# Telescopes for Mathematicians 

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## Sato-Tate distributions in genus 1 (over $\mathbb{Q}$ )

1. Typical case (no CM)

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[Clozel, Harris, Shepherd-Barron, Taylor, Barnet-Lamb, and Geraghty]
2. Exceptional case (CM)

All elliptic curves with CM have the same exceptional distribution. [classical]

## Zeta functions and $L$-polynomials

For a smooth projective curve $C / \mathbb{Q}$ and a good prime $p$ define

$$
Z\left(C / \mathbb{F}_{p} ; T\right)=\exp \left(\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} N_{k} T^{k} / k\right),
$$

where $N_{k}=\# C / \mathbb{F}_{p^{k}}$. This is a rational function of the form

$$
Z\left(C / \mathbb{F}_{p} ; T\right)=\frac{L_{p}(T)}{(1-T)(1-p T)},
$$

where $L_{p}(T)$ is an integer polynomial of degree $2 g$. For $g=2$ :

$$
L_{p}(T)=p^{2} T^{4}+c_{1} p T^{3}+c_{2} p T^{2}+c_{1} T+1 .
$$

## Unitarized $L$-polynomials

The polynomial

$$
\bar{L}_{p}(T)=L_{p}(T / \sqrt{p})=\sum_{i=0}^{2 g} a_{i} T^{i}
$$

has coefficients that satisfy $a_{i}=a_{2 g-i}$ and $\left|a_{i}\right| \leqslant\binom{ 2 g}{i}$.
Given a curve $C$, we may consider the distribution of $a_{1}, a_{2}, \ldots, a_{g}$, taken over primes $p \leqslant N$ of good reduction, as $N \rightarrow \infty$.

In this talk we will focus on genus $g=2$.
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## Conjecture (Katz-Sarnak)

For a typical curve of genus $g$, the distribution of $\bar{L}_{p}$ converges to the distribution of $\chi$ in $\operatorname{USp}(2 g)$.

This conjecture has been proven "on average" for universal families of hyperelliptic curves, including all genus 2 curves, by Katz and Sarnak.

## The Haar measure on $\operatorname{USp}(2 g)$

Let $e^{ \pm i \theta_{1}}, \ldots, e^{ \pm i \theta_{g}}$ denote the eigenvalues of a random conjugacy class in $\operatorname{USp}(2 g)$. The Weyl integration formula yields the measure

$$
\mu=\frac{1}{g!}\left(\prod_{j<k}\left(2 \cos \theta_{j}-2 \cos \theta_{k}\right)\right)^{2} \prod_{j}\left(\frac{2}{\pi} \sin ^{2} \theta_{j} d \theta_{j}\right)
$$

In genus 1 we have $U S p(2)=S U(2)$ and $\mu=\frac{2}{\pi} \sin ^{2} \theta d \theta$, which is the semi-circular distribution.

Note that $-a_{1}=\sum 2 \cos \theta_{j}$ is the trace.

## $\bar{L}_{p}$-distributions in genus 2

Our goal was to understand the $\bar{L}_{p}$-distributions that arise in genus 2, including all the exceptional cases.

This presented three challenges:

- Collecting data.
- Identifying and distinguishing distributions.
- Classifying the exceptional cases.


## Collecting data

There are four ways to compute $\bar{L}_{p}$ in genus 2 :
(1) point counting: $\tilde{O}\left(p^{2}\right)$.
(2) group computation: $\tilde{O}\left(p^{3 / 4}\right)$.
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For the feasible range of $p \leqslant N$, we found (2) to be the best. We can accelerate the computation with partial use of (1) and (4).

Computing L-series of hyperelliptic curves, ANTS VIII, 2008, KS.

