



# Endomorphisms of Two Dimensional Jacobians and Related Finite Algebras

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*Abstract.* Zarhin proves that if  $C$  is the curve  $y^2 = f(x)$  where  $\text{Gal}_{\mathbb{Q}}(f(x)) = S_n$  or  $A_n$ , then  $\text{End}_{\overline{\mathbb{Q}}}(J) = \mathbb{Z}$ . In seeking to examine his result in the genus  $g = 2$  case supposing other Galois groups, we calculate  $\text{End}_{\overline{\mathbb{Q}}}(J) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{F}_2$  for a genus 2 curve where  $f(x)$  is irreducible. In particular, we show that unless the Galois group is  $S_5$  or  $A_5$ , the Galois group does not determine  $\text{End}_{\overline{\mathbb{Q}}}(J)$ .

## 1 Background

Let  $C$  be a genus  $g$  curve defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . We denote by  $J$  the Jacobian of the curve  $C$ .  $J$  is an abelian variety of dimension  $g$  defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . While both  $C$  and  $J$  are defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$ , we will consider them over  $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}$ . As a result we will have an action of  $\text{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q})$  on the set of  $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}$  points of  $C$  and hence on the set of  $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}$  points of  $J$ . If  $f$  is a polynomial over  $\mathbb{Q}$ , then we denote by  $\text{Gal}_{\mathbb{Q}}(f(x))$ , the Galois group of  $f$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

Let  $\text{End}_{\overline{\mathbb{Q}}}(J)$ , denote the ring of endomorphisms of  $J$  defined over  $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}$ . In his paper [6], Zarhin gives, for hyperelliptic curves, a simple criterion for determining when  $\text{End}_{\overline{\mathbb{Q}}}(J)$  is *trivial i.e.*, when  $\text{End}_{\overline{\mathbb{Q}}}(J) = \mathbb{Z}$ .

**Theorem 1.1** (Zarhin) *Let  $C$  be the curve defined by the equation  $y^2 = f(x)$ , where  $\deg(f) = n \geq 5$  and  $f(x)$  is square-free in  $\mathbb{Q}[x]$ . If  $\text{Gal}_{\mathbb{Q}}(f(x)) = S_n$  or  $A_n$ , then  $\text{End}_{\overline{\mathbb{Q}}}(J) = \mathbb{Z}$ .*

So at least in the above case,  $\text{Gal}_{\mathbb{Q}}(f(x))$  determines  $\text{End}_{\overline{\mathbb{Q}}}(J)$ .

Suppose now that  $f(x)$  is irreducible of degree 5, then  $\text{Gal}_{\mathbb{Q}}(f(x))$  is one of the following groups:  $S_5$ ,  $A_5$ ,  $F_{20}$  (the Frobenius group of order 20),  $D_5$ , or  $\mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z}$ . We seek to determine to what extent Zarhin's result extends to these cases. For instance, is knowing  $\text{Gal}_{\mathbb{Q}}(f(x)) = F_{20}$  enough to determine  $\text{End}_{\overline{\mathbb{Q}}}(J)$ ? To answer this question we will determine  $\text{End}_{\overline{\mathbb{Q}}}(J) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{F}_2$  for a genus 2 curve with a  $\mathbb{Q}$ -rational Weierstrass point (the existence of such a point is equivalent to the condition that  $\deg(f) = 5$  ([2]). Our main result is that the Galois group does not determine  $\text{End}_{\overline{\mathbb{Q}}}(J)$ .

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## 2 Representations of $\text{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q})$ and $\text{End}_{\overline{\mathbb{Q}}}(J)$

