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# UNIRATIONALITY OF CERTAIN SUPERSINGULAR $K3$ SURFACES IN CHARACTERISTIC 5

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ABSTRACT. We show that every supersingular  $K3$  surface in characteristic 5 with Artin invariant  $\leq 3$  is unirational.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

We work over an algebraically closed field  $k$ .

A  $K3$  surface  $X$  is called *supersingular* (in the sense of Shioda [22]) if the Picard number of  $X$  is equal to the second Betti number 22. Supersingular  $K3$  surfaces exist only when the characteristic of  $k$  is positive. Artin [3] showed that, if  $X$  is a supersingular  $K3$  surface in characteristic  $p > 0$ , then the discriminant of the Néron-Severi lattice  $\text{NS}(X)$  of  $X$  is written as  $-p^{2\sigma(X)}$ , where  $\sigma(X)$  is a positive integer  $\leq 10$ . (See also Illusie [9, Section 7.2].) This integer  $\sigma(X)$  is called the *Artin invariant* of  $X$ .

A surface  $S$  is called *unirational* if the function field  $k(S)$  of  $S$  is contained in a purely transcendental extension field of  $k$ , or equivalently, if there exists a dominant rational map from a projective plane  $\mathbb{P}^2$  to  $S$ . Shioda [22] proved that, if a smooth projective surface  $S$  is unirational, then the Picard number of  $S$  is equal to the second Betti number of  $S$ . Artin and Shioda conjectured that the converse is true for  $K3$  surfaces (see, for example, Shioda [23]):

**Conjecture 1.1.** Every supersingular  $K3$  surface is unirational.

In this paper, we consider this conjecture for supersingular  $K3$  surfaces in characteristic 5.

From now on, we assume that the characteristic of  $k$  is 5. Let  $k[x]_6$  be the space of polynomials in  $x$  of degree 6, and let  $\mathcal{U} \subset k[x]_6$  be the space of  $f(x) \in k[x]_6$  such that the quintic equation  $f'(x) = 0$  has no multiple roots. It is obvious that  $\mathcal{U}$  is a Zariski open dense subset of  $k[x]_6$ . For  $f \in \mathcal{U}$ , we denote by  $C_f \subset \mathbb{P}^2$  the projective plane curve of degree 6 whose affine part is defined by

$$y^5 - f(x) = 0.$$

Let  $Y_f \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^2$  be the double covering of  $\mathbb{P}^2$  whose branch locus is equal to  $C_f$ , and let  $X_f \rightarrow Y_f$  be the minimal resolution of  $Y_f$ .

**Theorem 1.2.** *If  $f$  is a polynomial in  $\mathcal{U}$ , then  $X_f$  is a supersingular  $K3$  surface with  $\sigma(X_f) \leq 3$ . Conversely, if  $X$  is a supersingular  $K3$  surface with  $\sigma(X) \leq 3$ , then there exists  $f \in \mathcal{U}$  such that  $X$  is isomorphic to  $X_f$ .*

The affine part of  $Y_f$  is defined by  $w^2 = y^5 - f(x)$ . Hence the function field  $k(X_f)$  is equal to  $k(w, x, y)$ , and it is contained in the purely transcendental extension field  $k(w^{1/5}, x^{1/5})$  of  $k$ . Therefore we obtain the following corollary:

**Corollary 1.3.** *Every supersingular K3 surface in characteristic 5 with Artin invariant  $\leq 3$  is unirational.*

The unirationality of a supersingular K3 surface  $X$  in characteristic  $p > 0$  with Artin invariant  $\sigma$  has been proved in the following cases: (i)  $p = 2$ , (ii)  $p = 3$  and  $\sigma \leq 6$ , and (iii)  $p$  is odd and  $\sigma \leq 2$ . In the cases (i) and (ii), the unirationality was proved by Rudakov and Shafarevich [15], [16] by showing that there exists a structure of the quasi-elliptic fibration on  $X$ . The case (iii) follows from the result of Ogus [13], [14] that a supersingular K3 surface in odd characteristic with Artin invariant  $\leq 2$  is a Kummer surface associated with a supersingular abelian surface, and the result of Shioda [24] that such a Kummer surface is unirational. The unirationality of  $X$  in the case  $(p, \sigma) = (5, 3)$  proved in this paper seems to be new.

