

# Jacobian fibrations on the singular $K3$ surface of discriminant 3

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**Abstract.** In this paper we give the Weierstrass equations and the generators of Mordell–Weil groups for Jacobian fibrations on the singular  $K3$  surface of discriminant 3.

## 1. Introduction.

A  $K3$  surface defined over the complex number field whose Picard number equals to maximum possible number 20 is called a *singular  $K3$  surface*. Shioda and Inose [11] showed that the map which associates a singular  $K3$  surface  $X$  with its transcendental lattice  $T_X$  is a bijective correspondence from the set of singular  $K3$  surfaces onto the set of equivalence classes of positive-definite even integral lattice of rank two with respect to  $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$ . The discriminant of a singular  $K3$  surface  $X$  is the determinant of the Gram matrix of the transcendental lattice  $T_X$ .

In this paper we study Jacobian fibrations, i.e., elliptic fibrations with a section, on the singular  $K3$  surface  $X_3$  of discriminant 3, which corresponds to the lattice defined by  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$  and is uniquely determined up to isomorphism. Jacobian fibrations on  $X_3$  were classified by Nishiyama [8]. He classified all configurations of singular fibers of Jacobian fibrations on  $X_3$  into 6 classes and determined their Mordell–Weil groups. We give a Weierstrass model of a fibration in each class. More precisely, we state our main theorem.

**THEOREM 1.** *Let  $X_3$  be the singular  $K3$  surface of discriminant 3. For a Jacobian fibration in each class of Nishiyama’s list [8, Table 1.1], an elliptic parameter  $u_i$ , a Weierstrass equation and the generators of the Mordell–Weil group are given by Table 1.*

An *elliptic parameter* of a Jacobian fibration  $\pi : X_3 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$  is the pull-back  $\pi^*(u_i)$  of the affine coordinate  $u$  of  $\mathbb{P}^1$ . We also denote it by  $u$ , and regard  $u$  as a rational function on  $X_3$ . The generic fiber of  $\pi$  defines an elliptic curve  $E$  over the rational function field  $\mathbb{C}(u)$ . Therefore, it may be defined by a Weierstrass equation, which is called a *Weierstrass equation for the Jacobian fibration  $\pi$* . It is well known that the set of sections of  $\pi$  forms an abelian group that is isomorphic to the Mordell–Weil group  $E(\mathbb{C}(u))$ . It is also called the *Mordell–Weil group of the Jacobian fibration  $\pi$* .

We explain about Table 1. The first column shows the name of each Jacobian fibrations following Nishiyama’s notation. The second column shows the configuration of singular fibers. Here, for example, by  $2\text{II}^* + \text{IV}$  means that the surface has two singular

Table 1. Classification of Jacobian fibrations on  $X_3$ .

No.	sing. fibs	MWG	$u_i$	equation and rational points
1	$2\text{II}^* + \text{IV}$	0	$\frac{2(y_2 + 1)}{(y_1 - 1)^2}$	$Y^2 = X^3 + u_1^5(u_1 - 1)^2$ $O$
2	$\text{I}_{12}^* + \text{I}_3 + 3\text{I}_1$	$\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$	$\frac{2t^2}{(y_2 + 1)(y_1^2 + 2y_1 + 2y_2 - 1)}$	$Y^2 = X^3 - 2u_2(u_2^3 - 2)X^2 + u_2^8 X$ $O, (0, 0)$
3	$\text{III}^* + \text{I}_6^* + 3\text{I}_1$	$\left\langle \frac{3}{2} \right\rangle \oplus \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$	$\frac{t}{y_1^2 - 1}$	$Y^2 = X^3 + 4u_3^3 X^2 - 4u_3^3 X$ 2-tor.: $O, (0, 0)$ free gen. : $(1, -1)$
4	$\text{I}_{18} + 6\text{I}_1$	$\left\langle \frac{3}{2} \right\rangle \oplus \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$	$\frac{t}{y_1 + y_2}$	$Y^2 = X^3 + (X - u_4^6)^2$ 3-tor. : $O, (0, \pm u_4^6)$ free gen. : $(2u_4^3, 2u_4^3 + u_4^6)$
5	$3\text{IV}^*$	$\mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$	$y_1$	$Y^2 = X^3 + (u_5^2 - 1)^4$ $O, (0, \pm(u_5^2 - 1)^2)$
6	$\text{I}_3^* + \text{I}_{12} + 3\text{I}_1$	$\mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}$	$t$	$Y^2 = X^3 - 2(u_6^3 - 2)X^2 + u_6^6 X$ $O, (0, 0), (u_6^3, \pm 2u_6^3)$

fibers of type  $\text{II}^*$  and a singular fiber of type  $\text{IV}$  (Kodaira’s notation [4]). The third column shows the Mordell–Weil group (MWG) of the fibration. The fourth column shows an elliptic parameter  $u_i$  of the fibration under the singular affine model (2.6) of  $X_3$ . The index  $i$  is the name of the fibration. The last column shows a Weierstrass equation and rational points corresponding to Mordell–Weil generator of the fibration, where  $O$  is the rational point corresponding to the zero of MWG. We will give an outline of a way to get these data in the next section after we fix the notation.

Recently, Braun, Kimura and Watari [2] showed that Nishiyama’s list also gives the classification of Jacobian fibrations on  $X_3$  modulo isomorphism. Thus, our and their results answer completely a question of Kuwata and Shioda [7].

