

# Arithmetic on a Family of Picard Curves

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**Abstract.** The  $L$ -function of the curve  $C_a : Y^3 = X^4 - aX$  over an algebraic number field  $k$  which contains  $\zeta_9 := \exp(\frac{2\pi i}{9})$  is the inverse of a product of six Hecke  $L$ -functions with Grössencharakter. The Euler factors at primes of good reduction are determined by means of Jacobi sums associated to certain powers of the 9-th power residue character. The number of points of  $C_a$  over a finite field is given in terms of such sums. The jacobian variety of  $C_a$  over the field of complex numbers has complex multiplication by the ring  $\mathbb{Z}[\zeta_9]$ .

Let  $k$  be a perfect field of characteristic different from 3. The curves

$$C_a : Y^3 = X^4 - aX, a \in k^*$$

are smooth of genus 3 over  $k$ , with one point  $(0 : 0 : 1)$  at infinity. The main result of this paper is that the  $L$ -function of the curve  $C_a$  over an algebraic number field  $k$  which contains  $\zeta_9 := \exp(\frac{2\pi i}{9})$  is the inverse of a product of six Hecke  $L$ -functions with Grössencharakter (Theorem 1). As a consequence of this it follows that Hasse's conjecture on the meromorphic continuation and the functional equation of the zeta function is true for the family  $C_a$ . Since the Jacobians of the curves  $C_a$  have complex multiplication, the result on the zeta function fits into the theory of zeta functions of abelian varieties with complex multiplication ([De],[Ta]).

Let  $N_1$  denote the number of points of the curve  $C_a$  over a finite field  $k = \mathbb{F}_q$ . If  $q \not\equiv 1 \pmod{9}$  then  $N_1 = q + 1$ . This is proved in propositions 1 and 2. If  $q \equiv 1 \pmod{9}$  then

$$N_1 = q + 1 - \text{Tr}_{\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_9)/\mathbb{Q}}(\eta),$$

where

$$\eta := \psi^4(a) \iota(\psi^3, \psi),$$

$\psi$  a character of  $k^*$  of order 9,  $\iota(\psi^3, \psi)$  the Jacobi sum over  $\mathbb{F}_q$  associated to  $\psi^3$  and  $\psi$ . This is proved in proposition 3. Corollaries 1, 2 and proposition 4 give explicit forms of the  $L$ -polynomial of the curve  $C_a$  over  $\mathbb{F}_q$  in all cases  $q \pmod{9}$ . Proposition 5 gives the arithmetic characterization of the algebraic number  $\iota(\psi^3, \psi)$  in the ring  $\mathbb{Z}[\zeta_9]$ .

Over the field  $k = \mathbb{C}$  of complex numbers, all curves  $C_a$  are isomorphic to  $C_1 : Y^3 = X^4 - X$ . The moduli point of  $C_1$  is the only orbitally isolated singularity on the modular surface of Picard curves. The endomorphism ring

of the jacobian variety  $J(C_1)$  of  $C_1$  is the ring  $\mathbb{Z}[\zeta_9]$ . Up to isomorphism,  $C_1$  is the only Picard curve whose jacobian variety has a cyclotomic maximal order as endomorphism ring. This is proved in proposition 7. In proposition 8 is given explicitly a period matrix of  $J(C_1)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \Pi &= \begin{pmatrix} -\zeta_9 + 1 & 0 & -2\zeta_9^2 - 2\zeta_9 & -\zeta_9^2 - 1 & 1 & 2\zeta_9^2 + \zeta_9 \\ \zeta_9^2 - 1 & 0 & -\zeta_9^2 + 2\zeta_9 & -\zeta_9^2 + \zeta_9 + 1 & -1 & \zeta_9^2 - 2\zeta_9 \\ -\zeta_9 + 1 & 0 & -2\zeta_9^2 - 2\zeta_9 & -\zeta_9^2 - 1 & 1 & 2\zeta_9^2 + \zeta_9 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \zeta_9^3 + \\ &+ \begin{pmatrix} 2\zeta_9^2 + \zeta_9 + 1 & 1 & -\zeta_9 + 1 & -2\zeta_9^2 - \zeta_9 & 0 & \zeta_9^2 + \zeta_9 - 1 \\ -\zeta_9^2 + 2\zeta_9 & 1 & -2\zeta_9^2 + 2\zeta_9 + 1 & -\zeta_9 + 1 & -1 & \zeta_9^2 - \zeta_9 - 1 \\ 2\zeta_9^2 + \zeta_9 + 1 & 1 & -\zeta_9 + 1 & -2\zeta_9^2 - \zeta_9 & 0 & \zeta_9^2 + \zeta_9 - 1 \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

Picard curves of equation type  $Y^3 = X^4 - a$  are considered in [Lac].

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## 1 The curves $C_a : Y^3 = X^4 - aX$ over $\mathbb{F}_q$

Let  $k = \mathbb{F}_q$  be a finite field of characteristic  $p \neq 3$  with  $q = p^f$  elements, and let  $a \in k^*$ . The curve

$$C_a : y^3 = x^4 - ax$$

is smooth of genus 3 over  $k$ . Let  $F_a/k$  be the function field of  $C_a$ , let  $\mathbb{P}_{F_a}$  denote the set of places, and let  $\text{Div}F_a$  denote the group of divisors of  $F_a/k$ . The absolute norm  $\mathfrak{N}(\mathfrak{P})$  of a place  $\mathfrak{P} \in \mathbb{P}_{F_a}$  is the cardinality of its residue class field. It holds  $\mathfrak{N}(\mathfrak{P}) = q^{\deg \mathfrak{P}}$ , with a natural number  $\deg \mathfrak{P} \geq 1$ , the degree of  $\mathfrak{P}$ . The Zeta function of the curve  $C_a$  is a meromorphic function in the complex plane, defined for  $\Re s > 1$  by

$$\zeta_{C_a}(s) = \prod_{\mathfrak{P} \in \mathbb{P}_{F_a}} \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{\mathfrak{N}(\mathfrak{P})^s}} = \sum_{\mathfrak{A} \in \text{Div}F_a, \mathfrak{A} \geq 0} \frac{1}{\mathfrak{N}(\mathfrak{A})^s}.$$

Denoting for  $n \geq 0$  by  $A_n$  the number of positive divisors of degree  $n$  it holds

$$\zeta_{C_a}(s) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{A_n}{q^{ns}}.$$

The power series

$$Z_{C_a}(t) := \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n t^n$$

is convergent for  $|t| < q^{-1}$  and represents a rational function

$$Z_{C_a}(t) = \frac{L_{C_a}(t)}{(1-t)(1-qt)},$$

where  $L_{C_a}(t)$  is a polynomial with coefficients in  $\mathbb{Z}$  of the form:

$$L_{C_a}(t) = 1 + a_1 t + a_2 t^2 + a_3 t^3 + q a_2 t^4 + q^2 a_1 t^5 + q^3 t^6.$$

For  $r \geq 1$  let  $N_r$  be the number of  $\mathbb{F}_{q^r}$ -rational points of the complete curve  $C_a$ , and let  $S_r := N_r - (q^r + 1)$ . It holds

$$a_1 = S_1,$$

$$2a_2 = S_2 + S_1 a_1,$$

$$3a_3 = S_3 + S_2 a_1 + S_1 a_2.$$

The plane curve  $C_a$  has only one point at infinity, hence

$$N_1 = N + 1$$

where  $N$  is the number of solutions  $(x, y)$  in  $k$  of the equation

$$y^3 = x^4 - ax.$$

**Proposition 1.** *If  $q \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$  then  $N_1 = q + 1$ .*

*P r o o f:* If  $q \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$  the order  $q - 1$  of the cyclic multiplicative group  $k^*$  is not divisible by 3, so  $k^* = k^{*3}$ . This implies that for each  $x \in k$  there exists exactly one  $y \in k$  with  $y^3 = x^4 - ax$ . Hence  $N = q$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 2.** *If  $q \equiv 4 \pmod{9}$  or  $q \equiv 7 \pmod{9}$  then  $N_1 = q + 1$ .*

*P r o o f:* If  $q \equiv 4 \pmod{9}$  or  $q \equiv 7 \pmod{9}$  then the cyclic multiplicative group  $k^*$  of order  $q - 1$  is equal to the internal direct product of its subgroup of order 3, generated by  $\zeta$ , and of its subgroup of order  $\frac{q-1}{3}$ , denoted by  $U_{\frac{q-1}{3}}$ . Each element  $c \in \mathbb{F}_q^*$  can be uniquely written in the form  $c = d\zeta^j$  with  $d \in U_{\frac{q-1}{3}}$  and  $0 \leq j \leq 2$ . Let  $\chi$  be a character of  $k^*$  of order 3. Put  $\chi(0) := 0$ . The number of solutions in  $k$  of the equation  $y^3 = x^4 - ax$  is

$$N = q + \sum_{c \in \mathbb{F}_q} \chi(c^4 - ac) + \sum_{c \in \mathbb{F}_q} \chi^2(c^4 - ac) = q + \alpha + \bar{\alpha},$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha &= \sum_{c \in \mathbb{F}_q} \chi(c^4 - ac) = \sum_{d \in U_{\frac{q-1}{3}}} \sum_{j=0}^2 \chi(d^4 \zeta^{4j} - ad \zeta^j) = \\ &= \sum_{d \in U_{\frac{q-1}{3}}} \sum_{j=0}^2 \chi[\zeta^j (d^4 - ad)] = \left[ \sum_{d \in U_{\frac{q-1}{3}}} \chi(d^4 - ad) \right] \cdot \left[ \sum_{j=0}^2 \chi(\zeta^j) \right] = \\ &= \left[ \sum_{d \in U_{\frac{q-1}{3}}} \chi(d^4 - ad) \right] \cdot [\chi(1) + \chi(\zeta) + \chi(\zeta)^2]. \end{aligned}$$

