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Propositions accompanying the PhD thesis

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1. Let C be a curve of genus g over \mathbb{F}_q with non-supersingular Jacobian variety. The upper bounds presented in Chapter 1 of the thesis for the case $g = 1$ on the degree of k/\mathbb{F}_q such that C is maximal over k generalize to the case $g > 1$.
2. For infinitely many primes p there exists a genus 2 curve C over \mathbb{F}_p such that C is maximal over \mathbb{F}_{p^3} .
3. The hyperelliptic curve C over \mathbb{F}_{17} defined as $y^2 = x^9 + 7x^5 - x$ is maximal over \mathbb{F}_{17^3} and the twist of C defined as $y^2 = x^9 + 11x^5 + x$ is minimal over \mathbb{F}_{17^3} .
4. The work of Katz on Frobenius trace ratios in the Legendre family of elliptic curves over finite fields does not carry over in a natural way to the Hesse pencil.
5. There are at most countably many $j \in \mathbb{C}$ such that the Jacobian variety of the curve $D_{a,b}$ is isogeneous to a product of elliptic curves, where $a, b \in \mathbb{C}$ satisfy $j = 1728 \frac{4a^3}{4a^3 + 27b^2}$ and $D_{a,b}$ is defined as

$$y^2 = (x^3 + ax + b)(ax + b)(ax - 3b).$$

The following two propositions are related to Chapter 6 of the thesis:

6. The maximal exponent 4 extension of \mathbb{Q} unramified outside 2, 5 and ∞ has degree 2^{14} over \mathbb{Q} and is the splitting field of
$$(x^8 + 4x^6 + 4x^4 - 2) \cdot (x^8 + 4x^6 + 4x^4 - 5) \cdot (x^8 + 4x^6 + 4x^4 - 10) \\ \cdot (x^{16} + 6x^{12} - 4x^{10} + 8x^8 + 8x^6 - 4x^4 - 8x^2 + 4).$$
7. The number of isogeny classes of abelian surfaces A over \mathbb{Q} with good reduction at every prime $p \neq 2, 5$ and $\mathbb{Q}(A[2])/\mathbb{Q}$ a 2-extension is at most $2.1 \cdot 10^{1435}$.
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