**2. Notation.**

The singular  $K3$  surface  $X_3$  is known as a *generalized Kummer surface* constructed as follows. Let  $C_\omega$  be the complex elliptic curve with the fundamental periods 1 and  $\omega = e^{2\pi\sqrt{-1}/3}$ . Let  $\sigma$  be an automorphism of  $C_\omega \times C_\omega$  defined by  $\sigma(z_1, z_2) \mapsto (\omega z_1, \omega^2 z_2)$ . Then the minimal resolution of the quotient  $C_\omega \times C_\omega / \langle \sigma \rangle$  is isomorphic to the singular  $K3$  surface  $X_3$  (see [11, Lemma 5.1]). The automorphism  $\sigma$  has 9 fixed points  $(v_i, v_j)$  ( $1 \leq i, j \leq 3$ ), where  $\{v_i\}$  are the fixed points of the automorphism  $\sigma_1$  of  $C_\omega$  defined by  $\sigma_1(z) = \omega z$ . These 9 points  $(v_i, v_j)$  correspond to the singular points  $p_{ij}$  of the quotient  $C_\omega \times C_\omega / \langle \sigma \rangle$ . The minimal resolution  $X_3$  of  $C_\omega \times C_\omega / \langle \sigma \rangle$  is obtained by replacing each  $p_{ij}$  by 2 non-singular rational curves  $E_{i,j}$  and  $E'_{i,j}$  with  $E_{i,j} \cdot E'_{i,j} = 1$ . Moreover,  $X_3$  contains 6 non-singular rational curves, i.e. the image  $F_i$  (or  $G_j$ ) of  $\{v_i\} \times C_\omega$  (or  $C_\omega \times \{v_j\}$ ) in  $X_3$ . We have the following intersection numbers.

$$\begin{aligned}
 F_i^2 = G_i^2 = E_{i,j}^2 = E'_{i,j}{}^2 = -2, \quad F_i \cdot E_{j,k} = G_i \cdot E'_{j,k} = F_i \cdot G_j = 0, \\
 E_{i,j} \cdot E'_{k,l} = \delta_{i,k} \cdot \delta_{j,l}, \quad F_i \cdot E'_{j,k} = G_i \cdot E_{k,j} = \delta_{i,j}.
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{2.1}$$

These 24 curves on  $X_3$  form the configuration of Figure 1.

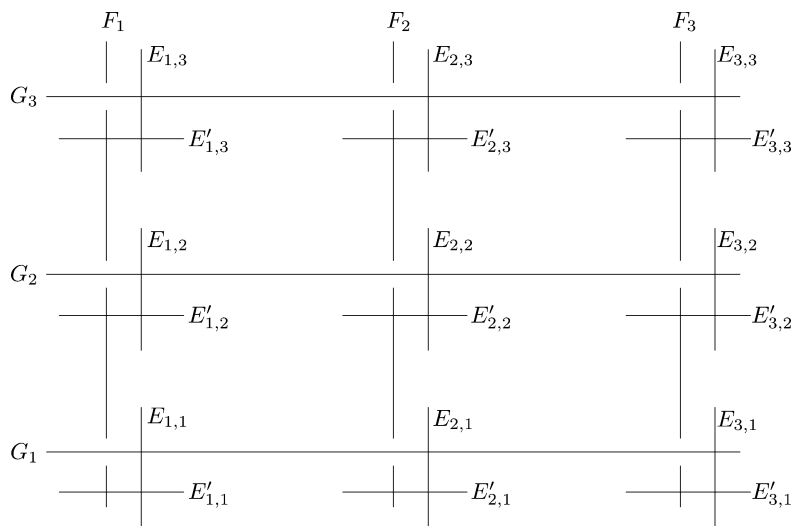


Figure 1.  $(-2)$ -curves.

It is well known that the elliptic curve  $C_\omega$  has the following Weierstrass form

$$C_\omega : y^2 = x^3 + 1.
 \tag{2.2}$$

We denote each factor of  $C_\omega \times C_\omega$  by

$$C_\omega^1 : y_1^2 = x_1^3 + 1, \quad C_\omega^2 : y_2^2 = x_2^3 + 1.
 \tag{2.3}$$

Then the automorphism  $\sigma$  is written by

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sigma : C_\omega^1 \times C_\omega^2 &\rightarrow C_\omega^1 \times C_\omega^2 \\
 (x_1, y_1, x_2, y_2) &\mapsto (\omega x_1, y_1, \omega^2 x_2, y_2).
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{2.4}$$

The function field  $\mathbb{C}(X_3)$  is equal to the invariant subfield of the function field  $\mathbb{C}(C_\omega^1 \times C_\omega^2) = \mathbb{C}(x_1, x_2, y_1, y_2)$  under the automorphism  $\sigma$ . Then we have

$$\mathbb{C}(X_3) = \mathbb{C}(y_1, y_2, t), \quad t = x_1 x_2,
 \tag{2.5}$$

where  $y_1, y_2$ , and  $t$  are naturally regarded as functions on  $X_3$  with the relation

$$t^3 = (y_1^2 - 1)(y_2^2 - 1).
 \tag{2.6}$$

This gives a singular affine model of  $X_3$ . We start from the equation to obtain a Weierstrass form for each Jacobian fibration on  $X_3$ . Under the above notation, we see that the divisors of typical functions are as follows.