In [19], we have shown that a supersingular K3 surface in characteristic 2 is birational to a normal K3 surface with  $21A_1$ -singularities, and that such a normal K3 surface is a purely inseparable double cover of  $\mathbb{P}^2$ . In [20], we have proved that a supersingular K3 surface in characteristic 3 with Artin invariant  $\leq 6$  is birational to a normal K3 surface with  $10A_2$ -singularities, and it is also birational to a purely inseparable triple cover of  $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$ . These yield an alternative proof to the results of Rudakov and Shafarevich [15], [16] in the cases (i) and (ii) above.

In this paper, we show that a supersingular K3 surface in characteristic 5 with Artin invariant  $\leq 3$  is birational to a normal K3 surface with  $5A_4$ -singularities that is a double cover of  $\mathbb{P}^2$ , and then prove that such a normal K3 surface is isomorphic to  $Y_f$  for some  $f \in \mathcal{U}$ . The first step follows from the structure theorem of the Néron-Severi lattices of supersingular K3 surfaces due to Rudakov and Shafarevich [16]. For the second step, we investigate projective plane curves of degree 6 with  $5A_4$ -singularities in Section 2.

## 2. PROJECTIVE PLANE CURVES WITH $5A_4$ -SINGULARITIES

**Definition 2.1.** A germ of a curve singularity in characteristic  $\neq 2$  is called an  $A_n$ -singularity if it is formally isomorphic to

$$y^2 - x^{n+1} = 0,$$

(see Artin [4], and Greuel and Kröning [8].)

We assume that the base field  $k$  is of characteristic 5 until the end of the paper.

**Proposition 2.2.** *Let  $C \subset \mathbb{P}^2$  be a reduced projective plane curve of degree 6. Then the following conditions are equivalent to each other.*

- (i) *The singular locus of  $C$  consists of five  $A_4$ -singular points.*
- (ii) *There exists  $f \in \mathcal{U}$  such that  $C = C_f$ .*

For the proof, we need the following result due to Wall [26], which holds in any characteristic. Let  $D \subset \mathbb{P}^2$  be an integral plane curve of degree  $d > 1$ , and let  $I_D \subset \mathbb{P}^2 \times (\mathbb{P}^2)^\vee$  be the closure of the locus of all  $(x, l) \in \mathbb{P}^2 \times (\mathbb{P}^2)^\vee$  such that  $x$  is

a smooth point of  $D$  and  $l$  is the tangent line to  $D$  at  $x$ . Let  $D^\vee \subset (\mathbb{P}^2)^\vee$  be the image of the second projection

$$\pi_D : I_D \rightarrow (\mathbb{P}^2)^\vee.$$

We equip  $D^\vee$  with the reduced structure, and call it the *dual curve of  $D$* . Note that the first projection  $I_D \rightarrow D$  is birational. Therefore, by the projection  $\pi_D$ , we can regard the function field  $k(D)$  as an extension field of the function field  $k(D^\vee)$ . The corresponding rational map from  $D$  to  $D^\vee$  is called the *Gauss map*. We put

$$\deg \pi_D := [k(D) : k(D^\vee)].$$

We choose general homogeneous coordinates  $[w_0 : w_1 : w_2]$  of  $\mathbb{P}^2$ , and let  $F(w_0, w_1, w_2) = 0$  be the defining equation of  $D$ . We denote by  $D_Q \subset \mathbb{P}^2$  the curve defined by

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial w_2} = 0,$$

which is called the *polar curve of  $D$*  with respect to  $Q = [0 : 0 : 1]$ .

**Proposition 2.3** (Wall [26]). *For a singular point  $s$  of  $D$ , we denote by  $(D.D_Q)_s$  the local intersection multiplicity of  $D$  and  $D_Q$  at  $s$ . Then we have*

$$\deg \pi_D \cdot \deg D^\vee = d(d-1) - \sum_{s \in \text{Sing}(D)} (D.D_Q)_s.$$

*Remark 2.4.* If  $s \in D$  is an  $A_n$ -singular point, then the polar curve  $D_Q$  is smooth at  $s$  and the local intersection multiplicity  $(D.D_Q)_s$  is  $n+1$ .