Let  $J[2]$  denote the points of order two on the Jacobian.  $\text{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q})$  acts linearly on  $J[2]$ , as does  $\text{End}_{\overline{\mathbb{Q}}}(J)$ . In other words we have representations  $\overline{\rho}_2$  and  $\overline{\phi}_2$  as follows:

$$\text{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q}) \xrightarrow{\overline{\rho}_2} \text{Aut}(J[2]) \hookrightarrow \text{End}_{\overline{\mathbb{Q}}}(J[2]),$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{End}_{\overline{\mathbb{Q}}}(J) \\ \downarrow \overline{\phi}_2 \\ \text{End}_{\overline{\mathbb{Q}}}(J[2]), \end{array}$$

where  $\overline{\rho}_2$  and  $\overline{\phi}_2$  are nothing more than the restriction maps. Furthermore, we have that  $J[2] \cong (\mathbb{F}_2)^{2g}$ . Thus, in the case of a genus two curve, we have the homomorphisms:

$$\text{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q}) \xrightarrow{\overline{\rho}_2} \text{GL}_4(\mathbb{F}_2) \hookrightarrow \text{Mat}_4(\mathbb{F}_2),$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{End}_{\overline{\mathbb{Q}}}(J) \\ \downarrow \overline{\phi}_2 \\ \text{Mat}_4(\mathbb{F}_2). \end{array}$$

### 2.1 Images of $\overline{\rho}_2$ and $\overline{\phi}_2$

One has an explicit basis for  $J[2]$  in terms of ramification points, as mentioned in Mori [3], and from this basis one can show that  $\text{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q})$  acts on  $J[2]$  via the surjection  $\text{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q}) \twoheadrightarrow \text{Gal}_{\mathbb{Q}}(f(x))$ . In other words,  $\text{Im}(\overline{\rho}_2) \cong \text{Gal}_{\mathbb{Q}}(f(x))$ . Now an endomorphism that kills  $J[2]$  factors as  $[2]: J(C) \rightarrow J(C)$  followed by an endomorphism of  $J(C)$ , so the kernel of  $\overline{\phi}_2$  is  $2 \text{End}_{\overline{\mathbb{Q}}}(J)$ , i.e.,  $\text{Im}(\overline{\phi}_2) \cong \text{End}_{\overline{\mathbb{Q}}}(J) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{F}_2$ .

## 3 G-Normal Algebras

Notice now that  $\text{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q})$  acts on  $\text{End}_{\overline{\mathbb{Q}}}(J)$  via conjugation, and furthermore, the maps  $\overline{\rho}_2$  and  $\overline{\phi}_2$  respect this action. Thus, if  $h \in \text{Im}(\overline{\phi}_2) \cong \text{End}_{\overline{\mathbb{Q}}}(J) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{F}_2$  and  $g \in \text{Im}(\overline{\rho}_2) \cong \text{Gal}_{\mathbb{Q}}(f(x))$ , then  $ghg^{-1} \in \text{End}_{\overline{\mathbb{Q}}}(J) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{F}_2$ .

**Definition 3.1** Let  $G \rightarrow \text{GL}_n(F)$  be a faithful representation of a group  $G$ . Let  $A$  be an  $F$ -subalgebra of  $\text{Mat}_n(F)$ . We say that  $A$  is  $G$ -normal if for all elements  $g \in G$  and  $h \in A$  we have that  $ghg^{-1} \in A$ . (This notion appears in an equivalent form in Zarhin [7].)

In terms of this definition, we have that  $\text{End}_{\overline{\mathbb{Q}}}(J) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{F}_2$  is a  $\text{Gal}_{\mathbb{Q}}(f(x))$ -normal subalgebra of  $\text{Mat}_4(\mathbb{F}_2)$  when  $C$  is a genus two curve. In [7], Zarhin proves that if we take our representation of  $\text{Gal}_{\mathbb{Q}}(f(x))$  arising from Mori, then the only subalgebra that is  $\text{Gal}_{\mathbb{Q}}(f(x))$ -normal for  $\text{Gal}_{\mathbb{Q}}(f(x)) \cong S_5$  or  $A_5$  is  $\mathbb{F}_2$ . Zarhin's theorem then follows as a corollary when combined with the Mumford–Albert classification of  $\text{End}_{\overline{\mathbb{Q}}}^0(J)$  ([4]). We will show that when  $\text{Gal}_{\mathbb{Q}}(f(x)) \cong F_{20}$ ,  $D_5$ , or  $\mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z}$ , the set of

$\text{Gal}_{\mathbb{Q}}(f(x))$ -normal algebras is given by  $\{\mathbb{F}_2, \mathbb{F}_4, \mathbb{F}_{16}\}$ , and moreover, all such algebras occur as  $\text{End}_{\overline{\mathbb{Q}}}(J) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{F}_2$  for some curve  $C$ .