If  $q \equiv 4 \pmod{9}$  or  $q \equiv 7 \pmod{9}$  then  $\frac{q-1}{3}$  is prime to 3, so  $\chi$  is not trivial on the subgroup of  $k^*$  of order 3. This implies

$$\chi(1) + \chi(\zeta) + \chi(\zeta)^2 = 0,$$

so  $\alpha = 0$  and  $N = q$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 1.** *If  $q \equiv 2 \pmod{9}$  or  $q \equiv 5 \pmod{9}$  then*

$$L_{C_a}(t) = 1 + q^3 t^6.$$

*P r o o f:* If  $q \equiv 2 \pmod{9}$  or  $q \equiv 5 \pmod{9}$  then  $q \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ ,  $q^2 \equiv 4 \pmod{9}$  or  $q^2 \equiv 7 \pmod{9}$ , and  $q^3 \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ . By Propositions 9 and 10 it holds  $N_1 = q + 1$ ,  $N_2 = q^2 + 1$ ,  $N_3 = q^3 + 1$ . So  $S_i = N_i - (q^i + 1) = 0$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3$  and  $a_1 = a_2 = a_3 = 0$ . Hence  $L_{C_a}(t) = 1 + q^3 t^6$ .  $\square$

For a character  $\varphi$  of the multiplicative group  $k^*$  let

$$\tau(\varphi) := - \sum_{c \in k^*} \varphi(c) \exp\left(\frac{2\pi i}{p} \text{Tr}_{k/\mathbb{F}_p} c\right)$$

be the corresponding Gauss sum ([Da-Ha]). For an element  $d \in k^*$  define

$$\tau_d(\varphi) := - \sum_{c \in k^*} \varphi(c) \exp\left(\frac{2\pi i}{p} \text{Tr}_{k/\mathbb{F}_p} cd\right).$$

It holds

$$\tau_d(\varphi) = \varphi^{-1}(d) \tau(\varphi). \quad (1)$$

For two characters  $\varphi_1$  and  $\varphi_2$  of  $k^*$  let

$$\iota(\varphi_1, \varphi_2) := - \sum_{c \in k} \varphi_1(c) \varphi_2(1 - c)$$

be the corresponding Jacobi sum. If  $\varphi_1 \cdot \varphi_2 \neq 1$  then

$$\iota(\varphi_1, \varphi_2) = \frac{\tau(\varphi_1) \tau(\varphi_2)}{\tau(\varphi_1 \varphi_2)}. \quad (2)$$

For each natural number  $m \geq 1$  let  $\zeta_m := \exp \frac{2\pi i}{m}$  and let  $\mu_m := \{\zeta_m^l \mid 0 \leq l \leq m - 1\}$  be the group of complex  $m$ -th roots of unity.

**Proposition 3.** *If  $q \equiv 1 \pmod{9}$  then*

$$N_1 = q + 1 - \text{Tr}_{\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_9)/\mathbb{Q}}(\eta),$$

where

$$\eta := \psi^4(a) \iota(\psi^3, \psi),$$

$\psi$  a character of  $k^*$  of order 9.

The number of elements of a finite set  $X$  is denoted by  $|X|$ . It holds

**Lemma 1.** *Let  $k = \mathbb{F}_q$  be a finite field of characteristic  $p \neq 3$ , and let  $\xi$  be a generator of the cyclic multiplicative group  $k^*$ . If  $B(x) \in k[x]$  is a polynomial with a simple root  $x_1 \in k$ :*

$$B(x) = (x - x_1)B_1(x), B_1(x) \in k[x], B_1(x_1) \neq 0,$$

then the number of solutions in  $k$  of the equation

$$y^3 = B(x)$$

is

$$N = \frac{1}{3}(|\mathcal{A}_{11}| + |\mathcal{A}_{\xi\xi^2}| + |\mathcal{A}_{\xi^2\xi}|),$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{A}_{11} &:= \{(t, u) \in k \times k \mid B_1(t^3 + x_1) = u^3\}, \\ \mathcal{A}_{\xi\xi^2} &:= \{(t, u) \in k \times k \mid B_1(\xi t^3 + x_1) = \xi^2 u^3\}, \\ \mathcal{A}_{\xi^2\xi} &:= \{(t, u) \in k \times k \mid B_1(\xi^2 t^3 + x_1) = \xi u^3\}. \end{aligned}$$

**P r o o f:** I) The case  $q \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ . Let  $\chi$  be a character of  $k^*$  of order 3 such that

$$\chi(\xi) = \omega = e^{\frac{2\pi i}{3}}.$$

Put  $\chi(0) := 0$ . It holds

$$N = q + \alpha + \bar{\alpha},$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha &= \sum_{c \in k} \chi(B(c)) = \sum_{c \in k} \chi((c - x_1)B_1(c)) = \sum_{c \in k} \chi(c - x_1)\chi(B_1(c)) = \\ &= \sum_{i,j=0}^2 \sum_{c \in A, \chi(c-x_1)=\omega^i, \chi(B_1(c))=\omega^j} \omega^{i+j} = \\ &= |A_{11}| + |A_{\omega\omega^2}| + |A_{\omega^2\omega}| + \omega(|A_{1\omega}| + |A_{\omega 1}| + |A_{\omega^2\omega^2}|) + \\ &\quad + \omega^2(|A_{1\omega^2}| + |A_{\omega\omega}| + |A_{\omega^2 1}|), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} A &:= \{c \in k \mid B(c) \neq 0\}, \\ A_{\omega^i\omega^j} &= \{c \in A \mid \chi(c - x_1) = \omega^i, \chi(B_1(c)) = \omega^j\}, \end{aligned}$$

for  $i, j = 0, 1, 2$ . It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha + \bar{\alpha} &= 2(|A_{11}| + |A_{\omega\omega^2}| + |A_{\omega^2\omega}|) + (\omega + \omega^2)(|A_{1\omega}| + |A_{\omega 1}| + |A_{\omega^2\omega^2}|) + \\ &\quad + (\omega^2 + \omega)(|A_{1\omega^2}| + |A_{\omega\omega}| + |A_{\omega^2 1}|) = 2(|A_{11}| + |A_{\omega\omega^2}| + |A_{\omega^2\omega}|) - \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& -(|A_{1\omega}| + |A_{\omega 1}| + |A_{\omega^2 \omega^2}|) - (|A_{1\omega^2}| + |A_{\omega \omega}| + |A_{\omega^2 1}|) = \\
& = 3(|A_{11}| + |A_{\omega \omega^2}| + |A_{\omega^2 \omega}|) - \sum_{i,j=0}^2 |A_{\omega^i \omega^j}| = \\
& 3(|A_{11}| + |A_{\omega \omega^2}| + |A_{\omega^2 \omega}|) - |A|, \tag{3}
\end{aligned}$$

since the sets  $A_{\omega^i \omega^j}$ ,  $i, j = 0, 1, 2$ , form a partition of the set  $A$ .  
It holds

$$\begin{aligned}
A_{11} &= \{c \in A \mid \chi(c - x_1) = 1, \chi(B_1(c)) = 1\} = \\
&= \{c \in A \mid (\exists)(t, u) \in k^* \times k^* : c - x_1 = t^3, B_1(c) = u^3\}.
\end{aligned}$$

Let

$$B_{11} := \{(0, u) \mid u \in k, u^3 = B_1(x_1)\} \cup \{(t, 0) \mid t \in k, B_1(t^3 + x_1) = 0\}.$$

The map

$$\begin{aligned}
g_{11} &: A_{11} \setminus B_{11} \rightarrow A_{11} \\
g_{11}(t, u) &:= t^3 + x_1
\end{aligned}$$

is precisely 9:1 : For  $c \in A_{11}$  and  $(t, u) \in g_{11}^{-1}(c)$  it holds:

$$g_{11}^{-1}(c) = \{(\zeta^i t, \zeta^j u) \mid 0 \leq i, j \leq 2\},$$

where  $\zeta$  is an element of  $k^*$  of order 3, so  $|g_{11}^{-1}(c)| = 9$ . Hence

$$|A_{11}| = \frac{1}{9}|A_{11}| - \frac{1}{9}|\{c \in k \mid c^3 = B_1(x_1)\}| - \frac{1}{9}|\{c \in k \mid B_1(c^3 + x_1) = 0\}|. \tag{4}$$

It holds

$$\begin{aligned}
A_{\omega \omega^2} &= \{c \in A \mid \chi(c - x_1) = \omega, \chi(B_1(c)) = \omega^2\} = \\
&= \{c \in A \mid (\exists)(t, u) \in k^* \times k^* : c - x_1 = \xi t^3, B_1(c) = \xi^2 u^3\}.
\end{aligned}$$

Let

$$B_{\xi \xi^2} := \{(0, u) \mid u \in k, \xi^2 u^3 = B_1(x_1)\} \cup \{(t, 0) \mid t \in k, B_1(\xi t^3 + x_1) = 0\}.$$

The map

$$\begin{aligned}
g_{\omega \omega^2} &: A_{\xi \xi^2} \setminus B_{\xi \xi^2} \rightarrow A_{\omega \omega^2} \\
g_{\omega \omega^2}(t, u) &:= \xi t^3 + x_1
\end{aligned}$$

is also precisely 9:1 : For  $c \in A_{\omega \omega^2}$  and  $(t, u) \in g_{\omega \omega^2}^{-1}(c)$  it holds:

$$g_{\omega \omega^2}^{-1}(c) = \{(\zeta^i t, \zeta^j u) \mid 0 \leq i, j \leq 2\},$$

so  $|g_{\omega\omega^2}^{-1}(c)| = 9$ . Hence

$$\begin{aligned} |A_{\omega\omega^2}| &= \frac{1}{9}|\mathcal{A}_{\xi\xi^2}| - \frac{1}{9}|\{c \in k \mid \xi^2 c^3 = B_1(x_1)\}| - \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{9}|\{c \in k \mid B_1(\xi c^3 + x_1) = 0\}|. \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

Analogously:

$$\begin{aligned} |A_{\omega^2\omega}| &= \frac{1}{9}|\mathcal{A}_{\xi^2\xi}| - \frac{1}{9}|\{c \in k \mid \xi c^3 = B_1(x_1)\}| - \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{9}|\{c \in k \mid B_1(\xi^2 c^3 + x_1) = 0\}|. \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