*Proof of Proposition 2.2.* Suppose that  $C$  has  $5A_4$ -singular points as its only singularities. Since an  $A_4$ -singular point is unbranched,  $C$  is irreducible. By Proposition 2.3 and Remark 2.4, we have

$$\deg \pi_C \cdot \deg C^\vee = 5.$$

Suppose that  $(\deg \pi_C, \deg C^\vee) = (1, 5)$ . Let  $\nu : \tilde{C} \rightarrow C$  be the normalization of  $C$ . Since  $\deg \pi_C = 1$ , we can consider  $\tilde{C}$  as a normalization of  $C^\vee$ . We denote by

$$\nu^\vee : \tilde{C} \rightarrow C^\vee$$

the morphism of normalization. Let  $s$  be a singular point of  $C$ , and let  $\tilde{s} \in \tilde{C}$  be the point of  $\tilde{C}$  that is mapped to  $s$  by  $\nu$ . We can choose affine coordinates  $(x, y)$  of  $\mathbb{P}^2$  with the origin  $s$  and a formal parameter  $t$  of  $\tilde{C}$  at  $\tilde{s}$  such that  $\nu$  is given by

$$t \mapsto (x, y) = (t^2, t^5 + c_6 t^6 + c_7 t^7 + \cdots).$$

Let  $(u, v)$  be the affine coordinates of  $(\mathbb{P}^2)^\vee$  such that the point  $(u, v) \in (\mathbb{P}^2)^\vee$  corresponds to the line of  $\mathbb{P}^2$  defined by  $y = ux + v$ . Then  $\nu^\vee$  is given at  $\tilde{s}$  by

$$t \mapsto (u, v) = (3c_6 t^4 + \cdots, t^5 + \cdots).$$

(See, for example, Namba [10, p. 78].) Therefore  $\nu^\vee(\tilde{s})$  is a singular point of  $C^\vee$  with multiplicity  $\geq 4$ . We choose distinct two points  $s_1, s_2 \in \text{Sing}(C)$ . There exists a line of  $(\mathbb{P}^2)^\vee$  that passes through both of  $\nu^\vee(\tilde{s}_1) \in C^\vee$  and  $\nu^\vee(\tilde{s}_2) \in C^\vee$ . This contradicts Bezout's theorem, because  $\deg C^\vee = 5 < 4 + 4$ . Therefore we have  $(\deg \pi_C, \deg C^\vee) = (5, 1)$ . Then there exists a point  $P \in \mathbb{P}^2$  such that we have

$$(2.1) \quad l \in C^\vee \iff P \in l.$$

We choose homogeneous coordinates  $[w_0 : w_1 : w_2]$  of  $\mathbb{P}^2$  in such a way that  $P = [0 : 1 : 0]$ . Let  $L_\infty$  be the line  $w_2 = 0$ , and let  $(x, y)$  be the affine coordinates on

$\mathbb{A}^2 := \mathbb{P}^2 \setminus L_\infty$  given by  $x := w_0/w_2$  and  $y := w_1/w_2$ . Suppose that  $C$  is defined by  $h(x, y) = 0$  in  $\mathbb{A}^2$ . From (2.1), we have

$$(2.2) \quad h(a, b) = 0 \implies \frac{\partial h}{\partial y}(a, b) = 0.$$

Let  $U_C \subset \mathbb{A}^1$  be the image of the projection  $(C \setminus \text{Sing}(C)) \cap \mathbb{A}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{A}^1$  given by  $(a, b) \mapsto a$ . Note that  $U_C$  is Zariski dense in  $\mathbb{A}^1$ . Let  $(a_0, b_0)$  be a smooth point of  $C \cap \mathbb{A}^2$ . By (2.2), we have

