

RM abelian surfaces over \mathbb{Q}

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Discriminants of RM fields of $J_0(N)$ quotients
 in online Modular Forms Database [levels are
 “all $N < 5135$ (and many more up to 7248)”]

D	#	D	#	D	#
5	3552	56	6	101	0
8	2490	57	48	104	0
12	1410	60	13	105	0
13	779	61	12	109	6
17	1080	65	9	113	2
21	221	69	3	120	0
24	329	73	37	124	0
28	225	76	11	129	0
29	40	77	0	133	0
33	278	85	3	...	
37	34	88	5	145	2
40	95	89	1	...	
41	110	92	0	184	2
44	21	93	0	...	
53	0	97	7	201	2

Comparison with type (rational, blown-up K3, blown-up “honestly elliptic”, or general) of the relevant moduli surface $Y_-(D)$ for ppas with endomorphisms by the alg. integers in $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{D})$ [Hirzebruch-Zagier 1977; D prime: Hirzebruch-van de Ven 1974]

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5	R	3552	56	G	6	101	G	0
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Why no examples with $D = 53$?

A birational model for $Y_-(53)/\mathbf{Q}$ is $y^2 = P(s) = \sum_{i=0}^4 p_i(r)s^{4-i}$ where: $p_0 = -27/8$,

$$p_1 = -9s^2 + 63s - 13,$$

$$\begin{aligned} p_2 = & -32s^6 + 240s^5 - 706s^4 \\ & + 1120s^3 - 1198s^2 + 432s - 22, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} p_3 = & 16s(18s^6 - 143s^5 + 458s^4 \\ & - 781s^3 + 779s^2 - 380s + 63), \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} p_4 = & 32(s^2 - s)(-27s^6 + 207s^5 - 634s^4 \\ & + 1002s^3 - 855s^2 + 323s - 44). \end{aligned}$$

The rational function r on $Y_-(53)$ gives the genus-1 fibration, probably with no section defined over \mathbf{Q} (can this be proved?), but still a Zariski-dense set of points starting from the rational curve $s = 1$, $r(224 - 54r) = d^2$.

Some examples:

$(r, s, y) = (25/9, 3/4, 155/12^3)$: the resulting Clebsch-Igusa invariants are obstructed over \mathbb{Q} .

$(r, s, y) = (116/25, 7/5, 2584/5^5)$: invariants

$$\left[\frac{11141}{30}, \frac{662041}{64}, \frac{21436460999}{23040}, -180 \right]$$

are unobstructed — but give $Y^2 = S(X)$ with $\text{disc}(S)$ equal

$$-2^{32}3^{12}5^617^5(4861 \cdot 1804921 \cdot 16882356217)^{15},$$

apparently not just RM-53 but some QM defined over $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{\text{disc}(S)})$ (QM = Quaternionic Multiplication)!

But we also get some actual RM-53 examples, with conductors too large for the online database. For instance:

$(r, s, y) = (141/32, 19/16, 7293/2^{15})$ yields

$$Y^2 = 2332X^6 + 902X^5 + 5060X^4 + 17111X^3 + 5995X^2 + 17545X + 27951$$

(disc. $= 2^{10}3^{12}11^{12}13^417^{10}$);

$(r, s, y) = (115/32, 29/16, 53^213/2^{15})$ yields

$$Y^2 = 140450X^5 + 168540X^4 + 55703X^3 - 6572X^2 + 8706X + 5584$$

(yes, a quintic), disc. $= 2^83^{24}5^813^853^6$;

“etc.”

Some other examples: $Y_-(24)$ is birational to the surface with equation

$$\begin{aligned} y^2 = & -s^4 + (9r^2 + 2)s^3 - (24r^4 - 25r^2)s^2 \\ & + (16r^6 - 36r^4 + 22r^2 - 2)s + (r^2 - 1)^2 \end{aligned}$$

("singular K3 surface", i.e. Néron-Severi group over \mathbb{C} has rank 20 [=max.]); the pair of rat'l points $(r, s, y) = (3/2, 1, \pm 9/4)$ yields genus-2 curves with isogenous RM Jacobians:

$$Y^2 = 9X^6 + 9X^4 - 60X^3 - 45X^2 + 132X - 53,$$

$$\begin{aligned} Y^2 = & 9X^6 + 198X^4 + 1884X^3, \\ & + 4680X^2 + 4200X + 1000 \end{aligned}$$

(disc. $-2^{18}3^{20}$ and $-2^{18}3^{20}5^{12}$); twisting by $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})$ gives point-counts mod small primes that match the tabulated coefficients of a modular form of weight 2 and level $2592 = 2^5 9^2$.

Likewise the K3 surface $Y_-(33)$ is “singular” (with a more complicated equation); a sample pair of rational points yields curves with isogenous RM Jacobians:

$$Y^2 = (X^3 - 3X - 1)(4X^3 - 3X + 5),$$

$$Y^2 = -(X^3 - 3X - 1) (8X^3 + (3X - 1)^2),$$

matching a databased modular form of weight 2 and level $1296 = 2^4 3^4$.