## Time to compute $\bar{L}_{p}$ for all $p \leqslant N$

| $N$ | 2 cores | 16 cores |
| ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $2^{16}$ | 1 | $<1$ |
| $2^{17}$ | 4 | 2 |
| $2^{18}$ | 12 | 3 |
| $2^{19}$ | 40 | 7 |
| $2^{20}$ | $2: 32$ | 24 |
| $2^{21}$ | $10: 46$ | $1: 38$ |
| $2^{22}$ | $40: 20$ | $5: 38$ |
| $2^{23}$ | $2: 23: 56$ | $19: 04$ |
| $2^{24}$ | $8: 00: 09$ | $1: 16: 47$ |
| $2^{22}$ | $26: 51: 27$ | $3: 24: 40$ |
| $2^{26}$ |  | $11: 07: 28$ |
| $2^{27}$ |  | $36: 48: 52$ |

## Characterizing distributions

The moment sequence of a random variable $X$ is

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If $X$ is a symmetric integer polynomial of the eigenvalues of a random matrix in $U S p(2 g)$, then $M[X]$ is an integer sequence.

This applies to all the coefficients of $\chi(T)$.

## Trace moment sequence in genus 1 (typical curve)

Using the measure $\mu$ in genus 1 , for $t=-a_{1}$ we have

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This is zero when $n$ is odd, and for $n=2 m$ we obtain

$$
E\left[t^{2 m}\right]=\frac{1}{2 m+1}\binom{2 m}{m}
$$

and therefore

$$
M[t]=(1,0,1,0,2,0,5,0,14,0,42,0,132, \ldots)
$$

This is sequence A126120 in the OEIS.

## Trace moment sequence in genus $g>1$ (typical curve)

A similar computation in genus 2 yields

$$
M[t]=(1,0,1,0,3,0,14,0,84,0,594, \ldots)
$$

which is sequence A138349, and in genus 3 we have

$$
M[t]=(1,0,1,0,3,0,15,0,104,0,909, \ldots)
$$

which is sequence A 138540 .
In genus $g$, the $n$th moment of the trace is the number of returning walks of length $n$ on $\mathbb{Z}^{g}$ with $x_{1} \geqslant x_{2} \geqslant \cdots \geqslant x_{g} \geqslant 0$ [Grabiner-Magyar].

## Exceptional trace moment sequence in genus 1

For an elliptic curve with CM we find that

$$
E\left[t^{2 m}\right]=\frac{1}{2}\binom{2 m}{m}, \quad \text { for } m>0
$$

yielding the moment sequence

$$
M[t]=(1,0,1,0,3,0,10,0,35,0,126,0, \ldots)
$$

whose even entries are A008828.

## An exceptional trace moment sequence in Genus 2

For a hyperelliptic curve whose Jacobian is isogenous to the direct product of two elliptic curves, we compute $M[t]=M\left[t_{1}+t_{2}\right]$ via

$$
\mathrm{E}\left[\left(t_{1}+t_{2}\right)^{n}\right]=\sum\binom{n}{i} \mathrm{E}\left[t_{1}^{i}\right] \mathrm{E}\left[t_{2}^{n-i}\right] .
$$

For example, using

$$
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\end{aligned}
$$

we obtain A138551,

$$
M[t]=(1,0,2,0,11,0,90,0,889,0,9723, \ldots)
$$

The second moment already differs from the standard sequence, and the fourth moment differs greatly (11 versus 3 ).

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with integer coefficients $\left|c_{i}\right| \leqslant 64$ and $\left|b_{i}\right| \leqslant 16$, over $2^{36}$ curves.
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## Random matrix subgroup model

## Conjecture (Generalized Sato-Tate - naïve form)

For a genus $g$ curve $C$, the distribution of $\bar{L}_{p}(T)$ converges to the distribution of $\chi(T)$ in some infinite compact subgroup $G \subseteq \operatorname{USp}(2 g)$.

The group $G$ must satisfy several "Sato-Tate axioms".
These imply that the number of possible Sato-Tate groups of a given genus is bounded: at most 3 in genus 1 and 55 in genus 2 .