$$\frac{\partial h}{\partial x}(a_0, b_0) \neq 0.$$

Hence there exists a formal power series  $\gamma(\eta) \in k[[\eta]]$  such that  $C$  is defined by  $x - a_0 = \gamma(y - b_0)$  locally around  $(a_0, b_0)$ . By (2.2) again,  $\gamma'(\eta)$  is constantly equal to 0, and hence there exists a formal power series  $\beta(\eta) \in k[[\eta]]$  such that  $\gamma(\eta) = \beta(\eta)^5$ . Therefore the local intersection multiplicity of the line  $x - a_0 = 0$  and  $C$  at  $(a_0, b_0)$  is  $\geq 5$ . Thus we obtain the following:

$$(2.3) \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{If } a \in U_C, \text{ then the equation } h(a, y) = 0 \text{ in } y \\ \text{has a root of multiplicity } \geq 5. \end{array}$$

We put

$$h(x, y) = cy^6 + g_1(x)y^5 + \cdots + g_5(x)y + g_6(x),$$

where  $c$  is a constant, and  $g_\nu(x) \in k[x]$  is a polynomial of degree  $\leq \nu$ . Suppose that  $c \neq 0$ . We can assume  $c = 1$ . By (2.3), we have  $g_2(a) = g_3(a) = g_4(a) = 0$  and  $g_1(a)g_5(a) = g_6(a)$  for any  $a \in U_C$ . Since  $U_C$  is Zariski dense in  $\mathbb{A}^1$ , we have  $g_2 = g_3 = g_4 = 0$  and  $g_1g_5 = g_6$ . Then we have  $h(x, y) = (y^5 + g_5(x))(y + g_1(x))$ , which contradicts the irreducibility of  $C$ . Thus  $c = 0$  is proved. Then, by (2.3), we have  $g_1 \neq 0$  and  $g_2 = g_3 = g_4 = g_5 = 0$ . We put  $g_1 = Ax + B$ , and define a new homogeneous coordinate system  $[z_0 : z_1 : z_2]$  of  $\mathbb{P}^2$  by

$$\begin{cases} (z_0, z_1, z_2) := (w_0, w_1, Aw_0 + Bw_2) & \text{if } B \neq 0; \\ (z_0, z_1, z_2) := (w_2, w_1, Aw_0) & \text{if } B = 0. \end{cases}$$

Then  $C$  is defined by a homogeneous equation of the form

$$z_2z_1^5 - F(z_0, z_2) = 0,$$

where  $F(z_0, z_2)$  is a homogeneous polynomial of degree 6. We put  $L'_\infty := \{z_2 = 0\}$ . Defining the affine coordinates  $(x, y)$  on  $\mathbb{P}^2 \setminus L'_\infty$  by  $(x, y) := (z_0/z_2, z_1/z_2)$ , we see that the affine part of  $C$  is defined by  $y^5 - f(x)$  for some polynomial  $f(x)$  of degree  $\leq 6$ . If  $\deg f < 6$ , then  $L'_\infty$  would be an irreducible component of  $C$  because  $\deg C = 6$ . Therefore we have  $\deg f = 6$ . Then  $C \cap L'_\infty$  consists of a single point  $[0 : 1 : 0]$ , and  $C$  is smooth at  $[0 : 1 : 0]$ . Therefore we have

$$\text{Sing}(C) = \{ (\alpha, f(\alpha)^{1/5}) \mid f'(\alpha) = 0 \}.$$

Since  $C$  has five singular points, we have  $f \in \mathcal{U}$ .

Conversely, suppose that  $f \in \mathcal{U}$ . We show that  $\text{Sing}(C_f)$  consists of  $5A_4$ -singular points. Let  $L_\infty \subset \mathbb{P}^2$  be the line at infinity. It is easy to check that  $C_f \cap L_\infty$  consists of a single point  $[0 : 1 : 0]$ , and  $C_f$  is smooth at this point. Therefore we have  $\text{Sing}(C_f) = \{ (\alpha, f(\alpha)^{1/5}) \mid f'(\alpha) = 0 \}$ . In particular,  $C_f$  has exactly five singular points. Let  $(\alpha, \beta)$  be a singular point of  $C_f$ . Since  $\alpha$  is a simple root of the quintic equation  $f'(x) = 0$ , there exists a polynomial  $g(x)$  with  $g(\alpha) \neq 0$  such that

$$f(x) = f(\alpha) + (x - \alpha)^2 g(x).$$

Because  $\beta^5 = f(\alpha)$ , the defining equation of  $C$  is written as

$$(y - \beta)^5 - (x - \alpha)^2 g(x) = 0.$$

Therefore  $(\alpha, \beta)$  is an  $A_4$ -singular point of  $C_f$ .  $\square$