**Remark 3.2** One should be careful here and note that the definition of  $G$ -normal algebra is made with respect to a particular representation. It is possible for an algebra to be normal with respect to one faithful representation and not normal with respect to another.

The fact that  $\text{End}_{\overline{\mathbb{Q}}}(J)$  is normal with respect to the image of  $\text{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q})$  informs a philosophy about the image of the  $\ell$ -adic representations  $\rho_{\ell}$  and  $\phi_{\ell}$  that one obtains from considering the inverse limit over  $n$  of the representations  $\rho_{\ell^n}$  and  $\phi_{\ell^n}$  respectively. Note that  $\rho_{\ell}: \text{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q}) \rightarrow \text{GL}_{2g}(\mathbb{Z}_{\ell})$  and  $\phi_{\ell}: \text{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q}) \rightarrow \text{Mat}_{2g}(\mathbb{Z}_{\ell})$ . The philosophy is that a “big”  $\text{End}_{\overline{\mathbb{Q}}}(J)$ , hence a “big”  $\text{Im}(\phi_{\ell})$ , forces a “small”  $\text{Im}(\rho_{\ell})$  and vice-versa. This philosophy is stated more precisely as “big monodromy” if and only if  $\text{End}_{\overline{\mathbb{Q}}}(J) = \mathbb{Z}$  and has been proven in the case of genus 1 by Serre [5] and in genus 2 by Zarhin [6].

In our case we are examining  $\ell = 2$  and the first term of our inductive limit,  $J[2] \cong (\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})^{2g}$ . Applying our philosophy, we expect that the bigger the image of  $\text{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q})$ , the harder it is for  $\text{End}_{\overline{\mathbb{Q}}}(J) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{F}_2$  to be normal with respect to this image. In other words, “big” image of  $\text{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q})$  implies “small”  $\text{End}_{\overline{\mathbb{Q}}}(J) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{F}_2$ , so if the image of  $\text{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q})$  is as big as possible (i.e.,  $S_n$  or  $A_n$ ), then  $\text{End}_{\overline{\mathbb{Q}}}(J) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{F}_2$  should be small as possible, i.e.,  $\mathbb{F}_2$ .

Indeed, this is what Zarhin did for curves of the form  $y^2 = f(x)$ . One might then be led to the conclusion that as we reduce the size of the image of  $\text{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q})$ , i.e., the size of  $\text{Gal}_{\mathbb{Q}}(f(x))$ , we can increase the size of  $\text{End}_{\overline{\mathbb{Q}}}(J) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{F}_2$ . We state this bit of philosophy as a generalization of the idea of “big monodromy”

**Big Monodromy** *Let  $H \subsetneq G$  be transitive subgroups of  $S_n$  other than  $S_n$  and  $A_n$ . Then the set of  $G$ -normal algebras is properly contained in the set of  $H$ -normal algebras.*

Our main result then comes as a bit of a surprise. Namely, the proper containments  $\mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z} \subsetneq D_5 \subsetneq F_{20}$  do not imply proper containments  $F_{20}$ -normal algebras  $\subsetneq D_5$ -normal algebras  $\subsetneq \mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z}$ -normal algebras. In fact, these latter three sets are equal.

#### 4 $\text{Gal}_{\mathbb{Q}}(f(x))$ -Normal Subalgebras of $\text{Mat}_4(\mathbb{F}_2)$

A naive method of determining the  $G$ -normal subalgebras of any  $\text{Mat}_n(\mathbb{F}_p)$  would be to list all subspaces of  $\text{Mat}_n(\mathbb{F}_p)$ , use these spaces to generate algebras and then check if the resulting algebras remained  $G$ -normal. This method very quickly becomes too costly for practical implementation. In the case of  $\text{Mat}_4(\mathbb{F}_2)$ , there are 134732283882872625911 subspaces to check.