## Sato-Tate groups in genus 1

The Sato-Tate group of an elliptic curve without CM is $\operatorname{USp}(2)=\mathrm{SU}(2)$.
For CM curves (over $\mathbb{Q}$ ), consider the following subgroup of $\mathrm{SU}(2)$ :

$$
H=\left\{\left(\begin{array}{cc}
\cos \theta & \sin \theta \\
-\sin \theta & \cos \theta
\end{array}\right),\left(\begin{array}{cc}
i \cos \theta & i \sin \theta \\
i \sin \theta & -i \cos \theta
\end{array}\right): \theta \in[0,2 \pi]\right\}
$$

the normalizer of $\mathrm{SO}(2)=U(1)$ in $\mathrm{SU}(2)$.
$H$ is a (disconnected) compact group whose Haar measure yields the correct trace moment sequence for a CM curve.

The third Sato-Tate group in genus 1 is simply $U(1)$, which occurs for CM curves $E / k$ where the number field $k$ contains the CM-field of $E$.

## Sato-Tate groups in genus 2 (predicted)

There are a total of 55 groups $G \subseteq \operatorname{USp}(4)$ (up to conjugacy) that satisfy the Sato-Tate axioms, of which 3 can be ruled out [Serre]. Of the remaining 52 , only 34 can occur over $\mathbb{Q}$.

There are 6 possibile identity components $G^{0}$.
The component group $G / G^{0}$ is a finite group whose order divides 48 .

| $G^{0}$ | Number of groups | over $\mathbb{Q}$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| $\mathrm{U}(1)$ | 32 | 18 |
| $\mathrm{U}(1) \times \mathrm{U}(1)$ | 5 | 2 |
| $\mathrm{SU}(2)$ | 10 | 10 |
| $\mathrm{U}(1) \times \mathrm{SU}(2)$ | 2 | 1 |
| $\mathrm{SU}(2) \times \mathrm{SU}(2)$ | 2 | 2 |
| $\mathrm{USp}(4)$ | 1 | 1 |

There are a total of 36 distinct trace distributions, 26 of which can occur over $\mathbb{Q}$.

