w = (1 + r\rho + r^2\rho^2)1/\pi^2$  is an endomorphism of  $A$  which is defined over  $K$ . Thus if  $D \in A(K)$ , then it follows that  $w(D) \in A(K)$ . Let  $Q \in A[\pi^3] - A[\pi^2]$  be such that  $\rho(Q) = r^2 Q$ . Setting  $P = \pi^2 Q$ , we have  $w(P) = (1 + r\rho + r^2\rho^2)(Q) = 3Q$  is an element of  $A(K)$ . Let  $\lambda, \mu \in \mathbf{Z}$  be such that  $3\mu + p\lambda$

$= 1$ . Then  $Q = 3\mu Q \in A(K)$ . Since  $A[\pi^3]$  is a cyclic  $\mathbf{Z}[\zeta]$ -module with  $Q$  as a generator, it follows that  $A[\pi^3] \subseteq A(K)$ . We also remark that the  $p$ -part of  $A(K)$  is of the form  $A[\pi^{3^l}]$  for some  $l \geq 1$ .

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