We can considerably narrow the number of subspaces to be checked by examining the  $\text{Gal}_{\mathbb{Q}}(f(x))$ -module structure of  $\text{Mat}_4(\mathbb{F}_2)$  more closely. In particular, all possibilities for  $\text{Gal}_{\mathbb{Q}}(f(x))$  contain the cyclic subgroup  $\mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z}$ , thus the set of  $\mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z}$ -normal subspaces is sufficient to determine all  $\text{Gal}_{\mathbb{Q}}(f(x))$ -normal subspaces. Give  $\text{Mat}_4(\mathbb{F}_2)$  the structure of an  $F_2[t]$ -module by having  $t$  act on  $\text{Mat}_4(\mathbb{F}_2)$  via conjugation by a

generator of  $\mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z}$ . This allows us to use modules over PIDs to determine all the  $\text{Gal}_{\mathbb{Q}}(f(x))$ -normal subspaces of  $\text{Mat}_4(\mathbb{F}_2)$ .

#### 4.1 $\mathbb{F}_2[t]$ -Module Structure of $\text{Mat}_4(\mathbb{F}_2)$

Using the standard basis  $e_{ij}$  for  $\text{Mat}_4(\mathbb{F}_2)$ , one computes that the matrix that represents the action of  $t$  is given by

$$T = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Then via GAP4 [1],

$$\text{char}_{\mathbb{F}_2}(T, t) = (t - 1)^4(t^4 + t^3 + t^2 + t + 1)^3$$

and

$$\min_{\mathbb{F}_2}(T, t) = t^5 - 1$$

Thus we have the  $\mathbb{F}_2[t]$ -module decomposition of  $\text{Mat}_4(\mathbb{F}_2)$ :

$$(4.1) \quad \text{Mat}_4(\mathbb{F}_2) \cong \bigoplus_{i=1}^4 \mathbb{F}_2[t]/(t+1) \oplus \bigoplus_{i=1}^3 \mathbb{F}_2[t]/(t^4 + t^3 + t^2 + t + 1)$$

Given our decomposition (4.1), we note that if  $W$  is an  $\mathbb{F}_2[t]$ -submodule of  $\text{Mat}_4(\mathbb{F}_2)$ , then  $W \cong W_1 \oplus W_2$ , where  $W_1 \subseteq \bigoplus_{i=1}^4 \mathbb{F}_2[t]/(t+1)$  is an  $\mathbb{F}_2[t]/(t+1) \cong \mathbb{F}_2$ -submodule and

$$W_2 \subseteq \bigoplus_{i=1}^3 \mathbb{F}_2[t]/(t^4 + t^3 + t^2 + t + 1)$$

is an

$$\mathbb{F}_2[t]/(t^4 + t^3 + t^2 + t + 1) \cong \mathbb{F}_{2^4}\text{-submodule.}$$

Thus, to enumerate all  $\mathbb{F}_2[t]$ -submodules, it suffices to enumerate all  $\mathbb{F}_2$ -subspaces of  $(\mathbb{F}_2)^4$  and all  $\mathbb{F}_{2^4}$  subspaces of  $(\mathbb{F}_{2^4})^3$ . Denote by  $\binom{k}{n, q}$  the number of  $k$ -dimensional  $\mathbb{F}_q$ -subspaces of  $(\mathbb{F}_q)^n$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \mathbb{F}_2[t] \text{ - submodules of } \bigoplus_{i=1}^4 \mathbb{F}_2[t]/(t+1) \right| &= 1 + \binom{1}{4, 2} + \binom{2}{4, 2} + \binom{3}{4, 2} + 1 \\ &= 1 + 15 + 35 + 15 + 1 \\ &= 67 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \mathbb{F}_2[t] - \text{submodules of } \bigoplus_{i=1}^4 \mathbb{F}_2[t]/(t^4 + t^3 + t^2 + t + 1) \right| &= 1 + \binom{1}{3,2^4} + \binom{2}{3,2^4} + 1 \\ &= 1 + 237 + 237 + 1 \\ &= 476 \end{aligned}$$

We can further restrict the number of subspaces needed in  $\bigoplus_{i=1}^4 \mathbb{F}_2[t]/(t + 1)$  by noting that we require the identity matrix to be one of our subspaces since  $id \in \text{End}_{\mathbb{Q}}(J) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{F}_2$ .