| d | c | G | $\left[G / G^{0}\right]$ | $z_{1}$ | $z_{2}$ | $M\left[a_{1}^{2}\right]$ | $M\left[a_{2}\right]$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 1 | $C_{1}$ | $\mathrm{C}_{1}$ | 0 | 0, 0, 0, 0, 0 | 8,96, 1280, 17920 | 4, 18, 88, 454 |
| 1 | 2 | $C_{2}$ | $\mathrm{C}_{2}$ | 1 | 0,0,0,0,0 | 4,48, 640, 8960 | 2, 10, 44, 230 |
| 1 | 3 | $C_{3}$ | $\mathrm{C}_{3}$ | 0 | 0,0,0,0,0 | 4, 36, 440, 6020 | 2, 8, 34, 164 |
| 1 | 4 | $C_{4}$ | $\mathrm{C}_{4}$ | 1 | 0,0,0,0,0 | 4, 36, 400, 5040 | 2,8,32, 150 |
| 1 | 6 | $C_{6}$ | $\mathrm{C}_{6}$ | 1 | 0,0,0,0,0 | 4,36,400,4900 | 2, 8, 32, 148 |
| 1 | 4 | $D_{2}$ | $\mathrm{D}_{2}$ | 3 | 0,0,0,0,0 | 2, 24, 320,4480 | 1,6,22, 118 |
| 1 | 6 | $D_{3}$ | $\mathrm{D}_{3}$ | 3 | 0,0,0,0,0 | 2, 18, 220, 3010 | 1,5,17,85 |
| 1 | 8 | $D_{4}$ | $\mathrm{D}_{4}$ | 5 | 0,0,0,0,0 | 2, 18, 200, 2520 | 1,5, 16,78 |
| 1 | 12 | $D_{6}$ | $\mathrm{D}_{6}$ | 7 | 0,0,0,0,0 | 2, 18,200, 2450 | 1,5, 16,77 |
| 1 | 2 | $J\left(C_{1}\right)$ | $\mathrm{C}_{2}$ | 1 | 1,0,0,0,0 | 4, 48, 640, 8960 | 1,11,40,235 |
| 1 | 4 | $J\left(C_{2}\right)$ | $\mathrm{D}_{2}$ | 3 | 1,0,0,0,1 | 2, 24, 320,4480 | 1,7,22,123 |
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| 1 | 8 | $J\left(C_{4}\right)$ | $\mathrm{C}_{4} \times \mathrm{C}_{2}$ | 5 | 1,0,2,0,1 | 2, 18, 200, 2520 | 1,5, 16,79 |
| 1 | 12 | $J\left(C_{6}\right)$ | $\mathrm{C}_{6} \times \mathrm{C}_{2}$ | 7 | 1,2,0,2,1 | 2, 18, 200, 2450 | 1,5,16,77 |
| 1 | 8 | $J\left(D_{2}\right)$ | $\mathrm{D}_{2} \times \mathrm{C}_{2}$ | 7 | 1,0,0,0,3 | 1, 12, 160, 2240 | 1,5, 13, 67 |
| 1 | 12 | $J\left(D_{3}\right)$ | $\mathrm{D}_{6}$ | 9 | 1,0,0,2,3 | 1,9,110, 1505 | 1,4, 10,48 |
| 1 | 16 | $J\left(D_{4}\right)$ | $\mathrm{D}_{4} \times \mathrm{C}_{2}$ | 13 | 1,0,2,0,5 | 1,9, 100, 1260 | 1,4, 10, 45 |
| 1 | 24 | $J\left(D_{6}\right)$ | $\mathrm{D}_{6} \times \mathrm{C}_{2}$ | 19 | 1,2,0,2,7 | 1,9,100, 1225 | 1,4, 10, 44 |
| 1 | 2 | $C_{2,1}$ | $\mathrm{C}_{2}$ | 1 | 0,0,0,0,1 | 4,48, 640,8960 | 3, 11, 48, 235 |
| 1 | 4 | $C_{4,1}$ | $\mathrm{C}_{4}$ | 3 | 0,0,2,0,0 | 2, 24, 320,4480 | 1,5,22, 115 |
| 1 | 6 | $C_{6,1}$ | $\mathrm{C}_{6}$ | 3 | 0,2,0,0,1 | 2, 18, 220, 3010 | 1,5,18,85 |
| , | 4 | $D_{2,1}$ | $\mathrm{D}_{2}$ | 3 | 0,0,0,0,2 | 2, 24, 320,4480 | 2, 7, 26, 123 |
| 1 | 8 | $D_{4,1}$ | $\mathrm{D}_{4}$ | 7 | 0,0,2, 0, 2 | 1,12, 160, 2240 | 1,4,13,63 |
| 1 | 12 | $D_{6,1}$ | $\mathrm{D}_{6}$ | 9 | 0,2,0,0,4 | 1,9,110, 1505 | 1,4, 11,48 |
| 1 | 6 | $D_{3,2}$ | $\mathrm{D}_{3}$ | 3 | 0,0,0,0,3 | 2, 18, 220, 3010 | 2,6,21,90 |