$$\begin{aligned}
 (y_1 - 1) &= 3F_2 + 2(E'_{2,1} + E'_{2,2} + E'_{2,3}) + E_{2,1} + E_{2,2} + E_{2,3} \\
 &\quad - (3F_1 + 2(E'_{1,1} + E'_{1,2} + E'_{1,3}) + E_{1,1} + E_{1,2} + E_{1,3}) \\
 (y_1 + 1) &= 3F_3 + 2(E'_{3,1} + E'_{3,2} + E'_{3,3}) + E_{3,1} + E_{3,2} + E_{3,3} \\
 &\quad - (3F_1 + 2(E'_{1,1} + E'_{1,2} + E'_{1,3}) + E_{1,1} + E_{1,2} + E_{1,3}) \\
 (y_2 - 1) &= 3G_2 + 2(E_{1,2} + E_{2,2} + E_{3,2}) + E'_{1,2} + E'_{2,2} + E'_{3,2} \\
 &\quad - (3G_1 + 2(E_{1,1} + E_{2,1} + E_{3,1}) + E'_{1,1} + E'_{2,1} + E'_{3,1}) \\
 (y_2 + 1) &= 3G_3 + 2(E_{1,3} + E_{2,3} + E_{3,3}) + E'_{1,3} + E'_{2,3} + E'_{3,3} \\
 &\quad - (3G_1 + 2(E_{1,1} + E_{2,1} + E_{3,1}) + E'_{1,1} + E'_{2,1} + E'_{3,1}) \\
 (t) &= F_2 + E'_{2,3} + E_{2,3} + G_3 + E_{3,3} + E'_{3,3} + F_3 + E'_{3,2} + E_{3,2} + G_2 + E_{2,2} + E'_{2,2} \\
 &\quad - (E_{2,1} + E_{3,1} + 2(G_1 + E_{1,1} + E'_{1,1} + F_1) + E'_{1,2} + E'_{1,3}).
 \end{aligned} \tag{2.7}$$

For a Jacobian fibration in each class of Table 1, we compute a Weierstrass equation by using the following two methods.

The first method is the elimination method. Theoretically, constructing a Jacobian fibration on a  $K3$  surface is done by finding a divisor that has the same type as a singular fiber in the Kodaira’s list (see [4]). In practice, however, we need to find two divisors, one for the fiber at  $u = 0$ , and the other for the fiber at  $u = \infty$ , to write down an actual elliptic parameter  $u$ . Once an elliptic parameter is found, we want to find a change of variables that converts the defining equation to a Weierstrass form. Since an elliptic parameter  $u$  is a rational function, we can write  $u = f/g$  for some  $f, g \in \mathbb{C}[t, y_1, y_2]$ . Thus, we can eliminate one variable from the equations (2.6) and  $gu - f = 0$ . If such an equation can be converted to the form  $y^2 = (\text{quartic polynomial})$  by a simple change of coordinates, we can transform it to a Weierstrass form by using a standard algorithm (see for example [1] or [3]). We use this method to compute Weierstrass equations for Fibrations 1, 3, 5 and 6 in Sections 3–6.

For Fibrations 2 and 4, it is difficult to find such two divisors described as above. Thus, we use the other method for them, which is called *2-neighbor step* by Noam Elkies. This is a technique to transform a Weierstrass equation for a Jacobian fibration to another for a distinct Jacobian fibration. Using this, we obtain a Weierstrass equation for Fibration 4 from Fibration 3 in Section 7. Moreover, we can transform it to a Weierstrass equation for Fibration 2 in Section 8.

Every Jacobian fibration except for Fibration 1 has nontrivial Mordell–Weil group. In each case, we can easily write down the torsion part of the Mordell–Weil group as rational points of the elliptic curve defined over  $\mathbb{C}(u)$  by the Weierstrass equation. To determine the free generators of Fibrations 3 and 4, we compute the height paring by using the method in [10] from the intersection numbers (2.1) and establish some changes of variables.

### 3. Fibration 1.

An elliptic parameter for Fibration 1 is given by

$$u_1 = \frac{2(y_1 + 1)}{(y_1 - 1)^2}. \tag{3.1}$$

The divisor of  $u_1$  is given by

$$(u_1) = E'_{3,3} + 2E_{3,3} + 3G_3 + 4E_{1,3} + 5E'_{1,3} + 6F_1 + 3E'_{1,1} + 4E'_{1,2} + 2E_{1,2} - (E'_{3,1} + 2E_{3,1} + 3G_1 + 4E_{2,1} + 5E'_{2,1} + 6F_2 + 3E'_{2,3} + 4E'_{2,2} + 2E_{2,2}). \tag{3.2}$$

The zero divisor  $(u_1)_0$  (the bold lines in Figure 2) and the polar divisor  $(u_1)_\infty$  (the thin lines in Figure 2) are the singular fibers both of type  $\text{II}^*$ .