By counting the number of  $\mathbb{F}_2$ -subspaces of  $(\mathbb{F}_2)^4$  that contain the identity element, we need only consider 16 of the 67  $\mathbb{F}_2$ -subspaces of  $(\mathbb{F}_2)^4$ . Thus we have reduced our initial test of 134732283882873635911 subspaces to only having to check  $16 \cdot 476 = 7616$  subspaces.

### 5 Description of Algorithm

In this section, we describe an algorithm for determining the  $\mathbb{F}_2[t]$ -subalgebras of  $\text{Mat}_4(\mathbb{F}_2)$ . We write  $\text{Mat}_4(\mathbb{F}_2)$  as the row space  $(\mathbb{F}_2)^{16}$ , taking as basis the standard basis  $\{e_{ij}\}$  of  $\text{Mat}_4(\mathbb{F}_2)$ . For example, the identity matrix  $id$  corresponds to the row vector

$$(1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1) = e_{11} + e_{22} + e_{33} + e_{44}.$$

**Step 1:** Obtain an explicit realization of decomposition (4.1).

Viewing  $\text{Mat}_4(\mathbb{F}_2)$  as a 16-dimensional  $\mathbb{F}_2$ -vector space we computed the  $16 \times 16$  matrix  $T$  associated with the action of  $\mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z}$  on  $\text{Mat}_4(\mathbb{F}_2)$ , *i.e.*, the matrix associated with conjugation by the generator of  $\mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z}$  (to do this, we used our explicit representation of  $\mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z}$  in  $\text{Mat}_4(\mathbb{F}_2)$ ).

**Remark 5.1** Let  $G$  be a finite group, and let  $V$  be any finite dimensional  $G$ -vector space over  $F$  where  $\text{char}(F)$  does not divide the order of  $G$ . Consider the linear transformation  $\phi: V \rightarrow V$  given by  $v \mapsto \sum_{g \in G} gv$ . The image of  $\phi$  is then fixed elementwise by  $G$ . Conversely, if  $v \in V$  is fixed by  $G$ , then  $v = \sum_{g \in G} gv$ . In other words,  $V^G = \text{Im}(\phi)$ .

The remark tells us that the columns of the matrix  $T^4 + T^3 + T^2 + T + 1$  span the subspace of elements fixed by  $T$ , *i.e.*, by conjugation. We then reduce these to a basis,  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4\}$ , of  $\text{Mat}_4(\mathbb{F}_2)^{\mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z}}$ . Upon examining this basis, one sees  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4\} = \{e_{11}, e_{22}, e_{33}, e_{44}\}$ , as one might expect. In particular, the identity element is in  $\text{Mat}_4(\mathbb{F}_2)^{\mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z}}$ . We then have a basis for the  $\bigoplus_{i=1}^4 \mathbb{F}_2[t]/(t + 1)$  part of  $\text{Mat}_4(\mathbb{F}_2)$ . We seek to extend  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4\}$  to a basis for all of  $\text{Mat}_4(\mathbb{F}_2)$ .

We could do this by randomly picking a vector out of the complement of the span of  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4\}$  and testing if this vector yields an invariant subspace, but we do slightly better in noting that

$$\text{Mat}_4(\mathbb{F}_2) = \text{Ker}(\phi) \oplus \text{Im}(\phi) = \text{Ker}(\phi) \oplus \text{Mat}_4(\mathbb{F}_2)^{\mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z}}$$

and then calculating a basis for  $\text{Ker}(\phi)$ . In our implementation, the vector

$$v_5 := [0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0]$$

generates an irreducible  $\mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z}$ -subspace of in the complement of  $\text{Mat}_4(\mathbb{F}_2)^{\mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z}}$ , which we denote  $\langle v_5 \rangle$ . We then have an explicit basis for

$$V' := \bigoplus_{i=1}^4 \mathbb{F}_2[t]/(t+1) \oplus \mathbb{F}_2[t]/(t^4 + t^3 + t^2 + t + 1)$$

which we wish to extend to  $\text{Mat}_4(\mathbb{F}_2)$ . We then take a random element in the complement of  $V'$  and check to see if it yields an irreducible submodule. We repeat this until we have a basis of

$$\bigoplus_{i=1}^4 \mathbb{F}_2[t]/(t+1) \oplus \bigoplus_{i=0}^3 \mathbb{F}_2[t]/(t^4 + t^3 + t^2 + t + 1).$$