From (3), (4), (5) and (6) it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha + \bar{\alpha} &= 3(|A_{11}| + |A_{\omega\omega^2}| + |A_{\omega^2\omega}|) - |A| = \\ &= \frac{1}{3}(|\mathcal{A}_{11}| + |\mathcal{A}_{\xi\xi^2}| + |\mathcal{A}_{\xi^2\xi}|) - \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{3}(|\{c \in k \mid c^3 = B_1(x_1)\}| + |\{c \in k \mid \xi c^3 = B_1(x_1)\}| + \\ &\quad + |\{c \in k \mid \xi^2 c^3 = B_1(x_1)\}|) - \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{3}(|\{c \in k \mid B_1(c^3 + x_1) = 0\}| + |\{c \in k \mid B_1(\xi c^3 + x_1) = 0\}| + \\ &\quad + |\{c \in k \mid B_1(\xi^2 c^3 + x_1) = 0\}|) - |A| = \\ &= \frac{1}{3}(|\mathcal{A}_{11}| + |\mathcal{A}_{\xi\xi^2}| + |\mathcal{A}_{\xi^2\xi}|) - 1 - |\{d \in k \mid B_1(d) = 0\}| - |A|. \end{aligned}$$

It holds

$$|A| = q - |\{c \in k \mid B(c) = 0\}| = q - 1 - |\{d \in k \mid B_1(d) = 0\}|,$$

hence

$$\alpha + \bar{\alpha} = \frac{1}{3}(|\mathcal{A}_{11}| + |\mathcal{A}_{\xi\xi^2}| + |\mathcal{A}_{\xi^2\xi}|) - q$$

and

$$N = q + \alpha + \bar{\alpha} = \frac{1}{3}(|\mathcal{A}_{11}| + |\mathcal{A}_{\xi\xi^2}| + |\mathcal{A}_{\xi^2\xi}|).$$

II) The case  $q \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ . Each element of  $k$  has one and only one third root in  $k$ . It holds

$$N = q, |\mathcal{A}_{11}| = |\mathcal{A}_{\xi\xi^2}| = |\mathcal{A}_{\xi^2\xi}| = q. \square$$

**P r o o f** of Proposition 3: The polynomial  $B(x) = x^4 - ax = x(x^3 - ax)$  has the root  $x_1 = 0$  in  $k$ . Let  $B_1(x) := x^3 - a \in k[x]$ . With the notations of Lemma 1 it holds:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{A}_{11} &= \{(t, u) \in k \times k \mid B_1(t^3 + x_1) = u^3\} = \{(t, u) \in k \times k \mid -u^3 + t^9 = a\}, \\ \mathcal{A}_{\xi\xi^2} &= \{(t, u) \in k \times k \mid -\xi^2 u^3 + \xi^3 t^9 = a\}, \\ \mathcal{A}_{\xi^2\xi} &= \{(t, u) \in k \times k \mid -\xi u^3 + \xi^6 t^9 = a\}.\end{aligned}$$

The equation

$$a_1 u^3 + a_2 t^9 = a_3$$

with  $a_1, a_2, a_3 \in k \setminus \{0\}$  has by ([Da-Ha], 6.2 and 6.5)

$$\begin{aligned}N(a_1, a_2, a_3) &= \\ &= q - \psi^3\left(-\frac{a_1}{a_2}\right) - \psi^6\left(-\frac{a_1}{a_2}\right) - \sum_{\chi^\mu \neq 1, \psi^\nu \neq 1, \chi^\mu \psi^\nu \neq 1} \frac{\tau_{a_1}(\chi^\mu) \tau_{a_2}(\psi^\nu)}{\tau_{a_3}(\chi^\mu \psi^\nu)} = \\ &= q - \chi\left(-\frac{a_1}{a_2}\right) - \chi^2\left(-\frac{a_1}{a_2}\right) - \sum_{1 \leq \mu \leq 2} \sum_{1 \leq \nu \leq 8, 3\mu + \nu \neq 9} \frac{\tau_{a_1}(\psi^{3\mu}) \tau_{a_2}(\psi^\nu)}{\tau_{a_3}(\psi^{3\mu + \nu})} = \\ &= q - \chi\left(-\frac{a_1}{a_2}\right) - \chi^2\left(-\frac{a_1}{a_2}\right) - \sum_{\nu=1, \nu \neq 6}^8 \frac{\tau_{a_1}(\psi^3) \tau_{a_2}(\psi^\nu)}{\tau_{a_3}(\psi^{3+\nu})} - \sum_{\nu=1, \nu \neq 3}^8 \frac{\tau_{a_1}(\psi^6) \tau_{a_2}(\psi^\nu)}{\tau_{a_3}(\psi^{6+\nu})}\end{aligned}$$

solutions in  $k$ . Hence

$$\begin{aligned}|\mathcal{A}_{11}| &= N(-1, 1, a) = q - 2 - \sum_{\nu=1, \nu \neq 6}^8 \frac{\tau_{-1}(\psi^3) \tau_1(\psi^\nu)}{\tau_a(\psi^{3+\nu})} - \\ &\quad - \sum_{\nu=1, \nu \neq 3}^8 \frac{\tau_{-1}(\psi^6) \tau_1(\psi^\nu)}{\tau_a(\psi^{6+\nu})}, \\ |\mathcal{A}_{\xi\xi^2}| &= N(-\xi^2, \xi^3, a) = \\ &= q - \chi(\xi^{-1}) - \chi^2(\xi^{-1}) - \sum_{\nu=1, \nu \neq 6}^8 \frac{\tau_{-\xi^2}(\psi^3) \tau_{\xi^3}(\psi^\nu)}{\tau_a(\psi^{3+\nu})} - \\ &\quad - \sum_{\nu=1, \nu \neq 3}^8 \frac{\tau_{-\xi^2}(\psi^6) \tau_{\xi^3}(\psi^\nu)}{\tau_a(\psi^{6+\nu})} = \\ &= q + 1 - \sum_{\nu=1, \nu \neq 6}^8 \frac{\tau_{-\xi^2}(\psi^3) \tau_{\xi^3}(\psi^\nu)}{\tau_a(\psi^{3+\nu})} - \sum_{\nu=1, \nu \neq 3}^8 \frac{\tau_{-\xi^2}(\psi^6) \tau_{\xi^3}(\psi^\nu)}{\tau_a(\psi^{6+\nu})}\end{aligned}$$

and

$$|\mathcal{A}_{\xi^2\xi}| = N(-\xi, \xi^6, a) =$$



$$\begin{aligned}
 q - \chi(\xi^{-5}) - \chi^2(\xi^{-5}) - \sum_{\nu=1, \nu \neq 6}^8 \frac{\tau_{-\xi}(\psi^3)\tau_{\xi^6}(\psi^\nu)}{\tau_a(\psi^{3+\nu})} - \sum_{\nu=1, \nu \neq 3}^8 \frac{\tau_{-\xi}(\psi^6)\tau_{\xi^6}(\psi^\nu)}{\tau_a(\psi^{6+\nu})} &= \\
 = q + 1 - \sum_{\nu=1, \nu \neq 6}^8 \frac{\tau_{-\xi}(\psi^3)\tau_{\xi^6}(\psi^\nu)}{\tau_a(\psi^{3+\nu})} - \sum_{\nu=1, \nu \neq 3}^8 \frac{\tau_{-\xi}(\psi^6)\tau_{\xi^6}(\psi^\nu)}{\tau_a(\psi^{6+\nu})}. &
 \end{aligned}$$

It follows that

$$\begin{aligned}
 &|\mathcal{A}_{11}| + |\mathcal{A}_{\xi\xi^2}| + |\mathcal{A}_{\xi^2\xi}| = \\
 = 3q - \sum_{\nu=1, \nu \neq 6}^8 \frac{\tau_{-1}(\psi^3)\tau_1(\psi^\nu) + \tau_{-\xi^2}(\psi^3)\tau_{\xi^3}(\psi^\nu) + \tau_{-\xi}(\psi^3)\tau_{\xi^6}(\psi^\nu)}{\tau_a(\psi^{3+\nu})} &- \\
 - \sum_{\nu=1, \nu \neq 3}^8 \frac{\tau_{-1}(\psi^6)\tau_1(\psi^\nu) + \tau_{-\xi^2}(\psi^6)\tau_{\xi^3}(\psi^\nu) + \tau_{-\xi}(\psi^6)\tau_{\xi^6}(\psi^\nu)}{\tau_a(\psi^{6+\nu})}. & \quad (7)
 \end{aligned}$$

By (1) it holds

$$\begin{aligned}
 \tau_{-1}(\psi^3)\tau_1(\psi^\nu) + \tau_{-\xi^2}(\psi^3)\tau_{\xi^3}(\psi^\nu) + \tau_{-\xi}(\psi^3)\tau_{\xi^6}(\psi^\nu) &= \psi^{-3}(-1)\tau(\psi^3)\tau(\psi^\nu) + \\
 + \psi^{-3}(-1)\psi^{-3\nu-6}(\xi)\tau(\psi^3)\tau(\psi^\nu) + \psi^{-3}(-1)\psi^{-6\nu-3}(\xi)\tau(\psi^3)\tau(\psi^\nu) &= \\
 = \tau(\psi^3)\tau(\psi^\nu)(1 + \psi^{-3\nu-6}(\xi) + \psi^{-6\nu-3}(\xi)) &= \\
 = \tau(\psi^3)\tau(\psi^\nu)(1 + \chi^{-\nu-2}(\xi) + \chi^{-2\nu-1}(\xi)) &= \\
 = \tau(\psi^3)\tau(\psi^\nu)(1 + \omega^{-\nu-2} + \omega^{2(-\nu-2)}), &
 \end{aligned}$$

so

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{\nu=1, \nu \neq 6}^8 \frac{\tau_{-1}(\psi^3)\tau_1(\psi^\nu) + \tau_{-\xi^2}(\psi^3)\tau_{\xi^3}(\psi^\nu) + \tau_{-\xi}(\psi^3)\tau_{\xi^6}(\psi^\nu)}{\tau_a(\psi^{3+\nu})} &= \\
 = 3\frac{\tau(\psi^3)\tau(\psi)}{\tau_a(\psi^4)} + 3\frac{\tau(\psi^3)\tau(\psi^4)}{\tau_a(\psi^7)} + 3\frac{\tau(\psi^3)\tau(\psi^7)}{\tau_a(\psi)} & \quad (8)
 \end{aligned}$$

