

Multi-Tensors of Differential Forms on the Hilbert Modular Variety and on Its Subvarieties, II

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on their sixtieth birthdays*

Let Γ_K denote the Hilbert modular group associated with a totally real algebraic number field K of degree $n > 1$. Let X_K be the Hilbert modular variety H^n/Γ_K . The present paper is the continuation of a study [8], and our purpose is to extend the known range of K for which an assertion (\star) holds where

(\star) *any subvariety in X_K of codimension one is of general type.*

We show that if $n \geq 3$, then (\star) holds only with finite exceptions. It was shown in our previous paper [8] that if the dimension $n \geq 3$ is fixed, then (\star) holds with finite exceptions. The main theorem of the present paper is as follows:

Theorem. (\star) holds if $n > 26$, or if $n > 14$ and the ideal in the maximal order of K generated by 2 is unramified at any prime of degree one.

As stated in [8], (\star) has the consequent on the property of X_K which we restate here for reader's convenience.

(I) Let X_K° denote the smooth locus of X_K , and let $\tilde{X}_K^{(1)}$ be any smooth variety having X_K° as an open subset. Then for any birational morphism φ of \tilde{X}_K to a smooth variety, $\varphi|_{X_K^\circ}$ gives rise to an open embedding.

(II) The birational automorphism group of X_K (or equivalently, the automorphism group of the Hilbert modular function field over \mathbf{C}) is equal to the automorphism group of X_K , which is canonically isomorphic to a semi-direct product $H_K^{(2)} \rtimes \text{Aut}(K/\mathbf{Q})$ where $H_K^{(2)} = \{x \in H_K \mid x^2 = 1\}$, H_K denoting the ideal class group of K in the narrow sense.

As we see in §2, in order to prove Theorem we need to show