The decomposition we arrive at is given by

$$\text{Mat}_4(\mathbb{F}_2) \cong \bigoplus_{i=1}^4 e_{ii} \oplus \langle v_5 \rangle \oplus \langle v_6 \rangle \oplus \langle v_7 \rangle,$$

where

$$v_5 := [0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0],$$

$$v_6 := [0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0],$$

$$v_7 := [1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0].$$

We then calculate a list of all  $\mathbb{F}_{2^4}$ -subspaces of  $(\mathbb{F}_{2^4})^3$  and convert this to a list of bases for all invariant subspaces of the 12 dimensional part,  $\bigoplus_{i=0}^3 \mathbb{F}_2[t]/(t^4 + t^3 + t^2 + t + 1)$ , of  $\text{Mat}_4(\mathbb{F}_2)$  using the explicit basis we obtained above.

**Step 2:** Enumerate the subspaces containing the identity in terms of Step 1.

We combine the above list of with the list of all subspaces of  $\text{Mat}_4(\mathbb{F}_2)^{\mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z}}$  containing the identity to get the list of all subspaces of  $\text{Mat}_4(\mathbb{F}_2)$  which are  $\mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z}$ -invariant.

**Step 3:** Determine which of the  $\mathbb{F}_2[t]$ -submodules are in fact  $\mathbb{F}_2[t]$ -subalgebras.

Using the list of Step 2, we generate all possible  $\mathbb{F}_2[t]$ -subalgebras of  $\text{Mat}_4(\mathbb{F}_2)$  by using all  $\mathbb{F}_2[t]$ -subspaces as generating sets. We then check which of these resulting algebras are  $\mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z}$ -invariant.

**Step 4:** Check the list from Step 3 for  $F_{20}$  and  $D_5$  normalcy.

Given our list of all  $\mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z}$ -normal subalgebras from Step 3, we check to see which are also  $F_{20}$  and  $D_5$ -normal.

### 6 Results of the Algorithm

Examining the output of the algorithm as implemented above in GAP4, we have that there are precisely five  $\mathbb{F}_2$ -subalgebras of  $\text{Mat}_4(\mathbb{F}_2)$  that are  $\mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z}$ -normal, up to choice of basis. They are given as follows where by  $F\langle x, y \rangle$  we denote the  $F$  algebra generated by  $x$  and  $y$

$$\begin{aligned}
 A_1 &:= \mathbb{F}_2 \left\langle \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\rangle \\
 A_2 &:= \mathbb{F}_2 \left\langle \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\rangle \\
 A_3 &:= \mathbb{F}_2 \left\langle \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\rangle \\
 A_4 &:= \mathbb{F}_2 \left\langle \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\rangle \\
 A_5 &:= \text{Mat}_4(\mathbb{F}_2)
 \end{aligned}$$

We sum up our results in the following theorem, which is the main result of this work.

**Theorem 6.1** (Main Result) *The algebras  $A_i$ , for  $i = 1 \dots 5$ , are the only  $F_{20}$ ,  $D_5$ , and  $\mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z}$ -normal subalgebras of  $\text{Mat}_4(\mathbb{F}_2)$ ; moreover, they are all simultaneously  $F_{20}$ ,  $D_5$  and  $\mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z}$ -normal.*

**Proof** Only the fact that all the algebras are in addition  $F_{20}$  and  $D_5$ -normal needs to be checked, but this can be done by hand, or by examining the output of Step 4 of the algorithm. ■

**Corollary 6.2** *Let  $C$  be the curve of genus 2 defined by  $y^2 = f(x)$ , where  $f(x) \in \mathbb{Q}[x]$  is of degree 5, square free, and irreducible. Then  $\text{End}_{\mathbb{Q}}(J) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{F}_2$  is, up to choice of basis of  $J[2]$ , one of  $A_1, A_2$  or  $A_3$ .*