Analogously:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \tau_{-1}(\psi^6)\tau_1(\psi^\nu) + \tau_{-\xi^2}(\psi^6)\tau_{\xi^3}(\psi^\nu) + \tau_{-\xi}(\psi^6)\tau_{\xi^6}(\psi^\nu) &= \psi^{-6}(-1)\tau(\psi^6)\tau(\psi^\nu) + \\
 + \psi^{-6}(-1)\psi^{-3\nu-12}(\xi)\tau(\psi^6)\tau(\psi^\nu) + \psi^{-6}(-1)\psi^{-6\nu-6}(\xi)\tau(\psi^6)\tau(\psi^\nu) &= \\
 = \tau(\psi^6)\tau(\psi^\nu)(1 + \psi^{-3\nu-12}(\xi) + \psi^{-6\nu-6}(\xi)) &= \\
 = \tau(\psi^6)\tau(\psi^\nu)(1 + \chi^{-\nu-4}(\xi) + \chi^{-2\nu-2}(\xi)) &= \\
 = \tau(\psi^6)\tau(\psi^\nu)(1 + \omega^{-\nu-1} + \omega^{2(-\nu-1)}), &
 \end{aligned}$$

so

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{\nu=1, \nu \neq 3}^8 \frac{\tau_{-1}(\psi^6)\tau_1(\psi^\nu) + \tau_{-\xi^2}(\psi^6)\tau_{\xi^3}(\psi^\nu) + \tau_{-\xi}(\psi^6)\tau_{\xi^6}(\psi^\nu)}{\tau_a(\psi^{6+\nu})} = \\ & = 3 \frac{\tau(\psi^6)\tau(\psi^2)}{\tau_a(\psi^8)} + 3 \frac{\tau(\psi^6)\tau(\psi^5)}{\tau_a(\psi^2)} + 3 \frac{\tau(\psi^6)\tau(\psi^8)}{\tau_a(\psi^5)}. \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

By (7), (8) and (9) it holds

$$\begin{aligned} |\mathcal{A}_{111}| + |\mathcal{A}_{\xi\xi^2}| + |\mathcal{A}_{\xi^2\xi}| &= 3q - 3 \frac{\tau(\psi^3)\tau(\psi)}{\tau_a(\psi^4)} - 3 \frac{\tau(\psi^3)\tau(\psi^4)}{\tau_a(\psi^7)} - 3 \frac{\tau(\psi^3)\tau(\psi^7)}{\tau_a(\psi)} - \\ & - 3 \frac{\tau(\psi^6)\tau(\psi^2)}{\tau_a(\psi^8)} - 3 \frac{\tau(\psi^6)\tau(\psi^5)}{\tau_a(\psi^2)} - 3 \frac{\tau(\psi^6)\tau(\psi^8)}{\tau_a(\psi^5)}, \end{aligned}$$

by Lemma 1

$$\begin{aligned} N &= q - \frac{\tau(\psi^3)\tau(\psi)}{\tau_a(\psi^4)} - \frac{\tau(\psi^3)\tau(\psi^4)}{\tau_a(\psi^7)} - \frac{\tau(\psi^3)\tau(\psi^7)}{\tau_a(\psi)} - \\ & - \frac{\tau(\psi^6)\tau(\psi^2)}{\tau_a(\psi^8)} - \frac{\tau(\psi^6)\tau(\psi^5)}{\tau_a(\psi^2)} - \frac{\tau(\psi^6)\tau(\psi^8)}{\tau_a(\psi^5)} = \\ & = q - \psi^4(a)\iota(\psi^3, \psi) - \psi^7(a)\iota(\psi^3, \psi^4) - \psi(a)\iota(\psi^3, \psi^7) - \\ & - \psi^8(a)\iota(\psi^6, \psi^2) - \psi^2(a)\iota(\psi^6, \psi^5) - \psi^5(a)\iota(\psi^6, \psi^8), \end{aligned}$$

by (1) and (2).

Let  $A$  be the automorphism of the field extension  $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_9)/\mathbb{Q}$  defined by  $\zeta_9^A := \zeta_9^2$ . It holds

$$\begin{aligned} \eta^A &= (\psi^4(a)\iota(\psi^3, \psi))^A = (\psi^4(a))^A \left(-\sum_{c \in k} \psi^3(c)\psi(1-c)\right)^A = \\ & = \psi^8(a) \left(-\sum_{c \in k} \psi^6(c)\psi^2(1-c)\right) = \psi^8(a)\iota(\psi^6, \psi^2), \\ \eta^{A^2} &= (\psi^4(a)\iota(\psi^3, \psi))^{A^2} = (\psi^4(a))^{A^2} \left(-\sum_{c \in k} \psi^3(c)\psi(1-c)\right)^{A^2} = \\ & = \psi^7(a) \left(-\sum_{c \in k} \psi^3(c)\psi^4(1-c)\right) = \psi^7(a)\iota(\psi^3, \psi^4), \\ \eta^{A^3} &= (\psi^4(a)\iota(\psi^3, \psi))^{A^3} = (\psi^4(a))^{A^3} \left(-\sum_{c \in k} \psi^3(c)\psi(1-c)\right)^{A^3} = \\ & = \psi^5(a) \left(-\sum_{c \in k} \psi^6(c)\psi^8(1-c)\right) = \psi^5(a)\iota(\psi^6, \psi^8), \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \eta^{A^4} &= (\psi^4(a)\iota(\psi^3, \psi))^{A^4} = (\psi^4(a))^{A^4} \left(-\sum_{c \in k} \psi^3(c)\psi(1-c)\right)^{A^4} = \\
 &= \psi(a) \left(-\sum_{c \in k} \psi^3(c)\psi^7(1-c)\right) = \psi(a)\iota(\psi^3, \psi^7), \\
 \eta^{A^5} &= (\psi^4(a)\iota(\psi^3, \psi))^{A^5} = (\psi^4(a))^{A^5} \left(-\sum_{c \in k} \psi^3(c)\psi(1-c)\right)^{A^5} = \\
 &= \psi^2(a) \left(-\sum_{c \in k} \psi^6(c)\psi^5(1-c)\right) = \psi^2(a)\iota(\psi^6, \psi^5),
 \end{aligned}$$

hence

$$N = q - \eta - \eta^A - \eta^{A^2} - \eta^{A^3} - \eta^{A^4} - \eta^{A^5} = q - \text{Tr}_{\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_9)/\mathbb{Q}}(\eta). \square$$

**Corollary 2.** *If  $q \equiv 4 \pmod{9}$  or  $q \equiv 7 \pmod{9}$  then*

$$L_{C_a}(t) = 1 - \frac{1}{3} \text{Tr}_{\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_9)/\mathbb{Q}}(\eta)t^3 + q^3 t^6,$$

where  $\eta = \psi^4(a)\iota(\psi^3, \psi)$ ,  $\psi$  a character of order 9 of the multiplicative group of the field  $\mathbb{F}_{q^3}$ .

If  $q \equiv 8 \pmod{9}$  then

$$L_{C_a}(t) = 1 - \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}_{\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_9)/\mathbb{Q}}(\eta)t^2 - q \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}_{\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_9)/\mathbb{Q}}(\eta)t^4 + q^3 t^6,$$

where  $\eta = \psi^4(a)\iota(\psi^3, \psi)$ ,  $\psi$  a character of order 9 of the multiplicative group of the field  $\mathbb{F}_{q^2}$ .

**P r o o f:** If  $q \equiv 4 \pmod{9}$  or  $q \equiv 7 \pmod{9}$  then  $q^2 \equiv 7 \pmod{9}$  or  $q^2 \equiv 4 \pmod{9}$  and  $q^3 \equiv 1 \pmod{9}$ . By proposition 2 it holds  $N_1 = q + 1$  and  $N_2 = q^2 + 1$ , so the coefficients  $a_1$  and  $a_2$  of  $L_{C_a}(t)$  vanish and the coefficient  $a_3$  equals  $\frac{1}{3}(N_3 - q^3 - 1)$ , which by proposition 3 equals  $-\frac{1}{3} \text{Tr}_{\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_9)/\mathbb{Q}}(\eta)$ . If  $q \equiv 8 \pmod{9}$  then  $q^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{9}$  and  $q^3 \equiv 2 \pmod{9}$ . By proposition 1 it holds  $N_1 = q + 1$  and  $N_3 = q^3 + 1$ , so  $a_1 = 0$ ,  $a_3 = 0$  and  $a_2$  equals  $\frac{1}{2}(N_2 - q^2 - 1)$ , which by proposition 3 equals  $-\frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}_{\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_9)/\mathbb{Q}}(\eta)$ .  $\square$

*Remark 1.* Corollary 2 explains some computations done in ([CER]).

**Proposition 4.** *If  $q \equiv 1 \pmod{9}$  then*

$$L_{C_a}(t) = (1 - \eta t)(1 - \eta^A t)(1 - \eta^{A^2} t)(1 - \eta^{A^3} t)(1 - \eta^{A^4} t)(1 - \eta^{A^5} t),$$

where  $\eta = \psi^4(a)\iota(\psi^3, \psi)$ ,  $\psi$  a character of order 9 of the multiplicative group  $k^*$ ,  $A$  the automorphism of the field extension  $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_9)/\mathbb{Q}$  defined by  $\zeta_9^A := \zeta_9^2$ .

**P r o o f:** The  $L$ -polynomial of the curve  $C_a/k$  can be written in the form  $L_{C_a}(t) = \prod_{j=1}^6 (1 - \alpha_j t)$ , where  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_6$  are algebraic integers. For  $r \geq 1$  it holds

$$N_r = q^r + 1 - \sum_{j=1}^6 \alpha_j^r \quad (10)$$

Let  $\psi$  be a character of order 9 of the cyclic group  $k^*$ . The map

$$\psi_r : \mathbb{F}_{q^r}^* \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^*, \psi_r(x) := \psi(N_{\mathbb{F}_{q^r}|\mathbb{F}_q}(x))$$

is a character of order 9 of the cyclic group  $\mathbb{F}_{q^r}^*$ . It holds ([Da-Ha],0.8)

$$\tau_d^{(r)}(\psi_r^l) = \tau_d(\psi^l)^r \quad (11)$$

for  $1 \leq l \leq 8$  and  $d \in \mathbb{F}_q^*$ , where  $\tau_d^{(r)}(\psi_r^l)$  denotes the Gauss sum of the character  $\psi_r^l$  on  $\mathbb{F}_{q^r}$ .