Eliminating the variable  $y_2$  from (2.6) and (3.1), we obtain the following equation

$$4t^3 = u_1(y_1 + 1)(y_1 - 1)^3(u_1y_1^2 - 2u_1y_1 + u_1 - 4), \tag{3.3}$$

which defines a plane curve over  $\mathbb{C}(u_1)$  with a singularity at  $(t, y_1) = (0, 1)$ . Blowing up by  $t = v(y_1 - 1)$ , we have the following equation

$$4v^3 = u_1(y_1 + 1)(u_1y_1^2 - 2u_1y_1 + u_1 - 4), \tag{3.4}$$

which defines a nonsingular plane cubic curve over  $\mathbb{C}(u_1)$  with a rational point  $(v, y_1) = (0, -1)$ . Then we can convert it into a Weierstrass form (see [1] or [3]). Since the rational point  $(v, y_1) = (0, -1)$  corresponds to the divisor  $F_3$  (the dotted line in Figure 2), choosing it as the zero section of the group structure, we obtain the Weierstrass equation for Fibration 1

$$Y^2 = X^3 + u_1^5(u_1 - 1)^2, \tag{3.5}$$

where the change of variables is given by

$$X = \frac{\sqrt[3]{4}(u_1 - 1)u_1t}{(y_1^2 - 1)}, \quad Y = -\frac{u_1^2(u_1 - 1)(u_1y_1 - u_1 + 2)}{y_1 + 1}. \tag{3.6}$$

Besides the two singular fibers of type  $\text{II}^*$  at  $u_1 = 0$  and  $\infty$ , there is one singular fiber of type IV at  $u_1 = 1$ . It is the divisor  $E_{3,2} + E'_{3,2} + Q_1$  (the long dashed dotted lines in Figure 2), where  $Q_1$  is a  $(-2)$ -curve on  $X_3$  arising from a curve on  $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$  below.

Let  $p_j : C_\omega^j \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$  ( $j = 1, 2$ ) be the projection given by

$$p_j : \quad C_\omega^j \quad \rightarrow \quad \mathbb{P}^1$$

$$(x_j : y_j : z_j) \mapsto \begin{cases} (y_j : z_j) & \text{if } z_j \neq 0 \\ (1 : 0) & \text{if } z_j = 0. \end{cases} \tag{3.7}$$

Then the map  $p_1 \times p_2 : C_\omega^1 \times C_\omega^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$  factors through  $\bar{\pi} : C_\omega^1 \times C_\omega^2 / \sigma \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$ . Let  $\pi$  be the morphism of degree three from  $X_3$  to  $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$  that makes the following diagram commutative:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & X_3 & \\
 & \downarrow & \searrow \pi \\
 C_\omega^1 \times C_\omega^2 & \longrightarrow & C_\omega^1 \times C_\omega^2 / \sigma \xrightarrow{\bar{\pi}} \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1.
 \end{array}$$

It is easy to verify that the equation  $u_1 = 1$  means

$$y_1^2 - 2y_1 - 2y_2 - 1 = 0 \tag{3.8}$$

from (3.1). This equation defines a curve on  $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$ . Then it lifts to the  $(-2)$ -curve  $Q_1$  on  $X_3$  via the map  $\pi$ .

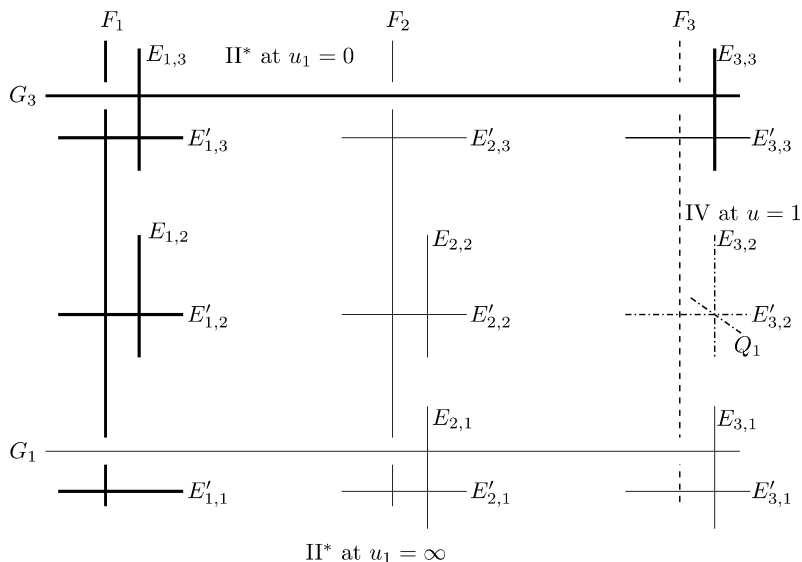


Figure 2. Fibration 1.

**4. Fibration 3.**

An elliptic parameter for Fibration 3 is given by

$$u_3 = \frac{t}{y_1^2 - 1}. \tag{4.1}$$

The divisor of  $u_3$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
 (u_3) = & G_2 + 2E_{1,2} + 3E'_{1,2} + 4F_1 + 3E'_{1,1} + 2E_{1,3} + G_3 + 3E'_{1,2} \\
 & - (E'_{2,2} + E'_{2,3} + 2(F_2 + E'_{2,1} + E_{2,1} + G_1 + E_{3,1} + E'_{3,1} + F_3) + E'_{3,2} + E'_{3,3}),
 \end{aligned} \tag{4.2}$$

which is indicated in Figure 3. The zero divisor  $(u_3)_0$  is the singular fiber of type III\* (the bold lines) and the polar divisor  $(u_3)_\infty$  is the singular fiber of type I<sub>6</sub>\* (the thin lines). The curves  $E_{2,2}, E_{2,3}, E_{3,2}$  and  $E_{3,3}$  (the dotted lines) are all the sections.