| 1 | 8 | $D_{4,2}$ | $\mathrm{D}_{4}$ | 5 | 0, 0, 0, 0, 4 | 2, 18,200, 2520 | 2,6,20,83 |
| 1 | 12 | $D_{6,2}$ | $\mathrm{D}_{6}$ | 7 | 0,0,0,0,6 | 2, 18,200, 2450 | 2, 6, 20, 82 |
| 1 | 12 | $T$ | $\mathrm{A}_{4}$ | 3 | 0,0,0,0,0 | 2, 12, 120, 1540 | 1,4,12,52 |
| , | 24 | O | $\mathrm{S}_{4}$ | 9 | 0,0,0,0,0 | 2, 12, 100, 1050 | 1,4,11,45 |
| 1 | 24 | $O_{1}$ | $\mathrm{S}_{4}$ | 15 | 0,0,6,0,6 | 1,6,60,770 | 1,3, 8, 30 |
| 1 | 24 | $J(T)$ | $\mathrm{A}_{4} \times \mathrm{C}_{2}$ | 15 | 1,0,0,8,3 | 1,6,60,770 | 1,3, 7, 29 |
| 1 | 48 | $J(O)$ | $\mathrm{S}_{4} \times \mathrm{C}_{2}$ | 33 | 1,0,6,8,9 | 1,6,50,525 | 1,3, 7, 26 |
| 3 | 1 | $E_{1}$ | $\mathrm{C}_{1}$ | 0 | 0,0,0,0,0 | 4, 32, 320,3584 | 3, 10, 37, 150 |
| 3 | 2 | $E_{2}$ | $\mathrm{C}_{2}$ | 1 | 0, 0, 0, 0, 0 | 2, 16, 160, 1792 | 1,6,17,78 |
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| 3 | 4 | $E_{4}$ | $\mathrm{C}_{4}$ | 1 | 0,0,0,0,0 | 2, 12, 100, 1008 | 1,4, 11,46 |
| 3 | 6 | $E_{6}$ | $\mathrm{C}_{6}$ | 1 | 0,0,0,0,0 | 2, 12, 100,980 | 1,4, 11, 44 |
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| 3 | 4 | $J\left(E_{2}\right)$ | $\mathrm{D}_{2}$ | 3 | 0,0,0,0,0 | 1,8,80,896 | 1,4, 10, 42 |
| 3 | 6 | $J\left(E_{3}\right)$ | $\mathrm{D}_{3}$ | 3 | 0,0,0,0,0 | 1,6,55,602 | 1,3,8,29 |
| 3 | 8 | $J\left(E_{4}\right)$ | $\mathrm{D}_{4}$ | 5 | 0,0,0,0,0 | 1,6,50,504 | 1,3, 7, 26 |
| 3 | 12 | $J\left(E_{6}\right)$ | $\mathrm{D}_{6}$ | 7 | 0,0,0,0,0 | 1,6,50,490 | 1,3,7,25 |
| 2 | 1 | F | $\mathrm{C}_{1}$ | 0 | 0,0,0,0,0 | 4,36,400,4900 | 2,8,32, 148 |
| 2 | 2 | $F_{a}$ | $\mathrm{C}_{2}$ | 0 | 0,0,0,0,1 | 3,21,210,2485 | 2, 6, 20, 82 |
| 2 | 2 | $F_{c}$ | $\mathrm{C}_{2}$ | 1 | 0,0,0,0,0 | 2, 18, 200, 2450 | 1,5, 16,77 |
| 2 | 2 | $F_{a b}$ | $\mathrm{C}_{2}$ | 1 | 0,0,0,0,1 | $2,18,200,2450$ | 2, 6, 20, 82 |
| 2 | 4 | $F_{a c}$ | $\mathrm{C}_{4}$ | 3 | 0,0,2,0,1 | 1,9,100, 1225 | 1,3, 10, 41 |
| 2 | 4 | $F_{a, b}$ | $\mathrm{D}_{2}$ | 1 | 0, 0, 0, 0, 3 | 2, 12, 110, 1260 | 2, 5, 14, 49 |
| 2 | 4 | $F_{a b, c}$ | $\mathrm{D}_{2}$ | 3 | 0,0,0,0,1 | 1,9,100, 1225 | 1,4, 10, 44 |
| 2 | 8 | $F_{a, b, c}$ | $\mathrm{D}_{4}$ | 5 | 0,0,2,0,3 | 1,6,55,630 | 1,3, 7, 26 |
| 4 | 1 | $G_{4}$ | $\mathrm{C}_{1}$ | 0 | 0,0,0,0,0 | 3,20, 175, 1764 | 2, 6, 20, 76 |
| 4 | 2 | $N\left(G_{4}\right)$ | $\mathrm{C}_{2}$ | 0 | 0,0,0,0,1 | 2,11,90,889 | 2,5, 14, 46 |
| 6 | 1 | $G_{6}$ | $\mathrm{C}_{1}$ | 0 | 0, 0, 0, 0, 0 | 2, 10, 70, 588 | 2, 5, 14, 44 |
| 6 | 2 | $N\left(G_{6}\right)$ | $\mathrm{C}_{2}$ | 1 | 0,0,0,0,0 | 1,5,35,294 | 1,3,7,23 |
| 10 | 1 | USp (4) | $\mathrm{C}_{1}$ | 0 | 0,0,0,0,0 | 1,3,14,84 | 1,2,4,10 |