By Proposition 4 it holds

$$N_r = q^r + 1 - \frac{\tau^{(r)}(\psi_r^3)\tau^{(r)}(\psi_r)}{\tau_a^{(r)}(\psi_r^4)} - \frac{\tau^{(r)}(\psi_r^3)\tau^{(r)}(\psi_r^4)}{\tau_a^{(r)}(\psi_r^7)} - \frac{\tau^{(r)}(\psi_r^3)\tau^{(r)}(\psi_r^7)}{\tau_a^{(r)}(\psi_r)} - \frac{\tau^{(r)}(\psi_r^6)\tau^{(r)}(\psi_r^2)}{\tau_a^{(r)}(\psi_r^8)} - \frac{\tau^{(r)}(\psi_r^6)\tau^{(r)}(\psi_r^5)}{\tau_a^{(r)}(\psi_r^2)} - \frac{\tau^{(r)}(\psi_r^6)\tau^{(r)}(\psi_r^8)}{\tau_a^{(r)}(\psi_r^5)},$$

hence by (11)

$$N_r = q^r + 1 - \frac{\tau(\psi^3)^r \tau(\psi)^r}{\tau_a(\psi^4)^r} - \frac{\tau(\psi^3)^r \tau(\psi^4)^r}{\tau_a(\psi^7)^r} - \frac{\tau(\psi^3)^r \tau(\psi^7)^r}{\tau_a(\psi)^r} - \frac{\tau(\psi^6)^r \tau(\psi^2)^r}{\tau_a(\psi^8)^r} - \frac{\tau(\psi^6)^r \tau(\psi^5)^r}{\tau_a(\psi^2)^r} - \frac{\tau(\psi^6)^r \tau(\psi^8)^r}{\tau_a(\psi^5)^r},$$

so one can choose in (10)

$$\alpha_1 = \frac{\tau(\psi^3)\tau(\psi)}{\tau_a(\psi^4)} = \eta, \alpha_2 = \frac{\tau(\psi^3)\tau(\psi^4)}{\tau_a(\psi^7)} = \eta^{A^2}, \alpha_3 = \frac{\tau(\psi^3)\tau(\psi^7)}{\tau_a(\psi)} = \eta^{A^4}, \\ \alpha_4 = \frac{\tau(\psi^6)\tau(\psi^8)}{\tau_a(\psi^5)} = \eta^{A^3}, \alpha_5 = \frac{\tau(\psi^6)\tau(\psi^5)}{\tau_a(\psi^2)} = \eta^{A^5}, \alpha_6 = \frac{\tau(\psi^6)\tau(\psi^2)}{\tau_a(\psi^8)} = \eta^A. \square$$

Let  $m \geq 1$  be a natural number and let  $K$  be an algebraic number field with ring of integers  $\mathcal{O}_K$  such that  $\zeta_m \in \mathcal{O}_K$ . Let  $\mathfrak{p}$  be a prime ideal of  $\mathcal{O}_K$  not dividing  $m$ , and let  $x \in \mathcal{O}_K$  not divisible by  $\mathfrak{p}$ . The number  $x^{\frac{N_{K/\mathbb{Q}}(\mathfrak{p})-1}{m}}$  is congruent modulo  $\mathfrak{p}$  to one and only one root of unity  $\zeta_m^l \in \mu_m$ . The map

$$(\mathcal{O}_K/\mathfrak{p}) \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow \mu_m, x \bmod \mathfrak{p} \mapsto \zeta_m^l$$

is a character of order  $m$  of the multiplicative group of the finite field  $\mathcal{O}_K/\mathfrak{p}$  called the  $m$ -th power residue character modulo  $\mathfrak{p}$ .

**Proposition 5.** *Let  $q \equiv 1 \pmod{9}$  and let  $\mathfrak{p}$  be a prime divisor of  $p$  in the ring  $\mathbb{Z}[\zeta_{q-1}]$ . Let  $\psi$  be the  $q$ -th power residue character modulo  $\mathfrak{p}$  in  $\mathbb{Z}[\zeta_{q-1}]$ . Identifying the finite field  $\mathbb{F}_q$  with the residue class field  $\mathbb{Z}[\zeta_{q-1}]/\mathfrak{p}$  it holds:*

a) *The absolute value of the complex number  $\iota(\psi^3, \psi)$  is*

$$|\iota(\psi^3, \psi)| = \sqrt{q};$$

b) *The prime ideal decomposition of the principal ideal generated by  $\iota(\psi^3, \psi)$  in the ring of integers  $\mathbb{Z}[\zeta_9]$  is*

$$\iota(\psi^3, \psi)\mathbb{Z}[\zeta_9] = (\mathfrak{q} \cdot \mathfrak{q}^{A^4} \cdot \mathfrak{q}^{A^5})^{f(\mathfrak{p}|q)},$$

where  $\mathfrak{q} := \mathfrak{p} \cap \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_9]$ ,  $A$  is the automorphism of  $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_9)/\mathbb{Q}$  defined by  $\zeta_9^A := \zeta_9^2$  and  $N_{\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{q-1})/\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_9)}(\mathfrak{p}) = \mathfrak{q}^{f(\mathfrak{p}|q)}$ .

c) *In the ring  $\mathbb{Z}[\zeta_9]$  it holds*

$$\iota(\psi^3, \psi) \equiv 1 \pmod{(\zeta_9 - 1)^4}.$$

*The number  $\iota(\psi^3, \psi) \in \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_9]$  is uniquely determined by the properties a), b) and c).*

**P r o o f:**

a): Every Jacobi sum in a finite field with  $q$  elements has absolute value  $\sqrt{q}$ .

b): By ([Ha1], p.40, (6.)) it holds

$$\iota(\psi^3, \psi)\mathbb{Z}[\zeta_9] = (\mathfrak{q}^{\sum_J d(-3j, -j)^J})^{f(\mathfrak{p}|q)},$$

where  $J$  runs over the set  $\{A^k \mid 0 \leq k \leq 5\}$  of automorphisms of  $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_9)$ ,  $j \bmod 9$  is defined by

$$\zeta_9^{J^{-1}} = \zeta_9^j$$

and

$$d(-3j, -j) = \frac{r(-3j) + r(-j) - r(-4j)}{9},$$

$r(x)$  the smallest non-negative residue of  $x \bmod 9$ . It holds

$$\zeta_9^{(A^0)^{-1}} = \zeta_9, d(-3, -1) = \frac{r(-3) + r(-1) - r(-4)}{9} = 1,$$

$$\zeta_9^{(A^1)^{-1}} = \zeta_9^{A^5} = \zeta_9^5, d(-15, -5) = \frac{r(-15) + r(-5) - r(-20)}{9} = 0,$$

$$\zeta_9^{(A^2)^{-1}} = \zeta_9^{A^4} = \zeta_9^7, d(-21, -7) = \frac{r(-21) + r(-7) - r(-28)}{9} = 0,$$

$$\zeta_9^{(A^3)^{-1}} = \zeta_9^{A^3} = \zeta_9^8, d(-24, -8) = \frac{r(-24) + r(-8) - r(-32)}{9} = 0,$$

$$\zeta_9^{(A^4)^{-1}} = \zeta_9^{A^2} = \zeta_9^4, d(-12, -4) = \frac{r(-12) + r(-4) - r(-16)}{9} = 1,$$

$$\zeta_9^{(A^5)^{-1}} = \zeta_9^A = \zeta_9^2, \quad d(-6, -2) = \frac{r(-6) + r(-2) - r(-8)}{9} = 1,$$

$$\iota(\psi^3, \psi)_{\mathbb{Z}[\zeta_9]} = (\mathfrak{q}^{1+A^4+A^5})^{f(\mathfrak{p}|\mathfrak{q})} = (\mathfrak{q} \cdot \mathfrak{q}^{A^4} \cdot \mathfrak{q}^{A^5})^{f(\mathfrak{p}|\mathfrak{q})}.$$

c): For  $c \in \mathbb{F}_q^*$  it holds

$$\psi(c) \equiv 1 \pmod{(\zeta_9 - 1)}$$

and

$$\psi^3(c) \equiv 1 \pmod{(\zeta_9 - 1)^3}.$$

Indeed, if  $\psi(c) = \zeta_9^k$ ,  $0 \leq k \leq 8$ , then  $\psi(c) - 1 = \zeta_9^k - 1$  is divisible by  $\zeta_9 - 1$  in  $\mathbb{Z}[\zeta_9]$  and  $\psi^3(c) - 1$  is divisible by  $\zeta_9^3 - 1$  which is associate with  $(\zeta_9 - 1)^3$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \iota(\psi^3, \psi) &= - \sum_{c \in \mathbb{F}_q} \psi^3(c) \psi(1-c) = - \sum_{c \in \mathbb{F}_q} \psi(c) \psi^3(1-c) = \\ &= - \sum_{c \neq 1} \psi(c) - \sum_{c \neq 0,1} \psi(c) (\psi^3(1-c) - 1) = \\ &= 1 - \sum_{c \neq 0,1} \psi(c) (\psi^3(1-c) - 1) \equiv 1 - \sum_{c \neq 0,1} (\psi^3(1-c) - 1) \pmod{(\zeta_9 - 1)^4} \equiv \\ &\equiv 1 - \sum_{c \neq 0,1} \psi^3(1-c) + \sum_{c \neq 0,1} 1 \pmod{(\zeta_9 - 1)^4} \equiv \\ &\equiv 1 + 1 + q - 2 \pmod{(\zeta_9 - 1)^4} \equiv q \pmod{(\zeta_9 - 1)^4} \equiv 1 \pmod{(\zeta_9 - 1)^4}. \end{aligned}$$

Two numbers in  $\mathbb{Z}[\zeta_9]$  with the same absolute value and the same prime ideal decomposition differ by a root of unity. The group of roots of unity in  $\mathbb{Z}[\zeta_9]$  is  $\mu_{18}$ . The only element of  $\mu_{18}$  which is  $\equiv 1 \pmod{(\zeta_9 - 1)^4}$  is 1. The properties a), b), c) determine the number  $\iota(\psi^3, \psi)$  in  $\mathbb{Z}[\zeta_9]$ .  $\square$