Eliminating the variable  $t$  from (2.6) and (4.1), we have the following equation

$$y_2^2 = u_3^3(y_1^2 - 1)^2 + 1, \tag{4.3}$$

which has a rational point  $(y_1, y_2) = (1, 1)$  corresponding to the curve  $E_{2,2}$ . Thus, choosing  $E_{2,2}$  as the zero section of the group structure, we obtain the Weierstrass equation for Fibration 3

$$Y^2 = X^3 + 4u_3^3X^2 - 4u_3^3X, \tag{4.4}$$

where the change of variables is given by

$$X = \frac{2(y_2 + 1)}{(y_1 - 1)^2}, \quad Y = \frac{4(u_3^3(y_1 + 1)(y_1 - 1)^2 + y_2 + 1)}{(y_1 - 1)^3}. \tag{4.5}$$

Besides the above two singular fibers of types III\* and I<sub>6</sub>\*, the fibration has three I<sub>1</sub> fibers at  $u_3 = -1, -\omega$  and  $-\omega^2$ .

The 2-torsion rational point  $(X, Y) = (0, 0)$  corresponds to the curve  $E_{3,3}$ . The rational point  $(X, Y) = (1, -1)$  corresponds to the curve  $E_{3,2}$  of height  $\langle E_{3,2}, E_{3,2} \rangle = 3/2$ , which is a generator of the Mordell–Weil lattice of the fibration. The curve  $E_{2,3}$  is another free section corresponding to the rational point  $(1, 1)$  with the relation  $E_{2,3} = -E_{3,2}$  in the Mordell–Weil group.

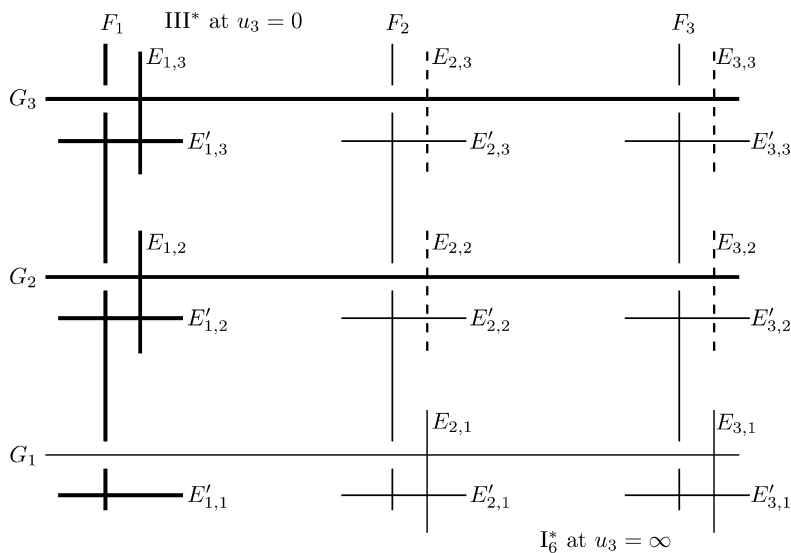


Figure 3. Fibration 3.

**5. Fibration 5.**

An elliptic parameter for Fibration 5 is given by

$$u_5 = y_1. \tag{5.1}$$

It is clear that this elliptic parameter defines a fibration having three singular fibers all of types  $IV^*$  at  $u_5 = 1, -1$  and  $\infty$  (the bold lines in Figure 4) from (2.7). Furthermore the fibration is induced by the composition of the first projection  $C_\omega^1 \times C_\omega^2 \rightarrow C_\omega^1$  and the covering map of degree three  $p_1 : C_\omega^1 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$  in (3.7).

The following simple coordinate change

$$X = (u_5^2 - 1)t, \quad Y = (u_5^2 - 1)^2 y_2 \tag{5.2}$$

converts the equation (2.6) into the Weierstrass equation for Fibration 5

$$Y^2 = X^3 + (u_5^2 - 1)^4. \tag{5.3}$$

The curve  $G_1, G_2$  and  $G_3$  correspond to the zero section, 3-torsion rational points  $(0, (u_5^2 - 1)^2)$  and  $(0, -(u_5^2 - 1)^2)$ , respectively (the dotted lines in Figure 4).

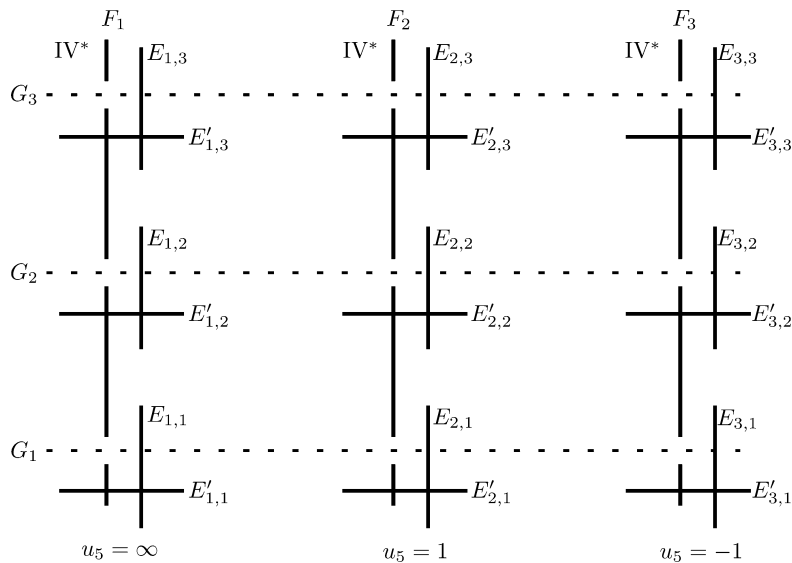


Figure 4. Fibration 5.