**Proof** If  $\text{Gal}_{\mathbb{Q}}(f(x)) = S_5$  or  $A_5$ , apply Zarhin, otherwise  $\text{Gal}_{\mathbb{Q}}(f(x))$  is one of  $F_{20}$ ,  $D_5$ , or  $\mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z}$  and we can apply Theorem 6.1.  $A_1, A_2, A_3, A_4$ , and  $A_5$  are of dimensions 1, 2, 4, 8, and 16 respectively, while  $\text{End}_{\mathbb{Q}}(J) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{F}_2$  is of dimension less than or equal to 4 since  $\text{rank}_{\mathbb{Z}}(\text{End}_{\mathbb{Q}}(J)) \leq 4$  [4]. ■

### 7 $A_i$ as $\text{End}_{\mathbb{Q}}(J) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{F}_2$

Furthermore, we show that that  $A_1, A_2$ , and  $A_3$  occur as  $\text{End}_{\mathbb{Q}}(J) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{F}_2$  as follows. First a family of polynomials that give the prescribed Galois group is constructed. Then one uses MAGMA to determine  $\text{End}_{\mathbb{Q}}(J)$  and subsequently  $\text{End}_{\mathbb{Q}}(J) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{F}_2$ .

**Remark 7.1** This method of searching is an extremely naive fishing expedition, since Mori proved in [3] that a *generic* hyperelliptic curve of arbitrary genus has the property that  $\text{End}_{\mathbb{Q}}(J) = \mathbb{Z}$ . Thus one expects such a search to generically fail, and it is perhaps surprising that this method yielded some results.

**Example 7.2** For the polynomial  $f(x) = x^5 + x^4 - 4x^3 - 3x^2 + 3x + 1$  we have via MAGMA that  $\text{End}_{\overline{\mathbb{Q}}}(J) = \mathbb{Z}$ . Thus  $\text{End}_{\overline{\mathbb{Q}}}(J) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{F}_2 = A_1$ .

**Example 7.3** The algebra  $A_2$  occurs for  $f(x) = x^5 - x^4 - x^3 - x^2 + x + 1$  as MAGMA gives us that

$$\text{End}_{\overline{\mathbb{Q}}}(J) = \mathbb{Z} \left\langle \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\rangle,$$

which, upon tensoring with  $\mathbb{F}_2$ , is conjugate to  $A_2$ . Note also that the characteristic polynomial of the above matrix is  $x^2 - x - 1$  that has roots  $\frac{1 \pm \sqrt{5}}{2}$ . Thus  $\text{End}_{\overline{\mathbb{Q}}}(J) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Q} = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{5})$ .

**Example 7.4** Lastly,  $A_3$  occurs for the  $f(x) = x^5 + 2$ . We can see this in two ways. First, MAGMA gives us that

$$\text{End}_{\overline{\mathbb{Q}}}(J) = \mathbb{Z} \left\langle \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -2 & 0 & 1 \\ -3 & -1 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\rangle.$$

Then one can tensor with  $\mathbb{F}_2$  and check conjugate conjugacy to  $A_3$ . Alternately, we can see from the above matrix representation of  $\text{End}_{\overline{\mathbb{Q}}}(J)$  that  $\text{End}_{\overline{\mathbb{Q}}}(J) = \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_5]$ , where  $\zeta_5$  is a primitive root of unity. The  $\zeta_5$  comes from the fact that  $(x, y) \mapsto (x\zeta_5, y)$  is an automorphism of the curve defined by  $y^2 = x^5 + 2$ . Now note that  $\mathbb{Z}[\zeta_5]$  is the integral closure of  $\mathbb{Z}$  in  $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_5)$ , and thus the ideal  $(2)$  factors in  $\mathbb{Z}[\zeta_5]$  as a product of primes  $(2)\mathbb{Z}[\zeta_5] = \mathfrak{P}_1^{\alpha_1} \dots \mathfrak{P}_r^{\alpha_r}$ . Since  $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_5)$  is Galois over  $\mathbb{Q}$ ,  $(2)\mathbb{Z}[\zeta_5] = (\mathfrak{P}_1 \dots \mathfrak{P}_r)^e$  and  $ref = \phi(5) = 4$ . Furthermore, since 2 does not divide 5,  $(2)$  splits into the product of  $\phi(5)/f$  prime ideals, where  $f$  is the order of 2 (mod 5). Since  $f = 4$ ,  $(2)$  does not split in  $\mathbb{Z}[\zeta_5]$ . Thus  $\text{End}_{\overline{\mathbb{Q}}}(J) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{F}_2 = \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_5] \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{F}_2 = \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_5]/(2)$  has dimension  $f = 4$  over  $\mathbb{Z}/(2)\mathbb{Z} = \mathbb{F}_2$ . Since  $\text{End}_{\overline{\mathbb{Q}}}(J) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{F}_2$  is  $\text{Gal}_{\mathbb{Q}}(f(x))$ -normal and  $A_3$  is the only algebra fitting this description,  $\text{End}_{\overline{\mathbb{Q}}}(J) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{F}_2 = A_3$ .