## 2 The curves $C_a : Y^3 = X^4 - aX$ over an algebraic number field

Let  $k$  be an algebraic number field which contains  $\zeta_9$ . Let  $a \in k^*$ , and let  $\mathfrak{m}_a$  be the product of 3 and of all prime divisors  $\mathfrak{p}$  of  $k$  which appear in the decomposition of  $a$ . Let  $\mathfrak{p}$  be a prime divisor of  $k$  which does not divide  $\mathfrak{m}_a$ . The curve  $C_a$  has good reduction at  $\mathfrak{p}$ : By reducing modulo  $\mathfrak{p}$  the equation  $y^3 = x^4 - ax$  one obtains a curve  $C_{a(\mathfrak{p})}$  over the residue class field  $k(\mathfrak{p})$  at  $\mathfrak{p}$  with the equation

$$C_{a(\mathfrak{p})} : y^3 = x^4 - a(\mathfrak{p})x, \quad a(\mathfrak{p}) := a \pmod{\mathfrak{p}} \in k(\mathfrak{p})^*$$

which is smooth of genus 3 over  $k(\mathfrak{p})$ . Let  $L_{C_a(\mathfrak{p})}(t)$  be the  $L$ -polynomial of  $C_a(\mathfrak{p})/k(\mathfrak{p})$ . By proposition 4 it holds

$$L_{C_a}(t) = \prod_{j=0}^5 (1 - \eta(\mathfrak{p})^{A^j} t),$$

where  $\eta(\mathfrak{p}) := \psi_{\mathfrak{p}}^4(a(\mathfrak{p}))\iota(\psi_{\mathfrak{p}}^3, \psi_{\mathfrak{p}})$ ,  $\psi_{\mathfrak{p}}$  the 9-th power residue character modulo  $\mathfrak{p}$ ,  $A$  the automorphism of the field extension  $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_9)/\mathbb{Q}$  defined by  $\zeta_9^A := \zeta_9^2$ .

The  $L$ -function of  $C_a$  over  $k$  is defined by

$$L(s, C_a, k) := \prod_{(\mathfrak{p}, \mathfrak{m}_a)=1} L_{C_a(\mathfrak{p})}(N(\mathfrak{p})^{-s}). \quad (12)$$

The product on the right hand side of (12) is absolutely convergent for  $\Re s > \frac{3}{2}$  ([Hal], [We], [De]). It holds

$$L(s, C_a, k) = \prod_{j=0}^5 L_j(s),$$

where

$$L_j(s) := \prod_{(\mathfrak{p}, \mathfrak{m}_a)=1} (1 - \eta(\mathfrak{p})^{A^j} N(\mathfrak{p})^{-s}), \quad (13)$$

for  $j = 0, \dots, 5$ . Extend the function  $\eta(\mathfrak{p})$  multiplicatively on the group  $\text{Div}_{\mathfrak{m}_a} k$  of divisors of  $k$  prime to  $\mathfrak{m}_a$  and define

$$\lambda_j : \text{Div}_{\mathfrak{m}_a} k \mapsto \mathbb{C}^*, \lambda_j(\mathfrak{a}) := \frac{\eta(\mathfrak{a})^{A^j}}{\sqrt{N(\mathfrak{a})}},$$

for  $j = 0, \dots, 5$ . The functions  $\lambda_0, \dots, \lambda_5$  are *Größencharaktere* of  $k$  ([Hal], [We]) in the sense of Hecke ([He]). Let  $\text{Div}_{\mathfrak{m}_a}^+ k$  denote the set of positive divisors in  $\text{Div}_{\mathfrak{m}_a} k$ . By (13) it holds for  $\Re s > \frac{3}{2}$

$$\begin{aligned} L_j(s)^{-1} &= \prod_{(\mathfrak{p}, \mathfrak{m}_a)=1} (1 - \lambda_j(\mathfrak{p}) N(\mathfrak{p})^{-s+\frac{1}{2}})^{-1} = \\ &= \sum_{\mathfrak{a} \in \text{Div}_{\mathfrak{m}_a}^+ k} \frac{\lambda_j(\mathfrak{a})}{N(\mathfrak{a})^{s-\frac{1}{2}}} = L(s - \frac{1}{2}, \lambda_j, k), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$L(s, \lambda_j, k) := \sum_{\mathfrak{a} \in \text{Div}_{\mathfrak{m}_a}^+ k} \frac{\lambda_j(\mathfrak{a})}{N(\mathfrak{a})^s}, \Re s > 1,$$

is the Hecke  $L$ -function corresponding to  $\lambda_j$ ,  $j = 0, \dots, 5$ . So

**Theorem 1.** *The  $L$ -function  $L(s, C_a, k)$  of the curve  $C_a$  over  $k$  equals the product of the inverses of Hecke  $L$ -functions  $L(s - \frac{1}{2}, \lambda_j, k)$ ,  $j = 0, \dots, 5$ .*

### 3 The curves $C_a : Y^3 = X^4 - aX$ over $\mathbb{C}$

A complex *Picard curve* is the projective closure of an affine plane curve of equation type  $Y^3 = p_4(X)$ , where  $p_4(X)$  is a polynomial of degree 4. We exclude all polynomials  $p_4(X)$  with only one zero. So one avoids unstable curves in order to get a compact algebraic moduli space  $\hat{M}$  of (isomorphism classes of semistable) Picard curves, which we choose in a very canonical way. Smooth Picard curves have genus 3. They correspond to a Zariski-open part  $M^\#$  of  $\hat{M}$ . Let  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-3}) = \mathbb{Q}(\omega)$ ,  $\omega := e^{\frac{2\pi i}{3}}$ , be the field of Eisenstein numbers. The cyclic group  $\mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$  of order 3 acts via  $(x, y) \mapsto (x, \omega y)$  on each Picard curve  $C$ . If  $C$  is smooth, we get  $\mathbb{P}^1$  as quotient curve  $C/(\mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z})$  with  $\mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$  as Galois group of  $C/\mathbb{P}^1$ . The action of  $\mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$  induces a  $K$ -multiplication of type  $(2, 1)$  on the jacobian variety  $J(C)$  of  $C$ , which means that the diagonalized representation group of  $\mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$  on the tangent space  $T_0J(C)$  of  $J(C)$  is generated by  $\begin{pmatrix} \omega & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \omega & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \bar{\omega} \end{pmatrix}$ . Let

$$\mathbb{B} := \{z = (z_1, z_2) \in \mathbb{C}^2; |z|^2 := |z_1|^2 + |z_2|^2 < 1\},$$

be the two-dimensional complex unit ball. The moduli space of abelian threefolds with  $K$ -multiplication of type  $(2, 1)$  is the Shimura surface  $\mathbb{B}/\Gamma$ ,  $\Gamma = \mathbb{U}((2, 1), \mathfrak{O})$ ,  $\mathfrak{O} = \mathfrak{O}_K = \mathbb{Z} + \mathbb{Z}\omega$  the ring of Eisenstein integers. Define the congruence subgroup  $\Gamma(\sqrt{-3})$  by the exact group sequence

$$1 \longrightarrow \Gamma(\sqrt{-3}) \longrightarrow \Gamma \longrightarrow \mathbb{U}((2, 1), \mathfrak{O}/(1 - \omega)\mathfrak{O}) \longrightarrow 1.$$

In ([Ho1], Ch. I, Prop. 3.2.3) it is proved the following

**Theorem 2.** *The Baily-Borel compactification  $\mathbb{B}/\widehat{\Gamma(\sqrt{-3})}$  coincides with the projective plane  $\mathbb{P}^2$ . The compactifying cusp points are four points  $K_1, K_2, K_3, K_4 \in \mathbb{P}^2$  in general position. The open part  $\mathbb{P}_2^\# \subset \mathbb{P}^2$  coming from smooth Picard curves is precisely the complement of the six projective lines  $L_{ij} = L_{ji}$  going through pairs  $K_i, K_j$  of different cusp points.*

It turns out that

$$M^\# = \mathbb{P}_2^\# / S_4, \hat{M} = \mathbb{P}^2 / S_4, M = \mathbb{P}_2^* / S_4,$$

where  $\mathbb{P}_2^* := \mathbb{P}^2 \setminus \{K_1, K_2, K_3, K_4\}$ . Now identify  $\mathbb{P}^2$  with

$$\mathbb{P}_0^3 = \{(t_1 : t_2 : t_3 : t_4) \in \mathbb{P}^3; t_1 + t_2 + t_3 + t_4 = 0\},$$

and introduce projective coordinates such that

$$\begin{aligned} K_1 &= (-3 : 1 : 1 : 1), & K_2 &= (1 : -3 : 1 : 1), \\ K_3 &= (1 : 1 : -3 : 1), & K_4 &= (1 : 1 : 1 : -3). \end{aligned}$$



Each Picard curve is isomorphic to a *normal form* representative

$$C_t : Y^3 = (X - t_1)(X - t_2)(X - t_3)(X - t_4), \quad t_1 + t_2 + t_3 + t_4 = 0.$$

The correspondence

$$C_t \mapsto \mathfrak{t} = (t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4) \mapsto (t_1 : t_2 : t_3 : t_4) \in \mathbb{P}_2^*$$

restricted to  $\mathbb{P}_2^\#$  and composed with the  $S_4$ -quotient map yields the precise parametrisation of isomorphism classes ([Ho1] I, Prop.5.2.3). Especially, all curves of the family

$$C_a : Y^3 = X^4 - aX, \quad a \in \mathbb{C}^*,$$

are isomorphic over  $\mathbb{C}$  to

$$C_1 : Y^3 = X^4 - X,$$

whose moduli point is the image of  $(0 : 1 : \omega : \omega^2)$ .