**6. Fibration 6.**

An elliptic parameter for Fibration 6 is given by

$$u_6 = t. \tag{6.1}$$

Since we gave the divisor of  $t$  in (2.7), we know that the zero divisor  $(u_6)_0$  is the singular fiber of type  $I_{12}$  (the bold lines in Figure 5) and the polar divisor  $(u_6)_\infty$  is the singular fiber of type  $I_3^*$  (the thin lines in Figure 5). The curves  $E_{1,2}, E_{1,3}, E'_{2,1}$  and  $E'_{3,1}$  (the dotted lines in Figure 5) are all the sections. Choosing  $E_{1,2}$  as the zero section of the group structure, we obtain the Weierstrass equation for Fibration 6

$$Y^2 = X^3 - 2(u_6^3 - 2)X^2 - u_6^6 X, \tag{6.2}$$

where the change of variables is given by

$$X = \frac{t^3(y_2 + 1)}{y_2 - 1}, \quad Y = \frac{2t^3 y_1(y_2 + 1)}{y_2 - 1}. \tag{6.3}$$

Besides the two singular fibers of type  $I_{12}$  at  $u_6 = 0$  and of type  $I_3^*$  at  $u_6 = \infty$ , there are three  $I_1$  fibers at  $u_6 = 1, \omega$  and  $\omega^2$ . The Mordell–Weil group of the fibration is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}$ . The curve  $E_{1,3}$  corresponds to the rational point  $(0, 0)$  of order two, and remaining curves  $E'_{2,1}$  and  $E'_{3,1}$  correspond to the rational points  $(u_6^3, 2u_6^3), (u_6^3, -2u_6^3)$  of order four, respectively.

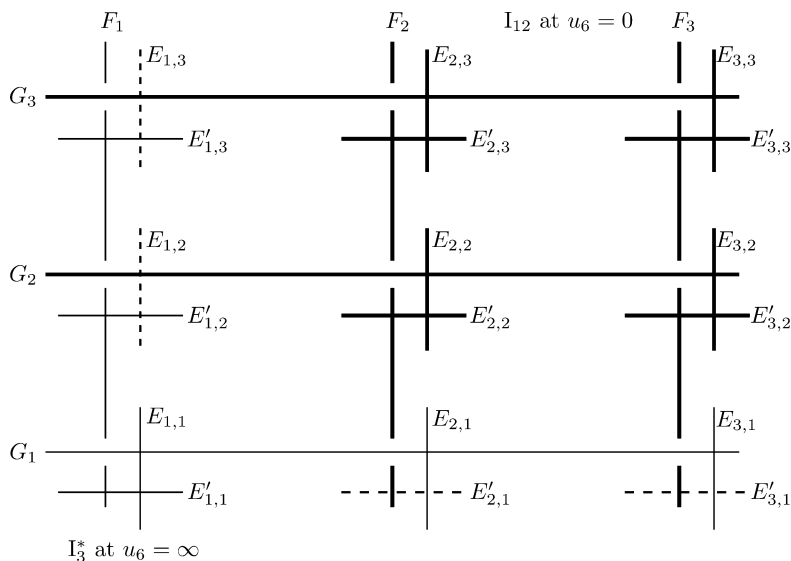


Figure 5. Fibration 6.

**7. Fibration 4.**

To obtain the Weierstrass equation for Fibration 4, we use a 2-neighbor step from Fibration 3. For more detail about *2-neighbor step*, we refer to [5], [9], [12].

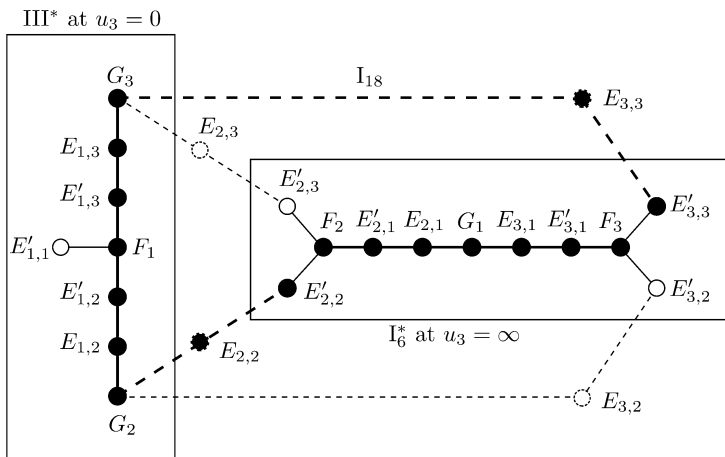


Figure 6. 2-neighbor from Fibration 3 to Fibration 4.