### 3. PROOF OF THEOREM 1.2

First we show that, if  $f \in \mathcal{U}$ , then  $X_f$  is a supersingular  $K3$  surface with Artin invariant  $\leq 3$ . Since the sextic double plane  $Y_f$  has only rational double points as its singularities by Proposition 2.2, its minimal resolution  $X_f$  is a  $K3$  surface by the results of Artin [1], [2]. Let  $\Sigma_f$  be the sublattice of the Néron-Severi lattice  $\text{NS}(X_f)$  of  $X_f$  that is generated by the classes of the  $(-2)$ -curves contracted by  $X_f \rightarrow Y_f$ . Then  $\Sigma_f$  is isomorphic to the negative-definite root lattice of type  $5A_4$  by Proposition 2.2. In particular,  $\Sigma_f$  is of rank 20, and its discriminant is  $5^5$ . Let  $H_f \subset X_f$  be the pull-back of a line of  $\mathbb{P}^2$ , and put

$$h_f := [H_f] \in \text{NS}(X_f).$$

Since the line at infinity  $L_\infty \subset \mathbb{P}^2$  intersects  $C_f$  at a single point  $[0 : 1 : 0]$  with multiplicity 6, and  $[0 : 1 : 0]$  is a smooth point of  $C_f$ , the pull-back of  $L_\infty$  to  $X_f$  is a union of two smooth rational curves that intersect each other at a single point with multiplicity 3. Let  $L_f$  be one of the two rational curves, and put

$$l_f := [L_f] \in \text{NS}(X_f).$$

Then  $h_f$  and  $l_f$  generate a lattice  $\langle h_f, l_f \rangle$  of rank 2 in  $\text{NS}(X_f)$  whose intersection matrix is equal to

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

In particular, the discriminant of  $\langle h_f, l_f \rangle$  is  $-5$ . Note that  $\Sigma_f$  and  $\langle h_f, l_f \rangle$  are orthogonal in  $\text{NS}(X_f)$ . Therefore  $\text{NS}(X_f)$  contains a sublattice  $\Sigma_f \oplus \langle h_f, l_f \rangle$  of rank 22 and discriminant  $-5^6$ . Thus  $X_f$  is supersingular, and  $\sigma(X_f) \leq 3$ .

In order to prove the second assertion of Theorem 1.2, we define an even lattice  $S_0$  of rank 22 with signature  $(1, 21)$  and discriminant  $-5^6$  by

$$S_0 := \Sigma_{5A_4}^- \oplus \langle h, l \rangle,$$

where  $\Sigma_{5A_4}^-$  is the negative-definite root lattice of type  $5A_4$ , and  $\langle h, l \rangle$  is the lattice of rank 2 generated by the vectors  $h$  and  $l$  satisfying

$$h^2 = 2, \quad l^2 = -2, \quad hl = 1.$$

*Remark 3.1.* This lattice  $\langle h, l \rangle$  is the unique even indefinite lattice of rank 2 with discriminant  $-5$ . See Edwards [7], or Conway and Sloane [5, Table 15.2a].

**Claim 3.2.** For  $\sigma = 1, 2, 3$ , there exists an even overlattice  $S^{(\sigma)}$  of  $S_0$  with the following properties:

- (i) the discriminant of  $S^{(\sigma)}$  is  $-5^{2\sigma}$ ,
- (ii) the Dynkin type of the root system  $\{r \in S^{(\sigma)} \mid rh = 0, r^2 = -2\}$  is  $5A_4$ ,
- (iii) the set  $\{e \in S^{(\sigma)} \mid eh = 1, e^2 = 0\}$  is empty.