## Searching for exceptional curves (take 2 [FKRS11])

We surveyed the trace-distributions of genus 2 curves

$$
\begin{gathered}
y^{2}=x^{5}+c_{4} x^{4}+c_{3} x^{3}+c_{2} x^{2}+c_{1} x+c_{0}, \\
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\end{gathered}
$$

with integer coefficients $\left|c_{i}\right| \leqslant 128$, over $2^{48}$ curves.
We specifically searched for curves with zero trace density $>1 / 2$.
We found over 10 million non-isogenous exceptional curves, including at least 3 examples matching each of the 34 Sato groups over $\mathbb{Q}$.
Representative examples were computed to high precision $N=2^{28}$.

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In 51 of 52 cases (all but the generic case) we can prove that the distributions match [FKRS11].

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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $C_{1}=U(1)$ | $x^{6}+1$ | $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-3})$ | \#27 |
| $C_{2}$ | $x^{5}-x$ | $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-2})$ | \#13 |
| $C_{3}$ | $x^{6}+4$ | $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-3})$ | \#28 |
| $C_{4}$ | $x^{6}+x^{5}-5 x^{4}-5 x^{2}-x+1$ | $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-2})$ | \#29 |
| $C_{6}$ | $x^{6}+2$ | $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-3})$ | \#30 |
| $D_{2}$ | $x^{5}+9 x$ | $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-2})$ | \#21 |
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| $D_{4}$ | $x^{5}+3 x$ | $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-2})$ | \#17 |
| $D_{6}$ | $x^{6}+3 x^{5}+10 x^{3}-15 x^{2}+15 x-6$ | $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-3})$ | \#15 |
| $J\left(C_{1}\right)$ | $x^{5}-x$ | $\mathbb{Q}(i)$ | \#13 |
| $J\left(C_{2}\right)$ | $x^{5}-x$ | Q | \#21 |
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| $J\left(D_{6}\right)$ | $x^{6}+3 x^{5}+10 x^{3}-15 x^{2}+15 x-6$ | Q | \#24 |
| $D_{6,1}$ | $x^{6}+6 x^{5}-30 x^{4}-40 x^{3}+60 x^{2}+24 x-8$ | $\mathbb{Q}$ | \#20 |
| $C_{2,1}$ | $x^{6}+1$ | Q | \#13 |
| $C_{4.1}$ | $x^{5}+2 x$ | $\mathbb{Q}(i)$ | \#21 |
| $C_{6,1}$ | $x^{6}+3 x^{5}-25 x^{3}+30 x^{2}-9 x+1$ | Q | \#12 |
| $D_{2,1}$ | $x^{5}+x$ | Q | \#21 |
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| $D_{3}$ | $x^{6}+4$ | Q | \#12 |
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| T | $x^{6}+6 x^{5}-20 x^{4}+20 x^{3}-20 x^{2}-8 x+8$ | $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-2})$ | \#31 |
| O | $x^{6}-5 x^{4}+10 x^{3}-5 x^{2}+2 x-1$ | $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-2})$ | \#32 |
| $O_{1}$ | $x^{6}+7 x^{5}+10 x^{4}+10 x^{3}+15 x^{2}+17 x+4$ | $\mathbb{Q}$ | \#25 |
| $J(T)$ | $x^{6}+6 x^{5}-20 x^{4}+20 x^{3}-20 x^{2}-8 x+8$ | $\mathbb{Q}$ | \#25 |
| $J(O)$ | $x^{6}-5 x^{4}+10 x^{3}-5 x^{2}+2 x-1$ | $\mathbb{Q}$ | \#26 |