We compute explicitly the elements of  $\mathcal{O}_{X_3}(F)$  where

$$\begin{aligned}
 F = & E_{2,2} + G_2 + E_{1,2} + E'_{1,2} + F_1 + E'_{1,3} + E_{1,3} + G_3 + E_{3,3} + E'_{3,3} + F_3 \\
 & + E'_{3,1} + E_{3,1} + G_1 + E_{2,1} + E'_{2,1} + F_2 + E'_{2,2}
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{7.1}$$

is the class of the fiber of type  $I_{18}$  we are considering. The linear space  $\mathcal{O}_{X_3}(F)$  is 2-dimensional, and the ratio of two linearly independent elements is an elliptic parameter for  $X_3$ . Since 1 is an element of  $\mathcal{O}_{X_3}$ , we may find a non-constant element of  $\mathcal{O}_{X_3}(F)$ . Then it will be an elliptic parameter of Fibration 4. Let us  $u'_4 \in \mathcal{O}_{X_3}(F)$  be a non-constant. The function  $u'_4$  has a simple pole along  $E_{2,2}$  and  $E_{3,3}$ , which are the zero section and 2-torsion of Fibration 3. Also, it has a simple pole along  $G_2$ , the identity component of the fiber at  $u_3 = 0$ , a simple pole along  $E'_{3,3}$ , the identity component of the fiber at  $u_3 = \infty$ . Therefore we can put

$$u'_4 = \frac{Y}{X} + \frac{A_0 + A_1 u_3 + A_2 u_3^2}{u_3},
 \tag{7.2}$$

where the variables  $u_3, X, Y$  are given by (4.1) and (4.5). Assume  $A_1 = 0$ , since 1 is an element of  $\mathcal{O}_{X_3}(F)$ . To obtain the coefficients  $A_0$  and  $A_2$ , we look at the order of vanishing along the non-identity components of fibers at  $u_3 = \infty$ . The function  $u'_4$  does not have any pole along  $E'_{3,2}$ , which intersects with the section  $E_{3,2}$  of the fibration 3 at  $u_3 = \infty$ . Hence  $u'_4$  has no pole at  $(X, Y, u_3) = (1, -1, \infty)$ , and that gives us  $A_2 = 0$ . Similarly, the component  $E'_{2,3}$ , which intersects with the section  $E_{2,3}$ , gives us  $A_0 = 0$ . Consequently, we have a new elliptic parameter

$$u'_4 = \frac{Y}{u_3 X}, \tag{7.3}$$

where the variables  $u_3, X, Y$  are given by (4.1) and (4.5). Solving for  $Y$  and substituting into the Weierstrass equation (4.4), after suitable coordinate changes we have the following

$$y^2 = x^3 + \frac{1}{4}(u'_4{}^2 x - 16)^2. \tag{7.4}$$

Although this is a Weierstrass equation for Fibration 4, for latter calculations, we put

$$u_4' = \frac{2}{u_4}, \quad x = \frac{2^2 X}{u_4^4}, \quad y = \frac{2^3 Y}{u_4^6} \tag{7.5}$$

and obtain another Weierstrass equation for Fibration 4

$$Y^2 = X^3 + (X - u_4^6)^2. \tag{7.6}$$

The change of variables is given by

$$u_4 = \frac{t}{y_1 + y_2}, \quad X = \frac{(y_1^2 - 1)t^3}{(y_1 + y_2)^4}, \quad Y = \frac{(y_1^2 y_2 + 2y_1 + y_2)t^6}{(y_2^2 - 1)(y_1 + y_2)^6}. \tag{7.7}$$

The fibration has singular fibers of type  $I_{18}$  at  $u_4 = 0$  and of type  $I_1$  at the zeros of  $27u_4^6 + 4 = 0$ . The zero section corresponds to the divisor  $E'_{1,1}$ . The 3-torsion rational points  $(0, u_4^6)$  and  $(0, -u_4^6)$  correspond to the divisors  $E'_{3,2}$  and  $E'_{2,3}$ , respectively. The free rational points  $(2u_4^3, u_4^4 + 2u_4^3)$  and  $(-2u_4^6, u_4^3 - 2u_4^3)$  correspond to the divisors  $E_{3,2}$

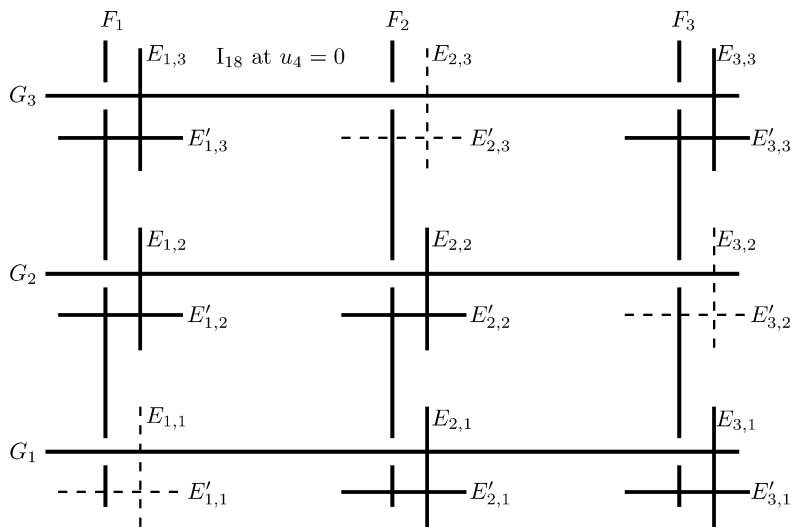


Figure 7. Fibration 4.

and  $E_{2,3}$ , respectively with the relation  $E_{2,3} + E_{3,2} = E'_{2,3}$  in the Mordell–Weil group. Since the height of  $E_{2,3}$  is equal to  $3/2$ ,  $E_{2,3}$  generates the Mordell–Weil lattice of the fibration.

**8. Fibration 2.**

We obtain the following elliptic parameter  $u'_2$  for Fibration 2 by a 2-neighbor step from Fibration 4 (see Figure 8).