The Jacobians of smooth Picard curves are (principally polarized) abelian threefolds. Via period matrices they are represented by points in the generalized Siegel upper half plane

$$\mathbb{H}_3 = \{\Omega \in Mat_3(\mathbb{C}); {}^t\Omega = \Omega, \text{ Im } \Omega \text{ positive definite}\},$$

uniquely up to  $Sp(6, \mathbb{Z})$ -equivalence, where

$$Sp(6, \mathbb{Z}) = \{G \in Gl_6(\mathbb{Z}); {}^tG \cdot \begin{pmatrix} O & E_3 \\ -E_3 & O \end{pmatrix} \cdot G = \begin{pmatrix} O & E_3 \\ -E_3 & O \end{pmatrix}\}, \quad E_3 := \text{diag}(1, 1, 1),$$

denotes the symplectic group acting on  $\mathbb{H}_3$  in the well-known manner. By Torelli's theorem there is a canonical algebraic embedding  $M^\# \hookrightarrow \mathfrak{A}_3$  into the moduli space  $\mathfrak{A}_3 = \mathbb{H}_3/Sp(6, \mathbb{Z})$  of principally polarized abelian threefolds. Restricting to the Zariski-open subspace  $\mathfrak{A}_3^\# \subset \mathfrak{A}_3$  corresponding to Jacobians of smooth genus 3 curves one gets a closed embedding  $M^\# \hookrightarrow \mathfrak{A}_3^\#$ , which determines  $M^\#$  uniquely, up to isomorphism. The closed algebraic embedding  $M^\# \hookrightarrow \mathfrak{A}_3^\#$  can be *uniformized* in the following sense. In the analytic category there is a commutative *Shimura diagram*

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \mathbb{B} & & \hookrightarrow & & \mathbb{H}_3 \\ & \swarrow & & \searrow & \\ & \mathbb{B}^\# & \hookrightarrow & \mathbb{H}_3^\# & \\ \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow & \\ & M^\# & \hookrightarrow & \mathfrak{A}_3^\# & \\ & \swarrow & & \searrow & \\ M & & \rightarrow & & \mathfrak{A}_3 \end{array}$$

where  $\mathbb{H}_3 \rightarrow \mathfrak{A}_3$  is the  $Sp(6, \mathbb{Z})$ -quotient morphism,  $\mathbb{H}_3^\#$  is the preimage of  $\mathfrak{A}_3^\#$  in  $\mathbb{H}_3$ ,  $\mathbb{B} \hookrightarrow \mathbb{H}_3$  is a closed embedding,  $\mathbb{B}^\# = \mathbb{B} \cap \mathbb{H}_3^\#$ , and  $\mathbb{B} \rightarrow M$  is the analytic quotient morphism of the arithmetic group

$$N_{Sp(6, \mathbb{Z})}(\mathbb{B}) := \{G \in Sp(6, \mathbb{Z}); G(\mathbb{B}) = \mathbb{B}\}$$

acting on  $\mathbb{B}$ . In ([Ho3]) it is proved that this ball lattice coincides with  $\Gamma$ .

Identifying for a moment the ball with its image in  $\mathbb{H}_3$  we call  $\mathbb{B}$  the *period space of Picard curves* and its points are called *Picard period points* (of the family of Picard curves). An element  $\gamma \in \Gamma$  is called *elliptic*, iff  $\gamma$  has an isolated fixed point  $P \in \mathbb{B}$ . Let  $\Gamma'$  be a subgroup of  $\Gamma$ . We call the elliptic element  $\gamma$  *purely  $\Gamma'$ -elliptic*, iff all non-trivially on  $\mathbb{B}$  acting elements of the stationary group  $\Gamma'_P$  are elliptic. The images of purely  $\Gamma'$ -elliptic points on  $\mathbb{B}/\Gamma'$  are isolated (cyclic quotient) singularities. Notice that the fixed point  $P$  is uniquely determined by the elliptic element  $\gamma$  because the group of biholomorphic automorphisms of  $\mathbb{B}$  coincides with  $\mathbb{P}\mathbb{U}((2, 1), \mathbb{C})$ , so  $\gamma$  has only one negative eigenline in  $V = (\mathbb{C}^3, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$  with respect to the hermitian metric  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  of signature  $(2, 1)$  on  $\mathbb{C}^3$ .

In ([Ho1], Ch. I, 3.4.4) it is proved the following

**Theorem 3.** (see [Ho1] I, Prop. 3.4.4). *The only singularities of  $\hat{M}$  are the image points of  $S := (0 : 1 : \omega : \omega^2)$  and  $N := (1 : i : -1 : -i)$ , along the  $S_4$ -quotient morphism.  $\square$*

This is a simple application of a theorem of Chevalley stating that the singularities of a finite (more generally: locally finite) Galois quotient  $X/G$  of a smooth complex manifold  $X$  come precisely from points  $x \in X$  with isotropy group  $G_x$  not generated by reflections at  $x$ , where reflections at  $x$  are defined as elements of  $G_x$  acting trivially on a submanifold of  $X$  through  $x$  of codimension 1. Looking at finite subgroups of  $S_4$  and their fixed points on  $\mathbb{P}^2$  one finds up to  $S_4$ -equivalence the points  $S, N$  as only singular possibilities. The  $S_4$ -isotropy group of  $S$  is generated by the cyclic permutation  $(234)$  of order 3. The  $S_4$ -isotropy group of  $N$  is generated by the cyclic permutation  $(1234)$  of order 4. The  $(13)(24)$ -reflection line on  $\mathbb{P}^2$  contains  $N$ .

**Proposition 6.** *The set of Picard period points of  $C_1$  coincides with the set of purely  $\Gamma$ -elliptic points on  $\mathbb{B}$ . It coincides with the  $\Gamma$ -orbit of*

$$P_{\zeta_9} := (\zeta_9^4 - \zeta_9^2 : 1 : \zeta_9^5 + \zeta_9^4 - 1) \in \mathbb{B}.$$

**P r o o f:** For an arbitrary group  $G$  let  $G_{tor}$  be the set of elements of finite order of  $G$  (torsion elements), and let  $G_{k-tor}$  be the subset of elements of precise order  $k \in \mathbb{N}_+$ .  $G$  acts by conjugation on  $G_k$  and on  $G_{tor}$ . It holds

**Lemma 2.** *For  $\Gamma = \mathbb{U}((2, 1), \mathfrak{D})$  the set  $\Gamma_{9-tor}$  is not void. It consists of precisely six  $\Gamma$ -conjugation classes. They are projected onto two  $\mathbb{P}\Gamma$ -conjugation classes in  $(\mathbb{P}\Gamma)_{3-tor}$ .*

**P r o o f** of Lemma 2: For the first statement we consider the element

$$\varphi_1 := \begin{pmatrix} -\omega^2 - 1 & \omega^2 & \\ \omega & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & \omega^2 - 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

with

$$\det \varphi_1 = \omega, \varphi_1^3 = \omega E_3.$$

found by Feustel in [Feu]. It is easy to check that  $\varphi_1$  belongs to  $\Gamma$ . The eigenvalues are  $\zeta_9, \zeta_9^4, \zeta_9^7$ . The powers  $\varphi_1^k, k = 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8$ , yield six different conjugation classes in  $\Gamma_{9-tor}$  (compare determinants and eigenvalues) and two conjugation classes in  $(\mathbb{P}\Gamma)_{3-tor}$ .  $\square$

Now let  $\varphi$  be an arbitrary element of  $\Gamma_{9-tor}$  with eigenvalues  $\zeta_9, \zeta_9^j, \zeta_9^k$ , say. The Galois group of  $F := K(\zeta_9)$  over  $K$  is generated by  $\sigma : \zeta_9 \mapsto \zeta_9^4$ . The characteristic polynomial  $\chi_\varphi(T)$  of  $\varphi$  belongs to  $K[T]$ . Looking at trace and determinant of  $\varphi$ , which must belong to  $K$ , it is easy to see that  $\varphi$  has three different eigenvalues. They must be conjugated over  $K$ , hence  $\zeta_9^j = \zeta_9^4 = \sigma(\zeta_9), \zeta_9^k = \zeta_9^7 = \sigma^2(\zeta_9)$ . The eigenvectors  $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c}$  of  $\zeta_9, \sigma(\zeta_9), \sigma^2(\zeta_9)$ , respectively, can be chosen in  $F^3$ . They form an orthogonal basis of  $F^3$  endowed with our hermitian  $(2, 1)$ -metric because of different eigenvalues. From  $\varphi(\mathbf{a}) = \zeta_9 \cdot \mathbf{a}$  it follows that

$$\sigma(\varphi(\mathbf{a})) = \sigma(\zeta_9)\sigma(\mathbf{a}) = \zeta_9^4\sigma(\mathbf{a})$$

because  $\varphi$  belongs to  $Mat_3(K)$ . Therefore

$$\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} = \sigma(\mathbf{a}), \mathbf{c} = \sigma^2(\mathbf{a}) \in F^3,$$

satisfying

$$\langle \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{a} \rangle < 0, \langle \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{b} \rangle > 0, \langle \mathbf{c}, \mathbf{c} \rangle > 0, \quad (14)$$

(without loss of generality) is an orthogonal  $\varphi$ -eigenbasis of  $\mathbb{C}^3$ . The elliptic element  $\varphi$  has the unique elliptic fixed point  $P = \mathbb{P}\mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{B}$ . We show that  $P$  is a purely  $\Gamma$ -elliptic point. With  $\Gamma' := \Gamma(\sqrt{-3})$  we have a commutative diagram of quotient morphisms

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{B} & & \\ \downarrow p' & \searrow p & \\ \mathbb{B}/\Gamma' = \mathbb{P}_2^* & \xrightarrow{\pi} & \mathbb{P}_2^*/S_4 = \mathbb{B}/\Gamma \end{array}$$

In [Ho1] I, Prop. 3.4.4, there are listed on  $\mathbb{P}_2^*$  the  $p'$ -images of all  $\Gamma$ -elliptic points  $Q \in \mathbb{B}$  together with their (abstract) isotropy groups  $\Gamma_Q$ . Our  $P$  cannot be an intersection point of two  $\Gamma$ -reflection discs because the reflections have eigenvalues only in  $K$ . Otherwise  $P \in \mathbb{B} \subset \mathbb{P}^2$  would be the intersection point of two projective lines (the projectivized orthogonal complements of the one-dimensional eigenspaces) defined over  $K$ . This leads to  $\mathbb{P}\mathbf{a} = P = \mathbb{P}\mathbf{a}', \mathbf{a}' \in K^3, \sigma(P) = P$ , which contradicts to  $\sigma(P) \notin \mathbb{B} = \mathbb{P}V_-$ , by (14). There are precisely two  $\Gamma$ -orbits  $\Gamma\tilde{N}, \Gamma\tilde{S}$  of  $\Gamma$ -elliptic points whose isotropy groups are not generated by reflections. The projective isotropy groups  $\mathbb{P}\Gamma_{\tilde{N}}$  or  $\mathbb{P}\Gamma_{\tilde{S}}$

are cyclic of order 4 or 3, respectively. Since  $\mathbb{P}\varphi \in \mathbb{P}\Gamma_P$  is elliptic of order 3 the point  $P$  must belong to the second orbit. The image  $p(\tilde{S})$  coincides with  $p'(S)$ , which is an orbitally isolated singularity with respect to  $\Gamma$ . This means that  $\tilde{S}$  is a purely  $\Gamma$ -elliptic point, hence  $\mathbb{P}\Gamma_{\tilde{S}} \cong \langle \mathbb{P}\varphi \rangle$  of order 3.  $\square$

Let  $F$  be a number field and  $A$  a complex abelian variety of dimension  $g$ . We say that  $A$  has  $F$ -multiplication, if there is a  $\mathbb{Q}$ -algebra embedding  $\iota$  of  $F$  into the endomorphism algebra  $\text{End}^\circ A = \mathbb{Q} \otimes \text{End} A$  of  $A$ . If, moreover, the degree  $[F : \mathbb{Q}]$  of  $F$  is equal to  $2g$  and  $\iota$  is an isomorphism, then  $A$  is called an abelian CM-variety. It is well-known in this case that  $A$  is simple and  $F$  is a CM-field, which is, by definition, a totally imaginary quadratic field extension of a totally real number field, see [La]. A CM-curve is a (smooth complex) projective curve  $C$  whose jacobian variety  $J(C)$  is an abelian CM-variety.