Here we prove that  $S^{(3)} = S_0$  satisfies (ii) and (iii). Let  $v = s + xh + yl$  be a vector of  $S^{(3)} = S_0$ , where  $s \in \Sigma_{5A_4}^-$  and  $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$ . If  $vh = 0$  and  $v^2 = -2$ , then we have  $2x + y = 0$  and  $s^2 - 10x^2 = -2$ . Since  $s^2 \leq 0$ , we have  $x = y = 0$  and hence  $v$  is a root in  $\Sigma_{5A_4}^-$ . Therefore  $S^{(3)} = S_0$  satisfies (ii). If  $vh = 1$  and  $v^2 = 0$ , then we have  $2x + y = 1$  and  $s^2 - 10x^2 + 10x - 2 = 0$ . Since  $s^2 \leq 0$ , there is not such an integer  $x$ . Hence  $S^{(3)} = S_0$  satisfies (iii). Thus Claim 3.2 for  $\sigma = 3$  has been proved. For the cases  $\sigma = 2$  and  $\sigma = 1$ , see Proposition 4.1 in the next section.

Let  $X$  be a supersingular  $K3$  surface with  $\sigma = \sigma(X) \leq 3$ . By the results of Rudakov and Shafarevich [16], the isomorphism class of the lattice  $\text{NS}(X)$  is characterized by the following properties;

- (a) even and signature  $(1, 21)$ , and
- (b) the discriminant group is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{F}_5^{\oplus 2\sigma}$ .

Since the discriminant group of  $S^{(\sigma)}$  is a quotient group of a subgroup of the discriminant group  $\mathbb{F}_5^{\oplus 6}$  of  $S_0$ , the lattice  $S^{(\sigma)}$  has also these properties. Therefore there exists an isomorphism

$$\phi : S^{(\sigma)} \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{NS}(X).$$

By [16, Proposition 3 in Section 3], we can assume that  $\phi(h)$  is the class  $[H]$  of a nef divisor  $H$ . Note that  $H^2 = h^2 = 2$ . If the complete linear system  $|H|$  had a fixed component, then, by Nikulin [12, Proposition 0.1], there would be an elliptic pencil  $|E|$  and a  $(-2)$ -curve  $\Gamma$  such that  $|H| = 2|E| + \Gamma$  and  $E\Gamma = 1$ , and the vector  $e \in S^{(\sigma)}$  that is mapped to  $[E]$  by  $\phi$  would satisfy  $eh = 1$  and  $e^2 = 0$ . Therefore the property (iii) of  $S^{(\sigma)}$  implies that the linear system  $|H|$  has no fixed components (see also Urabe [25, Proposition 1.7].) Then, by Saint-Donat [17, Corollary 3.2],  $|H|$  is base point free. Hence we have a morphism  $\Phi_{|H|} : X \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^2$  induced by  $|H|$ . Let

$$X \rightarrow Y_H \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^2$$

be the Stein factorization of  $\Phi_{|H|}$ . Then  $Y_H \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^2$  is a finite double covering branched along a curve  $C_H \subset \mathbb{P}^2$  of degree 6. By the property (ii) of  $S^{(\sigma)}$ , we see that  $\text{Sing}(Y_H)$  consists of  $5A_4$ -singular points, and hence  $\text{Sing}(C_H)$  also consists of  $5A_4$ -singular points. By Proposition 2.2, there exists an element  $f \in \mathcal{U}$  such that  $C_H$  is isomorphic to  $C_f$ . Then  $X$  is isomorphic to  $X_f$ .  $\square$

*Remark 3.3.* In [21], it is proved that a normal  $K3$  surface with  $5A_4$ -singular points exists only in characteristic 5.

#### 4. CLASSIFICATION OF OVERLATTICES

Let  $F \subset S_0$  be a fundamental system of roots of  $\Sigma_{5A_4}^- \subset S_0$  (see Ebeling [6] for the definition and properties of a fundamental system of roots.) Then  $F$  consists of  $4 \times 5$  vectors

$$e_i^{(j)} \quad (i = 1, \dots, 4, j = 1, \dots, 5)$$

such that

$$e_i^{(j)} e_{i'}^{(j')} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } j \neq j' \text{ or } |i - i'| > 1, \\ 1 & \text{if } j = j' \text{ and } |i - i'| = 1, \\ -2 & \text{if } j = j' \text{ and } i = i', \end{cases}$$