While this shows that all of the algebras  $A_i$  do in fact occur, it sidesteps the question nearest to the idea of Zarhin’s result. Namely, given the Galois group, how much information can we get about  $\text{End}_{\overline{\mathbb{Q}}}(J)$ ? The following table gives a partial answer in the genus 2 case.

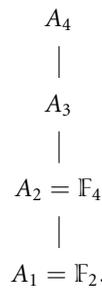
$\text{Gal}_{\mathbb{Q}}(f(x))$	$A_1$	$A_2$	$A_3$
$F_{20}$	$x^5 + x^4 + 2x^3 + 4x^2 + x + 1$	$x^5 - 10x^2 + 20x - 24$	$x^5 + 2$
$D_5$	$x^5 + 11x + 44$	$x^5 - x^3 - 2x^2 - 2x - 1$	
$\mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z}$	$x^5 + x^4 - 4x^3 - 3x^2 + 3x + 1$		

For instance, in the case that  $\text{Gal}_{\mathbb{Q}}(f(x)) = F_{20}$ , all of the  $A_i$  can occur and the idea of determining  $\text{End}_{\overline{\mathbb{Q}}}(J)$  from  $\text{Gal}_{\mathbb{Q}}(f(x))$  fails.

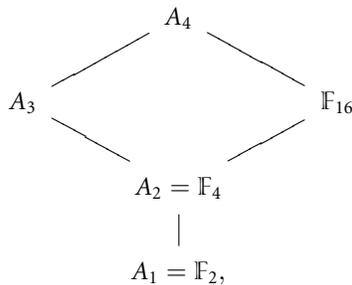
**Remark 7.5** The author conjectures that the table can be filled in, *i.e.*, attempting to determine  $\text{End}_{\overline{\mathbb{Q}}}(J)$  via  $\text{Gal}_{\mathbb{Q}}(f(x))$  always fails in the genus 2 case. More precisely, the author conjectures that for the Galois groups  $G = F_{20}, D_5, \mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z}$ , there exist polynomials  $f_{G,i}(x)$  such that  $\text{Gal}_{\mathbb{Q}}(f_{G,i}) = G$  and  $\text{End}_{\overline{\mathbb{Q}}}(J) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{F}_2 = A_i$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3$ .

### 8 $A_i$ Intrinsically

We have the following lattice of algebras in  $\text{Mat}_4(\mathbb{F}_2)$



Note that  $A_3$  is not a field as it contains zero divisors. However, as the reviewer pointed out, we do have a containment in  $\text{Mat}_4(\mathbb{F}_2)$  as follows:



where we can take the field  $\mathbb{F}_{16}$  to be the algebra generated by the element

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Now,  $\text{Gal}(\mathbb{F}_{16}/\mathbb{F}_2) = \mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}$ , thus we can realize the semidirect product  $F_{20} = \mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z} \rtimes \mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}$  as  $F_{20} = \mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z} \rtimes \text{Gal}(\mathbb{F}_{16}/\mathbb{F}_2)$  and furthermore  $A_4$  is the centralizer of  $A_2$  in  $\text{Mat}_4(\mathbb{F}_2)$ .

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