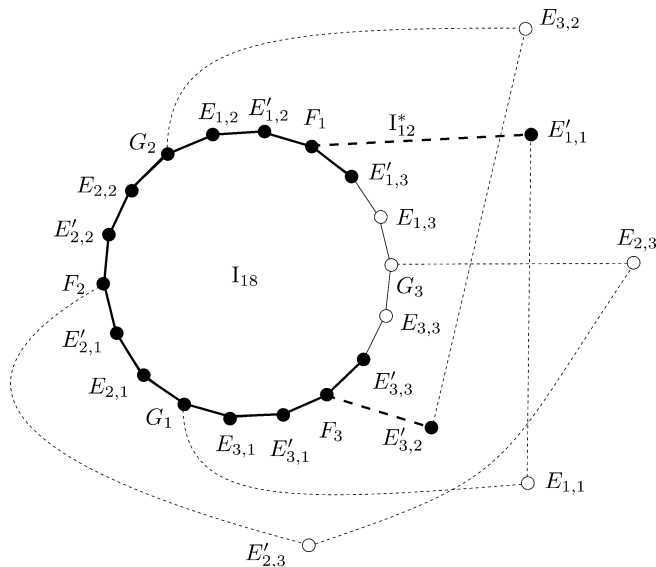


Figure 8. 2-neighbor from Fibration 4 to Fibration 2.

$$u'_2 = \frac{u_4^6 + X + Y}{u_4^2 X} \tag{8.1}$$

The variables  $u_4, X, Y$  are given by (7.7). Then we get the following Weierstrass equation for Fibration 2.

$$y^2 = x^3 + 2(u_2'^3 - 4)x^2 + 16x. \tag{8.2}$$

We put

$$u'_2 = \frac{2}{u_2}, \quad x = \frac{2^2 X}{u_2^4}, \quad y = \frac{2^3 Y}{u_2^6} \tag{8.3}$$

and obtain another Weierstrass equation for Fibration 4.

$$Y^2 = X^3 - 2(u_2^3 - 2)X^2 - u_2^8 X. \tag{8.4}$$

The change of variables is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
 u_2 &= \frac{2t^2}{(y_2 + 1)(y_1^2 + 2y_1 + 2y_2 - 1)}, \\
 X &= -\frac{32(y_1 - 1)^2(y_2 - 1)^3t^2}{(y_2 + 1)^2(y_1^2 + 2y_1 + 2y_2 - 1)^4}, \\
 Y &= -\frac{128(y_1 - 1)^3(y_2 - 1)^4(y_1 + 1)(y_1 + y_2)}{(y_2 + 1)^2(y_1^2 + 2y_1 + 2y_2 - 1)^5}.
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{8.5}$$

The zero divisor  $(u_4)_0$  is the singular fiber of type  $I_{12}^*$  (the bold lines in Figure 9). The polar divisor  $(u_4)_\infty = G_3 + E_{2,3} + Q_2$  is the singular fiber of type  $I_3$  (the thin lines in Figure 9), where the divisor  $Q_2$  is the lifting of the curve  $y_1^2 + 2y_1 + 2y_2 - 1 = 0$  on  $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$  by the map  $\pi$  in Section 3. Besides these two singular fibers, there are three  $I_1$  fibers at  $u_2 = 1, \omega$  and  $\omega^2$ . The zero section corresponds to the divisor  $E_{1,3}$ . The 2-torsion rational point  $(0, 0)$  corresponds to the divisor  $E_{3,3}$ .

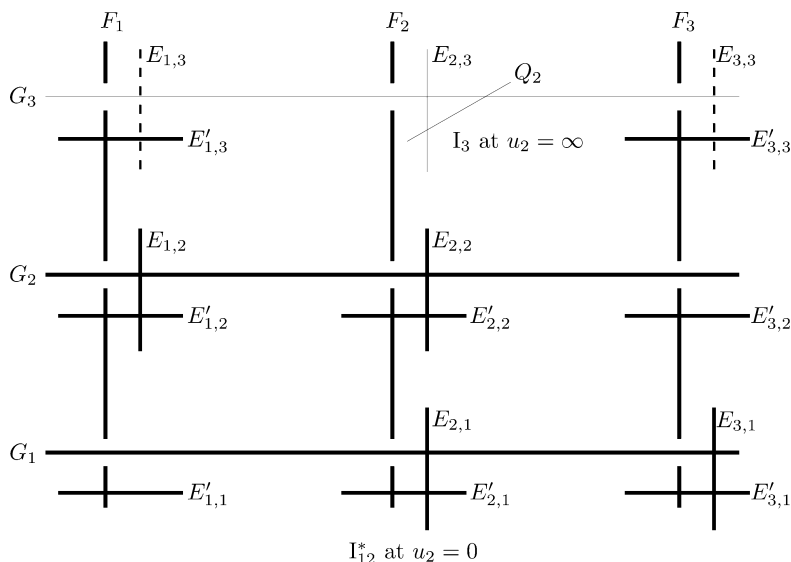


Figure 9. Fibration 2.

REMARK 2. We give a Weierstrass equation for Fibration 6 in Section 6. Comparing the equations (8.4) and (6.2), we know easily that Fibration 2 is a quadratic twist of Fibration 6. This is the reason why we adopt the equation (8.4) as the Weierstrass equation for Fibration 2 rather than the equation (8.2).

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