(see Figure 4.1.) We put

FIGURE 4.1. The Dynkin diagram of type  $A_4$ 

$$\text{Aut}(F, h) := \{ g \in O(S_0) \mid g(F) = F, g(h) = h \},$$

where  $O(S_0)$  is the orthogonal group of the lattice  $S_0$ . Then  $\text{Aut}(F, h)$  is isomorphic to the automorphism group of the Dynkin diagram of type  $5A_4$ , and hence it is isomorphic to the semi-direct product  $\{\pm 1\}^5 \rtimes S_5$ . Note that  $\text{Aut}(F, h)$  acts on the dual lattice  $(S_0)^\vee$  of  $S_0$  in a natural way, and hence it acts on the set of even overlattices of  $S_0$ . We classify all even overlattices of  $S_0$  with the properties (ii) and (iii) in Claim 3.2 up to the action of  $\text{Aut}(F, h)$ . The main tool is Nikulin's theory of discriminant forms of even lattices [11].

The set  $F \cup \{h, l\}$  of vectors form a basis of  $S_0$ . Let

$$(e_i^{(j)})^\vee \quad (i = 1, \dots, 4, j = 1, \dots, 5), \quad h^\vee \quad \text{and} \quad l^\vee$$

be the basis of  $(S_0)^\vee$  dual to  $F \cup \{h, l\}$ . We denote by  $G$  the discriminant group  $(S_0)^\vee / S_0$  of  $S_0$ , and by

$$\text{pr} : (S_0)^\vee \rightarrow G$$

the natural projection. Then  $G$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{F}_5^{\oplus 5} \oplus \mathbb{F}_5$  with basis

$$\text{pr}((e_1^{(1)})^\vee), \dots, \text{pr}((e_1^{(5)})^\vee), \text{pr}(h^\vee).$$

With respect to this basis, we denote the elements of  $G$  by  $[x_1, \dots, x_5 \mid y]$  with  $x_1, \dots, x_5, y \in \mathbb{F}_5$ . The discriminant form  $q : G \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}/2\mathbb{Z}$  of  $S_0$  is given by

$$q([x_1, \dots, x_5 \mid y]) = -\frac{4}{5}(x_1^2 + \dots + x_5^2) + \frac{2}{5}y^2 \pmod{2\mathbb{Z}}$$

The action of  $\text{Aut}(F, h)$  on  $G = \mathbb{F}_5^{\oplus 5} \oplus \mathbb{F}_5$  is generated by the multiplications by  $-1$  on  $x_i$ , and the permutations of  $x_1, \dots, x_5$ . We define subgroups  $H_0, \dots, H_8$  of  $G$  by their generators as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} H_0 &:= \{0\}, \\ H_1 &:= \langle [0, 0, 2, 2, 2 \mid 2] \rangle, \\ H_2 &:= \langle [2, 2, 2, 2, 2 \mid 0] \rangle, \\ H_3 &:= \langle [0, 1, 2, 2, 2 \mid 1] \rangle, \\ H_4 &:= \langle [1, 2, 2, 2, 2 \mid 2] \rangle, \\ H_5 &:= \langle [0, 1, 1, 2, 2 \mid 0] \rangle, \\ H_6 &:= \langle [1, 0, 1, 2, 2 \mid 0], [0, 1, 2, 1, 3 \mid 0] \rangle, \\ H_7 &:= \langle [1, 0, 0, 1, 1 \mid 1], [0, 1, 1, 1, 3 \mid 3] \rangle, \\ H_8 &:= \langle [1, 0, 1, 1, 2 \mid 2], [0, 1, 1, 3, 3 \mid 0] \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