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| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $F=U(1) \times U(1)$ | $x^{6}+3 x^{3}+x^{2}-1$ | $\mathbb{Q}(i, \sqrt{2})$ | \#33 |
| $F a$ | $x^{6}+3 x^{3}+x^{2}-1$ | $\mathbb{Q}(i)$ | $\# 34$ |
| $F_{a b}$ | $x^{6}+3 x^{3}+x^{2}-1$ | $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})$ | $\# 35$ |
| $F a a$ | $x^{5}+1$ | $\mathbb{Q}$ | $\# 19$ |
| $F_{a, b}$ | $x^{6}+3 x^{4}+x^{2}-1$ | $\mathbb{Q}$ | $\# 8$ |
| $E_{1}=\operatorname{SU}(2)$ | $x^{6}+x^{4}+x^{2}+1$ | $\mathbb{Q}$ | $\# 5$ |
| $E_{2}$ | $x^{5}+x^{4}+2 x^{3}-2 x^{2}-2 x+2$ | $\mathbb{Q}$ | $\# 11$ |
| $E_{3}$ | $x^{5}+x^{4}-3 x^{3}-4 x^{2}-x$ | $\mathbb{Q}$ | $\# 4$ |
| $E_{4}$ | $x^{5}+x^{4}+x^{2}-x$ | $\mathbb{Q}$ | $\# 7$ |
| $E_{6}$ | $x^{5}+2 x^{4}-x^{3}-3 x^{2}-x$ | $\mathbb{Q}$ | $\# 6$ |
| $J\left(E_{1}\right)$ | $x^{5}+x^{3}+x$ | $\mathbb{Q}$ | $\# 11$ |
| $J\left(E_{2}\right)$ | $x^{5}+x^{3}-x$ | $\mathbb{Q}$ | $\# 18$ |
| $J\left(E_{3}\right)$ | $x^{6}+x^{3}+4$ | $\mathbb{Q}$ | $\# 10$ |
| $J\left(E_{4}\right)$ | $x^{5}+x^{3}+2 x$ | $\mathbb{Q}$ | $\# 16$ |
| $J\left(E_{6}\right)$ | $x^{6}+x^{3}-2$ | $\mathbb{Q}$ | $\# 14$ |
| $\mathrm{U}(1) \times \operatorname{SU}(2)$ | $x^{6}+3 x^{4}-2$ | $\mathbb{Q}(i)$ | $\# 36$ |
| $N(\mathrm{U}(1) \times \operatorname{SU}(2))$ | $x^{6}+3 x^{4}-2$ | $\mathbb{Q}$ | $\# 3$ |
| $\operatorname{SU}(2) \times \operatorname{SU}(2)$ | $x^{6}+x^{2}+1$ | $\mathbb{Q}$ | $\# 2$ |
| $N(\operatorname{SU}(2) \times \operatorname{SU}(2))$ | $x^{6}+x^{5}+x-1$ | $\mathbb{Q}$ | $\# 9$ |
| $\operatorname{USp}(4)$ | $x^{5}+x+1$ | $\mathbb{Q}$ | $\# 1$ |

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