**Proposition 7.** *The endomorphism ring  $\text{End} J(C_1)$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Z}[\zeta_9]$ . Up to isomorphism,  $C_1$  is the only Picard CM-curve with a cyclotomic maximal order as endomorphism ring.*

**P r o o f:** Our special Picard curve  $C_1 : Y^3 = X(X^3 - 1)$  has an obvious non-trivial automorphism of 9-th order fixing  $\infty = (0 : 0 : 1)$ :

$$(x, y) \mapsto (\omega x, \zeta_9 y), \quad (\zeta_9^3 = \omega).$$

It extends to an automorphism of the Jacobian threefold of  $C_1$ . With Theorem 6 below we will see that this automorphism generates a subfield in the endomorphism algebra of the Jacobian. Therefore we get embeddings

$$\mathbb{Z}[\zeta_9] \hookrightarrow \text{End} J(C_1), \quad F = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_9) \hookrightarrow \text{End}^\circ J(C_1). \quad (15)$$

The representing period point  $P_{\zeta_9} = \mathbb{P}\mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{B}$  is purely  $\Gamma$ -elliptic by Proposition 3, fixed by  $\varphi_1$  of nine-th order. Therefore the ring  $\text{End}_K(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{a}^\perp)$  of  $K$ -endomorphisms of  $V$  with eigenvector  $\mathbf{a}$  and invariant subspace  $\mathbf{a}^\perp$  is bigger than  $K$ . Such ball points have been called *exceptional* in [Ho2], Corollary 7.10. Moreover,  $\mathbf{a}$  is eigenvector of a simple eigenvalue of  $\varphi_1 \in \text{End}_K(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{a}^\perp)$ . Therefore  $P_{\zeta_9}$  is an *isolated exceptional* point in the sense of Definition 7.12 of [Ho2]. The  $K$ -degree  $[K(P_{\zeta_9}) : K]$  of  $P_{\zeta_9}$  is equal to 3. Now apply the following theorem to see that  $J(C_1)$  is a simple CM-threefold with multiplication field  $K(\zeta_9)$ .

**Theorem 4.** (see [Ho2], section 7.) *The endomorphism algebra of the jacobian variety  $J_\tau \cong J(C_t)$  of a Picard curve with period point  $\tau \in \mathbb{B}$  and moduli point  $t = (t_1 : t_2 : t_3 : t_4) \in \mathbb{P}_2^*$  is greater than  $K$  if and only if  $\tau$  is exceptional.  $J_\tau$  splits up to isogeny into abelian CM-subvarieties if and only if  $\tau$  is an isolated exceptional point. Thereby Jacobians with CM-field  $F$  (of degree 3 over  $K$ ) correspond to isolated exceptional points of  $K$ -degree 3 and  $F \cong K(\tau)$ . All other isolated exceptional points (of  $K$ -degree 2 or 1) lie on  $K$ -discs on  $\mathbb{B}$  (defined as non-empty intersections  $L \cap \mathbb{B}$ ,  $L$  projective lines on  $\mathbb{P}^2$  defined over  $K$ ). Thereby  $\tau \in \mathbb{B}(K)$  if and only if  $J_\tau$  splits into*

$E \times E \times E$ . The degree 2 case happens if and only if  $J_\tau$  splits into  $E \times (E'^2)$ , where  $E$  is an elliptic CM-curve with  $K$ -multiplication and  $E'$  elliptic CM with imaginary quadratic multiplication field  $L \neq K$ . Moreover, it holds that  $K(L) = K(\tau)$  in the latter case.  $\square$

The endomorphism ring of any abelian CM-variety is an order in the corresponding CM-field. Each order of a number field  $L$  is contained in the maximal order, the ring  $\mathfrak{O}_L$  of integers in  $L$ . The maximal order of a cyclotomic field  $L = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta)$  is equal to  $\mathbb{Z}[\zeta]$ ,  $\zeta$  a generating unit root, see e.g. [Neu], I, Prop. 10.2. So the embeddings (15) must be isomorphisms, especially

$$\mathfrak{O}_F = \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_9] \cong \text{End}J(C_1) \subseteq \text{End}^\circ J(C_1) \cong F.$$

The first part of Proposition 5 is proved.

$F$  is the only cyclotomic field of degree 3 over  $K$ . Therefore the Jacobian threefolds of CM-Picard curves  $C$  with cyclotomic endomorphism algebra  $\text{End}^\circ J(C)$ , which must be isomorphic to  $F$ , have to be isogeneous. There is a bijective correspondence between the ideal classes of  $\mathfrak{O}_F$  and the isomorphy classes of principally polarized abelian CM-threefolds  $A$  (of same multiplication type) with endomorphism rings  $\mathfrak{O}_F$ , see e.g. [La], III.2, Cor. 2.7. It is well-known that the class number of  $F$  is equal to 1, see e.g. [Ha2], III, end of 29. Therefore, up to isomorphy, there is only one such  $A$ . Then, by Torelli's theorem, also the isomorphy class of Picard CM-curves with  $\text{End}J(C) \cong \mathfrak{O}_F$  is uniquely determined. This completes the proof of Proposition 5.  $\square$

*Remark 2.* The *type* of  $F$ -multiplication is a lift ( $F$ -extension) from the type (2, 1) of  $K$ -multiplication on  $J(C_1)$ . This lifted type is unique by [La], I.3, Theorem 3.6.

**Proposition 8.** *A period matrix of the Jacobian  $J(C_1)$  is:*

$$\begin{aligned} \Pi = & \begin{pmatrix} -\zeta_9 + 1 & 0 & -2\zeta_9^2 - 2\zeta_9 & -\zeta_9^2 - 1 & 1 & 2\zeta_9^2 + \zeta_9 \\ \zeta_9^2 - 1 & 0 & -\zeta_9^2 + 2\zeta_9 & -\zeta_9^2 + \zeta_9 + 1 & -1 & \zeta_9^2 - 2\zeta_9 \\ -\zeta_9 + 1 & 0 & -2\zeta_9^2 - 2\zeta_9 & -\zeta_9^2 - 1 & 1 & 2\zeta_9^2 + \zeta_9 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \omega + \\ & + \begin{pmatrix} 2\zeta_9^2 + \zeta_9 + 1 & 1 & -\zeta_9 + 1 & -2\zeta_9^2 - \zeta_9 & 0 & \zeta_9^2 + \zeta_9 - 1 \\ -\zeta_9^2 + 2\zeta_9 & 1 & -2\zeta_9^2 + 2\zeta_9 + 1 & -\zeta_9 + 1 & -1 & \zeta_9^2 - \zeta_9 - 1 \\ 2\zeta_9^2 + \zeta_9 + 1 & 1 & -\zeta_9 + 1 & -2\zeta_9^2 - \zeta_9 & 0 & \zeta_9^2 + \zeta_9 - 1 \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

The set of  $\mathbb{H}_3$ - (Siegel-)period points of  $J(C_1)$  coincides with the  $\mathbb{S}p(6, \mathbb{Z})$ -orbit of

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{-2rs-1}{3r^2} & \frac{1}{r} & \frac{rs-1}{3r^2} \\ \frac{1}{r} & -1 & 0 \\ \frac{rs-1}{3r^2} & 0 & \frac{-2rs+2}{3r^2} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \omega + \begin{pmatrix} \frac{2rs-2}{3r^2} & \frac{1}{r} & \frac{-rs+1}{3r^2} \\ \frac{1}{r} & -1 & \frac{-1}{r} \\ \frac{-rs+1}{3r^2} & \frac{-1}{r} & \frac{2rs+1}{3r^2} \end{pmatrix}$$

with

$$r := -\zeta_9^4 + \zeta_9^3 + 2\zeta_9^2 + \zeta_9 + 1, \quad s := -(\zeta_9^5 + \zeta_9^3 + 2\zeta_9^2 + \zeta_9).$$

**P r o o f:** In [Ho3], sections 2.4-2.5, it is described a procedure to receive the period matrices starting from the coordinates of the fixed point  $P_{\zeta_0}$ . First one has to move the "diagonal ball"  $\mathbb{B} \subset \mathbb{P}^2$  by a plane projective linear transformation to the "Picard ball" (Siegel domain)  $\mathbb{B}' \subset \mathbb{P}^2$ . This is done by the inverse of

$$M := \begin{pmatrix} \omega & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\omega^2 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix},$$

(see [Ho3], p. 28) acting on row-vectors from the right. Let  $P' := (a : b : c) \in \mathbb{B}'$  be the image point of  $P_{\zeta_0} \in \mathbb{B}$ . Setting  $b = 1$  and applying Proposition 3 one gets  $a, c \in \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_0]$ . From the vector  $(a, 1, c)$  one gets the period matrices via orthogonal fillings and \*-procedure coming from Picard period integrals, all described in [Ho3] around Lemma 2.22. The numbers  $r, s$  appear in the period matrix  $\Pi$  at places  $(1, 1)$  or  $(1, 4)$ , respectively.  $\square$

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