We then put

$$S_i := \text{pr}^{-1}(H_i) \subset (S_0)^\vee.$$



the $(a, b, y)$ -type	the roots in $h^\perp$	the set $E$	
$(0, 0, 0)$	$5A_4$	empty	*
$(0, 2, \pm 1)$	$A_9 + 3A_4$	empty	
$(0, 3, \pm 2)$	$5A_4$	empty	*
$(0, 5, 0)$	$5A_4$	empty	*
$(1, 1, 0)$	$E_8 + 3A_4$	empty	
$(1, 3, \pm 1)$	$5A_4$	empty	*
$(1, 4, \pm 2)$	$5A_4$	empty	*
$(2, 0, \pm 2)$	$A_9 + 3A_4$	empty	
$(2, 2, 0)$	$5A_4$	empty	*
$(3, 0, \pm 1)$	$5A_4$	empty	*
$(3, 1, \pm 2)$	$5A_4$	empty	*
$(4, 1, \pm 1)$	$5A_4$	empty	*
$(5, 0, 0)$	$5A_4$	empty	*

TABLE 4.1. The isotropic vectors in  $(G, q)$ 

**Proposition 4.1.** *The submodules  $S_0, \dots, S_8$  of  $(S_0)^\vee$  are even overlattices of  $S_0$  with the properties (ii) and (iii) in Claim 3.2. The discriminant of  $S_i$  is  $-5^6$  for  $i = 0$ ,  $-5^4$  for  $i = 1, \dots, 5$ , and  $-5^2$  for  $i = 6, \dots, 8$ .*

*Conversely, if  $S$  is an even overlattice of  $S_0$  with the properties (ii) and (iii), then there exists a unique  $S_i$  among  $S_0, \dots, S_8$  such that  $S = g(S_i)$  holds for some  $g \in \text{Aut}(F, h)$ .*

*Proof.* The mapping  $S \mapsto S/S_0$  gives rise to a one-to-one correspondence between the set of even overlattices  $S$  of  $S_0$  and the set of totally isotropic subgroups  $H$  of  $(G, q)$ . The inverse mapping is given by  $H \mapsto \text{pr}^{-1}(H)$ . If  $\dim_{\mathbb{F}_5} H = d$ , then the discriminant of  $\text{pr}^{-1}(H)$  is equal to  $-5^{6-2d}$  (see Nikulin [11].)

For  $v = [x_1, \dots, x_5 | y] \in G$ , we put

$$\delta(v) := (a, b, y) \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} \times \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} \times \mathbb{F}_5,$$

where  $a$  is the number of  $\pm 1 \in \mathbb{F}_5$  among  $x_1, \dots, x_5$  and  $b$  is the number of  $\pm 2 \in \mathbb{F}_5$  among  $x_1, \dots, x_5$ . Note that  $\delta(v) = \delta(w)$  holds if and only if there exists  $g \in \text{Aut}(F, h)$  such that  $g(v) = w$ . A vector  $v \in G$  is isotropic with respect to  $q$  if and only if  $\delta(v)$  appears in the first column of Table 4.1. For each  $(a, b, y)$ -type  $\alpha$  in Table 4.1, we choose a vector  $v \in G$  such that  $\delta(v) = \alpha$ , and calculate the even overlattice

$$S_\alpha := \text{pr}^{-1}(\langle v \rangle)$$

of  $S_0$ . The second column of Table 4.1 presents the Dynkin type of the root system  $\{r \in S_\alpha | rh = 0, r^2 = -2\}$ , and the third column presents the set  $E := \{e \in S_\alpha | eh = 1, e^2 = 0\}$ . Hence we see that the following two conditions on a subgroup  $H$  of  $G$  are equivalent:

- (I) The corresponding submodule  $\text{pr}^{-1}(H)$  of  $(S_0)^\vee$  is an even overlattice of  $S_0$  with the properties (ii) and (iii) in Claim 3.2.
- (II) For any  $v \in H$ ,  $\delta(v)$  is an  $(a, b, y)$ -type with  $*$  in Table 4.1.

Using a computer, we make the complete list of subgroups of  $G$  that satisfy the condition (II) up to the action of  $\text{Aut}(F, h)$ . The complete set of representatives is  $\{H_0, \dots, H_8\}$  above.  $\square$

*Remark 4.2.* Since there exist no even unimodular lattices of signature  $(1, 21)$  (see Serre [18, Theorem 5 in Chapter V]), all totally isotropic subgroups of  $(G, q)$  are of dimension  $\leq 2$  over  $\mathbb{F}_5$ .

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